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Dec. 1st	Christmas Presence -Advent Study—7:00 pm Guest Speaker—Bobbie Lippman
 Dec. 3rd	Presbyterian Women - Christmas Program 12:00 noon
Dec. 5th 	2nd Sunday of Advent - Communion
Dec. 8th	Christmas Presence - Advent Study-7:00 pm Men's Group at Izzy's—6:30pm Guest Speaker—Bob Dougherty
Dec. 9th	Fireside Circle - 9:30 am
Dec. 15th	Christmas Presence- Advent Study- 7:00 pm
Dec. 17th	Fellowship Circle- 1:30 pm
Dec. 20th	Stone Soup- St. Stephen's - 4:30 
Dec. 21st	Blue Christmas Service- 7:00 pm
Dec. 22nd	Tea at Ocean View - 3:00 Christmas Presence- Advent Study- 7:00 pm
Dec. 24th 	Christmas Eve- Lessons & Carols— 7:00 pm



Pastor's Pencil

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. John 1:10

What's the difference between Christmas Presents and Christmas Presence? The first are bright, happy gifts we give to our loved ones and friends at Christmas time. The second is the experience of the eternal one who miraculously appeared in flesh among us and remains forever spiritually present, even though we might not know it.

This Advent Season, beginning December 1st, I'm going to offer a Wednesday evening study at 7:00 pm on *Christmas Presence*. How can we be more certain and aware of the Biblical promise that Jesus is *Emmanuel*, "with us," always? This time together will include scripture, poetry, prayer, and hopefully lots of discussion.

Everyone is welcome.

Yours for a mysterious and surprising Advent Season,

Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study



Dec. 5th:	Isa. 11:1-10; Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom. 15:4-13; Matt. 3:1-12
Dec. 12th:	Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt. 11:2-11
Dec. 19th:	Isa. 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom. 1:1-7; Matt. 1:18-25
Dec. 26th:	Isa. 63:7-9; Ps. 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2:13-23

Prayer List

Joys:

- Birth of **Maxwell James Voetberg** (1st grandchild for Jim & Kim Voetberg)

Church Triumphant:

- **Doug Shaller**

Concerns:

- **Rogan Weinert** (Grandson of Betty Schwartz— lymphoma)
- **Doris Pickens** (healing from fall)
- **Olive Triplett**
- **Kathy Rich**
- **Sandy Adams** (foot surgery)
- **Karen Bamer** (Daughter of Marguerite Sanchez—recurring cancer)
- **Mason Carney** (Great grandson of Connie Hildebrand-recovering from surgery)
- **Toni Mueller** (eye infection)



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*.

The white **Baby Basket** decorated with pink and blue ribbon next to the **Food Share 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.



**Opportunities
for Service
within our
Church &
Community**

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**.

Interested in being involved in Stone Soup? The church is currently looking for a volunteer to direct Stone Soup. Call the church office if interested.



Dine Out for Samaritan House

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"Mark your calendars to ring in the holidays with a visit to **Georgie's Beachside Grill**, Wednesday, December 1st. A Newport favorite, Georgie's will donate 20 percent of the days proceeds to Samaritan House Homeless Shelter."



Church Financial Report

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September Operating Income Budgeted \$18,289.
 September Operating Income Received \$16,964.

Year through September Operating Income Budgeted \$164,607.
 Year through September Operating Income Received \$147,258.

Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received to date -- behind \$17,349.

January through September Actual Expenses \$148,837.

2010 Budget

Personnel	\$157,571.64
Operating Expense	\$51,904.44
Mission Giving	\$10,000.00
Total	\$219,476.08

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jean Barker 2nd
 John Reh fuss 3rd
 Pam Schindler 4th
 Agnes Thompson 5th
 Isabella Potter 10th
 Drake Dougherty 13th
 Eloise Rogers 14th
 Ella Chrisman 24th
 Vivian Johnson 24th
 Ruby Cooper 31st



Casey & Kathryn Hawes 29th



Parish Nurse



Our **Parish Nurse** is available **every Tuesday from 10:30am to Noon** for blood pressure checkups, referral sources, and questions about health concerns. For an appointment or more information call 265-5557. Drop-ins are welcome!

Our Parish Nurse would like a volunteer to step up and volunteer for this very rewarding position. If interested please call **Doris Pickens** at 541-265-5557.

Creation Care & Eco-Justice News

Eco-Justice “Soup, Salad, and Speakers” January 30th



The Eco-Justice Team has set Sunday afternoon, **January 30th**, for the annual **“Soup, Salad, and Speakers”** event to educate ourselves about caring for God’s Creation. We are working on getting some great speakers ----- perhaps on global climate issues and alternative energy sources. This is the Sunday before the Super Bowl, so there’s no football games competing with the event. As in the past, the Team will prepare some healthy soups and salads from locally grown foods, and organically grown as well. We’ve had some great food and great speakers in past years, so mark your calendars!

Thank You



Many thanks to **Gladys Hartsel** who has served as our Treasurer. We thank her for the time and commitment she has given to the job.

The Session is now receiving applications for the position of Treasurer.

Choir News

FPC Chancel Choir Schedule Advent 2010

- 12/1 - 5:30-6:30 Wednesday Choir Practice
- 12/5 - 9:00-9:30 Sunday Choir Rehearsal
- 12/8 - 5:30-6:30 Wednesday Choir Practice
- 12/12 - 9:00-9:45 Sunday Choir Rehearsal
- 12/15 - 5:30-6:30 Wednesday Choir Practice
- 12/19 - 9:00-9:45 Sunday Choir Rehearsal



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Geneva Hall

Friday - December 4th

Luncheon PROMPTLY at Twelve-Noon

Program PROMPTLY at 12:30 p.m.



