

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Oct. 2nd	Read & Feed	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Oct. 6th	Communion Sunday	
	New Member Class begins	
	PW Meeting	11:30 am
Oct. 9th	Men's Group @ Izzys	6:30 pm
Oct. 10th	Fireside Circle	9:30 am
Oct. 13^h	Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
Oct. 18th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 pm
Oct. 21st	Stone Soup	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Oct. 29th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm

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Other Dates To Remember

Oct. 23rd - Presentation on Affordable Care Act by Kath Schonau (tentative)

October Choir Schedule

Wed. Practices – 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th

Sun. Rehearsals – 9:00 – 9:45 am

Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

Pastor's Pencil

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

The last Sunday in October is Reformation Sunday; honoring Martin Luther's posting of Ninety Five Theses on the Castel Church door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. Though simply wanting to reform the church, Martin Luther's bold act launched the Reformation. His "protest," which became the Protestant Revolution, held three main points: We are justified by faith alone and not by works. Each believer has access to God directly apart from any human intermediaries. The Bible is the supreme source of authority for both faith and life.

In Martin Luther's day the idea that we could interpret the Bible for ourselves was radical. Not even a powerful monarch had as much authority over your life as the Bible. In 2013, almost 500 years later, what is the authority of our lives? What do we base our decisions on? The Reformed Tradition answer is that we still have the Bible to turn to in prayer and reflection to guide us. This doesn't mean that the Bible is a book of rules or a manual for personal gratification and success. It means that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can discern God's will for us today, even in this hectic, fast paced, modern age.

Yours in gratitude for the gift of Holy Scripture,

Don

Prayer List

Church Triumphant

- ❖ Jean Barker
- ❖ Tom Haskell's brother...last of 4 siblings

Joys:

- ❖ Birth of Hannah Vey Schonau 8/28 – Don and Kath's granddaughter
- ❖ Birth of James Andrew Burran Jr. – grandson of Sam and Sandy Adams
- ❖ Don Merwin – successful surgery

Concerns:

- ❖ Isabella Potter – Transition to Lakeview Care Center

Youth & Missions:

- ❖ Marcus Luther – Teach To America
- ❖ Candice Mettle – studying in Germany

Local:

- ❖ Salmon fishermen – 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 volunteer substitutes in the office from 9:00 am to noon. Please contact the church office or Dave Heater at 541.265.2841. Training will be provided.

Food Pantry/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 needed items 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 House

Join us Wednesday, October 2nd at Local Ocean on Newport's bay front. Enjoy lunch or dinner at this local favorite and help our homeless community families at the same time. Local Ocean will donate 10% of the day's proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Family Shelter. Mark your calendars, put in your bulletins and phone a friend.



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 10th, at **Shirley Loeffel's** home (9626 SE Cedar Street, South Beach). **Carol Jones** will lead the meeting. Let's meet at the church at 9:00 a.m., for carpooling to Shirley's!

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, October 18th in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Two:

"God's Call to Serve"

Scripture: Exodus 2:11-4:17

Key Idea: Just as God called Moses despite his hesitation,
we too are called to service even though we may feel inadequate.

God's promise to Moses is also to us:
"I will be with you" (Ex. 3:12).



Newborn Necessities

Presbyterian Women Meeting

New Location: Westminster Conference Room

New Day: Sunday, October 6th

New Time: 11:30 a.m.

(CHILD CARE PROVIDED!!)

WE'RE MOVING!! In a departure from past years' scheduling, PW's meeting day/time/location for the 2013-2014 year will be moved from the 1st Friday to the 1st Sunday of our five designated meeting months (October, December, February, March and June), convening at 11:30 a.m., in the Westminster Conference Room. Please join us on Sunday, October 6th, for our business meeting, followed by a socially-themed program in which some of the history and legacy of Newport Presbyterian Women will be presented by Moderator **Clair Finnigan** with an invitation to each attendee to contribute by sharing PW memories, asking questions, and suggesting potential direction for our group.

Pam Merwin will present the mission goals for this year's "Thank Offering," which will be received at the meeting (*no giving guidelines are suggested, other than to "give as you are blessed"*). A large display on PW's bulletin board (across the hall from the Westminster Conference Room) presents more information about this important annual offering; also, a separate article, "Once Upon a Time ... PW's Thank Offering" appears elsewhere in this issue of **The Beacon**.

In a further departure from past years, **no luncheon is planned for this meeting**; so, bring your favorite refreshment from the Coffee-Hour, bring your friend(s), and share in the opportunities for fellowship and decision-making with your Presbyterian Sisters -- PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members) -- YOU WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED!!



Last month we received a wonderful assortment of baby items from Peggy Rosstica. It included 10 beautifully knitted baby blankets, twenty caps and a lovely baby sweater. Peggy was named "Knitter Extraordinaire" when she visited PW several years ago and we were able to thank her personally. Peggy was a friend of Barbara Cale.

ONCE UPON A TIME ...

PW's Thank Offering *

Once upon a time -- actually, 125 years ago, in 1888 -- Eliza Clokey challenged members of the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America to give one dollar above each member's usual contribution as a "thank offering to her Lord." After more than a century, her vision continues. The Thank Offering supports programs that relieve pain, provide clean water, alleviate homelessness, provide educational opportunities, and lift up lives throughout the world.

