



THE BEACON

April, 2017

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWPORT, OREGON

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Our Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ric Neese

Announcements – April 9, 2017

Church office closed Tuesday, April 4th

One Great Hour of Sharing (thru Easter 2017)
Offering Envelopes Geneva Hall and Pew Racks

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16, 2017

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, April 23rd following worship

Beacon Deadline – April 10th

Announcements, Continued

Adult Choir Practice - Wed 5:30pm-6:30pm & Sunday 9:00am-9:45am

Children's Choir – Practice Sundays at 11:30am after service

Next Middle School Youth Group Meeting, Wed, Apr 19th 6p-7:30p

NEXT Men's Group at Izzy's Wed, Apr 12th at 6:30pm

PW Fireside Circle, April 13th , 9:30am-Westminster Room

PW Fellowship Circle, April 21st, 1:30pm – Geneva Hall

RUMMAGE WEEK – APRIL 23 THRU APRIL 29

Literary Group meets Mondays at 12:00noon

Brown Bag Bible Study Wednesdays at 11:00am - Studying "Psalms"

Presbyterian Women April Circle Meetings

Our two Circles will continue their studies as guided by the lesson book: "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." April's lesson is "According to the Other Abrahamic Faiths." This time we look outside the New Testament to explore how Jesus is viewed by those in our sister Abrahamic Faiths: Judaism and Islam. The key scripture for our studies is found in Galatians 4:23-29.

The **Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 13 in the Westminster Room. Martha Sneller will host and Gladys Snedecor will lead the discussion.

The **Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on April 21, in Geneva Hall. Mary Shaller will lead and host the meeting.

If you would like to join us, please feel free to attend either of these two meetings.

In Service to Presbyterian Women

As our PW year nears its conclusion in June, planning is currently underway for the 2017/2018 year and your help is needed.

PW Moderator Clair Finnigan and PW Secretary Martha Sneller are completing their terms as officers and replacements are needed.

Presbyterian Women serve an important function in the life of our church. Our fundraising helps meet our church, our community and our world-wide mission goals. Our Circles help members expand their understanding of our faith and its application to the challenges we face in modern times. Our PW meetings provide a chance to learn from one another in a social atmosphere that helps us all stay connected in this busy world. There are a host of other needs fulfilled by Presbyterian Women, but suffice to say that this is a meaningful organization that we all want to continue to thrive in coming years. That requires leadership.

We are in need of three people to step forward and serve in the roles of Moderator, Vice Moderator and Secretary. Mary Shaller, our current PW Treasurer, will continue in that capacity. We can state unequivocally that not only will you receive a great deal of gratitude from your fellow members, but you will also get a considerable amount of help/support from past leaders.



Ready to volunteer? Have questions? Please contact any of the current officers listed below and tell them you are thinking about how you can help PW continue to thrive.

- Clair Finnigan: 541/574-4321 (*Home*); 541/961-0240 (*Cell*)

Mary Shaller: 541/336-2002 (*Home*)

- Martha Sneller: 541/265-3471 (*Home*); 541/270-6041 (*Cell*)

Rummage Round-L



NOW is the Time for all donors of rummage to deliver those items to the Church! The last-ditch time/date that we can receive and sort your CLEAN & SALEABLE donations will be at

9:00 a.m., on FRIDAY, APRIL 21 !! The only exceptions are these:

- Your plant donations (labeled as to name/care requirements, please) for the Garden Department should be delivered either between 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, or between 9a.m.- 4p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 of Rummage Week.
- Your large items (furniture, etc.) can be delivered between Monday (April 24) and Wednesday (April 26) of Rummage Week.

*** If you have precluding circumstances, please contact:
Rummage Sale Chair Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484).**

Please understand that we ***absolutely/positively CANNOT*** receive your donations on the actual days of the Sale. By "Rummage Sunday" (April 23), our volunteers will have worked diligently each week for nearly four months to make an attractive presentation of your donations. Once the Sale is underway, our "sorters" become sales staff, cashiers, cooks, food servers, etc. and they will have no time to sort and display late donations. Your thoughtfulness and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

A Good-News Reminder about Thompson's (***FREE!***) recycling service for certain electronic items – including CPU's, computer monitors and TV's – which we cannot accept; they will also take paint in original containers and certain metals. Please be aware that such items are now PROHIBITED FROM GARBAGE CANS; however, Thompson's will accept up to seven such items per delivery at no charge.

RUMMAGE PLEAS (Please! Please!! Please!!!)

Although the days are dwindling down to a precious few, with your help, we'll be ready for Rummage Week - Sunday, April 23 - Saturday, April 29. On Sunday afternoon, April 23, we'll begin the set-up phase of the Sale. WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO CHURCH and BRING A BROWN-BAG LUNCH. We'll start right after the coffee hour. No heavy lifting - we'll have hired help for that - but your assistance will be needed in transporting smaller items to the designated rooms. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we'll continue the set-up – your help and expertise will be needed and appreciated, especially in the areas of displaying and pricing our wares.

ALSO NEEDED:

- Vehicles (plus able-bodied people) to transport large items from donors' homes to Church;
- Pies – to make our quota of 100! Be sure your pies are PRE-CUT (6 slices per pie) ... if your pies are purchased, your vendor will do this upon your request. Questions? Contact Food Line Chair Rhonda Harman (541/270-1967);
- Plastic Bags (any size – needed for sacking up our shoppers' bargains!);
- Sales Staff (part-time/full-time) for ALL departments;
- Help with the Clean-Up Phase on Saturday.

