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Upcoming Events

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Nov. 3rd	Kerygma Class Begins 4:00 - 6:00 pm (weekly)
Nov. 5th	Session/Deacon Retreat 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Nov. 6th	Daylight Saving Time Ends 
Nov. 7th	Worship Committee 11:00 am
Nov. 8th	At Home in Lincoln Co. 2:00—4:00 pm
Nov. 9th	Men's Group at Izzy's 6:30 pm
Nov.. 10th	Fireside Circle 9:30 am
Nov. 11th	Veterans Day 
Nov. 18th	Fellowship Circle 1:30 pm
Nov. 20th	Guest Musician—Lasana Lene—Morning Worship Food Pantry Dedication 2:00 pm
Nov. 23rd	Stone Soup at St. Stephen's 4:30 pm 
Nov. 22nd	Parents Night Out 6:00—8:00 pm
Nov. 24th	Thanksgiving 
Nov. 27th	First Sunday in Advent 



Prayer List



Pastor's Pencil

The People who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Isaiah 9:2

Advent begins on November 27th. Traditionally Advent has been a time of penitential preparation. Because of the increasing commercialism of Christmas, it was hoped that the meditative, reflective time of Advent might be a corrective to the loss of the true meaning of our Lord's birth among us. The last few years our worship has been designed with that goal.

However it is no longer the commercialism of Christmas that concerns me. I'm much more worried about the economic stresses of our country and the growing divisions between our citizens. For this reason, I suggested to the Worship Committee that this year Advent be a time of uplifting our spirits, perhaps focusing on the great seasonal carols and the rich theological heritage behind them.

Our Worship Committee under the leadership of Elder Stuart Clausen, liked this idea so much that they are planning out the whole Advent Season as a joyful celebration!

So come prepared to be uplifted and filled with hope. That's our goal and may the Holy Spirit of Christmas bless our endeavors.

Yours for a joyful Advent season,

Lectionary Readings for

Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



- Nov. 6th:** Josh. 24:1-3a, 14-25; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Matt. 25:1-13
- Nov. 13th:** Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
- Nov. 20th:** Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46
- Nov. 27th:** First Sunday of Advent - "Celebrate the Promise"

(See Advent Schedule - page 6)

Church Triumphant:

- **Scott Kaufman** (Gladys Hartsel's nephew)
- **Peggy Clark** (friend of Deena Printz)

Joys:

- **Karen Bamer** (successful surgery & new treatment program)

Concerns:

- **Jay Cox** (knee surgery)
- **Bob Gableman** (cancer, Ramona Martin's brother)
- **Arlene Johns** (therapy at Newport Rehab)
- **Fred Seigfried** (cornea transplant recovery)
- **Gary Garner** (recovery)
- **Anne Southcott** (move to memory care facility)
- **Shirley Kemnist** (recovery from surgery)
- **Terry Whitehurst** (kidney transplant, Larry Bridges niece—wife **Jane Bridges** donating kidney)
- **Shirley & Carol Shriner** (at home care)

Military:

- **Alex Barcenes** (deployed to Iraq)



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

Chalet Restaurant and Bakery will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, **November 2nd**. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner as well as delicious homemade pies. Chalet will donate 15 percent of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter.

Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors and organizations.

Letters of Thanks

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 gifts of the blue hand-knitted blanket and baby cap, and the beautiful pink baby sack. Those will be lucky babies to get these! The onesy and quilted blanket are also lovely. 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).

LETTERS OF THANKS



A Thank-You from Kath Shonau

(Recipient of PW's 2011 Honorary Life Membership)

Dearest Clair, Martha, Jane, Pam and All of My Friends at PW,

I am still overwhelmed by your selection of this year's Lifetime Presbyterian Woman. I still can't take it in - so much so I couldn't sleep last night! You and all the other recipients over the years are my role models of servants who work with such faithfulness, creativity and humility for the continuation and vitality of the whole church family. You collect the Least Coin, keep track of finances, help the youth make banners, make delicious treats and meals, clean the kitchen, lead Bible studies (to say nothing about The Rummage Sale!) -- among all the things I am forgetting right now. You create and nurture a church family that is loving and kind, just the kind of church family I want to be a part of. Thank you so much for providing such faithful role models for my children, myself, and the other members of the church and community and for allowing me a place to share the one gift I have. One morning soon I would like to take the list of the 54 women (and Art) above me on the list and to say a prayer of thanksgiving for each of them. Each of you will be on my prayers list.

