Palm Sunday: Guest Sermon: “Journey to Calvary” with Simon of Cyrene dramatization by Wallace Prowell. This dramatization will be during both services.

Maundy Thursday: Maundy Thursday’s service will begin at 6:30 pm. We will be taking a modern day walk of The Cross with Jesus. We hope to see you there.

Sunrise Service: Sunrise Service will be held rain or shine at the top of Sexton Mountain Park. There will be a short service of prayer, singing, devotional, and communion. Parking is very limited, so there will be a shuttle van from the Walmart parking lot to and from the service.

Worship: We invite you to worship with us at 9 or 11 am. Please bring flowers to adhere to the cross.

Breakfast: We will be having our Easter Potluck Breakfast from 10-11 Easter Morning. We invite all to join us!
SNOWFLAKES  
Dr. Larry Snow  
Larry-snow@comcast.net

Recently, Joan and I came to the church building on a Saturday and found to our surprise that it was full of Boy Scouts. They were training all their leaders and used most of the rooms in the building. As I said, I was surprised. I didn’t expect the building to be in use then.

These days that is the story of my life. We have become the “building that never sleeps.” Between 13 Girl Scout troops, (soon to be 2 Boy Scout Troops), the police rest stop, Toastmasters, Ashcreek Cooperative Preschool, Living Waters Pentecostal Fellowship, and our own programming -- there is someone in the building all the time. Our newest tenants are Palada Vida, a Latino/Pentecostal church just getting started, and the Beaverton Dyslexia Support Group for Parents—just to list a few! Our building is used all the time.

In fact our building is used so much that we’re wondering why we bother with an alarm system. The police are in and out in the middle of the night – and somebody is always having trouble getting their code to work to turn the alarm off. Maybe we could save that $200+ we pay to Sonitrol every month.

And not only all the time but every room. Last December we were trying to identify a room which the Food Pantry could use for temporary storage. We decided that the only room in our building that isn’t used on a regular basis is the old Choir Room just off the sanctuary. Kitchens, Fellowship Hall, classrooms – every room.

We do publish a calendar in the newsletter. It’s not a complete calendar. That one contains only the items our relevant to our church life and programming – not the other organizations that use our building. We realize that if you print off the church calendar all the text will be too small to read. We can’t fix that, but we do know if you read the newsletter in Adobe Acrobat you will be able to rotate and enlarge the calendar so that it will be more readable. We are working on a way to share with you the Google Calendar that the staff uses to stay current. Right now we can’t figure out how to make that work without giving you more data than you want. That means before you plan an event here you may want to check the church calendar. There is a printed calendar on the bulletin board outside Karyn’s office. We try and keep it updated although it is a challenge. The safer way is to call or e-mail Krista (503-524-5230 or murray.hills@comcast.net).

All this means our attempt at the Ministry of Space has been a success. We have opened our building to the community and they have taken us up on our offer. Yes, some of them pay rent which is a help to us. More importantly we are teaching unchurched people that churches are friendly, hospitable places. Even more importantly we, the staff, and a number of our volunteers, have been building personal relationships with the people who come in our doors. We talk with them, listen to them, sometimes get to share what we believe, offer them food, eat at their potlucks, play with their children, and teach them that this congregation does not fit the stereotypical mold. We are not judgmental, homophobic, or talk about money all the time. Make no mistake, this is slow, intentional work. It may never result in someone walking into our worship service but at this moment in time it may be the best way we have to witness to the love of God we have found through Jesus Christ.

See you in church
Larry
As many of you know my mom fell and broke her hip in January. Since then I have helped my parents find a retirement community to move into that they will be able to live in as their health needs require. My sister and I (with help from family and friends) have cleaned out their house to get it ready to go on the market. It has been a challenging and stressful time for my family and I am grateful for all the support I have received from you, my church family.

Even with all the challenges this month has had for my family things have not slowed down at church. We had great responses from our worship experience Experiencing The Presence of Christ. We had a fun fellowship spaghetti dinner on Feb 17th. And I continue to work on some big projects.

Throughout our worship experience Experiencing the Presence of Christ, we invited you to sign up to be part of a Spiritual Formation group that would continue with these prayer practices. If you are interested in being part of one of these groups and have not yet signed up please contact me. I am working on getting these groups started the beginning of April, right after Easter.

We are currently updating our Child Protection Policy. Our children are very important to us and we want to keep them safe! Having, and following this policy helps us keep our kids safe. It has been a number of years since we have updated this policy and it was time to review and update the policy to keep in line with Regional policy and best practices. The Christian Education Committee and the Elders have given their input. I think we are close to getting a draft to the board. Once the board approves the draft we will have meetings for the congregation to learn more about the policy. Stay tuned!

