

THE BEACON



Upcoming Events

Jan. 1st	New Year's Day – Office Closed	
Jan. 6th	Guest Speaker – Luke Rembold	
	Recorder Society Concert	3:00 – 5:00 pm
Jan. 9th	Men's Group at Izzy's	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Jan. 10th	Fireside Circle	9:30 – 10:30 am
Jan. 11th	Young Couples potluck & movie	6:00 pm
Jan. 13th	Ordination & Installation of Deacons & Elders	
	Deacons Meeting	11:30 am
	New Members Class	11:30 am
Jan. 18th	Fellowship Circle	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Jan. 21st	MLK Day & Inauguration Day – Office Closed	
	Stone Soup	4:30 – 7:00 pm
Jan. 27th	New Members Presented	
	Chili Potluck Sunday	11:45 – 1:00

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Other Dates To Remember

Choir Practice:

Wednesday Practice: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00 – 9:45 am

No Practice 1/2/13

Caring for the Caregiver – Thursdays

Jan. 10th – Feb. 14th - 1-3 pm

Kerygma – Tuesdays

Jan. 15th – Feb. 12th – 4:00 pm

Rummage Sorting – Fridays

Jan. 11th, 18th, 25th - 9:00 am

Pastor's Pencil

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Ephesians 1:3-4

Will 2013 be an unlucky year? According to Stress Management consultant Donald Dossey, the fear of 13 is strong in today's world. More than 80 percent of high-rises lack a 13th floor; most airports skip the 13th gate, while hospitals and hotels have no room number 13. Friday the 13th afflicts 17 to 21 million people in the United States, every year.

If you are superstitious, you won't like this coming year. Blessed with the gift of faith however, we remember that God's plan for us transcends all years, both the lucky and the unlucky. With faith, we can face whatever comes our way with hope and love.

Yours for a lucky 2013,

Don



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Prayer List

Church Triumphant:

- ❖ Larry Bridge
- ❖ Karen Bamer

Joys:

- ❖ Beth Matthewson & Marianne Mendenhall – Rummage Sale co-chairs
- ❖ Children's Christmas Pageant

Concerns:

- ❖ Kathy Myers – recovery and healing from surgery
- ❖ Jim & Pam Gamb – transitions & cancer treatment
- ❖ 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

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 House

Great news! Mo's will host the January Dine Out for Samaritan House at two locations this year. Original Mo's on Newport's Bayfront as well as Mo's on the beach in Lincoln City will donate 20% of the day's proceeds to Samaritan House, Lincoln County's only homeless family shelter. Join us as we ring in the new year, Wednesday, January 2, 2013 for great seafood for a great cause.



Presbyterian Women

No January PW Meeting;
 please join us for our next meeting
 on
 Friday, February 1st *

* 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.

Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 10th (*hostess and location to be determined -- please contact **Gladys Snedecor** -- 541/574-8703*).

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

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Five:

"The Ties That Bind"

Scripture: *1 Peter 3*

Key Idea(s): In God's household, all relationships, including marital relationships, are called to model noncoercive love. A part of our discernment process, as we encounter the text in this lesson, involves uncovering aspects of its message that allow for the possibility of a more egalitarian understanding of godly male/female relationships.

Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership 2012-2013 Recipients

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women honors an individual's faithful service in some area of church work. Men, women, moderators, leaders, teachers, officers, pastors, missionaries and staff have received this honor.

During our Sunday, November 18th worship service, **The Reverend Dr. Donald W. Taylor** and our **Youth and Media Minister David C. Heater** were each presented a pin and a certificate as Newport PW's honorees for 2012-2013 -- with love and gratitude for their ongoing and never-failing support for each of our church family, and with special recognition of their loyal sustainment of the purpose and mission of Presbyterian Women.

A poster honoring Don and Dave is featured on PW's bulletin Board (across from the Westminster Conference Room). The poster also displays the names of past recipients of this honor.

FOR THE CHILDREN Christmas 2012

"GIFTS FOR KIDS"

Christmas Mission 2012 Accomplished!

From our hearts to yours -- thank you from Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee to our Presbyterian Community -- you've ensured that 147 at-risk children in Lincoln County under the protection of the Lincoln County Children's Advocacy Center (LCCAC) and the Child Welfare Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) received a gift to open at Christmas-time!

