

THE BEACON December, 2016



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Announcements

Our Interim Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Richard Neese

January Beacon Deadline – Dec 9th

Office Closed for Christmas-Dec 23rd and 26th

-PW Christmas Around the World Meeting, Fri, Dec 2, 12:00-Geneva Hall-PW

Fellowship Circle-Fri, Dec 16, 1:30p-Geneva Hall

Mouse Factory Event

Hot Cocoa with Santa – Saturday, Dec 3rd 9:00a-11:00a Geneva Hall

Entry by Donation-Silent Auction -Crafts

Handel's Messiah with NSO-Dec 3rd, 7:30p-9:30p

Performing Arts Center

Handel's Messiah with NSO-Dec 4th, 2:00p-4:00p

Performing Arts Center

Christmas Tea at Oceanview, Dec 6th, 2:30pm

Wishes & Candles Holiday Concert, Sat, Dec 10th, 7p-9p

Yachats Common and Sunday, Dec 11th, 2p-4p PAC – Central Coast

Chorale,

Adult Choir – Practice Wed 5:30pm-6:30pm & Sundays before service starting 9:00am-9:45am

Children's Choir (Grades 3-8) Practice Wednesdays 4:00pm-4:30pm Choir Room

Announcements Continued

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 – 8) 1st and 3rd Wed each month 6p-7:30p

NEXT Men's Group at Izzy's December 14th at 6:30pm

Literary Group meets **Mondays at 12:00noon**

New Book: "Half-Broke Horses"

Brown Bag Bible Study meets **Wednesdays at 11:00am**

December Dine Out for Samaritan House: Georgie's!

Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner on Wednesday, December 7 with an outstanding ocean view as you help Lincoln county homeless families. Georgie's will donate 15% of the day's proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter. Thank you for your continued support!

New Books For The Library

Leading Into the World by Paul Galbreath, Professor of Worship and Preaching at Union Seminary, Richmond, VA. Be sure and read the positive words he had to say about FPC Newport on page 11. He has a practical guide to churches who have stepped up to the care for creation as a central part of our discipleship as followers of Jesus.

Clowning in Rome: Reflections on Solitude, Celibacy and Prayer and Conntemplation, by Henri J.M. Nouwen. This famous Catholic Priest wrote this as part of a lecture series while he visited and taught in Rome.

Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology by Daniel L. Migliore. This book would help a student, minister or lay reader. The author is a Professor at Princeton



Prayer Concerns

Joys

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

Church Triumphant

-Sue, sister of Anna Whitehurst passed on Monday morning, Nov 7th
-Brycen, nephew of Lois Lederman's sister, Jane. Prayers for Brycen's family for God's comfort and strength.

O Lord...

New Concerns

-Dennis Pierce, prayers for peace-having quit his job due to health issues

O Lord...

Continuing Concerns

-Patt Elam, healing and recovery from massive coronary (Susan Mills' mother) and for Susan's parents as they navigate through life transitions.
-Carol Carroll, for personal issues

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

President Obama, Congress, and World Leaders; Refugees, Christians in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and China; Armed Forces; Police, Doctors and Nurses, First Responders; Earthquake victims in New Zealand; 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:

Nov 27	Tri-City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek, OR
Dec 4	First United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Point, OR
Dec 11	First Presbyterian Church, Newberg, OR
Dec 18	First Presbyterian Church, North Bend, OR
Dec 25	Community Presbyterian Church, Oakland, OR

O Lord...

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

O Lord...

The Lord's Prayer.....

Birthdays and Anniversaries, December, 2016

happy
Birthday

Pam Schindler 4th

Drake Dougherty 13th

Carol Schriner 28th

Ruby Cooper 31st

Happy
Anniversary

Casey & Kathryn Hawes 29th

Presbyterian Women meeting on December 2 **Christmas Around the World**



The next PW meeting will be held in Geneva Hall on Friday, Dec. 2, at Noon when we will learn about “Christmas Around the World” through the stories and traditions of Marguerite Sanchez (England) and Gabriela Weiss-Vickers (Germany).