The Worship Space Team will be meeting this month to talk about where we are on ideas for a “facelift” of the sanctuary. Our goal is to keep the beauty of our worship space while also creating some options for flexibility in how the congregation might worship in the future. It is fun to think about the possibilities.

I am continuing to work on Sabbatical plans. It looks like the bulk of my sabbatical time will be doing research work for my Doctoral Project. However, I am also looking into some small trips for Kathryn and I to go on as a family. Larry and I are working on finding the person who is to fill in for me during my twelve weeks away. The hope is that we have that person onboard sooner than later. This would give me time for pass off and transition. We will keep you posted as we know more.
March already?! Wow! This year is speeding by very fast. Your musicians are all hard at work to make sure that we support the worship team and bring you the best possible Sunday morning experience each week. It's a work of love.

What might music for children and youth look like at Murray Hills? Exciting, I know for sure! On Saturday, March 3rd we will host the Pacific NW Youth Handbell Festival. Over 70 children and youth representing handbell programs from Oregon and Washington will be working together in our Fellowship Hall. These young musicians come from the Portland Boychoir and churches throughout the region. They work hard to learn, to better their music skills, to bond, create community, polish teamwork and hone leadership and teamwork skills that will last a lifetime. Wow!

A St. Paddy’s Day Celebration of Music

We are hosting PDX Brass on St. Patrick’s Day, March 17, 7 pm in the sanctuary. Love a good brass ensemble? These folks are the best and they love what they do.

The ensemble is led by Beaverton’s own, Carol Smith. Love of the arts has been a constant in Carol’s life. She has been a music educator and principal in the Beaverton Schools, serves as president of the boards of Portland Youth Philharmonic Board of Directors and the Oregon Symphonic Band and is downright awesome trumpet player.

Carol is joined by John Kim, trumpet, Kurt Heichelheim, French Horn, Dan Schlesinger, Euphonium and Mark Vehrencamp, Tuba.

Are you loving the music your Faith, Hope and Love ensemble, choir and handbell ensemble bring each week? Have you thought you might like to make music with us yourself? We live by the creed “all God’s children got a place in the choir”. Jet me an email or chat with me after a service. We’ve always got room for one more!

May the flowers of March (that have been trying to peek through the snowflakes since January) bring you a smile!
In Sunday school this month our children are journeying through Lent by talking about the final weeks of Jesus’ ministry. They will learn about Bartimaeus. Then they will talk about the Last Supper and Jesus’ entry into the city on Palm Sunday.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS – August 6 – 10.**

We are very excited that this year’s VBS theme is Peace Lab. VBS week is Aug 6 – 10. It takes about 50 volunteers to make VBS happen. Please save the date and let Pastor Karyn know if you can help out.

This month we will be working hard to get ready for the big fundraiser in April. It’s time to gather donations! We will also begin working on our worship services that follow the mission trips. We will end the month with a combined fellowship activity.

On April 21st, come join the fun at a Luau while helping the youth get to their fundraising goal for their summer mission trips. The middle school group is again headed to the Yakama reservation. The High school group is headed to Fresno to work with FIRM (Fresno Interreligious Refugee Ministry).
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Women’s Bible Study
On Thursday mornings at 10 am, we are working our way through the book of Matthew, using NT Wright’s book Matthew: 25 Studies for Individuals and Groups.

Monday Night Book Group
The Monday Night Book Group would like to invite you to join them as they delve into “Two Dogs and a Parrot” by Joan Chittister. Join the discussion, Monday nights at 6:30 pm in the Spiritual Formation Library.

Pastors’ Class
As Lent begins so does the Pastors class to talk about Baptism. If you are interested in being baptized on Easter please see Pastor Karyn.

The Evangelism-Fellowship Development Team met for the second time on February 25, 2018. The team would especially ask your continuing prayer support as they work on the opportunities of ministry that may be presented. We meet on the fourth Sunday in the fellowship hall after the second service and encourage anyone to join the committee.

Come join together in prayer.
Tuesday night, 6:30-7 pm
Ground Level Room
Constitution and Bylaws Revision Team

The Constitution and Bylaws Revision team is continuing its work. They have completed a draft of a revised Constitution and have begun work on the Bylaws. On Tuesday, February 27, the team and the heads of several of our committees met with Cathy Wirt to discuss possible ways for our committees and teams to be arranged so as to allow for flexibility and clarity. In the near future they’ll be ready to release a draft of their work for comment.

