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LOVE AND KINDNESS AND BLESSINGS

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Feb 1	Worship-Communion Sunday	10:00am
Feb 1	PW Meeting (W)	Following Service
Feb 2	Beacon Deadline	1:00pm
Feb 5	Calvin (W)	9:30am
Feb 6	Rummage Sorting (Calvin)	9:00am
Feb 8	Worship	10:00am
Feb 8	Deacon's Meeting (W)	11:30am
Feb 9	Men's Study Group (Office)	6:30pm
Feb 11	Men's Group at Izzy's	6:30pm
Feb 12	Fireside (W)	9:30am
Feb 13	Rummage Sorting (Calvin)	9:00am
Feb 14	Valentines Day	All Day
Feb 15	Worship-Transfiguration Sunday . .	10:00am



Feb 16	Office Closed-President's Day	All Day
Feb 18	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	12:00noon
Feb 19	Calvin (W)	9:30am
Feb 20	Rummage Sorting (Calvin)	9:00am
Feb 20	Fellowship Circle (W)	1:30pm
Feb 22	Worship-First Sunday Lent	10:00am
Feb 22	Congregational Meeting and Potluck – Review 2014	11:00am
Feb 23	Men's Study Group (Office)	6:30pm
Feb 24	Session	7:00pm
Feb 26	Calvin (W)	9:30am
Feb 27	Rummage Sorting (Calvin)	9:00am

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday Practice: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00am



Pastor's Pencil



*Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. **Revelation 11:19***

We've completed our sermon series on the books of the Bible. Dave Heater began the series with book of Genesis two years ago at the beginning of 2013! We ended in 2015 with Revelation on January 11, which was also Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

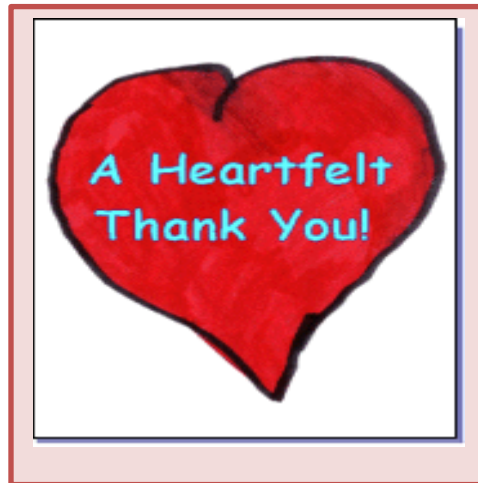
Ending with Revelation however, was also the beginning of a new sermon series on major themes of the Bible. There are many ways to study the Bible. One way is to start in Genesis and read straight through. Those of you who have taken the Kerygma series know that another great way to understand the Bible is by highlighting familiar subjects which are repeated. For example, the idea of Covenant, which appears in the Old Testament from the beginning in Genesis all the way through to Revelation.

In fact many people are surprised to learn the deep connections between the Book of Revelation and the rest of the Bible.

In the next few months I will be making a few of these connections. My hope is not only to highlight rich treasures of the Bible, but also to assuage the fear of reading the Book of Revelation because it seems so strange and scary.

Yours for continuing the Biblical Journey,

Don



Thanks to Bob Young and his future son-in-law, Drew Blank, for changing the light bulbs in the sanctuary before Christmas.

Thanks to Mike Clark and Vern for a variety of fix-its in the office and the outdoor building.

Thanks for preparing the Johnny Lights for Christmas Eve service – to Eunice Forinash, Neva Stewart, Carol Jones, Peggy Bickford, Ruthie MacLeod, Shirley Kemnitz, and Anna Easley.

Thanks to Jay and Nancy Cox for providing the Christmas wreaths, adding warmth and beauty to Geneva Hall.

Thanks to Art and Barbara Bradley for providing the lovely Poinsettia plants and design for the Sanctuary at Christmas.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Anna Easley 1st

Jane Haskell 1st

Richard Beemer 4th

Sarah Shindelman 4th

Marianne Mendenhall 5th

Toni Mueller 11th

Don Taylor 11th

Connie Hildebrand 14th

Shirley George 14th

Don Merwin 20th

Justin Layton 23rd

JOY FOR BABIES

For the Birth of Jane Haskell's great-grandson,
Andrew Reinhart Haskell on December 15, 2014 at
4:10pm, 8 lbs., 4 oz.

