

The Beacon

First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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February 5th 	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING Meet at noon with Bill Hall to discuss Lincoln County homeless
February 14th TRANSFIGURATION <i>of the Lord</i> 	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 10:00am Worship Service and Communion Valentine's Day
February 17th 	ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday service at 12pm Brown Bag Bible Study at 1pm
February 21st 	1ST SUNDAY IN LENT Join us as we begin the Lenten Season
February 28th Congregational Meeting 	2ND SUNDAY IN LENT 11:00am Congregational Meeting following Worship

Pastor's Pencil

*He was despised and rejected by others,
A man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.*

Isaiah 53:3a

Lent comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 17th. We just celebrated Jesus' birth in the manger and now it is time to contemplate his death on the cross. Are we ready for such a dramatic shift? The answer is not an easy one, for Lent is a journey that is both hard to embark on and difficult to understand.

Christmas offers *Peace on earth, good will to all*. It is a popular time with decorations and song, family and friends, exchanging gifts, catching up on the past year and making hopeful plans for the next.

Lent is not peace or joy; it is sad, sorrowful, and tragic. Why then even pay attention to it? Who wants to suffer, who wants to grieve? The traditional answer is that we offer entry into the Lenten journey because, as the saints of old have witnessed, this path can lead to a *peace that passes all understanding* and a joy that is fearfully awesome.

Yours for the mysterious opportunities of Lent,



Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study

February 3rd: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

February 10th: Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 17th: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Romans 11:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13 (1pm after Ash Wednesday Service)

February 24th: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35



Dine Out for Samaritan House

The **Newport Café** (across from Probuild on Hwy 101) will sponsor the February Dine Out for Samaritan House. They will contribute 20 percent of proceeds **Wednesday, February 3, 2010**. Open 24 hours they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner or join them for a midnight snack! Their phone number is 541-574-6847.



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.



Student Donations Needed

We need blankets, sweatshirts, and heavy coats for homeless students and families. Items can be left at the church office.

Thank you, Robert Park

**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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anna Easley 1 st	Toni Mueller 11 th
Jane Haskell 1 st	Don Taylor 11 th
Jan Bauer 2 ^{ns}	Connie Hildebrand 14 th
Sarah Shindelman 4 th	Shirley George 14 th
Joe Paradise 4 th	Don Merwin 20 th
Mignonne Pride 4 th	Barbara Cale 21 st
Marianne Mendenhall 5 th	Justin Layton 23 rd
Dorri Knutson 9 th	Miranda Herzog 26 th



The Beacon Newsletter Team

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the second Monday of
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February 8th

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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!

Prayer Listing for First Presbyterian

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

- Gene Bateman
- Murial Penznecker (Olive Triplett's daughter, Clair Finnigan & Pat Neal's sister)
- Catherine McEachern (beloved relative of Velma Burket)
- Rev. Harold Kurtz (friend of Merwins)
- Greg Seems (Neva Stewart's brother)
- T.J. Brooks
- Lillian Jensen
- Joe Howard (father of Theresa Fredrickson)
- Jean Fredrickson (Theresa Fredrickson's mother-in-law)
- John Dygert
- Cy Lane

CONCERNS:

1.13.09 Need a volunteer to direct Stone Soup; Bill Elam (father of Susan Mills-pleurisy); Al Steffen (gall bladder)

1.03.10 Mark Darrington & wife, Sandy (friends of Betty Schwartz-acute care in hospital after being hit by a car); Dan Blewitt (friend of Martha Sneller's-brain surgery); Cindy Hogman (battling cancer while her husband, Sgt. Gary Hogman, serves in Iraq); Joyce Paulsen (friend of Linda Dehaven-bladder cancer); Steven Wilson (friend of Susan Mills-life transitions); Pvt. Whitney Bollman (granddaughter of Don & Mary Kuenzli-serving in Iraq); Sue Satterfield (mother of Sandy Adams-health concerns); Lorel (Merwin's friend-cancer reoccurrence)

12.29.09 Bill Elam (father of Susan Mills-recurrence of pneumonia); Doug Latta (hospice)

12.13.09 Louise Scofield (Shirley Scott's sister-stroke); Greg Seems (Neva Stewart's brother); Jim Matthew's (Linda Mosley's son-in-law); Agnes Thompson (health); Theresa Fredrickson (loss of three family members)

