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Mar. 8th	Fireside Circle - 9:30 am	
Mar. 11th	Potluck following worship service : “Emergency Preparedness” Bach Concert— 4:00 pm	
Mar. 13th	At Home in Lincoln County—1:30 pm	
Mar. 14th	Men’s Group at Izzy’s—6:30 pm	
Mar. 16th	Fellowship Circle— 1:30 pm	
Mar. 18th	Guest Musicians—West Salem High School Deacon Sunday “Meet Your Deacons” - following morning worship	 Guest Musicians
Mar. 19th	Stone Soup—St Stephens Episcopal Church— 4:30 pm	
Mar. 25th	Guest Speaker— Dave Heater	



Pastor's Pencil

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Psalm 22:1

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6

Many people know Psalm 23; beginning with *The Lord is my shepherd*. Often heard in worship, funerals and gravesides, it is beautiful and comforting, assuring us of Christ's constant, shepherding presence, *Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me*.

Not as well known is Psalm 22, though the first verse is familiar because it is the cry Jesus echoes from the cross. (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)

In our recent Kerygma Bible study, we talked about how Psalm 22 and 23 are meant to be read together and are closely connected. The first is of anguish, questioning, and suffering; the second is a song of certain, vivid, miraculous assurance.

As we continue our Lenten journey, it is illuminating to read both Psalms together. Doing so follows the sacrifice of Lent to the ultimate victory of Easter.

Yours for an illuminating Lenten journey,



Prayer List



Church Triumphant:

- **Catherine Devereaux**
- **Dr. Steven Brown**

Joys:

- **Arthur Allen** (recovery)

Concerns:

- **Jim Guinn** (heart problems)
- **Bob Gableman** (cancer, Ramona Martin's brother)
- **Johannah Weinert** (chemo)
- **Karen Bamer** (continuing treatment)
- **Benedict DeMark** (neurological birth problems, Kath Schonau's great nephew)
- **Gloria Snider** (colon cancer)
- **Arnie Carlson** (upcoming surgery)
- **Patricia Hensen** (broken leg)
- **Mickey Satterfield** (cancer treatment, Sandy Adams' sister-in-law)

Military:

- **Cody Harper** (deployed to Afghanistan, friend of Judy Eames)
- **Nolan Urbach** (deployed to Afghanistan)



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*. **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** 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.

Church Office Help Needed

The church is looking for **substitute** office help. If you would be able to help out occasionally in the office when our regular volunteers are unable to be there, please contact the church office or Gladys Hartsel at 541-961-8283 or 541-265-5181.

Training will be provided.

Opportunities For Service

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**.

Dine Out for Samaritan House

Mark your calendars. **Wednesday, March 7th, Chowder Bowl Restaurant** in Newport will host Dine Out for Samaritan House. Enjoy a bowl of hot chowder, fish and chips and more in historic Nye Beach as you help our homeless families.

Letters of Thanks

A Thank-You to PW from Samaritan House for Mission Gifts in 2011 *

" ... Your contributions are much appreciated ... Thank you so much for all you do! You are the Rummage Sale Queens! ... "

** PW's mission gifts are made possible by the proceeds of our Annual Rummage Sale.*

LETTERS OF THANKS



Thank you

Thank you to **Kath Schonau, Mary Kaul, Bob and Shirley Loeffel** for the new playground equipment, with **Mike Clark Construction** installing the new swing and kids basketball hoop in the playground area.



Thanks to **Mike Clark** for putting the new wheels on the communion table.

Library News

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

Two books written by the outstanding author **Henri J.M. Nouwen** were donated. They are as follows:

Letters to Mark - This book contains letters that Henri wrote to his nephew in Holland to answer his questions and guide him on his spiritual journey.

The Genesee Diary - Henri reports about spending 7 months in a Trappist Monastery as he seeks his personal commitment to God.

Also donated were:

Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for Battle by **Ted Loder**. This is a collection of prayers that the author has imaginatively written in free form poetry.

Forgiveness, the Passionate Journey by **Flora Slosson Wuellner**. The author writes about forgiving through Jesus' Beatitudes. This book might be interesting to members of our Church Circles who are studying the Beatitudes.



Bach Concert

Church Choirs Forever and Ever

Gottes Zeit

On Sunday, March 11 at 4:00 p.m., the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Newport, Oregon, will present the Cantata "God's Time is the Best Time" (Gottes Zeit ist Die Allerbeste Zeit), composed by Johann Sebastian Bach. The choir is directed by **Donald Jenkins**, Director of Music at the church and accompanied by members of the **Oregon Coast Recorder Society** and guest organist, **Myles Criss** of Corvallis.

