

The Beacon

First Presbyterian Church of Newport

September 2014

Volume 24, Issue 6

September 2014

Inside this issue

Pastor's Pencil	2
Thank You Letters	3,4,5
Birthdays/Anniversaries	6
Presbyterian Women Meetings	7
Circle and Fellowship Meetings	8
PW Fall Gathering & Calendar.	9
New Books for the Library	10
Opportunities for Service	11
Editor's Notes . . . Back-Mailing Cover	

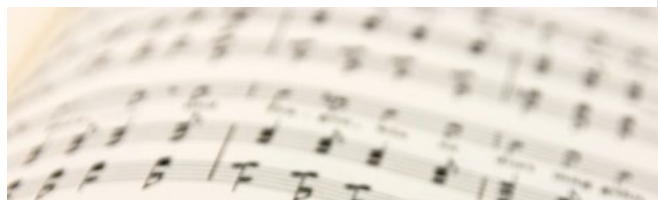
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 1 st	Labor Day Literary Group	12:00 pm
Sept. 2 nd	<i>Back to School</i>	
Sept. 7 th	Communion Sunday <i>Welcome Back Choir</i>	10:00 am
Sept. 8 th	Beacon Deadline <i>for October</i>	12:00 pm
Sept. 10 th	Men's Group at Izzy's	6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Sept. 11 th	Fireside Circle	9:30 am – 10:30 am
Sept. 11 th	Orchid Society	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sept. 15 th	Stone Soup	4:30 pm - 7 :00 pm
Sept. 19 th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45





Pastor's Pencil

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. **2 Timothy 3:16**

As we near the end of our sermon series on the books of the Bible, the month of September will feature three letters: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, commonly known as the Pastorals because they deal with early pastoral issues in the churches. One of the most challenging questions was how to deal with scripture and the well-known verse quoted above, *All scripture is inspired by God*.

It's important to note that the three English words *inspired by God*, come from one word in Greek θεόπνευστος, theo, meaning God and pneustos, meaning breath or wind. Another translation would be *God Breathed*. This fact is important for many reasons, but here are three.

1. The second letter to Timothy was written before the books of the Bible were consolidated into the selections we have today that make up the Old and New Testaments. These books were selected among many writings. The ones selected were chosen because they spoke the mostly clearly about God and Jesus. They were so good and meaningful in fact, that it was natural to believe they were inspired by the Holy Spirit.
2. If the books were inspired by the Holy Spirit then it was important to pray for the Spirit's guidance in understanding the scriptures. That is why we have a Prayer for Illumination each Sunday before the texts are read.
3. If the books are inspired by the Holy Spirit both in their composition and interpretation, then the Bible is not a dead collection of historic words but a living, breathing work that continues to speak to our hearts today.

Yours for an *inspiring* adventure with scripture,

Don

Prayer Concerns and Joys



Prayer Lists are updated weekly, and available upon request. Please call ahead.

THANK YOU LETTERS



Friends at First Presbyterian, Newport

While I may not be fully healed from the effects of the heart surgery I experienced in April of this year, I have, almost from the beginning, accumulated appreciation for the way you lifted my spirits with your cards, calls and visits. Then you went further helping us – Shirley – carry the burden Bob's needs and absence caused. Thank you so much for being there for us.

I have "come along" enough to be attending church and am happy that can be. Regaining the doctor's release for driving and ocean fishing are still ahead of me.

Please know that your prayers for us were heard and welcomed.

May God's Grace be with you, **Bob Loeffel**



Special Thank You to Lois Lederman who spent hours deep cleaning the whole church this summer!!!!

Stuart Clausen and **Dave Heater** for filling the pulpit while Don was away.

Screens look much clearer and back screen now working, thanks to **Mark and Luke McConnell** and **Bill Mortimer**.

Grounds Clean up on Saturdays: **Jim Dunlap, Gene Nelson, Nate Green, Dave Perry and Bill Johnson**.



A Donation Thank You!

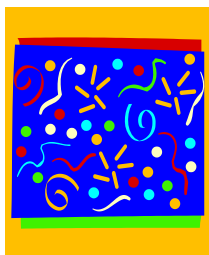
(July 18, 2014)

Dear Pam and the Presbyterian Women-

As always, we are so blessed by your generosity and talent with the wonderful donations you provide our program!

Thank you so much for thinking of our families and sharing with us! It is truly inspiring.

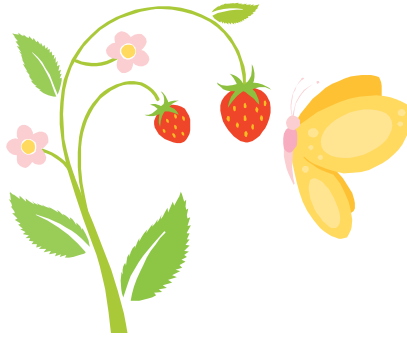
*Warm Regards,
Julia Young-Lorian
Healthy Families
Lincoln County Health & Human Services*



A 'beacon readers' thank you!

You've all been so patient through this Summer, waiting for this issue of **The Beacon!** You're right – it has a new look! We're hoping you find it everything you're looking for, and that you'll be pleased to read it with this new look!

