

THE BEACON








First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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Apr. 3rd	4th Sunday of Lent World Communion Sunday 
Apr. 10th	5th Sunday of Lent Guest Speaker—Dave Heater
Apr. 13th	Men's Group—Izzy's—6:30
Apr. 16th	Rex Putnam Concert-7:00 pm
 Apr. 17th	Palm Sunday 10:00 Worship—Rex Putnam -Guest Musicians
Apr. 18th	Stone Soup—St. Stephens—4:30 pm 
Apr. 21st	Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 pm
Apr. 22nd	Good Friday Service—12:00 noon
 Apr. 24	Easter Sunday
Apr. 29	Eco-Justice Field Trip  Eco-Justice Field Trip

Rummage Sale Set-up Apr. 3-6

Rummage SALE Apr. 7-9 Thurs. 9-4, Friday 9-4, Sat. 9-noon



Pastor's Pencil

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father." John 20:17

Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" Acts 9:3-4

Was the resurrection of Jesus a bodily sighting, a ghostly encounter or a spiritual experience? According to the scriptural passages above, it was all three, including many other appearances and strange encounters with Jesus that make his return a miraculous kaleidoscope of astonishing variety.

Even more surprising is the ongoing confession that he is still involved in our world today, if only we had *the eyes to see and the ears to hear* (Mark 8:18). The point is simply this. For our brothers and sister of the first century, the resurrection of Jesus was not the end of the story, but the beginning of new life and encounters with a ponderous living Lord.

Yours for an astonishing Easter

Lectionary Readings for

Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Apr. 3rd:	1 Sam. 16:1-13; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
Apr. 10th	Ezek. 37:1-14; Rom. 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
Apr. 17th:	Isa. 50:4-9a; Phil. 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66
Apr. 24th:	Jer. 31:1-6; Col. 3:1-4; Matt. 28:1-10



Prayer List

Joys:

- **Barbara Cale** (healing)
- **Pam Merwin** (healing)
- **Sandy Adams** (successfully completing training & being Commissioned as Parish Nurse)

Concerns:

- **Arnie Carlson** (recovering from fall)
- **Lila Lafferty** (cancer)
- **Olga Ohm** (shingles)
- **Karen Bamer—Prayer for miracle** (Daughter of Marguerite Sanchez—recurring cancer)
- **Louise Aunspach** (recovering)
- **Wendy Brooks** (Daughter-in-law of Betty Schwartz—Hospice)
- **Ann Southcott** (recovering from fall)
- **Don & Joy Newman** (time of transition to new housing)

Military:

- **Private Richard McKim Jr.** (Brother of Kathryn Hawes)
- **Major Dan Lovelace** (Gladys Hart-sel's son-in-law)





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.

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

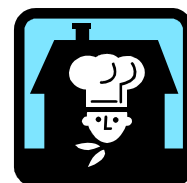
Meals on Wheels needs more volunteers. If you have time and would like to help this wonderful service organization please call **541-574-0669**. To learn more about Meals on Wheels visit <http://www.mowaa.org/>

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

Nana's Irish Pub in Newport will host the April Dine Out for Samaritan House **Wednesday, April 6th**. Enjoy lunch or dinner at this popular Nye Beach Restaurant. Nana's will donate 10 percent of the days proceeds.

Letters of Thanks

Dear Dr. Don Taylor & Congregation,

The family of **Eloise Rogers** would like to thank all who sent such caring cards and notes upon her home going. We have been humbled by all the help given with her memorial service. The church was her lasting activity. You were her friends and fellow pilgrims and gave her a home and a warm welcome. May God bless you all richly.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Rogers Family

I want to thank everyone who helped make my 85th birthday so great! First of all to **Martha Sneller** for all her excellent organization with the cake and coffee time, and to all of you who helped her. It was an exciting day for this old lady, and I love you all for being so thoughtful and kind, with beautiful cards and phone calls ... and thank you also for the lovely cards and calls I received since I had my knee accident.

