

The Beacon


First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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Nov. 1st	ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 5th 	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING Guest Speaker - Susan Mills
 Nov. 7th	COMMUNION SUNDAY DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 
Nov. 11th	FIRESIDE CIRCLE 9:30
Nov. 13th	ELDER AND DEACON RETREAT 9:00—3:00 GENEVA HALL
Nov. 15th	STONE SOUP 4:30 PM - ST. STEPHENS 
Nov. 19th	FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE 1:30
Nov. 21st	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Communion Sunday 
Nov. 26th <i>Thanksgiving</i> 	THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED
Nov. 28th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 



Pastor's Pencil

November, 2010

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

If you were asked to describe the theology of the Presbyterian Church with one or two words, what would they be? Would it be *Predestination*? People often connect us with that doctrine, which has many interpretations, from double predestination (some are damned and some are saved) to universal salvation (everyone is saved). How about justified by faith? We hear that phrase a lot, but it was more a favorite of Martin Luther than John Calvin.

Would it surprise you to hear the words *grace and gratitude*? Those are words familiar and common with a wide range of Reformed theologians, from Calvinist Scholar B.A. Gerrish to feminist theologian Serene Jones, in her *Cartographies of Grace*.

St. Paul writes, *but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, (Romans 5:20). That's as good a reason to be thankful this season as I can think of.*

Yours for a grateful Thanksgiving!



Pray Without Ceasing

Prayer List

Joys:

- **Michael Smith** (Kathy Heater's brother—cancer remission)
- **Louise Aunspach** (back in Newport)

Church Triumphant:

- **John Murphy**

Concerns:

- **Rogan Weinert** (Grandson of Betty Schwartz— cancer)
- **Doris Pickens** (healing from fall)
- **Brent Pickens** (pneumonia)
- **Rhonda Harman** (leg surgery)
- **Arnie Carlson** (infection)
- **Linda** (friend of Gamb's—brain cancer)
- **Bill Elam** (father of Susan Mills—lung infection)

Military

- (Kathryn Hawes' brother deploying to Afghanistan)
- **Dan** (Gladys Hartsel's son-in-law)

Lectionary Readings for

Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



- Nov. 7th:** Hag. 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thess. 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38
- Nov. 14th:** Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- Nov. 21st:** Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- Nov. 28th:** Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44

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

Dine Out for Samaritan House will be Wednesday, November 3rd at **Chalet Restaurant and Bakery**. Fifteen percent of breakfast, lunch and dinner proceeds will go to Lincoln County's only homeless family shelter. Top it off by taking home a freshly baked pie!



Church Financial Report

September Operating Income *Budgeted* \$18,289.67.

September Operating Income **Received** \$16,964.40

Year through September Operating Income *Budgeted* \$164,607.06

Year through September Operating Income **Received** \$147,258.44

Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received to date -- behind \$17,348.51.

2010 Budget

Personnel \$157,571.64

Operating Expense \$51,904.44

Mission Giving \$10,000.00

Total \$219,476.08

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dennis Hawley 3rd

Marie Jelen 5th

Kathy Rich 8th

Della Edenfield 7th

Judy Carkin 7th

Neal Henning 20th

Mike Neal 26th

Jillian Thompson 27th



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.

Mark & Cindy McConnell 10/1979

Steve & Sue Cole 1968



Contact Updates

Louise Aunspach — 525 NE 71st St. Apt.211
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Elder and Deacon Retreat

Attention Elders and Deacons!

You are invited

to a

Retreat.

Saturday, November 13, 2010

9:00 — 3:00

Geneva Hall

Lunch will be provided.

The Worship Committee

There is a new group in town...

The Worship Squared Committee...

The W2C is dedicated to seeking alternative ways of worship with hopes of enhancing our Sunday worship service as well as surveying the need for alternative services to meet the ever expanding demands of our wonderful congregation. Differing worship ideas as well as contemporary music will be the emphasis of this committee. Our first official meeting is Tuesday, October 19th at 7pm at the church. Anyone interested in new ideas please contact **David Heater** or **Susan Mills**.

"Look and listen for us at a Sunday worship service soon."



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday - November 5th

Luncheon PROMPTLY at Twelve-Noon/Program PROMPTLY at 12:30 p.m.



