

THE BEACON



First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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	May 1st	Communion Sunday Rummage Fashion Show/Luncheon—11:00 am
	May 6th	Presbyterian Women—12:00 Noon 
	May 8th	Mother's Day & Hat Day!
	May 9th	Family Night—5:30-7:00
	May 11th	Men's Group at Izzy's—6:30
	May 14th	PW of the Cascades Presbyter Spring Gathering
 Guest Speaker	May 15th	Guest Speaker—Dave Heater—10:00 am Deacons Meeting—11:20 am
	May 16th	Stone Soup at St. Stephen's—4:30 pm 
	May 22nd	Guest Speaker—Dave Heater 10:00 am
	May 24th	Session—7:00 pm
	May 30th	Office Closed—Memorial Day 



Pastor's Pencil

All who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

Following the resurrection, ascension and Pentecost, the disciples found themselves with a common mission and purpose. In our fractured world today we often wonder if we still can find a commonality. Sometimes, a simple gesture reminds us that it is still possible. After the tragic earthquake in Japan, many prayer requests were heard on Sunday. One was for a friend of a friend of mine, Noriko, (Nor-ee-ko), in Tokyo. When she learned we had included her in our Sunday prayers, she sent the following email:

Thank you so much for thinking of us. The situation here is still grave. Many people who were directly hit by the earthquake/tsunami have not slept in warm places, have not bathed for weeks, have not eaten decent meals..... It is hard to believe that it is actually happening in the modern industrialized country like Japan. Plus, the threat of nuclear meltdown is still ongoing. We do appreciate your prayers in such difficult times.

In the midst of terrible suffering, Noriko still appreciates our prayers. They are not so much an answer to tragedy as a heartfelt, sincere action that continues to connect us with the people of God's world.

Yours for staying connected through prayer and service,

P.S. If you are interested in learning more ways to help the people of Japan, the national Presbyterian website www.PCUSA.org, has some suggestions.

Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



May 1st:	Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
May 8th:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
May 15th:	Act 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
May 22nd:	Act 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
May 29th:	Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- **Barbara Cale**
- **Ed Branchfield**
- **Patrick Weber** (stepson of Bob Olmn)

Joys:

- **Birth of Jackson Jefferson Norman** (son of Jeff & Jennifer Norman, grandson of Barbara Cale)
- **Karen Baumer** (successful cancer treatments)
- **Karen Ebert** (successful progress in rehab)
- **Barry McPherson** (with Amore Ministries in Mexico)

Concerns:

- **Martha Sneller** (continued hospitalization)
- **Arnie Carlson** (breathing difficulties)
- **Pat Harcourt** (upcoming cancer treatment)
- **Lila Lafferty** (cancer)
- **Olga Ohm** (shingles)
- **Wendy Brooks** (Daughter-in-law of Betty Schwartz—Hospice)
- **Marlene Cites** (breast cancer)
- **Pam & Bill Elam** (parents of Susan Mills)

Military:

- **Private Richard McKim Jr.** (Brother of Kathryn Hawes)
- **Major Dan Lovelace** (Gladys Hart-sel's son-in-law)



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.

Church Office Help Needed

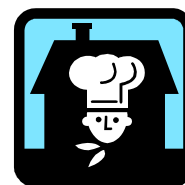
The church is looking for **substitute** office help. If you would be able to help out occasionally in the office when our regular volunteers are unable to be there, please contact the church office or Gladys Hartsel at 541-961-8283 or 541-265-5181.

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, put in your church bulletins and spread the word. We are happy to add **Szabo's Steak and Seafood** to the list of restaurants sponsoring monthly dine out's for the homeless. Join us, **Wednesday, May 4th any-time from 9 am to 9 pm**. Szabo's will donate 10 percent of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.

Thanks for your continued support!

Letters of Thanks

Thanks for sending the church's monthly newsletter. I miss the good messages, music and fellowship that I find there. Best wishes on the vegetable garden.

Anna Easley



A heartfelt thank-you for all who graciously donated the beautiful, yummy pies for this years Rummage Sale Event! We calculated that over 325 pieces of delicious pie was served and several more whole pies were sold! This is a huge part of our fund-raising efforts for the kitchen/dining area contribution towards the whole rummage sale effort.

