

# THE BEACON



## Upcoming Events

<b>Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><i>Orchid Show</i></b>	<b><i>10 am – 4 pm</i></b>
<b>Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b><i>Guest Speaker - Dave Heater</i></b>	
<b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><i>Labor Day – Office Closed</i></b>	
<b>Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Communion Sunday</i></b>	
	<b><i>Deacons Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>11:30 am</i></b>
	<b><i>Potluck - Health &amp; Wellness - Noon</i></b>	
<b>Sept. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Communion at Oceanview</i></b>	
	<b><i>Men's Group at Izzy's</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 pm</i></b>
<b>Sept. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Fireside Circle</i></b>	<b><i>9:30 am</i></b>
<b>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Stone Soup</i></b>	<b><i>4:30 pm</i></b>
<b>Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><i>Fellowship Circle</i></b>	<b><i>1:30 pm</i></b>

## September 2012

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***\*\*Kerygma Class – Weekly***

***Tuesday 4 -6 pm***

## Pastor's Pencil

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Back east, it usually begins in mid August, and sometimes even here in Oregon, there will be a faint coolness in the morning air, the first noticeable sign that the seasons are changing again. The brisk mornings will slowly fill a whole day, a welcome relief from humid heat, followed by an early frost that then often leads into pleasant days of Indian summer.

The earth has been spinning all this time. The change we suddenly sense didn't happen quite so quickly, but in the slow, steady, ongoing whirling orbit of our planet around the sun. Creation is marvelously complex. I can hardly grasp the intricacy of this lovely orb we live on, let alone the starry, wild cosmos stretching out before us.

Fall means the end of summer, the beginning of school, time to check the furnace filters, fix the roof leaks and a whole host of other tasks. It can also be a subtle reminder that we live in a wondrous universe that was never meant to stand still. Thanks be to God.

Yours for a full fall season,

Don

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## Chancel Choir News

### Chancel Choir Resumes

The primary function of the choir is to lead the congregation in singing the great hymns, psalms, and responses of the church and to enhance worship through the offering of anthems and spiritual songs.

The ability to read music is helpful but not an absolute necessity in our choir. We can work on that as we go along. Singing is a very healthful activity engaging the brain, encouraging deep breathing, fomenting a sense of self-worth, and being a part of the camaraderie of other singers.

On Wednesday September 5 at 5:30 p.m., the Chancel Choir will resume regular practices. We also rehearse on Sundays before worship at 9:00 a.m. All who enjoy singing are welcome to attend. There are no "tryouts" or auditions and prospective members are welcome to come on a trial basis. . Join us and bring a friend!

Don Jenkins

Director of Music



## Opportunities For Service



### 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, 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 need 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](http://www.mowaa.org).

### 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 Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

### 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**. **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 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 541-265-4095



Newborn Necessities

### Dine Out for Samaritan House

Dine Out for Samaritan House will resume in October. Watch this space for more information.

## Thank You For ...

### Helping with the Red Cross Blood Drive on June 20<sup>th</sup>

- Maxene Bahr
- Art Bradley
- Gary Corkrum
- Anna Easley
- Elsie Flower
- Laurie Hanson
- Nancy Hawley
- Margaret Mortimer
- Linda Mosley
- Marguerite Sanchez

### Yard work and pruning:

- Carol Jones
- Rob Thompson
- Bob White
- Steve Chrisman
- Dave Perry
- Dave Kent
- Eve Kent
- Ann Denison
- Bob Young
- Theresa Young
- Bill Johnson
- Jim Dunlap
- Bob Loeffel

### Construction of a new bee house to keep bees & humans safe:

- Bob Young

### A productive workday on July 28<sup>th</sup>:

- Jim Dunlap
- Dave Perry
- Parmalee Perry
- Bill Johnson
- Bob White
- Dave Heater
- Don Taylor

### Summer lawn maintenance:

- Jim Dunlap
- Bill Johnson
- Sam Adams
- Dave Perry
- Jim Voetberg
- Beth Matthewson

## Blogs From Our Young Adults

Paige Schindler – <http://newporttochile.blogspot.com>

Marcus Luther - <http://Marcusluther.tumblr.com/>

## Prayer List

### Joys:

- ❖ Katy Hennings (recovery)
- ❖ Cliff Collard (completion of radiation)
- ❖ Margaret McClellan (successful brain surgery)
- ❖ Elsie Flower (successful surgery)

