

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Nov. 3rd	<i>Elders & Deacons Retreat</i>	<i>8:30 – 11:30 am</i>
	<i>Celtic Concert</i>	<i>7:00 – 9:00 pm</i>
Nov. 4th	<i>Communion Sunday</i>	
	<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	
Nov. 6th	<i>Election Day</i>	
Nov. 8th	<i>Fireside Circle</i>	<i>9:30 – 10:30 am</i>
Nov. 12th	<i>Veterans Day Observed – Office Closed</i>	
Nov. 14th	<i>Men's Group at Izzy's</i>	<i>6:30 – 7:30 pm</i>
Nov. 16th	<i>Fellowship Circle</i>	<i>1:30 – 2:30 pm</i>
Nov. 19th	<i>Stone Soup</i>	<i>4:30 – 7:00 pm</i>
	<i>DHS Dinner</i>	<i>9:00 am – 5:00 pm</i>
Nov. 22nd	<i>Thanksgiving – Office Closed</i>	
Nov. 25th	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	
Nov. 27th	<i>Session</i>	<i>7:00 – 8:30 pm</i>

November 2012

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Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45 am

No Practice 11/21

Pastor's Pencil

*They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.* Psalm 1:3

My guess is that most people prefer trees with leaves on them, particularly in the fall when the colors change, or in the spring when the fresh new green leaves emerge from a dormant winter. By the end of November, most leaves are gone; the bare trees stand empty, lonely limbs stretching out with nothing to show.



Bare trees are beautiful too though. Have you noticed? From a distance you can see their sturdy form and statuesque uniqueness, not visible when covered with leaves. The bark now takes on a stronger, husky look, like a knight's armour. Closer up the vivid, crusty shell, no longer shaded, proudly shows its rough lines and distinct personality.

Can trees be beautiful stripped of their leaves and fruit? Of course they can. In the majesty of God's creation there is beauty to be seen in every season. We may prefer them with leaves and fruit and through the magic of the seasons that time will come again. Let's not rush it, however. For now the trees are bare. What new mysteries have been uncovered?

Yours for a thankful November.
Don

Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- ❖ Heidi Affolter (Carey Collard's sister)

Joys:

Grandchildren:

- ❖ Macallan Lincoln Winchester (Dick & Judy Carkin)

Concerns:

- ❖ Connie Hildebrand – back issues
- ❖ Karen Bamer
- ❖ Jim & Pam Gamb – transitions & cancer treatment
- ❖ Elizabeth Eastman – transitions
- ❖ Marie Jelen – recovering from fall

Military & Relief Efforts:

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

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 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 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 House

Mark your calendars and spread the word as **Chalet Restaurant and Bakery** hosts Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, November 7th. This popular family-friendly restaurant will donate 15% of the day's proceeds to the homeless family shelter. Enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner, and of course, a piece of fresh pie, as you help our homeless families.



Presbyterian Women

No November meeting;
please join us for our next meeting
on Friday, December 7th *

* *R.S.V.P.*

PW's December 7th luncheon will be catered by Coca-Mocha Joe's.
Reservations (\$10 each) are required.
Please sign up with PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240)
on or before Friday, November 30th.

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 8th, at **Shirley Loeffel's** home (9626 SE Cedar Street, South Beach). **Peggy Bickford** 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, November 16th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Three:

"A Spiritual House and Household Matters"
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-10; 3 John 1-8

Key Idea(s):

God makes a house a home by forming the children of God into a dwelling fit for the Holy Spirit, with Christ as chief cornerstone.

When God's children extend genuine hospitality to others, they set God's household apart from all other earthly structures.

Rummage Sale

HELP WANTED !!

Rummage Sale Chairperson

Applications are being accepted for the position of 2013 Rummage Sale Chairperson. Although this annual event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women, it is produced by our entire congregation; therefore, we encourage both men and women of the church to apply ... and two individuals could co-chair!

Experience: Helpful, but not required (the PW Officers will serve as your Advisory Board).

Hours: Flexible each week from January 6th thru April 27th.

Rewards: Immeasurable gratitude from the hearts of all Presbyterian Women for making our annual mission goals* possible again for 2013, plus the unique fellowship created through this endeavor.

Questions? Contact PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240) on or before November 15, 2012.

**Proceeds will support: Our Church, Our Community, and Worldwide Missions.*

FOR THE CHILDREN Christmas 2012

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 2012 "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 (CAC) 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 11th (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!



