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## Upcoming Events

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<b>Jan. 1st</b>	Communion Sunday Guest Speaker - Skip Roberts	
<b>Jan. 6th</b>	Meeting of Rummage Department Chairpersons - 10:00 am	
<b>Jan. 8th</b>	Guest Speaker - Dave Heater "Sports & Spirituality" Peace Village—1:30 pm	
<b>Jan. 10th</b>	At Home in Lincoln County—2:00 pm	
<b>Jan. 12th</b>	Fireside Circle - 9:30 am	
<b>Jan. 15th</b>	Ordination & Installation of Deacons & Elders	
<b>Jan. 16th</b>	Office Closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day Stone Soup at St. Stephen's 4:30 pm	
<b>Jan. 20th</b>	Fellowship Circle 1:30 pm	
<b>Jan. 24th</b>	Parent's Night Out 6:00- 8:00 pm	
<b>Jan. 29th</b>	Sports & Spirituality "Tailgate Potluck" - 11:30 am	

Rummage Sorting Dates— Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - 9:00 am



## Pastor's Pencil

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV*

Are sports a religion in American Culture? Evolutionary psychologist Dr. Nigel Barber, believes they might be as he muses in the following statement, *It may seem odd, to equate religion with sport entertainment but it must be understood that prior to mass communications, religious ceremonies were a source of entertainment for ordinary people who rarely attended a theater or traveled to a sporting event. [Sports](#) and religion may get categorized separately but their intersection is difficult to miss.* Dr. Daniel Wann, a leading sport psychologist at Murray State University agrees, *The similarities between sport fandom and organized religion are striking. Consider the vocabulary associated with both: faith, devotion, worship, ritual, dedication, sacrifice, commitment, spirit, prayer, suffering, festival, and celebration.*

What do you think? Dave and I, are going to tell you what we think beginning Sunday, January 8, when we will begin a new sermon series on **Sports and Religion**.

The series will conclude on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, one week before the Superbowl, with a pot luck and Sports Panel made up of Dr. Jay Cox, Dave and other celebrities after worship.

Yours for running toward the right prize,



## Prayer List

### Church Triumphant:

- Don Kuenzli
- Karen Ebert
- Gary Garner

### Joys:

- Linda Mosley (good recovery)
- Della Edenfield (good recovery)
- Alex Barcenes (return from Iraq)

### Concerns:

- Bill Barss (recovery)
- Bob Gableman (cancer, Ramona Martin's brother)
- Johannah Weinert (cancer treatment)
- Karen Bamer (peace in new treatment)
- David Jenkins (cancer treatment)

### Military:

- Cody Harper (deployed to Afghanistan)

## Lectionary Readings for

## Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Readings will be provided for Brown Bag Bible Study during the month of January.



## 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

Ring in the New Year at Original Mo's on Newport's Bayfront as they host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, January 4th. Enjoy lunch or dinner at a local favorite as Mo's donates 20 percent of the days proceeds to the homeless family shelter.

## Gifts For Kids

### "GIFTS FOR KIDS"

Christmas Mission 2011 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!



## 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, **Jan. 11th** at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.

## Financial Report

No financial report available at press time.

## Congratulations



Susan Mills was recently commissioned a Certified Lay Preacher, and is the Pastor at Waldport Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Neva Stewart for a great-grandchild, Suni Markus Dasgupta born November 21st, 7.4 oz, 19 inches, in Vancouver, Washington.



Newport Food Pantry Dedication in November.

## New Members

### Class of October, 2011

#### Dave and Parmelee Perry

"Thank you for allowing us to become part of the church family here at First Presbyterian Church of Newport. We are spiritually nourished by joining you in Christian worship." They have Presbyterian background for most of the years of their life together.

"We were blessed to have met over the telephone at work (Parmelee in Lake Stevens, Washington and Dave in Palo Alto, California), courted long distance, and now have enjoyed almost twenty-five years of marriage. We both love retirement at the Oregon coast and consider it a privilege to volunteer in the community. Living in Gleneden Beach has allowed us to participate in the Lincoln City homeless meal Program, help at the library and culinary center, and work with AARP Tax-Aide in tax preparation for the public."

Parmelee was born in Bosie, Idaho and grew up in Portland, Oregon. She is named after an ancestor, Captain Parmelee, a person of mention in England's history of the time of Henry VIII. She received her BS in Human Relations from OSU and her MBA from Bosie State University. She worked in personnel for Hewlett Packard for many years.

Dave is a California native and a graduate of Fresno State University. He is a Certified Public Accountant and held various financial positions with Hewlett Packard. One aspect of our church that interested him greatly was the number of mission activities in which the church members are very involved.

When not volunteering, Parmelee enjoys swimming and reading and Dave enjoys fly fishing and gardening.

Parmelee's favorite Bible passage is Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, They will mount up on wings as eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint,"

Dave's favorite Bible passage is Psalm 117. "Praise the Lord all you nations, extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. Praise the Lord.

# WELCOME



# NEW MEMBERS



## Presbyterian Women

*No January PW Meeting;  
please join us for our next meeting  
on  
Friday, February 3rd \**



*\* R.S.V.P.*

*PW's February 3rd luncheon will be catered by Coca-Mocha Joe's.*

*Reservations (\$9.50 each) are required.*

*Please sign up with PW Moderator Clair Finnigan (541/961-0240)  
on or before Friday, January 27th.*

## Circle Meetings

**Fireside Circle** will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 12th, (hostess and location to be determined -- please contact **Gladys Snedecor** -- 541/265-8703).

