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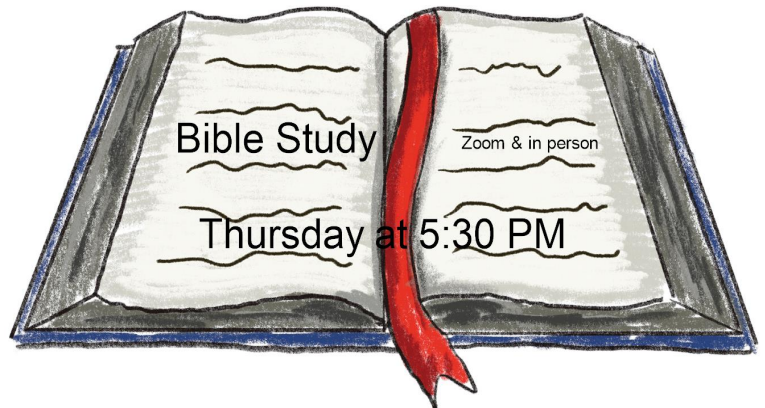
WHAT'S COMING UP?

- May 1-Scottish Heritage Sunday
- May 5-National Day of Prayer
- May 8-Mother's Day
- May 26- Ascension of the Lord
- May 30-Memorial Day



Prayer Group

Tuesday at 10AM



Sunday Worship
Church School 9:30 AM
Worship 10:45
Live on WPDX Radio
109.4 FM or 750AM

Year to Date vs. Actual Budget
January thru April 2022

Jan-Mar Income	Expenses	Net Income
\$48,304.34	\$43,059.60	\$5,244.74

May Scriptures and Sermon Topics

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May 1 Scottish Heritage Sunday

Guest preacher: Rev. Peter Vial

Scriptures: Isaiah 61:1-3
Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: " Jesus Said, "Go!"

May 8 4th Sunday in Easter - Mother's Day -communion

Scriptures: *Acts 9:36-43
John 10:22-30

Sermon Title: "Serving in Gratitude"

Theme: Because we have been given so much, we have the resources and means to change the world in positive ways. As disciples we are given the gift of responsibility for others as we join in Christ's work in the world.

May 15 5th Sunday in Easter

Scriptures: Revelation 21:1-6
* Acts 11:1-18

Sermon Title: "In My Defense"

Theme: Peter is asked to explain why he fraternized with a pagan, a Gentile. He explains that it was not his idea, but God's. The mission before the church is not our mission, it is always God's mission.

May 22 6th Sunday in Easter

Scriptures: Revelation 21:22-22:7
*Acts 16:9-15

Sermon Title: "A Change of Plan

Theme: In our text from Acts, God changes the plan for Paul and his companions. How do we react when God gives us a change of plans? How we react may depend on how much we trust God and what we have come to expect from God.

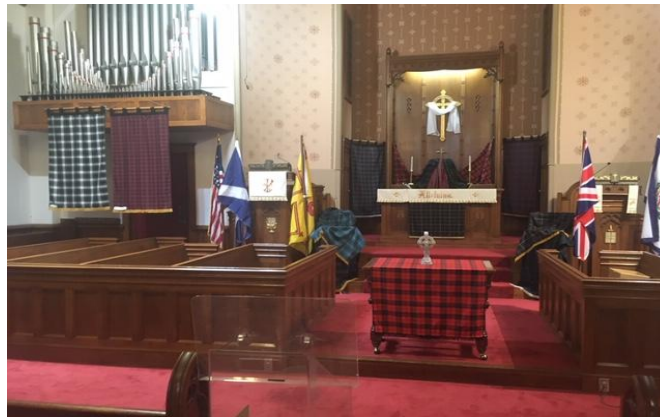
May 29 7th Sunday in Easter

Scriptures: Revelation 22:12-21
*Acts 1:6-14

Sermon Title: "Signs of a Healthy Church"

Theme: The Book of Acts relates the story of the early Christian Church. What can we learn from them? They looked outward as a church to those they could reach rather than just ministering to themselves. They looked upward to the risen Lord for help. They looked forward to the things that God would do among them.

Here come the clans!



John's Jottings

Kirkin' o' th' Tartans

For many years now Scottish Heritage Sunday and the Kirkin' o' th' Tartans service has been the best attended Sunday of the year at First Presbyterian. Why do we celebrate this service and what does Scottish history have to do with the Presbyterian Church? I'm glad you asked.

Let me start with the great 16th century reformer, John Calvin. Calvin is often called the father of Presbyterianism. (That is why we have a picture of Calvin hanging in the back of our church). Calvin converted to Protestantism in 1533. He emphasized the sovereignty of God above all else. He interpreted the Bible as the revelation of God, emphasizing theology, worship, education, thrift, ethical behavior and representative government for his followers. From his adopted home city, Geneva, Calvin's ideas spread throughout Europe.

The Scottish Protestant, John Knox fled persecution in his homeland and studied with Calvin in Geneva. He returned in 1559 and established Presbyterianism in Scotland. Soon, Presbyterianism was the dominant faith in Scotland. Presbyterianism also spread to England, but there it was always in tension with the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church.

