

# THE BEACON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWPORT - VOLUME 25, ISSUE 6



## SEASON OF PEACE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 6	Worship (Communion)	10:00am
Sept 7	Labor Day	Office Closed
Sept 8	Beacon Deadline	10:00am
Sept 10	Fireside(W)	9:30am
Sept 12	Grounds Crew	9:00am
Sept 13	Worship	10:00am
Sept 13	Christian Education Week Begins	
Sept 14	Men's Study Group – Office	6:30pm
Sept 17	Calvin	9:30am
Sept 18	Fellowship Circle (W)	1:30pm
Sept 19	Family Day	All Day
Sept 20	Worship	10:00am
Sept 21	Stone Soup-St. Stephens	4:30pm
Sept 22	Session	7:00pm
Sept 24	Calvin(W)	9:30am
Sept 27	Worship	10:00am
Sept 28	Men's Study Group-Office	6:30pm

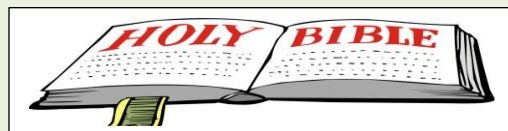
Celebrate Christian Education



**CHOIR – Starts 9/9/15**

Wednesday Practice: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00am



## Pastor's Pencil

*Blessed be the name of God from age to age,  
for wisdom and power are his.  
He changes times and seasons,  
deposes kings and sets up kings;  
he gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to those who have understanding. Daniel 2:20-21*

In our Daniel Bible Study on Wednesdays at Noon, we are learning the importance of trusting God in all times and seasons. For Daniel and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, it is hard to imagine a more challenging environment. As part of the Babylonian captivity they find themselves in a different land, with strange gods and customs. Even so they remain faithful to the covenant with Yahweh and their ancient ethical code.

Our Monday Literary Group and Men's Study Group are reading the book, *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown, which chronicles the immense hardship of young college students trying to survive the depression of the thirties while at the same time striving to make the crew team at the University of Washington.

No one I know *wants* to live with struggle and hardship. Daniel and his friends would have much rather have stayed in Israel, and the *Boys in the Boat* tell us their lives would have been much easier with better economic conditions. Even so, out of such struggle in Daniel, faith in God is enriched and renewed. In Washington, the Depression fuels the motivation of each crew member, creating a team which reaches a seemingly impossible peak feeling they have *touched the Divine*.

No one likes challenge or hardship, but as Daniel reminds us, behind it all is the *wisdom and power of God*.

Yours for striving with God in good times and bad,

Don

God's Wisdom and Power at work in us!

