

# THE BEACON



## Upcoming Events

<b>Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Communion Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PW Meeting</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Dec. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Deacons Meeting</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>
	<b>Organ Concert</b>	<b>3:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Men's Group at Izzy's</b>	<b>6:30 – 7:30 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fireside Circle</b>	<b>9:30 – 10:30 am</b>
<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Joannah Ball Recital</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Central Coast Chorale</b>	<b>2:00 – 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Stone Soup</b>	<b>4:30 – 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fellowship Circle</b>	<b>1:30 – 2:30 pm</b>
<b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

## November 2012

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### Choir Practice:

**Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45 am**

**No Practice 12/26**

## Pastor's Pencil

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us. John 1:14*

In Conor McPherson's play *The Seafarer*, recently performed at the PAC, Satan appears near the end of Act One in the polite, courtly form of a Mr. Lockhart. This well-dressed devil soon reveals to the main lead Sharkey, played by **Scott Branchfield**, that he is after his soul. Later, in Act Two, once again alone with Sharkey, Satan complains about the distasteful human form he inhabits and the insanity of the divine actually living as a frail human being.

The Season of Advent asks us the same question. Why would the eternal, immortal divine take on suffering, human flesh? Unlike the devil however, our answer is not distasteful, but full of wonder, hope, majesty and joy.

Yours for a mysterious Advent Season,

Don



## Prayer List

### Church Triumphant:

- ❖ Ruth Asche

### Joys:

- ❖ Betty Schwartz – recovery
- ❖ Sue Cole – recovery
- ❖ DK Beemer – new prayer chain coordinator

### Concerns:

- ❖ Connie Hildebrand – back issues
- ❖ Karen Bamer
- ❖ Jim & Pam Gamb – transitions & cancer treatment
- ❖ Elizabeth Eastman – transitions
- ❖ Marie Jelen – recovering from fall
- ❖ Olga Ohm – recovering from fall
- ❖ Meeja Huston – knee surgery
- ❖ Barbara Waring - Hospice

### Military & Relief Efforts:

- ❖ Ryan McMullen – deployed to Afghanistan (Bob & Shirley Loeffel's grandson)
- ❖ Paige Schindler – Santiago, Chile
- ❖ Marcus Luther – Teach To America

## 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](http://www.mowaa.org).

### Church Office Help Needed!

The church is looking for someone to volunteer in the office on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to noon beginning in January. Also substitutes are still needed as well. Please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

### 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**. **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

Mark your calendars as you plan to ring in the holidays by "Dining Out for Samaritan House" **Wednesday, December 5th** at **Georgie's Beachside Grill**. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner as Georgie's donates 20% of the day's proceeds to Lincoln County's only homeless family shelter.



## Presbyterian Women

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday - December 7th

Luncheon PROMPTLY at Twelve-Noon \*

Program PROMPTLY at 12:30 p.m.

\* R.S.V.P.

PW's December 7th luncheon will be catered by Coca-Mocha Joe's.

Reservations (\$10 each) are required.

Please sign up with PW Moderator Clair Finnigan (541/961-0240)  
on or before Friday, November 30th.

*Music ! Merriment !! Mirth !!! ... all that and MORE when we gather for our December meeting featuring our traditional program of Christmas music! Remember that PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, make your luncheon reservation(s), bring your friend(s), and enhance your holiday spirit with our musical program and the warm fellowship of your Presbyterian Sisters!*

## Rummage Sale

### A RUMMAGE SALE\* RESPITE ??

This December issue of ***The Beacon*** would ordinarily include an article detailing when/what donations can be accepted for our Annual Rummage Sale;\* however, as of press-time a chairperson for 2013 had not been identified.

Although we ***tentatively*** have a candidate who will consider chairing the 2014 Sale, we are facing the sobering reality that we might need to break our annual tradition for this event for the coming year. A decision will be made soon, and an announcement will be forthcoming.

*\* Our Annual Rummage Sales are **sponsored** by Presbyterian Women, but they are **produced** by our entire congregation.*

## Circle Meetings

**Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 13th, at **Gladys Snedecor's** home (3337 NE Coos Street, Newport). **Jane Haskell** will lead the meeting.

**Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, December 21st, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

### Lesson Four: **"The Help"**

Scripture: *1 Peter 2:11-25*

**Key Idea(s):** In God's household, those of low status by earthly standards are held in high regard as God's righteous exemplars of faithfulness and perseverance. Their persistent witness to the Good News, even in the face of adversity, holds the power to unify the family of faith and to transform the broken human relationships and institutions that limit them..