I thank you! Still in shock, Kath

Thank You

Many thanks to the September work party crew of **Keith Harcourt, Bill Johnson, Bob Loeffel** and **Jim Dunlap**.



Thank You Note's cont.

Thank-You's from Recipients of

PW's Mission Gifts *

A listing of 2011 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts* appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). The October issue of The Beacon contained excerpts from some of the thank-you letters/notes received -- here are two more:

From **Elizabeth Platt** (President) **Lincoln County Foster Parents Association**: " ... Countless numbers of Lincoln County's foster children come into care having never participated in a team sport, taken swimming lessons, or gone to summer camp. Your donation will help our kids have an essential childhood experience. We can't thank you enough for your assistance!"

From **Newport Food Pantry's Board of Directors** (**Clay Creech**, President; **Lurlyn Patrick**, Treasurer; **Katey Townsend**, Secretary; **Jim Myers**, Development Director): " ... Thank you for your generous donation ... We can't express how much we appreciate your prayers, encouragement and support ... getting the building ready has been a large undertaking and without generous donations and much needed prayers, we would not be able to open the pantry doors in October ... we thank you for joining the Newport Food Pantry's battle against hunger."

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

Thank you to our Church Family

We are so grateful for all the love and concern you have shown for Bob and His family during difficult times. Thank you, too, for attending his Celebration of Life.

Peggy, Lois and all the Bickford Family

Multiple Thanks to **Diane LaRue**

What an exceptional experience we had to meet with Diane for ten lessons in Old Testament Hebrew. We are a tiny bit more aware of the language in which our Old Testament was written. It was difficult to "get it" but Diane made it interesting and fun. We appreciate her patience with us. Thank you Diane.

Your Hebrew Huddle

Gifts For Kids

FOR THE CHILDREN ...

Christmas 2011

Early in November, our (by now familiar) Christmas Elf icon will begin to appear here-and-there around our Church ... he represents YOUR spirit of giving, as we launch our 2011 "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 and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). Your "Gifts For Kids" Committee will have the "adoption" table ready in Geneva Hall after the worship service on Sunday, November 6th (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!



Choir Schedule

Nov. 2nd - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Nov. 6th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Nov. 9th - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Nov. 13th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Nov. 16th - Wednesday - 5:30-6:30 pm - Choir Practice
 Nov. 20th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal
 Nov. 23rd - **No Choir Practice - Thanksgiving Eve**
 Nov. 27th - Sunday - 9:00-9:45am - Choir Rehearsal



Advent Theme - Celebrate the Season

Nov. 27th - First Sunday of Advent: "Celebrate the Promise"
 Dec. 4th - Second Sunday of Advent: "Celebrate the Miracle Baby/God Becomes Flesh"
 Dec. 11th - Third Sunday of Advent: "Celebrate the Divine"
 Dec. 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Celebrate the Lowly"
 Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve: "Celebrate the Birth"
 Dec. 25th - Christmas Day: "Celebrate the Lord Among Us"



Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
No November PW Meeting;
please join us for our next meeting
on

Friday, December 2nd *

* R.S.V.P.

*PW's December 2nd luncheon will be catered by Coca-Mocha
Joe's.*

Reservations (\$8 each) are required.

*Please sign up with PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** ([541/961-0240](tel:5419610240))
on or before Friday, October 28th.*



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 10th, in the Westminster Room. **Shirley Loeffel** and **Jane Haskell** will co-hostess, and **Pam Merwin** will lead the meeting.

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

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Three:

"Greatly Honored Are the Humbled!"

Scripture: *Matthew 5:5; Psalm 37*

Key Idea: Jesus renews God's promise to those whom society humbles, a promise that they shall inherit the earth.



Women's Fellowship Groups

Newport Food Pantry

We made it. Thanks to lots of support and encouragement from so many people here at First Presbyterian Church and in the community, the Newport Food Pantry opened its doors on October 4.

For two hours, a lovely group of volunteers scurried about serving 22 families representing 53 people. 1247 pounds of food left the building in shopping carts. And that doesn't count the 10 people who came in to utilize the "bread only" line, a section in the pantry available to those in need any time the doors are open.

The countless hours of preparation and planning paid off as everything went relatively smoothly. The few bumps that occurred are not even worth mentioning. It was very gratifying to watch so many who needed help receive enough food to tide them over until their "first of the month" checks arrive. At the end of the afternoon, I was able to tally statistics and confirm that, in "client choice" shopping pantries, a smaller amount of food is taken because people choose what they like and what they know how to cook. That means, because waste is reduced, we can serve more people and do it more efficiently. It's truly a win-win.

