

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Apr. 4th	Read & Feed	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Apr. 7th	Communion Sunday	
Apr. 10th	Communion at Oceanview	2:00 pm
	Men's Group at Izzy's	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Apr. 11th	Fireside Circle	9:30 am
Apr. 13th	Eagle Scout Honor Court	2:00 pm
	Trevor Hawley	
Apr. 14th	Guest Speaker – Dave Heater	
	Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
Apr. 15th	Stone Soup	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Apr. 19th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm
Apr. 21st – 27th	Rummage Sale Week	
Apr. 25th	Rummage Sale	9:00 – 4:00
Apr. 26th	Rummage Sale	9:00 – 4:00
Apr. 27th	Rummage Sale	9:00 - Noon

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Other Dates To Remember

Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45 am

**Rummage Sorting – Fridays, Apr. 5th,
12th, & 19th - 9:00 am**

(Deadline Day for Rummage Donations!)

April 19th – 9:00am

Pastor's Pencil

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Two points about the above passage.

First, for some strange reason people have interpreted the phrase *inspired by God*, to mean that scripture is literal. That has never been a Reformed understanding. Reformed theology reminds us that the word for *inspired*, (ruah in Hebrew, pneuma in Greek, or spiritus in Latin), means **breath**. The breath of God is the creative Holy Spirit, never static, always moving, breathing new life into our world, lives and Holy Scripture. This means that the Bible is literally, not a literal book. (Pardon the pun!) Through the Holy Spirit the Bible is a living, breathing, renewing force in our lives.

Secondly, *All Scripture*, means that the whole Bible is capable of conveying the will of God to us. Yes, the whole Bible, not simply our favorite passages or the ones we understand, but every Book!

To that end, Dave Heater and I are going to begin a new sermon series on The Books of the Bible. Each sermon will highlight a different book. For the most part we will go in order. Dave will begin the series on April 14th with the Book of Genesis, *In the Beginning!* We will however move the order around a bit, so that the Book of Ruth will be perfect for Mother's Day.

Please pray for us as we begin this series. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open up our hearts and minds to see that *All scripture is inspired by God*.

Yours for an inspired understanding of the Bible,

Don

Prayer List

Joys:

- ❖ Mason Carney – successful kidney transplant
- ❖ Sam Adams – successful knee surgery
- ❖ Mike Neal – successful surgery

Concerns:

- ❖ Clay Creech – lung cancer
- ❖ Diane Eccles – pneumonia
- ❖ Genevieve Kober – broken leg

Military & Relief Efforts:

- ❖ Paige Schindler – Santiago, Chile
- ❖ Marcus Luther – Teach To America

Local:

- ❖ Crabbing Fleet – including Kinder Cotrell on "Last Dance"

Opportunities For Service



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, serve 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.**

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels need 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 www.mowaa.org.

Church Office Help Needed

The church is looking for volunteer substitutes in the office from 9:00 am to noon. Please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

Food Pantry/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**. **Monetary donations to Food Pantry need to be sent directly to: Newport Food Pantry, PO Box 1415, Newport, OR 97365.**

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the Food Pantry basket 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 541-265-4095



Newborn Necessities

Dine Out for Samaritan House

Join us at **Nana's Irish Pub** in Newport's Historic Nye Beach, Wednesday, April 3rd as they host Dine Out for Samaritan House donating 15% of the day's proceeds to the homeless family shelter.

Presbyterian Women



No April PW Meeting -- We will be
preparing for our
2013 Rummage Sale!
(Sale Dates: April 25th, 26th and 27th)

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 11th. Please contact **Gladys Snedecor** (541/574-8703) for location, hostess and leader information.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, April 19th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Eight

"The Bad Seeds"

Scripture: *1 John 2; 2 Peter 2-3; Jude 1-16*

Key Idea(s): Even in God's household, God's children cannot escape the disruption caused by family dysfunction.

In order to overcome potentially destructive outside influences, God's children are instructed to dig more deeply within themselves to connect to sources of truth, hope, and faith.

Choir News

SINGING IN THE CHOIR

The Chancel Choir at First Presbyterian Church, Newport, Oregon is seeking new choristers. **Child care will be provided** for choir practices on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and again for rehearsals on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 a.m. to prepare for the 10:00 a.m. service. The Wednesday time allows for families to attend other evening events and/or have family time at home. The choir is open to all who love to sing and lead in the morning worship service by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. An audition is not necessary and those interested are welcome to attend on a trial basis.