### Concerns:

- ❖ Brent Pickens
- ❖ Christopher Montera (severely injured in Afghanistan, Pat Stimac's cousin's son)
- ❖ Jan Evans
- ❖ Lois Knox (colon cancer)
- ❖ Karen Bamer
- ❖ Mickey Satterfield (Sandy Adams sister-in-law)

### Military:

- ❖ Cody Harper (deployed to Afghanistan, friend of Judy Eames)
- ❖ Ryan McMullen (deployed to Afghanistan)



## Presbyterian Women

### PW'S MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE (2012 - 2013)

Presbyterian Women will meet five (5) times during our 2012-2013 year. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*** and plan to join your Presbyterian Sisters on these dates for fellowship, a variety of programs, and opportunities to share and participate in The PW Purpose:

Friday, October 5th  
Friday, December 7th  
Friday, February 1st  
Friday, March 1st  
Friday, June 7th

\* We especially invite all employed women to attend any portion of our meetings for which you can spare the time. We attempt to adhere to the following schedule: Lunch at 12:00 Noon, our program at 12:30 (about 30 minutes), followed by a business meeting. Come one time OR come every time, as your schedule allows ... **YOU ARE WELCOME!!**

## Circle Meetings

**Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 13th, in the Westminster Room. The meeting will be hosted by **Carol Jones**. The lesson leader will be **Shirley Loeffel**.

**Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, September 21st, in the Westminster Room.

The 2012-2013 *Horizons* Bible Study for both Circles will be: "*Dispatches to God's Household - The General Epistles.*" September's Lesson One is entitled, "An Overview of the General Epistles." Key Idea: God's household throughout Asia Minor, to whom the dispatches were addressed, was birthed from a rich and complex history. The General Epistles reflect this complexity. In this lesson, we will introduce ourselves to background information about the who, where, when, and why of these texts, to enhance our future exploration of what these letters meant to our spiritual ancestors and what they mean to us. Scripture: 1 Peter; 2 Peter; 1- John; Jude.

**What about more Circles?** If your time constraints do not permit your participation in the meetings of either Fireside Circle (2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.) or Fellowship Circle (3rd Friday at 1:30 p.m.), would you be interested in another time? According to our PW By-Laws, circles are small groups which are created to provide an inclusive, caring community of women ... they can meet at any time (sunrise? sunset?), and need not include hostess duties (meet at the church and BYOC - bring your own coffee)!! Questions? Please contact PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240).

### *Please note:*

#### PW FALL GATHERING

(At press-time for **The Beacon**, arrangements for the South/Central Regions' Fall Gatherings had not been finalized. Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room, as well as the Cascades PW website: [www.cascadespw.org](http://www.cascadespw.org) -- the information will be posted as soon as it becomes available ).



## PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT/DIGNITY DRIVE

**October 5, 2012**

Part of the mission of Project Homeless Connect is to provide people with personal hygiene items and new socks and underwear.

Beginning in September, there will be a drop-off box for new underwear and socks for men and women, as well as shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

It does sometimes seem like every time we turn around, there is someone or some organization asking for help. This particular event is a one-day blitz, designed to give the homeless in our community a hot meal, medical help, a haircut, and access to local services. If each member of our church brings one or two of these items, we will be making a huge difference in the lives of many people.

Financial donations are also very welcome to help purchase sleeping bags, blankets, miscellaneous food, and other items. You can give any donations to Cindy McConnell. Checks can be made out to: Commission on Children and Families.

Thank you so much for your help. Our church has been a great supporter of Project Homeless Connect since the beginning, and it has been much appreciated.



### PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

#### **BROWNIE BRIGADE NEEDED!!!!!!**

For the past several years our church has been involved with food preparation or food purchasing for Project Homeless Connect. This year the food budget, to feed around 275 people, is only \$300, and that must also purchase the necessary plates, cups, and silverware, as well as food for the snack bags each client receives.

The food committee met recently, and came up with a menu. I chose dessert for our church to make – it seemed like the easiest thing to do.

We are being asked for 300 BROWNIES, or a similar type of bar. They want a dessert that does not need a plate or fork to eat. My hope is that I can get FIFTEEN people to volunteer to make one pan of brownies each (cut into 20+).

Are you willing to bake a pan of brownies? If so, please let me know. My contact information follows. I can pick up your contribution or you can just bring it to the Nazarene Church the morning of October 5th. Please cut them and put them on a sturdy paper plate or in something you don't need to have returned.

I hope to hear from FIFTEEN brownie bakers! Thanks!

**Cindy McConnell** - 541-270-9784  
mcconn@charter.net

# New Members



In their own words ...

## David C. Kent Jr.

62 years old.