12.09.09 Clyde Plants (Aimee's grandfather-Hospice); Charles Burke (friend of Betty Owens); Bill Johnson (surgery Dec. 18th)

12.01.09 Mason Carney (Connie's great-grandson-surgery); Christopher Rivera (soldier in Iraq, currently on mission); Elaine Todd (friend of Sandy Adams, neck and back pain)



Pray Without Ceasing

Contact Updates

Ruby Cooper has made great progress at Salem Stroke Rehab and is now staying with her daughter Tina for a few months. The temporary mailing address is:

1651 Almond Lane NW,

Salem, Oregon, 97304.

Her new phone is 1-503-991-9122 or 1-503-588-8668.

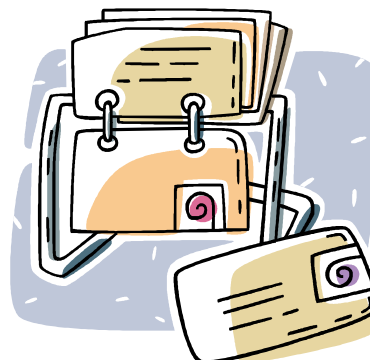
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Letters of Thanks

For your kind words and loving messages during Muriel's long illness and subsequent passing, we thank all of our church family.

Olive Triplett, Clair Finnigan
Susan Harris, Pat Neal



Two (2) Notes of Gratitude

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

From **Shelley Paeth**, R.N., Lincoln County Public Health Services:

Note #1: "What a wonderful Christmas gift to find the check for \$50** on my desk this morning! You are always so generous and thoughtful. Christmas can be a tough time for families -- this is wonderful.

Note #2: Thank you so much for your continued gifts of blankets, socks, infant outfits, sleepers and onesies! Everything is so cute and useful. We appreciate so much, your continued support of the new families in our community. We wish you all happy holidays, and again ... thank you!"

* 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. Questions? Contact **Pam Merwin** (265-4095).

** The check was from a private benefactor -- not from FPC or PW funds.



(Dated 12/22/09) - Merry Christmas! Hope this reaches **The Beacon** this time. I sent a "Thank You" letter a little over a month ago but it never appeared in print -- so my apologies for the late thank you, especially to **Carol Jones and Eunice Forinash** who spent hours in my walk-in closet packing up all my clothes; then later in the day, **Jim and Pam Gamb** came in and made it possible to leave early the morning of 26 October; also, to **Pam Merwin** for digging and potting up plants for me to take to California; to **Jane Haskell** for preparing a beautiful Photo Memory Book to commemorate my farewell party at our October 18th Coffee Hour; and again to **Carol Jones** who delivered the Memory Photo Book and the Messiah Book after I inadvertently left them at the Church!

I'm all settled in at my daughter Mary's home which we built in 1952 on 3+ acres of dry pasture land. Lily has adjusted well to Mary's many cats, especially one small pure white kitten ... they sleep together on the couch in the family room. Mary has become an excellent caregiver, so I'm really getting spoiled. Already have a library card, so haven't done much gardening. Many plants are still on the patio, but some are in the spare bedroom waiting for warmer weather. Moved down here to get warm, but it's been cold -- 54 this afternoon.

Seasons Greetings to all --
I sure miss all of you.
Love ya, Louise Aunsbach



Presbyterian Women Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday, February 5th

Twelve-O'Clock-Noon-Sharp!

For the fourth consecutive year, we shall welcome our own **Bill Hall**, Lincoln County Commissioner, as our February Guest Speaker. We are grateful to Bill for making time in his schedule to update us on the realities of Lincoln County's homeless individuals, and also on the status of alcohol and drug abuse in our community. Each of us will furnish our own (brown-bag) lunch for the February meeting and a free-will donation will be received (***suggested amount: the equivalent of lunch at a restaurant***) -- this offering will benefit the homeless in our community. February Hostesses **Clair Finnigan and Gladys Hartsel** will serve our beverages and devotions will be presented by **Jean Barker**. Remember that the monthly meetings of Presbyterian Women are open to ALL women of the church (members and non-members) and we cordially welcome guests; so, please bring the following: (1) your friend(s), (2) your own brown-bag lunch(es), (3) whatever amount you can dedicate to our special offering to benefit our community's homeless -- and join us for PW's fellowship and Bill's enlightening program!