Love, **Barbara Cale**

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

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

"Thank you so much for the most recent goodies! The body suits, onesies, hoodies, sweaters, blankets, and the hand-knit blanket and quilt -- they are ALL beautiful. We remain thankful for your continued support for the work we do. Best Wishes to you all!"

** 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** (541/265-4095).*

Thank You

Thanks to **Sarah Barker Ball** for cleaning up the parking lot before the Memorial Service for **Jo Scott** on Saturday, March 5th.

Thank you to RN **Doris Pickens**, for her many years of service as our Parish Nurse..



Library News

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

Thank you **Peggy and Bob Bickford** for donating the book **Altar In The World: A Geography of Faith** By Barbara Brown Taylor. The author changed her role from Priest to Teacher and tells her experience of finding God beyond the walls of the church.

Also donated by others are:

Improving your Serve: The Art of Unified Living, by Charles Swindoll. This book is based on *Mark 10:45 "For even the son of man did not come to be served but to serve."*

The Future of Faith by Harvey Cox. The author writes with hope about modern Christianity and other religious traditions

Meeting Jesus Again For the First Time: The Historical Jesus and the Heart of Contemporary Faith by Marcus J. Borg. The author is a respected Professor of Religion at Oregon State University.

Book I Chronicles of Narnia - The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis. The first of the Classic Chronicles is bound to make you want to read more.



Book Review

I just got done reading an EXCELLENT book called **Imaginary Jesus** by Matt Mikalatos. It began as a satire/comedy as Matt discovers his "Imaginary Jesus" isn't on par with the Jesus the Bible speaks about and starts off to find the real true Jesus, meeting more 'Imaginary Jesus' along the way like Political Jesus, Televangelist Jesus, and Hippie Jesus. But what starts as a farce becomes more serious as Matt confronts his own spirituality and gets closer to finding the real Jesus, prompting him to confess that such a God that can do anything scared him. Although a work of fiction, the spiritual journey was real. It was an interesting and well-written book. One I'd gladly recommend.

It's currently free for Kindle (or Kindle for PC) at Amazon.

Contributed by **Rebecca Wright**.

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

No April PW Meeting ... we'll be
preparing for our
2011 Rummage Sale!
(Sale Dates: April 7th, 8th and 9th)



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 14th, at **Gladys Snedecor's** home (3337 NE Coos Street, Newport). **Pam Merwin** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, April 15th, in the Westminster Room. **Hap Tallamante** will both lead and hostess the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Eight:

"The Empire Has Fallen! Evacuate Now!"

Key Idea:

The empires of those who oppress the world will come to an end --
in Jesus, the new reign of God has already begun.

Scripture:

Revelation 17-18



Rummage Sale News

RUMMAGE ROUND-UP

(Get It To The Church On Time!!)

"NOW Is The Time" ... for all donors of rummage to deliver those items to the Church!! The last-ditch-date that we can receive and sort your CLEAN & SALEABLE donations will be **FRIDAY, APRIL 1st – NO FOOLIN'!!** The only exceptions are these:

Your plant donations (labeled as to name/care requirements, please!) for the Garden Department should be delivered: either between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday (April 5th), or between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday (April 6th) of "Rummage Week." *

Your large items (furniture, etc.) can be delivered between Monday (April 4th) and Wednesday (April 6th) of "Rummage Week." *

* If you have precluding circumstances, please contact Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240).

Please understand that **we absolutely/positively CANNOT receive your donations on the actual days of the Sale.** By "Rummage Sunday" (April 3rd), our volunteers will have worked diligently each week for over three months to make an attractive presentation of your donations; however, once the Sale is underway, our "sorters" become sales staff, cashiers, cooks, food servers, etc., 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 can no longer accept. Please be aware that **SUCH ITEMS ARE NOW PROHIBITED FROM GARBAGE CANS; however, Thompson's will accept up to seven (7) 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 3rd - Saturday, April 9th). On Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, 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 the Church;

Pies -- to make our quota of 100! Questions? Contact Kitchen Chairperson **Liz Martin** (541/265-6932);

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.

