

# THE BEACON

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## Welcoming in the New Year

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## CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday Practice: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00am



## UPCOMING EVENTS

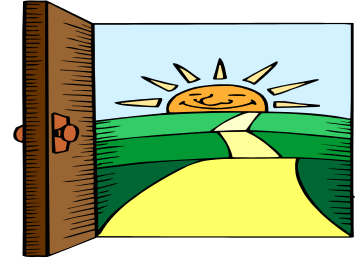
Jan 4	Worship ( <i>no Communion</i> )	10:00am
Jan 4	First Day –Rummage Donations	11:00am
Jan 5	Beacon Deadline	1:00pm
Jan 8	Fireside-W	9:30am
Jan 9	Rummage Sorting-Calvin	9:00am
Jan 11	Communion Sunday	10:00am
Jan 11	Installation Elders/Deacons	10:00am
Jan 11	Communion Oceanview	1:45pm
Jan 16	Rummage Sorting-Calvin.	9:00am
Jan 18	Worship	10:00am
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day	Office Closed
Jan 23	Rummage Sorting-Calvin	9:00am
Jan 25	Worship	10:00am
Jan 27	Session	7:00pm
Jan 29	Calvin –W	9:30am
Jan 30	Rummage Sorting	9:00am



Jan 31 \*Samaritan House Benefit Tea . .12:00pm

\*Please contact Kristin Yuille 541-961-9491 or Samaritan House 541-574-8898 for tickets \$25





## PASTOR'S PENCIL

*I lay down and sleep; I wake again, for the Lord sustains me. Psalm 3:5*

My favorite New Year's celebration is to go to bed hours before midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> and wake up early and refreshed on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Sceptics may say this is simply the result of old age, which is a factor to be sure, but there are other reasons too.

Like many important lessons in life the, pleasures of rising early and refreshed on New Year's Day come as a delayed reward. To be fully enjoyed it means skipping late New Year's Parties and following the advice of many sleep experts: light dinner, no television, good book, comfortable bed.

I have found such planning to be worth it. The first time I woke up early on New Year's day after a good night's rest was an unexpected delight. First of all, no one else was up! The world was quiet and still. There was a fresh, unpolluted smell in the air. I started out on my walk with no traffic to dodge or barking dogs to contend with.

This rejuvenating atmosphere naturally led to a clear contemplation of the coming New Year. No headache, indigestion, or bleary eyes, it was a fine way to begin. In fact, the thought suddenly came to me, why wait until the next New Year for such a delightful morning? Why not do follow the same routine as much as you can the whole year?

You are certainly welcome to join me. There is plenty of room on the sidewalks!!

Yours for a refreshing New Year!



*JOYS FOR BABIES*

**Joy and Celebration - Adoption - November 5, 2014 (Age 2 Years on Sept 20, 2014)**

**for the adoption of Hadley Page Lynn Johnson by Krista Elaine Johnson**

**Congratulations to the proud grandparents, Bill & Vivian Johnson**



**Joy and Celebration – Birth - November 24, 2014**

**for the birth of Rowyn Jean Stevermer, 7 lbs., 6 oz., 20 inches,**

**parents Kaitlyn & Andrew and grandparents, Kathy & Dave Heater**



**Joy and Celebration – Birth – December 4, 2014**

**Baptism - December 21, 2014**

**for the Baptism of Charlotte Marie Wienert, born on December 4, 8:00am, 6 lbs. 5oz., the**

**great-granddaughter of Betty Schwartz**



**Joy and Celebration – Baptism - December 28, 2014**

**for the Baptism of Hannah Vey Schonau**

# MORE JOYS and A THANK YOU!



## FOR A JOY-FILLED CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (November 30, 2014)

**How we enjoyed the 2014 production of the Christmas Pageant!**

Thank you to all who made this event such a success in keeping the Meaning of Christmas alive for us:

Reader: BayLee      Mary: Piper      Joseph: Luke      Gabriel: Sophia  
 Angel 1: Kayd      Angel 2: Avani      Magi 1: Drake      Magi 2: Quinten      Magi 3: Abigail

Music Director: Don Jenkins

Stage Helpers: Michelle Cottrell, Helyn Layton, Kyra Young

Set & Props: Kyra Young and Michelle Cottrell

SONGS: Kyra: Mary Did You Know?