Mark your calendar for PW's very special November program featuring FPC's Worship Elder **Susan Mills**, who will speak to us on the role of Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) within the Presbyterian Church (... what is a CLP? ... when did the PCUSA start utilizing CLP's? ... how has the CLP role evolved over time? ... who does the CLP impact [both positively and negatively]? ... where are the gifts of a CLP utilized in the Presbyterian Church USA? ... why would it make sense to call a CLP to a particular church?). Please join us on November 5th when all of these questions (and yours, also!) will be answered.

Pam Merwin will present the mission goals for this year's "Thank Offering," which is traditionally received at our November meeting (no giving guidelines are suggested, other than to "give as your are blessed"). A large display on PW's bulletin board presents more information about this important annual offering.

November Hostesses **Jan Bauer** and **Eunice Forinash** will serve you a savory salad. Remember that PW meetings are open to ALL women of the church (members and non-members), and guests are always welcome; so, bring your friend(s), bring your own sandwich(es), and share our opportunity to become enlightened on the scope encompassed by a Commissioned Lay Pastor.

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 11th, at **Sara Brown's** home (3436 NE Benton Street, Newport). **Shirley Loeffel** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, November 19th, in the Westminster Room. **Doris Pickens** will both hostess and lead the meeting.



Women's Circle

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Three:

"Worshiping God and the Lamb -- The Heavenly Journey Begins"

Scripture: Revelation 4-5

Key Idea:

True power is found in Jesus, the Lamb.

When we recognize that power,
we join with all creation in singing praise to God.

Letters of Thanks

*Gratitude for Donations to PW's "Newborn Necessities" Mission **

From **Shelley Paeth**, R.M., Lincoln County Public Health Services: "Thank you so much for our recent gifts from you all. The 9 'onesies' outfits are SO cute - all the cute animals on the front are nice and bright. The bibs and baby wipes are always needed. The 3 quilted baby blankets are OVER THE TOP beautiful -- thank you, **Vivian!**" **



* Note #1 from PW: Our "Newborn Necessities" Mission -- which benefits Lincoln County's newest citizens -- is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but credit for its ongoing success through the years goes to our entire congregation ... our heartfelt thanks to all who continue to help. We are perpetually in need of the following items: quilts, receiving blankets, clothing (for 6 months and under), disposable diapers, diaper bags, socks, and cash donations in any amount (make tax deductible checks payable to: "Lincoln County Health & Human Services." Questions? Contact **Pam Merwin** (265-4095).

** Note #2 from PW: "**Vivian**" is our own **Vivian Johnson!**

Project Homeless Connect

Dignity Drive a Major Success

The Dignity Drive for the 2010 Project Homeless Connect was a smashing success! Thanks to everyone who donated! The big box was full and the Project Homeless Connect Committee was so extremely thankful and overwhelmed with the large number of donations. Special thanks go to **Rhonda Harman** and **Cindy McConnell**. We also thank all of those who made salads for the big meal served to our homeless neighbors at the Connect. Once again 1st Presbyterian responds to those who need help the most. You are awesome!

Jim Myers, Dignity Drive Chair



Rex Putnam Tapes For Sale

CD's are \$10 and DVD's are \$15.

You may purchase them from **Don Taylor**.

Library News

New Books For the Library

Thank you Eco-Justice Team for a new edition of the NRSV Bible **The Green Bible: Understand the Bible's Powerful Message For the Earth**. This Bible features over a thousand verses highlighted in green.

Thank you **Maxene Bahr** for **The House Where the Hardest Things Happened About Belonging** by Kate Young Calfy.

Thank you **Linda Mosley** for **For a Labor of Love: How To Write a Eulogy** by Garry Schaeffer.

Thank you **Wren Clark** for **It's Fun Finding Out About Bible Times** by Deborah Manley. This book has many good illustrations by Colin and Moira Maclean.

Other Donated Children's Books:

The Children's Bible in Story retold by James Coouch Jr. and illustrated by Michael Codd.

Noah and the Ark retold by Bill Yenne.



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Gifts For Kids Mission

FOR THE CHILDREN Christmas 2010

Early in November, our (by now familiar) Christmas Elf icon will begin to appear here and there around our Church ... he represents YOUR spirit of giving as we launch our 2010 "Gifts for Kids" Christmas Mission, which provides gifts for children living in our community who are under the protection of the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). Your "Gifts for Kids" Committee will have the "adoption" table ready in Geneva Hall after the worship service on Sunday, November 7th (and on each Sunday thereafter until all children on our list are assured of receiving a gift this Christmas) ...we'll hope to see you there!