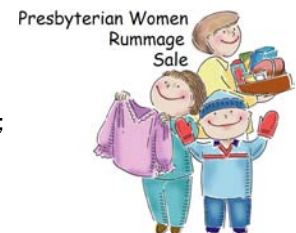
The majority of the proceeds from our 2011 Rummage Sale will benefit our own Church and our own community, but our outreach will further extend to national and worldwide mission goals. It is hoped that no one will wait to be asked to help with this meaningful event ... **EVERYONE** is needed, welcomed, 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 Chair for the department you'd like to help (you'll find all names/phone numbers on PW's bulletin board); or, contact Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240).

To Our Great Gardeners: If you need pots for your plant donations, please contact Garden Chairpersons **Janice and Jim Scharbach** (541/867-6437); also, another reminder that LABELING your donations as to name/care requirements would be greatly appreciated by the staff of the Garden Department!

Calling All Rummage Department Chairs: Our Pre-Rummage-Week Meeting will be held on Friday, April 1st at 8:00 a.m., in the Westminster Conference Room ... bring a list of all of your last-minute questions and needs!

Rummage Sale Dates: April 7th, 8th & 9th, 2011

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



Choir News

Community Youth Choir

Dr. Krista Johnson will be directing a community youth choir at the First Presbyterian Church of Newport—all young from elementary through high school are invited to attend! Rehearsals will be every Wednesday evening from 4:00–5:00 PM, beginning on April 13, 2011 in the choir room. The choir will be singing a wide variety of music from all genres and multiple cultures, and will be available for community performances at a later date. Please contact the director for more information.

The cost for joining the choir is \$20 per child per month, \$15 per child per month for members of the Presbyterian Church. Donations for sponsorships and educational supplies for the choir will be joyfully and gratefully accepted. Please contact Dr. Johnson via email or phone if you would like to register your child/children to participate in the choir:

. virtuosi.academy@gmail.com or 541-961-5736



Children's Choir

Choir Practice Schedule

April 3 - 9:00 am	Sunday Rehearsal: LENT IV, Communion
April 6 - 5:30-6:30 pm	Wednesday Practice
April 10 - 9:00 am	Sunday Rehearsal: LENT V
April 13 - 5:30-6:30 pm	Wednesday Practice
April 17 - 9:00 am	Sunday Rehearsal: PALM SUNDAY



Chancel Choir

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, April 6th at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.



Eco-Justice

Eco-Justice Field Trip Planned

The Eco-Justice Team is working on a field trip that will take place on Friday, April 29. All of the details are not yet finalized, but the basic plan is set. The trip is to Portland, with plans to leave around 7:30 a.m. and return around 6:00 or 6:30. We will rent a large van to go. The only costs will be for lunch and the share of the rental van.



We will go to Ethos in east Portland, and see their 'green' building, and learn about the great neighborhood programs happening there. We will have lunch in a restaurant that offers mostly local, organic foods. The final stop will hopefully be in the Pearl District at the Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center (the Ecotrust Building), which was the first LEED gold award winner for a restored building. They have an ecoroof, as well as shops specializing in sustainable stores and green building. We are working on getting a tour of this building, and there might be some time for shopping!

If you are interested in this field trip, please contact **Cindy McConnell** at 541-270-9784 or mcconn@charter.net.