## FOR THE CHILDREN Christmas 2012

### "Gifts For Kids" Christmas Mission

A gift each for a total of 147 children (66 boys and 81 girls) who are 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) -- that is the goal of our Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee for Christmas 2012.

Can we do it? With your help, yes we can! Please meet us at our "adoption" table in Geneva Hall after Sunday's worship service. We'll be there each Sunday until each child on our list is assured of a gift ... possibly the only one he/she will receive.

If shopping is difficult for you, your tax-deductible check (payable to LCCAC) will be welcomed (*no amount too small or too large!!*). We are grateful for your help, and for your prayers for these very special children. Questions? Contact Committee Co-Chairs **Barbara and Art Bradley** (541/765-2272) or **Martha Sneller** (541/265-3471).



*Thank You*



Thanks to **Jim Dunlap, Dave Perry, Sam Adams** and **Don's coffee** for restoring the old wooden sign at the west entrance and moving it to the east entrance.

Thank you to **DK Beemer** for being the new Prayer Chain Coordinator and many thanks and our deepest appreciation for the wonderful work **Eunice Forinash** did as outgoing coordinator.



## LETTERS OF THANKS



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(More)

### Thank-You's from Recipients of PW's Mission Gifts \*

A listing of 2012 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts\* appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). The October and November issues of **The Beacon** contained **excerpts** from some of the thank-you letters/notes received -- here are three more:

From **Sally Bovett** (Executive Director), Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County: " ... Since 1995 HFHLC has built 11 homes in Lincoln County and ... is currently building two homes on recently purchased property in Waldport ... two additional homes on the Waldport property are planned for 2013 ... Without the support of people like you, HFHLC would not be able to build affordable homes for those who need them. We appreciate your support."

From **Shangri-La Corporation**: " ... Shangri-La cannot thank you enough for your generous and continued support. We thank you for the work you are doing in the Newport community. We will use your gift to enrich the lives of the people we support in Newport."

From **Georgianne Lemarr** (Board Member), Progressive Options: "Thank you so very much for partnering with us in serving the citizens of Lincoln County who have disabilities. Your gift ... really helps us in the day-to-day functions that have to be met. ..."

*\* PW's mission gifts are made possible  
by the proceeds of our Annual Rummage Sale.*

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Jean Barker 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Pam Schindler 4<sup>th</sup>  
Agnes Thompson 5<sup>th</sup>  
Isabella Potter 10<sup>th</sup>  
Drake Dougherty 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ella Chrisman 24<sup>th</sup>  
Casey & Kathryn Hawes 29<sup>th</sup>  
Ruby Cooper 31<sup>st</sup>





## MUSIC OF THE SEASON

### *A pipe organ recital*

On Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., **Christopher Wicks** will be presenting an organ recital on our beautiful Bond pipe organ. The program consists of music centering on the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany season. The concluding selection will feature Mr. Wick's own set of variations on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright." He will be assisted by alto Ellen Gordon Yager who will sing "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" from Handel's *Messiah*. This program will be repeated at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Salem on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and again at the Mt. Angel Abbey Church on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, both at 3:00 p.m.

Christopher Wicks (b.1975) is a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, which is the highest level of musicianship conferred by that organization. He serves two churches in Salem, Oregon. He holds the M.Mus. in Composition from the University of Montreal, and the M.Mus. in Organ from the University of Oregon. His bachelor's degree is from Marylhurst College with most of that degree being completed at the Eastman School of Music. As a post-graduate student, he was twice chosen as a finalist for the Student Commissioning Project of the Society of Composers, Inc. and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Although this program is free and open to the public, donations will be accepted to promote further sacred music concerts and will be divided equally between the performer, Newport Food Pantry, and the music department at First Presbyterian. Call (541 961 2368) or email Don Jenkins ([drjenkins@Centurytel.net](mailto:drjenkins@Centurytel.net)) for more information regarding this recital.



## Newport's Biggest Holiday Gift Festival Coming Saturday, December 1st

Looking for great gifts for giving this Christmas? On Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Newport Intermediate School you will have the ultimate shopping opportunity at the first annual *Coastal Craft – Chocolate – Coffee Christmas Classic*. Nearly fifty vendors will be on hand selling jewelry, art, glass works, woven rugs, creative children's gifts, pottery, women's hand bags, wood crafting and specialty foods plus chocolate and coffee vendors with free samples!

Lunch, featuring an award winning Shrimp Bisque, will be provided and proceeds benefiting *Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter*.

The event is one day only on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at Newport Intermediate School, 825 N.E. 7th.

