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Advent Issue

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1	WORSHIP (Communion)	10:00am
Nov 2	Beacon Deadline	10:00am
Nov 5	Calvin (W)	9:30am
Nov 7	Session & Deacons Training(W)	1:00pm
Nov 8	WORSHIP	10:00am
Nov 9	Men's Study Group (Office)	6:30pm
Nov 10	Fireside(W)	9:30am
Nov 11	Veterans Day	Office Closed
Nov 12	Fireside-Home Judith Pierce	9:30am
Nov 13	PRESBYTERY OF CASCADES MTG	All Day
Nov 14	PRESBYTERY OF CASCADES MTG	All Day
Nov 15	WORSHIP	10:00am
Nov 16	"No" Literary Group	12:00pm
Nov 17	AFS Annual Dessert Fund Raiser	6:00pm
Nov 19	Calvin (W)	9:30am
Nov 20	Fellowship Circle (W)	1:30pm
Nov 22	WORSHIP	10:00am
Nov 22	OCRS Benefit Concert (NFP)	2:00pm
Nov 23	Men's Study Group (Office)	6:30pm
Nov 25	Brown Bag (W)	12:00pm
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day	Office Closed
Nov 27	Holiday	Office Closed
Nov 29	WORSHIP – FIRST SUNDAY ADVENT	
	CHRISTMAS PAGENT	10:00am



Wednesday Practice: 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00am



Pastor's Pencil

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Luke 17:11-19

How sad it would be to live a life in which you never felt the joy of saying, *Thank you*. What is it that encourages some people to live grateful lives and others to live such gloomy, unappreciative ones? This is an important question because if you are one of the gloomy ones my guess is that you are not much fun to be around. Think of the people in your lives who you enjoy being with. Odds are they are grateful, gracious people.

In our Calvin group we have been reading a book by Brother David Steindl Rast, a Benedictine Monk, entitled *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer*, in which he asks what is it that allows people to live a grateful life? Is it that they have received many blessings? Perhaps and yet we know many people who have everything they could ever want and for some reason still do not seem to be happy. In the same way we know many people whose lives are filled with harsh challenges who nevertheless are very appreciative of what little joys they have found in life. In our Gospel text above the irony of the story is that the grateful leper was also a Samaritan, a group of people scorned by the people of Jesus' day. If anyone had good reason for a grudge it would be a Samaritan, and yet he is the grateful one!

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, I hope each of us will challenge ourselves with this crucial question, *Am I a grateful person?* If the answer is no, don't despair, because awareness of our failings is the first step to correcting them. If your answer is yes, then more joy awaits you for it is very hard to contemplate all the reasons we are grateful to God for the gift of life without feeling even more gratitude!

Yours for a grateful Thanksgiving,

Don

Gratitude



Prayer Concerns

Joys

Elsie Flower back in church with us today (Oct 4, 2015)

We Gratefully Proclaim...

Glory Be to God...

Church Triumphant

All the lives lost in the Umpqua Community College shooting

O Lord...

New Concerns

Christine Nestor, leukemia (and grateful for the prayer shall she received)

Marie Jelen, healing from a fall

Dan Lovelace

O Lord...

Continuing Concerns

Diane Eccles, transition to California with her son for continued healing

Dana Wilie, knee surgery not healing

E-ja – health concerns (BokHi's sister in Korea)

Margaret McClellan – continued healing

Jean Duncan, for physical strength and medical guidance in Topeka, KS-friend Martha

Claire Friedrich, healing from surgery (daughter-in-law of Kathy Garner)

Ruby Cooper, healing from broken hip surgery (former member/friend Linda DeHaven)

Pam Spence, healing and hope following surgery (friend Linda DeHaven)

Battling Cancer: Hazel Barendse, Eileen Deveraux, Tom Moothart, Christian Johnson, Orion Von

Stetten, Robbie Hoefs, Eric Gill, Gary Kober, Mickey Satterfield, Robin Jacobson, Andy Ardis,