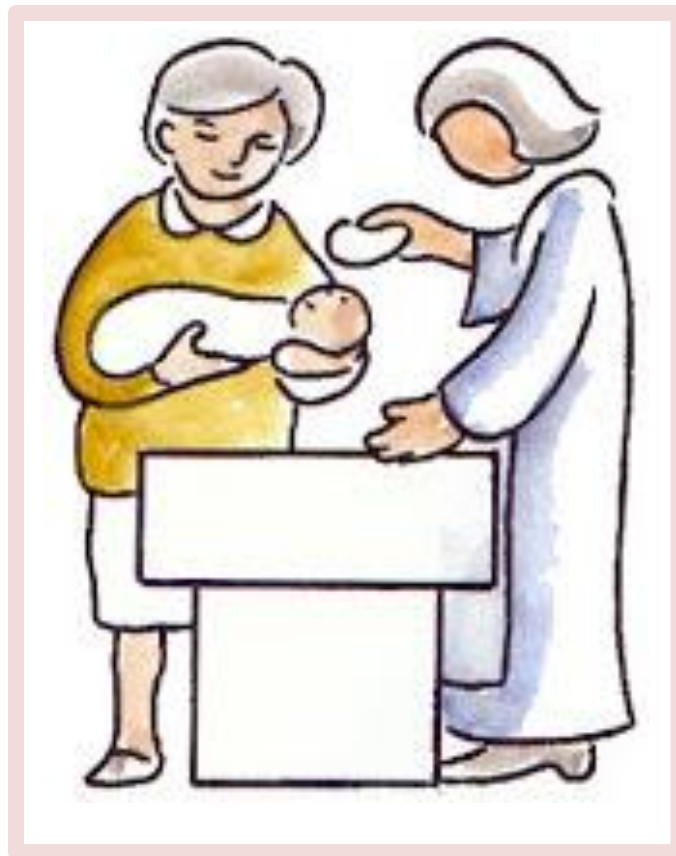


*BAPTISM JOY*

*August 2, 2015*

*Granddaughter of Dave and Kathy Heater*

*Rowyn Jean Stevermer*



*My  
Baptism  
Day*

## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

### *SEPTEMBER 2015*



Edith Branchfield	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Barbara Bradley	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kathy Heater	7 <sup>th</sup>
Maxene Bahr	13 <sup>th</sup>
Paige Schindler	14 <sup>th</sup>
Bette Owens	17 <sup>th</sup>



Dave & Kathy Heater	1/84
Dennis & Marla Hawley	12 <sup>th</sup>

**LIBRARY CORNER**

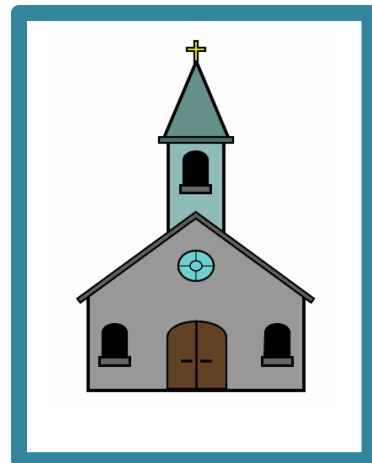
Christian Education

The following books were donated to the Library:

**Knowing God** by J. I. Packer. This is a classic book that has sold more than a million copies. Although written in the 70's the author writes clearly and simply about knowing God.

**The Essential C.S. Lewis**. This Book was edited by Lyle Dorsett. He includes Prelandria, The Abolition of Man and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. My favorite part is a collection of personal letters that are included.

**FINANCIAL  
CORNER**

**OPERATING FUND AS OF JULY 31, 2015:**

Total Income	\$106,855
Total Expense	<u>108,697</u>
<u>Deficit</u>	<u>\$ 1,842</u>

