

THE BEACON



First Presbyterian Church
Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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Sept. 3rd	CCOS Orchid Show 10 am—4 pm	
Sept. 4th	Communion Sunday	
Sept. 5th	Labor Day—Office Closed	
Sept. 8th	Fireside Circle 9:30 am	
Sept. 10th	UCM Board Retreat 10 am—2 pm	
 Sept. 11th	Guest Speaker—Dave Heater	
Sept. 14th	Men's Group at Izzy's-6:30 pm	
Sept. 16th	Fellowship Circle - 1:30 pm	
Sept. 19th	Stone Soup at St. Stephens 4:30 pm	
Sept. 22nd	Homeless Connect 10 Year Plan 1:30 pm	

Pastor's Pencil



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⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. **Mark 13:7**

Whatever happened to the “lazy, hazy days of summer?” Instead we’ve been hearing about revolutions in Egypt, civil war in Libya and even riots in England!!! Did I mention a world financial crisis or the devastating drought in Somalia putting hundreds of thousands of women and children on a death march?

In Jesus’ day, wars were the most fearful event, especially in the Middle East which was caught between Egypt, Athens, Persia, Rome, etc. Wars not only brought political chaos, but poverty, pestilence and slavery.

When we hear of unsettling news, Jesus counsels us is to not be alarmed! *These things must take place.* Only God knows why. Our role is not to panic but to respond faithfully, supporting friends we know fighting for freedom or contributing to world relief agencies, all the while trusting in a larger universal purpose and plan.

Our choice is simply this. In the midst of troubling news we can wring our hands in worry or lift them up in prayer.

Yours for a lazy, hazy fall!

Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Sept 4th:	Exod. 12:1-14; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20
Sept 11th:	Exod. 14:19-31; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35
Sept 18th:	Exod. 16:2-15; Phil. 1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16
Sept 25th:	Exod. 17:1-7; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

Prayer List



Church Triumphant:

- **Bob Bickford**
- **Robert Park**
- **Dick Meyers** (Jim Meyers' brother)
- **Kevin Bates**
- **Bess Bloom** (sister of Donna Siegfried)

Joys:

- **Ashton Alexander** (granddaughter of Jim and Kim Voetberg)
- **Alyssa May Carney** (granddaughter and great granddaughter of Gina Luckritz & Connie Hildebrand)
- **\$500 Lily Grant for 12th St. Garden**
- **Bill Barss** (recovery)
- **Private Richard McKim Jr.** (return from Iraq)
- **Major Dan Lovelace** (return from Afghanistan)
- **Peace Village**
- **Food Pantry**

Concerns:

- **Betty Denison** (shoulder surgery)
- **Helen Corbell**
- **Nancy Mitchell** (transition to Eugene)
- **Mark Forinash** (knee surgery, Eunice's son)
- **Michael** (relief from back pain, Kathy Heater's brother)
- **Lila Lavery** (chemo treatments)
- **Anne Southcott** (move to memory care facility)
- **Karen Bamer**



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*. **Monetary donations to Food Pantry should be sent 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** 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.

Church Office Help Needed

The church is looking for **substitute** office help. If you would be able to help out occasionally in the office when our regular volunteers are unable to be there, please contact the church office or Gladys Hartsel at 541-961-8283 or 541-265-5181.

Training will be provided.

Opportunities For Service

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/>



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**.

Dine Out for Samaritan House

Dine out for Samaritan House will resume in October.

Letters of Thanks



Thanks to the Youth Group work party who helped **Jim Dunlap** on July 16th: **Nathan Beard, Travis DeCampi, Tori Gibson, Briana Kelley** and **Paige Schindler**.

Thank you for all the Prayer Shawls knitted by **Lou Hoefft, Pam Merwin, Shirley Scott, Doris Pickens, Elsie Flower, Pat Harcourt** for **Vivian Johnson, Marguerite Sanchez, Mary Shaller, Jennifer Norman** and **Baby Jackson, Lila Laverty, Bill Barss, Krysta Johnson, Pat Harcourt, Stuart Clausen** and **Olga Olm**.