Military Veteran: 24 May 1966 to 31 Aug. 1981  
USMC 4 years, then went to the Army for advancement

POB: Newburyport, MA. On the east coast like Newport.

Profession: Executive Consultant

Home: Philippine Islands

I accepted The Lord Jesus Christ in the battlefield in Viet Nam in 1969

I am a member of Gideon's International. My goal is to win souls for Jesus Christ.

I have been all over the United States and most of the world.

I was involved in missions sending relief to the Philippines.

After an inspection tour, I felt the Holy Spirit calling me to return to use my skills to help the people.

In the last two years we built a new embassy, VA medical clinic (the only one outside the U.S.), Started a water system for Manila. Worked to improve the National Police Force, Visited Prisons, halfway houses, home for the aged, visited many churches to witness and tried to meet their needs. Witnessed in my Families hospital and all places I was. I sang on two islands.

Worked within the Philippine government agencies to assist in anyway possible.

Represented the interests of The United States on the use of the money being given to the Philippines.

Our first Sunday at "First Presbyterian Church, Newport. My wife and I felt Jesus sent us here.

We feel the love of God here among the members.

The comfort, joy and welcoming has been overwhelming. We are growing fast spiritually and feel at home here.

David was recently elected secretary of this Camp of Gideon's International.

## Eva E. Kent

I was born October 1, 1952 in the Philippines. I'm 59 years old. My late father was in the Army of the USAFFE (United States Armed Forces in the Far East). He is a Hero in the World War II. He was awarded 2 Purple Hearts, bronze star and 7 more medals. He was a Prisoner of War. My late grandfather is also a Hero in World War I in our country, Philippines, the only Christian country in the Far East (Asia).

I finished my high school in Pilgrim Institute in 1969. It was built by United Church of Christ in the Philippine(UCCP), supported by Presbyterian Church, USA.

I used to be an English professor in the school I graduated, top University in the Philippines, Xavier University (ATENEO) the standard of which is like Harvard University here in America. Most of our Senators and Congressmen our past president graduated from Harvard here. I am a member: Bible Study International , American Legion Women's Auxiliary and Toastmasters International. I am "Certified Toastmaster". I taught in the Vacation Bible School.

I accepted Lord Jesus in my heart in Dec 1983 almost 29 years ago. I studied Evangelism and Exhorters courses in the School of Ministry of our church, Jesus is Lord Global Church, Philippines. I am an Intercessor and Praying warrior of God since then,. I plant seeds by giving Christian tracts wherever I go in season or out of season. I sing gospel songs. I trained non working mothers for free in our community to do handicrafts, flower arrangements, Christmas decor and novelties for additional income. Give support to our Pastors and visited Home for the Aged

My husband David and I always volunteer in the Church activities: We used to assist sick people in our Church Medical Mission. We got married Dec. 15. 2009.

David is a Disabled Veteran, Vietnam War, 1969. He was a Marine and retired Army.

He is a lifetime member of; Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars. We are members of Gideon here at Newport where I was recently elected Auxiliary Chaplain of this Camp of Gideons International.

David, now is the Soldier of God. He loves singing gospel songs. He touched people's hearts when he sang at the malls in the Philippines.

We are new here barely 6 months. Our home is in the Philippines.

## NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

- ✚ Thank you **Martha Sneller** for the book, Heaven Is For Real, by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent. This is the story of a little boy who tells his parents about his trip to heaven and back.
- ✚ Thank you **Karen Forsyth** for the documentary DVD and companion book entitled Forks Over Knives. You may look at vegetables in a different way as they could be lifesaving. The major storyline traces the findings of Dr. Colin Campbell, a nutritional biochemist from Cornell University and Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn a top surgeon from Cleveland Clinic.
- ✚ Thank you **Peggy Bickford** for the book, The Hole in Our Gospel, by Richard Stearns, President of World Vision. This was chosen for the morning study group. This book guarantees to broaden your horizons in your discipleship and possibly the world as well.
- Other donations for our library:
- ✚ A New Earth, Awakening to Your Life's Purpose, by Eckhart Tolle was studied by one of our reading groups. The #1 bestselling author also wrote The Power of Now.
- ✚ Where is God When It Hurts, by Philip Yancy. The author writes clearly and practically about pain and evil. His book was chosen best inspirational book in 1977.
- ✚ Reflections On the Psalms, by C.S. Lewis. This classic book will give you insight when reading the Psalms.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Casey & Kathryn Hawes on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Anne Hawes on June 23, 2012.