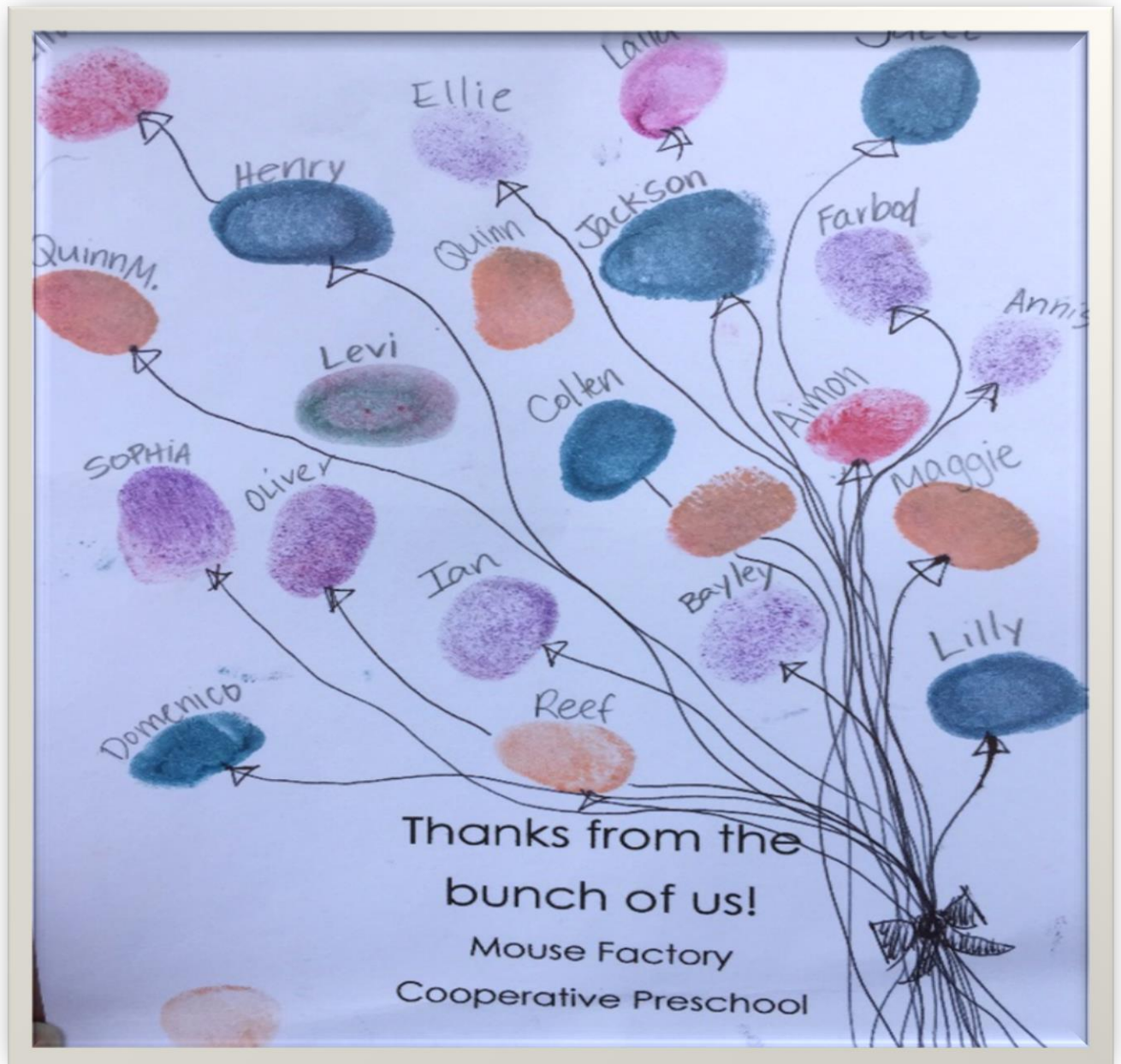
**ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND AS OF AUGUST 3, 2015:**

Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Received as of 8/3/15	<u>27,565</u>
<u>Amount Still Needed</u>	<u>\$ 22,435</u>

Financial Team: Marguerite Sanchez and David Perry

A PERSONAL THANK YOU

FROM OUR MOUSE FACTORY PRESCHOOL BUNCH





**Thank you to our church family for a wonderful Vacation Bible School!**



Thank you to Presbyterian Women, our anonymous donors and of course our wonderful volunteers who helped 22 children celebrate God's love for all of them during our Camp Discovery 2015 Vacation Bible School! These children learned many lessons and made wonderful memories thanks to the open hearts of the members of our congregation. It is amazing to see so many children bonding and learning of God's strength, wisdom, and love. We all felt blessed to be a part of this adventure with our children.



Newport First Presbyterian Church - Camp Discovery Vacation Bible School

July 2015

## THANK YOU TO THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JUNE 2015

Your kindness is special –

And so are you !

*Dear Pam,*

*Thank you for all the diapers and baby formula! They definitely go hand & hand!*

*We always appreciate your generosity!*

*Thank you! Happy Summer!*

*Warmly,*

*Julia Young-Lorian*

*Healthy Families*

JULY 2015

*Dear Pam & the Presbyterian Women:*

*Thank you again for the wonderful and generous gifts that you gave our Healthy Families. We especially loved the story about your mystery knitter, Marguerite. We sent her a note as well.*

*All these items will come in use, and we appreciate you thinking about us!*

*Sincerely,*

*Julia Young-Lorian*

*Healthy Families*



## SO MANY SPECIAL THANK YOUS



Thank you, Mike Clark – and Vern for fixing the hinge on our south sanctuary swinging door! Great job! Thank you!



