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Announcements

JANUARY

Jan 1st - **First Day for collection of Rummage for 2017 Rummage Sale**

Friday, Jan 6th - **Rummage Sorting begins all Friday 9:00am**

Office closed MONDAY Jan 2, 2017

Beacon Deadline - Jan 9th

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

New Children's Choir Time starting Jan 8th

Sundays at 11:30am after service

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

Next Middle School Youth Group meeting Wed, Jan 4th

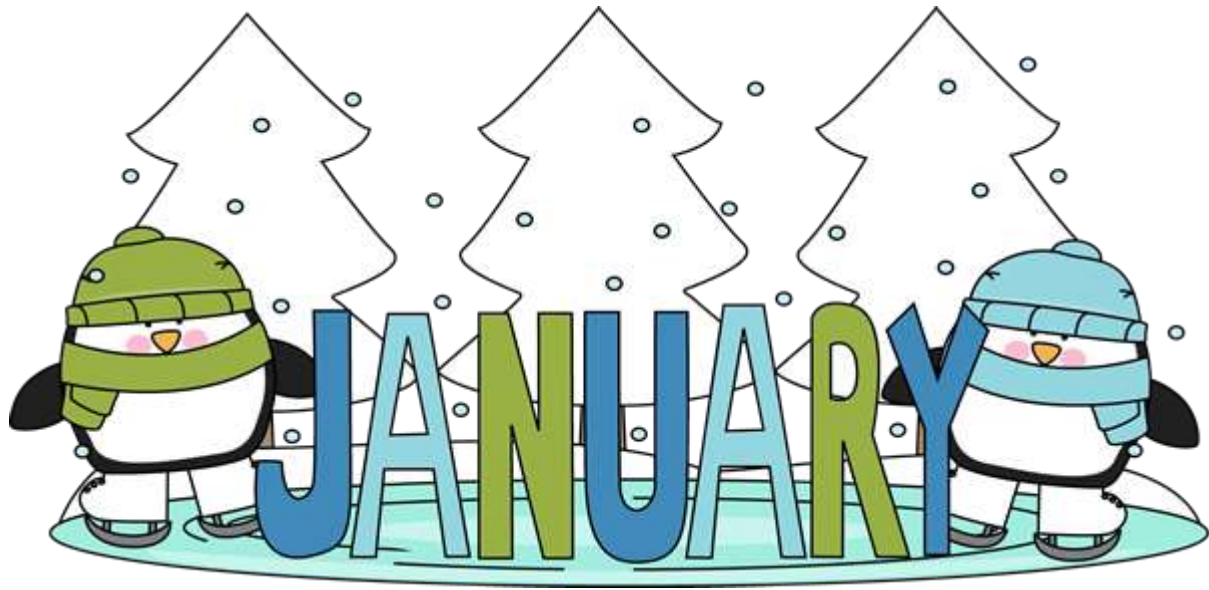
NEXT Men's Group at Izzy's January 11th at 6:30pm

PW Fireside Circle, Thurs Jan 12th - Kathy Garner's home

PW Fellowship Circle, Jan 20th, 1:30pm - Geneva Hall

Literary Group meets Mondays at 12:00noon New Book: "Half-Broke Horses"

Brown Bag Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 11:00am



New Books For The Library

"I BELIEVE": Exploring the Apostles Creed, By Alister McGrath. Although the book is just over 100 pages, it introduces us to the essential truths about God the Father, the person and work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit" It is an excellent book for learning about the basics of Christianity.

Broken Blessings , By Christine Eder. The author is a music professor at Willamette University. She writes about raising her young son who has drug and alcohol addiction. She sets a courageous example the way she lives her life with hope and trust while experiencing tragedy as well as miracles.

Thank you Sharon Beardsley for your gift of the following book:

We Hear the Christmas Angels: True Stories Of Their Presence , By Evelyn Bence who compiled and edited her book published by Guidepost. It is an inspiring collection of short stories of people who experienced Angels in their lives during the Christmas season.



GIFTS FOR KIDS”

Christmas Mission 2016 Accomplished!

From our hearts to yours – thank you from Presbyterian Women’s “Gifts For Kids” Committee to our Presbyterian Community. You have ensured that 102 at-risk children in Lincoln County 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) will receive a gift to open at Christmas-time!

Our benefactors who love to shop “adopted” and lovingly selected gifts for a total of 80 children; our benefactors who find it difficult to shop made generous cash donations, with which our own First Presbyterian Youth (FPY) carefully custom-shopped for a total of 22 children. Making thoughtful age/gender selections were the following members of FPY and FPY-alumni, and their adult advisors: **Sophia Cottrell, Luke Green, Abigail Green, Piper Thompson, Drake Dougherty, Kathleen Dougherty, Michelle Cottrell, Barbara Bradley and Art Bradley**. Presbyterian Women extend grateful recognition to each “Shopper-Extraordinaire,” and again to our generous and caring benefactors whose donations made it all possible!!

