

# The Beacon




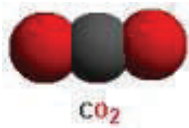
First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

## Upcoming Events

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<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>  Special service at 6:30pm
<b>January 8<sup>th</sup></b> 	<b>PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING</b>  Lunch at 12 and program at 12:30pm Special music from Don Jenkins
<b>January 10<sup>th</sup></b> 	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY</b>  Join us for the ordination and installation of new Elders and Deacons Special music by Stuart Clausen
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup></b> 	<b>RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY</b>  Susan Mills brings the message
<b>January 31<sup>st</sup></b> 	<b>SOUP, SALAD, &amp; SPEAKER LUNCHEON</b>  Join the Eco-Justice committee following worship and hear about current CO <sub>2</sub> and whale research

## Pastor's Pencil

In the liturgical calendar, Epiphany is celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>. From the Greek, it means *appearance* or *manifestation* and celebrates the *appearance* of the Christ child to the Magi, the first gentiles to see him. Epiphany also means an intuitive perception or insight.

As we enter into 2010 I am convinced that what we need is not more resolutions, but epiphanies. It is common to review the old year, regret our mistakes, take a deep breath and say, *Next Year my resolution is.....*

Though resolutions are a noble act, psychologists and sociologists tell us that will power really does not work very well. What we really need is forgiveness blended with deeper insight into why we behave the way we do. So this year instead of wishing people a *Happy New Year* why not wish and pray for them to have a sacred epiphany, love mixed with insight, the kind the Christ child offered the Magi long ago and still offers us today.

Yours for a sacred New Year,



## Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study

**January 6<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**January 13<sup>th</sup>:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

**January 27<sup>th</sup>:** Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



## Dine Out for Samaritan House

Join Samaritan House in ringing in the new year **Wednesday, January 6th** as **Mo's** (11:00 am to 8 pm) and **Mo's Annex** (11:00 am to 3:00 pm) host Dine Out for Samaritan House. They will be donating **20 percent** of their proceeds to the homeless family shelter. There is plenty of parking available even with the new construction taking place on Newport's bayfront.



## PW - Gifts for Kids

### "GIFTS FOR KIDS"

#### Christmas Mission 2009 Accomplished!

From our hearts to yours -- thank you from Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee to our Presbyterian community -- you've ensured that 129 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 this Christmas!

Our benefactors who love to shop "adopted" and lovingly selected gifts for a total of 88 children; our benefactors who find it difficult to shop made generous cash donations, with which our own Youth Group carefully custom-shopped for a total of 41 children. Making thoughtful age/gender selections were the following members of FPY and their adult advisors: Avery Heater, Cameron Holiday, Joey Jacques, Silken Kennedy, Baylee Layton, Laura Luther, Rachel Rogers, Ember Stoker, David Heater, Jill Luther, David Stoker, and our "Gifts For Kids" co-Chairs Barbara and Art Bradley. Presbyterian Women extend grateful recognition to each "Shopper Extraordinaire;" also, to Sue and Bill Taylor of Sandcastle Toys for allowing a discount for this mission, and again to our generous and caring benefactors whose cash donations made it all possible!

In planning our "Thank-You to the Congregation" appreciation-celebration the difficult decision was made to eliminate the distribution of individual thank-you cards to each of the benefactors. Although it has been a labor of love to create the cards each year, we wish to honor the considerable efforts of our church's Eco-Justice Team to promote awareness for the conservation of paper where possible, and it is our hope that our benefactors will feel the depth of our appreciation by the joy their support of "Gifts For Kids" brings to them.

Our annual Christmas mission is PW-sponsored, but it is made possible through your love and generosity -- our heartfelt gratitude to you!

## Parish Nurse



Our **Parish Nurse** is available **every Tuesday from 10:30am to Noon** for blood pressure checkups, referral sources, and questions about health concerns. For an appointment or more information call 265.5557. Drop-ins are welcome!

## Communion Service & 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*.

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the **Food Share Basket** at the back of the sanctuary 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 265-4095.



## Student Donations Needed

We need blankets, sweatshirts, and heavy coats for homeless students and families. Items can be left at the church office.