Angels/Mary/Joseph: Joy to the World

Shepherd/Magi Song: The Little Drummer Boy

Congregation: We Three Kings

Congregation and Kids: Silent Night



## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO FAMILIES FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Clausen Family and the Hawes Family

The Thompson Family

The Dougherty Family

The Yuille-Green Family

The Schonau-Taylor Family

Kyra Young and Drew Blank



## A Thank You!

Dear Don and the many people who put on the memorial service for my Dad.

Thank you so much for serving the **Rehfuss family** with your gracious kindness.

You took the initiative in so many areas and created a welcoming place for our family to be together and celebrate my Dad's life. It really was a blessing to have you take care of so many of the details. A special thank you to the "food committee". The food was fabulous and abundant (and I thought it was funny to hear how much my parents loved potlucks!) I appreciate the time you spent in preparation and clean up.

Thank you again for being the hands and feet of Christ.

Warmly, Debbie

# THANK YOU

**First Presbyterian Church:**

**Thank you so much for the amazing potluck to celebrate our engagement. We are so amazed and blessed to have a church family that supports us so completely. Each and every one of you has helped to make this time in our life so much more meaningful than it already was. We love you all and can't thank you enough for all you do.**

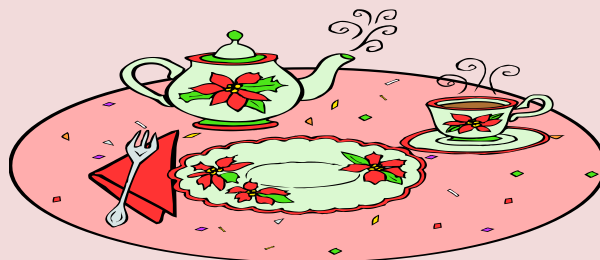
**Best,**

**Kyra Young & Drew Blank**



## Thanks To You

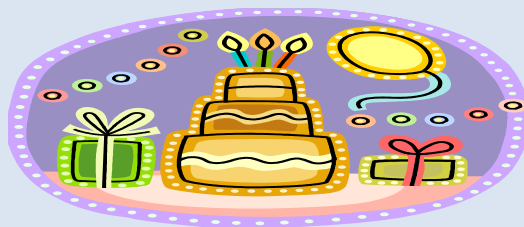
**For all who participated in making the Oceanview Christmas Tea such an appreciated success.**



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Lue Hoeft	5 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Ohm	8 <sup>th</sup>
Maria Hawley	12 <sup>th</sup>
Piper Thompson	14 <sup>th</sup>
Mark McConnell	14 <sup>th</sup>
Arlyne Johns	15 <sup>th</sup>
Alex Urquhart	16 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Lawrence	16 <sup>th</sup>
Jan Eastman	20 <sup>th</sup>
Wendy Wilde	26 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Rogers	27 <sup>th</sup>



## NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



**The Christmas Book**, by Dick Bruna. This new book tells the story of the Nativity. It is written for younger children with simple drawings and large easy print that all can enjoy.



**One Who Believed: True Stories of Faith**, by Dr. Robert Pamplin. This pocketbook is a collection of short biographies of faithful Christians whose accomplishments have often made them famous while they remained grounded in their faith.



**A Labor of Love: How to write a Eulogy**, by Garry Schaeffer. This is a duplicate that will replace a missing copy in the Library. This book is extremely helpful for anyone writing a eulogy, and could also be a healing power for those going through the grieving process. There are also examples of eulogies of famous people such as Ghandi and J.F. Kennedy.

## A Thank You



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

I realize this is slow in coming, as a month after losing my husband, I lost my father. Grief has prevented me from doing many things in a timely manner. Though it has been a season of loss for my family, I have found gratitude to be a great friend at this time.

I wanted to express my thanks to this church for providing a wonderful sacred space for the gathering of many family and friends for Sean's musical service. I appreciate Don Taylor and Ann's help in putting this tribute together. It was a meaningful service with many wonderful members from this church involved in the readings and music. My family appreciates the prayers and cards shared during these past months.

And now we continue to move forward, putting one foot in front of another, remembering to breath, finding joy in new things.

