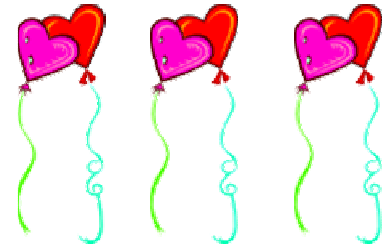


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Feb. 3rd	Parents Night Out 6-8 pm	
Feb. 4th	Presbyterian Women 12:00 noon	
 Feb. 6th	Communion Sunday	
Feb. 8th	Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00 pm	
Feb. 13th	Congregational Meeting 11:00	
Feb. 21st	President's Day—Office Closed Stone Soup at St. Stephen's 4:30 pm	
Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25	Rummage Sorting 9:00 am	

Beacon Survey

In keeping with the church's desire to be more cost effective and save on natural resources, we are asking the congregation to consider changing from the paper copy of the Beacon which is currently mailed to viewing it on our website (www.newportfpc.org) which now available. If you do not have the ability to view this on a computer, you can contact the office at 541-265-2841 or email the office at (www.office@newportfpc.org) and ask to receive the Beacon in another form. The following options are available: 1) Picking up a paper copy in Geneva Hall at the church 2) Continue to have it mailed if do not have a computer available

The office would very much appreciate your prompt attention to informing them of the option you desire.



Prayer List

Pastor's Pencil

*Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
Isaiah 40:31*

If you have broken your New Year's resolution by now, you are in the majority! According to a recent New York Times article, which quoted a study by business guru Steven Covey, 4 out of 5 people break their resolutions by February.

Depending on how you look at it, that could be a cause for despair or an impetus for faith. On the negative side is the fearful thought that *I'll never succeed*. Human nature is fraught with examples of people trying to improve again and again and again. It's depressing.

On the hopeful side are the words of the Apostle Paul, *I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want but I do the very thing I hate. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!* (Romans 7:15, 24-25)

When all is said and done, it is not our resolutions that save us, but God's resolve *to choose us in Christ to be holy and blameless before him*. (Ephesians 1:4) When the Holy Spirit blesses us with that realization, we have all the reason in the world to toot those party horns!

Yours for a year of faith,

Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Feb. 6th:	Isa. 58:1-9a (9b-12); 1 Cor.2:1-12 (13-16); Matt. 5:13-20
Feb. 13th:	Deut. 30:15-20; 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37
Feb. 20th:	Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18; 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23; Matt. 5:38-48
Feb. 27th:	Isa. 49:8-16a; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34

Church Triumphant:

- **Olive Triplett**
- **Larry McCauly** (Doris Pickens brother)
- (sister of Meeja Hudson)
- **Eloise Rogers**

Joys:

- **Jane Haskell** (successful eye surgery)
- **Jack & Tennie Jenkins** (their presence in church with us)

Concerns:

- **Rogan Weinert** (Grandson of Betty Schwartz—lymphoma)
- **Doris Pickens** (healing from fall)
- **Kathy Rich**
- **Karen Bamer—Prayer for miracle** (Daughter of Marguerite Sanchez—recurring cancer)
- **Ann Davis** (healing from stroke)
- **Glenda Shepler** (Niece of Elsie Flower—pancreatic & thyroid cancer)

Military:

- **Private Richard McKim Jr.** (Brother of Kathryn Hawes)
- **Major Dan Lovelace** (Gladys Hart-sel's son-in-law)



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.



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/>

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

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**.

Interested in being involved in Stone Soup? The church is currently looking for a volunteer to direct Stone Soup. Call the church office if interested.



Dine Out for Samaritan House

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Mark your calendar and join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner as well as take out Wednesday, February 2nd at the Newport Cafe. Open 24 hours a day this place packs a punch with a hearty breakfast lunch or dinner and fresh seafood galore. Newport Cafe will donate 20 percent of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Shelter.