Thank you, Robert Park

**Opportunities  
for Service  
within our  
Church &  
Community**

## 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 <http://www.mowaa.org/>

## 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, serving 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**.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lue Hoeft 5 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Shaller 16 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Ohm 8 <sup>th</sup>	Helen Townsend 19 <sup>th</sup>
Marla Hawley 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Eastman 20 <sup>th</sup>
Piper Thompson 14 <sup>th</sup>	JJ McClellan 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Mark McConnell 14 <sup>th</sup>	Doris Pickens 26 <sup>th</sup>
Arlyne Johns 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wendy Wilde 26 <sup>th</sup>
Alex Urquhart 16 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Roger 27 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Lawrence 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Moreland 27 <sup>th</sup>



Keith & Pat Harcourt 25<sup>th</sup>  
John & Bonnie Soltau 18<sup>th</sup>



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## Prayer Listing for First Presbyterian

### CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

- T.J. Brooks
- Lillian Jensen
- Joe Howard (father of Theresa Fredrickson)
- Jean Fredrickson (Theresa Fredrickson's mother-in-law)
- John Dygert
- Cy Lane
- Jay Hahn
- Mark Treon
- Doris Carter

### CONCERNS:

12.09.09 Clyde Plants (Aimee's grandfather-Hospice); Charles Burke (friend of Betty Owens);

Bill Johnson (surgery Dec. 18th)

12.01.09 Mason Carney (Connie's great-grandson-surgery); Christopher Rivera (soldier in Iraq, currently on mission); Elaine Todd (friend of Sandy Adams, neck and back pain)

11.24.09 Don Beemer (brother of Dr. Beemer); Randy Brooks (loss of his son T.J.); Alyssa Whitehead (beginning chemo)

11.18.09 Margaret Malone (sister of Gladys Hartsel-health concerns); Ruth Zagel (broken hip); Gerry Corbett (friend of Rhonda's-cancer returned); Meri Masters (Betty Schwartz's

daughter-MS)

11.08.09 Alan Adams home from the hospital; Ruby Cooper (in Stroke Rehab at Salem Hospital); Arylne Johns (Newport rehab for hip pain); Mary LaVoie (homeless, seeking to relocate); Sandy Adam's mother, Sue Satterfield; special friend trying to get off drugs; Tami Olson (friend of Laurie Urquhart); Bill Johnson (health concerns); Casey Deckard (car collision);

11.01.09 Tyler (student of Candace Stocker); Oak sun Sisley (friend of Rhonda's, knee operation); Jerry Steib (health concerns); Leanne Cherry (friend of Maxene Bahr, breast cancer)



*Pray Without Ceasing*

## Contact Updates

**Ruby Cooper** has made great progress at Salem Stroke Rehab and is now staying with her daughter Tina for a few months. The mailing address is

1651 Almond Lane NW,  
Salem, Oregon, 97304.

Her new cell phone is 1-503-991-9122.

Thank you!

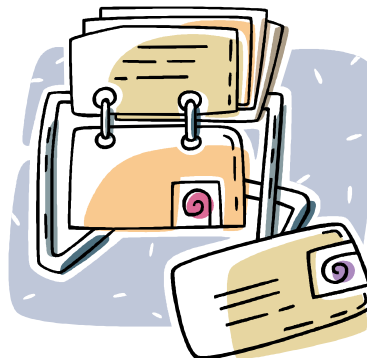
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## Creation Care – Eco-Justice

# SOUP, SALAD, AND SPEAKERS

An Annual Eco-Justice Event at Church

11:30 AM, Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>



The Eco-Justice Team is holding its annual “Soup, Salad, and Speakers” event after church on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The event will start at 11:30 AM and run until 1:30 PM.

We’ve had 3 previous annual events covering eco-justice topics such as proper ways to recycle, safe ways of controlling invasive plants, use of photovoltaic panels to generate electricity in remote African villages, and the latest in energy-efficient lighting. Topics this year will focus on the ocean and how we are affecting its chemistry and biology:

***Increasing CO<sub>2</sub> in the Air Causing Higher Acidity in Oceans: Potential Impacts on God’s Magnificent Food Web***

***What Genetic Research on Whales is Teaching Us About Sustaining One of God’s Most Majestic Creations***

The Team will cook up some great soups, make a tasty salad, and serve them with bread and desert. They’ll use mostly, if not all, locally grown or harvested ingredients that are organically grown so the meal will be healthy for you and gentle on the land and water it came from-----therefore better for all Creation.

Then we will have two or more local scientists (including one from our congregation) deliver presentations on scientific findings important to sustaining the Creation, with a focus on the ocean and its creatures.

So, plan to come (it’s a Sunday with no football play-off or Super Bowl games!!), enjoy a healthy meal, and learn more reasons and more ways to sustain the Creation for future generations and out of gratitude for what God has given us. For more information, contact **Barry McPherson** at 574-6111, (503)708-8688 (cellular), or [bdmcperson@coho.net](mailto:bdmcperson@coho.net). If you want to help prepare and/or serve the meal, contact **Beth Hubbard** at 265-7442 or [e\\_hubbard@charter.net](mailto:e_hubbard@charter.net).

