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Upcoming Events

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Oct. 2nd	World Communion Sunday 
Oct. 3rd	Worship Committee Meeting 11:00 am
Oct. 6th	Project Homeless Connect Newport Nazarene Church 
Oct. 7th	Presbyterian Women Noon 
Oct. 9th	Deacons Meeting - 11:30 am Bach & Sons Organ Concert - 2:00 pm 
Oct. 10th	Columbus Day Observed Office Closed
Oct. 12th	Men's Group at Izzy's-6:30 pm
Oct. 16th	Guest Speaker—Dave Heater 
Oct. 17th	Stone Soup at St. Stephens 4:30 pm 
Oct. 23rd	Guest Speaker - Stuart Clausen 
Oct. 30th	Congregational Meeting - following morning worship service



Prayer List



Pastor's Pencil

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9 NRSV

Last July our church hosted a wonderful ecumenical opportunity for children entitled *Peace Village*. With the support of 5 local churches, 45 children spent the week learning about how working for peace is central to the Christian faith as well as the major world religions.

On October 2th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. One important feature of that worship service is the *Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering*. 75% of the Offering goes to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program which I would be happy to tell you more about if you're interested. The other 25% remains with our church and like last year I will ask the Session to designate it toward *Peace Village*, which is scheduled for next July 2012, again hosted by our church.

In our Adult Education class on Sunday mornings, we have been studying *12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*, by Karen Armstrong. With her help we have quickly learned that compassion and peacemaking do not come easy. They demand lots of prayer, thoughtfulness and effort. Educational events like *Peace Village* is one important piece in the larger puzzle of all of us uniting together to be the *children of God*.

Yours for the peaceful challenge,

Church Triumphant:

- **Lila Laverty**
- **Robert Park**
- **Helen Corbell**
- **Bradley Norman Schriener**

Joys:

- **M'Lynn Loeffel Kearney** (recovery)
- **Martha Sneller** (recovery)
- **Bill Barss** (recovery)

Concerns:

- **Betty Denison** (recovery from shoulder surgery)
- **Bob Gableman** (cancer, Ramona Martin's brother)
- **Nancy Mitchell** (transition to Eugene)
- **Mark Forinash** (knee surgery, Eunice's son)
- **Michael** (surgery for back pain, Kathy Heater's brother)
- **Anne Southcott** (move to memory care facility)
- **Karen Bamer**
- **Terry Whitehurst** (kidney transplant, Larry Bridges niece—wife **Jane Bridges** donating kidney)

Lectionary Readings for

Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Oct. 2nd:	Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46
Oct. 9th:	Exod. 32:1-14; Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14
Oct. 16th:	Exod. 33:12-23; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22
Oct. 23rd:	Deut. 34:1-12; 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46
Oct. 30th:	Josh. 3:7-17; 1 Thess. 2:9-13; Matt. 23:1-12



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 should be sent 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

Fall is here and Samaritan House Dine Out is back. Mark your calendars for our opening Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, October 5th at **Local Ocean Seafoods** on Newport's Bayfront. Bring a friend for lunch or dinner and enjoy helping the homeless as you enjoy a great meal. Local Ocean will donate 10 percent of the days proceeds. Please spread the word.

Letters of Thanks

LETTERS OF THANKS



RECIPIENTS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION GIFTS SAY "THANK YOU"

A listing of 2011 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). Here are excerpts from three thank-you letters/notes:

From **Cheryl Connell (Director) Lincoln County Health and Human Services:**
" ... thank you very much for your generous donation to help support our School Based Health Center at Newport High School ... We view your partnership with us as an important part of our ongoing efforts to improve the health of our community by promoting the well-being of our school children, and we realize that this would not be possible without your continued support."

From **Karen Shores (Executive Director) My Sisters' Place:** " ... Your support is deeply appreciated. It is only through the continued generosity of good friends like you that we are able to continue providing services to victims of domestic, sexual and dating violence in Lincoln County. ... Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support!"

From **Shangri-La Corporation:** " Thank you for your contribution. Your gift helps Shangri-La to build a stronger community -- with education, employment, housing and supports ..."