Letters of Thanks

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



From **Shelley Paeth, R.N.**, Parent and Child Health Program Manager, Lincoln County Public Health Services:

"Thank you once again for the continued gifts you send our way. The beautiful yellow knitted blanket is beyond belief, as are the green booties. Thank you is not enough for your blessings you bestow on us. We all love you, and remain thankful."

** Our "Newborn Necessities" Mission -- which benefits Lincoln County's newest citizens -- is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but credit for its on-going success through the years goes to our entire congregation ... our heartfelt thanks to all who continue to help. Questions? Contact Pam Merwin (265-4095).*

Dear Church Family,

Sam and I are truly blessed to be part of FPC's loving, supportive family.

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls before and since my recent foot surgery.

Love in Christ,

Sandy Adams

Library News

Great Library Book Roundup of 2011!

As you are getting settled into post-holiday cleaning and home organization, please check under your furniture, in your cupboards, closets, cubbyholes, garage shelving, attics, secret storage caches and basements for books borrowed from our now seriously depleted church library anytime in the past few years; no questions will be asked nor names listed, but we are making a concentrated effort to get those missing books back on our shelves so others can enjoy them as you have. Resolve to return reading material soon! Many thanks for your efforts; just place the books in the box right inside the library door.



Gifts For Kids Mission

"GIFTS FOR KIDS"

Christmas Mission 2010 Accomplished!

From our hearts to yours -- thank you from Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee to our Presbyterian community -- you've ensured that 139 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) received a gift to open at Christmas-time!

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 51 children. Making thoughtful age/gender selections were the following members of FPY (+ an FPC alumna!) and their adult advisors: **Kim Callahan, Avery Heater, Cameron Holiday, Joey Jacques, Silken Kennedy, Baylee Layton, Laura Luther, Paige Schindler, David Heater, Jill Luther, Barry McPherson,** and Gifts For Kids" co-Chair **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 "Appreciation-Celebration" which was held during our December 12th Coffee Hour, the (still) difficult decision was again made to forego 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 continued 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 for the gifts they opened, and for the gift of your prayers for these very special children. In conclusion, we especially wish to honor the life of **Ron Moreland**, who died last August -- it was **Ron** and his wife **Mary** who began this mission 12 Christmases ago.



Address Change

Ann Davis

c/o Sandra Lyn's

7125 NW Ramona Lane

Corvallis, OR 97330

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday, February 4th

Twelve-O'Clock-Noon-Sharp!



For the sixth consecutive year, we shall welcome our own **Bill Hall**, Lincoln County Commissioner, as our February Guest Speaker. We are grateful to **Bill** for making time in his schedule to update us on the realities of Lincoln County's homeless individuals, and also on the status of alcohol and drug abuse in our community. Each of us will furnish our own (brown-bag) lunch for the February meeting, and a free-will donation will be received (suggested amount: the equivalent of lunch at a restaurant) -- this offering will benefit the homeless in our community. February Hostess **Martha Sneller** will serve our beverages, and devotions will be presented by **Carol Jones**. Remember that the monthly meetings of Presbyterian Women are open to ALL women of the church (members and non-members) and we cordially welcome guests; so, please bring the following: (1) your friend(s), (2) your own brown-bag lunch(es), (3) whatever amount you can dedicate to our special offering to benefit our community's homeless -- and join us for PW's fellowship and **Bill's** enlightening program!

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 10th, at Jane Haskell's home* (415 NW 19th Street). **Gladys Snedecor** will lead the meeting.

** Note: Due to parking constraints, carpooling is recommended -- meet at the church at 9:10 a.m., and caravan to Jane's. If the weather is snowy/icy, please call **Jane** (265-9822) for a possible change in venue.*



Women's Circle

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, February 18th, in the Westminster Room. Hostess and Leader will be **Jan Bauer**.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Six

"Witness to Hope -- The Woman, the Dragon, and Earth's Daring Rescue"

Scripture: *Revelation 12*

Key Idea:

With Christ's victory on the cross,
we are given power to defeat the forces of evil through witness.

Let There Be Light!