Our benefactors who love to shop "adopted" and lovingly selected gifts for a total of 98 children; our benefactors who find it difficult to shop made generous cash donations, with which our own First Presbyterian Youth (FPY) carefully custom-shopped for a total of 49 children. Making thoughtful age/gender selections were the following members of FPY and their adult advisors: **Sydney Brucha, Cheney Chrisman, John Graveline, Baylee Layton, Austin Ligon, Jake Massie, Robert K. Pratt III, Luke Rembold, Kady Kirkendall, and "Gifts For Kids" co-Chairs Barbara and Art Bradley.** Presbyterian Women extend grateful recognition to each "Shopper Extraordinaire;" also, to Sue and Bill Taylor of Sandcastle Toys for allowing a discount for this mission, and again to our generous and caring benefactors whose donations made it all possible!!

AN FYI concerning monetary donations: In order to allow time sufficient to accomplish the "adoptions" and shopping (by FPC/FPY) plus the gift inspections, wrappings and deliveries (by LCCAC AND DHS), the list of children must be furnished to our Committee each year in October; inevitably, though, more children are admitted to the system in the months of November and December. The "Gifts For Kids" Committee carefully monitors the donation amounts in order to balance what is received against the cost of FPY's shopping for those not chosen from our list; however, although our goal is not to ask for more than is needed, it is impossible to collect what is needed to the exact penny. Question: What happens to any extra amount received? Answer: Priority dedication is to additional gifts for the November/December-entry children; any further amount remaining is deposited in LCCAC's New Clothing Fund.*

** The New Clothing Fund was a long-time dream
of the Children's Advocacy Center,
for those children who enter the system
lacking essential wearing apparel.
The fund's seed money was provided in 2005
by our "Gifts For Kids" benefactors!*

Our annual "Gifts For Kids" Christmas mission is PW-sponsored, but it is made possible through your love and generosity -- our heartfelt gratitude to you, not only for the gifts received, but for the ongoing gifts of your prayers for these very special children.



Letters of Thanks

LETTERS OF THANKS



A Thank-You to Presbyterian Women from Don Taylor
(co-Recipient of PW's 2012-2013 Honorary Life Membership Award)

You completely caught me by surprise! Kath said I looked stunned! Thank you very much for honoring Dave and me with the PW Honorary Life Membership. It's now up on my wall right next to my computer screen where everyone can see it!

A Thank-You to Presbyterian Women from Dave Heater
(co-Recipient of PW's 2012-2013 Honorary Life Membership Award)

Thank You! What a surprise last Sunday to receive the PW award. I mean surprised !! The PW brings so much energy and love to this church, and I am blessed and happy to be associated with all you do.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lue Hoeft 5th
Robert Ohm 8th
Marla Hawley 12th
Piper Thompson 14th
Mark McConnell 14th
Arlyne Johns 15th
Alex Urquhart 16th
Chris Lawrence 16th
Jan Eastman 20th
Doris Pickens 26th
Wendy Wilde 26th
Chris Rogers 27th
Keith & Pat Harcourt 25th





A Community Food Share Mission

Thank you from The Newport Food Pantry

Jim and I had a wonderful thing happen a few weeks ago. We became the recipients of a beautiful prayer shawl knitted by Shirley Scott. We were both very touched and immediately found a permanent home for it in our living room. I'm not sure if those who distribute the shawls know just how much comfort that gift brought to us as we awaited my first ever surgery. But God's blessings don't depend on whether or not people received the memo that a particular person is in need.

I've witnessed that time and again at the food pantry. People never get to see the individual lives they've touched with their gifts. There's a woman who struggles to feed her family because her husband became seriously ill and his disability payments haven't started. Another woman is taking care of her two children plus a niece and nephew who otherwise would not have a place to live. And another suddenly lost her job and has two young children she's raising all by herself. I wish all the people who give to the pantry could see and hear how much their generosity blesses each and every person who comes through the doors. Just like the person who knitted the shawl was probably not aware of my specific needs you may not know the stories of the people who visit the pantry. But you provide untold blessings for them nonetheless. Thank you.



