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| Oct. 5 th | Communion Sunday/Choir . 10:00am |
| Oct. 5 th | Communion-Ocean View... 1:45pm |
| Oct. 5 th | PW Installation Officers(S) 10:00am |
| Oct. 5 th | PW Meeting (W) 11:30am |
| Oct. 6 th | Beacon Deadline (Nov) . . 12:00pm |
| Oct. 8 th | Men's Group @ Izzy's 6:30pm-7:30pm |
| Oct. 9 th | Fireside Circle Meeting . . . 9:30am(*) |
| Oct. 12 th (Choir) | HMS Pinafore Presentation(S).11.00am |
| Oct. 12 th thru Oct 19 th | Pastor Don – Vacation |
| Oct. 16 th | Knitting Group 2:00pm-3:30pm |
| Oct. 17 th | Fellowship Circle 1:30pm-2:30pm |
| Oct. 18 th | Grounds Work Party 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Oct. 20 th | Literary Group 12:00pm- 1:00pm |
| Oct. 20 th | Stone Soup 4:30pm - 7:00pm |
| Oct. 26 th | New Members Join (S).. .10:00am Worship |
| Oct. 26 th | Halloween Party-Coffee Hour . . . 11:00am |
| Oct. 28 th | Session Meeting 7:00pm –8:30pm |

PW (*) Location not provided because the meeting for this Month is in the hostess' home (Page 8).

Thank you,
Martha 541-265-3471

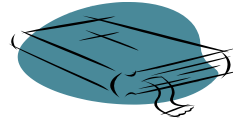
CHOIR PRACTICE:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 am



Pastor's Pencil



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

At the end of October we celebrate Reformation Sunday, recalling the day in 1514, when Martin Luther posted his 95 protests on the Wittenberg Door and launched the protestant church movement. According to historian Alister McGrath in *Christianity's Most Dangerous Idea*, Martin Luther believed that it is each individual's *right and responsibility* to interpret the Bible.

It doesn't take too much stretching of our imagination to understand how this idea became the foundation for the freedom and liberties we enjoy today. The major difference between Martin Luther's day and ours is that he encouraged people to base their ethics on their interpretation of the Bible whereas today there is a growing population who no longer rely on moral writings to guide their decisions.

In the category of religion, more and more of those surveyed check "None" to the extent that some social scientists have quipped that the largest religious category in our country may soon be the "Nones!"

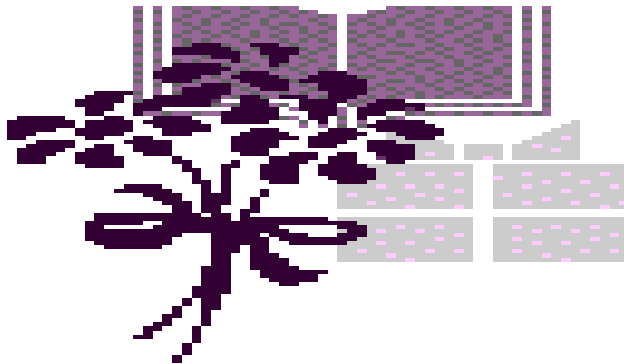
How do we who still ground our actions in Biblical Christianity live in a world where more and more people live without any ethic foundation to guide them? The simple answer comes from the Bible and quotes like the one above. As followers of Jesus we must be known by our love. There is no other way.

In a world where people are struggling to find the answer to moral questions our foundational and unequivocal love for one another will be impressive, perhaps even attractive.

Yours for spreading the dangerous idea of love!
Don



THANKING YOU – A LETTER



To my dear church family:

The following words are “borrowed” from American Greetings, but they are sent from my heart to yours:

“Friends are the golden rays of sunlight
When we need warmth ...
The cool comfort of shade
When we need rest ...
The silver path of moon glow
When we feel lost and need to find our way in this world.”

Your prayers and your loving support during Bud’s final weeks, and your ongoing outreach to me since he left us, have been of immeasurable comfort. You filled our mailbox, our inbox and our answering machine with your caring messages, our kitchen with wonderful food, and our grateful hearts with eternal thanks to God for blessing us with your gifts of fellowship and compassion throughout our treasured time together.

--Martha Sneller

THANK YOU LETTERS



Friends at First Presbyterian Newport,

The entire Hanson Family would like to extend our sincerest appreciation for all the kind prayers and sympathy cards sent our way with regard to the recent unexpected passing of Gary's Brother, Brian. You helped make a most difficult time much more bearable. Thanks again,

Gary and Laurie Hanson

A Very Special Thank You

To

Wren Clark

We all thank you, *Wren*, for your unique monthly creations of **THE BEACON**, which have kept us enlightened, informed and inspired! We thank you for all your dedication. Ann Denison especially thanks you for so gently phasing her in to this new challenge.

