

THE BEACON




First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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Mar. 3rd	Parents Night Out 6-8 pm
Mar. 4th	Presbyterian Women 12:00 noon World Day of Prayer 
Mar. 6th 	Transfiguration of the Lord Communion Sunday
Mar. 8th	Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00 pm
Mar. 9th	Ash Wednesday Service—12:00 noon Communion Oceanview—2:00 pm Men's Group—Izzy's—6:30 pm
Mar. 12th 	Potluck Off— Newport Intermediate School
Mar. 13th 	1st Sunday of Lent—Dave Heater—Guest Speaker Deacon Sunday—How to Stay Safe - Fall Prevention - 11:30 DST Begins 
Mar. 20th	2nd Sunday of Lent
Mar. 21st	Stone Soup at St. Stephen's—4:30 pm 
Mar. 27th	3rd Sunday of Lent



Pastor's Pencil

He was transfigured before them, Matthew 17:2

March 6th is Transfiguration Sunday, which serves as the transitional path into the Lenten Season, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 9th.

In the story of the transfiguration, Jesus is radically changed before the disciple's eyes, glowing white, with his face shining like the sun. The disciples have no idea what is going on or what to do, they are simply witnesses to this supernatural event. From the vantage point of their simple, Galilean lives, Jesus' transformation must have been quite shocking.

Today we live in a world full of change. Every day we read about new inventions and miracles, wonders and marvels. Around the world we hear about revolution and political change reminding us of Christ's prophecy that *You will hear of wars and rumors of wars.* (Matt. 24:6) Not everyone is comfortable with so much upheaval. We might even envy the simple lives of the past.

The transfiguration story reminds us that we can't go back, only forward and that Jesus is way ahead of us. He is change incarnate, eternal, omnipotent, and full of grace.

We don't know what the modern world will bring, but we do know this, we have no need to fear it, for the Lord of transformation goes before us.

Yours for a transforming Lenten Season.

Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Mar. 6th: Exod. 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9

Mar. 9th (Ash Wed) Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isa. 58:1-12; Ps. 51:1-17; 2Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Mar. 13th: Gen. 2:5-17, 3:1-7; Rom. 12:5-19; Matt. 4:1-11

Mar. 20th: Gen. 12:1-4a; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Mar. 27th: Exod. 17:1-7; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- **AnnaLee Davis**

Joys:

- **Sandy Adams** (removal of cast)
- **Brent Pickens** (recovery)

Concerns:

- **Barbara Cale** (broken kneecap)
- **Gwen Mince** (knee surgery)
- **Pam Merwin**
- **Karen Bamer—Prayer for miracle** (Daughter of Marguerite Sanchez—recurring cancer)
- **Richard Thew** (Son-in-law of Carol Jones—heart attack)
- **Doris Piickens** (Continuing health issues)
- **Gary Garner** (pneumonia)
- **Barbara Bradley** (home recovering after trip to hospital)
- **Ann Southcott** (eye surgery)
- **Don & Joy Newman** (time of transition to new housing)

Military:

- **Private Richard McKim Jr.** (Brother of Kathryn Hawes)
- **Major Dan Lovelace** (Gladys Hart-sel's son-in-law)



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*.

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the **Food Share 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.



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/>

**Opportunities
for Service
within our
Church &
Community**

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

Welcome to Newport's Chowder Bowl Restaurant hosting Dine Out for Samaritan House Wednesday, March 2nd. Enjoy lunch or dinner at this popular Nye Beach Restaurant. Expanded and remodeled, the Chowder Bowl will donate a generous 50 percent of its proceeds to the homeless family shelter.



Letters of Thanks

Dear Santa,

Thank you for making a special visit to Eddyville Charter School on December 15, 2010. Every year we have Hobby Hour and this year was extra special seeing you there. We enjoyed your special gift bags and spending time with you. We love you and hope you get your rest. Say HI to your reindeer for us, too.

Love,

Your Elementary Friends at Eddyville Charter School

I want to thank the Pastor and congregation for prayers, support, meals and visits. This was the most difficult thing I've gone thru and couldn't have done it without you and our precious Lord.

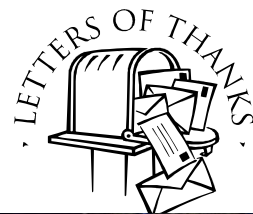
Thank you, **Doris Pickens** & son **Brendt**

Thanks to everyone who celebrated my 60th birthday with me! There were lots of chocolate chip cookies and delicious cake and a special thanks to all who cross their fingers and said, "You don't look 60"!!!

