

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Feb. 1st	Presbyterian Women Meeting - Noon	
Feb. 6th	Communion at Oceanview	2:00
Feb. 7th	Read & Feed	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Feb 10th	Deacon's Meeting	11:30 am
	OMTA	1:00 pm
Feb. 13th	Ash Wednesday Service	Noon
	Men's Group at Izzy's	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Feb. 14th	Fireside Circle	9:30 – 10:30 am
Feb. 15th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Feb. 17th	1st Sunday in Lent	
Feb. 18th	Presidents' Day – Office Closed	
	Stone Soup	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Feb. 24th	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am

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Other Dates To Remember

Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45 am

Kerygma – Tuesdays

Jan. 15th – Feb. 12th – 4:00 pm

Rummage Sorting – Fridays

Feb. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 9:00 am

Pastor's Pencil

Then he began to teach them that the son of Man must undergo great suffering.

Mark 8:31

Lent comes early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 13th, which if you are superstitious will make you pause and consider the irony of Lent in the year 2013 beginning on the 13th date of the month!

Dr. Richard Wiseman—a psychologist at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield, England—found that people who consider themselves unlucky are more likely to believe in superstitions associated with bad luck.

If you are superstitious you may simply want to stay home on the 13th. However, Jesus' journey to the cross offers us another option. He challenges us to join him, to pick up our cross and follow.

Perhaps the best way to deal with our fears is to face them fully and courageously. It may seem easier to duck and cringe, but if we can hang in there all the way, surprising events will follow. Simply ask the women at the empty tomb!

Yours for a courageous Lenten journey,

Don

"Powerful Tools for the Caregiver"

Wednesdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Jan. 23rd – Feb. 27th

Taught by Kath Schonau and Deb Fant.

Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- ❖ Margery Cole – mother of Steve Cole

Joys:

- ❖ Velma Burkert – successful knee surgery
- ❖ Kathy Myers – benign biopsy
- ❖ Arnie Carlson – recovering from surgery

Concerns:

- ❖ Gladys Snedecor – recovery from hip surgery
- ❖ Mason Carney – Connie Hildebrand's great grandson – recovery from surgery
- ❖ Kassidy – Peggy Bickford's great granddaughter undergoing heart surgery

Military & Relief Efforts:

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

Local :

- ❖ Crabbing Fleet – including Kinder Cotrell on "Last Dance"

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.

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

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, February 6th when The Newport Cafe will host Dine Out for Samaritan House for a full 24 hour period donating 15 percent of all proceeds. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner or a midnight snack as you help our homeless families.



Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday - February 1st

*Luncheon PROMPTLY at Twelve-Noon **

Program PROMPTLY at 12:30 p.m.

** R.S.V.P.*

PW's February 1st luncheon will be catered by Coca-Mocha Joe's.

Reservations (\$10.00 each) are required.

*Please sign up with PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240))
on or before Friday, January 25th.*

February's musical program theme will feature our own Director of Music **Don Jenkins**! This will be the twelfth consecutive annual time Don has designed a musical presentation especially for PW, and each program has been unique -- joyful and memorable! **Carol Jones** will present devotions, and our business meeting will include some exciting news concerning our 2013 Rummage Sale! Please note 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) and bring your friend(s) -- our February Hostess, **Martha Sneller**, will serve beverages.

Circle Meetings

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 14th, in the Westminster Room (Hostess: **Edith Branchfield**; Leader: **Pam Merwin**).

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, February 15th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Six:

"The Elders"

Scripture: *1 Peter 5:1-11; 2 John*

Key Idea(s): In God's household, those of elder status

(by position and/or by age and experience)

are charged to demonstrate selfless love and a nurturing spirit

to those under their care,

and to equip sisters and brothers in Christ

that they might embody the same qualities.

To practice loving-kindness is to bear witness to Christ,

even, and especially, in the face of suffering.

Inter-Christian Outreach

A Newport Ecumenical Mission

A co-operative of churches addressing the needs of the community as compassionate stewards of Christ's love.

Twelve Newport Christian churches, including First Presbyterian, have come together as one body to form a new community help mission called *Inter-Christian Outreach*. The main function of ICO is operating a referral center or HUB where people can come and get assistance finding the government agency, organization or church mission best suited to help them in their time of need.

ICO helps relieve area churches and agencies through fielding inquiries and establishing a connection to the most appropriate agency. The *Inter-Christian Outreach* HUB, or centralized referral agency, is open year round to serve those in need find help and assistance.

