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| Mar. 1 st | Presbyterian Women Meeting - Noon | |
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| Mar. 3 rd | Communion Sunday - | |
| Mar. 6 th | Communion at Oceanview | 2:00 pm |
| Mar. 7 th | Read & Feed | 4:30 – 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 10 th | Deacon's Meeting "Hat Sunday" | 11:30 am |
| Mar. 13 th | Men's Group at Izzy's | 6:30 – 7:30 pm |
| Mar. 14 th | Fireside Circle | 9:30 – 10:30 am |
| Mar. 15 th | Fellowship Circle | 1:30 – 2:30 pm |
| Mar. 18 th | Stone Soup | 4:30 – 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 24 th | Palm Sunday | |
| | Central Coast Chorale | 3:00 pm |
| Mar. 28 th | Maundy Thursday Service | 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 29 th | Good Friday Service | Noon |
| Mar. 31 st | Easter Sunday | |

March 2013

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Other Dates To Remember

Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45 am

<u>Rummage Sorting</u> – Fridays, Mar. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - 9:00 am

Daylight Saving Time begins Mar. 10th.

Pastor's Pencil

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,



'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!' Revelation 5:13

Easter is the last day of March this year, the 31st, which from a Biblical metaphor point of view gives new meaning to the old saying, March comes in like a lion and out like a Lamb.

Two traditional figures for Jesus have been the lion and the lamb. C. S. Lewis fans know of Aslan, the Lion figure for Jesus in The Chronicles of Narnia, who in the first book, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, offers himself as a sacrifice in place of Edmund. The Lamb figures prominently in the Bible, as well as historic tradition, as the lamb led to slaughter in Isaiah 53, with the exclamation of John the Baptist: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" John 1:29, and in triumph as we read in the Revelation passage above.

With the season of Lent and Easter, Saint Augustine wrote: "Why a lamb in his passion? Because he underwent death without being guilty of any iniquity. Why a lion in his passion? Because in being slain, he slew death. Why a lamb in his resurrection? Because his innocence is everlasting. Why a lion in his resurrection? Because

everlasting also is his might."

This March through the Lenten season we celebrate a passion portrayed as both Lion and Lamb and on the last day of March, the ultimate victory of both as well.

Yours for a metaphorically, meaningful Easter!

Don

Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- Linda Mosley
- Arnie Carlson
- Joni daughter of Harvey & Cheryl DuFrenne

Joys:

Gary Thompson – successful hip surgery

Concerns:

- Gladys Snedecor recovery from hip surgery
- Kassidy Peggy Bickford's great granddaughter undergoing heart surgery
- Mike Neal biopsy
- ❖ Sam Adams knee surgery

Military & Relief Efforts:

- Paige Schindler Santiago, Chile
- Marcus Luther Teach To

Local:

Crabbing Fleet – including Kinder Cotrell on "Last Dance"

Opportunities For Service



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 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 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 <u>tax-deductible</u> 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 for Wednesday, March 6th as The Chowder Bowl of Nye Beach hosts Dine Out for Samaritan House. The Chowder Bowl will contribute 50%, yes, 50 percent of the days proceeds to the homeless family shelter. Lets make the most of this generous offer by making sure to tell friends and family and enjoy a great meal at a Newport favorite.



Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING Friday, March 1st 12:00-Noon-Sharp!! World Day of Prayer Commemoration

Please pack a brown-bag lunch and join us in Geneva Hall -- your beverages will be provided by **Martha Sneller**. Because time will be of the essence, we'll have a brief business meeting **during** lunch, which will include presentation of the 2013-2014 slate of officers; then, we'll car-pool to the annual World Day of Prayer ecumenical service at St. Stephens Episcopal Church (Ninth & Hurbert Streets in Newport), which will begin at 1:00 p.m. As we look forward to uniting with women from other community churches, we extend a special invitation to all women of our church to share in this inspirational world-wide observance.

Circle Meetings

<u>Fireside Circle</u> will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 14th, in the Westminster Room. **Pam Merwin** will hostess the meeting; leader to be announced.