Katherine, Pam Earls, David Jenkins

President Obama, Congress, and World Leaders, Pope Francis, Syrian Refugees, Christians in Iraq, Syria, Libya and Egypt, Armed Forces, Fire Fighters and for healing and recovery for all those affected by the devastation and loss of life caused by the forest fires, Heifer Offering, Transition Team;

Sister Church

November 1 First Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie, OR

November 8 Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie, OR

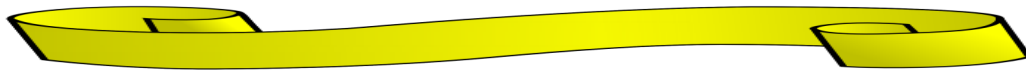
November 15 Christ's Church, Monmouth, OR

November 22 Community Presbyterian Church, Moro, OR

November 29 Tri-City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek, OR

O Lord...

Long Term Concerns: Steve Hall, Person struggling with faith and medical concerns, Don Merwin, Jr., Daveena Hamrick, Betty Jo, Deanne Dunlap (Maxene Bahr's niece), Chip Norman, Andrew Deskins, Leland Taraba, Bonnie-Friend of Shirley Kimnetz, -Badfall, Possible Paralysis, Glenda Shepler, Elsie Flower's Niece, Anne Southcott, Nancy Deleterra (Don Merwin's Cousin-Stroke After Surgery), Alyssa Plate (Bette Owens' Granddaughter) .



Announcements

Funds have been received for New Hymnals

In Memory of

Ed Branchfield, Sara Brown, Jimmy Neal, Doris Pickens, Myerle Woodell

In Honor Of

Jim and Kathy Myers

Three Reasons to buy New Hymnals

- 1 The New Presbyterian Glory to God Hymnal offers 1/3 more hymns
Than our current Blue Hymnals.
- 2 *Glory to God Represents the very best of recent hymnody along with a
very solid corpus of time honored and familiar hymns.*
John Thornburg, President: Hymn Society of America and Canada

3 We have the Power Point Software for Glory to God and not the Blue Hymnal.

If you would like to purchase a new hymnal for our church, they are \$20.00 apiece. Please make your check out to *First Presbyterian Church*
And label it "*New Hymnal.*"

If you wish to dedicate the hymnal in memory or honor of a loved one
Please include that information as well.

All the Blue Hymnals that have been purchased in memory or honor of someone will we keep for continued use. Only the ones not dedicated will be donated to other churches.

OCEANVIEW EVENTS (Brochures in Geneva Hall)

10/14 12:00-1:30pm Octoberfest

10/27 2:00-3:30pm Keeping your brain active RSVP Seating Limited

10/31 2:00-4:30pm The Spirit of Halloween is at Oceanview Senior
Living

Announcements Continued on Next Page

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)**Safety Team**

In order that everyone who worships in our sanctuary feels safe our Session has created a Safety Team who will be responsible for intervening with concerning or unstable visitors who have come not to worship but disrupt the service. If you would like to be part of this Team, please let us know.

Transition Team

With the retirement of Don Taylor on January 30, 2016, the Session has appointed a **Transition Team** to keep the church running smoothly the next few months as we look ahead to calling a new pastor. Members of the team are **Kathleen Dougherty, Mike Eastman- Clerk, Jane Haskell, Dave Heater, Bill Johnson- Moderator, Don Merwin, Aimee Thompson, Kristin & Nathan Yuille-Green.** The Transition Team plans to meet frequently on Sundays following worship. Please contact them with any concerns, questions, ideas, suggestions, etc.

