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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4	Worship (Communion)	10:00am
Oct 4	Congregational Meeting	11:00am
Oct 5	Beacon Deadline	10:00am
Oct 8	Fireside(W)	9:30am
Oct 10	Grounds Crew	9:00am
Oct 11	Worship	10:00am
Oct 11	New Members Class (Office)	11:30am
Oct 11	Deacons Meeting (W)	11:30am
Oct 12	Columbus Day Holiday	Office Closed
Oct 12	Literary Group	12:00pm
Oct 12	Men's Study Group – Office	6:30pm
Oct 15	Calvin(W)	9:30am
Oct 16	Fellowship Circle(W)	1:30pm
Oct 18	Worship	10:00am
Oct 18	New Members Class (W)	11:00
Oct 19	Stone Soup-St.Stephens	4:30pm
Oct 22	Calvin(W)	9:30am
Oct 25	Worship Reformation Sunday	10:00am
Oct 25	New Members Join at Service	10:00am
Oct 25	Halloween Party @ Coffee Hour	11:00am
Oct 26	Men's Study Group-Office	6:30pm
Oct 27	Session	7:00pm
Oct 29	Calvin(W)	9:30am

Pastors' Pencil

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men see visions.
Joel 3:28

Last summer I was playing golf with a high school student on the golf team. On the second tee he hit a drive that almost reached the 310 yard green. I hit a pretty good drive for myself but was still 100 yards short of the young golfer. As we were walking to our shots he asked me, *Mr. Taylor, does it bother you that I hit the ball so much farther than you?!!!*

His question made me laugh, especially since it was asked out of true concern that he may have hurt my feelings. I replied, *No, it was a delight to see how far he could hit it.* It really was a joy to play with this young golfer and watch him improve, but it also made me realize that I don't hit the ball as far as I used to.

For many that may be a sad fact of life, but for me it is simply the realization of the natural processes of aging which our faith tells us is part of a larger plan. The Bible also teaches that, *For everything there is a season.* Ecclesiastes 3:1. I remember when my grandfather Weis retired from a long career in accounting, one of the first things he did was begin to read the theology of Paul Tillich. When he asked me about the theologian, I confessed that as a college student I hadn't felt ready to take on such a major Christian writer. My grandfather was ready however, and simply said to me, *You'll find he's not so bad!*

Kath and I both feel the time has come for me to retire from active ministry. It's a good decision because I've come to realize that I don't hit the ball as far as I used too! However, I'm still going to play golf, hopefully a little more of it. I may even reread Paul Tillich!

Yours for continuing the journey,

Don



Thank you for the beautiful celebration for our Goddaughter, Riley Anne Sandbo at her baptism on August 30. It was a wonderful service and she was beaming throughout. When her mother, Nadine, asked her where she would like to be baptized Riley Anne told her “Aunt Shell’s church.” Even though her parents live in Albany Miss Riley has been coming to Newport First Presbyterian with our family since she was 2 and has always felt a part of our church family. She always looks forward to Saturday night sleepovers, holidays, and Vacation Bible School when she comes to celebrate and learn about God with her friends and of course her cousins.

Riley has been excited about this day for many months and her parents, aunts and uncles, and grandparents were here to share it with her, some from very far away. Having all of our church family here to celebrate with us was perfect. Over and over again our family commented on how kind and caring every member of our church family are and how included they felt.

I would like to personally thank Pastor Don for a beautiful baptism. I can’t imagine a more perfect service for our sweet girl. I would also like to thank everyone who stepped in and helped our family with the celebratory luncheon. Riley’s Grandmother, Marlene, was nervous about the details with serving so many people and was at a loss for words when Art just “swept in and did everything so beautifully.” She was amazed at the helpfulness of all the people who helped serve and clean up and at the smiles throughout.

The church family is one of the aspects of our church that has kept us coming back every Sunday for over 4 years and I can’t imagine that any church could be kinder towards our families and children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us to celebrate the baptism of Riley Anne in the best way imaginable, with our amazing church family.