<u>Fellowship Circle</u> will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, March 15th, in the Westminster Room. Hostess/leader to be announced.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Seven:
"The Children"

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-15, 29-3:10; 5:1-21

Key Idea(s):

In God's household, God's children are nurtured and nourished by the Holy Spirit in the pursuit of righteousness.

Though childhood innocence is threatened by the trappings and pitfalls of a sinful world,

God's love serves as a safety net into which the children can fall,

and a lifeline that they can extend to sisters and brothers in danger.

Letters of Thanks

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(Excerpts from)
A Thank You Letter for
FPC's 2012 Christmas "Gifts for Kids" Mission

From Debbie Perkins, Social Service Assistant, Child Welfare Program, Oregon Department of Human Services: " ... I am writing to thank you ... for your continuous outstanding efforts ... A lot of thought went into the gift buying by your church members and volunteers ... the children were thrilled ... Thank you so much for your eagerness to help. For years, the First Presbyterian Church has been there, ready and willing to help collect gifts so that the foster children of Lincoln County will not go without. Your parishioners have dug deep into their pockets to help children that they do not know, and this incredible act of kindness is so very touching. ... Thanks so much from all of us here at DHS Child Welfare, especially from July Bearden and me. It is truly a joy working with you all."

Thank You

Thank you to **Mark McConnell**, **Bob Young** and **Dave Heater** for replacing the burned out lights and fixing the back projector in the sanctuary.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



From the Pantry:

On the evening of February 7, I had the pleasure of attending Read & Feed at First Presbyterian Church. Although the venue change occurred in December, this was the first opportunity I had to witness the transformation that occurred with the difference in location. The cafeteria/gym at Yaquina View was a large space and we appreciated the use of it for those many months. But, it seems that parents and children tended to associate it more with a gymnasium than a quiet space for reading so it presented some challenges to our mission.

One of the things I've always appreciated about the people at First Presbyterian Church is the positive response we've always received when we express a need. So, when Don Taylor and Jill Luther were approached about hosting Read & Feed in Geneva Hall, it was an immediate full steam ahead. A slight change in times was all that was necessary to accommodate the other group that utilizes the facility on Thursday evenings. Volunteers from the church were more than willing to step up to the plate and lend a hand. The hospitality from this body of Christ is never in short supply.



Now, Read & Feed families have a lovely quiet space in which to enjoy a craft, meal, and reading time on the first Thursday of every month. The wonderful kitchen makes our job of making that meal so much easier than it had been at Yaquina View. And Luke Rembold, Jill Luther, Don Taylor, and a host of others have gone above and beyond to lend a hand. On behalf of the parents and children who benefit from these gatherings, thank you all.

Library News

Thanks are given to a generous anonymous donor for the following books:

The Cost of Discipleship, by *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. The author became a martyr during the Second World War when he was killed by the Nazis at age 39. He wrote about the true cost of discipleship in this world and explained his theology including poetry.

The Practice of the Presence of God: Conversations and letters of Brother Lawrence. This was written by a friar, from the 17th century, who spent his life cooking for his Carmelite Monastery. He spread his faith, joy and love to others. They have been cherished to our present time.

Man's Search For Meaning, by Viktor E. Frankl. This is classic best-seller. The famous psychiatrist spent years in Nazi death camps and was one of the few who survived while most of his loved ones did not. That experience caused him to write about his own views of psychology and man's search for meaning in life.

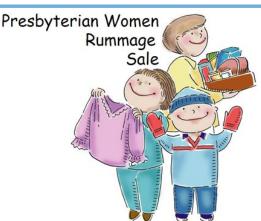
Six of *C.S. Lewis's* books were also donated. Many of these books were first heard on informal radio broadcasts in Great Britain. The books are: <u>Mere Christianity</u>, <u>The Great Divorce</u>, <u>The Problem of Pain</u>, <u>Miracles</u>, <u>The Screwtape Letters</u>, and his autobiography, <u>Surprised by Joy</u>.

Please look for church library books that you have read and not returned so that others may enjoy them especially during the rummage sale season when you are looking for rummage.

THANK YOU







RUMMAGE REVIEW

Something NEW for our 2013 Rummage Sale!! We are excited to feature **"Complimentary Caricatures"** by a well-known local artist -- our own **Deena Printz!** Deena has generously volunteered to donate her time and talent for Sale Days #1 and #2 (Thursday and Friday) between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; so -- come one, come all for your **FREE-and-FUN** personal sitting with Deena!!