This month, instead of a luncheon, we'll enjoy coffee, tea and cookies in the spirit of the season. Each attendee is encouraged to bring two dozen cookies that we'll use for a cookie exchange, as well as some tasty sampling at the meeting. PW meetings are always filled with fellowship and fun, so you won't want to miss this. (Even if you have never attended a PW meeting, please join us.)

Don't forget to add these 2017 PW meetings to your calendar:

- February 10
- March 3
- June 2

Gifts For Kids” Mission 2016

Did you sign up to provide a gift or gifts for children as part of this year's “Gifts for Kids” Christmas Mission? If so, we offer this friendly reminder that all gifts must be delivered to the church on or before Sunday, December 4. This year, 102 children will receive a Christmas gift thanks to the compassionate, generous hearts found in the First Presbyterian Church congregation. Have questions about the mission? Contact committee co-chairs Barbara and Art Bradley (541/270-6193) or Beth Hubbard (541/265-7442), or Martha Sneller (541/270-6041).

Circle Meetings in December

The **Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 8. Gladys Snedecor will host the meeting at her home at 3337 NE Coos Street in Newport. This Circle always meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:30am. If you have questions about the Fireside Circle, please call Gladys at (541) 574-8703.

The **Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 17, in Geneva Hall. The schedule for this group's upcoming meetings will be the 3rd Friday of each month at 1:30pm. If you would like to know more about Fellowship Circle, please call Eunice Forinash at (541) 265-7106

Both meetings will continue our Bible study with the *“Who is Jesus: What a Difference a Lens Makes”* study guide. In December, we will look at the Gospel of John and focus our discussion and study on the key scripture of John 9: 1-7.

“READY-ING” FOR RUMMAGE



Beginning Sunday, January 1, your clean rummage will be welcomed and appreciated. Our weekly sorting sessions (Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the north portion of the Calvin Room) begin Friday, January 6 and will continue each Friday thereafter through April 21. If you'll allow us some repetition, PLEASE make sure your donated items are CLEAN.

Pick a card – ANY card – and take it home with you!

A supply of 5"x4" cards specifying **what NOT to donate** will be continuously posted in five convenient locations within the Church. Those locations are:

1. Library window
2. northeast window in Geneva Hall
3. window next to the Office door
4. Calvin Room door
5. PW's bulletin board

They have been prepared especially for your convenience, so we invite you to take one home and keep it handy to remind you of those items that we CANNOT ACCEPT. Until you can pick up your card, here's a quick review of what NOT to donate: textbooks, old encyclopedias, dated magazines, mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, pianos, organs, Christmas garland, personal toiletries (soaps, lotions, toothpaste, perfumes, etc.), medicines, pesticides, opened paint, and other hazardous waste products. We also will NOT be able to accept absolutely any exercise equipment, televisions, copy machines, fax machines, or computer configurations and/or peripherals (CPU's, monitors, keyboards, printers).

In making your donation decisions, please keep in mind that the success of our Sale is directly dependent on quality. We do not offer items that are soiled, torn, incomplete, broken, etc. **Please understand that if you bring us such items, you are creating a hardship in terms of time and effort for our sorters, and a further hardship in terms of the charges we must pay to have them hauled away.** We ask for your thoughtfulness and cooperation in this regard. Questions? Call Rummage Chair Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484).

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 27 - 29, 2017

(Proceeds will support: Our church, Our Community, and World-Wide Mission Goals)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Two Thankyou notes to the ladies who knit our prayer shawls

I want to thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl given to me, during the Sunday, October 9th church service. I am grateful for the prayers and support. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life.

Love, peace and joy,

Anna Whitehurst

Dear Knitting Ladies

I was very surprised to be the recipient of one of your beautiful shawls. It is very cozy besides being very beautiful. I hope I don't get to feeling sorry for myself but if I do, its warm snugglyness will be very comforting. You gave Bob a blue shawl about a year ago. He napped under it. It was very comforting to him. Thank you very much.

Lovingly,

Shirley Loeffel



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

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