

The Beacon

First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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May 6th	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER Join the nation in prayer	 Prayers
May 9th 	MOTHER'S DAY Celebrate the mothers in your life	
May 16th 	ORGAN CONCERT Ray Anderson Organ Concert 4pm	
May 21st 	BYZANTINE CHOIR Byzantine Choir Concert 7pm	
May 23rd 	PENTECOST SUNDAY Wear red or a hat for fun! Welcome our New members	
May 30th 	TRINITY SUNDAY Communion will be served	
May 31st 	MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed & No School	

Pastor's Pencil

The earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2

Pentecost Sunday is **May 23rd**, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples as recorded in Acts 2, *And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind.*

The same Spirit that hovered over the chaos at creation, inspired the prophets and blessed the new Christian community in Jerusalem is still at work today.

How? This is what the *Brief Statement of Faith* in our **Book of Confessions**, proclaims

10.4 We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 The same Spirit
 who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
 In a broken and fearful world
 the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



Yours for an inspiring Pentecost!

Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study

May 5th: Acts 16:9-15; Revelations 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John
May 12th: Acts 16:16-34; Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26
May 19th: Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:14-17; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17
May 26th: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15



New Members Classes

Sundays **April 25 and May 2**, 11:30 am in the Westminster Room. New Members will join on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23rd**. Please see **Bob Loeffel or Don Taylor** if you are interested.

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*.

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the **Food Share 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.



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/>

**Opportunities
for Service
within our
Church &
Community**

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**.

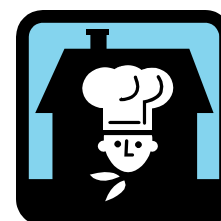
Interested in being involved in Stone Soup? The church is currently looking for a volunteer to direct Stone Soup. Call the church office if interested.



Dine Out for Samaritan House

Nana's Irish Pub will sponsor the May Dine Out for Samaritan House. They will contribute a percentage of proceeds on **Wednesday, May 5, 2010**.

Nana's Irish Pub is open for lunch and dinner and is located on 3rd street in the Nye Beach area. Nana's is open from 11:30 am to 12:00 am, for more information call them at 541-574-8787.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Andrew Eastman 1stKari Lee 2ndCasey Hawes 3rdGladys Hartsel 8thKen Layton 9thCarol Hall 9thAnne Southcott 15thEren Neal 21stJoy Newman 22ndMike Eastman 23rdDave Heater 23rdParker Waid 24thTami Johnson 25thHannah Schonau-Taylor 26thHelyn Layton 26thPam Merwin 26thKirsten Ruddiman 28th

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new editor. If you
are interested,
please contact the
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Cookie Brigade

Calling all cookie bakers!

Cookie Brigade will meet in Geneva Hall Thurs. May 27, 2010 at 11:00 am to pack cookies for college freshmen and service people. Donations of home baked cookies are welcome.

The Deacons



Parish Nurse



Our **Parish Nurse** is available **every Tuesday from 10:30am to Noon** for blood pressure checkups, referral sources, and questions about health concerns. For an appointment or more information call 265-5557. Drop-ins are welcome!

Our Parish Nurse would like a volunteer to step up and volunteer for this very rewarding position. If interested please call **Doris Pickens** at 541-265-5557.

Prayer Listing for First Presbyterian

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

- Norma Jean Harman (Rhonda's step-mother)
- Louise Scofield (Shirley Scott's sister)
- Elliot Snedecor
- Jerry Steib
- Walt Ratterman (friend of Barry McPherson)

- Lucille Fitch (sister-in-law of Connie Hildebrand)

CONCERNS:

3.31.10 Elizabeth Eastman and all victims of the east coast flooding; Anne Joyce (friend of Rhonda Harmon, healing); Jim Schick (prostate cancer); Tami Olsen; Betty Jo Green (life

transitions); Charles Denison (hospitalized);

3.28.10 Lila & Bud Laverty (on-going health concerns); Steve Brown; Marcee Henderson (rehab); Beulah Wiegel (flu); Kay Moxness (open heart surgery)

3.24.10 Lynn Sproul (friend of Rhonda Harmon)



Pray Without Ceasing

Building Committee

Many thanks to the people who have agreed to help with the Building Committee projects. **Carol Jones and Rhonda Harman** have been very helpful as the core advisors. Bobby Flewellyn has been very generous with her time and advice in getting workers to do jobs that seem hard to get volunteers for. She also has experience in energy conservation in homes. That experience helps keep us focused as we try to upgrade parts of the building. **Betty Schwartz , Bobby Flewellyn, Rhonda Harman and Carol Jones** have been helpful in choosing possible flooring for Geneva Hall and are generous with their wonderful sense of color and style. **Jeff Norman** also guides us as we explore possible choices.

After the Rummage Sale there will be a painting party to paint the Calvin Room just north of the Godly Play Room. **Bobby Flewellyn** and crew are choosing the colors. We have volunteers to help clean up the furnace rooms, but we have to find a place to put the things that are stored in those rooms. If you have stored things in the furnace rooms, please remove them as we have to keep those rooms uncluttered.

A special thank you to **Doug Shaller** for making the wheelchair ramp access smoother. A great big thank you to **Linda Mosley** for helping to clean out the cupboards in the Youth Room. That was an adventure! We still have work to do on that room and if anyone wants to volunteer to help keep those cupboards organized it would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE HELP THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

As we try to keep the building in good shape we know that we miss items. If you notice something that needs attention, please let Jane Haskell, Carol Jones, or Rhonda Harman know about it. And yes, we do know about the bucket in the middle of the ladies rest-room. It is there to catch the drip from the leak in the roof. Please be careful as you navigate the room.