In 1560, when the Queen regent Mary of Guise died in her sleep, the Protestant nobility of Scotland was able to secure English recognition of Scottish sovereignty in the Treaty of Edinburgh. There was tension between Scotland and England for many years. In 1746, the English reasserted their domination of Scotland at the battle of Culloden Moor.

Following Culloden, a merciless persecution of the Highlands brought the forbidding of the kilt, the bagpipes and all else Scottish, including the wearing of the Tartan for the men. Tradition has it that the Scots hid small pieces of their tartans and held them as a dear sign of their being an independent people. These small piece of tartan they would bring to the kirk (church) to be blessed and to show their faith in The Almighty.

Because of this persecution, many Scots immigrated to the American Colonies. These Scottish immigrants brought the Presbyterian faith to America. When the colonies rebelled against England, these Scottish immigrants were in the forefront. Nineteen out of the fifty-six delegates to sign the Declaration of Independence were Scottish or Scots Irish. At least 14 signers of the Declaration of Independence were Presbyterians, including the Rev. John Witherspoon. The influence of these Presbyterians is seen in the representative government adopted by the United States. That representative government was copied adapted from the model of the government of the Presbyterian Church. The influence of these early Presbyterians was so great that some in England referred to the Revolutionary War as the "Presbyterian Revolt."

In 1944 the Rev. Dr. Peter Marshall, Pastor of the New York Ave. Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. and Chaplain of the United States Senate, introduced the ceremony of the Kirkin' O' th' Tartans to American Presbyterians. It was his intent to show honor to World War II Scottish soldiers, as well as to introduce this rich legacy of Scottish heritage to the Church that has its foundations on the rocky isles, rugged highland, and fertile lowlands of Scotland.

We continue this tradition as a way of reminding ourselves that we didn't get here by ourselves. We are here today because of all of the faithful saints who down through the ages endured persecution and ordeal to remain true to God. Friends, we are standing on the shoulders of giants!

Hope and Confidence and Peace,
John

Session Highlights

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 5:30 PM



- Received David McConnell into the active membership of the church through reaffirmation of faith.
- Special thank you to David and Sandi Nuzum for purchase of beautiful white pens and crosses given out on Easter Morning.
- Treasurer's report shows a positive balance of \$5,244.74 of income over expenses.
- Terra will recruit for Scottish Heritage line up. Thank you, Terra!
- Bells will play May 22.
- We will have refreshments after church once a month through the summer.
- We have a pump in furnace room going bad. Voted to have Bombardiere Plumbing to replace both older pumps for \$2,300 each.
- No new reports from the Hygiene Kit Ministry. Things are well in hand there.
- We are seeing increased use of the Laundromat Ministry as the word gets out more and more.
- Transferred Nina "Susie" Saunders to the Church Triumphant with prayer.
- Voted to send \$100 to the presbytery to help with the cost of Susan Sharp Campbell traveling here to do the confirmation class retreat.

Pastor's Report:

hospital visits: 5 **Other significant Pastoral visits:** 16 most by phone

Funerals: 4-10-22 Gene Betler, Jr. burial at Pickens Cemetery

4-20-22 Nina "Susie" Saunders burial will be at a later date.

Sacrament of Communion: Was celebrated on April 3 and served to 39 people.

Home communion was served to 7 people in April with the help of elder Connie Leuliette.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund 2022 -

Month	Requests	Completed	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Dispursed
January	14	14	\$1,485.82	\$1,485.82
February	6	6	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
March	9	9	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00

A balance of \$1573.67 at month's end

Adjournment with closing prayer

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Announcement

We want to be able to celebrate the achievement of those from our church who are graduating from high school or college. If you know of someone who is graduating, please let Pastor John or Cathy know. Thank you!

Children's Moments

May 1-Scottish Heritage Sunday
May 8-Jeanne Harris
May 15-Beckie Alvaro
May 22-Dawn Woodburn
May 29-Dick Ogden

Worship Leaders

May 1-Jeff Strange
May 8-Jeanne Harris
May 15-Amy Strange
May 22-Courtney Nuzum
May 29-Denver Atkinson

Deacon Greeters

May 1- Jeanne Harris
May 8- Courtney & Sandi Nuzum
May 15- Pam Mitchell
May 22- Connie Leuliette
May 29- Kandy Atkinson

Acolytes

May 1-Noelle & Ivy Woodburn
May 8-Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
May 15-Amelia & Kierra Harris
May 22-Bradley Burnett & Anthony Corsini
May 29-Bradley & Hannah Burnett



Denver Atkinson	May 2
Xochitl Leuliette	May 7
Sara Waters	May 7
Annabelle Leiberling	May 8
Dianne Keller	May 8
Ann Davidson.	May 9
Tammy Kennedy	May 10
Kara Colucci	May 13
Andrew Sedera.	May 13
Betty Boyles	May 15
Lance Kuhens	May 15
Harriett Northey	May 17
AJ Paletta	May 18
Peggy Allman	May 20
Molly Hugus	May 21
Sara Pulling	May 23
Katy Colucci	May 25
Ty Mitchell	May 27
Bobby Colucci	May 30

Happy Anniversary to
Jeff and Amy Strange May 30