So, again thank-you for all that contributed by baking, buying and yes, consuming these wonderful pies!

Peace and Love,

Liz, Anna and Margy- Kitchen Crew

Coffee Hour

Thanks to those who regularly donate goodies for our weekly coffee hour after worship. Those eight or ten thoughtful people who bring some treats every month are very much appreciated. Thanks also to those who pitch in to pour coffee on short notice on Sunday mornings.

Coffee is now purchased by the Eco-Justice Committee and there is a plastic bank on the serving counter for your cash donation.

Coffee hour is NOT budgeted by PW, therefore the only source of food depends on donations from those who attend each week. PW supplies juice, tea, napkins, paper plates, sugar, creamers and other PC's.

Sunday with only coffee, tea, etc. means that no one has contributed.

Questions?? Call **Carol Jones** at 541-265-2559.



Red Cross Blood Drive

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2011

1PM - 6PM

This year Gary and I are looking for someone who will take on the responsibility of the Red Cross blood drive. We have been doing it for a number of years and are ready to pass on the opportunity to someone else to head up this church outreach. It is a once a year event and we have a good list of volunteers to help out and of course we will help. The Red Cross supplies the lists of donors, does the major set up and take down and brings the juice. We are responsible for contacting the donors, checking the donors in, escorting them to the drawing stations and giving them juice and cookies after they have donated. We always have a good time and enjoy the fellowship with our fellow workers and the others from the community.

Please give us a call at [541-265-2505](tel:541-265-2505) (home) or [541-574-7787](tel:541-574-7787) (office) or email at gkg58@aol.com and we will be happy to give you all the details.

Also if you are interested in helping with the calling, registration, escorting, or bringing cookies for the June 22nd blood drive, or if you would like to donate on that day give us a call.

Thank you,

Gary and Kathy Garner

Deacon's Corner

D.K. Beemer , Care Ministry Team	541-265-7419
Dick Carkin , Treasurer	541-765-2320
Judy Carkin , Visits & Media Ministry.	541-765-2320
Nancy Cox , Care Ministry Team	541-764-2113
Kathleen Dougherty , Moderator/Session Liaison.	541-272-0012
Eunice Forinash , Prayer Chain.	541-265-7106
Jamie Hall , Greeting Cards/Phone Calls.	541-265-8887
Pat Harcourt , Secretary.	541-765-2474
Kathryn Hawes , Publicity.	541-961-6246
Lue Hoeft , Communion/Celebration of Life Receptions	541-265-5728
Linda Mosley , Memorial Service/Celebration of Life Receptions.	541-265-5867
Marguerite Sanchez , Communion	541-574-7855
Lou Yardumian , Transportation	541-264-8038



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Friday, May 6th
12:00-Noon-Sharp!
Geneva Hall



Please be with us on May 6th as we continue two traditions for our May meetings: (1) the 2011-2012 officers will be installed, and (2) the annual Birthday Offering will be received, with **Pam Merwin** presenting the mission goals for the Offering. **Dr. Krista Johnson** will return with a brief message, our planning for Newport PW's hosting of the May 14th Spring Gathering (*see separate article in this issue*) will continue, and planning for PW's 2011-2012 Year (which begins with the June 2011 Meeting) will get underway. Hostesses **Jane Haskell** and **Pam Merwin** will serve your salad and beverage. Remember that PW is open to ALL women in the Church (members and non-members), and guests are always welcome; so, bring your friend(s) and your sandwich(es) and join us!

Listed below are some details about the goals for this year's Birthday Offering. Begun in 1922, this annual offering celebrates Presbyterian Women's heritage of mission giving. For 2011, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee selected three projects to receive grants:

Project #1: ACROSS "Bring Peace Now" -- Jonglei, South Sudan: Founded in 1972, Across (www.across-sudan.org) works to improve the lives of Sudanese people by strengthening communities and promoting education. This Birthday Offering grant will help Across fund a four-pronged approach to education by: (1) producing 2,500 books; (2) sponsoring an English language course for at least five women; (3) providing teacher training workshops for at least 40 teachers; and (4) building a dormitory at Yei Teacher Training College that will house at least 60 women. In addition to the educational benefits of these projects, this initiative also will help build a culture of peaceful coexistence between traditionally warring ethnic groups, increase societal value of children (especially girls) and acceptance of women as leaders.