Blessings to each of you,  
Chris McKenney





## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No January PW Meeting;  
Please join us for our next meeting  
on Sunday, February 1st.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Westminster Room. Martha Sneller will host the meeting; Peggy Bickford will lead the lesson.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

### Lesson Five:

"Reconciliation and the Whole Creation"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:10





### HAVE YOU SEEN THESE ITEMS?

The following operation-related property went missing after the 2014 Rummage Sale:

\$Two (2) purple Storage Bins w/Lids (approx. 21"x16"x13" High) containing all Departmental Cash Boxes (also missing!).

\$One (1) "Rolling Shelf Unit" (approx. 59"H x 36"W x 14"D), custom-assembled for the two lower shelves to accommodate the storage of four (4) 2'x4' Folding Tables (also missing!).

\$One (1) clear Storage Box w/Lid (approx. 11"x16"x7" High) containing 4"x6" acrylic "Stand-Frames" (also missing!) - these frames are placed on each table in our "Diner" during the Sale, and reflect the names of the local outreach agencies who benefit from the Sale's mission.

The building has been thoroughly searched, to no avail. If you know the location of any/all of the above, please call Martha Sneller (541/270-6041).



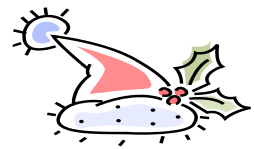
## "GIFTS FOR KIDS"

### *Christmas Mission 2014 Accomplished !!*

Complete information was unavailable at press-time – look for details in the next issue of *The Beacon*; until then,

### **A BIG THANK YOU**

to all who helped make this year's mission possible!!



### **Another Thank You !**

A heartfelt thank-you to all who donated to the annual Gifts For Children Mission for the Children's Advocacy Center of Lincoln County. Your generosity was overwhelming! Gift cards have been distributed to our children and families who would have a bleak Christmas without your contributions. Some of the monies was sent to children that Department of Human Services had identified, as well as money kept here to furnish our closet serving children coming in with a need of clothing, hats, gloves and pajamas.

The impact of these gifts is immense at a time when families are having a difficult time in their lives. You have touched a heart to all our families and the staff who work here. I hope you feel the warmth within your heart as well.

Most Sincerely,

Liz Martin

Development Director

LCCAC

## RUMMAGE REV-UP

### *Four "Pleases" and a "Thank-You"*

1. **PLEASE save your Fridays for us!** Beginning Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. - ?), YOU are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning through April 17<sup>th</sup>. We especially need a big turnout on our first Friday, and we promise we won't work past Noon (most Fridays it doesn't take a long time - usually an hour or two). There will be no heavy lifting (we'll have special help for that!!). Our "sorting sessions" are unique opportunities for fellowship; so, come when you can and leave when you must, but be prepared to have fun!
2. **PLEASE wait until Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** to bring your (**CLEAN**) rummage, which will be welcomed and appreciated; however, remember that we **CANNOT accept certain items**; SO ...
3. **PLEASE pick a Card - ANY Card - and take it home with you!** To remind you of what items we cannot accept, please be sure you have one of our "Do Not Donate" (5"x4") cards, which have been prepared especially for you, and are available at these FIVE convenient locations within the Church: (1) the library window; (2) the north-eastern-most window in Geneva Hall; (3) the window next to the office door; (4) the Calvin Room door; (5) PW's bulletin board.
4. **PLEASE consider volunteering** ... there are various opportunities: be a Friday sorter; be a set-up/clean-up helper during Rummage Week; be a "pricer" during Rummage Week; be a departmental staff person (*part-time or full-time*) during Sale Days #1, #2 and #3; provide and/or drive a pickup during Rummage Week; furnish a snack-food for the volunteers during Rummage Week; donate pie(s) for our "Diner" (*to sell slices of - on Sale Days #1 and #2*).

**A BIG THANK YOU** for supporting our Annual Rummage Sale, the proceeds of which will support mission goals - from worldwide projects to the needs of our own community and our own church. It is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but our entire congregation is needed for its successful production, and we are grateful to you! Questions? Contact either of our Rummage Co-Chairs: Beth Mathewson (541/265-7484) or Marianne Mendenhall (541/867-7474).

**2015 Rummage Sale Dates:**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**Beacon Deadline(\*)**

**for**

**February**

**is**

**January 5, 2015**

**(\*)NOTE:** When possible, please send a Word Document as an “Attachment” when you e-mail your articles.

Thank you,  
The Editor

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