

# *THE BEACON October 2016*

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWPORT**

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### *Announcements*

Adult Choir Practice is Wednesdays 5:30 pm-6:30 pm & Sundays before service, 9:00 am-9:45 am

Children's Choir (Grades 3-8) Practice is Wednesday's 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

Worship Service Sundays, 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Coffee Hour to Follow, Geneva

Brown Bag Bible Study Wednesdays Time: 11:00 am to 12 noon. Location: Westminster Room

Literary Group Mondays. Time: 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. New Book: Half Broke Horses

Kingdom Dog Ministries Sunday, October 2. Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

PW Meeting Friday, October 7. Time: 12 noon to 2:30 pm. Location: Geneva Hall

Deacons Sunday, October 9. Time: 11:30 pm to 12 noon

Men's Group Wednesday, October 12. Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Location: Izzy's

Fireside Circle Thursday, October 13. Time: 9:30 am to 12 noon. Location: Jane Haskell's

Fellowship Circle Friday, October 21. Time: 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Location: Geneva Hall

Grounds Crew Appreciation Lunch Saturday, October 22. Time: 12noon

Parents Meeting for Christmas Pageant Sunday, October 23, after service, in the Youth Room

Session Sunday, October 23. Time: 11:15 am to 12 noon

Costalaires Cabaret Saturday, October 29. Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Location: Geneva Hall

Church Halloween Party Sunday, October 30, after service in Geneva Hall

## *Calling All Drivers!*

If you are ready and able to drive or are currently driving someone, please sign the Transportation Call List located in Geneva Hall. The list will be used to find available drivers for those who need assistance for things such as getting to and from church, for errands, and similar. Please see Rebecca Wright if you have questions.

## *Kingdom Dog Ministries*

**First-Time in Newport**

**By: Hank Hough and *Bandero, the dog***

**Visit: [kingdomdog.org](http://kingdomdog.org)**

**Date: Sunday, October 2, 2016**

**Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

**Location: First Presbyterian Church**



October 1 Kaitlyn Heater  
October 1 Avery Heater  
October 1 Susan Mills  
October 4 Tina Roberts  
October 6 Bob Young  
October 7 Alyssa Urquhart  
October 18 Kathryn Adams  
October 25 Kathy Garner  
October 30 Rob Thompson

**Presbyterian Women Meeting  
"Author! Author!"**

**Friday, October 7**

The women of the church will meet for fun, fellowship and food at Noon on Friday, October 7 at our first Presbyterian Women's meeting of the season. We will be fortunate to hear from our special guest, writer Bobbie Lippman, who is not only a published author, but a true community legend – as designated by the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts. We will also hear from Pam Merwin about the mission goals for the Thank Offering, which will be received at this meeting.

The menu will feature a salad potluck, so everyone is invited to bring a favorite salad to share. PW meetings are open to all – members and nonmembers alike – and present a great opportunity to get to know each other better. We hope to see you on Oct. 7 at Noon in Geneva Hall.

Don't forget to add these upcoming PW meetings to your calendar, too!

- December 2
- February 10
- March 3
- June 2

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**Give Thanks and Make a Difference**

**Join us at the PW meeting on Oct. 7 with your Thank Offering**

What if a small, annual offering above and beyond your normal giving could relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities and lift up lives throughout the world? At PW's Oct. 7 meeting, your contribution to the annual Thank Offering will do just that.

For 128 years, women of Presbyterian churches throughout North America have given that extra offering and the difference has been remarkable. It started when Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord." The result was credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church and now, more than a century later, we honor Ms. Clokey's legacy each year through our Thank Offering.

The theme for the 2016 offering is **In The Shadow of Your Wings**, inspired by Psalm 36:7. "How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings." Through the gifts of the Thank Offering, our Presbyterian Women offer hope to the world, confident in God's steadfast love for all humankind. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others as God is merciful to us.

This year, PW will support 22 projects – 14 in the United States and 8 internationally – that are consistent with the mission concerns and policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). More than 40% will go to health ministries. Projects must have a purpose that meets basic human needs, provide a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served, and must be a creative project that is less than three years old or be a new direction for an existing program. Learn more about this important work at [www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank) and by attending our Oct. 7 meeting.

## October Circle Meetings

Our two Circles will continue their Bible Study as guided by the lesson book: "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." October's lesson is "According to Matthew" and is from Matthew 5-7: 13. We will discuss the key idea that Jesus is the long-awaited Jewish messiah whose teaching opens the kingdom of Heaven to us here and now.

The **Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 13. The meeting will be held at Jane Haskell's home at 415 NW 19th Ct. in Newport. Due to limited parking, carpooling is recommended. Folks are invited to meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. for carpooling to Jane's house.

The **Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 21, in Geneva Hall. Helyn Layton will host.

## **Presbyterian Women bestow Honorary Life Memberships**

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.