Parents: Ben and Saralinda Haskell

Grandparents: Tom and Marlene (Pittsburg, PA)



IF YOU PARTAKE YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Our Sunday Coffee Hour serves as an important mission for our church family. This time gives us an opportunity to greet each other and a special opportunity to meet visitors.

The coffee hour is not included in our church budget and we depend on the church family to provide refreshments, serving, dishwashing and clean up.

We have a posting above the serving area that gives an overview of people signing up for food, serving and clean-up for up to five Sundays in advance.

We have a group of loyal contributors that sign up but we are in need of increasing this number so this participation is shared by more people. Some of our loyalists are comfortable bringing food on their own and others will contact a friend and work as a team.

The food can be as elaborate or as simple as you like. We Presbyterians are equal opportunity eaters.

We are always pleasantly pleased when folks drop off food to add for the Sunday Coffee Hour.

But our “MOTHER HUBBARD EMPTY CUPBOARD SYNDROME” goes into overdrive when we have no one signed for the Sunday.

Our sign up book also gives individuals an opportunity to sign up well in advance to celebrate special occasions – birthdays, anniversaries, etc. We all enjoy the special cakes that often appear on these Sundays.

Another way of supporting the coffee hour is to drop off a can of coffee of your choice, maybe your favorite creamer on your special Sunday.

So please make a New Year’s Resolution to continue to enjoy our coffee hours but to sign up for PARTICIPATING in the coffee hour.

If you have any questions, please check with the following :
Eunice Forinash, Rebecca Wright , Anna Easley, Ellen McCobb, Art Bradley



Looking forward to seeing you in the Kitchen

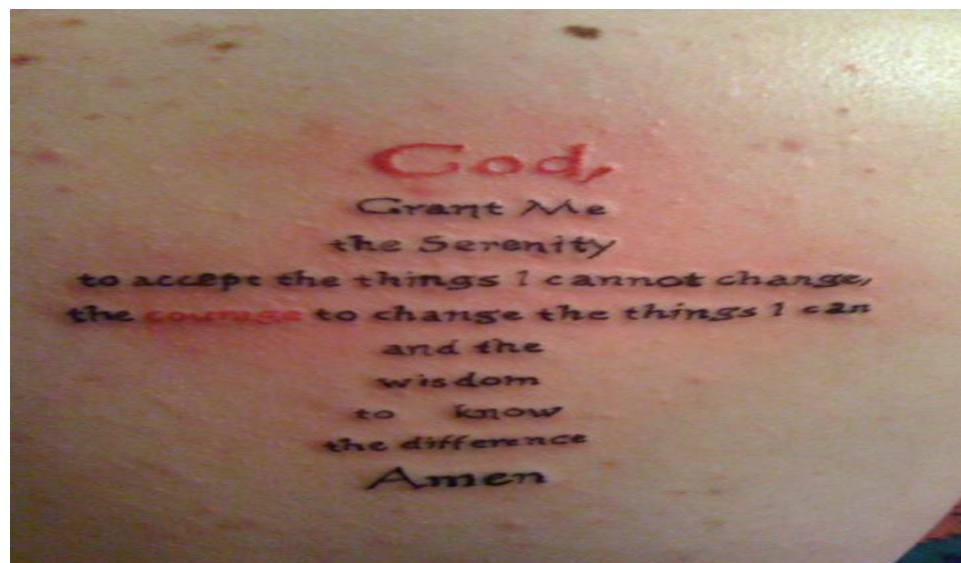
NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



Thank you Nel Ward for donating as a gift to the library The First Christmas with Bible text and dramatic silhouetted illustrations by Jan Pienkowski. This is an outstanding book that young or old members of the family will enjoy.

Also added to the library:

The Wisdom To Know The Difference: When to make a change- and when to let go, by Eileen Flanagan. This book is based on the Serenity Prayer. The author writes about the spiritual wisdom she has learned from her journey. She also includes many stories about ordinary people that she met or interviewed, and the encouragement that they found by making positive changes, along with spiritual guidance that helped to change their lives.





