

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Oct. 5th	Presbyterian Women	Noon
Oct. 6th	John Nestor Workshop	10 am – 2 pm
Oct. 7th	World Communion Sunday	
Oct. 10th	Men's Group at Izzy's	6:30 pm
Oct. 11th	Fireside Circle	9:30 am
Oct. 14th	Guest Speaker – Stuart Clausen	
Oct. 15th	Stone Soup	4:30 pm
Oct. 19th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm
Oct. 21st	Guest Speaker – Dave Heater	
Oct. 28th	Reformation Sunday-New Members Presented	
	Congregational Meeting- Election of Deacons & Elders	

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Kerygma Class – Weekly*

Tuesday 4 -6 pm * Oct. 23 & 30 only

Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal 9:00 – 9:45 am

No Practice 10/31

Pastor's Pencil

Can Ethiopians change their skin or leopards their spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil. Jeremiah 13:23

I am continually amazed at how deciduous trees change color. It's even more surprising because I am partially colorblind, dichromatic, lacking the distinction between green and brown or blue and purple. Two falls ago while visiting back east I decided to collect some of the beautiful fallen leaves. The problem was that there were too many of them and I really couldn't tell which ones were the loveliest. I asked for help and soon I had an overflowing bag with a vivid array of reds, oranges, yellows, browns and purples, or so I was told!

Can people change? That is an ongoing philosophical question. Some say "yes," and others "no," usually based on their experience.

Some trees change however, why? The scientific answer is a complex process involving temperature, soil moisture and sunlight. The simple answer is the God created them that way.

Can people change, even if it seems against their nature? The Bible tells us that we are ultimately created for good, that even though *our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.* 2 Corinthians 4:16. In the hands of our creator it's not simply can we change, but we will be changed, that we are indeed changing. How can this be? I honestly don't know, but take a look at the beautiful, changing fall trees..

Yours for a colorful fall,

Don

Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- ❖ Brendt Pickens
- ❖ Stan Harmon

Joys:

Great grandchildren:

- ❖ Cooper Harris Strack 9/15 (Lue Hoeft)
- ❖ Danica Anne Peters 9/16 (Betsy Miller)
- ❖ Cassady Taylor Desick 8/28 (Peggy Bickford)

Concerns:

- ❖ Barbara Waring – on hospice
- ❖ Heidi Affolder – cancer recurrence (Carrie Collard's sister)
- ❖ Connie Hildebrand – back issues
- ❖ Karen Bamer
- ❖ Jim & Pam Gamb – transition to be with family during cancer treatments

Military & Relief Efforts:

- ❖ Ryan McMullen – deployed to Afghanistan (Bob & Shirley Loeffel's grandson)
- ❖ Paige Schindler – Santiago, Chile
- ❖ Marcus Luther – Teach To America

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 need 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 substitute office help. If you would be able to help out occasionally in the office when our regular volunteers are unable to be there, please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

Food Share/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 items needed 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

Mark your calendars as Dine Out for Samaritan House 2012-13 Season is upon us. Join us Wednesday, October 3rd at Local Ocean on Newport's Bayfront. Enjoy lunch or dinner at this local favorite. Local Ocean will donate 10 percent of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.



Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING
 Geneva Hall
 Friday, October 5th
Luncheon PROMPTLY at Twelve-Noon
Discussion Program PROMPTLY at 12:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for PW's first group gathering of the 2012-2013 year, as we discuss "Making Changes" -- those of the past year, plus potential ones. Pastor Taylor will install our 2012-2013 officers (**Clair Finnigan**, Moderator; **Michelle Cottrell**, Vice Moderator, **Patty Olmsted**, Secretary; **Martha Sneller**, Treasurer). **Pam Merwin** will present the mission goals for this year's "Thank Offering," which will be received at the meeting (*no giving guidelines are suggested, other than to "give as your are blessed"*). A large display on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room) presents more information about this important annual offering. As is traditional for the first meeting of our new year, our luncheon will be salad-pot-luck, with October Hostesses **Edith Branchfield** and **Carol Jones** serving beverages. PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and guests are always welcome; so, bring your friend(s), bring a salad to serve 6-8, and share in the opportunities for fellowship and decision-making with your Presbyterian Sisters!

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 11th, at **Shirley Loeffel's** home (9626 SE Cedar Street, South Beach). **Carol Jones** will lead the meeting. Let's meet at the church at 9:00 a.m., for carpooling to Shirley's!

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 19th in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Two

"Fatherhood"

Scripture: *1 Peter 1:1-25; 1 John 4:7-21*

Key Idea(s):

In God's household, God models life-giving, gracious love for God's children, and holds in store for them an inheritance of everlasting life through the firstborn of all creation, Jesus Christ. As parent, God both defines and defies the character of earthly parenthood. God's love is rooted in the "spiritual DNA" of God's children.

NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

Thank you **Laurie Hanson** for Young Readers Book of Christian Symbolism by Michael Daves. Did you ever wonder why the symbol of fish is so often used in Christian Literature? The story behind this and many other symbols are explained for young and old readers. The outstanding illustrations were created by Gordon Laite.

Other books that were donated are as follows:

Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy by Sarah Ban Bretnach. The author gives a short essay for each day of the year that is designed for women who want to grow and reorder life priorities by enjoying simple pleasures and joy along the way.