Leave that technology behind and come and sing with real folks in real time and enjoy the camaraderie and efforts of others to produce some really fine choral music. The church is located at 227 N.E. 12th Street. If you are interested you may contact me at drjenkins@centurytel.net or 541-961-2368.

Don Jenkins, Organist and Choir Director

Thank You

Extra special thanks to **Dave Perry, Marguerite Sanchez, Elsie Flower, Vivian Johnson** and **Dave Heater** for switching to new Power Church accounting software to better coordinate our finances! It was **A LOT** of work time and effort and we appreciate it!!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Blair Thompson 7 th
Bob Dougherty 11 th
Shannon Chrisman 12 th
Eunice Forinash 12 th
Art Bradley 14 th
Scott & Ma Chin Bradley 16/05
Kathleen Dougherty 21 st
Ken & Helyn Layton 23/93
Don & Kath Schonau-Taylor 26 th
Dick & DK Beemer 26th/05



“A Place At The Table” is the title of a documentary released on March 1, in some movie theaters, On Demand, and through iTunes. I confess that I don't even know what “On Demand” is so I rented it through iTunes for \$6.99. It was hard to watch.

I see hungry people every day at the pantry. I meet children of all ages. I watch seniors with canes walk slowly up the ramp to get some bread to tide them over until their Social Security comes through. But nothing hits home so much as listening to a child vocalize in detail what it's like to go to bed hungry. In the documentary, we hear a teacher talk about recognizing the potential of this beautiful girl who can't concentrate because she hasn't had enough to eat. Her “Place At The Table” isn't consistent or secure. The food she receives to supplement what her family provides isn't always nutritious. Unfortunately, it's becoming more and more common as 47 million people in the United States are receiving SNAP benefits, many of them children just like the girl in the movie.

It's my prayer that, as this documentary circulates and people see the producers vocalize their experiences during filming, we will be able to mobilize and enable organizations, individuals and schools to make sure that these precious children are getting the consistent nutrition they need. I encourage everyone to read the book or watch the documentary and decide how you can take action to make sure that every child has a secure “Place At The Table.”



Library News

Keep up the good work of searching for library books at home that need to be returned.

The following books are replacements for books borrowed and never returned.

Pilgrims Progress by *John Bunyan*. This classic book, written in the seventeenth century, is a Christian allegory that still has messages for today.

Prayer Is Good Medicine by *Larry Dossey, M.D.* The doctor writes about how prayer truly is good medicine for body mind and spirit.

More books donated are:

Stubborn Twig by *Lauren Kessler*. This is the true story of a Japanese family who immigrated from Japan to Oregon and the tragic hard times and triumph that three generations of their family experienced. It was chosen for the Oregon Library Read, which included our Newport Library.

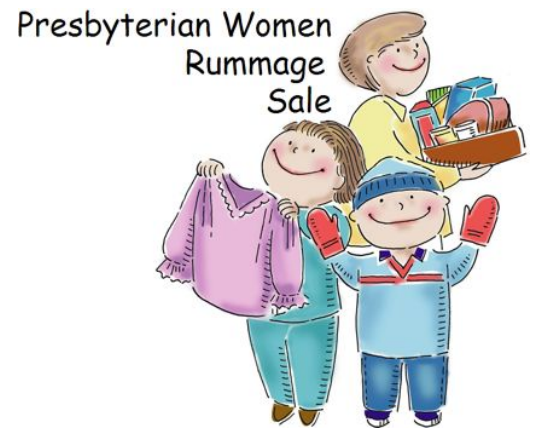
Wishful Thinking: a Seeker's ABC by *Frederick Buechner*. The author created a small dictionary of words that interested him that relate to God and humanity using his talent of wit and insight. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his book, Godric.

All for Jesus by *Franklin Graham with Ross Rhoads*, The authors challenge us to forget regrets and discover limitless, lifesaving consequences of living your life for Jesus.

In My Father's House, by *Corrie ten Boom with C. C. Carlson*. This book tells the story of Corrie's childhood and youth in Holland before World War II. This time was a good preparation for the terrible years of war when she was interned and later wrote The Hiding Place, which is known worldwide.



Rummage Sale



RUMMAGE ROUND-UP (Get It To The Church On Time!!)

"NOW Is The Time" ... for all donors of rummage to deliver those items to the Church!! The last-ditch-date that we can receive and sort your CLEAN & SALEABLE donations will be **FRIDAY, APRIL 19th !!** The only exceptions are these:

1. Your plant donations (*labeled as to name/care requirements, please!*) for the Garden Department should be delivered either between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd, or between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24th of "Rummage Week." *
2. Your large items (furniture, etc.) can be delivered between Monday (April 22nd) and Wednesday (April 24th) of "Rummage Week." *

*If you have precluding circumstances, please contact either:
Rummage Co-Chair **Beth Mathewson** (541/265-7484) or
Rummage Co-Chair **Marianne Mendenhall** (541/867-7474).