**OREGON COAST RECORDER SOCIETY
CONCERT TO BENEFIT
FOOD SHARE OF LINCOLN COUNTY**



(OCRS)

Director: Corlu Collier

DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

TIME: 3:00PM

**LOCATION: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – NEWPORT
227 NE 12TH STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365**



**BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD OR CASH
DONATIONS TO BENEFIT
FOOD SHARE OF LINCOLN COUNTY**

"GIFTS FOR KIDS"**Christmas Mission 2014 Accomplished!**

From our hearts to yours – thank you from Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee to our Presbyterian Community ... you've ensured that 86 at-risk children in Lincoln County under the protection of the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center (LCCAC) and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) received a gift to open at Christmas-time!

Our benefactors who love to shop "adopted" and lovingly selected gifts for a total of 76 children; our benefactors who find it difficult to shop made generous cash donations, with which our own First Presbyterian Youth (FPY) carefully custom-shopped for a total of 10 children. Making thoughtful age/gender selections were the following members of FPY and their adult advisors: **Baylee Layton, Sidney Little, Jillian Thompson, David Perry,** and **"Gifts For Kids" Co-Chairs Barbara and Art Bradley.** Presbyterian Women extend grateful recognition to each "Shopper-Extraordinaire," and again to our generous and caring benefactors whose donations made it all possible!!

An FYI concerning monetary donations: In order to allow time sufficient to accomplish the "adoptions" and shopping (by FPC/FPY) plus the gift inspections, wrappings and deliveries (by LCCAC and DHS), the list of children must be furnished to our Committee each year in October; inevitably, though, more children are admitted to the system in the months of November and December. The "Gifts For Kids" Committee carefully monitors the donation amounts in order to balance what is received against the cost of FPY's shopping for those not chosen from our list; however, although our goal is not to ask for more than is needed, it is impossible to collect what is needed to the exact penny. Question: What happens to any extra amount received? Answer: Priority dedication is to additional gifts for the November/December-entry children; any further amount remaining is deposited in LCCAC'S New Clothing Fund. *

** The New Clothing Fund was a long-time dream
of the Children's Advocacy Center,
for those children who enter the system
lacking essential wearing apparel.
The fund's seed money was provided in 2005
by our "Gifts For Kids" benefactors!*

Our annual "Gifts For Kids" Christmas mission is PW-sponsored, but it is made possible through the love and generosity of our entire congregation ... our heartfelt gratitude to you, not only for the gifts received, but for the ongoing gifts of your prayers for these very special children.

PROPERTY LOCATED!!

Thank you to the person(s) responsible for delivering each of the items (used for annual rummage sale operation) that were listed as missing in the January 2015 issue of *The Beacon*.



FEBRUARY
CALENDAR ITEMS
FOR PW & CIRCLES

Sunday, February 1st: Presbyterian Women Meeting (Westminster)

Friday, February 6th - 9:00 a.m.: Rummage Sorting (Calvin)

Thursday, February 12th - 9:30 a.m.: Fireside Circle Meeting (Westminster)

Friday, February 13th - 9:00 a.m.: Rummage Sorting (Calvin)

Friday, February 20th - 9:00 a.m.: Rummage Sorting (Calvin)

Friday, February 20th - 1:30 a.m.: Fellowship Circle Meeting (Westminster)

Friday, February 27th - 9:00 a.m.: Rummage Sorting (Calvin)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Sunday, February 1st

11:30 a.m.

Meeting in Westminster Room;
program to follow, presented by
FPC's Director of Music, Don Jenkins



(CHILD CARE PROVIDED !!)

Please save the first Sunday in February for PW's first business meeting of 2015, after which we shall be honored to attend the 14th annual program prepared especially for Newport Presbyterian Women by our own Director of Music, Don Jenkins! Remember that PW meetings are open to ALL women of the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, bring your friends and join us for the fellowship of your Presbyterian Sisters, and the joy of another of Don's musical presentations!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 12th, in the Westminster Room. Martha Sneller will host the meeting; Gladys Snedecor will be the lesson leader.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, February 20th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Six:

"The Aroma of God Among Us"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 and 6:14-7:1

RUMMAGE REMINESCES, RESONANCES, AND REQUESTS

*("PW" and "Rummage" – by any other names,
they really remain about the same!)*

Over 100 years ago – in December 1907, our Newport Presbyterian Women were known as the "Presbyterian Ladies' Aid," and they held a "Church Bazaar" on December 13th in a log cabin! They issued their invitation in verse – a copy of which you'll find posted on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). As you read this clever invitation of yesteryear, you'll see that the gist of it is still true today – as the present-day members (now known as "Presbyterian Women") prepare for what they now call their "Rummage Sale."