Mission Study Team

Meets Each Monday in November

Men's Study Group, Monday, Nov 9th and Nov 23rd 6:30 pm

The Boys in the Boat Author: Daniel James Brown

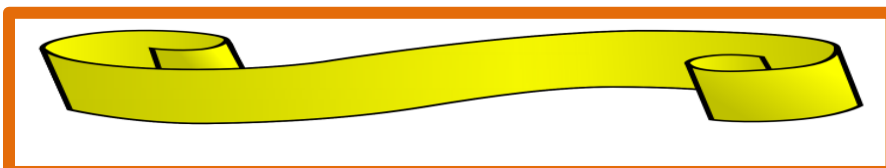
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 1ST AFTER SERVICE
FOR ELECTION OF ELDERS & DEACONS****Presbytery is Coming!!**

We need volunteers to help host.

Signup sheets are in Geneva Hall

Registration & Meal Ticket Servers – Workshop Servers – Break Servers

Calling All Drivers! If you are ready and able to drive or are currently driving someone, please sign the Transportation Call List located in Geneva Hall. The list will be used to find available drivers for those who need assistance for things such as getting to and from church, for errands, and similar. Please see Rebecca Wright if you have questions.



CONGRATULATIONS !

HAWES FAMILY

CASEY, KATHRYN AND REBECCA



Newborn Baby

EVELLA ROSE HAWES

Born: September 15, 2015

8 Pounds 7 ounces, 20-1/2 inches

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REMBRANCE

MARIE JELEN 100TH BIRTHDAY !

November 5, 2015

**Fellowship Cake Celebration Sunday November 1st
In Geneva Hall after Service**



Dennis Hawley 3rd

Judy Carkin 7th

Jillian Thompson 27th



Mark & Cindy McConnell 10th

Steve & Sue Cole 1968



Thank you to our amazing young ladies who shared a beautiful liturgical dance with our congregation on September 26th!

Also a big thank you to Helyn Layton who choreographed and taught the dance to the girls.

Everyone worked very hard and the congregation is looking forward to our next liturgical dance early next year.



THE YOUTH PROGRAM HAS BEEN VERY BLESSED THIS YEAR!

First, thank you to Mary Kaul for your generous donations to the children's programs in memory of Rohland "Bud" Thomssen. The recent contribution helped to expand our Godly Play curriculum, sent four of our youth leaders to a Godly Play training in Portland, as well as purchased liturgical dance dresses for our children.

Thank you to Martha Sneller for your generous donation in memory of your dear Bud Sneller for improved lighting in the children's rooms/rummage sorting room. Our children love the new bright new surroundings!

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for your continued support of our youth ministry. The contributions throughout the year help us continue to grow and thrive. Not only does PW help financially but are always willing to bring goodies to our numerous special events throughout the year. They have also offered to share with our growing youth program the rummage sorting room during the months it is not being used which is very exciting for all of us.

Thank you to Oregon Coast Bank and ABC Preschool for the donations to our youth room and Godly Play room. The tables and chairs for our children as well as the shelving and new toys were a wonderful surprise!

Thank you to the individuals too numerous to name here (some who wish to be left anonymous) for all the support both monetarily and in the form of volunteering which helps to grow our youth program. We are very blessed!

Thank you to Pastor Don Taylor and our beautiful congregation who open their arms each Sunday and make our families feel truly welcome!

Thank you to Don Jenkins for your gift of music. The children love singing and we are very blessed have such a talented and patient music director.

Thank you to all our parents who come to worship and share God's love with their children. Thank you for sharing your beautiful children with all of us!

Finally, I want to say thank you to our amazing youth who make every Sunday very special!

Always, Michelle Cottrell



We hope you will join the Congregation in celebrating the first Sunday in Advent with our annual Christmas Pageant. The youth are presenting the program during the Children's Moment on November 30, 2015. After service we invite everyone to share in the goodies at Coffee Hour.

The children are excited to share the beautiful and timeless Christmas Story. We hope to see you there!



Pictures are from our 2014 Christmas Pageant at Newport First Presbyterian Church

WELCOME PRESBYTERY!