THE BEACON Readers

MORE THANK YOU'S

And

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

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

A listing of 2014 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts* appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). The September issue of ***The Beacon*** contained **excerpts** from some of the thank-you letters/notes received – here are three more:

From Lola Jones (Treasurer), Project Homeless Connect: "Thank you for your gift ... Your contributions are much appreciated ... we hail you as our hero ... best wishes for the year ahead!"

From Pat Stern (Administrative Volunteer), Samaritan House: " ... Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be used to help provide our emergency and transitional shelter programs , ... with your help we will continue to address the great need in our community. Thank you so much for your generosity!"

From Lincoln County Foster Parents Association (activities participation grants for two children): "Thank you for your ... contribution to our Activity Program. This will enable children to participate who otherwise would not."

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



PW's THANK OFFERING *

(Where does it go? What does it do?)

In 1888 – 126 years ago – Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord." After more than a century, her vision continues. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up lives throughout the world.

This year, Presbyterian Women continue that tradition by supporting 30 projects – 17 in the United States and 13 internationally (learn more about each one by visiting this website: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/pw/thank/> and also by attending PW's October 5th meeting). Every project must be consistent with the mission concerns and policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have a purpose that meets basic human needs, provide a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served, and must be a creative project that is less than three years old or be a new direction for an existing program. Selections are based on merit, regardless of geographic location. At least 40% of each offering is designed for health ministries.

The theme for the 2014 Thank Offering* is: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds." – *Hebrews 10:24 NRSV*. Through the gifts of the Thank Offering, our Presbyterian Women offer hope to the world, confident in God's steadfast love for all humankind. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us. *

***The annual "gathering of the Thank Offering"
for Newport PW will be
at our Sunday, October 5th meeting.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Westminster Conference Room

Sunday, October 5th

11:30 a.m.

(CHILD CARE PROVIDED !!)

Please plan to be with us on Sunday, October 5th, when Guest Speaker Lola Jones (Executive Director of Samaritan House) will apprise us of the good works of Project Homeless Connect in Lincoln County – including a report on PHC's October 2014 Event. Our business meeting will follow the program.

Peggy Bickford will present the mission goals for this year's "Thank Offering," which will be received at the meeting (*no giving guidelines are suggested, other than to "give as you are blessed"*). A large poster on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room) depicts the observance of this important annual offering; also, a separate article, "PW's Thank Offering – Where does it go? What does it do?" appears elsewhere in this issue of ***The Beacon***.

Remember that the meetings of Presbyterian Women are open to ALL women of the church (members and non-members) and we cordially welcome guests; so, bring your friend(s), bring your favorite refreshment from the Coffee-Hour, and join us for PW's fellowship and Lola's enlightening program!



CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at **9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 9th**, at Pam Merwin's home (1135 NE Lakewood Drive). The lesson leader will be Carol Jones.

Fellowship Circle will meet at **1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 17th** in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Two:

"Paul in the Context of Ancient Corinth"

Scripture: *2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4*



CASCADES PW REGIONAL FALL GATHERING

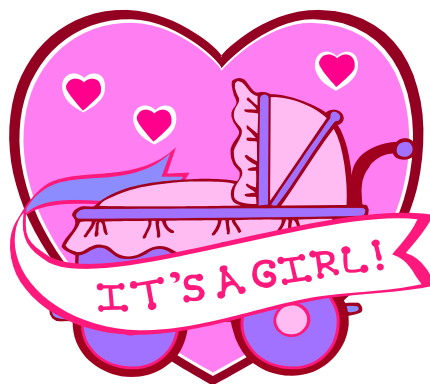
Saturday, October 18, 2014

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Corvallis First Presbyterian Church
(*\$10.00 Registration – includes lunch*)



JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS!



ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIRTH

NEVA STEWART'S GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER:

Sofi Lynn Dasgupta – Born August 27th (8 pounds, 5 ounces) to
Stefani and Das



ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Andrew & JoLene Eastman – Married August 23rd, in Georgetown, Colorado



NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



THANK YOU, MAXENE BAHR, for the following book:

To Heaven And Back, by Mary Neal, MD. The doctor writes of her personal experience after drowning in a kayak accident and her trip to heaven and back.



Thank you, to those of you who donated the following books:

Living Faith, by Jimmy Carter. Jimmy writes about the values and experiences that have shaped his faith.

A Glory In It All: Reflections After Eighty, by John Knox. The author, a Professor of Sacred Literature at Union Theological Seminary, includes short essays and reflections on many interesting topics.