Pastor Don Taylor

Thank You

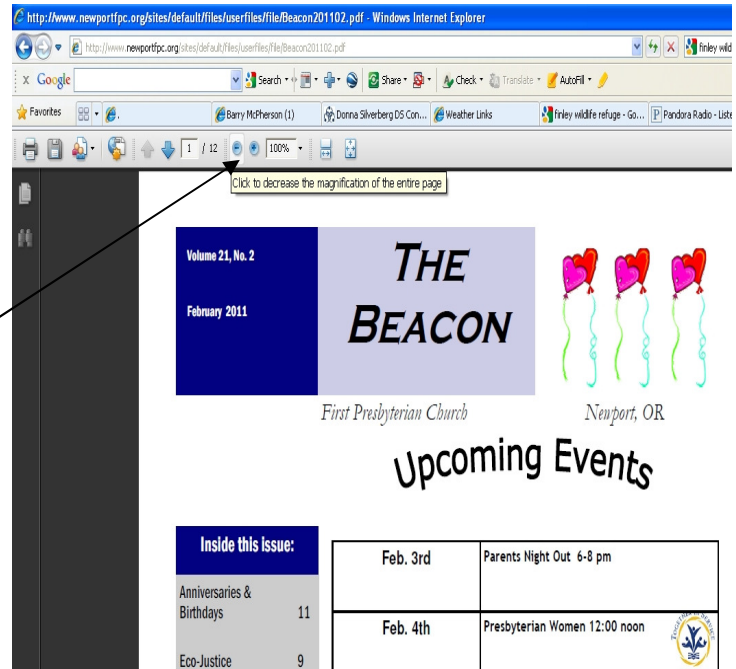
- Thanks too **Rebecca Wright** who compiled the Time and Talent Pledges this year and **Jim Gamb** who reviewed and edited it. If you would like a copy please contact the church office.
- Thank you to **Bob Young** for fixing the front door lock!.
- Thanks to **Steve Vickers** for the donation of the DVD "The Nativity Story." This modern version of the birth of Jesus has received rave reviews. Don Taylor recommends it. *It will be available in the Church Library.*
- Thank you to **Jim Gamb**, **Margaret Mortimer** and **Rebecca Wright** for putting together the annual report.
- To **Laurie Hanson** for the lovely Valentine's Decorations in the sanctuary and Geneva Hall, also used for Eloise Rogers Memorial.



Do you recognize Santa?

Tip for Viewing the Beacon on the Website

For those of you now viewing the Beacon online and those perhaps thinking about it, here is a little tip to help enhance your viewing that you may not know about. Once you are viewing the Beacon, you can go to the tool bar just over top of it and look for the small - and + sign just to the left of the center of the screen (and just to left of box with a % sign in it). Hitting one or the other will enlarge or shrink the writing on the screen. The change in size will be reflected in the box with the % sign. This also works when viewing the calendar on our church website. For many with impaired vision, this is a great tool and may even allow for viewing without glasses or magnifiers. For those of you viewing the website for the first time, remember to scroll down once you have clicked on the word Beacon to find the appropriate month. If you have a moment, try checking out the rest of the website...there's lots to enjoy. The website is at www.newportfpc.org. Happy browsing! The Beacon Staff



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, March 9th at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.



Address Change

Don and Joy Newman
525 NE 71st Street
Newport, OR 97365

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Friday, March 4th

12:00-Noon-Sharp!!

World Day of Prayer Commemoration



Please pack a brown-bag lunch and join us in Geneva Hall -- your beverages will be provided by **Martha Sneller**. Because time will be of the essence, we'll have a brief business meeting during lunch, which will include presentation of the 2011-2012 slate of officers; then, we'll car-pool to Trinity Methodist Church in Toledo for the annual World Day of Prayer ecumenical service, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. As we look forward to uniting with women from other community churches, we extend a special invitation to all women of our church to share in this inspirational world-wide observance.

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 10th, at **Carol Rehfuß**' home (2525 NE Big Creek Road, Newport). **Jane Haskell** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, March 18th, in the Westminster Room. **Bette Owens** will both hostess and lead the meeting.



Women's Circle

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Seven

"Rapture, Violence, and Exodus"

Scripture: *Revelation* 13, 15-16, 19

Key Idea:

Despite the violent imagery throughout *Revelation*, it is God's vulnerable, nonviolent love that ultimately changes the world.

Rummage Sale News

THANK YOU, LINDA!

At the February 4th meeting, PW accepted **Linda Mosley's** resignation as 2011 Rummage Chair. We renew our gratitude for her leadership of our successful 2008, 2009 and 2010 Sales, and extend our heartfelt wishes for her good health.