Far More Precious than Jewels: Perspectives on Biblical Women, by Kathryn Pfisterer Darr. The author, a Princeton professor, writes about Ruth, Sarah, Hagar and Esther, with a different perspective including their Old Testament lives as well as feminism.

Creating Congregations of Generous People, by Michael Durall. This is a good book on stewardship that includes many practical suggestions and real life cases.

Caring For The Caregiver, by Roberta Jarett. This book is written for the caregivers who often need to learn how to take care of themselves as well. This is a helpful book for anyone in the medical field as well.

Praying Like Jesus: The Lord's Prayer In a Culture of Prosperity, by James Mulholland. The author offers a fresh look at this prayer. When we seek our will instead of God's will when we are living in a culture where we can be influenced by where greed is common.

12,000 Miles for Hopes Sake, by Megan Timothy. Megan, a stroke survivor, writes about her solo bicycle trip from California to the East Coast and back. She has autographed her book including a note that she enjoyed spending an afternoon at FPC Newport.

The Wheel of Life: a Memoir of Living and Dying, by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. This leading expert on death and dying writes about her own life experiences, which includes working with ill children, AIDS patients and elderly people. Her final chapters discuss her own imminent death at 71 after having a series of strokes. She writes with enthusiasm and honesty.

The Little House on the Freeway: Help For The Hurried Home, by Tim Kinnel. Although this book was written in the 80's, it is interesting to see how even more hurried things are in 2012! You are bound to learn practical suggestions about finding peace and rest if you have a busy life.

Congratulations

Congratulations to D.K. Beemer on the birth of her granddaughter, INARA MAVERA, 8lb, 20 inches, September 5th.

LETTERS OF THANKS



Letters of Thanks

RECIPIENTS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION GIFTS SAY "THANK YOU" *

A listing of 2012 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). Here are **excerpts** from three thank-you letters/notes:

From **Sharon Fries** (Treasurer), Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades (acknowledgment of Newport PW's support of the mission of the church worldwide): "WOW - WHAT A PW GROUP!! ... I am so impressed with the check that you ladies have sent. Thank you all for your tremendous support of the church, its women, and the missions. Hip Hip Hooray!" **

From **Patricia Bauer**, R.N. (Program Manager), School Based Health Centers: "Thank you so much for your recent mission gift ... We will be purchasing 15 vouchers from Payless Shoe Stores to distribute this fall/winter to needy students. Your generous gift will fill a key physical need and inspire self confidence in personal appearance at school."

From **Jim Myers** (Development Director), Newport Food Pantry: " ... Your continuing prayers, encouragement, and support mean so much to our mission. The Newport Food Pantry helps feed 350 families or 700 individuals each month in Newport. Many of those households include seniors and children. You are helping us reach our goal that no one in Newport goes to bed hungry ... we thank you for joining the ... battle against hunger."

** PW's mission gifts are made possible*

by the proceeds of our Annual Rummage Sale.

*** Gifts sent to the Cascades Presbytery also include additional individual offerings from our Presbyterian Women.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Kaitlyn Heater 1st

Avery Heater 1st

Susan Mills 1st

Kim Callahan 3rd

Tina Roberts 4th

Bob Young 6th

Don & Joy Newman
6/1957

Alyssa Urquhart 7th

Elsie Flower 11th

Kathryn Adams 18th

Ross Martin 24th

Kathy Garner 25th

Miranda Herzog 26th

Matthew Haynes 28th

Rob Thompson 30th

Ben Bodenmiller 31th



We are celebrating our First Anniversary on Sunday, October 14, at 11:00 AM. Please join us for an after service brunch, presented by the Newport Food Pantry board of directors. Bring nothing but your appetites and bright smiles. It is our way of thanking you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. As a special added bonus, there will be no program. We just want you to enjoy your time together.

Food Pantry Updates:

One of the numerous benefits of working at the Newport Food Pantry is having the privilege of meeting so many outstanding members of the community. Two of these hard working and dedicated citizens are **Jane Delle** and **Jessica Steenkolk**. They have tirelessly toiled for the past four years setting up and running the program known as **Operation Backpacks**. Thanks to these two ladies and the volunteers who have worked with them, children who live in food insecure environments have had some nutrition to take home on the weekends so they don't have to worry about going to bed hungry.

Backpack programs have sprung up all over the country because of the enormously positive outcomes that result from the relatively small investment. Grades improve as much as 18 percent. Participating students have 14 percent fewer absences by the end of the school year. Teachers say that student's social skills significantly improve when they participate in the Backpack program. That's not a bad return for the average cost of \$8 per bag sent home each week.

When Jane and Jessica decided to take a well-earned rest from their endeavor, I asked if the Newport Food Pantry might take over since it's so closely related to what we already do. Jane graciously agreed and her husband, Troy, seconded the motion. Jane and Jessica handed me a very well-oiled machine so the transition has been as easy as one could hope. We are very excited and honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of touching the lives of children through **Operation Backpacks**. And, as always, we appreciate so much the prayers, encouragement, and support that come from the members of First Presbyterian Church because you have all been such a large part of what makes endeavors such as these possible.

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for
November
is
October 8th.



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