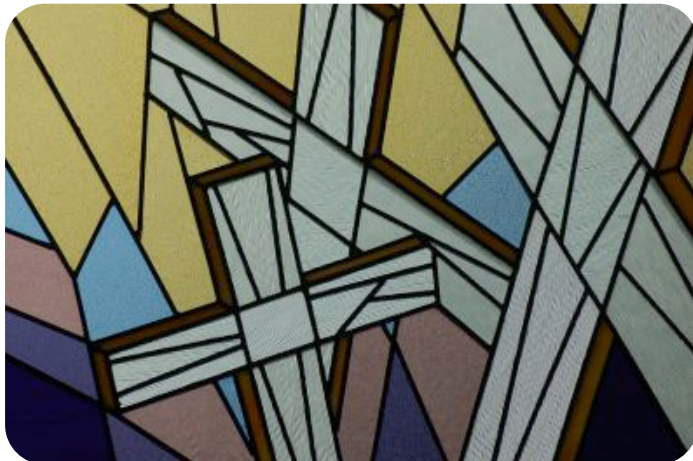


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Upcoming Events

Jan. 1st	<i>New Years Day – Office closed</i>	
Jan. 5th	<i>Guest Speaker – Diane LaRue</i>	
Jan. 8th	<i>Men's Group at Izzy's</i>	6:30 pm
Jan. 9th	<i>Fireside Circle</i>	9:30 am
Jan. 12th	<i>Communion Sunday & Installation of Deacons & Elders</i>	
Jan. 13th	<i>Men's Reading Group</i>	6:30 pm
Jan. 17th	<i>Fellowship Circle</i>	1:30 pm
Jan. 20th	<i>Martin Luther King Day – Office closed</i>	
	<i>Stone Soup</i>	4:30 pm
Jan. 26th	<i>Potluck</i>	11:30 am
	<i>Program: Computer & phone scams – Dave Perry</i>	
Jan. 27th	<i>Men's Reading Group</i>	6:30 pm

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Rummage Sorting Dates

Jan. 5th – 1st day for accepting rummage.

*Jan. 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st –
Rummage sorting – 9:00 am*

*Jan. 31st – Meeting of Rummage
Dept. chairpersons – 10:15 am*

Pastor's Pencil

From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; Luke 12:48b

We have begun a Men's Reading/Discussion Group on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, 6:30 pm at the church. All men are welcome, so please feel invited and bring a friend if you are interested in some challenging topics.

After looking at a series of possible books to read, the group chose, *Living a Life that Matters* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. Rabbi Kushner is the bestselling author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. This current work encourages us to pay closer attention to how our actions affect others,*choices you have made, people you have reached out to, can have big consequences.*

At our next meeting on January 13, we will be up to Chapter Three. If you would like us to order a book for you please let us know.

Happy New Year!

Prayer List

Joys:

- ❖ Helen Jones— transitioning back home

Concerns:

- ❖ Rex Parker – Newport Rehab
- ❖ Jim Myers – cancer treatment
- ❖ Bob Gableman – cancer
- ❖ Clay Creech – cancer
- ❖ Shantelle White – cancer
- ❖ Cassie Seems – cancer (Neva Stewart's niece)

Youth, Military & Missions:

- ❖ Marcus Luther – Teach To America
- ❖ Candice Mettle – studying in Germany
- ❖ Navy Warrant Officer Dustin Trask – Afghanistan
- ❖ Dave Heater – mentoring students at Newport High School

Local:

- ❖ Crab fishermen – including Kinder Cotrell on "Last Dance"

Opportunities For Service



Stone Soup

Our church will serve dinner at **St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the third Monday of each month.**

Please come help us out by arriving at 4:30 pm to cook, serve from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, and/or cleanup from 6:30 – 7:00 pm. If you would like to help out by providing a dessert, please have it to the church no later than **1:00 pm on Monday.**

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels needs more volunteers. If you have time and would like to help this wonderful service organization, please call 541-574-0669. To learn more about Meals on Wheels visit www.mowaa.org.