RUMMAGE REVIEW

Raffle Items: Our 2011 Sale will feature raffles for a beautiful quilted throw, and for two (2) \$100 gift cards (2 Drawings/2 Winners) to Fred Meyer's. Ticket pre-sales (\$1 = 1 ticket; \$5 = 6 tickets) will begin during coffee hour in Geneva Hall on Sunday, March 6th, and will continue through the first two days of the Sale. Drawings for the winning tickets will be at 3:30 p.m., on the second day of the Sale (Friday, April 8th), and you need not be present to win!

Placard Posting: On March 8th, we'll kick off our advertising campaign! Step #1 is positioning posters advertising the Sale in strategic locations around Newport and beyond. The usual public bulletin board locations will be utilized, but if YOU know of a business that would permit one of our posters in its window (or otherwise displayed), please tell Publicity Chair **Martha Sneller** (541/265-3471). If you would like to help distribute posters, just let Martha know how many you need.

Cheers for our Volunteers! It takes our entire congregation to produce a successful Sale -- this means **WE NEED YOU !!** Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room) for a complete listing of Department Chairpersons and their phone numbers -- call the person in charge of the department you'd like to help. If you don't have a department preference, contact Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240). *Please keep in mind that if you are unable to help during the Sale, there are also set-up and clean-up opportunities available for you; ALSO, the snack-foods that some of you bring in to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of "Rummage Week" are always greatly appreciated!*

Needed: 100 (yes, that's One-Hundred!!) Homemade Pies to sell (slices of) in our Dining Room on Thursday and Friday of the Sale. You'll find a sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room), together with some guidance concerning Health Department restrictions.

Needed: CLEAN and SALEABLE rummage! The key attraction to our rummage sales has always been our policy that we do not offer items that we would not select for ourselves; i.e., clothing must be CLEAN and free from stains, holes and rips/tears; appliances must be CLEAN and workable, etc., etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated, but we respectfully ask that you examine what you donate, and save us the time and expense of discarding unmarketable items.

NOooo-Thanks ... (once more, here's a review of what NOT to donate): Exercise equipment, TV's, copy machines, fax machines, computer configurations/peripherals (CPU's, monitors, keyboards, printers), items that are soiled and/or torn, items that do not work or that have missing parts, textbooks (unless current) old encyclopedias, dated magazines (such as news magazines and National Geographic), mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, pianos, organs, Christmas garland, personal toiletries (soaps, lotions, toothpaste, perfumes, etc.), medicines, pesticides, dyes, opened paint and other hazardous waste products (again, please save us the time and expense of discarding what cannot be sold).

Two suggested times to bring your donations: (1) Fridays at 9:00 a.m.; (2) Sundays as you come to church. Exceptions: Please delay bringing your large items (furniture, etc.) until Monday, (April 4th) of "Rummage Week," and please delay bringing your plant donations for the Garden Department until Tuesday afternoon (April 5th) of "Rummage Week."

Please join us any/every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., for our weekly sorting of rummage donations. It generally takes a couple of hours or so (no heavy lifting involved), and it's a unique opportunity for fellowship!

Recycling Opportunities: (1) Please save your plastic bags (any size) for us -- we'll use them during the Sale to sack up our shoppers' bargains! (2) Please check your Thompson's Sanitary Service bill or the website (www.thompsonsanitary.com) for good news about their (FREE!) recycling service for certain electronic items. It doesn't include ALL electronics, but it DOES include CPU's, computer monitors and TV's -- which we can no longer accept for our Sale.

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 7th, 8th and 9th, 2011

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



Deacon's Corner

Deacon Sunday

How To Stay Safe and Independent—Fall Prevention

On **Sunday, March 13th**, the Deacons will provide a light lunch after the 11:30 service. In addition, there will be a special video presentation, "How to Stay Safe and Independent in Your Home: Fall Prevention for Seniors."

Fall prevention is a critical issue in the safety of individuals living independently in their homes. This presentation will address techniques to help minimize the risk of a fall—one of the most common accidents for older individuals. Whether you live in an apartment, home, or an assisted living facility, this information can help you prevent a fall, instead of having to deal with the painful consequences. This video is important for you, your family, and the ones you love. We look forward to having you join us.



Choir Practice Schedule



March 2 - Wednesday Practice	5:30-6:30 pm
March 6 - Sunday Rehearsal	9:00 am (Communion)
March 9 - Wednesday Practice	5:30-6:30 pm (Ash Wed.)
March 13 - Sunday Rehearsal	9:00 am (DST begins! - LENT I)
March 16 - Wednesday Practice	5:30-6:30 pm
March 20 - Sunday Rehearsal	9:00 am (LENT II)
March 23 - Wednesday Practice	5:30-6:30 pm
March 27 - Sunday Rehearsal	9:00 am (LENT III)
March 30 - Wednesday Practice	5:30-6:30 pm



A New Twist on an All-American Tradition is Back!!