**Presbytery Meeting
November 13th and 14th**

**Being held at
First Presbyterian Church – Newport
227 NE 12th St
Newport, OR 97365**

Plans are in the works for making this a welcoming and memorable event !

Our volunteers are very busy !

Our Worship Team has met with their Worship Design Team.

Registration Tables will be set and Meal Tickets will be sold.

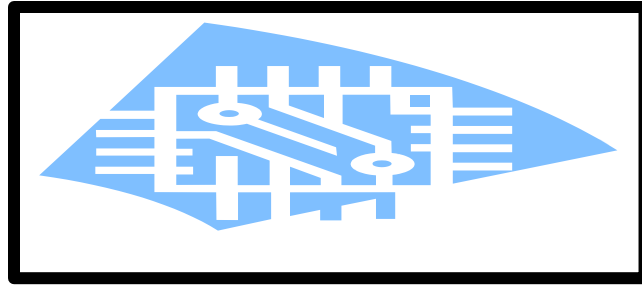
Bob White and Christina Swafford will be the Chefs of the Event.

Jim Myers and crew will assist at meal times.

Our Communion Preparers and Servers will be ready for Worship.

Workshop Attendants will be available for helping out.

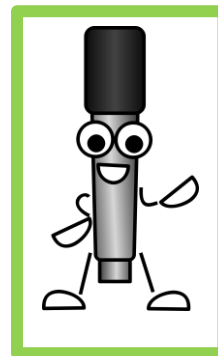
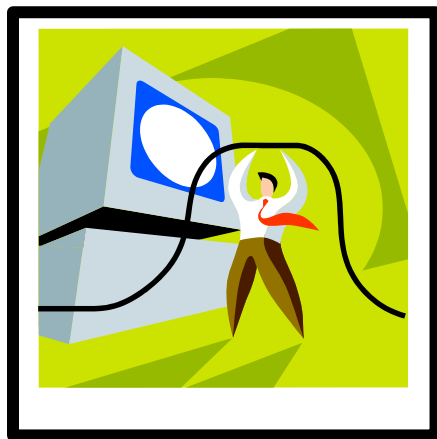




Thanks to Steven Haller, Bill Mortimer, and Rob Smith

For

Fixing the computer and mic in the sanctuary !



GROUNDS CREW THANK YOU

LAST WORK PARTY , SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

Hi All,

Thank you very much for your work during the subject work party. We got a lot done but not all on the agenda. Oh well, we didn't want to get caught up did we? After all, if we had got caught up we'd be worrying about what are we going to do in October.

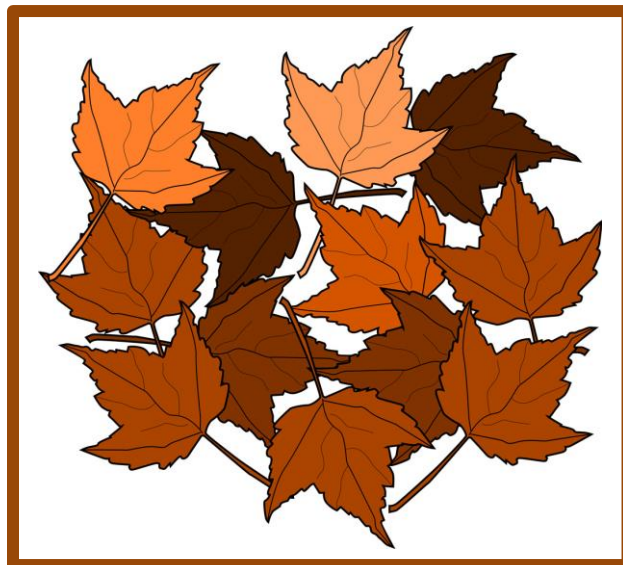
Sooo, I hope you will be looking forward to the Work Party on the 2nd Saturday in Oct. (10/10), rain or shine.

We will have a hotdog and hamburg cookout (if raining a cookin) at noon.