**Fellowship Circle** will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, January 20th, in the Westminster Room. **Eunice Forinash** will both hostess and lead the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

### Lesson Five:

"Greatly Honored Are Those Who Show Mercy!"

Scripture: *Matthew 5:7; Luke 10:25-37*

Key Idea: Jesus calls disciples to imitate God by showing mercy through emotions, action.



## Newport Food Pantry

### From The Pantry

I can't believe another month has already passed. In November, we distributed over 17,000 pounds of food to 961 people. That does not include the 400 people who came to get loaves of bread to supplement their emergency food supply. Almost 700 families have signed up to use the pantry since we opened. That number is staggering when you consider the small population of Newport, Oregon.

It's easy to stay busy unloading food, controlling inventory, scheduling volunteers, budgeting, and all the other tasks that are necessary to make sure the pantry runs smoothly. But, often when I'm in my office scurrying to get caught up on my paperwork, a volunteer has a question that brings me out to the reality of the people who come each day. There's the family of six living in a motor home they have to move from parking lot to road side so that no one notices they don't have a legal permanent spot. An 85 year old woman, who lives alone and should be enjoying her retirement, has trouble finding transportation so that she can come when we're open. A young mother, whose husband has just left, is couch surfing with her two young children until she can save enough money to get her own apartment. A single gal has moved from Washington, hoping to find work here where her brother lives, and is facing the reality that finding a job in December in Newport is an uphill battle.

Someone asked me last week if it bothered me that some people come to the pantry and take advantage of the services offered. Frankly, it does. As hard as I try to see people through the eyes of Jesus, that huge log in there makes it difficult. But, after visiting a moment or two with those who truly need an emergency supply of food, I'm always grateful the pantry is here.

**Matt: 5:43** "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **44** But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46** If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? **47** And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? **48** Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



**A Community  
Food Share Mission**



## Rummage Sale

### RUMMAGE REV-UP

Four "Pleases" and a "Thank-You"

**PLEASE save your Fridays for us!** Beginning Friday, January 6th (9:00 a.m. - ?), YOU are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning through April 20th. We especially need a big turn-out 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!

**PLEASE wait until Sunday, January 1st** to bring your **(CLEAN!!)** rummage, which will be welcomed and appreciated; however, remember that **we CANNOT accept certain items** ; SO ...

**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 FIVE convenient locations within the Church (Library window and the north-eastern-most window in Geneva Hall, window next to the Office door, Calvin Room door, and PW's bulletin board).

**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 2012 Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (961-0240).

### **2012 Rummage Sale Dates:**

**April 26th - 28th**

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

Presbyterian Women  
Rummage  
Sale



## Library News

### NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

Thank you for donating the following books to the library:

**Chicken Soup for the Unsinkable Soul** by Jack Canfield, Mark Hansen and Heather McNamara. This is the latest Stone Soup volume of inspirational stories of overcoming life's challenges.

**The Christmas Quilt** by Thomas Davis. This novel is about a mountain family in North Georgia. If you enjoyed the Walton Family on TV you will like these stories.

**Angels** by Billy Graham. The author writes an in-depth Biblical study about Angels

**Somewhere Angels** by Larry Libby and illustrated by Tim Jonke. This is a children's book with beautiful illustrations. The author is from Bend, Oregon. This book answers questions that a child would ask about angels.

**Mad Church Disease: Overcoming The Burnout Epidemic** by Anne Jackson. The author writes about overcoming the "burnout epidemic" from personal experience. She presents good information and practical solutions.

**The Gospel According to Paul: The Creative Genius Who Brought Jesus to the World** by Robin Griffith-Jones. This Oxford scholar writes about Paul and his mission to spread the good news. He also answers important questions about him.

**My Grandfather's Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge and Belonging** by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. The author tells a well written short story in each chapter.

**Jesus and the Victory of God: Christian Origins and the Question of God, Volume 2** by N.T. Wright. This biblical scholar focuses on the historical Jesus. He writes with new insight.

Thank you to **Robyn Wells** for donating to our library three CD's after she gave a concert at FPC. They are as follows:

**Robyn Wells - Piano, Hymns, Songs & Spirituals**

**Robyn Wells - Piano, Grand Adventure, Italian**

**Robyn Wells - Piano, Grand Adventure, America**

Thank you also to **IJen Neh** for donating a CD of African Gospel music after playing and singing for us last month at FPC..



## 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!

<b>D.K. Beemer</b> , Care Ministry Team . . . . .	541-265-7419
<b>Dick Carkin</b> , Treasurer . . . . .	541-765-2320
<b>Judy Carkin</b> , Visits & Media Ministry. . . . .	541-765-2320
<b>Nancy Cox</b> , Care Ministry Team . . . . .	541-764-2113
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<b>Lue Hoeft</b> , Communion/Celebration of Life Receptions . . . . .	541-265-5728
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### 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](mailto:office@newportfpc.org).

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lue Hoeft 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Robert Ohm 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Marla 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>  
 JJ McClellan 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Doris Pickens 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Wendy Wilde 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Chris Rogers 27<sup>th</sup>



Keith & Pat Harcourt 25<sup>th</sup>  
 John & Bonnie Soltau 18<sup>th</sup>

### A Reminder From Your Editor!

Beacon articles may be emailed to the editor or [beacon@newportfpc.org](mailto:beacon@newportfpc.org) or they may be placed in the Beacon mailbox in the conference room.

Please note the deadline for submitting an article is on the last page of the Beacon.



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