ICO mission also discerns where there are overlaps in community services and programs and where there are “gaps” that need to be addressed and filled.

ICO also administers the *Medical Teams International* Dental Van which provides low or no cost dental care during the year in Newport & Lincoln City.

Join us in supporting this community connect outreach by donating once a month, one time or for a discretionary fund of your choice. Funds support the operation of the HUB year round. The HUB is located at 324 N. Coast Highway, Suite #2 (behind Verizon Wireless & Arctic Circle).

Inter-Christian Outreach is a 501(c)(3) charity and all deductions as tax deductible. Send your donation(s) to:

Inter-Christian Outreach P.O. Box 2175 Newport, Oregon 97365

Thank you for your support in this very vital on going community mission! God Bless!

For information contact ICO *Operations Manager* Matt Harner at the HUB 541-264-7727 or ICO Board President Jim Myers at 541-270-0892.

www.interchristianoutreach.org – info@interchristianoutreach.org

Dental Van Partner



Letters of Thanks

LETTERS OF THANKS



Jim and I thank you all for your kindness, encouragement, and prayer while I was awaiting surgery and biopsy results. It's a frightening time that only God's supernatural power can calm. He sent a great surgical team and a caring nurse named John. He gave me a surgeon who called on a Saturday morning to let me know the mass was benign. Most of all, He provided a peace that enabled us to weather a rather long and difficult storm. Thank you.

Jim and Kathy Myers

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Dave and Kathy Heater** on the birth of their grandson.

Gibson Heater Perez was born on Dec. 28th, 8lb. 9oz. & 22 inches.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anna Easley 1st
 Jane Haskell 1st
 Jan Bauer 2^{ns}
 Richard Beemer 4th

 Sarah Shindelman 4th
 Marianne Mendenhall 5th
 Dorri Knutson 9th
 Toni Mueller 11th
 Don Taylor 11th
 Connie Hildebrand 14th
 Shirley George 14th
 Don Merwin 20th
 Justin Layton 23rd





From The Pantry

A cookbook entitled Semi-Homemade Cooking recently crossed my desk. Words on the cover boast that nothing is made from scratch. The introduction is provided by Wolfgang Puck and it was apparently a national best seller. You won't find a salad dressing recipe on any of its pages. Contrast that with a collection of recipes assembled by Puget Sound Power & Light back in the 1930's. The back of the book reads, "It is easy to cook when you use a modern automatic electric range. Just put the food in the oven, set the time and temperature and when you are ready to serve the meal, the cooking will be done to just the right degree and you have only to put it on the table. Obviously written back in the days when girls still took Home Economics in school, there are a plethora of salad dressing recipes in the first few pages.

How things change in 80 short years. Back then, convenience meant you didn't have to use wood and matches to heat an oven. Now, it's too much trouble to make salad dressing from scratch even though most consist of fewer than eight ingredients and almost none require any more effort than a few beats of the wire whisk.

These things bring to mind cultural and generational differences among people of different backgrounds that are hard to fathom and sometimes difficult to bridge. It certainly complicates the development of effective programs and services. Handing out mosquito netting to curb the spread of malaria works well in one village. Just a few miles away, people use them for purposes for which they were not intended, rendering the expense and hard work useless as far as man is concerned. But, God often has a different plan that we don't see. He's not counting nets. He's not looking at our feet of clay as we come together to host Read & Feed or scramble to put food on shelves at the pantry. He's looking at people.

In 2012, we had 1,053 different families, each with a unique background, perspective, and personality come to the pantry. Those 1,053 families made a total of 3,792 visits. Somehow, in the middle of busily helping them take home 200,000 pounds of food, the pantry volunteers always manage to reach across cultural and generational boundaries and touch each of these families. It's an extraordinary thing to witness God's amazing grace come alive in human form.

Library News



PIES, PLEASE!

Calling all aspiring pie chefs! Your gracious help is once again needed for the Annual Rummage Sale's "Diner Extravaganza!"

A total of 100 are needed. Fruit pies (also cakes or brownies) will be welcomed from your own kitchen, but all cream pies (per Oregon Department of Health requirements) must come from a commercial source (i.e., Safeway, Fred Meyer, The Chalet Restaurant etc.)

Your desserts can be delivered starting Wednesday, April 24th. A sign-up sheet is posted on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from Westminster Conference Room).