Thanks again,

📧 Jim Dunlap 📧

GOOD GROUND MAINTENANCE IS A SILENT EXPRESSION OF EVANGELISM.



Dear Members and Friends,

It's been 18 months since Bob had his aortic valve replaced. Although he has recovered mentally, he still has a way to go to recover physically. It's been a long journey. We are both extremely grateful for all that you have done for us; the many visitations, phone calls, meals, over a 100 cards, and most of all, your prayers. Please keep the prayers coming. Each day is still a challenge. Bob still needs encouragement to exercise, walk and to look to the future. He is doing more small projects at home. We both are most grateful to Dr. Don Taylor for his many visitations and private prayers.

Lovingly,

Shirley Loeffel



New Books for the Library



Thank you Maxene Bahr for donating Presbyterians: a spiritual journey, by Dirk Wierenga. The author writes and photographs his spiritual drive across the country visiting Presbyterian churches and congregations. It is a large book and enjoyable to pick up and read at your leisure. It will be placed on tables around the church such as the one in Geneva Hall.

Other recent donations are as follows:



My Utmost for His Highest: an updated Edition in Today's Language, by Oswald Chambers. This Large Printed edition is a classic published 75 years ago. It is guaranteed to challenge and strengthen your spiritual Journey. It has a brief message for each day.



Life through Loss: Facing Your Pain, Finding Your Purpose, by Gail Porter. The author, who was associated with the organization, Campus Crusade for Christ, wrote about her experience of losing most of her family in a short time and how it changed her life by deepening her faith as she opened up to other people with more compassion, allowing her to strengthen the rest of her family ties.



FOR THE CHILDREN

Christmas 2015

Early in November, our friendly Christmas Elf icon will once again begin to appear here-and-there around our church ... he represents our spirit of giving, as we launch our 2015 “Gifts For Kids” Christmas Mission, which provides gifts for children living in our community who are under the protection of the Lincoln County Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). Your “Gifts For Kids” Committee will have the “adoption” table ready in Geneva Hall after the worship service on Sunday, November 1st (and on each Sunday thereafter until all children on our list are assured of receiving a gift this Christmas) ... we’ll hope to see you there!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No November PW Meeting;
please join us for our next meeting
on Friday, December 4th.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 12th, in the Westminster Room. Judith Pierce will hostess the meeting, and Pam Merwin will lead the lesson.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, November 20th, in the Westminster Room.

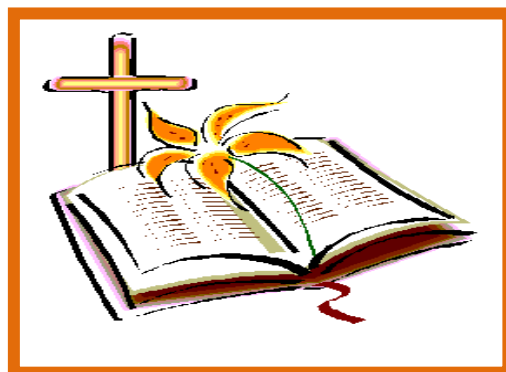
Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

