

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Barbie's Village Officially In Hands of Native Organization

By Jarrette Werk

Dozens of Indigenous elders, youth and church members filed into the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst on a March afternoon. It was the last time people would enter the building as a church. As they passed an abalone shell filled with smoldering sage, each person picked up a penny from a small bowl.

Inside, attendees placed their pennies on a red cloth. Next to the cloth was a stack of papers. Once signed, they would finalize the transfer of the church to [Future Generations Collaborative](#) (FGC), an Indigenous-led organization founded to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome disorder.

On Friday, March 15, ownership of the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst was officially transferred to FGC in exchange for \$1, marking its historic return to Native hands for the creation of [Barbie's Village](#) – a tiny home village and early childhood center for Indigenous families experiencing homelessness.

“Everybody took a penny or two when you came into this room,” Jillene Joseph, Aaniiih citizen, engagement lead for Future Generations Collaborative and executive director of Native Wellness Institute, said to the people sitting in a circle.

“There's 100 of them because
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There is a way through the morass. But it depends completely on where we cast our eyes — not on the dilemmas in this world, but on the goodness of God's mercy and grace,” Bickerton said during his president's livestreamed address Monday (May 1, 2019).

Barbie's Village Officially In Hands of Native Organization (continued)

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100 pennies equals \$1, and that's what we're buying this for, is \$1."

Over six dozen people attended the transfer of ownership event held on March 15, 2024. Each person placed a penny or two on a red prayer cloth until they added up to 100, or \$1: the symbolic price of the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst. (Photo by Jarrette Werk Underscore News / Report for America)

After eating, folks funneled into the sanctuary room that will one day be transformed to resemble the inside of a traditional long house. They sat in a circle and listened as friends and family shared memories of Barbie Jackson Shields (Atwai), the person who inspired

the project, and its namesake.

"[It] was a historic event, because after over three years of meetings, building relationships, building trust, and proving ourselves over, and over, and over to different levels of the church, the church finally gifted the land back, or 'Land Back' as we call it," Joseph said.

Full story here: <https://www.underscore.news/reporting/barbies-village-officially-in-hands-of-native-organization>

Submission by Reverend Aric Clark

Future Generations Collaborative

Barbie's Village

The FGC is very good at finding solutions to the challenges the Native community experiences. One solution to the houseless crisis in the Native community is Barbie's Village- a tiny, tiny home village for houseless Native parents with small children.

Bazaar Committee



Hello all. Our ladies on the bazaar committee are busy crafting things for the bazaar we are having this fall. We will be meeting in April to see how our projects are coming along. I would like to encourage anyone who has an idea to begin creating your masterpiece for the bazaar. Please let me know if you plan to do something and what it might be so we can plan space accordingly.

Still looking for donation of wood shingles, 2x4 boards, 4 x 4 post (scraps).

We are planning to add food to our event this year so stay tuned for more info on that part of our event.

Let's all get behind this annual affair and show the folks who come what a creative bunch we are.. Thanks Carol

Fall into the Holiday Bazaar

Willowbrook Food Pantry

March 27, 2024

Thank you to Ridge Elementary School for 645 lbs. donation! The sweet kids and their teachers bring so much joy to the pantry staff each year. They are excited to learn they have helped with food insecurity. 'School' will always be the lifelong builder of character.

January 2024, we served 195 families with 965 people.

We served 143 families with 646 people during January 2023.

February 2024 192 families with 902 people.

We served 122 families with 552 people during February 2023.

Submission by Cherry Trotter



History Note: Church Bell

Our church bell is a survivor! It came to Mountain Home in June 1936 from Portland, where the congregation of Mt. Tabor UMC (then called Ladd's Addition EUBC) had to remove the bell from their church because the vibration from it was causing damage to the stone tower.

So the bell came to Mountain Home, and it arrived in a farmer's pickup truck. "Richard Joyce and John Q. Schmeltzer went into Portland, and with the help of Rev. C. P. Gates (the pastor there at the time) and a few others, the bell was

loaded into the back of John's pickup truck. Richard Joyce (who gave this information) remembers going back to the Ladd's Addition parsonage where Mrs. Gates served some refreshments to the men." Since that long ago June day, the bell has survived two Mountain Home church fires and is rung before each Sunday service.

Source: *Mountain Home Church History 1883-1983*, by Jeannine Schmeltzer



MAY 1980

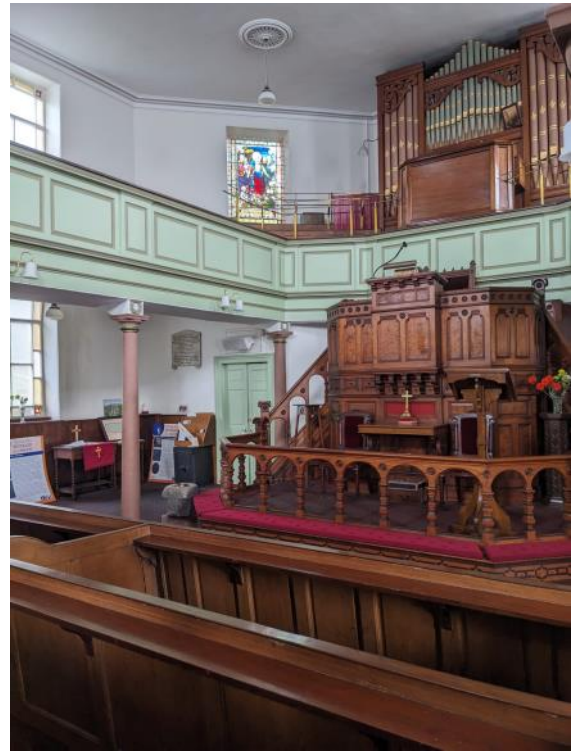


2009

Heptonstall

Laura Woodbury, who grew up and was confirmed in this congregation, shared these photos from Northern England, not far from where she now lives with her husband and children.

Submission by Linda Woodbury



April 14 Discussion

Alice Hendricks will be leading the worship service on April 14 in Rev. Aric's absence, and the discussion topic will be the different forms of prayer in our lives. Do you have an activity that puts you in a prayerful state as you are doing it? Perhaps it's gardening, baking, knitting or even exercising. Alice will be asking members if they would like to share their activity and how it feels prayerful for them. If you have something to share but are shy about doing so in person, you can email or call Alice and she will read your contribution at the worship service.

Email is ahendricks48@gmail.com and phone is (415) 298-0663.

Thank you for considering enriching our worship service with your ideas!

Submission by Alice Hendricks



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



*Unclouded may your birthday be, and round you day by day.
May God enfold His wings of love and bless you on your way.*



Date	Name
29	Connie Jacot
30	Marvin Walker
30	Alice Hendricks

If you wish to send a cards or more, please, use the Mountain Home UMC Church Directory for the addresses. If you need a directory contact Diane Peters.

April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 *Worship 11:00 AM	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Send prayer requests to Cheryl for inclusion in our weekly dispatch:

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Mountain Home UMC YouTube Channel [Mountain Home United Methodist Church - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

where past Sunday Worship Services can be found.

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<http://clipart-library.com/mailbox-cliparts.html>