Thank you to my dear church family for storming the Gates of Heaven on behalf of Bud and me, beginning with my emergency surgery on April 8th, and continuing through-and-beyond my weeks of ensuing complications! With the power of your prayers, I continued to be wrapped in feelings of safety and positivity during some difficult days. Not only do you petition the best prayers, but also you write the most loving messages, you make the most thoughtful phone calls, and you give the best hugs!! Being connected to you -- such faithful believers and such dear hearts -- has been a boundless blessing for us.

Martha Sneller

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 so much for your recent donation to Lincoln County Home Visiting Program!! The beautiful knitted caps -- all the colors so beautiful; the two knitted blankets -- the turquoise & green and the yellow, green & pink square -- are so pretty. The blue pants and sweater set is perfect!! Thank you for your continued support!!

* Our "Newborn Necessities" Mission -- which benefits Lincoln County's newest citizens -- is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but credit for its ongoing success through the years goes to our entire congregation ... our heartfelt thanks to all who continue to help. Questions? Contact **Pam Merwin** (541/265-4095).

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you from the depths of our hearts for all your generosity to make Peace Village dreams come true! We had 43 children, ages 6-13 and about 25 staff plus a lot of volunteers! We all loved our "clam chowder" and salad prepared by **Carol Jones** and friends!

Thank you again,

Rhonda—Peace Village Staff

Dear Jen & Peace Village Staff,

I can't tell you how much your work with the kids has meant this week. I can see and hear a clear difference in my kids-- they are more helpful to me and each other, they are kinder and calmer, and one of the best perks of all is that there is no bickering between them! As a mother--this is priceless!

You should know that your messages are getting through and the kids are really internalizing them. You are all wonderful teachers of peace. Thank you!!

We look forward to Peace Village again next summer.

Sincerely, **The Lehrers, Jane, John, Maddie, Ken & Marcus**

New Member Profiles

Michelle Cottrell

I was born on Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. We lived there for three years until my father left the Air Force and moved our family to Salem, Oregon where we lived until we moved to Newport when I was thirteen. As a child I spent many Sundays at friends' Churches, but my family didn't regularly attend.

After Graduating from High School I moved around a lot before coming back to Newport to help a friend run her local store for the summer. While working there I met my husband, Kinder. He was a Fisherman who lived in San Diego and was Captaining a tuna boat from there in Newport for the summer. After dating for a few months, his boat went back to San Diego. A month later he decided to relocate to Newport. He has since fished mainly out of Newport on a local boat.

Two and a half years later we were married in Yachats, OR. We just celebrated our 5th wedding Anniversary on May 1st. Our daughter, Sophia Isabella, was born July 24, 2008. She has made our lives even more complete, teaching us to slow down and enjoy every moment a little more. Our son, Sean William, was born earlier this year on February 8, 2011.

When Sean was born he was healthy, although he was a big boy at 8 lbs. 8 oz and two weeks early. Because of his large size and early date they tested his blood sugar which was extremely low. The Hospital Pediatricians in Newport were monitoring him because of this. They ran all kinds of tests and we waited.

On the second evening, Sean's doctor came by for what was beginning to be a routine check. She saw that his belly button had gotten very red around the umbilical cord. She documented it and told us that although we would be watching it, at the time she wasn't sure if it was something we should be worried about or normal redness. She told us she would contact a specialist in Portland and in Eugene and we would look at it again in the morning.

The next morning she came by while Kinder was driving Sophia to Preschool. The redness had tripled in size and she rushed out of the room. Within 15 minutes I was informed that Sean had Omphalitis, a rare infection in the umbilical cord that can be fatal if not treated in the early stages. He was given an IV, prescribed three antibiotics, and given a spinal tap to test for other infections. Kinder got to the hospital right before they took Sean away for his spinal tap.

As I sat in the hospital room holding our little baby, knowing that in a few moments they would take him for a spinal tap I prayed. I spoke to God, something I hadn't done in a long time. As I prayed I felt peace, although I couldn't be in the room holding Sean's hand, I knew that God would be with him. When Kinder walked in the room, the doctor repeated everything for him and we signed the paperwork, gave our little boy a kiss and they took him away.