THE GREAT OREGON COAST POTLUCK—OFF 1ST RUNNER UP DESSERT DIVISION



Chef Anna, Chef Kim, Chef Clair



We finished February by opening the warming center four nights in a row. It was cold! 98 people received a hot dinner and a warm place to sleep. We also fed them a good breakfast in the morning and gave each a sack lunch to help get them through the day. I can't imagine what it must be like to be without shelter during one of our Oregon Coast winters. The constant rain is bad enough. Combine that with our high winds and sudden cold blasts and you have a recipe for deadly hypothermia. We can personally testify to the gratitude these men, women, and children express for the delicious hot meals that so many of you provided. Countless volunteers come in and spend the night with our homeless friends. Many more help clean up and put the church back together so it's ready for whatever functions are taking place that day. We thank each and every one of you who made it all possible. We are already in the planning stages for next year so get your recipes ready for the wonderful soups, casseroles, and desserts. For anyone who wants to donate but doesn't cook, we will always need frozen lasagnas, eggs, bread, peanut butter, jam, butter, milk, paper lunch bags, oatmeal, and lunch goodies.

As we get out into our community in various ways, we are constantly reminded how fortunate most of us are that we always know our next meal is close at hand. It can even be a nutritious one if we so choose. That's why we are so excited that it is getting closer to the time when we can plant that first seed in the 12th Street Garden. We can't wait to start growing food for those who don't always have it available on the regular basis that we take for granted. We're always accepting donations of time, seeds, coffee grounds, bunny poop, tools, and anything else that you can contribute for the project.

The Newport Food Pantry is currently squeezed into a small section of the Lincoln County Food Share warehouse. The space is far from adequate and it's the only pantry in Lincoln County that does not have an independent location. The pantry serves residents of Newport who are unemployed or underemployed, mostly due to the seasonal aspect of the majority of the available jobs here in town. Because First Presbyterian is so conveniently located, this is a wonderful mission opportunity for the church. Stay tuned for further exciting developments and opportunities for service.

Lastly, there is much interest expressed in developing an ecumenical network of people who will come together to serve the homeless and marginally employed people here in Newport. Our goal is to involve as many churches and civic organizations as are willing so that we can combine talent and resources to fill gaps and eliminate a lot of the overlaps that occur when we fail to communicate with one another.

We will define areas of need and, as a group, determine the most efficient approach to filling that need. The point person's contact information will then be communicated along the network so that as many people in the community will know the best place to send a person for things such as transportation vouchers, medical treatment, or help with the job application process.

Thank you for all you do to help with these endeavors. The Emergency Warming Center literally saves lives and keeps people out of the hospitals. People who are properly fed have fewer medical problems and behavioral issues. And we can never do too much to help those who want a hand up. If you want to know how to get involved in any of these ministries, please call **Jim Myers** at 541-270-0892.

Church Financial Report

February Operating Income <i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$17,141.</i>
February Operating Income Received	\$16,526.
2011 Operating Income <i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$34,282. Year to date</i>
2011 Operating Income Received	\$37,451. Year to date
Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received for year to date \$3,169.	
February Actual <u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$22,424.</u>
Actual Expenses Year to Date	<u>\$38,518</u>
<u>2011 Budget</u>	
Personnel	\$142,429.
Operating Expense	\$58,268.
Mission Giving	\$ 5,000.
Total	\$ 205,697.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jason Haynes 4th
 Dorothy Braxling 7th
 Blair Thompson 7th
 Ember Stocker 10th
 Bob Dougherty 11th
 Shannon Chrisman 12th
 Eunice Forinash 12th
 Art Bradley 14th
 Kathleen Dougherty 21st
 Barry McPherson 22nd
 Devin Whitaker 23rd
 Carol Reh fuss 28th
 Rhonda Haynes 30th



Scott & Ma Chin Bradley 16/05
 Ken & Helen Layton 23/93
 Don & Kath Schonau-Taylor 26



Parish Nurse



Our new Parish Nurse, RN **Sandy Adams** is moving into the office this month. New office hours will be announced in the next Beacon. In the meantime, please keep Sandy and the Parish Nurse program in your prayers during this time of transition.

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April 4th .**

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