During the August 28<sup>th</sup> Congregation-Appreciation picnic, PW Moderator Clair Finnigan announced the awarding of two Honorary Life Memberships – to **Beth Mathewson** and **Marianne Mendenhall** – with gratitude for the many ways each of them has served the church. Clair especially recalled how the two of them resurrected PW's (reluctantly cancelled) 2013 Rummage Sale by stepping up to co-chair it, resulting in one of the most successful sales on record. The picnic provided the perfect backdrop for this announcement, since it is given by Presbyterian Women to honor our entire church family for its ongoing support of PW's mission goals.

Pins and certificates have been presented to Beth and Marianne. The symbolic pin 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 Beth and Marianne is featured on PW's bulletin board across from the Westminster Conference Room. We invite you to take a few moments to review the poster, since it also displays the names of past recipients of this honor.

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**Remember:** No Rummage Sale Donations Accepted Before January 1, 2017

In addition to the Godly Play room, the north side of the Calvin Suite is now needed for our children on Sunday mornings. The Rummage Committee will gratefully accept your donations beginning the first Sunday in January. Questions? Contact 2017 Rummage Chair Beth Mathewson at (541) 265-7484.

## Mission gift recipients say “Thank You”

### Hard work of Rummage Sale pays off with PW Mission Gifts

A listing of 2016 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). These gifts are funded by monies raised through the annual Rummage Sale, making all that hard work worth every minute!

Here are *excerpts* from four thank-you letters/notes:

From Lieutenant Nathan Perry (Corps Officer & Pastor), The Salvation Army: " ... Thanks to people like you who donate to The Salvation Army, we can continue to provide free clothing, send children to summer camp, provide household items, community financial classes (starting in Spring 2017), children's music lessons and various senior and youth programs to the community. Rest assured, your donation will be used exclusively within The Salvation Army Newport Corps Community Center ... "

From Karen Hopseker (Vice President), Lincoln County Foster Parents Association: " ... The LCF kids really appreciate your gift ... It will enable some children to attend activities they otherwise would not be able ... "

From Kathy A. Sewell (Community Engagement Coordinator), Shangri-La: "Thank you so much for your recent donation. I was wondering if you would like me to come speak at your organization about our work ... "

From the Peace Village Staff (appreciation for lunch provided by PW on August 12th for children attending PV's Day Camp): "Please express our thanks to the persons who provided the wonderful lunch ... You played an important part in our program, and your generosity won't be forgotten. ... "

PW thanks the many volunteers, donors and shoppers who support the Rummage Sale, allowing us all to impact the lives of our fellow community members.

Save the Date!

## 2017 Rummage Sale Dates

April 27-29, 2017

Proceeds will support:

Our Church, Our Community and World-Wide Mission Goals

## *New Books for the Library*

The Death of Adam by Marilyn Robinson. The Pulitzer Prize Winning author and teacher at the University of Iowa Writers Workshop presents a collection of essays on modern thought. She will challenge you to think about the survival of our humanity, our spirituality and environment.

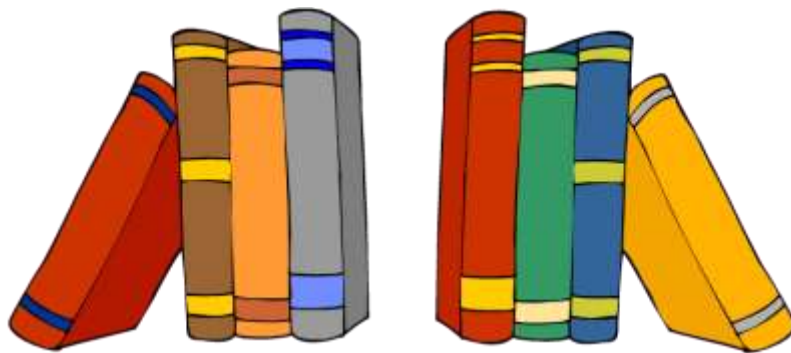
American Scripture, Making the Declaration of Independence, by Pauline Maier.

The author is a History Professor at M.I.T. and one of the foremost authorities of the American Revolution Era. She tells the full story of the Declaration of Independence and reflects on its continuing meaning for our citizens.

People of the Lie: The Hope for Healing Human Evil, by M. Scott Peck, M.D.

This book is about human evil and how people, instead of facing their failures, create havoc for those living around them. Psychology and Religion are integral part of the book. Dr. Peck is known for the popular earlier book, The Road Less Traveled.

The Holiness of God, by R.C. Sproul. This is a classic book that is good for any reader interested in learning more about God.



## *September Grounds Work Party*

Thank you Dave, Laurie, Pastor Ric and Nancy, Steve, Velma!

Oh what a beautiful morning oh what a beautiful day, I've got a wonderful feeling everything's going my way. WHAT A CREW!!!! Mother Presbyterian says us/we? boys and girls did a good job. She is very pleased. GOOD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE IS A SILENT EXPRESSION OF EVANGELISM. Thank you Dave, for the snacks, at break and thank you Nancy and Velma, for making the coffee. Everything was good. Don't forget to attend Kingdom Dog Ministries. I hear it's a cocker 'er black lab.