To our wonderful May 9<sup>th</sup> Grounds Crew -

Velma Burkert, Jim Dunlap, Bill Martin, Dave Perry,  
Carol Schriener and Don Taylor. **THANK YOU !**

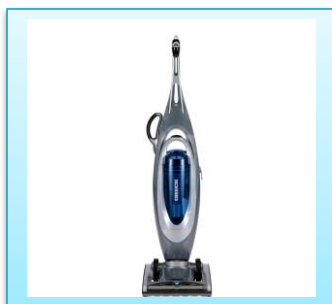


**1 0 2 % of Goal**

Thanks to all who participated in and brought food and cookies for the May 21<sup>st</sup> Blood Drive !



Thanks to John Johnston for replacing the burned out light bulbs throughout the church !

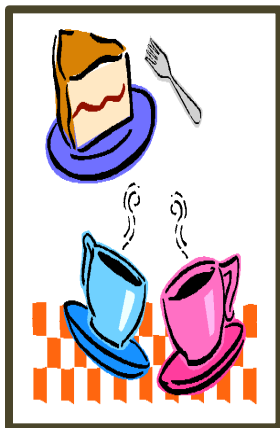


Thank you to Bill Johnson for cleaning the carpet in Geneva Hall in time for our Trinity Soup Luncheon!

## **MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS**



**Thank you to Chef Bob White for making the Trinity Soup Luncheon a great success and for all those who help serve and clean up !**



**Thank you to Art Bradley for jumping back in to keep Coffee Hour so fun! (Yes, thank you to all who stepped up to fill-in while Art was away – Eunice Forinash, Gladys Hartsel, Rebecca Wright, Debbe and Steve Arbona, Kathy Garner and the many others!)**



**Thank you to all those responsible for keeping the church lawns mowed and trimmed – Jim Dunlap, Bill Johnson, Steve Arbona, Dave Perry and others !**

## EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS



**Thank you to the June 13 Grounds Work Party: Steve Arbona, Velma Burkert, Jim Dunlap, Bill Johnson and Carol Schriener.**



**Thank you to Vivian Johnson for her beautiful Solo, "He Leadeth Me", on June 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**Thank you to Art & Barbara Bradley and all the crew who helped plan, prepare, set-up and clean-up for the fun Father's Day luncheon!**



**Thank you to all the faithful knitters of prayer shawls for the recent recipients.**

## EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS



Thank you to Dave Perry for  
repairing the rods in the playground  
gates.

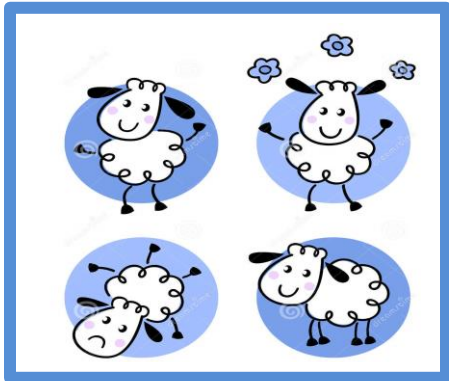


Thank you to Sophia and Kyra for  
The lovely duet on Father's Day Sunday!



Thank you to Toni Mueller for  
Her beautiful solo, "It's Time for a Song"  
on Sunday, June 28, 2015.



**EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS**

**Thank you to Christine McKenney for  
Her beautiful solo, “Care for My  
Lambs”, on Sunday July 5, 2015.**



**Thank you to our Grounds Crew on  
July 11, 2015: Jim Dunlap,  
Steve Arbona, Pastor Don and others.  
Tree trimming, fertilizing, pruning, etc.....**



**Thank you to Jillian Thompson,  
accompanied by Christine McKenney,  
On Sunday, July 12, 2015, singing  
“You Raise Me Up”.**

## EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS

Thank you to: Dave Perry, Don Taylor, and Steve Arbona on July 11, 2015

Mother Presbyterian said you boys did a good job yesterday. You watered my flowers, got rid (temporarily) of that pesky old morning glory and other weeds, pruned ivy from my tree trunks, swept out my furnace rooms, edged and fertilized my lawns and improved my looks along 12<sup>th</sup> street which will continue to improve as you mow there between those trees you limbed. And Pastor Don. It's so nice of him to help each time. Looking forward to seeing you boys next time. You make me feel Soooooooo good. Love you.

