



THE BEACON

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The Reverend Dr. Ric Neese, Interim Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beacon Deadline – Tues, Nov 15th

Office Closed – Fri, Nov 11th – Veterans Day

Office Closed for Thanksgiving – Nov 24th and Nov 25th

Adult Choir – Practice Wed 5:30pm-6:30pm & Sundays before service starting 9:00am-9:45am

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

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 – 8) 1st and 3rd Wed each month 6p-7:30p

Christmas Pageant practice will start **Nov 6th** during Godly Play and after service

Christmas Pageant during Worship on November, 27th

PW Fellowship Circle – Friday, Nov 18th, 1:30p According to Luke

NEXT Men's Group at Izzy's November 9th at 6:30pm

Literary Group meets **Mondays at 12:00 noon** New Book: "Half-Broke Horses"

Brown Bag Bible Study meets **Wednesdays at 11:00am**



NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

The title is Good Grief. The author is Bobbie Lippman, who also writes a column for the News-Times, called Bobbie's Beat. She wrote about her personal journey from heartbreak to healing with honesty and humor after the sudden death of her husband, Burt. She recently spoke to the Presbyterian Women's Group and did a fine job. Thank you, Peggy Bickford, for donating this new book to the library.

The following books were also donated:

Homeward Voyage: Reflections of Life-Changes, by Emilie Griffin. Instead of fighting the idea of getting older, the author embraces it on her spiritual journey with wisdom for young or old readers.

New Seeds of Contemplation, by Thomas Merton. This is a later and enlarged edition of Father Merton's classic book. The late Father Merton believed that the seeds of man's spiritual vitality will only thrive when man has "the good soil of freedom, spontaneity and love".

Reasons to Be Glad. This is a collection of reading from Decision Magazine, compiled by the Editors. This collection includes many positive stories that are teaching, inspirational or messages from leading Christians. All of them have a common theme of peoples who trusted their Lord and had reason for praise.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No November PW Meeting;
Please join us for our next meeting
on Friday, December 2nd.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 10th, in the Westminster Room. Pam Merwin will both hostess and lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, November 18th, in Geneva Hall. Eunice Forinash will both hostess and lead the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Three:

"According to Luke

Key Scripture:

Luke 4:16-21; Acts 2:22-24

Key Focus:

Rejected by his own, Jesus, prophet of God,
turns the world upside down with his teachings.



(PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE !!)

No Rummage Donations Accepted

Before

Sunday, 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. For their safety, the room CANNOT contain donations of rummage. The Rummage Committee will gratefully accept your donations beginning the first Sunday in January (January 1, 2017).

Questions? Contact 2017 Rummage Chair Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484).

2017 Rummage Sale Dates:

April 27th - 29th

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



Dine Out for Samaritan House November

Join us Wednesday, November 2, 2016 for breakfast, lunch or dinner at The Chalet Restaurant and Bakery. The Chalet will donate 15% of proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter. Helping our homeless families has never been so easy. Don't forget their homemade pies and desserts.



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!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Dennis Hawley on 11/3,

Marie Jelen, on 11/5

Judy Carkin on 1/7

Jillian Thompson on 11/27

Happy Anniversary to:

Mark and Cindy McConnell, 1979 and Steve and Sue Cole, 1968



FOR THE CHILDREN "Gifts For Kids" Mission – Christmas 2016

Early in November, our friendly Christmas Elf icon will once again begin to appear here-and-there around our church ... he represents our spirit of giving, as we launch our 2016 "Gifts For Kids" Christmas Mission, which provides gifts for children living in our community who are under the protection of the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS).

This annual mission is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but is made possible through the generosity of our congregation-at-large. This is our opportunity to assist in making sure that our area children at risk have a gift to open at Christmas - in many cases this may be the **ONLY** gift that he/she will receive.

The children on our list will be identified by gender and age, and assigned an identification number to protect privacy. Those of you who love to shop are invited to select one or more children for whom you could provide a gift. If shopping is difficult for you, your tax deductible check (payable to LCCAC) will be welcomed (*no amount too small or too large!!*). Designated shoppers will use your contributions to shop for the children not "adopted" from our list, thereby ensuring that every child will receive a gift. Our own youth group (under adult supervision) has been doing a **GREAT** job of shopping each year, and they say they have a great time doing so. It is also a meaningful experience for our youth, and who knows better what kids want than other kids!!

Your "Gifts For Kids" Committee will have the "adoption" table ready in Geneva Hall after the worship service on Sunday, November 7th, and on each Sunday thereafter until all children on our list are assured of receiving a gift this Christmas ... we'll hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Committee Co-Chairs Barbara and Art Bradley (541/270-6193), or Beth Hubbard (541/265-7442), or Martha Sneller (541/270-6041).



Grounds Crew Thank You

Steve Arbona, Velma Burkert, Bill Johnson, Steve Larsen, Kathy Myers, Dave Perry, Pastor Ric, Rob ThompsonTake a bow and Thank You for your faithful service to the Grounds Crew Committee. The season end work party celebrated at noon with a Texas BBQ prepared and served by Bob and Ruby White. It was good, Thank you! Thank you, Kathy Meyers, for joining the crew to provide coffee break refreshments.

This concludes our scheduled monthly work parties this season. Please be available if help if the need arises later this fall/winter season.

Thanks again,

Jim

Mother Presbyterian says "Good grounds maintenance silent expression of evangelism.



Children's Christmas Pageant, The Little Drummer Boy

This year's Children's Christmas Pageant will be November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, during the worship service. The title is The Little Drummer Boy. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Cotrell.

Practice will start on November 6, during Godly Play, and after services. Parumpapumpum!



Prayer Concerns

Joys

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

Church Triumphant

Bob Loeffel. Memorial service Sat, Nov19th at 1:00pm, reception following Brycen, nephew of Lois Lederman. Prayers for Jane, mother of Brycen and Brycen's family for God's comfort and strength.

O Lord...

New Concerns

O Lord...

Continuing Concerns

- Family of Karen Howard
- Judy Sherman, healing for two broken ribs and health issues at rehab
- Patt Elam, healing and recovery from massive coronary (Susan Mills' mother) and for Susan's parents as they navigate through life transitions.
- Carol Caroll, for personal issues

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, Nurses and First Responders; 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; crabbers and fishermen for a safe season; our Pastor Nominating Committee;

Sister Churches for November: Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie, OR
Christ's Presbyterian Church, Monmouth, OR
Community Presbyterian Church, Moro, OR
Tri-City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek, OR

O Lord...

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

O Lord...

The Lord's Prayer



For

December, 2016

Beacon Deadline (*)

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November 14, 2016

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