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Upcoming Events

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Feb. 3rd	Presbyterian Women Meeting—Noon	
Feb. 5th	Communion Sunday	
Feb. 9th	Fireside Circle - 9:30 am	
Feb. 12th	Guest Speaker—Luke Rembold Junior Bach Festival	
Feb. 14		
Feb. 17th	Fellowship Circle - 1:30 pm	
Feb. 20th	Presidents' Day - Office Closed Stone Soup at St. Stephen's 4:30 pm	
Feb. 22nd	Ash Wednesday Service—Noon Bible Study - 1:00 pm	
Feb. 26th	Congregational Meeting & Potluck following worship service	





Pastor's Pencil

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

Ash Wednesday, which begins the Lenten Journey, is February 22nd, the First Sunday of Lent the 26th.

In the Luke passage above Jesus senses that the time for him to be taken up is near and he begins his journey towards Jerusalem. If he didn't have faith he would be resurrected, would he have gone to meet certain death? Or another way to ask the question is, "What difference does Heaven make?"

If we too had the certain faith of Jesus, of death leading to God, what difference would that make in our lives? This is the theme of our Lenten Series, *The Difference Heaven Makes!*

For example, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's faith led him to oppose Hitler, be arrested and sentenced to death. On the day he was hung, he asked fellow inmate, Captain Payne Best to pass on a message for him to Bishop Bell, *For me this is the end but also the beginning. With him I believe in the principal of our universal Christian brotherhood, which rises above all national interests.*

"What difference does Heaven make?" That is the question we will be asking beginning on Ash Wednesday, 12 Noon in the sanctuary.

Yours for a meaningful Lenten journey,
Don Taylor

Prayer List



Church Triumphant:

- Della Edenfield
- Tommy Johnson
- Gary Garner
- Sue Vance (John McClellan's cousin)

Joys:

- Stacey Hamelin (cancer free)
- Kathryn Adams (successful eye treatment)

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)

Military:

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



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

The Newport Cafe, 534 N. Coast Hwy, will again host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, February 1st. Open 24 hours, the Cafe serves a hearty breakfast, lunch, dinner or late night bite. Newport Cafe will donate 15% of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter. Mark your calendars, put in your church bulletins and spread the word.

Gifts For Kids

"GIFTS FOR KIDS"

Christmas Mission 2011 Accomplished!

From our hearts to yours -- thank you from Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee to our Presbyterian Community -- you've ensured that 133 at-risk children in Lincoln County under the protection of the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center (LCCAC) and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) received a gift to open at Christmas-time!

Our benefactors who love to shop "adopted" and lovingly selected gifts for a total of 89 children; our benefactors who find it difficult to shop made generous cash donations, with which our own First Presbyterian Youth (FPY) carefully custom-shopped for a total of 44 children. Making thoughtful age/gender selections were the following members of FPY and their adult advisors: **Sydney Brunca, Johnny Graveline, Brianna Kelley, Baylee Layton, Jake Massie, Luke Rembold, Carrie Russell, Paige Schindler, Seth Wenger**, Director of Christian Education **David Heater**, and "Gifts For Kids" co-Chairs **Barbara and Art Bradley** (additionally complementing the group were FPY alumna **Kim Callahan** and her young friend **Julian!**). Presbyterian Women extend grateful recognition to each "Shopper Extraordinaire;" also, to **Sue and Bill Taylor** of Sandcastle Toys for allowing a discount for this mission, and again to our generous and caring benefactors whose cash donations made it all possible!!

