

# THE BEACON

Happy New Year!

First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

## Upcoming Events

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| Jan. 2nd<br>    | "Introduction to Worship"—9:45 am<br>Communion Sunday   |
| Jan. 5th   | Epiphany Eve Service—6:30 pm<br>Choir Presents "Gloria"   |
| Jan. 6th   | Eco-Justice Meeting—7:00pm  |
| Jan. 7th<br>  | Rummage Dept. Chair meeting—8:00 am<br>Rummage Sorting—9:00 am<br>Presbyterian Women Meeting—12:00 noon   |
| Jan. 9th   | Baptism of the Lord Sunday—Communion<br>Installation of Deacons/Elders<br>Deacons Meeting—11:30 am<br> |
|  Jan. 16th    | Worship—Dave brings the message -10:00 am   |
| Jan. 17th<br> | Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed<br>Stone Soup— St. Stephen's -4:30 pm  |
| Jan. 22nd  | Fine Arts Comm. Training -10:00—12:00am<br>Feng Shui Workshop   |
| Jan. 28th  | OCRS Food Share Concert—7:00 pm   |
| Jan. 30th  | Eco Justice Luncheon—12:00 noon<br>  |



## Pastor's Pencil

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Psalm 100:4*

What better month to try something new than January! On Sunday, January 2, 2011, at 9:45 am sharp, I will begin a series entitled "Introduction to Worship".

The purpose of this brief presentation is to help us better sense the presence of the one who promises to be with us whenever two or more gather. (Matthew 18:20) As Nathan D. Mitchell, Professor of Liturgy at Notre Dame, has written, Worship is not something beautiful we do for God, it is something beautiful God does for us and among us.

In the Reformed Tradition, we gauge our accomplishment of this goal whenever our hearts are drawn to thanksgiving, which brings us back to the quote from Psalms at the top.

Yours for a year of beautiful Worship!

## Prayer List

### Church Triumphant:

- **Mott Jones**

### Concerns:

- **Rogan Weinert** (Grandson of Betty Schwartz—lymphoma)
- **Doris Pickens** (healing from fall)
- **Olive Triplett**
- **Kathy Rich**
- **Helen Corbell**
- **Karen Bamer—Prayer for miracle** (Daughter of Marguerite Sanchez—recurring cancer)
- **Connie Hildebrand** (surgery)
- **Scott Bradley** (Son of Art and Barbara Bradley—eye surgery)

### Military:

- **Private Richard McKim Jr.** (Brother of Kathryn Hawes)

## Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



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|-------------------|--|
| <b>Jan. 2nd:</b>  | Jer.31:7-14; Eph. 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9) 10-18 |
| <b>Jan. 9th:</b>  | Isa. 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3:13-17    |
| <b>Jan. 16th:</b> | Isa. 49:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; John 1: 29-42     |
| <b>Jan. 23rd:</b> | Isa. 9:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23    |
| <b>Jan. 30th:</b> | Micah 6: 1-8; 1 Cor.1: 18-31; Matt. 5: 1-12  |



## Communion Service & 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*.

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the **Food Share Basket** at the back of the sanctuary 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 265-4095.



**Opportunities  
for Service  
within our  
Church &  
Community**

## 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 <http://www.mowaa.org/>

## 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, serving 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**.

**Interested in being involved in Stone Soup? The church is currently looking for a volunteer to direct Stone Soup. Call the church office if interested.**



## Dine Out for Samaritan House

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Wednesday, January 5th, Mo's Restaurants on Newport's Bayfront will host Dine Out for Samaritan House. Both Mo's Annex and Original Mo's will contribute 20 percent of the days proceeds. Mo's Annex, open 11 am - 3 pm and Original Mo's open 11 am to 8 pm are a perfect way to ring in the new year with a steaming bowl of chowder or fresh fish and chips.



## **New Members To Our Church**

### **Steve Vickers**

My name is Stephen Vickers. I was born in the early 50's in Vancouver, Washington. There I was raised and went to school until my high school years when my dad was transferred by the retail grocery chain he worked for to Coquille, Oregon. There I finished high school and went on to college. While going to school I worked for a grocery retail chain.

I am the oldest of 4 children, the only boy with 3 sisters . I was glad we had a good stay-at-home mom to teach us how to respect each other and have a good home life.