**The Eco-Justice Team**  
encourages attendance to learn about some major Creation Care and eco-justice issues facing us and future generations.





## Presbyterian Women Meeting

Geneva Hall

**Friday - January 8th**

*Twelve-O'Clock-Noon-Sharp !*

Nine years ago, our January program featured what has now become a much anticipated tradition -- that of being musically entertained and informed by our own Church Organist **Don Jenkins**. With the exception of our January 2007 meeting -- when he treated us to a premiere presentation of our (then brand-new) Mason & Hamlin piano -- Don's programs have been dedicated to the organ and its music -- ranging from an international level to that which we experience in our own church. We are pleased to announce that he will present our program again this January! Devotions will be given by **Carol Jones**. Please note 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 bring your own sandwich(es) -- our January Hostesses **Nancy Cox and Martha Sneller** will serve your salad and beverage.



## Circle Meetings

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on **Thursday, January 14th**, at **Carol Jones'** home (179 NE 57th Street, Newport). **Jane Haskell and Pam Merwin** will share leadership of the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on **Friday, January 15th**, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

### Lesson Five:

"Can War Be Holy?"

Scripture: Joshua 6:1-8; 28; 10:16-11; 23

Key Idea: War, even when it is necessary to defend ourselves or the weak or the oppressed, is never the will of God.



## Rummage

### RUMMAGE REV-UP

Four "Pleases" and a "Thank-You"

1. **PLEASE save your Fridays for us!** Beginning **Friday, January 8th** (9:00 a.m. - ?), **YOU** are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning through April 16th. We especially need a big turn-out 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). There will be no heavy lifting (we'll have special help for that!). 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 3rd,** 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 five convenient locations within the Church (Library window and north window in Geneva Hall, window next to the Office Door, Calvin Room Door, and PW's bulletin board).
4. **PLEASE consider volunteering** ... there are various opportunities: as a Friday sorter, as a set-up/clean-up helper during Rummage Week, as a "pricer" during Rummage Week, as a departmental staff person during Sale Days, driving/furnishing a pickup during Rummage Week, furnishing a snack-food for the volunteers during Rummage Week.



**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 PW-sponsored, but our entire congregation is needed for its successful production, and we are grateful to you! Questions? Contact 2010 Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867).

### Rummage Sale Dates:

April 22nd - 24th, 2010

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

## Per Capita

### PER CAPITA 2010 is \$22.55

This annual payment is based on each church's total membership and paid in the first quarter of 2010. You can help defray our costs from the general budget by volunteering to contribute your per capita of **\$22.55** for each member (two members in a household would be **\$45.10**). Please mark you checks "per capita" in the memo line. Your support is greatly appreciated!

~ Your Stewardship Team and Financial Secretaries

## Giving Envelopes

### Giving Envelopes Now Available in Geneva Hall

If you are a financial supporter and requested giving envelopes, you should find your name on a box of envelopes in Geneva Hall. These envelopes are available for your Sunday morning offering in 2010. They help keep your written check or cash confidential and offer us another place to record your giving. Each box also has a separate per capita envelope and mission giving envelope.

If you don't find your name on a box of envelopes, please contact either **Elsie Flower** or **Denise McPherson** and we will make sure you have giving envelopes. Thank you.

Your Financial Secretaries,  
Elsie Flower and Denise McPherson

## Personal Epiphany

January seems to be my month for personal epiphanies. The holiday is of course Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> which celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men twelve days after Christ's birth and His "manifestation" or "revelation" to all the gentile world. In general terms it means an "often sudden, deeper understanding." After a lifetime of avoidance it was in January three years ago I had a "personal epiphany" when I made a great new gay friend and acknowledged my own long latent orientation as a gay man too. The next January I gained more insight with some fine pastoral counseling that fostered my self-acceptance. And just last January I came out and was embraced with a warm response by my family, close friends, and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland, where I am an active member. This January it seems time to come out as others already have to the Newport church. After all it's where I grew up and continues to be important to me and the Barker family who have been so active since 1947! My hope is that we all feel more comfortable and accepting of ourselves and others with whatever gifts our Creator has bestowed on us – no matter how different from the mainstream they may be! May we all strive for deeper understanding – for our own epiphanies.