Love Always,

Michelle and Kinder Cottrell



October Birthdays



Avery Heater	1 st
Susan Mills	1 st
Tina Roberts	4 th
Bob Young	6 th
Alyssa Urquhart	7 th
Elsie Flower	11 th
Kathryn Adams	18 th
Ross Martin	24 th
Kathy Garner	25 th
Matthew Haynes	28 th
Rob Thompson	30 th

School is back in and fall is on the way! Meanwhile at Newport First Presbyterian Church October is a fun and busy month for our children and families. We hope to see you and your family at some or better yet all of our upcoming adventures!



We are beginning our after church Youth Program on alternate Sundays. This month the date will be October 4th from 11:30-1:30. The program is for children ages 4 and up and we encourage all the children to bring any friends who may want to participate. We will begin by sharing a meal together then we will break off into groups where we will work together to bring our bible stories to life. We invite all the parents to come back at 1:00 for a special presentation of the lesson from our children. This is a great chance to really learn our bible stories in a fun and interactive way.



In place of our youth program on October 18th we will have a family outing to our favorite pumpkin patch, Airlie Hills Farm in Monmouth. We will leave after church and head towards Airlie Hills so that we can be there by 1:00. There is a sign-up sheet for this as well in Geneva since Airlie Hills Farm requests we have our numbers ahead of time to get the group rate.



We would also like to announce that we will once again have our annual Halloween Party after church on October 25th. We invite all the children of our church to come in costume that morning and stay for the festivities. There will be games, crafts, and of course candy! As always, please invite any friends who may want to share in the revelry. We always have a lot of fun and plenty of candy for everyone. If you are interested in running a craft or activity or goodies to share please contact Michelle or sign-up in Geneva Hall.

If you have any questions about our child and family programs or would like to participate in any way please contact Michelle Cottrell at 541-961-4721.

THANKS TO YOU

Mike Clark and Vern and Dave Perry
For the joint effort on the door-stop
For the front office building door!!!



Transition Team – for all the
meetings and hard work!

Our SAFETY TEAM



All the Rex Putnam Hosts

THANKS TO YOU – PAGE 2

To Art and Barbara Bradley and all
The Kitchen Volunteers for Sunday
Coffee Hour (Food Donations and
Kitchen Help!)



To Our Congregation and for
all the generous contributions
for the new roof ! And to
Bill Johnson and Marguerite Sanchez
and Dave Perry for the coordinated
efforts on the Roof Project!

To Sharon Beardsley and Pam Merwin
For keeping our Library so interesting
and organized!



WE GET 'ER DONE

First Presbyterian Church – Newport

Grounds Crew

Hi, Folks,

Thanks for coming 1 and ½ weeks ago to battle the vegetation that grows so vigorously in this ideal climate.

Also, thanks for picking up the trash and cleaning the parking lot.

YOU KEEP THE CHURCH GROUNDS LOOKING GOOD!

And Carol, welcome back! We enjoyed your refreshments very much!

Jim Dunlap





Dear Pam, The Presbyterian Women, and Dave Perry:

Thank you for always thinking about the babies in our programs!

**It's so wonderful to receive heartfelt gifts for our families from all of you.
We appreciate your generosity so much!**

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and looking forward to a peaceful fall.

Warm Regards,

Julia Young-Lorian

Lincoln County Healthy Families Program

**LOST
And
HOPES TO BE FOUND**

A very special, handmade, family heirloom may have ended up in the Rummage by mistake!

Neva Stewart asks that anyone who may remember seeing this item, or maybe have purchased it, at the rummage sale, please contact her.

Item Description: Handmade, soft-wood (possibly a soft, greyish tone)
Miniature Upright Piano (that plays), with bench

Piano stands approximately 6 inches tall

And

Is approximately 8 inches wide

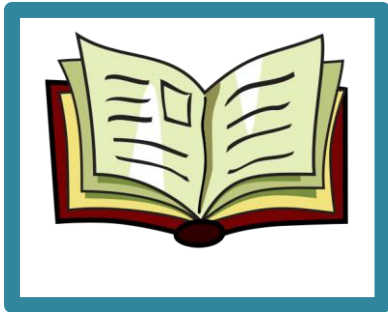


You may leave a message at her home phone or the church office.