Circle Meetings

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, **February 11th**, at **Gladys Snedecor's** home (3337 NE Coos Street). **Carol Rehfuss** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, **February 19th**, in the Westminster Room. Hostess will be **Hap Tallamante**.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Six:

"Outsiders Become Insiders: Rahab and the Gibeonites"

Scripture: *Joshua* 2:1-24; 6:25; 9:3-27

Key Idea: The call to acceptance is revealed even in the book of *Joshua* -- Rahab and the Gibeonites are signs of hope for all who are lost and outcast.

Rummage



RUMMAGE REMINISCES, RESONANCES AND REQUESTS

*("PW" and "Rummage" -- by any other names,
they really remain about the same!)*

Over 100 years ago -- in December 1907, our Newport Presbyterian Women were known as the "Presbyterian Ladies' Aid," and they held a "Church Bazaar" on December 13th in a log cabin! They issued their invitation in verse -- a copy of which you'll find posted on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). As you read this clever invitation of yesteryear, you'll see that the gist of it is still true today -- as the present-day members now known as "Presbyterian Women" prepare for what they now call their "Rummage Sale."

Although our Sale is sponsored by PW, it takes our entire congregation to produce it -- we can't do it without YOU!! We invite you to become an important part of this church-wide endeavor by considering (one, some, or all of) these volunteer/donation opportunities:

- Fill a Chairperson position -- in either the Men's Clothing Department or the Housewares Department (you could chair the department alone, or you could co-chair with your spouse or another friend).
- Provide plant cuttings, divisions and bulbs -- to be delivered to our Garden Department on Tuesday afternoon of Rummage Week.
- Provide one or more pies (a total of 70 are needed) -- to be served in our Dining Room on Thursday and Friday of the Sale (sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board).
- Provide **CLEAN!!** rummage donations -- 4"x5" "**Do Not Donate**" cards are available at five convenient locations within the Church: (1) **Library window**, (2) **North window in Geneva Hall**, (3) **window next to the Office Door**, (4) **Calvin Room Door**, and (5) **PW's bulletin board**. They'll help you determine what we can accept (*please note that a new addition to the "Do Not Donate" list this year is "Christmas Garland"*).
- Be a Friday "Sorter" -- join us for fellowship and fun as we sort and "departmentalize" our rummage donations each Friday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Provide "Rummage Week" Help -- needed are: **sales staff** for each department; **vehicles + strong arms and backs** for pick-up and delivery of large items; **snack-foods** to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Rummage Week; **"pricers"** of our wares (Monday-Wednesday of "Rummage Week"); **set-up and/or clean-up volunteers**.

Questions? Call Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867).

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 22nd - 24th, 2010

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

County Charities Benefit



Dear Friends,

The third annual "Gift from the Heart" Classic High Tea will take place on **Sunday, February 7, 2010**, at 2PM at the Pacific Shores Motorcoach Resort Clubhouse, 6225 N. Hwy 101, Newport. The proceeds from this event, hosted by the Concerned Friends of the Homeless and Needy, will be donated this year to the Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter, Stone Soup kitchen, and the Newport Backpack Program.

While enjoying a menu featuring sorbet, fruit, sandwiches, savories, scones, and desserts, guests will be treated to a fashion show of twenty vintage wedding gowns, dating back as far as 1890. There will be a raffle for a 45 x 45" quilted "watercolor" wall hanging made by **Virginia Fisher** and for a 70 year old Lane Hope Chest, filled with many beautiful vintage items, including hand-embroidered linens, a handmade crocheted afghan, satin pillowcases, and candlesticks. Many other special items will be featured in the silent auction, including two quilted wall hangings made from vintage fabrics donated by **Lucinda Franck**, of Siletz, assembled and hand-quilted by **Virginia Fisher**.

Tickets, \$25 each, can be ordered by calling **Ellen Cowden**, Treasurer of the Concerned Friends, at 541-574-6407. Help the growing number of needy in our community as you enjoy a very memorable afternoon! Order an extra ticket for your mother, daughter, or friend!