P.S. To foster that understanding you might pick up one of the brochures on the table by the library in Geneva Hall

**Personal Epiphany – John Barker 12/8/09**

## Church Financial Report

November Operating Income *Budgeted* \$18,490.00

November Operating Income **Received** is **\$22,182.80**

Year through November Operating Income *Budgeted* \$203,390.00

Year through November Operating Income **Received** **\$207,916.48**

**Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received to date +4,526.48**

January thru November Actual Expenses **\$190,442.**

2009 Budget

Personnel \$160,855

Operating Expense \$51,025

Mission Giving **\$10,000**

Total \$221,880



## Virtuosi

First Presbyterian Church has a new music program called the Virtuosi Academy! Virtuosi literally means "many masters." In traditional education, there is one master and many learners - the philosophy at work here is that one master will create many. Check out the programs and the prices at: [virtuosiacademy.org](http://virtuosiacademy.org)

To schedule your lesson, email **Krista** at [virtuosi.academy@gmail.com](mailto:virtuosi.academy@gmail.com) Virtuosi Academy: Where I Am A Master.

## Coffee - Part 2 of 2

First Presbyterian Church of Newport has been purchasing "fair trade coffee" for use at the church since 2007. The Eco-Justice Committee of our church is asking church members to consider purchasing this coffee for home use and/or suggesting its use at other organizations which our members belong. The cost of this coffee is \$6.50/pound + shipping.

If you are interested in buying this coffee for home use or suggesting that one of the other organizations that you belong to use this "fair trade coffee," please contact **Barry McPherson**. Barry may be reached at [bdmcperson@coho.net](mailto:bdmcperson@coho.net) or 541-574-6111.

## Kitchen Police

Kitchen monitor report; on checking kitchen on Thursday (12.3.09) found soiled dish cloths from kitchen linen drawer. Said cloths had been used to clean up something very black and nasty looking (not the first time).

Kitchen policy: Linens in the drawers opposite the dishwasher are to be used only for food preparation and clean up.

Anyone needing cloths for other purposes can find cloths and/or rags in the janitor cupboard adjacent to the kitchen.

Culprits misusing kitchen linens may have to serve hard time at kitchen clean up.



## Kitchen Police

### Saga of the Missing Tea Cart

Sunday 11.1.09

Kitchen monitor arrived early to prepare for coffee hour. No carts in kitchen! Communion prep committee had taken one to use for their preparation for communion as their usual custom. Where is the second one? Quiz everyone, "Have you seen it?"

Thursday 11.5.09

Still only one cart. Kitchen monitor pressed Jim Gamb to search the whole building (except pastor Don and Dave Heater's offices) without success. Monitor is becoming frantic! Who could have taken it? Why? Realizes how often carts are used every week. How to replace it?

Friday 11.6.09

Still no cart and no culprit identified. Kitchen monitor announces missing cart during business meeting. Mystery solved! Dave Heater confessed that he had 'borrowed' it and promised to make sure it would be back in place by Sunday 11.8.09.

Huge sigh of relief! Cart is back in its usual spot and kitchen monitor's blood pressure has returned to normal. FYI - All kitchen equipment and tools must be returned to its regular place ASAP, ready to use.

## Letters of Thanks

Thanks to Elsie Flower for mailing out Christmas program schedules to the congregation which involved the need to go out and buy more envelopes!

**Thanks!**  
**Don Taylor**



## You Are Invited

Bishop **Dave Brauer-Rieke** of the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will come to Atonement Lutheran Church, Newport, on **January 27, 2010**, to present a Bible study on "Hope, Homosexuality, and Hospitality." This study is being offered to help us better understand specific Biblical references to homosexuality and how to interpret God's word to us relative to our ministry of hospitality.

A potluck supper will be served at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall followed by the Bible study at 7:00. Please accept our invitation to attend. Atonement Lutheran Church is located at 2315 N. Coast Highway, Newport. The church phone number is 541-265-2554.

We welcome all who are interested in this challenging subject. For more information, please call **Carol Baker** at 541-265-2525.

## Deacons Corner

Do you ever wonder how the prayer chain works?

Well, there is one person who has organized the people willing to offer prayers and lets them know what the prayer concerns are. That person has been **Connie Hildebrand** for the past 3 years and the 3 years before that she was the back-up person for the prayer chain along with doing phone calls and sending cards.

Do you ever wonder who prepares for communion?

**Mary Shaller** along with **Shirley Scott** have prepared for communion the last 3 years. Mary has taken a job with Head Start in Siletz and we wish her well in her new endeavor.

We owe these two retiring Deacons a big Thank You for their loyal service.



## Cookie Brigade

Cookies, cookies, cookies - letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Cookie Brigade will meet **January 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am. Please join in the fun as we send cookies to service men and women overseas and freshman college students. Also if you know of someone in the service please contact **Pat Harcourt** with their names and addresses at 541.765.2474.