What seemed like an eternity later they brought Sean back to us and we began his antibiotics through his IV. Within 24 hours the infection had gone back to its original size. Within 72 hours we were told the antibiotics had worked better than anticipated and we would be going home within a few days if he continued to progress. Amazingly, after discovering his infection, his blood sugar returned to normal. We were told by the doctor that it is rare to catch the infection before surgery is necessary and that we were very lucky we had still been at the hospital.

Since we brought our little boy home almost four months ago, I feel blessed every day. I know God was with us in the Hospital helping our little boy and our family be strong. The first time I came to this church, I felt that same sense of peace I felt in the Hospital. I feel surrounded by God's love when we are here and I am so grateful that we found such a wonderful place to learn about and worship God and Jesus Christ, not just for us but for our children.

New Member Profiles Continued

Patricia Lee Hensen

I was born and raised in Spokane, Washington as a Methodist. In the summers I spent time at our semi-remote family cabin on a lake in Northern Idaho where I still go every August. As a young adult, I moved to Seattle then to Vashon Island where I had my son, John who is now 46. From there in the early 70's, I moved to Siletz where I was co-owner of a Christmas tree farm. We also raised sheep and cattle and I became interested in training horses. After the farm, I moved to Salem for 5 years then back to the Newport area and on to Toledo where I reside today. During my time in Newport and Toledo I was an educational assistant at Oregon Coast Community College in the computer lab teaching software for 9 years before retiring in 2009. Presently I work part time at Adeo in Home Care service. My current passion is singing barbershop cords with a competing quartet and in the Sweet Adelines.

The two, wonderful people instrumental in my coming to this church are Marguerite Sanchez and Krista Johnson. I'm very pleased and inspired to be among such God loving people. I've always been a Christian and tried to live my life as such, but now I will be more fully involved with God and his teaching.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Velma Burkert**, who was voted Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year!

Congratulations to **Kim** and **Jim Voetberg** on the graduation of their daughter **Karin** from the Naval Academy on May 27th.

Presbyterian Women



For our 2011-2012 year, the monthly meetings for Presbyterian Women have been reduced in number from nine (9) to five (5). Please **MARK YOUR CALENDARS*** for this new schedule:

Friday, October 7th

Friday, December 2nd

Friday, February 3rd

Friday, March 2nd

Friday, June 1st

** We especially invite all employed women to attend any portion of our meetings for which you can spare the time. We attempt to adhere to the following schedule: Lunch at 12:00 Noon, our program at 12:30 (about 30 minutes), followed by a business meeting. 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 8th, in the Westminster Room. The meeting will be hosted by **Carol Jones**; the lesson leader will be **Jane Haskell**.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, September 16th, in the Westminster Room. **Bette Owens** will both hostess and lead the meeting.

The 2011-2012 *Horizons* Bible Study for both Circles will be: "*Confessing The Beatitudes*." September's Lesson One is entitled, "Greatly Honored Are The Poor!" (**Key Idea**: Jesus calls his disciples to honor the destitute while he calls the wealthy to account) **Scripture**: *Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20, 24*.



Women's Circle

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

PW Fall Gathering

(At press-time for **The Beacon**, arrangements for the South/Central Regions' Fall Gatherings had not been finalized. Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room, as well as the Cascades PW website: www.cascadespw.org -- the information will be posted as soon as it becomes available).

Newport Food Pantry

Thank You For Your Encouragement and Generosity

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone here at First Presbyterian Church. Many of you have generously and tirelessly given of your time and resources to the new Newport Food Pantry. All of you have poured out an abundance of encouragement. This important community mission would not be possible without each and every one of you.

The staff and volunteers at the current Food Share pantry have done a wonderful job for the past 25 years, but time and space have limited their ability to offer a full-service pantry. As many of you know, the new shopping pantry will allow guests to choose the food they take home to their families, thus ensuring that none of it will go to waste as often happens in a box pantry where food is sometimes given that the recipient can't eat or doesn't know how to prepare. Dignity is also better maintained as people can actively participate in food choices.