Prayer Chain

Good evening every one,

This will, I hope, be my last request for prayers for a long time. I will be leaving the leagues of the Prayer Chain after many years and I will admit that I shall miss it. It is a very satisfying ministry and I want to thank all of you for keeping me informed when we had need for prayer for anyone. We have prayed for many, many people, weather they were of our congregation or not. You can never have too many prayers. I especially want to thank you for bringing my son Charles home from Iraq and most recently for walking with my little Mason Carney and his recent surgery. I don't know how I would have done so well without all of you. My family is most grateful for your help.

Since I hope this will be **Eunice's** turn to lead you, I want to thank the entire church for all your help. To celebrate it seems only right and proper that I end my terms with a JOY!!! I got a call tonight that **Lila Laverty** has received a clean slate from the Portland Hospital that all her tests have come back clean, and she is feeling so much better. After many, many tests there is no sign of cancer. The scare came from an unusual germ causing a bladder infection and it apparently spread and they thought it was a resumption of the trouble she had a few months earlier. Thank God, it was not. You can never have too many prayers.

My Blessings to all of you, we had 159 calls for requests for prayer this year and you surely stepped forward with vigor. I know you will support **Eunice Forinash**, your new leader, and my prayers will be with you every time.



**Grace and Peace,
Connie Hildebrand**

Deacons Corner

Deacons are elected to serve a 3 year term beginning the month of January.

These Deacons -

Doris Beemer
 Dick and Judy Carkin
 Kathleen Dougherty
 Theresa Frederickson
 Kathy Garner
 Pat Harcourt
 Kathryn Hawes
 Chuck Norman
 Shirley Scott

WELCOME

Linda Mosley - who begins her second term heading up the Celebration of Life Committee.

Eunice Forinash - will head up the prayer chain. If you have any questions or would like to participate please call Eunice.

Marguerite Sanchez - will be in charge of preparing communion for our services.



Virtuosi

First Presbyterian Church has a new music program called the Virtuosi Academy! Virtuosi literally means "many masters." In traditional education, there is one master and many learners - the philosophy at work here is that one master will create many. Check out the programs and the prices at: virtuosiacademy.org

To schedule your lesson, email **Krista** at virtuosi.academy@gmail.com Virtuosi Academy: Where I Am A Master.



Per Capita

PER CAPITA 2010 is \$22.55

This annual payment is based on each church's total membership and paid in the first quarter of 2010. You can help defray our costs from the general budget by volunteering to contribute your per capita of **\$22.55** for each member (two members in a household would be **\$45.10**). Please mark your checks "per capita" in the memo line. Your support is greatly appreciated!

~ Your Stewardship Team and Financial Secretaries

New Member Profile

Meeja Kim Hutson

Meeja Kim Hutson was born in North Korea in 1942.

In 1945, by the grace of God, her family escaped to South Korea. It was somewhat like the story in the movie "The Sound of Music", however during low tide they walked through the Yellow Sea, rather than through the beautiful Alps of Switzerland and Austria.

Since then, she and her family have always believed as Presbyterians.

In 1963 she received a Bachelor of Arts degree at Ewah Women's University in Seoul, Korea, with a major in Christian Education.

In 1966, Meeja married David Hutson, who was a music educator and Carnegie Hall performer. God the Father took him to heaven six months ago.

Meeja worked for Safeway Inc., for 25 years as a bookkeeper and clerk.

In 1971 she became an American citizen (38 years ago).

She has a son Andrew Hutson, of Mesa, Arizona; and a daughter, Jennifer Sykes, and granddaughter, Alyssa Sykes, who reside in Southern California.

She settled in Waldport, OR 12 years ago.

Meeja's favorite verse is found in Isaiah 40:8, *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.* Amen.

[Signed]

Meeja K. Hutson

[Get acquainted with Meeja and find out more about this enjoyable lady.]



Haiti Relief

On January 12th a powerful earthquake hit near Port-au-Prince, Haiti, one of the poorest nations in the Western hemisphere. Millions of people have been affected by this disaster and unknown numbers are feared dead.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working to provide emergency supplies and services to Haiti. If you would like to help you can donate money to our church, be sure to write Haiti Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on the check or envelope. Or go to www.pcusa.org/pda for instructions to make hygiene and baby kits or to read updates of the church's response.

The easiest thing that everyone can do is PRAY. Lift up the people of Haiti and all of those providing aid in your prayers.





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