Congratulations to Nancy Hawley, who received the *Clara Barton Award*, the highest award of the Red Cross, presented to an individual who exemplifies the qualities of American Red Cross pioneer Clara Barton.



## LETTERS OF THANKS

Letters of Thanks**Gratitude for Donations  
to PW's "Newborn Necessities" Mission \***

The following two (2) separate notes were received during our summer hiatus from **Shelley Paeth, R.N.**, Parent and Child Health Program Manager, Lincoln County Public Health Services:

-- Note #1: "Thank you once again for our baby hats, sweaters, onesies, pj's and blankets. You continue to amaze me with your generosity and knitting abilities!"

-- Note #2: "Thank you so much for your recent gift of two packs of onesies -- so cute with the little animals! A big thank you to **Shirley Scott** for the beautiful knitted sweater for one lucky baby -- the colors are so sweet. Thank you for your continued support."

*\* 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).*

Gary and I wanted to be sure and thank everyone for their well wishes with regard to Gary's neck surgery last spring (we missed the last Beacon issue to express our thanks). The upside is we now can say with no uncertainty that the surgery was a welcomed success and Gary is back doing everything as usual with a lot less pain.

Thanks again for all your cards and inquiries....such a caring church family!

Gary and Laurie Hanson

**New Member Class**

A new member class will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Don Taylor or Bob Loeffel for more information.



## The Most Important Thing

It's a difficult thing to stand beside someone in acute spiritual pain. We, as those who provide care at the bedside, want to make it better so we quickly say something consoling or encouraging or hopeful. Nurses have important work to do as they round on their patients, so after these words it is time to check equipment, dressings, ask about physical pain and so forth. But what about existential pain? One of the most significant things I have learned as a chaplain is that it is painful for me when I am with a patient in anguish. When a patient confides that she can't stop thinking about her husband, who died a year ago today, or that he has just been told the cancer has spread and there is no cure, I can tell the patient is in pain . . . but I am in pain too. I want to get away.

I can make myself feel better and stay in the room by offering kind words and then changing the subject to more mundane things. But I now understand the patient has just given me a sacred opportunity. This person lying in the bed is testing me to see if I am willing to share the burden of this pain, if only for a little while.

Chaplains are trained to accompany patients in these critical times. We may help them understand their relationship to God differently than it has been for them before. Exploring, processing, affirming and praying with patients and families as appropriate is our role and purpose in the hospital. But, as in the story of Mary and Martha in the Bible, it is often not the most important thing.

When anguish peaks and you are there the most important thing may be to stay in this sacred moment with your patient. Often saying nothing and showing you are listening by your body language or touch may be the best way to show you are present. Sometimes paraphrasing what you have heard may allow space for the patient to share more if they wish. If possible, let the patient be the one to change the subject.

It may be your staying and listening that makes the difference. This can be the first step in the patient's process of accepting a difficult new reality within themselves.

These are sacred opportunities and a gift offered to you by this person in the bed. If you can spare a little time without judgment or distraction you can be the very presence of the Holy to your patient in a critical time of healing.

Rev. Skip Roberts M.Div BCC

\*\* This is an article that was published in the March edition of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center *Cyber Nurse*. You are welcome to put in the Beacon if you'd like.

Christ's Blessings to you all!

Chaplain Skip



## Deacon's Corner

A request from your Deacons:

Volunteers are needed for making food, doing housework, and providing transport during and after hospital stays/illnesses.

## A Note From Your Editor

Dear Readers,

A computer that crashed and its replacement have required a newly designed Beacon. The old style would not move with the transfer of information. So I started from scratch.

Bear with me as I learn some of the bells & whistles on this new machine. The Beacon is a work in progress.

Ah – technology!

## The Beacon Team

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## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Edith Branchfield 2<sup>nd</sup>

Barbara Bradley 2<sup>nd</sup>

Donna Siegfried 5<sup>th</sup>

Peggy Wood 6<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Heater 7<sup>th</sup>

Jane Hamilton 9<sup>th</sup>

Maxene Bahr 13<sup>th</sup>

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Bette Owens 17<sup>th</sup>

Linda Mosley 18<sup>th</sup>

JoAnn Bollinger 20<sup>th</sup>

Beulah Wiegel 26<sup>th</sup>

Bill Hall 27<sup>th</sup>

Grant Brannaman 29<sup>th</sup>

Dave & Kathy Heater 1/84

Dennis & Marla Hawley 12<sup>th</sup>

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Beacon Deadline  
for  
October  
is  
**September 10<sup>th</sup>.**



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