## New Member Profile

### Louis Yardumian

Lou was born in Philadelphia and schooled there, receiving a degree in Chemical Engineering.

The road from Philadelphia includes a wide diversity of experiences in Colorado, New York City, Australia, but mainly Southern California. His career covered work in the oil, chemical, minerals and energy fields as an engineer, research director and financial executive for many companies.

Lou attributes the support and love of his first wife, Claire, a priceless gift. Her contributions and those of their three children and five grandchildren continue to keep the family close. Claire passed away in 2006, after 49 years of marriage.

Haig Yardumian, his grandfather, immigrated to Philadelphia in 1907 having been called from Turkey by a group of Armenian Evangelicals to be their Pastor. Although his grandfather died when Lou was 6-months old, Lou feels a strong spiritual connection to him; he believes this connection has guided his growth as a Christian.

Although baptized in the Presbyterian Church at age 11, Lou says he went through decades of religious hibernation until 2005 when he came back to his Presbyterian roots in Palm Desert, CA.

Lou has a great love for music, particularly mainstream jazz and classical. Two years ago, his love of jazz brought him to Newport for the 4th annual "Jazz at Newport". He met Karen that weekend in 2007. They both believe this was God's plan. Karen had moved to Newport from Dallas, Texas six months prior to the jazz festival. They married in Palm Dessert six months ago, have decided to make Newport their full time home, and First Presbyterian their full time church.

Lou's last name (pronounced: Yar-do-me-in) comes from the Turkish word YARDUM which means "to help" or "to comfort". Lou is comfortable helping others. He is a hospice volunteer and a driver for Meals on Wheels. Lou and Karen enjoy reading with kindergarteners at Sam Case School. Additionally, they work at improving their health and fitness through Pilates training and regular walks on the beaches and hillsides around town. Other activities they enjoy are reading, cooking, bridge and attending events at the PAC. Learning about their new environs, prompts them to take as many road trips as they can fit into their schedules. They look forward to meeting and learning more about many of you in the days ahead.



## New Member Profile

### Loraine A. Studt

I was born in St. Louis, Missouri to Mary Catherine and Alvin Simon (both deceased - mother lived to age 100). I have two older brothers, Alvin Jr. And Robert G. (both deceased).

I was educated in St. Louis where I graduated from Cleveland High School and attended St. Louis Community College and Harris Teachers College. I began attending Grace Evangelical Church (United Church of Christ) at the age of 5 going to Sunday School and church and singing in the choir.

I was married at the age of 19 to the love of my life. Bill was a friend of one of my two brothers. I was only 8 when I first met him. We have a son and daughter, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. I became a stay-at-home Mom when our son was born. As our children grew we became very active in their school activities, organizations, scouting, etc We started camping with the Cub and Boy Scouts and continued camping with friends and family for many years. We loved the outdoors.

My husband and I were active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Elks, Southside Brothers and the South Broadway Athletic Club.

I began working at the YWCA when my daughter was 12. Our children loved the "Y" and took advantage of everything that was offered while I was there working.

My next position was at Harris Teachers College as a Financial Aid Assistant. I had direct contact with the students assisting them in applying for financial aid including grants, loans and scholarships. From there I went to St. Louis Community College as Supervisor of Student Services. I supervised 9 employees in the Financial Aid Office assisting students in applying for all types of financial aid including jobs, VA benefits, and vocational rehab. I searched for whatever was available to help our students.

My daughter, Renee, fell in love with Newport and moved here over 30 years ago. My son, Bill, visited Renee and her family and decided to move to Newport over 10 years ago. Renee was married to Samuel Scott, son of Shirley (member of First Presbyterian) and Samuel Scott, and they have a son, Tobiah Samuel Scott. I have known Shirley for over 30 years. We came to Newport many times to visit with the family including Shirley and Sam. My Husband and I enjoyed breakfast with Sam Sr. at the Pip Tide. Shirley and I lovingly share the same grandson, Toby and Great-grandson, Nolan. Shirley has very graciously picked me up each Sunday and driven to church. She has introduced me to many people who made me feel extremely welcome. Thanks to Shirley, I feel like I belong here.

My husband passed away in March 2008. I felt I needed to be closer to my family to help me get through the bereavement and grief period. After much packing and yard sales, Renee and I left St. Louis on June 18<sup>th</sup> with my car loaded and my two Boston Terriers arriving in Logsdon, Oregon on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Then work began. Things got done little by little and are almost complete.

I am hoping that I will soon be able to fit into my new life here in Newport.







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