Hinds Feet On High Places: an allegory dramatizing the journey each of us must take before we can live in "high places", by Hannah Humard.

Comfort Faith: Unshakable Faith for Every Day, by Hal Lindsey. The author writes about basic bible truths that will keep our faith strong.

Care of the Soul: an inspirational program to add depth and meaning to your everyday life, by Thomas Moore. This powerful book has been a New York Times best seller.

The Shack: When Tragedy Confronts Eternity, by Wm. Paul Young. This book was chosen for the Newport Library Book Club to read. The author tells a story which draws us closer to God after questioning our faith in God.

What's So Amazing About Grace?, By Philip Yancey. Read this book and learn more about God's healing force of grace.



APPRECIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Receptions Given and One More Mention!)

WISHING EACH OF YOU GOD SPEED !

Jonathan Graveline – Media Tech - Moved to Texas, and now attending college and playing Football!



Paige Schindler – Godly Play Assistant - Moved to Corvallis and attending OSU this Fall!



Elsie Flower – Financial Secretary – Retirement after 24 Years of Service!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

Summer Reflections and Thank You's

Following is a list of **music and chorale highlights** from 2014 Summer's Sundays! We thank Pianists and Organists, *Ramona Martin and Don Jenkins*, and all other mentioned and unmentioned Artists for their talented contributions, lifting our spirits to God in worship.



August 31st - *Women of Note Chorale*

Agnus Dei, Hallelujah, I Believe and You Are the New Day

August 24th – *Rex Putnam Chorales*

We Are Not Alone, Let There Be Peace On Earth, For the Beauty of the Earth,
Thy Will Be Done, and The Lord Bless You and Keep You



August 17th – *Soloist Kyra Young*

God Bless the Outcasts

August 10th – *Soloist Gabriela Vickers*

I Can Only Imagine

August 3rd – *Soloist Jillian Thompson*

Sebben Crudele

August 3rd – *Vacation Bible School Children*

2 Songs at Children's Moment

July 6th – *The Carillon Quartet*

(*Mike Eastman, Trisha Henson, Christine McKenney and Bob White*)

Celtic Communion

June 15th – *Toni Mueller*

Oh Lord Most Holy

MISCELLANEOUS **BEACON** NEWS**Looking for a Bargain?**

First Presbyterian Newport has Thirty-Two (32) used red scalloped concrete bricks used for edging a garden area at \$.63 each (half-price of new). Bricks may be seen at left of shed. Proceeds to reimburse Landscape/Grounds line item.

Guys and Gals (Saturday, September 13, 2014) – You were tremendous today! Mother Presbyterian says YOU ARE A REALLY BIG DEAL! Thanks very much. The next Work Party is scheduled for 3rd Saturday in October, the 18th. A cookout of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and pop are planned at noon.

Thank You, Jim Dunlap**Grounds Maintenance****HALLOWEEN PARTY – COFFEE HOUR**

Sunday, October 26th after church

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



October Birthdays

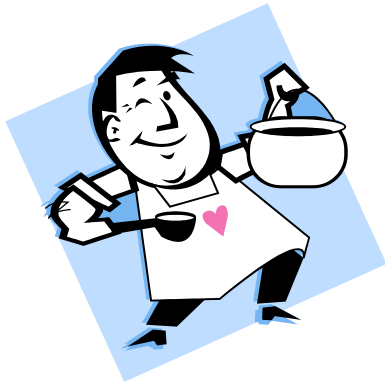


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| Kaitlyn Heater | 1 st |
| Avery Heater | 1 st |
| Susan Mills | 1 st |
| Kim Callahan | 3 rd |
| Tina Roberts | 4 th |
| Bob Young | 6 th |
| Alyssa Urquhart | 7 th |
| Elsie Flower | 11 th |
| Kathryn Adams | 18 th |
| Ross Martin | 24 th |
| Kathy Garner | 25 th |
| Matthew Haynes | 28 th |
| Rob Thompson | 30 th |



OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

STONE SOUP



Our Church will serve dinner at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the third Monday of each month . . . this month date is October 20th.

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 – 7:30pm. 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.



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

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Coffee Hour Volunteers, Worship Assistants, Light Bulb Changers (Entire Church Building), Ground Maintenance Work Party, Much More – Please watch for the Time and Talents Offering coming soon!

Please call the Church Office : **541-265-2841** THANK YOU



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Ann Denison

Administrative Assistant

Beacon Deadline(*)

For

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is

October 6th

(*)NOTE: When possible, please send a Word Document as an "Attachment" when you e-mail your articles.

Thank you,
The Editor

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