Joannah Ball vocal student at the Boston Conservatory, will be the guest soprano soloist. **Connie Newman** of Eugene will be our guest Gamba player. **Ruth Van Order** will sing the alto solo and **Gary Thompson** the tenor/bass solos. Along with the cantata there will be a performance by Myles Criss of the Bach "Prelude and Fugue in E Flat." This is one of Bach's greatest organ pieces based upon the concept of the Trinity and utilizing the hymn tune "St. Anne." This magnificent work will be played on the twenty rank Bond pipe organ installed in July of 2008. Some additional selections will be performed by the Recorder Society. Two hymns will be sung by the entire assembly.

The concert is open to the public and should last approximately one hour. There is no charge for admission. However, donations are gratefully accepted and will be divided between Habitat for Humanity, Lincoln County Food Share, First Presbyterian Church music programs, and the Oregon Coast Recorder Society. This program is a tribute to the more than 25 members of the Chancel Choir who have passed on during the tenure of Don Jenkins as director. Their names will be read during the program.

The church is located at 227 NE 12th St. For further information call Don Jenkins at 541-961-2368.

Communion at Oceanview

Communion will be served at Oceanview Assisted Living on the first Wednesday of the month following communion at church. It will be served Wednesday, **March 7th** at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.



Newport Food Pantry

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." I've heard that proverb uttered at least a couple of times since I've been involved with the food pantry. Of course, the other side of the argument goes something like, "The Good Samaritan didn't ask how the man ended up on the side of the road. He just gave him the help he needed." There is wisdom on both sides.

There is absolutely no doubt that many people who come to the pantry don't really "need" the food we distribute. There are a host of reasons they come. Many can't cook so have to rely on more expensive food selections. Some would rather spend their disposable income on other things. And, according to hunger surveys, people who receive food stamps self report themselves as more food insecure than those in the same income bracket who aren't aware that they qualify for SNAP. That said, we have over 800 families registered to utilize the pantry. Over 50 percent of the 1,800 people in those families are children and seniors. And, as long as people who aren't able to fish need food, I am happy the pantry is available.

Even if we can't all agree on the solution to the hunger problem in Newport, we probably all know that everyone could use a boost in the amount of nutrition consumed. And, as I've stated before, one of our long term goals is to move toward providing more nutritious foods at the pantry. This means we'll need to grow a lot of our own produce in the 12th Street garden as well as relying on people to plant extra rows of carrots, kale, lettuce, zucchini, or any other vegetable that tickles the fancy. So, if you know anyone who gardens, please ask them to start some vegetable seeds for 12th Street Plant A Row or grow some extra produce in their own yards. For many of our hungry neighbors, the only fresh produce they consume comes from the pantry.

As always, we appreciate the enormous amount of support and encouragement we receive from the people at First Presbyterian Church and the Newport community. The pantry can't continue to thrive without all you do to help make it happen. Thank you all.



**A Community
Food Share Mission**

Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Friday, March 2nd

12:00-Noon-Sharp!!



World Day of Prayer Commemoration

Please pack a brown-bag lunch and join us in the Westminster Room -- 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 2012-2013 slate of officers; then, at 1:30 p.m., please join us in our Sanctuary as we host our community's observance of the 2012 World Day of Prayer, followed by a reception in Geneva Hall. 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

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 8th, at **Gladys Snedecor's** home (3337 NE Coos Street, Newport). Peggy Bickford will lead the meeting.

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

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Seven:

"Greatly Honored Are the Peacemakers!"

Scripture: *Matthew 5:9; James 2:15-16*

Key Idea: Jesus honors those who work for *shalom* as his own sisters and brothers, children of God.



Rummage Sorting Dates— Mar. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

9:00 am in Calvin Room

Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE REVIEW

Raffle Items: Our 2012 Sale will feature raffles for a beautiful quilted throw, and for two (2) \$100 gift cards (2 Drawings/2 Winners) to Fred Meyer's. Ticket pre-sales (\$1 = 1 ticket; \$5 = 6 tickets) will begin during coffee hour in Geneva Hall on Sunday, March 4th, and will continue 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 27th), and you need not be present to win!

Placard Posting: On March 26th, 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.

Cheers for our Volunteers! It takes our entire congregation to produce a successful Sale -- this means **WE NEED YOU !!** Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster 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 Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240). Please keep in mind that if you are unable to help during the Sale, there are also set-up and clean-up opportunities available for you; ALSO, 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!!) Homemade Pies to sell (slices of) in our Dining Room on Thursday and Friday of the Sale. You'll find a sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room), together with some guidance concerning Health Department restrictions. Questions? 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 that we would not select 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).