Raffle Items: Our 2013 Sale will feature raffles for gift cards (retail and restaurant). Ticket pre-sales (\$1 = 1 ticket; \$5 = 6 tickets) will begin during coffee hour in Geneva Hall on Sunday, March 10th, and will continue (excepting Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday) through the first two days of the Sale. Drawings for the winning tickets will be at 3:30 p.m., on the second day of the Sale (Friday, April 26th), and you need not be present to win!

Placard Posting: On March 25th, we'll kick off our advertising campaign! Step #1 is positioning posters advertising the Sale in strategic locations around Newport and beyond. The usual public bulletin board locations will be utilized, but if YOU know of a business that would permit one of our posters in its window (or otherwise displayed), please tell Publicity Chair **Martha Sneller** (541/265-3471). If you would like to help distribute posters, just let Martha know how many you need.

<u>Cheers for our Volunteers!</u> It takes our entire congregation to produce a successful Sale -- this means <u>WE NEED YOU</u>!! Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room) for a complete listing of Department Chairpersons and their phone numbers -- call the person in charge of the department you'd like to help. If you don't have a department preference, contact either Rummage Co-Chair **Beth Mathewson** (541/265-8474) or Rummage Co-Chair **Marianne Mendenhall** (541/867-7474). Please keep in mind that <u>if you are unable to help during the Sale</u>, there are also set-up and clean-up opportunities available for you; <u>ALSO</u>, the snack-foods that some of you bring in to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of "Rummage Week" are always greatly appreciated!

Needed: 100 (yes, that's One-Hundred!!) Fresh-Baked Pies to sell (by the slice) in our "Diner" on Thursday and Friday of the Sale. You'll find a <u>sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board</u> (across from the Westminster Conference Room), together with some guidance concerning Health Department restrictions. <u>Questions</u>? Contact Kitchen Chairperson **Liz Martin** (541/270-1300).

Needed: CLEAN AND SALEABLE rummage! The key attraction to our rummage sales has always been our policy that we do not offer items in such condition that we would not select them for ourselves; i.e., clothing must be CLEAN and free from stains, holes and rips/tears; appliances must be CLEAN and WORKABLE, etc., etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated, but we respectfully ask that you examine what you donate, and save us the time and expense of discarding unmarketable items.

NOooo-Thanks ... (once more, here's a review of what NOT to donate): Exercise equipment, TV's, copy machines, fax machines, computer configurations/peripherals (CPU's, monitors, keyboards, printers), items that are soiled and/or torn, items that do not work or that have missing parts, textbooks (unless current), old encyclopedias, dated magazines (such as news magazines and National Geographic), mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, pianos, organs, Christmas garland, personal toiletries (soaps, lotions, toothpaste, perfumes, etc.), medicines, pesticides, dyes, opened paint and other hazardous waste products (again, please save us the time and expense of discarding what cannot be sold).

<u>Two suggested times to bring your donations</u>: (1) Fridays at 9:00 a.m.; (2) Sundays as you come to church. **Exceptions**: Please delay bringing your large items (furniture, etc.) until Monday (April 22nd) of "Rummage Week," and please delay bringing your plant donations for the Garden Department until Tuesday afternoon (April 23rd) of "Rummage Week."

<u>Please join us</u> any/every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., for our weekly sorting of rummage donations. It generally takes a couple of hours or so (no heavy lifting involved), and it's a unique opportunity for fellowship!

Recycling Opportunities: (1) Please save your plastic bags (any size) for us -- we'll use them during the Sale to sack up our shoppers' bargains! (2) Please check your Thompson's Sanitary Service bill or the website (www.thompsonsanitary.com) for good news about their (**FREE!**) recycling service for certain electronic items. It doesn't include ALL electronics, but it DOES include CPU's, computer monitors and TV's -- which we can no longer accept for our Sale.

Rummage Sale Dates: April 25th, 26th and 27th, 2013

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

New Member Classes

Beginning Sunday, April 7th 11:30 am in the Westminster Room

Please see Bob Loeffel or Don Taylor for more details.

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