Respectfully, Jim



## *Dine Out For Samaritan House*

Join us Wednesday, **October 5**, at Local Ocean Seafoods on Newport's Historic Bay Front!

Enjoy delicious sea food while supporting our homeless families. Local Ocean will donate

15% of the day's proceeds to Samaritan House Homelss Shelter. Thanks again for you continue support!





## *Coastalaires Cabaret*

Wilcomen, Bienvenue, Welcome..... Geneva Hall transforms for one night only into a Cabaret! So save the date, October 26, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a date, or a friend, or bring yourself, for a Cabaret style concert, by the Coastalaire. There will be refreshments and fun for all.



## *Children and Youth Ministries from Michelle Cottrell*

Our annual Church Halloween Party is October 30, after Sunday services, in Geneva Hall. Bring some candy to pass out. There will be bowls on the tables for donated goodies. There will be crafts and games for the kids in addition to yummy treats for all, if your blood sugar is up to it that is. This is always a fun event for all that the children look forward too and we are glad to be hosting it once again this year.

Our annual Christmas Pageant practice will start November 6, after Sunday services, as well as during Godly Play. All youth of our church and their friends are invited and welcome to sign up for this wonderful event. The Christmas Pageant is once again the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, During church services. A celebration will follow in Geneva Hall. How exciting to be reminded of the “reason for the season” by the children of our church.

Middle School Youth Group, grades 6 through 8, will be hosted by our church. They will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Our first meeting is October 5 and dinner will be provided. This is an open event for middle school youth in our area and both members and non members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions contact Michelle Cottrell at [mlcotrell@outlook.com](mailto:mlcotrell@outlook.com)

Children’s Choir is being offered for children in grades 3 through 8. The choir practices will be on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the church in the choir room. The choir will occasionally sing selections during the 10:00 am Sunday Services at the church. Goals are to prepare children to fully enjoy music by learning things such as pitch, rhythm, enunciation, reading music, working together, poise, and confidence by sharing their hard work and talent with others. If you have any questions, contact Don Jenkins at [drmaestro880@gmail.com](mailto:drmaestro880@gmail.com)

## *The Beacon November Deadline*

If you have any announcements, news items, tid-bits or other things for The Beacon, our next deadline is Friday, October 14. Send a **Word** file to [office@fpc.org](mailto:office@fpc.org) with Beacon in the subject line. Thank you!

Note that the editor can sometimes be bribed to extend the deadline a little, but the longer you procrastinate, the higher the price.



## *Food Pantry and Baby Items*

Remember to bring food and baby item donations the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday and leave in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Thank You!



## *Stone Soup*

Our church participates in the Stone Soup ministry the third Monday of each month. We always are happy to welcome new participants. We prepare a meal and serve it at St Stephan's Episcopal Church here in Newport to anyone who needs a filling hot meal and some companionship. It's a good way to meet new people from our community. The time flies and a good time is had by all. To join the fun, contact Art Bradley.

## *Prayer Concerns, October 2016*

### Joys

Isabel Solano has officially earned her globally recognized International Baccalaureate diploma from the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as a renewable IB scholarship. Due to her high scores she will start with the sophomore standing.

**We Gratefully Proclaim...**  
**Glory Be to God...**

### Church Triumphant

Richard O'Brien passed Sunday morning (9/25), Anna Whitehurst is so grateful for everyone's prayers. This is a blessing, yet difficult.

**O Lord...**

### New Concerns

-Janet Evans, in California, for treatment, healing and comfort for 4 compression fractures in her back.  
-Patt Elam, healing and recovery from massive coronary (Susan Mills' mother) and for Susan's parents as they navigate through life transitions.

**O Lord...**

### Continuing Concerns

-Paula Davis, to speed her recovery from knee pain from a fall  
-Bob & Shirley Loeffel  
-Michael Gibbons, local artist, recovering well at rehab in Salem  
-Carol Carroll, for personal issues  
-Elaine Zaske, macular degeneration – prayers for strength and hope

**Battling Cancer:** Kay Bensing, Alice Bregman, Pam Spence, Christian Johnson, Karen Howard, Don Delzel

President Obama, Congress, and World Leaders; Refugees, Christians in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and China; Armed Forces; Police, Doctors and Nurses; victims of violence and their families throughout the United States; those killed and injured in attacks and bombings and upheaval throughout the world; special prayers for Afghanistan, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, France and Russia. Protect us from fear in these troubling times, Heifer Offering, Transition Team; crabbers and fishermen for a safe season, Sister Church: Community Presbyterian Church, Malin, OR

**O Lord...**

**Long Term Concerns:** Mason Carney, Lori Mickelson, Leland Taraba, Margaret McClellan

**O Lord...**

**The Lord's Prayer**



For

November 2016

Beacon Deadline (\*)

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October 14, 2016

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