

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Nov. 2nd	Elder/Deacon Training	10 am – 2pm
Nov. 3rd	Communion Sunday	
	Daylight Saving Time Ends	
Nov. 7th	Read and Feed	4:30 – 7 pm
Nov. 11th	Veterans Day	
Nov. 13th	Men's Group @ Izzys	6:30 pm
Nov. 14th	Fireside Circle	9:30 am
Nov. 15th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm
Nov. 18th	Stone Soup	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Nov. 28th	Thanksgiving Day (office closed)	

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October Choir Schedule

Wed. Practices – 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Nov. 6th, 13th, & 20th

Sun. Rehearsals – 9:00 – 9:45 am
Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

Pastor's Pencil

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

What is the hardest instruction in the Bible? Anyone who has sought to live out the great commandment to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. **And** Love your neighbor as yourself, “knows how challenging that is. Even so, St. Paul’s teaching to *Give thanks in all circumstances* is not far behind.

Wouldn’t our lives be so much easier if the Apostle had instead said, “In all circumstances, gripe and complain and make a big fuss?” Certainly there is a lot of material to work with there, as any short time spent with one of our news media outlets will quickly demonstrate.

But to give thanks in everything, which means not only the many blessings we too often take for granted, but even the challenges, the struggles, the hardships, did Paul really expect us to be grateful for all of those? Can he be serious?

Yes, he was, which is why it is important to remember what comes right before this teaching, *Pray without ceasing!* We can’t expect to give thanks all the time without some spiritual help. True gratitude, like true love and forgiveness, are gifts from God.

Along with the many blessings to consider this Thanksgiving; wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could add the gift of a grateful heart? It’s time to start praying!!

Yours for true thanksgiving,

Don

Prayer List

Church Triumphant

- ❖ Tom Winniford – father of Wren Clark

Joys:

- ❖ Repairs and upgrades to the church

Concerns:

- ❖ Helen Jones – recovery from broken shoulder
- ❖ Marie Jelen – recovery from broken collar bone

Youth & Missions:

- ❖ Marcus Luther – Teach To America
- ❖ Candice Mettle – studying in Germany

Local:

- ❖ Salmon fishermen – including Kinder Cotrell on “Last Dance”

Opportunities For Service



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, serve 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.**

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels need 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 www.mowaa.org.

Church Office Help Needed

The church is looking for volunteer substitutes in the office from 9:00 am to noon. Please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

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.

Questions? Contact Pam Merwin at 541-265-4095



Newborn Necessities

Dine Out for Samaritan House

Mark your calendars now for Dine Out for Samaritan House on Wednesday, **November 6th at Chalet Restaurant and Bakery.** Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at this local favorite as they contribute 15 percent of the days proceeds to the homeless family shelter. And don't forget those delicious homemade pies as well as a treat from Chalet's newest feature, Karly's



Presbyterian Women Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No November PW Meeting;

Please join us for our next meeting
on Sunday, December 1st.

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 14th, at **Jane Haskell's** home (415 NW 19th Street, Newport). **Shirley Loeffel** will lead the meeting. *Note: Due to parking constraints, carpooling is recommended -- please meet at the church at 9:10 a.m., and caravan to Jane's.*

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, November 15th in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Three:

"Set Free by God"

Scripture: *Exodus 4:18-13:16*

Key Idea: God's power brought about the Hebrew people's freedom,
and the Passover meal still celebrates
the miraculous night when God protected them.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Christmas 2013

Early in November, our friendly Christmas Elf icon will once again begin to appear here-and-there around our church ... he represents our spirit of giving, as we launch our 2013 "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 (CAC) 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 3rd (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!



LETTERS OF THANKS



(More)
Thank-You's from Recipients of
PW's Mission Gifts *

A listing of 2013 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts* appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). The September and October issues of ***The Beacon*** contained excerpts from some of the thank-you letters/notes received -- here are three more:

From **Naomi Shadwick** (Board Member), Progressive Options: "Thank you so very much for partnering with us in serving the citizens of Lincoln County who have disabilities. Your gift ... really helps us in the day to day functions that have to be met. ..."

From **Pam Salisbury** (Executive Director) and **Mark J. Miranda** (Board Chair) Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County: "Thank you - we can't do it without you! ... The Board of Directors and staff ... are grateful for your support that makes it possible for us to listen to the voices of the children in our community. ... Without your continued support we would not be able to do what we do! ..."

From **Shangri-La Corporation**: " ... Shangri-La cannot thank you enough for your generous and continued support. We thank you for the work you are doing in the Newport community. We will use your gift to enrich the lives of the people we support in Newport."

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

Thank you

Thanks to **Dave Heater, Toby Sanchez, Bob Dougherty, Russell Hildebrand, Don Taylor and Gina Lutz** for moving a large wooden entertainment center and desk from Oceanview to the Church Office Hallway for the Rummage Sale.

Thank you to Frank and Peggy Wood for the new entry-way office sign, designed by Norm Halsey. It looks perfect with the splendid new paint job by Wood's Painting.

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Chocolate
Coffee
Christmas
Classic

Columbia
Bank
Columbia State Bank

Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8

9:00a.m. ~ 4:00p.m.

10:00a.m. ~ 3:00p.m.

Newport Intermediate School

Welcome to the Oregon Coast's Biggest Holiday Expo!

Need gift giving ideas? This is the place! Over 50 vendors under one roof with gifts for everyone on your list! Art, jewelry, creations for kids, pottery, hand bags, wood craft products, photography, specialty foods and much more! Live music with the Sweet Adelines!

Special Added Attraction:

**Chocolate makers and Coffee roasters with gift packages for sale!
And free samples too!!!**

Special lunch for purchase benefiting Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter on Saturday and a terrific High Tea Luncheon on Sunday!

Your admission by donation benefits

*HELP Program of Lincoln County School District for homeless students
& Newport Food Pantry/Operation Snackpakes emergency food programs.*



From the Pantry

"Thank you for the delicious meal. I'll see you next month." That comment was music to my ears as this smiling lady left Read & Feed with her three young grandchildren. Thanks to the lovely ladies of Altrusa, we served up a yummy dinner featuring four different styles of chili. The craft they presented gave each child the opportunity to take home a hard cover book fully illustrated by him or her. What a treat.

This was our 2nd Read and Feed this year and, when two of the children entered, they each asked me if I remembered them from last month. The desire to be known and appreciated starts at a very young age and is far more important to kids than "what's for dinner" or anything else on our adult agendas. Even with that great reminder at the top of the evening, it was difficult for me to take off my Martha hat because I had entered the kitchen with my own ideas of what needed to happen when. Fortunately, God provided an abundant number of Altrusa Mary's to spend time with the young ones and remind them that they are memorable, special and a pleasure to know.

We look forward to each coming month as God provides the opportunity to visit with each of the young people who come to Read and Feed. It is exciting to watch them grow and to observe their talents unfold. As always, we thank First Presbyterian Church for their gracious hospitality. These evenings mean so very much to the families who attend.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Eunice Forinash** on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Taylor Johnson, on October 10, 7lb., 20 inches long, born to **Steve and Kristen Johnson**.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

Dennis Hawley 3rd

Marie Jelen 5th

Judy Carlin 7th

Mark & Cindy McConnell
10/1979

Neal Henning 20th

Steve & Sue Cole 1968

Jillian Thompson 27th

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Beacon Deadline

for

December

is

Nov. 11th



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