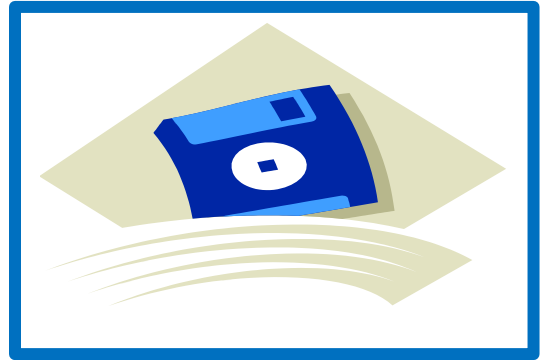
Mother Presbyterian is quite a gal.  
Jim Dunlap



Thank you to all who contributed to the all church picnic on July 12, 2015. Thank you to Michelle, the VBS Volunteers and the children for the fun and informative program as the picnic kick-off. Thank you to all who brought the delicious side salads and desserts. Thank you to organizers and those who did the clean up. Thank you to Mary Shaller, Jane Haskell, Bob & Ruby White, Eunice Forinash, Kathy Garner, Debe Arbona, Kath Schonau, Art & Barbara Bradley.

## EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS

Thank you to Nathan Green for loading the new easy worship program into the sanctuary computer! !



Thank you to Gabriela Weiss-Vickers for her uplifting solo, "Hallelujah" on July 19, 2015.

Thank you to Duet, Lois Lederman and Margaret Mortimer, accompanied By Guitarist Diane LaRue, for the lovely arrangement *Children of the Heavenly Father* on Sunday August 2, 2015.



## EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS

**Thank you to Organist, Don Jenkins, for his uplifting music throughout the Summer Sundays !**



**August 1, 2015**



**A very BIG thank you to these members who have offered flowers from their yards to arrange for our Sunday services or memorial services.**

**How wonderful it is to get this gift of love:**

**Eunice Forinash, Jane Haskell, Carol Schriener,**

**Art & Barbara Bradley, Dave Perry,**

**Dick & DK Beemer and Bob and Shirley Loeffel.....and.....**

**to the flower arrangers: Steve & Debe Arbona.**

**G n P**

**DT**



## EVEN MORE SPECIAL THANK YOUS

Thanks to: Steve Arbona, Velma Burkert, Jim Dunlap, Bill Johnson, Carol Jones, Mark McConnell, and Dave Perry, for a great work day on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

G n P  
DT



Another BIG thank you to Bill Johnson for his tireless efforts in shampooing the carpet in Geneva Hall, readying for the Memorial Service and reception for Carol Rehfuss.

**Carpet Looks great, Bill!**

So many thank yous to those who work to keep the church in good repair and safe condition: Mike Clark and Vern, Dave Perry, Steve Arbona, and others who lend their knowledge and hard work.





**The family group would like to invite the children and their families to our end of summer bonfire. We will have s'mores fixings and a beach bonfire to cook your dinner (byoh—bring your own hotdogs).**

**We will meet Friday September 4, 2015 at 5:30 at Nye Beach and stay until sunset (or bedtime whichever comes first for the littlest members of our church families). Come and celebrate the end of another wonderful summer in a truly coastal way. Please feel free to invite other families, the more the merrier!**

**Please let me know if you can make it and your approximate number so we have marshmallows for everyone! You can find me at church or call or text me at 541-961-4721  
Hope to see you there!**