In addition to all the other benefits of having the new pantry located here, clients will enjoy features that make it easier for those with limited mobility such as better parking and the wheelchair accessible ramp. This is very important because a growing number of senior citizens are utilizing the pantry to supplement what they are able to purchase with small fixed incomes.

We have plans to expand the services available by providing access to cooking and nutrition classes, offering recipes and menus utilizing the available foods, and providing information on other services that are available throughout the county.

Again, thank you all for your participation in this mission that will benefit so many of our friends and neighbors here in Newport. Because of your generosity, many seniors, children and families will enjoy increased access to nutritious meals.

Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.



**A Community
Food Share Mission**





Bach and Sons, a multimedia organ concert will take place Sunday, October 9th, 2:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 227 NE 12th Street, Newport. The artist is **Dr. Jeannine Jordan**, a resident of Lincoln City who travels widely to perform and promote the organ. Admission is by donation at the door. All proceeds will be channeled to Samaritan House and Lincoln County Food Share.

Pipe organ music will be combined with recently-taken photos of Johann Sebastian Bach's actual organs in Germany. A live-feed camera will be projected on the screen to let the audience to watch the organist's hands and feet while she performs. In addition she will offer narration from the perspective of women who were important in Bach's life.

This event is a project of Lincoln County OMTA (Oregon Music Teachers Association) who cordially invite you to enjoy this creative musical treat! For further information, you may contact **Sarah Ball** (beachballs@peak.org; 541-265-8904) or visit Jeannine's website: <https://promotionmusic.org>



Communion at Oceanview



Communion will be served at Oceanview Assisted Living on the first Wednesday of the month following communion at church. It will be served Wednesday, **Sept. 7th** at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.

12th Street Plant A Row

A Big Thank You For Your Support And Encouragement

We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who sponsored rows for the Plant A Row On 12th Street garden mission and to the church in general for allowing us to use the property for this purpose.



Because of your generosity, we have been able to grow an abundance of fresh organic produce for distribution to hungry people here in Newport. This, along with produce donated by individuals from their private gardens, has helped the current food pantry which, as of this writing, is still operated out of the Food Share warehouse. Their usual supply of Oregon Food Bank produce has been much smaller than usual due to the adverse weather conditions this past summer. Also, normal food donations suffer a natural decline during the summer months so overall supplies have been sparse.

Once the new Newport Food Pantry opens its doors, we will be able to expand the mission of the garden to include educational programs that focus on nutrition and sustainable living. The programs will be geared toward involving both adults and children in growing their own organic produce. We also have some volunteers lined up to teach cooking classes, many of which will focus on using garden produce. While the pilot cooking program will begin in Newport, thanks to the wonderful staff at Food Share of Lincoln County, the other pantries will be scheduling these classes in their areas.

Thank you all for your encouragement and support. We appreciate it more than we can express. I love the poetry of *Isaiah*: "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday." 58:10



Church Financial Report

July Operating Income <i>Budgeted</i>	\$17,141
July Operating Income Received	\$21,476.
2011 Operating Income <i>Budgeted</i>	\$119,990. Year to date
2011 Operating Income Received	\$128,322. Year to date
Difference in Budgeted versus Received for year to date	\$8,332
July Actual <u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$13,726.</u>
Actual Expenses Year to Date	<u>\$111,667.</u>
<u>2011 Budget</u>	
Personnel	\$142,429
Operating Expense	\$58,268
Mission Giving	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total	\$205,697

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Edith Branchfield 2nd
 Barbara Bradley 2nd
 Donna Siegfried 5th
 Peggy Wood 6th
 Kathy Heater 7th
 Jane Hamilton 9th
 Jack Jenkins 10th
 Maxene Bahr 13th
 Paige Schindler 14th
 Bette Owens 17th
 Linda Mosley 18th
 Pam Gamb 19th
 Beulah Wiegel 26th
 Bill Hall 27th
 Grant Brannaman 29th



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



In an emergency who should we contact?

We have a card file in the office with that information.

If you would like us to have a file on you,

Please send the information to the office

Via mail, 227 NE12th Street

Or email office@newportfpc.org.



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The article deadline for Oct. is
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