An FYI concerning monetary donations: In order to allow time sufficient to accomplish the "adoptions" and shopping (by FPC/FPY) and the gift inspections, wrappings and deliveries (by LCCAC and DHS), the list of children must be furnished to our Committee each year in October; inevitably, though, more children are admitted to the system in the months of November and December. The "Gifts For Kids" Committee carefully monitors the donation amounts in order to balance what is received against the cost of FPY's shopping for those not chosen from our list; however, although our goal is not to ask for more than is needed, it is impossible to collect what is needed to the exact penny. Question: *What happens to any extra amount received?* Answer: *Priority dedication is to additional gifts for the November/December-entry children; any further amount remaining is deposited in LCCAC's New Clothing Fund.**

** The New Clothing Fund was a long-time dream of the Children's Advocacy Center, for those children who enter the system lacking essential wearing apparel. The fund's seed money was provided in 2005 by "Gifts For Kids" benefactors!*

Our annual Christmas mission is PW-sponsored, but it is made possible through your love and generosity -- our heartfelt gratitude to you, not only for the gifts received, but for the ongoing gifts of your prayers for these very special children.



In Memoriam



IN MEMORIAM

Robert Langley Bickford

March 9, 1920 – July 18, 2011

Edward Branchfield

Oct. 30, 1914 – April 11, 2011

Barbara Ann Bogue Norman Cale

Feb. 21, 1926 – April 7, 2011

AnnaLee Davis

Nov. 3, 1919 – Jan. 10, 2011

Karen Ebert

Della Edenfield

- Dec. 29, 2011

Gary Garner

- Dec. 19, 2011

Don Kuenzli

- Dec. 7, 2011

Lila Claudette Laverty

- Sept. 8, 2011

Robert McLaren Park

July 20, 1927 – July 25, 2011

Eloise Everett Rogers

Dec. 14, 1910 – Jan. 11, 2011

Shirley Schriner

July 12, 1919 - Oct. 27, 2011

Olive Muriel Triplett

June 15, 1915 – Dec. 17, 2010

Newport Food Pantry

Newport Food Pantry Update

It's hard to believe we've been open three months and distributed 50,000 pounds of food to over 2,400 people. Thanks to a great group of volunteers and wonderful community support, operations have gone very smoothly. I'm very grateful to everyone for their prayers, encouragement, and hard work. I wake up every day amazed at what has been accomplished.

One of my dreams is to provide families with an abundance of fresh healthy produce. It's very difficult for most of our pantry patrons to purchase fresh vegetables, especially organically grown, from the stores. Yet, that little bit of extra nutrition is so important to the 34 percent of pantry recipients who are under the age of 18. Good eating habits pay such big dividends in terms of reduced health care costs and improved learning ability. The whole community benefits when children are well cared for.

Newport is a generous community and there are quite a few people and organizations who contribute from their gardens but we can always use more. As you are planning your spring gardens, please consider planting an extra row of vegetables for your hungry neighbors. Some people don't think a small amount makes a big difference but it really does. And every contribution puts a variety of food on the shelves that would otherwise be impossible for us to provide. Thank you so much.

Jim and Kathy Myers



**A Community
Food Share Mission**

Thank you

Thanks prayer team and congregation. Ida just finished the final followup of her 3rd skin cancer surgery and is fine. God was with the medical staffs and us. We are now heading to AZ. See you next spring.

Jim Dunlap

LETTERS OF THANKS



Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday - February 3rd

Luncheon PROMPTLY at Twelve-Noon *

Program PROMPTLY at 12:30 p.m.

* R.S.V.P.

*PW's February 3rd luncheon will be catered by **Coca-Mocha Joe's**.*

Reservations (\$9.50 each) are required.

*Please sign up with PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240)*

on or before Friday, January 27th.

February's "Making Music" program theme will feature our own Church Organist **Don Jenkins**! All in attendance for Don's program last year are still basking in the memory of the fun of that one, and we eagerly anticipate what will be the eleventh consecutive annual time he has designed a musical presentation especially for PW. Please note that PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, make your luncheon reservation(s) and bring your friend(s) -- our February Hostess, **Martha Sneller**, will serve beverages.



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 9th, at **Shirley Loeffel's** home (9626 SE Cedar Street, South Beach). Let's meet at the church at 9:00 a.m., for carpooling to Shirley's!

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, February 17th, in the Westminster Room. **Linda Mosley** will both hostess and lead the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Six:

"Greatly Honored Are the Pure in Heart!"