Please understand that we **absolutely/positively CANNOT** receive your donations on the actual days of the Sale. By "Rummage Sunday" (April 21st), our volunteers will have worked diligently each week for over three months to make an attractive presentation of your donations; however, once the Sale is underway, our "sorters" become sales staff, cashiers, cooks, food servers, etc., etc., and **they will have NO TIME to sort and display late donations.** Your thoughtfulness and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

A *Good-News Reminder* about Thompson's (***FREE!***) recycling service for certain electronic items -- including CPU'S, computer monitors and TV's -- which we cannot accept; they will also take paint in original containers and certain metals. Please be aware that **SUCH ITEMS ARE NOW PROHIBITED FROM GARBAGE CANS;** however, Thompson's will accept up to seven (7) such items per delivery at NO CHARGE!

RUMMAGE PLEAS (Please! Please!! Please!!!)

Although the days are dwindling down "to a precious few," with your help, we'll be ready for "Rummage Week" (Sunday, April 21st - Saturday, April 27). On Sunday afternoon, April 21st, we'll begin the set-up phase of the Sale. **WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO CHURCH and BRING A BROWN-BAG LUNCH** -- we'll start right after the coffee hour. **NO HEAVY LIFTING** ... we'll have hired help for that, but your assistance will be needed in transporting smaller items to the designated rooms. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we'll continue the set-up -- your help and expertise will be needed and appreciated, especially in the areas of **displaying and pricing** our wares.

*Rummage sale cont.***ALSO NEEDED:**

- Vehicles (plus able-bodied people!) to transport large items from donors' homes to the Church;
- Pies -- to make our quota of 100! Questions? Contact Kitchen Chairperson Liz Martin (541/270-1300);
- Plastic Bags (any size -- needed for sacking up our shoppers' bargains!);
- Sales Staff (part-time/full-time) for ALL departments;
- Help with the Clean-Up Phase on Saturday.

The majority of the proceeds from our 2013 Rummage Sale will benefit our own Church and our own community, but our outreach will further extend to national and worldwide mission goals. It is hoped that no one will wait to be asked to help with this meaningful event ... **EVERYONE** is needed, welcomed and **GREATLY APPRECIATED** (*you'll also have a great time!!*). If you would like to volunteer (or if you have any questions about volunteering), please contact the designated Chair for the department you'd like to help (you'll find all names/phone numbers on PW's bulletin board, which is across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room); if you have no departmental preference, please contact either Rummage Co-Chair **Beth Mathewson** (541/265-7484) or Rummage Co-Chair **Marianne Mendenhall** (541/867-7474).

To Our Great Gardeners: If you need pots for your plant donations, please contact Garden Chairpersons **Janice and Jim Scharbach** (541/867-6437); also, another reminder that LABELING your donations as to name/care requirements would be greatly appreciated by the staff of the Garden Department!

Calling All Rummage Department Chairs: Our Pre-Rummage-Week Meeting will be held on Friday, April 19th, at 10:30 a.m., in the Westminster Conference Room ... bring a list of all of your last-minute questions and needs!

Rummage Sale Dates:**April 25th, 26th and 27th, 2013**

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to Avery Heater in being chosen as a Residential Assistant, a high coveted position at NYU.

MEMORIAL POEM: Arnie's Temple of Love

by Rhonda Harman

Dimples....and twinkles,
green suit and yellow tie
(quackityquack-QUACK),
Arnold B was my kind of guy.
Dappper....a tapper, a gentle man
Not just do it, but let ME do it.
But how Arnie how?
"Well...Anyway I can"
Indeed, one of my top ten men
An angel now, a saint you know!
Growing ever bigger in our hearts,
Love is what he sowed.
The other day...4:40 before first light,
My heart took a tumble, I opened my eyes.
Arnie??? Arnold B???? Hello!
I knew in that precious, inexplicable moment,
"you were on your way,
To "forever"; a bright, perfect, day after day.
"Just thought I'd drop by,
"Now now now there, please don't cry!"
I am still your kind of guy,
But I'm up now, and dancing way up high
Tell them I love them and I'm close by,
forever! Love just plain, ol'me, Arnold B



This poem was requested by members of the congregation.

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Beacon Deadline

for

May

is

April 8th.



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