Admission will be by donation only with all proceeds benefiting homeless students through the *HELP Program of Lincoln County School District* and the *Newport Food Pantry*.





Elders

2015	2014	2013
Bill Johnson	Steve Cole	Sam Adams
Linda Mosley	Jill Luther	Mike Eastman
Kristin Yuille-Green	Don Merwin	Jim Dunlap
Bob Young		Steve Chrisman

Deacons

2015	2014	2013
Maxene Bahr	Nancy Cox	Dick Carkin
Dave Perry	Stuart Clausen	Judy Carkin
Parmalee Perry	Trisha Henson	Jamie Hall
Marguerite Sanchez	Rebecca Wright	Lue Hoeft

*Joannah Ball Recital*

Soprano Joannah Ball, granddaughter of Jean Barker, will present a recital with collaborative pianist Sally VanderPloeg at the Newport First Presbyterian Church on Saturday Dec. 15, 2012 at 4:00 pm. Selections will include songs by Rodrigo, Walton, and Brahms. Donations are encouraged to help cover tuition costs of Opera Works Winter Intensive, a singing program Joannah will attend in January 2013. Ms. Ball and Ms. VanderPloeg are currently Masters Students at The Boston Conservatory in Massachusetts.





## Discover the Truth about the real Santa Claus!

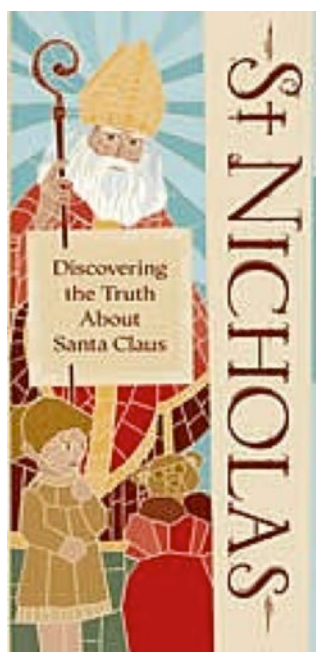
Do you know the origin of Santa Claus? You are invited to discover this fascinating and true story about St. Nicholas in Geneva Hall beginning on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, which is the Orthodox Christmas.

Sixteen storyboards give background to the saint, his life story, stories and legends, and show how he has influenced faith traditions and customs around the world. St. Nicholas' development into American Santa Claus is also included, and the saint is held up as an example for living.

Nicholas was born about AD 260 in Patara, Asia Minor, in what is now Turkey. He was Bishop of Myra until his death, December 6<sup>th</sup>, AD 342. December 6<sup>th</sup> is celebrated in many parts of the world as St. Nicholas Day. He is the patron saint of children and sailors and is especially prominent in Greece, Italy, Russia and the Netherlands. St. Nicholas traditions are growing in the English-speaking world.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to experience this unique true story of the real Santa Claus.

Displays feature St. Nicholas traditions in other countries. This traveling exhibit is provided by the St. Nicholas Center in Holland, Michigan.



## NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

Thank you **Nel Ward** for donating the wonderful collection of Christmas books. They include:

**The Little Match Girl** by Hans Christian Anderson. This classic story is told with full color illustrations.

**December** by Eve Bunting and illustrated by David Diaz, a Caldecott Medal winter. A homeless boy and his mother experience the true spirit of Christmas while living in their house made of cardboard.

**The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood** by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve. The author tells a true story from her childhood of a special Christmas filled with joy.

**Christmas Is Here** – Narration from the King James Bible. The outstanding illustrator tells the story with modern pictures which families of today can relate.

**The Christmas Eve Ghost** by Shirley Hughes. The author tells a story that takes place where she grew up in Liverpool, England in 1930. She has won the Kate Greenway Book Award twice. The story tells of human kindness which wins over times of hardship and poverty.

**A Child Is Born from the Gospel of St. Luke**, illustrated by Marc-Alexander Schulze. The book tells the Christmas story with beautiful illustrations which the whole family can enjoy together.

Also donated by others:

**The Story of Christmas for Children**. This book is written in easy-to-read rhyme that children and other family members can enjoy.

**How the Hibernators Come to Bethlehem** by Norma Farber and illustrated by Barbara Cooney. This picture book tells about the animals visit to Bethlehem.

**A Book For Christmas** by Tasha Tudor. This is a 3-dimensional or “pop-up” book that will be appreciated by young and old alike.



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Beacon Deadline  
for  
January  
is  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>.**



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*Open and friendly, we share God's Word through Worship, Study & Service*

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