Church Office Help Needed

The church is looking for volunteer substitutes in the office from 9:00 am to noon. Please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

Food Pantry/Baby Necessities Offering

Communion will be served in the pews the first Sunday of the month.

Please bring your food donations and drop them off in the baskets underneath the back table in the Sanctuary. You may also make a monetary donation to **Food Share** by including it with your Sunday morning pledge; please make a notation on the memo line for **Food Share**. **Monetary donations to Food Pantry need to be sent directly to: Newport Food Pantry, PO Box 1415, Newport, OR 97365.**

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the Food Pantry basket is available to receive on-going donations for needy newborns in Lincoln County. A listing of needed items can be found in the baby basket and also on the PW bulletin board. Alternatively, your **tax-deductible** check payable to **Lincoln County Health & Human Services** will be welcomed in any amount.

Questions? Contact Pam Merwin at 541-265-4095



Newborn Necessities

Dine Out for Samaritan House

Note this important change. Due to the first Wednesday falling on New Years Day, January's Dine Out will be held Wednesday, January 8th. Mo's Restaurant on Newport's bay front welcomes you to enjoy a steamy bowl of Mo's Clam Chowder and more as they sponsor the January Dine Out.



Presbyterian Women Meeting

No January PW Meeting;
please join us for our next meeting
on
Sunday, February 2nd.

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 9th. at **Edith Branchfield's** home (149 NE 35th Street, Newport). **Gladys Snedecor** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Five:
"God Provides"

Scripture: Exodus 15:22-18:27

Key Idea: God provided faithfully for the people's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs in the wilderness. God still provides for the church and the world through the combined efforts of all disciples.

Gratitude for Donations
to PW's "Newborn Necessities" Mission *

LETTERS OF THANKS



From **Julia Young-Lorion**, Healthy Families Manager, Lincoln County Public Health Services):

"What a wonderful surprise to see the beautiful knitting of gorgeous blankets, hats and booties arrive at our office! Your knitting abilities and generosity are amazing! ... I'd love to give a special thank you to **Peggy Rossica** for this particular goodie bag of beautiful items -- she is definitely the knitter-extraordinaire, as you described. Also, a big thank you to **(anonymous**)** for her very generous donation of \$100 to use on the needs of newborns. Thank you !!! ... P.S. Also, thanks for the pack of soft spoons!"

* Our "Newborn Necessities" Mission (which benefits Lincoln County's newest citizens) is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but credit for its ongoing success through the years goes to our entire congregation ... our heartfelt thanks to all who continue to help. Questions? Contact Pam Merwin (541/265-4095).

** Donor's name withheld, at her request.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Andrew Eastman on completing his Doctor of Mechanical Engineering Degree at the University of Pittsburgh.



"GIFTS FOR KIDS"

Christmas Mission 2013 Accomplished !!

Complete information was unavailable at
press-time --

look for details in the next issue of **The**

Beacon; until then,

A BIG THANK YOU

to all who helped make this year's mission
possible!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



JANUARY

Lue Hoeft 5th

Robert Ohm 8th

Marla Hawley 12th

Piper Thompson 14th

Mark McConnell 14th

Arlyne Johns 15th

Alex Urquhart 16th

Chris Lawrence 16th

Jan Eastman 20th

Wendy Wilde 26th

Chris Rogers 27th

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Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE REV-UP Four "Pleases" and a "Thank-You"