Scripture: *Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24; Psalm 51:1-12*

Key Idea: Jesus upholds those who, with genuine hearts, wrestle with God, are changed, and live in a way that strengthens the whole people of God.



Women's Fellowship Groups

Rummage Sale

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:

- Provide one or more pies (a total of 100 are needed) -- slices of which will be served in our Dining Room on Thursday and Friday of the Sale (sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board). Note: Please see a separate message in this issue from Kitchen Department Chairperson Liz Martin concerning Department of Health requirements.
- Provide plant cuttings, divisions and bulbs -- to be delivered to our Garden Department on Tuesday afternoon of Rummage Week (if you need pots, please contact Garden co-Chairs Janice and Jim Scharbach at [541/867-6437](tel:5418676437)).
- Provide **CLEAN!!** rummage donations -- 4"x5" "**Do Not Donate**" cards are available at five convenient locations within the Church: (1) **Library window**, (2) **North-Eastern-most 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 to determine what we can accept.
- 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 **Clair Finnigan** ([541/961-0240](tel:5419610240)).

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 26th - 28th, 2012

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



More Rummage Sale

Pies Please

Calling all aspiring pie chefs!

Your gracious help is once again needed for the Annual Rummage Sale's "Diner Extravaganza!"

A total of 100 are needed. Fruit pies (also cakes or brownies) will be welcomed from your own kitchen, but all cream pies (per Oregon Department of Health requirements) must come from a commercial source (i.e., Safeway, Fred Meyer, The Chalet Restaurant etc.)

Your desserts can be delivered starting Wednesday, April 25th. A sign-up sheet is posted on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from Westminster Conference Room).

A big thank-you for your enthusiastic help in support of this event!

Questions? Contact Kitchen Department Chair **Liz Martin** at [541-270-1300](tel:541-270-1300).



Pies Needed !

Rummage Sorting Dates— Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - 9:00 am



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, **Feb. 8th** at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Avery Heater**, who was selected for the part of Diana Morales, in a New York theater production of "A Chorus Line".

Library News

Books For The Library

Thank you **Maxene Bahr** for the following books:

If God is Love by **Philip Gulley and James Mulholland**. The authors have written another book together. This one is about rediscovering Grace in an ungracious world.

Lessons for the Living by **San Goldberg**. The author after being diagnosed with cancer chose to face his fear by helping others and wrote about his experience as a hospice volunteer.

Other Books donated to the library include:

Have a Little Faith by **Mitch Albom**, (author of Tuesdays with Morrie) This is a true inspirational story that spans 8 years between 2 men of two faiths and how it changed the author's views of life..

The Moral Compass by **William Bennett**. This is a companion book for the Book of Virtues. It contains many stories of life's journeys that a family can learn from.

Random Acts of Kindness by **Daphne Rose Kingma**. This is a very small book with a very big message. It tells us Feb 17 is Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Eight Translations of New Testament This is the only single volume New Testament with 8 simultaneous translations of the King James, Phillips Modern English, Revised Standard Version, The Jerusalem Bible, The Living Bible, New International Version, Today's English Version and The New English Bibles.

Illustrated Dictionary and Concordance of the Bible This concordance includes many pictures and photographs. It is published by the Jerusalem Publishing House Ltd Jerusalem

Another copy of The Purpose Driven Life, **Rick Warren**, which replaces the original copy which was borrowed and not returned.



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
Dick Carkin , Treasurer	541-765-2320
Judy Carkin , Visits & Media Ministry.	541-765-2320
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Eunice Forinash , Prayer Chain.	541-265-7106
Jamie Hall , Greeting Cards/Phone Calls.	541-265-8887
Pat Harcourt , Secretary.	541-765-2474
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Linda Mosley , Memorial Service/Celebration of Life Receptions.	541-265-5867
Marguerite Sanchez , Communion	541-574-7855
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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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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



A Reminder From Your Editor!

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Please note the deadline for submitting an article is on the last page of the Beacon.



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