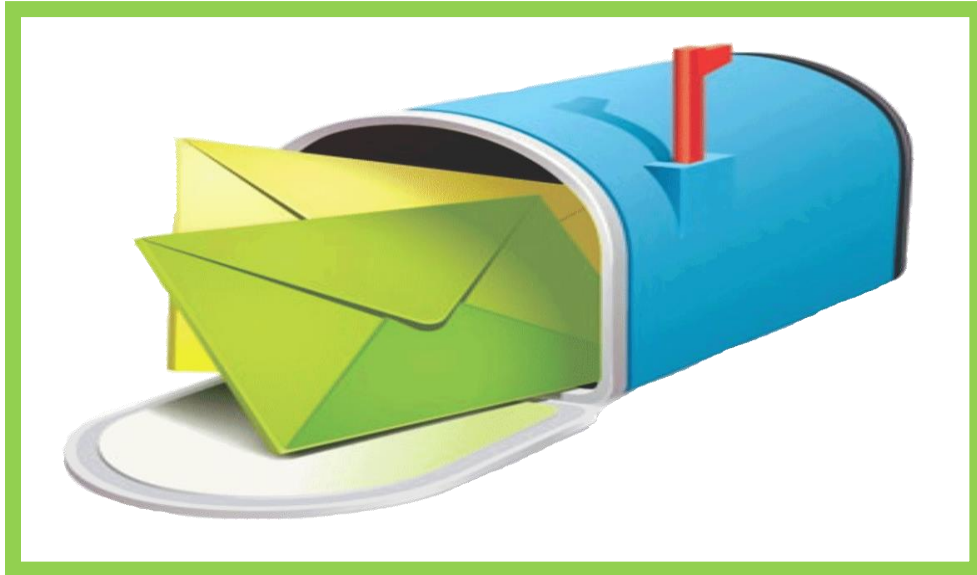
Lesson Three:“Absence of Water – Thirst and Longing”Scripture:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 42:1-2; 63:1; John 19:28

Lesson Focus:

We have dry spells in our lives – our bodies and our souls thirst.
How do we survive times of little or no water?





ADDRESS UPDATE: *

**Mignonne Pride
Chisholm Trail Estates - Apt #113
513 South Old Betsy Road
Keene, TX 76059**

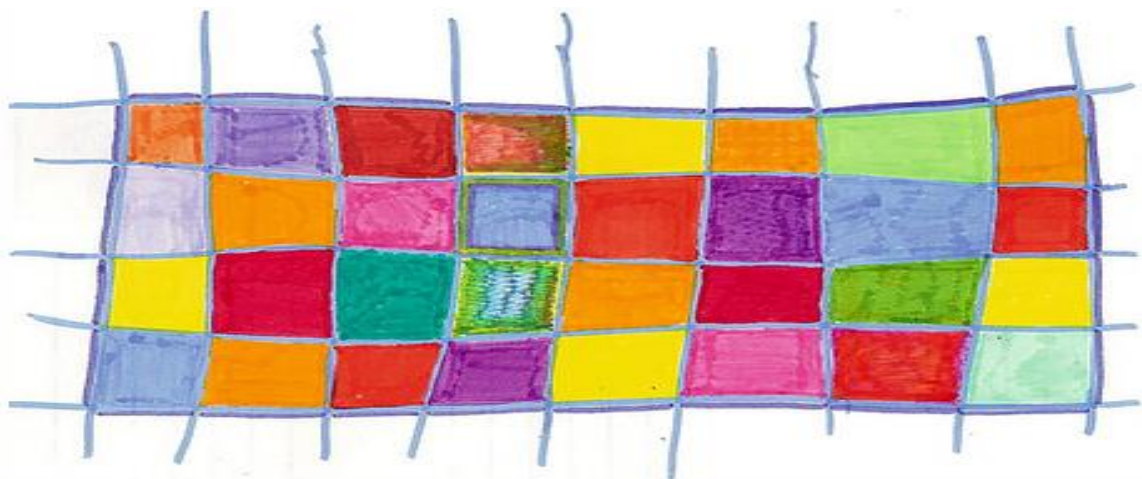
*** Address is the same, EXCEPT:
USPS now requires “South” added
to the street address.**

A Blessing and a Joy !



**Peggy Rosica knitted 12 beautiful baby blankets and
20 baby hats for the Newborn Necessities Project.**

Thank you Peggy !



Cooking – Serving – Bring a Dessert – Cleanup

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 NOV 16TH.**

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.

Baby Necessities Questions? Contact Pam Merwin at 541-265-4095

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

**Coffee Hour Volunteers, Worship Assistants, Ground Maintenance
Work Party, Other Time and Talents Offering!**

You may call the church office: **541-265-2841** **THANK YOU!**

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