It is as traditional as Mom & apple pie. It's the great American potluck where some of the most amazing and tasty recipes draw thousands to churches and group events all over the country every year. Now the potluck is being taken to new heights in this unique competition pitting our county's best amateur chefs in an all out food fight for culinary glory!

Included will be a chef from our own **First Presbyterian!!**

Saturday, March 12th will be the second annual **Great Oregon Coast Potluck-Off - The Best Amateur Cook-Off Competition in Oregon**. Over twenty teams will do battle in three delicious categories: main dish, starters (salad/appetizer) & of course dessert! The grand winning recipe will be awarded the *Best of Luck* trophy!

The **Potluck-Off** will take place at the Newport Intermediate (Middle) School on Saturday, March 12 from 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. The public will pay admission to have the opportunity to taste and sample all the entries and vote on their favorite while a guest panel of judges pick the runners-up & winners in each category and the grand *Best of Luck* champion.

The guest judges include Helen Raptis from Channel 2's AM Northwest and our own Rhonda "Ducky" Harman. The very talented jazz ensemble Perpetua will perform!

The proceeds from the **Potluck-Off** will go to a very serious cause, *Project Homeless Connect*, an invaluable outreach to our county's homeless. *Project Homeless Connect* provides a starting place on the journey back to safety, stability, health, and hope. On site services address the needs that contribute to homelessness by providing basic medical and dental care, access to education, employment and benefits systems, mental health and chemical dependency assessments, flu shots, haircuts, and much more – all under one roof! *Project Homeless Connect* takes place every October in Newport and offers an amazing opportunity for community involvement and human connection. Last year the *Potluck-Off* raised \$4,000 and was responsible for bringing the dental van to the *Connect*.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 for students, \$5 Eleven & under, under 3 Free

Tickets are limited! Whatever remains will be sold at the door.

Tickets will be on sale at the church in Geneva Hall during the coffee hour on Sunday, March 6, call the Lincoln Commission on Children & Families 541-574-3305 or see Jim Myers.



2010 Winners



**Executive Chef
Martha Sneller with
People's Choice
Award**

Plant A Row On 12th Street

A Mission of First Presbyterian Church

227 N. E. 12th Street . Newport, OR 97365

email: 12thstreetplantarow@charter.net

Jim Myers 541-270-0892



Spring is Coming! Time to Start Planting PAR

March is here and things are beginning to happen at First Presbyterian Church's *Plant A Row for the Hungry* project (PAR).

We are very pleased and thankful for the wonderful support from our church and members including \$250 from the FPC Mission Committee and \$75 PAR Partner gifts from **Helen Jones, Laurie Rau** and **Susan and Rob Mills**.

We too are thankful for a large donation of vegetable and produce seeds valued at nearly \$150 from **Ed Hume Seeds** and **Nichols Garden Nursery** in Albany. We are now set with the seeds and will begin a second plowing in March then begin planting!

We welcome **Kathy Myers, Marguerite Sanchez** and **Susan Mills** as our first *Garden Tenders* to help plant and harvest the crop which will be used for our local Food Share and soup kitchens like Stone Soup.

If you would like to become involved by becoming a Row Sponsor, which simply means donating \$75 for the year to help underwrite some of our costs, or a Garden Tender and actually come out and work with us in the garden, contact **Kathy and Jim Myers** at **541-270-0892** or email 12thstreetplantarow@charter.net.

We appreciate any support you may have to offer in this effort to help provide the hungry of Newport with good and nutritious food that we grow right here at First Presbyterian.



Church Financial Report

January Operating Income *Budgeted* \$(to be determined by Session)

January Operating Income **Received** **\$20,925.50**

2011 Operating Income *Budgeted* \$ (to be determined by Session)

2011 Operating Income **Received** **\$20,925.50**

Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received for year – (to be determined)

January Actual Expenses **\$14,677.00**

2011 Budget

Personnel \$ _____

Operating Expense \$ _____

Mission Giving \$ _____

Total \$ (to be determined by Session)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Peggy Bickford 2nd

Bob Bickford 9th

Jim Gamb 10th

Jesse Schonau-Taylor 12th

Jacob Schonau-Taylor 14th

Shirley Loeffel 17th

Kath Schonau 19th

Rhonda Harman 20th

Gladys Snedecor 22nd

Theresa Young 24th

Lois Lederman 25th

Hedy Rijken 26th

John Soltau 31st



Jim & Pam Gamb 17/72

Barry & Denise McPherson 10/73



Parish Nurse



Our **Parish Nurse** is available **every Tuesday from 10:30am to Noon** for blood pressure checkups, referral sources, and questions about health concerns. For an appointment or more information call 265-5557. Drop-ins are welcome!

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**The article deadline for April is
March 7th .**

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