Thank you **Mike Clark, Vern Waley, Mark McConnell** and **Dave Heater** for replacing the lights in the sanctuary. Thanks to **Jim Gamb** for cleaning up afterward!



Rummage Sale News

RUMMAGE REMINISCES, RESONANCES AND REQUESTS

*("PW" and "Rummage" -- by any other names,
they really remain about the same!)*

Over 100 years ago -- in December 1907, our Newport Presbyterian Women were known as the "Presbyterian Ladies' Aid," and they held a "Church Bazaar" on December 13th in a log cabin! They issued their invitation in verse -- a copy of which you'll find posted on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). As you read this clever invitation of yesteryear, you'll see that the gist of it is still true today -- as the present-day members now known as "Presbyterian Women" prepare for what they now call their "Rummage Sale."

Although our Sale is sponsored by PW, it takes our entire congregation to produce it -- we can't do it without YOU!! We invite YOU to become an important part of this church-wide endeavor by considering (one, some, or all of) these volunteer/donation opportunities:

- Provide one or more pies (a total of 100 are needed) -- to be served in our Dining Room on Thursday and Friday of the Sale (sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board).
- Provide plant cuttings, divisions and bulbs -- to be delivered to our Garden Department on Tuesday afternoon of Rummage Week.
- Provide **CLEAN!!** rummage donations -- 4"x5" "**Do Not Donate**" cards are available at five convenient locations within the Church: (1) **Library window**, (2) **North window in Geneva Hall**, (3) **window next to the Office Door**, (4) **Calvin Room Door**, and (5) **PW's bulletin board**. They'll help you determine what we can accept.
- Be a Friday "Sorter" -- join us for fellowship and fun as we sort and "departmentalize" our rummage donations each Friday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Provide "Rummage Week" Help -- needed are: **sales staff** for each department; **vehicles + strong arms and backs** for pick-up and delivery of large items; **snack-foods** to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Rummage Week; "**pricers**" of our wares (Monday-Wednesday of "Rummage Week"); **set-up and/or clean-up volunteers**.

Questions? Call Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867). Please call Linda when you have rummage to donate. She will meet you and put your gift away for you. Please do NOT leave it in the hallway.

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 7th - 9th, 2011

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



Deacon's Corner

D.K. Beemer , Care Ministry Team	541-265-7419
Dick Carkin , Treasurer	541-765-2320
Judy Carkin , Visits & Media Ministry.	541-765-2320
Nancy Cox , Care Ministry Team	541-764-2113
Kathleen Dougherty , Moderator/Session Liaison.	541-272-0012
Eunice Forinash , Prayer Chain.	541-265-7106
Jamie Hall , Greeting Cards/Phone Calls.	541-265-8887
Pat Harcourt , Secretary.	541-765-2474
Kathryn Hawes , Publicity.	541-961-6246
Lue Hoefft , Communion/Celebration of Life Receptions	541-265-5728
Linda Mosley , Memorial Service/Celebration of Life Receptions.	541-265-5867
Marguerite Sanchez , Communion	541-574-7855
Lou Yardumian , Transportation	541-264-8038



Cookie Brigade

Cookie Brigade will be held Thursday, February 3. We will be sending cookies to four college students and two service people overseas. If you want to bake cookies or are able to assist with packing please contact Pat Harcourt at 541-765-2474.

Thank you!

Thanks to Bob Dougherty for digging a trench to drain the flooding at the church on Sunday, January 16, 2011. Thanks to his quick hard work, the waters receded and we didn't need Noah to come pick us up!

Thanks to Bill Johnson who got up on the roof and cleaned out the gutters so we no longer have Niagara Falls outside the Westminster Room!