An FYI concerning monetary donations: In order to allow time sufficient to accomplish the “adoptions” and shopping (by FPC/FPY) plus the gift inspections, wrappings and deliveries (by LCCAC and DHS), the list of children must be furnished to our Committee each year in October; inevitably, though, more children are admitted to the system in the months of November and December. The “Gifts For Kids” Committee carefully monitors the donation amounts in order to balance what is received against the cost of FPY’s shopping for those not chosen from our list; however, although our goal is not to ask for more than is needed, it is impossible to collect what is needed to the exact penny. Question: What happens to any extra amount received? Answer: Priority dedication is to additional gifts for the November/December-entry children; any further amount remaining is deposited in LCCAC’S New Clothing Fund. *

** The New Clothing Fund was a long-time dream of the Children’s Advocacy Center, for those children who enter the system lacking essential apparel.
The Fund’s seed money was provided in 2005 by our “Gifts For Kids” benefactors!*

Our annual “Gifts For Kids” Christmas mission is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but it is made possible through the love and generosity of our entire congregation. We offer heartfelt gratitude to you, not only for the gifts received, but for the ongoing gifts of your prayers these very special children.



Four “Pleases” and a “Thank-You” as we rev-up for the Rummage!

1. **PLEASE** save your Fridays for us! Beginning Friday, January 6, you are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning (9:00am - ?) through April 21. We especially need a big turnout on our first Friday, and we promise we won't work past Noon. (Most Fridays it doesn't take a long time – usually an hour or two.) Thanks to some special help, there will be no heavy lifting. Our “sorting sessions” are unique opportunities for fellowship; so, come when you can and leave when you must, but be prepared to have fun!
2. **PLEASE** wait until Sunday, January 1 to bring your CLEAN rummage, which will be welcomed and appreciated; however, remember that we cannot accept certain items, SO ...
3. **PLEASE** pick a Card – ANY Card – and take it home with you! To remind you of what items we cannot accept, please be sure you have one of our Do Not Donate 5"x4" cards, which have been prepared especially for you, and are available at these five convenient locations within the Church: (1) the library window; (2) the north-eastern-most window in Geneva Hall; (3) the window next to the office door; (4) the Calvin Room door; (5) PW's bulletin board.
4. **PLEASE** consider volunteering. Not sure where help is needed? You could be a Friday sorter; be a set-up/clean-up helper during Rummage Week; be a “pricer” during Rummage Week; be a departmental staff person (part-time or full-time) during Sale Days #1, #2 and #3; provide and/or drive a pickup during Rummage Week; furnish snack food for the volunteers during Rummage Week; donate pie(s) for our “Diner” to sell by the slice on Days #1 and #2.

A BIG THANK YOU for supporting our Annual Rummage Sale, the proceeds of which will support mission goals – from worldwide projects to the needs of our own community and our own church. It is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but our entire congregation is needed for its successful production, and we are grateful to you!

Questions? Contact Rummage Chairperson Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484)

2017 Rummage Sale Dates:

April 27 - 29

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



Circle Meetings in January

Welcome to 2017! Our two Circles are in the midst of learning about Jesus through a variety of lenses and that continues in the month of January.

The **Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12. Kathy Garner will host the meeting at her home at 2782 NW Pacific Pl. 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 Snedecor at (541) 574-8703.

The **Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 20, in Geneva Hall. The schedule for 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 January, we will look at the writings of the apostle Paul and focus our discussion and study on the key scripture of 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

If you haven’t attended a Circle meeting before but are interested, please feel free to join us. We always have study guides to share, friendship to extend, and an eagerness to welcome newcomers into our groups.



Presbyterian Women General Meeting in February

Please mark your calendar for **February 10, 2017** and join us at Noon in Geneva Hall for our PW General Meeting. Don Jenkins will be our special guest, so you won’t want to miss it! Look for more information on this meeting in the next Beacon

Local Fundraisers

Dine Out for Samaritan House

When: Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Where: Mo's Restaurant

20% of the day's profits go to Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless families with children.

Thank you!

Be Jeweled

The annual fundraiser for Food Share of Lincoln County, Be Jeweled is coming soon. The BE Jeweled Tenth Anniversary Sale is March 11, 2017 at The Embarcadero Resort!

It is not too late to donate jewelry, all kinds, any condition, that you no longer wear!

Drop off sites:

Food Share Office
Nye Cottage Beads
The Newport 60+ Center
Newport Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln City Cultural Center Gift Shop
Columbia Bank, all branches
Diamonds by the Sea-Newport
All State Insurance- Newport
North Lincoln Hospital- Lincoln City

Any questions.....call Food Share of Lincoln County at 541-265-8578 or email,
info@foodsharelincolncounty.org

Thank You!



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Beacon Deadline(*)
for
February, 2017
is
Jan 9, 2017

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Thank you,

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