Project #2: MENAUL SCHOOL "Bringing the World to Menaul" -- Albuquerque, New Mexico: For more than 100 years, Menaul School (www.menaulschool.com) has educated and equipped students for leadership in the church and larger society. The campus welcomes a racially and economically diverse student body, offering day school for grades 6-12 and boarding school for grades 9-12. Financial limitations necessitated the closing of the boarding program in 2000, but with the help of a Birthday Offering grant, Menaul will reestablish its residential program. With PW's generosity, the existing dormitory will be refurbished to provide housing for approximately 20 students. Menaul also will purchase an activities van to provide transportation for its boarding students' weekend and enrichment activities.

Project #3: ANDERSON INTERFAITH MINISTRIES, INC. "Women and Children Succeeding (WACS) Program" -- Anderson, South Carolina: Anderson Interfaith Ministries (www.aimcharity.org) is an interfaith organization that provides assistance to people in need while also guiding them to function independently. One of Anderson's most innovative and successful programs, Women and Children Succeeding (WACS), offers various supports to parents so they can return to school. A grant from the Birthday Offering will allow Anderson Interfaith Ministries to strengthen WACS by providing funds for (1) modifying and renovating two WACS facilities, centralizing staff and adding training capacity; (2) adding a parental education component; (3) purchasing land for much-needed parking; and (4) hiring an asset-building coordinator, who will help clients with financial literacy.

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 these important projects, please take time to observe the beautiful poster commemorating the 2011 Birthday Offering on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room).

Rummage Sale News

RUMMAGE RESULTS

(Not-Quite-Ready!)

Because the deadline for the May issue of *The Beacon* occurred BEFORE the dates of the 2011 Rummage Sale, the monetary results were not available to submit. What IS available in great abundance is the gratitude of our Presbyterian Women for the efforts of those who help produce our Sale each year! Look for more details of the 2011 Sale in *The Beacon's* June issue; prior to that time, however, our "Rummage Results" will be posted on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Room).



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 12th at **Pam Merwin's** home (1135 NE Lakewood Drive).

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, May 20th, in the Westminster Room. **Hap Tallamante** will both hostess and lead the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Nine

"Journey Into the New Jerusalem"

Scripture: *Revelation 21-22*

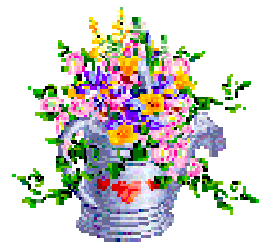
Key Idea:

God comes to live with us in the New Jerusalem,
and Revelation calls upon people to live as citizens of
God's New Jerusalem even in the heart of empire.



PW Spring Gathering

Calling all women of the Church (members and non-members) ... **YOU** are invited to join your Presbyterian Sisters of the Presbytery of the Cascades on Saturday, May 14th, when Newport PW hosts the annual Spring Gathering. The Key-note Address is entitled: "Friendship with Cambodia" and will be presented by **Cari Gleason**. Our own **Susan Mills** will lead worship. The *New Horizons Bible Study, The Beatitudes* will be previewed by **Kathy Conner**. Other features of the day include a *Horizons* Skit, a business meeting with election and installation of officers, and Show & Tell (bring something you would like to share). An array of handcrafted items will be available for sale. Registration is \$10.00. Questions? Contact Newport PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240).



Peace Village

Peace Village in Newport July 25-29

Six area churches are pooling their time and talents to offer a week-long Peace Village, a multicultural day camp for children in our community from July 25-29. Designed for ages 6-13, Peace Village will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Newport. The Planning Team includes the host church as well as Atonement Lutheran, Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, St. Luke's and St. Stephen's Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist, and members of the Buddhist and Native American traditions.