An added bonus is that volunteers who have spent years faithfully packing boxes in the back room at the Food Share warehouse, now have the opportunity to see and interact with the people they've been serving. Since we don't have a back room, all pantry "jobs" involve working right out front where the people are.

I've enjoyed meeting all of the people who come to utilize the pantry. However, one woman will forever stand out in my mind. She lives in one of the nearby campgrounds with her three children who range in age from 3 to 11. Unfortunately, it is a situation that is becoming more and more common.

That's why we're here. And that's why I'm so grateful this church allowed this ministry to take place right here on church property. Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement, and support.

Wednesday Walkers

Nine o'clock in the morning isn't too early to come to Coca Mocha Joe's, is it?

About 1992, Don Taylor make arrangements with Joe and Arla to open their doors early for Wednesday Walkers.

We walked from far and wide, Ed Branchfield, Jean Barker, Donna Siegfried and Mary Kaul to name a few.

Eventually, we came in walkers and now we drive. It's a happy time to catch up on church happenings and family sharing.

Won't you come join us every Wednesday morning at nine?



A Community
Food Share Mission



Christmas Coffee Classic
ROASTER AT THE COASTER

*With special guest star **CHOCOLATE!***

Saturday, November 26 - Sunday, November 27
9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.



For coffee and chocolate lovers everywhere in time for the holidays!

- ◆ Sample the brew and purchase specialized coffee beans and products from independent roasters and coffee outlets!
- ◆ Sample and purchase an amazing mouthwatering assortment of gourmet chocolates from Oregon's top chocolatiers!
- ◆ Over twenty vendors - both local & from around the state!
- ◆ Fabulous Prize Drawings both days!
- ◆ Informative and fun seminars at *Coffee College!* Learn everything coffee from beans to brewing!
- ◆ Free Umpqua Bank special blend coffee mini-bags to the first 500 people!
- ◆ Proceeds benefit the Newport Food Pantry emergency food program for Newport!

Admission only \$10 per person - \$5 twelve & under

Local Sponsors include Cape Foulweather Coffee Company – Newport Bay Coffee Company



Feel the Buzz!



**A Community
Food Share Mission**

Memorial Books

The memorial committee has been recording life stories of our church family who have died. We have gone back as far as 1991 including everyone that we have information on. It has taken us about a year to get this done. We have a couple of angels who have spent many hours working on this project. **Eunice Forinash** has done the research finding information such as an obituary and/ or Celebration of Life program. Thanks to Don Taylor who has let us peruse his files. **Jane Haskell** has printed a Memorial page (with photo if available) for each using her computer. We have included a short bio on the back of the Memorial page. (We have so many pages that we have two books.) The first page of the first book lists people alphabetically. A page in the back of the second book list people we do not have information on.

During coffee hour the Red Memorial books will be displayed on a table in Geneva Hall. The books will be kept in the library.

This has been a challenge, fun and interesting project; bringing back many memories of the saints of this church.

Now that the process has been set up, it should be easy to keep it up to date. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help keep the Memorial Books up to date. Please contact **Eunice Forinash, Jane Haskell or Pat Harcourt**.

Church Financial Report

Church Financial Report as of September 2011

September Operating Income *Budgeted* \$17,141.

September Operating Income **Received** **\$24,943**

2011 Operating Income *Budgeted* \$154,273. *Year to date*

2011 Operating Income **Received** **\$171,087. Year to date**

Difference in Budgeted versus Received for year to date (9 months) \$16,813

September Actual Expenses **\$17,399.**

Actual Expenses Year to Date **\$148,042.**

2011 Budget

Personnel \$142,429

Operating Expense \$58,268

Mission Giving \$ 5,000

Total \$205,697

Deacon's Corner

Attention Moms and Dads!

There is now a diaper changing station in the church. It is located in the handicapped bathroom across from the coat rack. The room is for both genders so moms and dads can use it!

D.K. Beemer , Care Ministry Team	541-265-7419
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Marguerite Sanchez , Communion	541-574-7855
Lou Yardumian , Transportation	541-264-8038

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

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dennis Hawley 3rd

Marie Jelen 5th

Kathy Rich 8th

Della Edenfield 7th

Judy Carkin 7th

Neal Henning 20th

Mike Neal 26th

Jillian Thompson 27th



Mark & Cindy McConnell 10/1979

Steve & Sue Cole 1968



A Reminder From Your Editor!

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