The majority of the proceeds from our 2017 Rummage Sale will benefit our own Church and our own community, but our outreach will further extend to national and worldwide mission goals. It is hoped that no one will wait to be asked to help with this meaningful event ... EVERYONE is needed, welcomed and GREATLY APPRECIATED. You'll also have a great time! If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about volunteering, please contact the designated Chairperson for the department you'd like to help. Names/phone numbers are on PW's bulletin board, which is across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room, and also on Geneva Hall's north-eastern-most window display. If you have no departmental preference, please contact Rummage Sale Chair Beth Mathewson at 541/265-7484.

To Our Great Gardeners: If you need pots for your plant donations, please contact Garden Chairpersons Janice and Jim Scharbach at 541/867-6437. Please remember that labeling your donations as to name/care requirements would be greatly appreciated by the staff of the Garden Department.

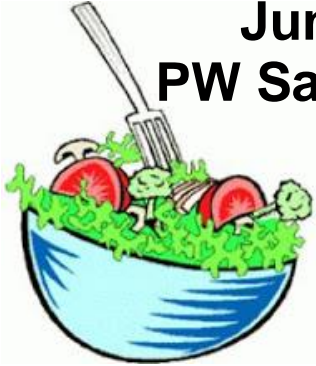
Calling All Rummage Department Chairpersons: Our Pre-Rummage-Week (final) Meeting will be held on Friday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m., in Geneva Hall. Please bring a list of all of your last-minute questions and needs!

Rummage Sale Dates:
April 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2017

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

Next Meeting for Presbyterian Women

PW holds no meeting in April, as all will be busy preparing for the 2017 Rummage Sale (April 27-29) but mark your calendars for the next meeting.

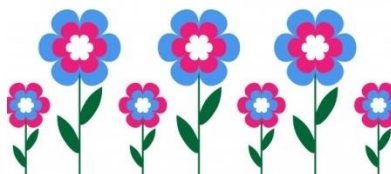


**June 2, 2017 at Noon in Geneva Hall
PW Salad Potluck & Installation of Officers**

June

PW Annual Spring Gathering

Presbytery of the Cascades



Saturday, April 1, 2017

First Presbyterian Church of Newberg
501 Mission Drive
Newberg, OR

9:30 a.m. - Registration/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. - Program

“Welcoming the Stranger: Stories of Immigration”

Leviticus 19:33-34

Cost:

Before March 27th = \$10 (including lunch)

After March 27th = \$15

Send registration form to:

Mary Lou Williams
14601 NW 26th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98685

(Phone: 360/576-5364)

Registration form can be downloaded at:

www.cascadespw.org

or call PW Secretary Martha Sneller at 541/270-6041.

Prayer Concerns – April 2, 2017

Joys

We Gratefully Proclaim...
Glory Be to God...

Church Triumphant

New Concerns

Continuing Concerns

- Gladys Snedecor, healing for back pain from a fall & help with decision making
- Dean & Lori Mickelson, to find a house to rent by April 1st and Dean's rotator cuff surgery 2nd week of May
- Dorothy Scholten, on hospice in Seattle (Lue Hoeft's sister)
- Jim Dunlap, recovering from fall
- Ramond Sohl, that his petition may find favor with God's grace
- Don Merwin, back home from rehab this week
- Betty Jo Otten, recovering from hip surgery
- Patt Elam for upcoming heart procedure (Susan Mills' mother) and continued prayer for Susan's parents as they navigate through life transitions
- Doris Hoover, friend of Linda DeHaven, recovering at rehab

Battling Cancer: Kay Bensing, Alice Bregman, Pam Spence, Christian Johnson, Don Delzel

President Trump, Congress, and World Leaders; Refugees, Christians in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and China; Armed Forces; Police, Doctors and Nurses, First Responders; victims of earthquakes, fires and other disasters; victims of violence and their families throughout the United States; those killed and injured in attacks and bombings and upheaval throughout the world; special prayers for Afghanistan, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, France and Russia. Protect us from fear in these troubling times; Heifer Offering; crabbers and fishermen for a safe season; our Pastor Nominating Committee; Sister Church: First Presbyterian Church, Clatskanie, OR

Long Term Concerns: Mason Carney, Lori Mickelson, Leland Taraba, Margaret McClellan

APRIL Birthdays



7th Blair Thompson

11th Bob Dougherty

12th Eunice Forinash

14th Art Bradley

21st Kathleen Dougherty

and Anniversaries

04/16/05 Scott & Ma Chin Bradley

04/23/93 Ken & Helyn Layton

04/26 Don & Kath Schonau-Taylor

04/26 /05 Dick & DK Beemer

Welcome To A Baby Granddaughter

Blair Makenna Mathewson

Grandparents are Robert and Beth Mathewson

Congratulations



THANK YOU FROM THE NEWPORT FOOD PANTRY

The Newport Food Pantry Board of Directors extends deep appreciation for everyone at First Presbyterian Church for their continued prayers, encouragement, help and support. It's hard to believe that our doors have been open for more than five years. We couldn't have done it without the amazing dedication to the Newport community exhibited by the members of this congregation.

In 2016, the pantry distributed 199,132 pounds of food to 3,240 families representing 7,940 individuals. We provided our visitors with over 3,000 pounds of fresh organic produce last summer. It has been such a pleasure to witness the interest in those healthy greens increase with each passing year.

The fresh vegetables we provide are so important to everyone but especially the 30% of our visitors who have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. For people on a very limited budget, balancing the need for foods that are nutritionally dense and low on the glycemic index, but that also provide enough calories for energy can be a very difficult challenge. That is why we are so appreciative that we have the opportunity to grow vegetables here on the property and why we are extremely grateful to everyone who grows a bit extra to donate to the food pantry. Thank you all so very m

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Beacon Deadline(*)
for
May, 2017
is
April 10, 2017

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Thank you,

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