Rijken family says “Thanks” on Golden Anniversary of Immigration

Dear Friends,

It has been 50 years since my family and I emigrated from Europe to the United States. That milestone in the Rijken family history is one we have always considered golden and it was all possible because of the First Presbyterian Church of Newport.

For those of you who weren't around at that time, we were very well settled in a coastal town much like Newport on the northwestern shore of Holland. My parents were doing well financially in The Netherlands and, other than the accepted discrimination toward people of color in Europe in the 1960's, we had little reason to leave that country.

But my father, Max, wanted to provide a better life for his family. To the rest of the world America was a land of promise and opportunity. Pop was an insurance executive in Holland and mom, Emmy, was able to stay at home and raise 4-year old Hedy (me). My brother, Sam, was a teenager and smitten with all things American, like Elvis, Chevys, the duck-tail hairstyle and peg-legged pants.

Pop did some research at a time when the internet wasn't even an idea and discovered Newport was much like our hometown in Holland. So Newport-bound we would become. But to come here, we had to have a sponsor. The First Presbyterian Church of Newport family became our sponsors and mentors.

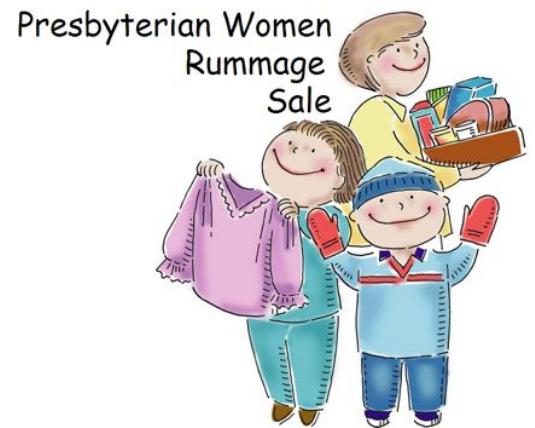
So many people helped us assimilate and thrive in our new home. We learned to be Americans from fellow church members. People here were generous and gracious in helping us in every way. You helped us find our first apartment and got Pop his first job. You helped us learn a new language and tutored us on subjects required to earn our citizenship. You showed us how to do basic things, like bank, shop, find a doctor and get a drivers license. And you helped mom welcome baby Randy, my American-born brother soon after we arrived. These may seem so simple to American-born citizens, but were mountainous tasks to non-English speakers like us. And so many of you helped Pop and me to win our elections to the Oregon Legislature.

We hope we have been able to return the faith you had in us through our service in government and community volunteerism, and through my two brothers' service, until their retirement, in the U.S. military.

Like most immigrants, we worked to be good citizens in our new home. There have been bumps in the road along the way, but without the support of the First Presbyterian Church of Newport, our lives would have been less rich and meaningful. I speak for the boys when I say “thanks” to you all for your generous support of our family.

Warm wishes for the new year – Hedy Rijken

Rummage Sale



RUMMAGE REV-UP

Four "Pleases" and Two Big "Thank-You's"

1. **PLEASE save your Fridays for us!** Beginning Friday, January 11th (9:00 a.m. - ?), **YOU** are invited to help us sort rummage donations each Friday morning through April 19th. 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!
2. **PLEASE wait until Sunday, January 6th** 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 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).
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*).

OUR BIG THANK-YOU #1

goes to Beth Mathewson and Marianne Mendenhall,
who will be co-chairing our 2013 Sale!!

OUR BIG THANK-YOU #2

goes to our Presbyterian family for its
loyalty and enthusiasm for this annual event!!

2013 Rummage Sale Dates:

April 25 - 27th

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

Elders

2015

Bill Johnson

Linda Mosley

Kristin Yuille-Green

Bob Young

2014

Steve Cole

Jill Luther

Don Merwin

2013

Sam Adams

Mike Eastman

Jim Dunlap

Steve Chrisman

Deacons

2015

Maxene Bahr

Dave Perry

Parmalee Perry

Marguerite Sanchez

2014

Nancy Cox

Stuart Clausen

Trisha Henson

Rebecca Wright

2013

Dick Carkin

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Lue Hoeft

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Beacon Deadline

for

February

is

January 7th.



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