[The Beacon Deadline for October is September 8, 2014!](#)



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

A listing of 2014 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). Here are *excerpts* from four thank-you letters/notes:

From Sharon Fries (Treasurer), Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades (acknowledgment of Newport PW's support of the mission of the church worldwide):

"Wow, you ladies amaze me again ... wish I could bottle whatever it is you have and pass it along to folks ..." **

From Katherine Myers (Executive Director), Newport Food Pantry: "Thank you so very much for the continued prayers and support you so generously extend ... Your gift ... will go a long way helping us feed our hungry neighbors and friends ... we thank you for assisting with the fight against hunger in Newport."

From Brenda Kidder (Director of Development & Community Engagement), Shangri-La Corporation:

"... Your support is deeply appreciated ... thanks to your generosity, we are able to continue our mission to provide 'Homes, Jobs, Supports ... one person at a time' ..."

From Karen Shores (Executive Director), My Sisters' Place: "Thank you! ... because of you, we were able to fulfill our mission, which is to support victims facing domestic violence, sexual assault and dating abuse in Lincoln County by providing shelter, practical assistance, and promoting community awareness."

* PW's mission gifts are made possible

By the proceeds of our Annual Rummage Sale.

** Gifts sent to the Cascades Presbytery also include
Additional individual offerings from our Presbyterian Women.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES SEPTEMBER 2014



Edith Branchfield	2 nd
Barbara Bradley	2 nd
Kathy Heater	7 th
Jack Jenkins	10 th
Maxene Bahr	13 th
Paige Schindler	14 th
Bette Owens	17 th
Grant Brannaman	29 th



Dave & Kathy Heater	1/84
Dennis & Marla Hawley	12 th

PWS MEETING SCHEDULE

2014 - 2015

Five (5) meetings have been scheduled for PW's upcoming 2014-2014 year (business portion conducted first, followed by a program). Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS and plan to join your Presbyterian Sisters on these dates for fellowship, and for opportunities to share and participate in the PW Purpose:

Sunday, October 5th *
Sunday, December 7th *
Sunday, February 1st *
Sunday, March 1st *
Sunday, June 7th *



***11:30 a.m.**
Westminster Room
CHILD CARE PROVIDED !!

We invite ALL women of the church (members and non-members) to attend any portion of our meetings for which you can spare the time. Come one time. OR come every time, as your schedule allows . . .

YOU ARE WELCOME!

.....

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 11th, in the Westminster Room. The meeting will be hosted by Carol Jones; the lesson leader will be Jane Haskell.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, September 19th, in the Westminster Room.

The 2014-2015 Horizons Bible Study for both Circles will be “Reconciling Paul – A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians.” September Lesson One is entitled: “The Promise and Problem of Paul.” Scripture: 1 and 2 Corinthians.

What about MORE Circles? If your time constraints do not permit your participation in the meetings of either Fireside Circle (2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.) or Fellowship Circle (3rd Friday at 1:30 p.m.), would you be interested in another time? According to our PW By-Laws, circles are small groups which are created to provide an inclusive, caring community of women ... they can meet at any time (Sunrise? Sunset?), and need not include hostess duties (meet at the church or in your homes, and BYOC – bring your own coffee)!! Questions? Please contact PW Moderator Clair Finnigan (**541/961-0240**).

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)

More details to be posted soon on the website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/cascadespw.org/www-cascadespw-org/events>



* * * * *

OTHER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CALENDAR ITEMS



September 11th, Thursday

9:30 a.m.: Fireside Circle Meeting (Westminster)

September 19th, Friday

1:30 p.m.: Fellowship Circle Meeting (Westminster)

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

God's Dream by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams, illustrated LeUyen Pham. Who would have thought that Archbishop Tutu, a Nobel Prize winner, would collaborate to write an easy reading book for children? His message of peace, justice, forgiveness and caring is perfect as God's message for all the family to read together. Don't miss this book!

Earliest Christianity: A History of the Period A-D 30-150 Vol. 1 by Johannes Weiss. The author was a New Testament authority on this subject.

Bonhoeffer: Pastor Martyr, Prophet, Spy, by Eric Metoxas, This biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the life he led under Adolf Hitler's rule really comes alive.

The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey. This popular book was missing from the library, so we replaced it with another copy. The award winning author will challenge you to learn more about Jesus and perhaps give you a new perspective.

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 September 15th.

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



Volume 24, Issue 6



Church Contact Information

Rev. Dr. Donald W. Taylor:
don@newportfpc.org

Donald Jenkins, Director of Music:
drmaestro880@gmail.com

Ann Denison
Administrative Assistant

Beacon Deadline(*)

for

October

is

September 8th

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

Beacon Articles: **(*)**
beacon@newportfpc.org

Open and friendly, we share God's Word through Worship, Study and Service

First Presbyterian Church

227 NE 12th Street
Newport, OR 97365

Return Service Requested

Phone: 541-265-2841

Fax: 541-265-4776

E-Mail: office@newportfpc.org

Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm M-F

We're on the Web!

<http://www.newportfpc.org>