Needs this month:
Mixed Nuts
Trail Mix
Pepperoni Sticks/Beef Jerky
Our officers LOVE the above items!

Our week at Family Promise has been moved to March 18-25.

Please check your calendar and make sure that you are available if you have already signed up. Please contact Sharon Jarman with any questions.

Quilts For Kids

Next meeting will be
March 8 at 9:30 am

Alzheimer’s Support

Next meeting will be
March 14th
at 6:30 pm

Hightimers

We are eating at a new Mexican place on March 4. Please let Prowells know if you can join us after the 11:00 worship on March 4 at El Guajillo, 12725 S. W. Pacific Hwy., Tigard. We need to give them a head count on Friday, March 2

Foot Clinic

Next Foot Clinic is Saturday, March 24,
10am-noon

The Needlers meet every Wednesday from 1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Our board held its monthly meeting on February 11th following the 10:00 service, the final Sunday of a 4-week series on “Experiencing the Presence of Christ.” What a great theme! Let’s pray we continue to embody that thought.

Raiza’s PowerPoint presentation after church the previous Sunday was well-received. We thank Tom for his hard work last year, especially the town meetings at budget time, etc., and now appreciate how Raiza is embracing her role, too, as the new treasurer. Chip explained an innovative way he’s thinking of handling the keying challenge and security issues of our church building.

So far, this sounds like a typical meeting: approving reports, etc. But it unexpectedly evolved into a lively and healthy discussion around a document Pastor Larry has prepared, defining who is a member of the congregation and what that signifies—not as straightforward a topic as it traditionally has been. He wrote those paragraphs for the ad hoc committee that’s revising our constitution and bylaws. The committee has been working diligently and is moving toward completion of the task. There are a few more items to resolve, one being a statement about clouding our church deed which the trustees will weigh in on first. (I hadn’t known what that was either!) Overall, it’s coming along well. Co-regional minister Cathy Myers Wirt has been involved and helpful with the project. A reminder of committee members: Peggy Denfeld, Cheryl Dennis, Manny Hernandez, Sharon Jarman, and Miles Vance, with Larry Snow as staff advisor.

There were other board discussion points too: One was about adding others to the Disciples Pension Plan besides our pastors, which prompted a few more questions. The topic was tabled and referred to the personnel committee—Linda Brown, chair—to evaluate a little further and be re-addressed in March.

Laurie’s PPC report raised an issue related to Casey’s Corner. The Oregon Food Bank has a new Agency Partner Agreement that affects the food pantry charter, which now needs a couple of amendments, one involving the addition of a complaint resolution procedure. The pantry’s executive committee has approved the necessary changes to the current charter, acknowledging the new pantry agreement. It had originally been approved by the PPC in January of 2016, but was not acted on by the board at that time. The PPC will take another look, then bring it before the board for approval.

There is to be a building walk-through with county assessor Jeff Watkins on Tuesday, February 19th, with a few of us. We hope to explain what we do here and why the congregation should not be paying taxes to the county—or at least not as much. It seems like a no-brainer, doesn’t it? But again, the issue is not as straightforward as one would think. It is ongoing, and Scot Laney continues to be point person with our lawyer, Sam Zeigler, toward resolving this untenable situation favorably, from our perspective, sometime soon.

The board’s next meeting will be Sunday, March 11th, at 12:30 in the conference room, following the regular 11:00 service. Anyone is welcome to attend.

IHS, Carol Cure, board chair
Casey’s Corner Monthly Report

Pantry Operations: Source and Use of Funds in 2017

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$10,500 has been spent on new vinyl flooring and equipment. This will result in less janitorial carpet maintenance and a more efficient use of energy.

The Pantry room layout will provide a more efficient way to serve the anticipated increase in the number of clients served.

Please come and Celebrate the 90th Birthday of Dolores "Teedy" Lee at an Open House, hosted by her family, in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 17th from 1:00 to 4:00PM.

No Gifts - Just Hugs!

Please RSVP to dougrob43@comcast.net

We want to be sure to have enough cake!
It was a great surprise to walk in one dreary morning and see this laying on the conference room table. It cements the reason behind the Rest Stop Ministry. As much as we nurture and encourage this ministry and space, it is also a blessing to know that it is a safe and welcoming place for our officers as well.

Dear Bernice, dear brothers and sisters from Murray Hill Christian Church

We want to thank you for your generous and continuing gift for FEDICE. We continue to work for the communities of Ecuador, in our effort to help them improve their living conditions, and their spiritual lives. We will continue this work as long as the Lord gives us this commission.

May God bless you as you serve Him in this way.

Yours in Christ,
Blanca Puma