In 1972 my dad wanted to have his own business and found a small grocery store in Newport to buy. Part of his dream would also be to have his family all work for him. So with little money and not knowing anyone in Newport we all showed up. It wasn't long before we found people here were very friendly and helpful, which was very rewarding and as our families grew so did our stories and friendships.

Since coming to Newport I have always attended this church. When my two children were born we lived just across the street in Chambers Court and the kids were always playing over here and visiting with the staff during the week until they started preschool here. I have known many of you for years and enjoyed how you have reached out to me with open arms.

My hobbies are old cars, travel, live theater, music of all kinds although spending time with my fiancé Gabriela comes first. She and I will be married here and want to make this church part of our future.

### **Gabriela Weiss**

My name is Gabriela Weiss. I was born in 1965 in West Germany. I grew up in a good household. My Dad was a Chief of Police in Nuremberg, Germany and my Mom was a homemaker. I have 3 brothers and 1 sister.

When I was 17 years old I enrolled in nursing school in Schwabach, Germany. Right after graduation I decided to leave Germany to move to the USA. I lived in Texas, California, Nevada - Las Vegas - and now Oregon.

I am Lutheran. When I was nine-years old my brothers (twin 5 year olds) and I were baptized in an old beautiful country church. I will cherish this experience for the rest of my life. When I was 12 years old I was prepared for confirmation. This process took 2 years. I am very grateful for this experience.

My hobby is singing. I belong to the Sweet Adelines, a singing group, and have just been part of the Coastal Chorale as they sang the lyrics for Beethoven's ninth symphony with the Newport Symphony Orchestra. I am so thrilled that the Chorale accepted me into their group.

I worked at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospitals on the medical/surgical floor for 12 years. I currently work as a Medical Assistant at the new Siletz Clinic. I have been on call for the juvenile facility in Newport for the last 13 years, although I haven't worked for them this year due to my full time job at the clinic.

I am engaged to be married to Steve Vickers. We will get married at the this beautiful church. We are so blessed . I am looking forward to get to know everyone of you and this beautiful church.

## New Members cont.

### Rebecca Wright

Damon Wright met his future wife, Karen Seitz (pronounced like sights) at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. On August 25, 1973 they finally tied the knot and have been married ever since. On January 27, 1981 they adopted a baby girl born November 30, 1980 at 2 lbs. 5 oz. and named her Rebecca Jean Wright. Years later on September 5, 1986 they adopted a little boy born August 26, 1985 and named him Joshua Damon Wright.

After living in various states the family settled in Newport. Rebecca attended George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, receiving a bachelor of fine Arts degree with a minor in writing/literature. After taking an online program through Grand Canyon University she received a Masters Degree in Elementary Education and currently works as a substitute teacher with Lincoln County School District

Rebecca likes art, music, movies, and games. She enjoys reading and loves the color blue. She's been to Scotland, England and France and went scuba diving in Maui on a family vacation and would love to go diving again. One day Rebecca wants to learn how to fly a plane and get a pilot's license.

Rebecca enjoys the reflective and meditative atmosphere and the sense of community and fellowship at First Presbyterian Church. She appreciates the focus on God as it says in Matthew 22; 37-40: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind'. This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments."

## New Member Class

New member classes will begin in January.

Please contact Bob Loeffel or Don Taylor to sign up.



## Beacon Information

### Attention all Beacon readers!

Did you know that you can read The Beacon online (and in color)?

We are encouraging as many readers as possible to notify the church office that they would be willing to have their names removed from mailing list and read The Beacon online.

We will have copies available at the back of the sanctuary the first of each month for those that do not have internet access.

Copies will still be mailed to those who are unable to attend or live out of town.

What a great New Year's resolution that is good for our earth and for our church. Check it out at [www.newportfpc.org/content/news-and-notice](http://www.newportfpc.org/content/news-and-notice).

## Presbyterian Women's Meeting

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday - January 7th

Twelve-o'clock-Noon-Sharp !



Ten years ago, our January program featured what has now become an eagerly anticipated tradition -- that of being musically entertained and informed by our own Church Organist **Don Jenkins**. We are pleased to announce that he will present our program again this January! Devotions will be given by **Ruth MacLeod**. Please note that PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, bring your friend(s) and bring your own sandwich(es) -- our January Hostess, **Eunice Forinash**, will serve your salad and beverage.

## Circle Meetings

**Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 13th (location to be determined -- please contact **Barbara Cale**).

**Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, January 21st, in the Westminster Room.



Women's Circle

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

### **Lesson Five:**

"Singing Hymns of Hope -- Interludes of Salvation for God's People"

Scripture: Revelation 7-8:5

### **Key Idea:**

God gives hope even in the midst of judgment,  
enabling us to witness faithfully through whatever befalls us.

## Gifts For Kids Mission

### **"GIFTS FOR KIDS"**

**Christmas Mission 2010 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!**





## Thank You

A very special thank-you to **Ruth Macleod** and **Eunice Forinash** for making the holidays a bit brighter for the ladies who live at Oceanview. Ruth designed a beautiful invitation with an embossed teacup on the front for the Christmas Tea to be held at Oceanview on December 22nd. Ruth and Eunice put their many skills together and embossed, heated, colored, cut, punched, stapled and glued invitations for each and every lady. One invitation even made its way to a friend in re-hab in hopes that it would encourage her during her healing process and possibly attend. Thanks, Ruth and Eunice, for touching so many hearts and lives through your creativity and friendship. It was so very much appreciated!

Sincerely, **Susan Mills**



## Rummage Sale News

### RUMMAGE REV-UP

Four "Pleases" and a "Thank-You"

1. **PLEASE save your Fridays for us!** Beginning Friday, January 7th (9:00 a.m. - ?), **YOU** are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning through April 1st (**no foolin'!!**). We especially need a big turn-out 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 2nd** 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 (Library window and north window in Geneva Hall, window next to the Office Door, Calvin Room Door, and PW's bulletin board).

4. **PLEASE consider volunteering** ... there are various opportunities: as a Friday sorter, as a set-up/clean-up helper during Rummage Week, as a "pricer" during Rummage Week, as a departmental staff person during Sale Days, driving/furnishing a pickup during Rummage Week, furnishing a snack-food for the volunteers during Rummage Week.

**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 PW-sponsored, but our entire congregation is needed for its successful production, and we are grateful to you! Questions? Contact 2010 Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867).

**Rummage Sale Dates: - April 7th - 9th, 2011**

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



## Library News

### NEW BOOKS DONATED TO THE LIBRARY

Thank you **Peggy and Bob Bickford** for the book *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by **Barbara Brown Taylor**. "The Bestselling author of *Leaving Church* reveals how to see the sacred in our everyday lives".

Other books donated are as follows:

*Praying Like Jesus: The Lords Prayer in a Culture of Prosperity*. The Author is **James Mulholland**. This little book is a timely critique of the Prayer of Jabez phenomenon and the culture of consumerism as a way of life.

*Quick Children's Sermons: Will My Dog Be in Heaven? and 49 Other Questions Kids Ask* This book is authored by a group including **Robin Christy** and others from Loveland, Colorado. Good questions that your Sunday School teacher might not have answered. Any age group can enjoy this book.

*After the Death of a Child* by **Ann K. Finkbeiner**. This book focuses on the long-term impact of losing a child and gives insight and hope to parents and other readers.

## Deacon's Corner

Welcome to the 2013 class of Deacons. They are **Jamie Hall** who will be in charge of cards and telephone calls. **Lue Hoeft** will help with communions and Celebration of Life Receptions. We also are grateful for **Dick Carkin**, Treasurer, and **Judy Carkin**, in charge of Visitations, who are serving another 3 year term.



Deacons at Work

## Correspondence From Friends

Happy New Year to my First Presbyterian Family! I hope everyone celebrated much joy for Christmas. I am enjoying my new "call" as Director of Family Ministry at Atonement Lutheran; the people have good hearts and many loving missions. At the same time I must tell you how much my heart aches because I miss being with you on Sundays for worship! I will continue to take in activities as I am able and please know I am still an active member here. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the love and support and "in-house training" through the years that prepared me for my new career!

In Christ's love, grace and peace, **Rhonda Harman**



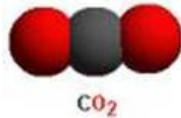
## Creation Care & Eco-Justice News



### Soup, Salad, and Speakers

An Annual Eco-Justice Event at Our Church

11:30 AM, Sunday, January 30



The Eco-Justice Team is holding its annual “Soup, Salad, and Speakers” event after church on January 30th. The event will start at 11:30 AM and may run until 1:30 PM.

We’ve had 4 previous annual events covering eco-justice topics such as proper ways to recycle, safe ways of controlling invasive plants, use of solar-electric panels to generate electricity in remote African villages, and the latest in energy-efficient lighting. Last year, we heard how increasing CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is causing higher acidity in oceans with potential impacts on God’s magnificent food web, and we heard from our own **Angie Sremba** regarding her fascinating graduate school research on the genetics of whales.

