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#### **Upcoming Events**

Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	
	Communion	
	PW Meeting	11:30 am
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Read & Feed	4:30-7:00pm
Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oceanview Tea	2:00 pm
Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Group @ Izzy's	6:30 pm
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fireside Circle	9:30 am
Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Symphony Concert	7:00 pm
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Pageant	10:00 am
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Stone Soup	4:30-7:00pm
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm
Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent Cantata	4:00 pm
Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dances of Universal Peace	6:00-12:00

#### December 2013

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#### December Choir Schedule

Wed. Practices – 5:30 – 6:30pm Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, (6:00-7:30) Sun. Rehearsals – 9:00 - 9:45am Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

Special Rehearsal: Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 - Noon

#### Pastor's Pencil

A little child shall lead them. Isaiah 11:6

Quick, what do

Swords shall be beaten into plowshares,

Wolves shall lie down with lambs

Death swallowed up forever

&

The lame shall leap like a deer,

have in common?

If you guessed that they are all prophecies from the Book of Isaiah, go to the head of the class! This advent, Dave and I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, *Prophecies of the Messiah*, which will focus on four of the well known messianic passages in the Book of Isaiah.

As you can tell from the list above, these prophecies are pretty wild. Perhaps that is why the angles sang when Christ was born!

Yours for a prophetic Advent season.

Don

#### **An Advent Evensong**

The Chancel Choir will present the Advent cantata "Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland" (Savior of the Nations, Come) by J.S. Bach on Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. In addition to the cantata, the program will include seasonal readings, pipe organ selections, and the singing of Advent hymns.

The one hour program is free and open to the public. Donations to benefit a local charity and to support future music programs will be welcome. For further information contact Don Jenkins, Director of Music at 541-961-2368 or drjenkins@centurytel.net.

#### **Prayer List**

#### **Church Triumphant**

Genevieve Kober

#### Joys:

- Velma Burkert recovering from knee surgery
- Receipt of grant for rain water storage project at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian

#### Concerns:

- Helen Jones recovery from broken shoulder
- Jim Myers cancer treatment

#### Youth, Military & Missions:

- Marcus Luther Teach To America
- Candice Mettle studying in Germany
- Navy Warrant Officer Dustin Trask – Afghanistan
   Dave Heater – mentoring
- Dave Heater mentoring students at Newport High School

#### \_ocal:

 Salmon fishermen – including Kinder Cotrell on "Last Dance"

#### Opportunities For Service



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, serve 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**.

#### 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 www.mowaa.org.

#### **Church Office Help Needed**

The church is looking for volunteer substitutes in the office from 9:00 am to noon. Please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

### 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 <u>tax-deductible</u> check payable to **Lincoln County Health & Human Services** will be welcomed in any amount.

Questions? Contact Pam Merwin at 541-265-4095

Newborn Necessities

#### Dine Out for Samaritan House

Ring in the holiday season at Georgie's Beachside Grill Wednesday, December 4th as they host Dine Out for Samaritan House. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner at this local favorite as they donate 20% of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter. What better way to start the season of giving.



#### Presbyterian Women Meeting

Sunday - December 1st - 11:30 a.m. (Meeting in Westminster Room, followed by Holiday Musical Program in Geneva Hall)

Please plan to join us as we gather for our December meeting, which will be followed by a program of Christmas musical presentions by Diane LaRue, Toni Mueller and Gladys Snedecor. Remember that PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, bring your friend(s), and enhance your holiday spirit -- with music and with the warm fellowship of your Presbyterian Sisters!

#### Circle Meetings

**Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 12th, at **Gladys Snedecor's** home (3337 NE Coos Street, Newport). **Jane Haskell** will lead the meeting.

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

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

#### Lesson Four:

"Passing through the Waters"

Scripture: *Exodus* 13:17-15:21

Key Idea: For Jews and Christians alike, the exodus is tied to the salvation of all peoples. Thus Christians connect this event to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, especially as we celebrate it in the Sacrament of Baptism.

The next class for church membership will be held on the 4 Sundays of January, 2014 beginning with Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

"For more information please contact Pastor Don Taylor or Bob Loeffel, Membership Officer."



#### LETTERS OF THANKS



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

From Amanda Claxton, MS, RD, LD, Healthy Families Manager (Interim):

"Thank you so much for the seasonal hats and onesies. The candy corn & pumpkin designs on the hats sure made us and our families smile. Thank you so much for your donations. It's so nice to have something to give families to brighten their day. Your support for families in our community is so appreciated."

\* 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).

Many Thanks to my Presbyterian Family for all the prayers, cards and flowers. A special "Thank You" to Parish Nurse Sandy Adams and Kath Schonau Taylor for all their professional help.

Neva Stewart

#### Congratulations!

- Congratulations to Avery Heater who has been chosen to play the part of Isabella, a major role in the NYU production of William Shakespeare's Measure for Measure in December of this year.
- Oregon Community Foundation has fully funded the grant submitted through the Mid Coast Watershed Council, which will complete the funding needed to install the rainwater storage project at First Presbyterian. Don Taylor will represent the church at the awards ceremony on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Thank you

Thanks to the Grounds Crew on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, who cut down the large tree in front of the kitchen window, cleaned up a lot of brush and provided free fire wood: Jim Dunlap, Sam Adams, Dave Perry, Bob Young, Gene Nelson, Carol Jones.

## The Beacon Team

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# Rummage

#### "READY-ING" FOR RUMMAGE

Beginning Sunday, January 5th, your (<u>CLEAN!!</u>) rummage will be welcomed and appreciated. Our weekly sorting-sessions begin Friday, January 10th and will continue each Friday thereafter through April 4th.