HELP NEEDED

Knitters and crocheters are needed to make prayer shawls. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Pam Merwin**, 541-265-4095; **Shirley Scott**, 541-265-2768; **Lue Hoeft**, 541-265-5728; or **Doris Pickens**, 541-265-5557.

Moles are tearing up our front and back lawns. We desperately need a trapper. If we trap one or two the survivors will stay away. Directions come with the trap available at Fred Meyers. Contact **Jim Dunlap** or **Bill Johnson** if you will do this much needed service.

Jim & Pam Gamb's dogs (Tasha and Tran) need a good home. Their dog sitter has not been able to find them a good home. They need to go together as they are brother and sister, and have been together since birth. Half shiatsu and half Japanese chin. Very loving dogs. Very cuddly. **Daryl Allen** is the name of the dog sitter. Her number is tel: 541-272-1308.

LETTERS OF THANKS



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(More)

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

A listing of 2012 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 three more:

From **Karen Shores** (Executive Director), My Sisters' Place: "... Because of you, we were able to fulfill our mission, which is to support victims facing domestic violence, sexual assault and dating abuse in Lincoln County ... Thank you for your continued support of our program."

From **Lauren K. Jones** (Executive Director), Samaritan House: "... Your contribution is greatly appreciated and will be used to help provide our emergency and transitional shelter programs ... with your help we will continue to address the great need in our community."

From **Pam Salisbury** (Executive Director) and **Mark Miranda** (Board Chair), Lincoln County Childrens Advocacy Center: "... The Board of Directors and staff ... are grateful for your support that makes it possible for us to listen to the voices of the children in our community ... Thank you for making our work possible and changing the lives of these children. Without your continued support we would not be able to do what we do!"

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dennis Hawley 3 rd Marie Jelen 5 th Judy Carkin 7 th Mark & Cindy McConnell 10/1979 Neal Henning 20 th Steve & Sue Cole 1968 Jillian Thompson 27 th
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The Newport Food Pantry Marks One-Year Anniversary

In the first twelve months of operation, we distributed 171,133 pounds of food to 8,888 individuals. That means we sent an average of 900 pounds of food out the doors with 42 people every time we opened the doors. That does not include the food distributed through the bread line, which is accessible for anyone in need. The dedicated volunteers have logged well over 3,600 hours of service.

The garden continues to bring in fresh organically grown produce to put on the shelves. We grow varieties of potatoes that are not even available at the box stores. Kale, zucchini, spinach, snap peas, cabbage, chard, beets, turnips, lettuces, herbs, and even tomatoes have come out all season long. Next year, we expect the artichoke and raspberry plants to begin producing.

Last March, we hosted our first Read & Feed at Yaquina View. The program, organized and facilitated by **Charla Guiwits** of the Newport HELP Center, focuses on family literacy. Volunteers also prepare a healthy meal to share with the children and parents who attend. We are committed to this wonderful activity and will continue to host one per month during the 2012/2013 school year. Atonement Lutheran has been holding one at their facility for a number of years. This year Newport Nazarene has joined in, giving Newport three Read & Feed events each month for children to attend with their families.

Continuing with our focus on the needs of children, we have also become the distributing organization for Operation Backpacks, a program so beautifully started by **Jane Delle** and **Jessica Steenkolk**. So far this year, the number of children signed up to receive the weekend snacks is more than double that of last year. There are thousands of backpack programs taking place across the nation and statistics have proven that participating students benefit immensely. Attendance, school performance, and social skills all show dramatic improvements when children have access to food on the weekends. This makes it a win-win-win-win as their peers, teachers, and school administrators also become beneficiaries of the program.

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for so graciously allowing us to use so much of your property to feed hungry people in Newport. Your support, prayers, patience, and encouragement have helped make this first year possible. We look forward to seeing what this next year will bring.

Newport's Biggest Holiday Gift Festival Coming Saturday, December 1st

Looking for great gifts for giving this Christmas? On Saturday, December 1 at Newport Intermediate School you will have the ultimate shopping opportunity at the first annual *Coastal Craft – Chocolate – Coffee Christmas Classic*. Nearly fifty vendors will be on hand selling jewelry, art, glass works, woven rugs, creative children's gifts, pottery, women's hand bags, wood crafting and specialty foods plus chocolate and coffee vendors with free samples!

Lunch, featuring an award winning Shrimp Bisque, will be provided and proceeds benefiting *Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter*.

The event is one day only on Saturday, December 1st from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. At Newport Intermediate School, 825 N.E. 7th.

Admission will be by donation only with all proceeds benefiting homeless students through the *HELP Program of Lincoln County School District* and the *Newport Food Pantry*.