Creation Care & Eco-Justice News

Treating Communion and Creation With Greater Sacredness

Two wonderful steps being taken in our worship services set the tone for a healthier view of God and Creation by the congregation – and the Eco-Justice Team claims no direct credit. First, the church went back to using re-usable glass cups for serving communion last fall (thanks mainly to **Marguerite Sanchez**). Then, serving only organic, chemical-free bread and grape juice to represent the body and blood of Christ in communion was recommended by our congregation's friend **Dr. Paul Galbreath**, a Professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. He offered this recommendation to people from the various churches attending the November 6th conference in Salem titled ***Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer, and Action*** organized by the Presbytery's Eco-Justice Team (Co-chaired by Barry McPherson). He suggested it again when he helped conduct the November 7th worship service at our church, and we started using 100% organically grown products for the communion elements. Organic, chemical free bread and grape juice can be purchased at local stores (such as Oceana Natural Foods Co-Op or the health food section at Fred Meyers). The Eco-Justice Team Fund will be used to help pay the extra cost.



Coffee For Our Church

The Eco-Justice Team of our church is providing organically grown, fair-trade coffee to fill all the needs of the church – with the help of your monetary donations. This organic, fair-trade coffee is generally purchased from Old River Coffee Roaster (a company in Siletz) or through the Presbyterian Coffee Project (www.pcusa.org/coffee). These coffees are better for the environment where they are grown, better for the coffee farmers, and better for the health of those who drink coffee.



So please put monetary donations in the clear plastic donation box on the serving counter on Sunday morning when you get your cup of coffee. You can also mark a donation to the "Eco-Justice Team" anytime you wish! The Team will make the coffee purchases.

Please consider using organic, fair-trade coffee at home and work, also. With coffee, as with many products, the lowest priced products may have higher associated "costs" to the health of people and the rest of Creation in distant lands. There may be higher local "costs" as well, including costs to our personal health. If you have questions, please call **Barry McPherson** at 574-6111, (503)708-8688 (cellular), or email him at bdmcperson@coho.net.

Plant A Row On 12th Street

A Mission of First Presbyterian Church

227 N. E. 12th Street . Newport, OR 97365

email: 12thstreetplantarow@charter.net

Jim Myers 541-270-0892



You Can Become a First Pres PAR Partner

Plant a Row for the Hungry project is one of the newer missions of the church. We've plowed over 3,000 square feet of ground on the east campus so that we can plant vegetables to distribute to Food Share and Stone Soup.

We invite you and people you know to become PAR Partners. You can partner in two ways:

- Become a Row Sponsor, which means donating \$75 for the year to help underwrite some of our costs.
- Or you can become a Garden Tender and actually come out and work with us in the garden.

Of course, we'd love to have everyone do both but will be happy with any level of involvement you can manage. We are very excited that we have purchased our seeds for the coming planting season and thank those who have already signed up as a PAR Partner to help make this happen!

We appreciate any support you may have to offer in this effort to help provide the hungry of Newport with good and nutritious food that we grow right here at First Presbyterian.

Contact **Kathy & Jim Myers** at 541-270-0892 or email

12thstreetplantarow@charter.net.



Church Financial Report

December Operating Income *Budgeted* \$18,289.67

December Operating Income **Received** \$22,847.10

2010 Operating Income *Budgeted* \$219,476.08

2010 Operating Income **Received** \$206,360.87

Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received for year -- behind \$13,115.21

January thru **December** Actual Expenses \$202,763.

2010 Budget	
Personnel	\$157,571.64
Operating Expense	\$51,904.44
Mission Giving	\$10,000.00
Total	\$219,476.08

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anna Easley 1st
 Jane Haskell 1st
 Jan Bauer 2^{ns}
 Sarah Shindelman 4th
 Joe Paradise 4th
 Mignonne Pride 4th
 Marianne Mendenhall 5th
 Dorri Knutson 9th
 Toni Mueller 11th
 Don Taylor 11th
 Connie Hildebrand 14th
 Shirley George 14th
 Don Merwin 20th
 Barbara Cale 21st
 Justin Layton 23rd
 Miranda Herzog 26th



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!

Our Parish Nurse would like a volunteer to step up and volunteer for this very rewarding position. If interested please call **Doris Pickens** at 541-265-5557.

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