A big thank-you for your enthusiastic help in support of this event!

Questions? Contact Kitchen Department Chair **Liz Martin** at 541-270-1300.

S.O.S. WHEN SEARCHING FOR BOOKS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE,.... . PLEASE LOOK FOR OVERDUE BOOKS BORROWED FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY .

PLEASE DROP THEM Off, INTO THE BOX, JUST INSIDE THE LIBRARY DOOR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

The Shack, by *Wm. Paul Young*: This novel was on the NY Times Best Seller List. The Author lives in the Northwest. He tells the story of a tragedy which happens and how the main character finds God in a most unexpected way.

Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham: The author tells his story of how he tried to follow Jesus Christ.

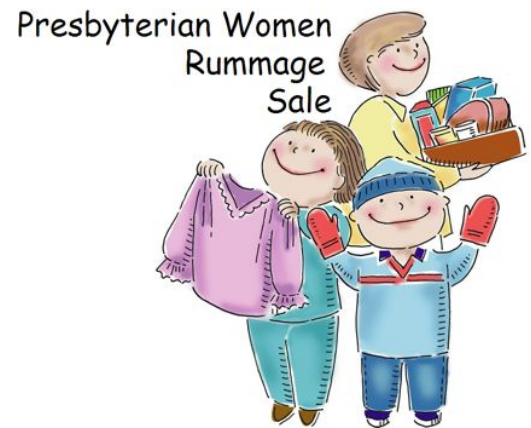
The Four Loves, by *C.S. Lewis*: This book replaces one that was missing from our shelves. This classic book explores the different kinds of love in our world.

A New Kind of Christianity, by *Brian D. McLaren*: The author asks ten questions that are transforming Faith for our time.

A Labor of Love: How to Write a Eulogy by *Garry Schaeffer*: The Author walks you through the process of writing a eulogy with many helpful ideas. He includes written examples, as well as some created for famous people.



Rummage Sale



RUMMAGE REMINISCES, RESONANCES AND REQUESTS (*"PW" and "Rummage" -- by any other names, they really remain about the same!*)

Over 100 years ago -- in December 1907, our Newport Presbyterian Women were known as the "Presbyterian Ladies' Aid," and they held a "Church Bazaar" on December 13th in a log cabin! They issued their invitation in verse -- a copy of which you'll find posted on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). As you read this clever invitation of yesteryear, you'll see that the gist of it is still true today -- as the present-day members (now known as "Presbyterian Women") prepare for what they now call their "Rummage Sale."

Although our Sale is sponsored by PW, it takes our entire congregation to produce it -- we can't do it without YOU!! We invite YOU to become an important part of this church-wide endeavor by considering (one, some, or all of) these volunteer/donation opportunities:

1. Provide one or more pies (a total of 100 are needed) -- slices of which will be served in our "Diner" on Thursday and Friday of the Sale (sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board). *Note: Please see a separate message in this issue from Kitchen Department Chairperson Liz Martin concerning Department of Health requirements.*
2. Provide plant cuttings, divisions and bulbs -- to be delivered to our Garden Department on Tuesday afternoon of Rummage Week (if you need pots, please contact Garden Co-Chairs Janice and Jim Scharbach at 541/867-6437).
3. Provide **CLEAN!!** rummage donations -- 4"x5" "**Do Not Donate**" cards are available at five convenient locations within the Church: (1) **Library window**, (2) **North-Eastern-most window in Geneva Hall**, (3) **window next to the Office door**, (4) **Calvin Room door**, and (5) **PW's bulletin board**. They'll help you to determine what we can accept.
4. Be a Friday "Sorter" -- join us for fellowship and fun as we sort and "departmentalize" our rummage donations each Friday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
5. Provide "Rummage Week" Help -- needed are: **sales staff** for each department; **vehicles + strong arms and backs** for pick-up and delivery of large items; **snack-foods** to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Rummage Week; **"pricers"** of our wares (Monday-Wednesday of "Rummage Week"); **set-up and/or clean-up volunteers**.

Questions? Call either of our Rummage Co-Chairs: Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484) or Marianne Mendenhall (541/867-7474).

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 25th - 27th, 2013

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

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

Thank you

A big **thank you** to **Jay and Nancy Cox** for the beautiful wreaths that decorated the church and the gorgeous poinsettias in the sanctuary provided by **Art and Barbara Bradley**.



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Beacon Deadline

for

March

is

February 11th.



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