Thank You

GROUND MAINTENANCE IS A SILENT STATEMENT OF EVANGELISM

Although our numbers were small our pruning accomplishments were great. Thanks to:

- **Bill Johnson** for pruning.
- **Carol Jones** for coffee and delicious homemade bars.
- **Bob, Theresa and Kyra Young** for pruning and a Subway run.
- **Keith Harcourt** for starting a decorative border around one of the rhodie gardens on the West 40.
- **Jim Dunlap** for trucking the pruning's.



Library News

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

Planning a Wedding To Remember, by **Beverly Clark**. The author includes special touches and unique ideas for planning a wedding.

Showers, by **Beverly Clark**. The author provides helpful hints and ideas for creating a shower party that will have lasting memories.

The Great Oregon Potluck Cook-off of 2010. Thank you **Rhonda Harmon** for donating cookbook with fun recipes.

The Lady, Her Lover and her Lord, by **Bishop T.D. Jakes**. This book is written for women striving for a balanced life and a closer relationship to the Lord.

The 36 Hour Day, by **Nancy Mace, M.A. and Peter Rabins M.C., M.P.H.,**. This is a complete guide for those with family members suffering from Alzheimer Disease, or memory loss.

Prayers For Boys, This is a collection of short prayers for boys for all occasions.

Theirs is the Kingdom, by **Jack MacLEOD** The main characters are imaginary but the stories are based on biblical times.

The God of All Comfort, by **Hanna Whitall Smith**. The author writes about the secret of an abundant life and victory over defeat, with stories and anecdotes.

The following CDS were donated

- This War Memories of Iraq from Oregon National Guard 2004
- Worship God Singer Rebecca St James
- How To Stay Safe and Independent in Your Home.
- Alzheimer's Disease: A Guide For Patient and families by Lea Thompson



Congratulations

- Congratulations to **Dick and Judy Carkin** on the birth of their 5th grand-child, **McKenzie Grace Carkin** August 31, 7lb, 20z 20 inches.
- Congratulations to **Jo Weinert**, Betty Schwartz's daughter, who was the winner of the Photoshop World 2011 "Guru Awards" for your piece "Rips Restored" in the "Photo Restoration" category.

Choir Schedule

Oct. 2nd - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Oct. 4th - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Oct. 9th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Oct. 12th - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Oct. 16th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Oct. 19th - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Oct. 23rd - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Oct. 26th - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Oct. 30th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal



Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Award

During our Sunday, September 18th worship service, **Kath Schonau** was awarded "Honorary Life Membership" in Presbyterian Women, which is conferred upon an individual in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. A pin and a certificate were presented to Kath.

The pin is symbolic: It shows caring, supportive hands, a leaf (representing growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we mature in our faith), a dove and a globe (the dove indicating peace in our own lives and throughout the world, as depicted by the globe). The center design is the cross, and the overall design is that of a butterfly -- symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation.

A poster honoring Kath is featured on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). The poster also displays the names of past recipients of this honor.

Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday, October 7th

Luncheon **PROMPTLY** at Twelve-Noon

Discussion Program **PROMPTLY** at 12:30 p.m.



Please mark your calendar for PW's first group gathering of the 2011-2012 year, as we discuss "Making Changes" -- both recent and potential ones. **Pam Merwin** 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 display on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room) presents more information about this important annual offering. As is traditional for the first meeting of our new year, our luncheon will be salad-pot-luck; our 2011-2012 officers will serve beverages. PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and guests are always welcome; so, bring your friend(s), bring a salad to serve 6-8, and share in the opportunities for fellowship and decision-making with your Presbyterian Sisters!

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 13th, at **Pam Merwin's** home (1135 NE Lakewood Drive). **Carol Jones** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 21st in the Westminster Room. **Doris Pickens** will both hostess and lead the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Two

"Greatly Honored Are the Mourners!"

Scripture: *Matthew 5:4; Luke 6:21b, 25b*

Key Idea:

Jesus calls his disciples to honor the mourners,
and he calls to account those who
live a life of laughter unaffected by their neighbors' tears.



Women's Fellowship Groups



Newport Food Pantry &

12th Street Plant A Row



Updates from the Pantry and Garden

A funny thing happened on the way to trying to open the pantry in August. We were met with some unexpected delays. We corrected our "open date" but some of the volunteers at the current box pantry at the Food Share warehouse had already made other plans and that left them short-handed. So, I was given the opportunity to work some shifts and see up close and personal how much the pantry shoppers appreciate the fresh organic produce that is provided. And appreciate it they do. For most of them, these are the only fresh vegetables they will be able to consume during the month.