Our church is a member of the Interfaith Community for Peace and Justice which is organizing the Newport Peace Village, a program which began in Lincoln City over 15 years ago. Each participating church will be responsible for helping at one day of the program. We will provide snacks for everyone, prepare lunch for staff, and have a team of volunteers supervising children at lunch so the staff can have a real break. Our church's representative will recruit cooks and volunteers for that day, and identify those who can provide leadership or assistance for other activities. If you have experience working with groups of kids with arts, crafts, music, games, or storytelling, please let us know.

Children from participating churches will be given priority for registration until May 15 when it will open to all children in the community. If your children or grandchildren want to be included in this fun and meaningful week, turn in the application early. If you want more information, application forms, or to sign up to help, contact our church's Peace Village Planning Team member(s): _____

In coming months watch for more news about this exciting ecumenical project!

Church planning Team Member(s)

Atonement - Rhonda Harman & Alan Paulsen

First Presbyterian - Nathan Green, Rhonda Harman, & Dave Heater

Sacred Heart - Linda Clark, Virginia Fisher & Mary Minor

St. Luke's - Jeanne St. John

St. Stephen's - Norm & Jean Bishop, Darleen Searcy

Unitarian - Jen Wimpress

Parish Nurse



Parish Nurse Notes

I am grateful for your warm welcome as your new Parish Nurse. I have received many expressions of kindness and offers of support and I look forward to serving you in this ministry. There has been significant “behind the scenes” work going on to get the Parish Nurse office and services transitioned. Doris Pickens has done a tremendous job of establishing the program and working with the congregation for these past years...hers are big shoes to fill! I have been working with Doris and the church staff during this transition process.

Here is a summary of some of the work being done:

- Going through the office and making sure all materials are up-to-date
- Re-establishing the Health and Wellness Committee, a vital part of the Parish Nurse Program providing guidance regarding the work of the Parish Nurse and services provided
- Reading and studying the Parish Nurse Scope and Practice Guidelines as well as the Oregon Board of Nursing rules and regulations for Parish Nurses
- Listening to FPC members and staff regarding their vision and wishes for the Parish Nurse Program
- Attending FPC staff meetings to learn about specific needs of the congregation

Please pray for us in this work that we will know and follow God’s will for this ministry.

Thank you,
Sandy Adams, RN

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, May 4th at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.



12th Street Plant A Row

Spring is Coming! Honest!

Wet, windy, cold and little sun. Welcome to spring of 2011. Seemed like winter just wouldn't let go!

The gardening season, which usually commences in March, is getting a delayed start. So next month we will begin our planting for our Plant A Row for the Hungry (PAR) project at First Presbyterian!

If you you would like to become involved by becoming a Row Sponsor, which simply means donating \$75 for the year to help underwrite some of our costs, or a Garden Tender and actually come out and work with us in the garden, contact Kathy & Jim Myers at 541-270-0892 or email 12thstreetplanatarow@charter.net. Visit our website at www.12thstreetplanatarow.com.

We appreciate any support you may have to offer in this effort to help provide the hungry of Newport with good and nutritious food that we grow right here at First Presbyterian.



New Member Classes

New Member Classes will begin Sunday, May 29th,
11:30 am in the Westminster Room
New members will formally unite with our church
on Pentecost Sunday, June 12th.



Church Financial Report

March Operating Income *Budgeted* \$17,141

March Operating Income **Received** \$14,862

2011 Operating Income *Budgeted* \$51,424 *Year to date*

2011 Operating Income **Received** \$54,144 **Year to date**

Difference in Budgeted versus Received for year to date \$2,720.

March Actual Expenses \$13,495

Actual Expenses Year to Date \$50,574

2011 Budget

Personnel \$142,429

Operating Expense \$58,268

Mission Giving \$ 5,000

Total \$205,697

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Andrew Eastman 1st

Kari Lee 2nd

Casey Hawes 3rd

Gladys Hartsel 8th

Ken Layton 9th

Carol Hall 9th

Anne Southcott 15th

Eren Neal 21st

Joy Newman 22nd

Mike Eastman 23rd

Dave Heater 23rd

Tami Johnson 25th

Hannah Schonau-Taylor 26th

Helyn Layton 26th

Pam Merwin 26th

Kirsten Ruddiman 28th



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Attention!

No Beacon for June - Aug.

**The article deadline for Sept. is
Aug. 8th.**

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