Neva Stewart: 541-265-5766

Church office: 541-265-2841

BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



REVERSED THUNDER: THE REVELATION OF JOHN & THE PRAYING IMAGINATION, by Eugene H. Peterson. The author writes with spirit and imagination about the book of Revelation and praying. He is a talented writer and outstanding theologian. Each chapter begins with a quote from a Psalm and one from Revelations and one from an author of note. An example stays with me “To live in the past and the future is easy. To live in the present is like threading a needle.” By Walker Percy.



A PASSION FOR FAITHFULNESS: WISDOM FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH, by J.I. Packer. The author writes about Nehemiah, a great leader who accomplished much with God’s help, including the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Some of the situations today seem similar to old biblical times. Leaders today are needed who accept today’s challenges. Through this book you will discover a model for revival in the church. It is also a help for those asking for God’s help in their everyday life.

PW'S THANK OFFERING *

Where does it go?

What does it do?

In 1888 - 127 years ago - Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord." Women gave sacrificially, and were credited at that time with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church. After more than a century, Ms Clokey's vision continues. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up lives throughout the world.

This year, Presbyterian Women continue that tradition by supporting 32 projects - 22 in the United States and 10 internationally (learn more about each one by visiting this website: www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank - and also, by attending PW's October 2nd meeting). Every project must be consistent with the mission concerns and policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have a purpose that meets basic human needs, provide a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served, and must be a creative project that is less than three years old or be a new direction for an existing program. Selections are based on merit, regardless of geographic location. At least 40% of each offering is designated for health ministries.

The theme for the 2015 Thank Offering* is: "For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for God's good pleasure." - *Philippians 2:13*. Through the gifts of the Thank Offering, our Presbyterian Women offer hope to the world, confident in God's steadfast love for all humankind. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us. *

** Newport PW's "Thank Offering"*

will be received at our Friday, October 2nd Meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERINGFriday, October 2nd

12:00 Noon

A "Garden Harvest" Luncheon

at Beth Mathewson's Home *

* Please RSVP by September 27th to Jane Haskell(jnpthaskell@charter.net or 541/265-9822) *Meet in the church's parking lot at 11:30 a.m., for car-pooling to Beth's. ALSO: Closed-toed shoes are recommended if you would like to walk to Beth's garden and/or to her baby Christmas trees.*

Pam Merwin will present the mission goals for this year's "Thank Offering" which will be received during our time together (*no giving guidelines are suggested, other than to "give as you are blessed"*). A large poster on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room) depicts the observance of this important annual offering; also, a separate article, "PW's Thank Offering - Where does it go? What does it do?" appears elsewhere in this issue of *The Beacon*.

PW's fellowship is extended to ALL women of the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, bring your friend(s) and join us for our first gathering in our 2015-16 year!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 8th, in the Westminster Room. Carol Jones will hostess the meeting; Jane Haskell will lead the lesson.

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

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Two:

"Life-giving Waters – Baptism

Scripture:

Matthew 3:13-17

Lesson Focus:

The waters of baptism give life.

Lesson Two considers the meaning of baptismal waters – for Jesus, the early church, and for our lives today.

Cooking – Serving – Bring a Dessert – Cleanup

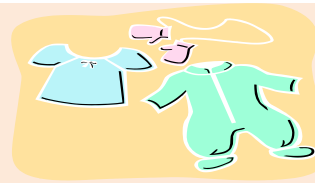
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

STONE SOUP



Our Church will serve dinner at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the third Monday of each month . . . this month date **is OCT 19TH.**

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!

AUTUMN AGENDA

NOTES – EVENTS – PLANS - TO DO'S



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For
NOVEMBER 2015
Beacon Deadline (*)
is
October 5, 2015

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

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