Thanks to the generosity of the members of First Presbyterian Church, we took zucchini, yellow squash, snap peas, lettuces, potatoes, carrots, beets, and cabbage over to the pantry. We would have taken some broccoli but the deer had other ideas. I've also seen a bunny or two lurking in the bushes. That's okay. We don't mind sharing. There was still plenty to go around.

There are others who bring in vegetables too. Bill and Pam Rogers of First Baptist Church share an abundant supply. Walker Farms gives leftovers from the Farmer's Market. The Lincoln County Master Gardeners provide pound after pound from the garden at the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse. And many individuals plant an extra row to share. At the pantry, we always say that, "No donation is too small." That goes for both money and food. One can of chili, one zucchini, one dollar, or one jar of peanut butter brought in by individuals all add up to the 25,000 pounds of food we need to hand out each month to hungry seniors, families, singles, and homeless. It will be even more important this coming year as the Oregon Food Bank has informed us that the amount they provide will be cut in half due to federal funding cuts.

That's one of the reasons Jim, I and the rest of the pantry board are so grateful to the members of this church for putting up with all our mess and dust as we've prepared the building for occupancy. Seniors on fixed incomes won't have to make the choice of whether to eat or buy medicine. When extra food is provided for the underemployed, the seasonal Newport industries are supported and the overall economy is helped. Children avoid some of the usual problems with health and obesity when nutritional food is available. Feeding the small number of homeless people who utilize the pantry helps reduce overall healthcare costs as their visits to the emergency room are reduced. Programs like this are a win-win for everyone and we couldn't have put this together without the wonderful support from First Presbyterian Church.

One of my biggest desires is to increase the amount of fresh produce we have available. I'd like to encourage everyone as you plan your spring vegetable gardens to plant an extra row or even one vegetable plant. Ask your friends and neighbors to do the same. And, when you see our blue collection containers around town, drop in that can of tuna or jar of peanut butter. Food can be dropped off at the pantry Tuesday through Friday and Saturday morning. Or, bring it to church on the first Sunday of each month and drop it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors.

Mark 12:31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these.



Bach and Sons, a multimedia organ concert will take place Sunday, October 9th, 2:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th Street, Newport. The artist is **Dr. Jeannine Jordan**, a resident of Lincoln City who travels widely to perform and promote the organ. Admission is by donation at the door. All proceeds will be channeled to Samaritan House and Lincoln County Food Share.

Pipe organ music will be combined with recently-taken photos of Johann Sebastian Bach's actual organs in Germany. A live-feed camera will be projected on the screen to let the audience watch the organist's hands and feet while she performs. In addition she will offer narration from the perspective of women who were important in Bach's life. OMTA students' creative work will be on display.

This event is a project of Lincoln County OMTA (Oregon Music Teachers Association) This event is open to the public, and students and families are especially encouraged to attend. For further information please visit one of these websites: <https://promotionmusic.org> or www.lincolncountymta.org.



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, **Oct. 5th** at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.

Coffee Hour

Wow! What a summer with two large cakes per month! Thanks to Meeja for cutting the cakes. She makes it look easy. It is an art and much appreciated.

Thanks to donors of the cakes and those who donate cookies on a monthly basis.

There is no budget for food or coffee for the Coffee Hour after worship, other than donations. The donations are covering the coffee expense at present. When there are no foods offered it means none have been donated.

Thanks to all who have helped with serving coffee after worship. It takes about twenty minutes and you get to see almost everyone. There is a sign up sheet for volunteers.

The goal is "KEEP IT SIMPLE" and to have everything cleaned up and put away by 11:45 AM.

Special Thanks to Neva Stewart who pitches in every Sunday.



Kitchen Update

Remember! NO dishes left in the sink. Kitchen monitor often finds a tray of unwashed cups, glasses, etc. PULEEZ wash and put away. If you don't plan to clean up, there are choices of paper and/or foam cups that can be discarded into the waste basket. You know where you found it. Wash and PUT IT BACK.

The Kitchen Police

Project Homeless Connect

First Presbyterian does it again!

Another hugely successful Dignity Drive for Project Homeless Connect! Thank you all for your donations. Very, very much appreciated!

Jim Myers - Dignity Drive for Project Homeless Connect