Although our Sale is sponsored by PW, it takes our entire congregation to produce it – we can't do it without YOU!! We invite YOU to become an important part of this church-wide endeavor by considering (one, some, or all of) these volunteer/donation opportunities:

- \$ Provide one or more pies (a total of 100 are needed) – slices of which will be served in our "Diner" on Thursday and Friday of the Sale (sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board).
Note: Please see a separate message in this issue concerning Department of Health Requirements.
- \$ Provide plant cuttings, divisions and bulbs – to be delivered to our Garden Department on Tuesday afternoon of Rummage Week (if you need pots, please contact Garden Co-Chairs Janice and Jim Scharbach at 541/867-6437).
- \$ Provide CLEAN!! rummage donations – 4"x5" "Do Not Donate" cards are available at five convenient locations within the Church: (1) Library window, (2) North-Eastern-most window in Geneva Hall, (3) window next to the Office door, (4) Calvin Room door; and (5) PW's bulletin board. These cards will help you to determine what we can accept.
- \$ Be a Friday "Sorter" – join us each Friday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m., for a couple of hours of fellowship and fun, as we sort our rummage donations and "departmentalize" them.
- \$ Provide "Rummage Week" help – needed are: sales staff for each department; vehicles + strong arms and backs for pick-up and delivery of large items; snack-foods to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Rummage Week; "pricers" of our wares (Monday-Wednesday of Rummage Week); set-up and/or clean-up volunteers.

Questions? Call either of our Rummage Co-Chairs: Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484) or Marianne Mendenhall (541/867-7474).

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 23rd - 25th, 2015

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

PIES, PLEASE!

Calling all aspiring pie chefs: Your gracious help is once again needed for the Annual Rummage Sale's "Diner Extravaganza!!"

A total of 100 are needed. Fruit pies will be welcomed from your own kitchen, but all cream pies (per Oregon Department of Health requirements) must come from a commercial source (i.e., Safeway, Fred Meyer, The Chalet Restaurant, etc.).

Your desserts can be delivered starting Wednesday, April 22nd. A sign-up sheet is posted on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room).

A BIG THANK -YOU for your enthusiastic help in support of this event.





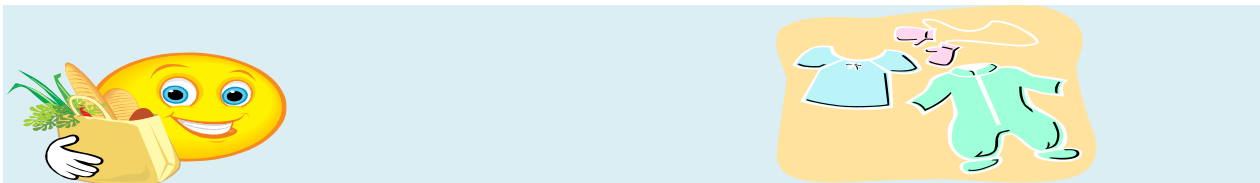
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

STONE SOUP



Our Church will serve dinner at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the third Monday of each month . . . this month date is **FEBRUARY 16TH**.

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 – 7:30pm. 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.



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.

Baby Necessities Questions? Contact Pam Merwin at 541-265-4095

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**Coffee Hour Volunteers, Worship Assistants, Ground Maintenance
Work Party, Other Time and Talents Offering!**

You may call the church office: 541-265-2841 THANK YOU!

VALENTINE IDEAS



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GIVE A SMILE



WRAP LOVE WITH A PRAYER



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for

March

is

February 2, 2015

(*)NOTE: When possible, please send a Word Document as an "Attachment" when you e-mail your articles.
Thank you,
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