1. **PLEASE save your Fridays for us!** Beginning Friday, January 10th (9:00 a.m. - ?), **YOU** are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning through April 4th. We especially need a big turnout on our first Friday, and we promise we won't work past Noon (most Fridays it doesn't take a long time -- usually an hour or two). There will be no heavy lifting (we'll have special help for that!!). Our "sorting sessions" are unique opportunities for fellowship; so, come when you can and leave when you must, but be prepared to have fun!
2. **PLEASE wait until Sunday, January 5th** to bring your (**CLEAN!!**) rummage, which will be welcomed and appreciated; however, remember that we **CANNOT accept certain items;** SO ...
3. **PLEASE pick a Card -- ANY Card -- and take it home with you!** To remind you of what items we cannot accept, please be sure you have one of our "Do Not Donate" (5"x4") cards, which have been prepared especially for you, and are available at FIVE convenient locations within the Church (the library window and the *north-eastern-most* window in Geneva Hall, the window next to the office door, the Calvin Room door, and PW's bulletin board).
4. **PLEASE consider volunteering** ... there are various opportunities: be a Friday sorter; be a set-up/clean-up helper during Rummage Week; be a "pricer" during Rummage Week; be a departmental staff person (*part-time or full-time*) during Sale Days #1, #2 and #3; provide and/or drive a pickup during Rummage Week; furnish a snack-food for the volunteers during Rummage Week; donate pie(s) for our "Diner" (*to sell slices of -- on Sale Days #1 and #2*).

A BIG THANK YOU for supporting our Annual Rummage Sale, the proceeds of which will support mission goals -- from worldwide projects to the needs of our own community and our own church. It is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but our entire congregation is needed for its successful production, and we are grateful to you! Questions? Contact either of our Rummage Co-Chairs: Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484) or Marianne Mendenhall (541/867-7474).

2014 Rummage Sale Dates:

April 10th - 12th

Proceeds will support: Our Church, Our Community, and World-Wide Mission Goals



BE JEWELLED

BE JEWELLED, the annual fundraiser for Food Share of Lincoln County, needs your help! We are currently collecting ANY jewelry you may have that you don't wear. It can be any type of jewelry and of any material. We appreciate donations of beads, jewelry components, necklaces, non-working watches, children's jewelry, costume, any kind. This annual fundraiser helps purchase thousands of pounds of food for the needy in our county. If you have any donations, you can drop them off at any Chamber of Commerce, any branch of the Oregon Coast Bank, any branch of Columbia Bank, or Diamonds by the Sea in Newport or Lincoln City. You can also bring your donations to Cindy McConnell or Kathy Heater. Your support is much appreciated!

From the Pantry:

Luke 21: 1-4 1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, 2 and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. 3 So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; 4 for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

It's one thing to read those verses in Scripture. It's quite another to have the privilege of witnessing them in action. What a blessing it is to watch people who, although they don't have much when measured against modern American Standards, eagerly give to those who have even less.

So many of the people who visit the pantry also regularly reach out to help neighbors in need. During the December snow storm, one lady shared groceries with some of her stranded neighbors so their children wouldn't go hungry. Another person volunteers at the pantry twice a week and makes herself available for extra duty whenever she can. She's always on the lookout for people in need so she can find a way to brighten their lives.

There is another delightful woman who volunteers weekly. The cost of transportation to and from the pantry strains her tight budget. But she always comes in with a huge smile, ready to do whatever needs to be done. We have delightful conversations and she has formed good friendships with other volunteers with whom she works.

Sometimes I think that food distribution is just the setting God provided in order for the truly good stuff to take place. People really do derive much of their enjoyment from blessing others and it's my good fortune to have a front row seat.



New Books For The Library

The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life, by Hannah Whiteall Smith – The author's plan was first printed in 1870 and has continued to be reprinted and is still good reading.

The Rule of St Benedict, This book was translated with introduction and notes by Anthony Meisel and M. L. del Mastro. This common-sense manual was written by St. Benedict in the sixth century, has remained the guiding influence for many. The book also includes a biographical sketch of St Benedict.

The Man From Nazareth: As His Contemporaries Saw Him, by Harry Emerson Fosdick. This was written, with Biblical footnotes, by this well known minister for the ordinary reader.

Holy Conversations: Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations, by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann. The authors present a program for congregations to help train leaders. It is a great resource for any congregation providing tools for planning for the future.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2013

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