Light Up a Life

Light Up a Life is an annual service of Remembering and a Fund Raiser for Samaritan Pacific Hospice. We welcome persons submitting names of their loved ones who have died, this year or other years. This year we'll have live flute and harp music as well as turning on the Lights In the Healing Garden for the first time, at the close of the ceremony.

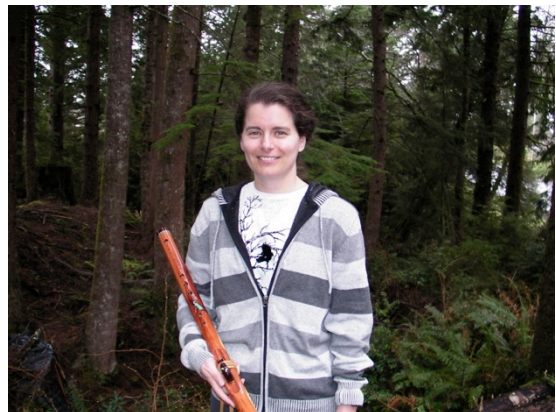
Join Samaritan Pacific Hospice for the annual Light Up a Life ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the Education Conference Room at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH). The ceremony provides an opportunity to remember patients cared for by Hospice staff this past year and other loved ones who have died.

In 2012, Samaritan Pacific Hospice has cared for more than 165 patients and their families in Lincoln County. At Light Up a Life, each patient's name will be read along with the names of other people to be remembered or honored. In addition, the ceremony includes a take home memento, live music, reflections from the hospice chaplain and light refreshments. It concludes with the illumination of Holiday Lights in the Ryan Healing Garden at SPCH, which will be lit throughout the winter months.

For more information, or to submit a name to be read at the ceremony, contact the Pacific Communities Health District

Foundation at (541) 574-1810. There is a suggested donation of \$25 for each name submitted. Funds raised assist in providing end of life care to patients in south Lincoln County and those who love them.

****** Featured this year is Mary-Beth Nickel, known to Lincoln County for her work with the Newport Community Drum Circle. Playing variety of Native American Flutes, the Celtic Lever Harp, and her own voice, Nickel will share original music created out of her listening with persons under Hospice Care, and in celebration of the lives of loved ones. Expect to here: "Raven's Walking Song", "Heaven Now, Heaven Later", "Other Side" and more.





Hello Pastor Don!

I hope this email finds you well. I know it has been quite some time since I last saw you, but I'm writing to you in hopes that you will be able to provide assistance.

I am currently attending Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. Recently, after the financial aid office reviewed my verification documents, I lost all of my need based aid, which totaled nearly \$6,000. At the instruction of counselors in the office, I am emailing you to ask for assistance from First Presbyterian Church. Here at PLU we have a scholarship matching program called "PLUMS." This program matches up to \$1,000 of what ever a church awards in a scholarship (which can be even the smallest amount). <http://www.plu.edu/financial-aid/widgets/documents-forms/items/forms/plums-application.pdf> The university is still accepting applications due to fund availability.

Due to losing my need-based aid I am now searching for alternatives to help cover my high tuition costs. I already have academic achievement awards and a theatre scholarship, but these funds alone do not cover my costs. While I have not been involved with the Church since high school, I was heavily influenced by my experiences growing up at FPC. I am now pursuing a minor in Religion and I attribute a large portion of my interest to the theological talks we engaged in during youth group.

I understand if there is no aid to assist me, but I appreciate your time looking over this email. You can contact me at any time with questions!

Thank you,
Krysta Morley
[541-264-0580](tel:541-264-0580)

* *This article has Session support.*

NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY

The following books were donated to the library:

Heaven Is For Real For Kids as told by *Colton Burpo to his parents, Todd and Sonja Burpo*. This book is based on the #1 New York Times Bestseller, **Heaven Is For Real**.

A Child's Book of Blessings compiled by *Sabrina Dearborn* and illustrated by *Olwyn Whelan*. This book can be enjoyed by young or old and explains about how special a blessing is.

Stories From the Bible: Joseph's Coat of Many Colors retold by *Kathryn Smith*. This favorite Bible story is written in modern language with appealing pictures. Parents will enjoy reading it aloud to their children.

I Talked To God Today is published by the International Bible Society. This book teaches about prayer and the Bible.

Taking Care of Aging Family Members: A Practical Guide by *Windy Lustbader and Nance Hooyman*. This book is written for professionals, families with aging members and senior citizens.



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