**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 (Library window and northeast window in Geneva Hall, window next to the Office Door, Calvin Room Door, and PW Bulletin Board) ... they have been prepared especially for YOUR convenience, so we invite you to take one home and keep it (on your fridge? ... in your glove compartment?) 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 (such as news magazines and National Geographic), mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, pianos, organs, Christmas garland, personal toiletries (soaps, lotions, toothpaste, perfumes, etc.), medicines, pesticides, opened paint, other hazardous waste products ... (AND AGAIN THIS YEAR): absolutely **NO** exercise equipment; **NO** computer configurations and/or peripherals (CPU'S, Monitors, Keyboards, Printers); **NO** TV's, Copy Machines, Fax Machines.

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 either of our Rummage Co-Chairs: Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484) or Marianne Mendenhall (541/867-7474).

#### Rummage Sale Dates: April 10 - 12, 2014

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



#### BE JEWELED

BE JEWELED, the annual fundraiser for Food Share of Lincoln County, needs your help! We are currently collecting ANY jewelry you may have that you don't wear. It can be any type of jewelry and of any material. We appreciate donations of beads, jewelry components, necklaces, non-working watches, children's jewelry, costume, any kind. This annual fundraiser helps purchase thousands of pounds of food for the needy in our county. If you have any donations, you can drop them off at any Chamber of Commerce, any branch of the Oregon Coast Bank, any branch of Columbia Bank, or Diamonds by the Sea in Newport or Lincoln City. You can also bring your donations to Cindy McConnell or Kathy Heater. Your support is much appreciated!

#### **NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY**

<u>Kisses from Katie: A Story of Relentless Love and Redemption</u>, by Katie Davis with Beth Clark. This New York Times Best Seller is the true story of a teenager and her family. She went on a two-week mission trip to Uganda that kindled her desire to return responding to Gods call. She founded an organization for underprivileged children and had incredible experiences making a difference to many people living in poverty in Uganda.

One Year Book of Devotion, for Kids#2, This book includes a year of stories, as well as daily Bible passages, and how they apply to you, a short memory verse as well as a summary in a few words. Although it is written for children from 8-14, all ages might find it worthwhile.

<u>The City of David</u>, by Hershel Shanks. This is a guidebook to Biblical Jerusalem, It includes historical background, pictures and maps.

<u>Saying Yes and Saying No, On Rendering To God and Caesar</u>, by Robert McAfee Brown. The author confronts the dilemma that exists when government policies clash with God's ideas of peace and justice.



"Gifts For Kids" Christmas Mission



A gift each for a total of 117 children (59 boys and 58 girls) who are under the protection of the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center (LCCAC) and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) -- that is the goal of our Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee for Christmas 2013.

<u>Can we do it</u>? With your help, yes we can! Please meet us at our "adoption" table in Geneva Hall after Sunday's worship service. We'll be there each Sunday until each child on our list is assured of a gift ... possibly the only one he/she will receive.

If shopping is difficult for you, your <u>tax-deductible</u> check (payable to LCCAC) will be welcomed *(no amount too small or too large!!)*. We are grateful for your help, and for your prayers for these very special children.

Questions? Contact Committee Co-Chairs Barbara and Art Bradley (541/765-2272) or Martha Sneller (541/265-3471).



Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Newport Intermediate School

#### Welcome to the Oregon Coast's Biggest Holiday Expo!

Need gift giving ideas? This is the place! Over 50 vendors under one roof with gifts for everyone on your list! Art, jewelry, creations for kids, pottery, hand bags, wood craft products, photography, specialty foods and much more! Live music with the Sweet Adelines!

#### **Special Added Attraction:**

Chocolate makers and Coffee roasters with gift packages for sale!

And free samples too!!!

Special lunch for purchase benefiting Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter on Saturday and a terrific High Tea Luncheon on Sunday!

#### Your admission by donation benefits

HELP Program of Lincoln County School District for homeless students & Newport Food Pantry/Operation Snackpacks emergency food programs.



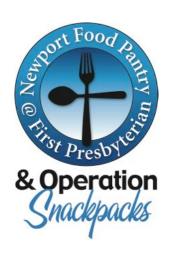


There are children living in cars and motorhomes. So many seniors need help in their homes so they can remain independent. Veterans are struggling to get medical attention. Now that winter is upon us, heating homes sufficiently is breaking the budgets of people who have also had work hours reduced. The needs seem overwhelming and beyond the scope of available resources. How do we make a difference when so many require assistance?

When it seems impossible, I remember Jim's brother, Dick. After his own children were well on their way to being grown, a little girl and her family moved in next door. One evening, Dick saw Annie out on the porch all by herself. When he went next door to investigate, it became apparent that both parents had drinking problems that resulted in child neglect. Dick took Annie home where is wife, Jan, bathed and fed her. That began a relationship that would span 20 years.

Dick and Jan made sure Annie had clean clothes for school. Many mornings, they fed her breakfast. They took her to their home on Bainbridge Island for wonderful weekend getaways. They sent her to camp. They took her to church. They taught her about the love of Jesus.

Dick and Jan couldn't help everyone who needed it. But, they made a big difference in the life of one child. Annie was well on her way to becoming a productive adult. Unfortunately, her life ended tragically when she was only 23. But, thanks to Dick and Jan, she knew all about God's love. They knew they couldn't help everyone. But it didn't stop them from making a huge difference in the life of one person.







#### **DECEMBER**

Pam Schindler 4<sup>th</sup>
Isabella Potter 10<sup>th</sup>
Drake Dougherty 13<sup>th</sup>
Casey & Kathryn Hawes 29<sup>th</sup>
Ruby Cooper 31<sup>st</sup>

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