From Jane Haskell, Building Elder

Rummage

RUMMAGE RESULTS

(Not-Quite-Ready!)

Because the deadline for the May issue of **The Beacon** occurred BEFORE the dates of the 2010 Rummage Sale, the monetary results were not available to submit. What IS available in great abundance is the gratitude of our Presbyterian Women for the efforts of those who help produce our Sale each year! Look for more details of the 2010 Sale in **The Beacon's** June issue; prior to that time, however, our "Rummage Results" will be posted on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Room).



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Friday, May 7th

12:00-Noon-Sharp!

Geneva Hall

Please plan to be with us on May 7th as we welcome two guest speakers from our own Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC). We shall also continue two traditions for our May meetings: (1) the 2010-2011 officers will be installed, and (2) the annual Birthday Offering will be received, with Pam Merwin presenting the mission goals for the Offering. Planning for PW's 2010-2011 Year (which begins with the June 2010 Meeting) will continue. Hostesses Doris Pickens and Gladys Hartsel will serve your salad and beverage. Remember that PW is open to ALL women in the Church (members and non-members), and guests are always welcome; so, bring your friend(s) and your sandwich(es) and join us in the opportunity to learn more about OCCC's newly-completed South Beach Campus and its conceptional vision.

Listed below are some details about the goals for this year's Birthday Offering, which is always a very important part of our May Meeting. Begun in 1922, this annual offering celebrates Presbyterian Women's heritage of mission giving. For 2010, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee selected only two projects to receive grants (instead of the usual five projects) which will allow even larger impacts on their communities:

Project #1: Kindergarten and Childcare Center -- Primary School Development -- Kirkuk, Iraq: The Kindergarten and Childcare Center provides high quality education to children, teaching basic skills in a loving environment. The center -- operated under Christian principles of love, peace, tolerance and nonviolence -- is a welcome institution in its Middle Eastern context. Requests for enrollment far exceed its current capacity of 150 students, as evidenced by long waiting lists. In less than four years of operation, the Kindergarten and Childcare Center has improved early education for its 150 students. Dedicated teachers provide the highest level of instruction in general knowledge, health, art and music to kindergarten children. Already at full capacity, the center hopes to expand, adding a primary school on a nearby property. The current kindergarten building is now for sale. The Birthday Offering grant will help fund the purchase of this building and a neighboring building to house the primary school. More children and their families will benefit from the faithful education at this center.

Project #2: RISE (Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower) Project -- Peace Presbyterian Church -- Louisville, Kentucky: Peace Presbyterian Church works to be a beacon of light in Louisville's diverse Newburg community by providing services specifically to children, youth, adults and families identified as at-risk or in need of support during a transitional period. This Birthday Offering grant will strengthen the church's outreach in the community by expanding the number of people being served by four educational or family service opportunities: (1) Kids Cafe -- healthy food, plus nurturing and educational support through an after-school program predominantly for children who live in single-parent families; (2) Project Hope -- food for people who are homeless, as well as Alcohol and Narcotics Anonymous counseling services to women, men and children in need; (3) Family to Family Visitation -- supervised visits between children in foster care and their biological parents; (4) Families in Transition -- counseling for couples and their children to help them cope more effectively with problems that result from divorce.

We have an opportunity once a year to "give as we have been given" and to join the thousands of Presbyterian women in sharing God's love through this Birthday Offering. As you consider these important projects, please take time to observe the beautiful poster commemorating the 2010 Birthday Offering on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room).



Circle Meetings

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, **May 13th** in the Westminster Room. **Peggy Bickford** will serve both as hostess and as leader of the meeting.

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

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Nine

"The Challenge of God's Covenant"

Scripture: Joshua 23:14-24:28

Key Idea:

Just as God called Joshua and the Israelites to covenant relationships, we, too, are responsible for cultivating faithful relationships with God and all creation.

Letters of Thanks

Thanks to the Grounds Cleanup Crew: Velma Burkert, Keith Harcourt, Bill and Vivian Johnson, and Steve Voetberg.

Thank you!
Don Taylor



On Monday, April 5, our nephew, **Ryan Senff**, was honorably discharged from the Army after serving six years and two tours of duty in Afghanistan. He will be coming back from El Paso, Texas to live in Oregon.

Thank you for the many prayers,
Barry & Denise McPherson



Two (2) Notes of Gratitude

for Donations to PW's "Newborn Necessities" Mission *

From **Shelley Paeth**, R.N., Parent and Child Health Program Manager, Lincoln County Health & Human Services:

Note #1: "The two little baby bonnets are so cute -- the blue and green are sweet, pretty colors. The turquoise baby blanket is wonderful, as are the outfit with matching socks. Thank you so much for always having us in your thoughts."

Note #2: "Thank you once again for your wonderful gifts. The beautiful hand-knitted green hats, and the yellow sweater and hat are SO adorable, and so beautifully knitted! All the onesies and body suits and blankets are perfect. You always do a wonderful job of remembering us. Thank you!!"

* Our "Newborn Necessities" Mission -- which benefits Lincoln County's newest citizens -- is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but credit for its ongoing success through the years goes to our entire congregation ... our heartfelt thanks to all who continue to help. Questions? Contact **Pam Merwin** (265-4095).



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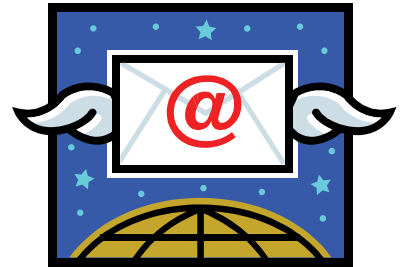
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