

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

May 1st	Read & Feed	4:30-7 pm
May 3rd	Youth Symphony Concert	7-8 pm
May 4th	Communion Sunday	
May 8th	Fireside Circle	9:30 am
May 10th	Parish Nurses Meeting	9am – 4 pm
May 11th	Mother's Day – Hat Day! Guest Speaker – Kristen Yuille-Green Deacons Meeting	11:30
May 14th	Men's Group @ Izzy's	6:30 pm
May 16th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm
May 17th	Family Night	4 – 7 pm
May 18th	New Member Class	11:15-noon
May 19th	Stone Soup	4:30 – 7 pm
May 22nd	Blood Drive	10 am-6:30 pm
May 31st	Flower Art Class	11 am-3 pm

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NEW MEMBER CLASSES START

The next series of New Member Classes will start on May 18 and be followed with classes on May 25, June 1 and June 8. The first 3 classes are held after the service on Sunday at 11:30 and last about an hour. The 4th class is held at 9:00 at which time the Session meets the candidates and votes them into membership.

If you are interested in membership in the church and in these classes please see Pastor Don Taylor.

Kids Church – 11:30 – 1:00

May 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th

Pastor's Pencil

Here is another brief update on our Mission Study Team (MST). With my vacation, Spring Break and the Rummage Sale, we've only had time for one interview, but we made up for it by combining two people, Kathy and Jim Myers, who represented the Food Pantry (FP) and Inter-Christian Outreach (ICO).

The FP continues to actively serve clients in the Newport area. Kathy is very grateful for our churches' willingness to house this vital ministry on our property. As a quick reminder: it was Liz Martin who, as a School Board Member, arranged to sell the FP the vacant school mobile building for \$1.00!

Kathy also oversees the Community Garden, "Plant A Row," in which volunteers supply fresh vegetables for the FP. Soon the roof rainwater collector will be in place, pumping the water under the parking lot directly to the garden. Jim Dunlap deserves most of the credit for this project that took a combination of three grants to fund!

Recently some Sunday visitors told me that they had inquired about the location of the Presbyterian Church at a local store. The clerk replied, "Oh, are you looking for the Pantry?" In this case they were looking for a place to worship, but were delighted to discover our church is so closely identified with local mission. Praise God!!

The ICO is a collection of Christian Churches who have combined to provide emergency services and referrals. Jim Myers deserves a lot of the credit for envisioning and establishing this ministry and the late Jim Gamb was also very involved in the early set up. Our church supports this ministry in at least two ways, through a budgeted monthly financial contribution and it is where I use most of my reserve funds for emergency services. The ICO interviews clients before calling me for assistance, so I know it is a legitimate need.

All in all, we have learned that our church is known for a strong Mission Commitment to our local community. Thanks be to God!!

Grace and Peace,

Don Taylor

Correction: The April edition of the Pastor's Pencil incorrectly listed community leader, Sheriff James Dotson. It should have read Sheriff Dennis Dotson.

Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- ❖ Donna Siegfried
- ❖ Jan Bauer

Joys:

- ❖ Bob Loeffel – recovering from surgery
- ❖ Kyle Luther – recovering from surgery

Concerns:

- ❖ Bud Sneller - transition
- ❖ Clair Finnigan – renewed back pain
- ❖ Karen Seifert – recovery from surgery
- ❖ Parmalee Perry – hospitalized for tumor
- ❖ Joe Paradise – congestive heart failure

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
- ❖ Mike & Wren Clark – Habitat For Humanity - Bulgaria

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.

Dine Out for Samaritan House

Please mark your calendars and include in your church bulletins as we prepare for May's Dine Out for Samaritan House on May 7th at Yummy Bowl Restaurant. Donating 20% of their proceeds and serving from 11 am - 9:30 pm, Yummy Bowl lets you dine in, take out or receive delivery. Enjoy!

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

Presbyterian Women

No May PW Meeting;
please join us for our next meeting
on
Sunday, June 1st *

** Our "Birthday Offering" will be
received;
see separate article in this issue
for the history of this annual mission.*



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 8th, at **Pam Merwin's** home (1135 NE Lakewood Drive, Newport). **Peggy Bickford** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, May 16th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Nine

"God's Abiding Presence"

Scripture:

*Exodus 25-31; 33:7-11;
34:11-40:38; Deuteronomy 30:11-20*

Key Idea:

The tabernacle represented God's ongoing presence
among the people in the wilderness,
just as Jesus and the Holy Spirit represent
God's eternal presence among us now.

PW's BIRTHDAY OFFERING

What is it?

In 1922, to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That year, Hallie Paxon Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. She challenged members of the Woman's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their lives (or a dollar if a woman preferred not to reveal her age) as a birthday gift to the school. The tradition continued when the Woman's Auxiliary became Women of the Church in 1948, and then Presbyterian Women in 1988. The offerings have enabled a long succession of new and innovative mission projects throughout the world.

While projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women annually reviews proposals and selects one to five projects to fund through gifts to the Birthday Offering. For the 2014 Offering, one project (the Blue Corn Mother's Alliance) will be funded, so the grant will be larger and make more of an impact. The actual grant amount awarded will depend on gifts offered during 2014.

The Blue Corn Mothers Alliance provides a range of services for Native American women in Albuquerque, New Mexico who experience domestic violence. Offered by this multifaceted program: advocacy; crisis intervention; health, counseling and education services; and referrals for legal and shelter services to Native American women and children who have suffered domestic violence. This program is the only one in the Albuquerque area that offers domestic violence counseling with a focus on Native American cultural sensitivity. Research shows that Native American women are more likely to experience domestic and sexual violence than non-Native women. More than one in three Native women will be raped in her life, and 39 percent of Native women experience domestic violence in some form.

Through a Birthday Offering gift, this program (currently run once a week by volunteers out of Le Mesa Presbyterian Church) will be available five days a week with staff. The money received will be leveraged, and will allow them to compete for funding locally (from the City of Albuquerque) and nationally (from the Department of Justice and the Administration for Children and Families). Blue Corn Alliance hopes that these additional sources of funding can be secured to help open a shelter.

We have an opportunity once a year to "give as we have been given" and to join the thousands of Presbyterian Women in sharing God's love through this Birthday Offering. As you consider this important project, please take time to observe the beautiful poster commemorating the 2014 Birthday Offering on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room).



"REAL" RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

Monetary:

\$11,174.09

Dedicated to mission gifts
provided for
our Presbytery/World-Wide Projects,
our Church,
and our Community!!

Priceless:

Fellowship and fun
provided for
those who produce/attend
this Annual Event !!



Church Operating Fund

Three Months Ended March 31, 2014

Income \$43,561

Expenses 43,922

Net Income (Expense) (361)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MAY

Andrew Eastman 1st

Kari Lee 2nd

Casey Hawes 3rd

Gladys Hartsel 8th

Ken Layton 9th

Carol Hall 9th

Mike Eastman 23rd

Dave Heater 23rd

Hannah Schonau-Taylor 26th

Helyn Layton 26th

Pam Merwin 26th



GOOD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE IS A SILENT EXPRESSION OF EVANGELISM.
Please help us keep the front and back lawns mowed. Mowers mow once a month on the average March thru October. Two self-propelled mowers are available for use. If you can help, please contact **Bill Johnson** or **Jim Dunlap**.



Grounds
Committee

Library News

MANY BOOKS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY SEEM TO BE ON THE LOOSE. (ESPECIALLY CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY BOOKS.) SO IT'S TIME FOR A SPRING BOOK ROUNDUP!

WHEN BORROWING BOOKS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY PLEASE:

1. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM OUT BY SIGNING THE CARD IN THE BACK OF THE BOOK
2. LEAVE YOUR SIGNED CARD IN THE BOX PROVIDED FOR THEM.
3. BE SURE TO RETURN THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER SO THAT OTHERS CAN ENJOY THEM.



Come join us for another fun, flower arranging class scheduled for Saturday, May 31st from 11am to 3pm. **Bobby Flewellyn** and **Laurie Hanson** will be helping with the event that will be held in Geneva Hall. All that is needed is to bring two flower vases of your choice, some scissors or snips, and some of your garden flowers and greenery. We invite donations of some snack or food trays to help with the light lunch foods that will be available along with coffee and tea. Sign up sheets for the class will be located in Geneva Hall during coffee hour for those who are interested in participating.

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Editor's Note

With our capable new administrative assistant, Ann Denison, in the church office, it seems a good time to turn over editorial responsibilities.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to create *The Beacon* and wish to thank all of the people who helped me throughout the creative process.

Thanks also to all the readers that provided encouragement and compliments along the way.

Wren Clark



Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo

Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo Returns June 14

After a two-year absence, the Oregon Coast Garden & Landscaping Expo is back! The last major gardening show and sale of the season comes to Newport on Saturday, June 14 at Newport Intermediate School located at 825 NE 7th Street. The 2014 edition features nearly thirty vendors selling a wide variety of plants, including the rare and unusual, plus selected garden art, tools and much more!

The Lincoln County Master Gardeners will be operating a major "Help Center" at the Expo that will feature pH soil testing in addition to dispensing valuable gardening advice.

This is a great opportunity to find and buy an incredible variety of plants, many of which are hard to find on the coast. Vendors will be coming from all over the Northwest with a huge selection from which to choose. Selected garden art vendors will also be on hand. A special added attraction will be three informative garden seminars featuring such notables as author Rose Marie Nichols McGee from Nichols Garden Nursery in Albany.

Admission is by donation and will benefit the Newport Food Pantry & Operation Snackpacks emergency food programs. Hours will be from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Lunch will be available for a small charge.

This is the opportunity of the season to dress up your garden and landscape from popular Northwest nurseries! Our 2014 presenting sponsor is Banner Bank.

For more information contact **Jim Myers** at 541-270-0892 or email at jmyers@newportfoodpantry.org.



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for
September
is
August 13th



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