*Michelle Cottrell*

## RECIPIENTS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S

### MISSION GIFTS SAY "THANK YOU" \*

A listing of 2015 recipients of Newport Presbyterian Women's mission gifts appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). Here are *excerpts* from four thank-you letters/notes:

From Sharon Fries, (outgoing) Treasurer of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades (acknowledgment of Newport PW's support of the mission of the church worldwide): "You ladies are terrific ... it would be fun to hear about some of your activities." \*\*

From Newport FPC's Prayer Shawl Knitters (Lue Hoeft, Carol Jones, Elsie Flower, Shirley Scott, Nancy Cox and Pam Merwin): "The prayer shawl group appreciates so much, your generous gift for yarn ... Thank you!"

From Katherine Myers (Executive Director), Newport Food Pantry & Operation Snackpacks: " ... Your prayers, encouragement and support are so very much appreciated ... I'm so grateful for people like you who give so eagerly to those in need ... Our focus for the next few months will be working to expand the healthy food options we have available at the pantry and in the backpacks of the school children we serve. Your donation will go a long way in helping us accomplish our goal ... thank you for helping us fight hunger in Newport."

From Joanne (Executive Assistant), My Sisters' Place: "Thank you so very much for your financial support ... Your donation is so very much appreciated ... Because of you, we are able to fulfill our mission, which is to support victims facing domestic violence, sexual assault and dating abuse in Lincoln County by providing shelter, practical assistance, and promoting community awareness."

*\* PW's mission gifts are made possible by*

*the proceeds of our Annual Rummage Sale.*

*\*\* Gifts sent to the Cascades Presbytery also include*

*additional individual offerings from our Presbyterian Women.*

## PW'S MEETING SCHEULE

2015 - 2016

Five (5) meetings have been scheduled for PW's upcoming 2015-2016 year. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and plan to join your Presbyterian Sisters on these dates for fellowship, and for opportunities to share and participate in the PW Purpose:

Friday (Noon), October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday (Noon), December 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday (Noon), February 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday (Noon), March 11<sup>th</sup>

Friday (Noon), June 3<sup>rd</sup>

We invite **ALL** women of the church (members and non-members) to attend any portion of our meetings for which you can spare the time. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Westminster Room. Martha Sneller will hostess the meeting; Jane Haskell will be the lesson leader.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Westminster Room.



Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson One:

“Birthing Waters – Creation”

Scripture:

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Lesson Focus:

Out of the waters of chaos God created everything.

God saw the goodness of creation and

gave humans responsibility for caring for it.

The seventh day, a day of rest, is part of creation, too.



What about MORE Circles? If your time constraints do not permit your participation in the meetings of either Fireside Circle (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 a.m.) or Fellowship Circle (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 or in your homes, and BYOC - bring your own coffee)!! Questions? Please contact PW Moderator Clair Finnigan (541/961-0240).

*Bobbie Flewellyn Receives*  
*Presbyterian Women's*  
*Honorary Life Membership*

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women honors an individual's faithful service in some area of church work. Men, women, moderators, leaders, teachers, officers, pastors, missionaries and staff have received this honor.

A pin and certificate has been presented to Barbara ("Bobbie") Flewellyn as Newport PW's honoree for 2015, with gratitude for the many ways and the many years that she has served the church.

The pin is symbolic: it shows caring, supportive hands; a leaf representing growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we mature in our faith; the dove indicates peace in our own lives and throughout the world, as shown in the globe. The center design is the cross, and the overall design is that of a butterfly - symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation.

A poster honoring Bobbie is featured on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). The poster also displays the names of past recipients of this honor.

( PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE !! )

No Rummage Donations Accepted

Before

Sunday, January 3, 2016

In addition to the Godly Play Room, the north side of the Calvin Suite is now needed for our children on Sunday mornings. For their safety, the room CANNOT contain donations of rummage. The Rummage Committee will gratefully accept your donations beginning the first Sunday in January (January 3, 2016).

Questions? Contact 2016 Rummage Chair Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484).

2016 Rummage Sale Dates:

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

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



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Thank you,  
The Editor

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