The topic this year will be on the science of global climate disruption (called “global warming” by many).

**Dr. James Coakley, Professor of Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University**, will be our speaker. **Dr. Coakley** also happens to be Jesse Shonau-Taylor’s father-in-law, and, of course was in our church for Jesse’s wedding to Martha Coakley last August! So he is familiar with our church, and some of you know him or will recognize him.

The Eco-Justice Team will cook some great soups, make a tasty salad, and serve them with bread and dessert before Dr. Coakley’s presentation. They’ll use mostly, if not all, locally grown or harvested ingredients that are organically grown so the meal will be healthy for you and gentle on the land and water it came from -- therefore better for all Creation.

So, plan to come (it’s a Sunday with no football games!!), enjoy a healthy meal, and learn more reasons and more ways to sustain the Creation for future generations -- and out of gratitude for what God has given us. For more information, contact **Barry McPherson** at 574-6111, (503)708-8688 (cellular), or [bdmcperson@coho.net](mailto:bdmcperson@coho.net). If you can help prepare and/or serve the meal, contact **Beth Hubbard** at 265-7442 or [e\\_hubbard@charter.net](mailto:e_hubbard@charter.net).

# ***Plant A Row On 12th Street***

## ***A Mission of First Presbyterian Church***

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Jim Myers 541-270-0892



### **Become a First Pres PAR Partner!**

We want to express our deep appreciation to our church's Mission Committee who recently allocated \$250 to our Plant A Row project. This money will help buy seeds, tools, soil, and compost to get us started. Thank you First Pres!

Most of you know that the Plant a Row for the Hungry project is one of the newer missions of the church. We've plowed over 3,000 square feet of ground on the east campus so that we can plant vegetables to distribute to Food Share and Stone Soup.

Last month during the severe cold snap that hit Newport, we volunteered at the Warming Center held at the Nazarene Church. People came and enjoyed a hot meal and were able to spend the night out of the cold. It certainly underlined for us how many people in this area need help with food, clothing, and shelter on a regular basis.

With this in mind, we invite you and people you know to become PAR Partners. You can partner in two ways. First, you can become a Row Sponsor, which simply means donating \$75 for the year to help underwrite some of our costs. Second, you can become a Garden Tender and actually come out and work with us in the garden. Of course, we'd love to have everyone do both but will be happy with any level of involvement you can manage.

We appreciate any support you may have to offer in this effort to help provide the hungry of Newport with good and nutritious food that we grow right here at First Presbyterian.

Contact **Kathy & Jim Myers** at 541-270-0892 or email [12thstreetplantarow@charter.net](mailto:12thstreetplantarow@charter.net)



## Church Financial Report

### Church Financial Report

**November** Operating Income *Budgeted* \$18,289

**November** Operating Income **Received** \$13,656

Year through **November** Operating Income *Budgeted* \$201,186

Year through **November** Operating Income **Received** \$183,814

**Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received to date** -- behind \$17,373

January thru **November** Actual Expenses \$180,557

PER CAPITA 2011 is \$22.90

This annual payment is based on each church's total membership and paid in the first quarter of 2011. You can help defray our costs from the general budget by volunteering to contribute your per capita of \$22.90 for each member (two members in a household would be \$45.80). Please mark you checks "per capita" in the memo line. Your support is greatly appreciated!

~ Your Stewardship Team and Financial Secretaries

## Parish Nurse



Our **Parish Nurse** is available **every Tuesday from 10:30am to Noon** for blood pressure checkups, referral sources, and questions about health concerns. For an appointment or more information call 265-5557. Drop-ins are welcome!

Our Parish Nurse would like a volunteer to step up and volunteer for this very rewarding position. If interested please call **Doris Pickens** at 541-265-5557.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lue Hoeft 5th

Robert Ohm 8th

Marla Hawley 12th

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Alex Urquhart 16th

Chris Lawrence 16th

Jan Eastman 20th

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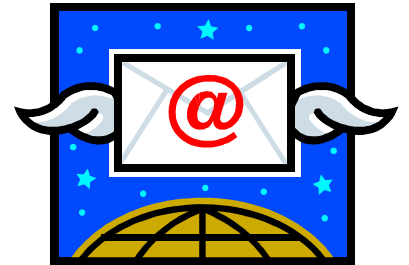
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