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Plant A Row On 12th Street

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A “Growing” New Mission Opportunity at First Presbyterian!

The Community Garden, located on our church's southeast lot is about to become a resource to help fight hunger and malnutrition here in Lincoln County. The project idea comes from *Plant a Row for the Hungry* which was founded by the national *Garden Writers Association of America* (www.gardenwriters.org/gwa.php?p=par/index.html). The program encourages anyone with a garden to plant and donate surplus edibles to food banks, soup kitchens, and service organizations to help feed America's hungry.

We just recently have received permission by the Session to develop the rest of the Community Garden lot into beds with the specific purpose of growing vegetables and produce which will then be donated to *Food Share* and the *Stone Soup* kitchen for their clients. Our mission is called ***Plant A Row on 12th Street*** and would be supported by donations and volunteers who would work the plots and beds. Our website is www.12thstreetplanatarow.com. The Community Garden would still function with its current members, but we are developing 8-12 beds for the specific purpose of our *Plant a Row* project.

Like to garden? Want to get involved in developing this new mission? There are two ways you can join in this effort to fight hunger. One is to become a part of the PAR committee to develop and operate the *Plant A Row on 12th Street*. The other is to become a *Garden Tender* who will be in charge of one of the actual beds. All materials, including seeds, will be provided.

If you would like to serve please contact **Kathy and Jim Myers** at 541-270-0842 or via email at 12thstreetplanatarow@charter.net.



Creation Care & Eco-Justice News



Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer and Action

Praying for God's Creation is Focus of Nov. 6th Workshop

The interplay of prayer and caring for creation is the focus of the 6th annual Creation Care event of the Eco-Justice Team of our western Oregon Presbytery (Cascades Presbytery). On November 6th, "**Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer and Action**" starts with registration at 8:30 am and runs from **9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Road South, in Salem**. The keynote speaker is the **Rev. Sam Hamilton-Poore**, author of *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation* and Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary. He is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having served congregations in North Carolina, Missouri, and Iowa. Afternoon workshops on different facets of how congregations can care for creation will use the Presbyterian Church, USA's new Earth Care Congregations program as a framework. Worship and prayer will be woven throughout the workshop and there will be times for all to share ideas, hopes, and challenges with each other. A closing presentation will feature a dialogue on worship and spiritual formation in the context of creation care between Hamilton-Poore and **Paul Galbreath**, Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia who is doing a sabbatical exploration of the relationship of worship to the practice of caring for creation in daily life with selected congregations in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. **The cost for the event is \$25. Seniors and students are \$20.** People who register by October 22nd can get \$5.00 off registration. Registration includes locally grown lunch and a resource packet. Please check the Presbytery of the Cascades website for more information and online or "mail-in" registration (www.cascadespresbytery.org , under "Coming Events" on the home page). To register by phone: Call Dawn at 1-800-926-3223. Contact **Barry McPherson** or **Don Taylor** about car-pooling to Salem.

Share Info about Your Creation Care Activities, & Help Create New Worship

After Pastor Taylor's friend **Paul Galbreath** takes part in the November 6th conference described above, he will be at our church November 7th & 8th to talk with you in helping him design worship services that celebrate God's Creation. Our church is lucky enough to be one of six churches he will be working with to design new worship services. He will hold a session open to everyone after church on November 7th to hear from the congregation on what we are doing to care for God's Creation and discuss how that might be incorporated into worship. Then on Monday, November 8th, he wants interested individuals to come to the church and meet with him by appointment for more in-depth conversations on this topic. Contact **Barry McPherson** or **Don Taylor** if you are interested so we can schedule these conversations.

Road Trip!

The Eco-Justice Team has held two informative and fun van trips the last two years, and we are working on one for this fall. Mark your calendars tentatively for **Thursday, November 18th and Saturday, November 20th**. We want to include a tour of the **Ocean Wave Research Center at Oregon State University**, and the date will be determined by when they can give us a tour. We will also include stops at **homes, businesses, and schools that have installed solar electric panels**, and a delicious lunch at a Corvallis **restaurant specializing in local products grown organically**. Contact **Barry McPherson** or **Cindy McConnell** for more information.



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