This year, Presbyterian Women continue that tradition by supporting 36 projects (27 in the United States and 9 internationally -- see detail on PW's bulletin board, across from the Westminster Conference Room). Each project must be consistent with the mission concerns and policies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have a purpose that meets basic human needs, provide a form of aid that relates directly to the people being served, and must be a creative project that is less than three years old or be a new direction for an existing program. Selections are based on merit, regardless of geographic location. At least 40% of each offering is designated for health ministries.

The theme for the 2013 Thank Offering* is: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did for me. --*Matthew 25:40b, TNIV*. Through the gifts of the Thank Offering, our Presbyterian Women offer hope to the world, confident in God's steadfast love for all humankind. We give as we are blessed, offering mercy to others, as God is merciful to us. *

LETTERS OF THANKS



*** The annual "gathering of the Thank Offering"
for Newport PW will be
at our Sunday, October 6th meeting.**

Thank-You's from Recipients of PW's Mission Gifts *

A listing of 2013 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts* appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). The September issue of ***The Beacon*** contained **excerpts** from some of the thank-you letters/notes received -- here are four more:

From Sally Bovett (Executive Director), Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County (HFHLC): " ... Thank you for your generous donation ... Since 1995 HFHLC has built 13 homes in Lincoln County ... just completed two homes on property in Waldport, Oregon, with additional homes planned for Siletz and Waldport ... We appreciate your support."

From Katherine Myers (Executive Director), Newport Food Pantry: " ... We so appreciate that you include us on the list of organizations that benefit from your hard work and prayers. As we enter our second year of Operation Backpacks and third year of Read & Feed, the needs of children here in Newport continue to be on our hearts and minds. Seniors on limited incomes continue to require emergency food ... working families with two and three jobs are still struggling to put enough nutrition on the table. Your donation will go a long way to help us meet the needs of Newport residents in need. ... "

From Suzette Boydston (Director), Senior Companion Program: "How can we ever thank you for your continued support ... such a blessing and a joy, 'specially coming from you all ... Your kind gift will help to support over 113 hours of service to our neighbors who have little or no assistance from anyone. Thank you, thank you!"

From Lincoln County Foster Parents Association (activities participation grants for two children): " ... Lincoln County Foster Parents appreciate your donations to help our kids participate in activities. Thank you so much!"

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

Planting Today to
Harvest Tomorrow



It's Stewardship time again!!

If you made a pledge to our church last year, thank you! We have been blessed with another good year thanks to your generosity and the Session's responsible use of funds. Thanks be to God!!

The flat roof is finished and appears to be doing its job. The little leak that kept the roofers puzzled was discovered to come from an old copper pipe thanks to the detective work of Bob Young and Bill Johnson. Thanks also to librarian Sharon Beardsley, who organized the books so that Bill Johnson could move them safely to storage.

With our Wills and Gifts Fund we have been able to have Mike Clark install 26 new vinyl windows and new outside posts in preparation for a complete outside painting by Frank Woods, *without* the need for a financial campaign.

As we look ahead to 2014, only God knows what the future holds, but at this time we do not expect much change. Our utilities could increase a bit and there may be another cost of living increase for the staff.

If you pledged last year, you will find a pledge card for 2014, in your 3rd Quarter Statement. If you did not pledge and would like a card, you may pick one up after Church in Geneva Hall, or contact the church office and we will mail you one.

Please return completed cards in an envelope to the church office marked, "Recording Secretary."

Thank you!!!

Congratulations!



James Andrew Burran Jr.

Born to Susan & Andy Burran

10 lb. 6 oz. – 23 ¼ in.

Grandparents are Sam and
Sandy Adams

Born 8-28-13, 8lb 20 inches

Hannah Vey Schonau

Congratulations to Jesse &
Martha, the proud parents and
to Kath & Don, the proud
grandparents.

From the Pantry:

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Thanks to so many cheerful givers, each and every time pantry doors opened this past summer; we had a glorious selection of freshly picked organic produce on the shelves. Pantry visitors enjoyed kale, collards, chard, orach, New Zealand spinach, apples, cabbage, grapes, zucchini, yellow squash, artichokes, celery, beets, turnips, and potatoes. An amazing amount of delicious nutrition went out the door with grateful people.

One of the marvelous benefits of having all these vegetables available is that people are able to experiment with foods with which they may not be familiar. Those living on fixed incomes often won't risk purchasing a fruit or vegetable their family might not enjoy. But, when it's offered at the pantry along with preparation suggestions, people are so enthusiastic about trying new things. This is such a blessing because, with 48,000 products in the average supermarket, there is a lot of competition for consumer attention and healthy products can remain overlooked. Pantry guests are now making comments such as, "I wish I had discovered kale a long time ago."

Thank you all for continuing to support the pantry with your prayers, gifts, and encouragement. You have made such a positive impact on so many people with your generosity.

New Member Classes begin Sunday October 6th and continue through October with New Members joining on Reformation Sunday, October 27th. See Don Taylor or Bob Loeffel for more information.



& Operation
Snackpakes



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

Kaitlyn Heater 1st
Avery Heater 1st
Susan Mills 1st
Kim Callahan 3rd
Tina Roberts 4th
Bob Young 6th
Alyssa Urquhart 7th
Elsie Flower 11th
Kathryn Adams 18th
Ross Martin 24th
Kathy Garner 25th
Matthew Haynes 28th
Rob Thompson 30th

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Beacon Deadline

for

November

is

Oct. 14th



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