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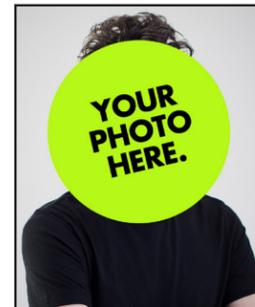
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JUNE/JULY 2022

## FPC 2022 Photo Directory

We are in the process of putting together a new photo directory for the FPC congregation - and we need your help!



Since many of the church photographers are now out of business, we are asking folks to submit their own photos for the directory! The photo deadline is August 1.

Guidelines:

- 1) One (1) clear photo, of you, you and your spouse, you and your family, etc, preferably with neutral backgrounds (though not necessary).
- 2) Digital or print - you can send your digital photo directly to Jennifer via email, or mail/drop-off printed photos. (Any mailed photos will be returned upon scanning!)
- 3) Digital photos must be high-resolution (150+ dpi), and no smaller than 3x4, in .jpg or .pdf format.

To submit photos or questions: contact Jennifer at [communications@firstpresportland.org](mailto:communications@firstpresportland.org)

## 2023 Uganda Mission Trip

Have you been considering joining the 2023 mission trip to Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in Kamwenge, Uganda? Maybe you've heard from a prior mission team members about their experience and you wonder about making the trip yourself. If so, please join Pastor Spencer and Pastor Brenna for an informational evening where you can ask your questions and hear from previous mission team members. We will be hosting a pot-luck dinner on Wednesday June 8 at 6:00 pm in Calvin Library. Please RSVP to Kathryn Hill ([hillka@teleport.com](mailto:hillka@teleport.com)) by Monday June 6, 2022 with your intention to attend and what food item you'd like to bring to share with the group.



## Registration is Open for Walk the Wildwood

You are invited! Saturday, August 13 is "Walk the Wildwood," an event supporting Good Shepherd Primary School and Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School in rural Kamwenge, Uganda. Our church has an ongoing relationship with Partners in Mission (PIM), the non-profit which supports these schools, having sent three mission groups to Uganda since 2015, with plans for another team to travel there in 2023. Read more and register online at <https://pim-africa.org/walk-oregon> and please invite friends to register and walk, too. You may choose either the 3.5 mile walk or the 7.5 mile walk. Both routes begin at the Stevens Pavilion of Portland's Hoyt Arboretum and end there with lunch.

Cost is \$50 for ages 18 and up, \$25 for ages 7-17, and free for kids aged 0-6. The family maximum is \$125. Boxed lunches (prepared by Menucha) are included with your registration; souvenir t-shirts designed by FPC member Claire Primack are available for \$10. If you are unable to participate in the walk, you can support the new carpentry/welding shop by making a donation through the same web link above. Questions? Contact Kathryn Hill ([hillka@teleport.com](mailto:hillka@teleport.com)).

## Rev. Schindler on Sabbatical this Month

Rev. Schindler continues her sabbatical leave this month, returning July 5th. During this time Rev. Brenna Dykman is serving as our Acting Head of Staff, covering all parts of this role.

Audrey is thankful to the congregation and Session for this time of renewal. She and her husband Bruce plan travels to British Columbia this month. We join in wishing them well and welcoming them on their return!

## Pastor's Pen

On Sunday, June 5th we will be celebrating Pentecost which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit. This year we have many things to celebrate. We will be honoring legacy members of our church that day and also be celebrating our graduating seniors, Stefen Carpenter, Annie Dick, and Margaret Shively. We send them out into the world with the blessings of their church family to do great things. Also, if you will be with us in church that day, don't forget to sign up for the Paella Party on the plaza.

Blessings,

Pastor Brenna



## Tuesday Women's Book Group

The Women's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Our book selection has changed to "A Single Thread" by Tracey Chevalier. Cindy Finch will lead the discussion. This historical novel takes place post-WWI in England and is about a guild of women who embroider kneelers at the historic Winchester Cathedral. The plot has a bell ringer, a lonely woman and a romance. For questions contact Marilyn Weber at [mlwschatzi@gmail.com](mailto:mlwschatzi@gmail.com). To join on Zoom contact Jan Mittelstaedt at [janmitt@gmail.com](mailto:janmitt@gmail.com).



## Pentecost Paella on the Plaza



On Sunday, June 5, plan to remain after worship for Pentecost Paella on the Plaza! Paella is a delicious dish that originated in the Valencia region of Spain. We'll be

enjoying Menucha's seafood and meatless versions in a special, festive celebration of being person-to-person post-pandemic (or so we hope)! More details on ingredients will be in next month's Spire. This outdoor meal promises a practically perfect repast with your fellow FPC parishioners! Please RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/PentecostPaella>

## Labor Day Retreat at Menucha

We're thrilled that FPC's annual Labor Day Retreat at Menucha is happening again! Dates are September 2-4. The Fellowship Committee wants as many FPC community members as possible to attend, so we're offering...

- *Saturday-only option!* If you can't commit for the whole weekend, come on Saturday morning and enjoy a full day of fun with lunch and dinner included.
- *Three-tier pricing!* Depending on your financial circumstances, you pick the price that fits for you.
- *Scholarship fund!* If the lowest tier price would still be a problem for you, speak with Pastor Spencer. That's what our scholarship fund is for!

Whether you are an energetic person who wants to hike and swim or more of a take-it-easy person who enjoys jigsaw puzzles and conversation over coffee on the porch, you are welcome at this retreat. We'll have some activities specifically for kids and many others that are inter-generational. Come enjoy delicious meals, creative worship, and catching up with your church community in a beautiful setting.

Registration will begin in early July. Please see the bulletin for registration link. Questions? Contact Lauren Deming ([laurendeming511@gmail.com](mailto:laurendeming511@gmail.com)).

## Thank You Parents and Grandparents!

A big shout out to the grown-ups who cajoled, fed, dressed, and encouraged kids to get up on Sunday mornings to participate in church and grow in faith in some way this year. Thank you for praying with your kids and for them. Thank you for sending them to Sunday school and when that wasn't possible, thank you for enriching their spiritual lives in other ways. The church is so happy to partner with you in the faith development of your kiddos. We've had such a fun year!



## Nurture Lifelong Faith Connections

"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds." Psalm 71:17

Our annual Presbyterian Pentecost Offering is a gift to the future-- furthering the faith development and welfare of children and youth. FPC keeps 40% of members' donations to fund projects in our own community. The remaining 60% supports ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency: Young Adult Volunteers (YAV), Ministries for Youth, and Children-at-Risk. Please make a contribution at Pentecost, June 5, to nurture the faith of those who are the church to come.

## Come join us at the 2022 Cascade Presbyterian Family Camp!

July 24 to July 30, 2022

Honeyman State Park (just south of Florence)  
Family Camp is a non-denominational Christian event where families gather to camp on the beautiful Oregon coast for a week. The best family week every year for over 50 years!

Activities planned: picnic, evening campfire gathering, s'mores, team challenge courses, hide-n-seek. For information or to register:

[www.cpfamilycamp.org](http://www.cpfamilycamp.org)