Two suggested times to bring your donations: (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 23rd) of "Rummage Week," and please delay bringing your plant donations for the Garden Department until Tuesday afternoon (April 24th) of "Rummage Week."

Please join us 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 26th, 27th and 28th, 2012

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

New Members

Diane Kathleen Eccles

I was born the first of three children, to Claire & Myrna Floutz. My brother, sister and I were all born and raised in Battle Creek, Michigan.

I went on to graduate from Western Michigan University, with an educational degree in Family & Consumer Sciences and Business. The winter before I graduated was terrible and I decided a warmer climate was for me. I took a teaching job in Southern California where I met and married the father of my two children Tara Lynn and Steven Robert. We attended the First Presbyterian Church as the children were growing up.

Thousand Oaks, California was our home for most of my adult life. Southern California was where I taught school for a few years but it was not to my liking, so I pursued the business end of my education, accounting. I was a corporate controller for a large geology company, then for a charter airline for the "rich & famous" both positions challenging and interesting.

In 1999 I married Jerry Eccles, retired, sold my home and moved to Tucson, Arizona. Jerry and I made several trips to Seattle, then Waldport to visit friends, we loved the Oregon Coast and settled on the Newport area where we bought a "summer home". The trip became too much for Jerry and the weather here was better for me, so we moved here full time. In 2009 Jerry passed away and to fill the void I spent more time quilting. Even though my two children, their spouses, plus my seven grandchildren do not live here I have the friendship and support of many in the community as well as my wonderful quilting friendships.

This is where Vivian Johnson and her family come in.



New Members continued:

Tapp/Graveline Family

We are **Wayne and Gina Tapp**, with our 16 year old son **John Graveline**. We moved from East Longmeadow, Massachusetts to the Oregon coast in 2004 when Wayne accepted a new job as Center Director for Angell Job Corps Center in Yachats. For the first 8 years here, we lived in Waldport but we have recently moved to Newport. Gina was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts and grew up in Maine. Wayne was born in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up in Montana. John was born in Bangor, Maine and has spent his childhood so far in Maine, Massachusetts and Oregon. Wayne and Gina were married in 2000, and Wayne has been John's step-dad since he was 3.

Wayne graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in secondary education, and spent his 40 year career with the federal Job Corps program working with at-risk young adults. He retired in January of 2009, and since then has been an active CASA volunteer and serves as President of the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation. In addition, he is John's primary sports coach and supporter!

Gina graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in music education. She works as Director of Human Resources for Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City. In addition, she is a musician and currently plays tenor sax and sings with the Lincoln Pops Big Band. She first came to know this church as a musician, when she sang with the Central Coast Chorale and Women of Note in the sanctuary, and appreciated the wonderful acoustics of the space.

John currently attends Newport High School where he is a sophomore. He is very active in sports, playing football (he is a serious kicker), wrestling and baseball. His goal is to attend OSU and play for the Beavers football team as a kicker. When he is not playing sports, he enjoys fishing, surfing and playing video games. He has enjoyed being part of the church's Youth Group.

Our previous church background is varied. Gina attended a Methodist church while in High School, and later was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Bangor, Maine. Wayne attended the Little Christian Church in Malta, Montana while growing up. Later when they moved to Massachusetts, the family joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Springfield. This is the family's first return to a church community since they have lived in Oregon.

Note: We are happy to be joining a church community that is actively involved in helping our local community, where music is an integral part of the services, and where we can feel comfortable as a family. We have appreciated how warm and welcoming everyone has been to us since we started attending services and we look forward to being part of this church family.

Deacon's Corner

Attention Moms and Dads!

There is now a diaper changing station in the church. It is located in the handicapped bathroom across from the coat rack. The room is for both genders so moms and dads can use it!

D.K. Beemer , Care Ministry Team	541-265-7419
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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Peggy Bickford 2nd
 Jesse Schonau-Taylor 12th
 Jacob Schonau-Taylor 14th
 Shirley Loeffel 17th
 Kath Schonau 19th
 Rhonda Harman 20th
 Gladys Snedecor 22nd
 Theresa Young 24th
 Lois Lederman 25th
 Hedy Rijken 26th
 John Soltau 31st



In an emergency who should we contact?

We have a card file in the office with that information.

If you would like us to have a file on you,

Please send the information to the office

Via mail, 227 NE12th Street

Or email office@newportfpc.org.

A Reminder From Your Editor!

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