Music ! Merriment !! Mirth !!! ... all that and MORE will be in abundance as our own "songbird" **Toni Mueller** sings joyous Christmas carols FOR us and WITH us at our December meeting! Devotions will be given by **Jane Haskell**, and December Hostesses **Carol Jones** and **Ruthie McLeod** will serve you a delicious salad. Remember that PW meetings are open to ALL women in the church (members and non-members), and we cordially welcome guests; so, bring your friend(s), bring your own sandwich(es), and enhance your holiday spirit with our musical program and the warm fellowship of your Presbyterian Sisters!.



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, December 9th, at **Gladys Snedecor's** home (3338 NE Coos Street, Newport). **Sara Brown** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, December 17th, in the Westminster Room. **Ruthie McLeod** will both hostess and lead the meeting.



Women's Circle

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Four:

"Diagnosing the Crises of Empire"

Scripture: Revelation 6

Key Idea: The frightening images that come from the opening of the first six seals reveal to John's audience and to us the dangers of an unjust empire.

Congratulations

*Congratulations to **Rhonda Harman** on her new position at Atonement Lutheran Church as Director of Family Ministry.*



Rummage Sale News

"READY-ING" FOR RUMMAGE

Beginning Sunday, January 2nd, your (CLEAN!!) rummage will be welcomed and appreciated. Our weekly sorting-sessions begin Friday, January 7th, and will continue each Friday thereafter through April 1st.

Pick a card -- ANY card -- and take it home with you! A supply of 5"x4" cards specifying what NOT to donate will be continuously posted in three places (Geneva Hall, Calvin Room Door, and PW Bulletin Board) ... they have been prepared especially for YOUR convenience, so we invite you to take one home and keep it (on your fridge? ... in your glove compartment?) to remind you of those items that we CANNOT ACCEPT. Until you can pick up your card, here's a quick review of what NOT to donate: textbooks, old encyclopedias, dated magazines (such as news magazines and National Geographic), mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, pianos, organs, Christmas garland, personal toiletries (soaps, lotions, toothpaste, perfumes, etc.), medicines, pesticides, opened paint, other hazardous waste products ... (AND AGAIN THIS YEAR): absolutely NO exercise equipment; NO computer configurations and/or peripherals (CPU'S, Monitors, Keyboards, Printers); NO TV's, Copy Machines, Fax Machines.



In making your donation decisions, please keep in mind that the success of our Sale is directly dependent on QUALITY ... we do not offer items that are soiled, torn, incomplete, broken, etc. Please understand that if you bring us such items, you are creating a hardship in terms of time and effort for our sorters, and a further hardship in terms of the charges we must pay to have them hauled away. We ask for your thoughtfulness and cooperation in this regard. Questions? Call Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867).

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 7 - 9, 2011

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

Letters of Thanks

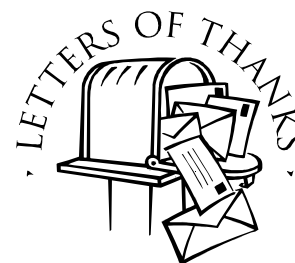
I would like to thank you all for your prayers during my recent corrective procedure to stop the occasional heart arrhythmia that was worrisome to the doctor and me. The procedure was done on 9/16 on an out-patient basis, with a follow up in a few weeks. I am now back to work, happy to have that behind me. Thank you again for your prayers.

Sharon Siegfried



Many thanks with sincere gratitude for your kindness. You have all been so friendly, gracious and welcoming to us. Hope to see you in Aug. & Sept. 2011. Thanks and blessings,

Jayne & Larry Bridge



Deacon's Corner

As the 2010 Deacons finish their term; we owe a big thanks to those who have served our church for three years. **Kathy Garner** has served as secretary of the deacons for three years and **Shirley Scott** has served two terms by assisting with communion and Celebration of Life Receptions. **Judy and Dick Carkin** have visited weekly at Oceanview, plus others who have needed encouragement. Also **Dick** has been coordinating transportation needs in our church and is now serving as treasurer. Deacons can serve two terms and **Dick and Judy** have agreed to serve for another three years. Please thank these people for their service.



Cookie Brigade met on Oct. 28th and sent 4 boxes of cookies to our college freshmen at various colleges—**Kyra Young** at Oregon State, **Ross Martin** at University of Hawaii, **Krista Morley** at Pacific Lutheran and **Lou Hoeft's grandson** at University of Washington. If you have any service people in your family serving overseas who would appreciate a box of cookies, please call the church office with their name and address. We appreciate all those who provide and pack cookies. If you are interested in doing this, please call or e-mail **Pat Harcourt** at 541-765-2474 or patharcourt@centurytel.net. The next Cookie Brigade will be Feb. 10, 2011.

Gifts For Kids Mission

FOR THE CHILDREN

"Gifts For Kids" Christmas Mission 2010

A gift each for a total of 139 children (73 boys and 66 girls) who are 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) -- that is the goal of our Presbyterian Women's "Gifts For Kids" Committee for Christmas 2010.

Can we do it? With your help, yes we can! Please meet us at our "adoption" table in Geneva Hall after Sunday's worship service. We'll be there each Sunday until each child on our list is assured of a gift ... possibly the only one he/she will receive.

If shopping is difficult for you, your tax deductible check (payable to LCCAC) will be welcomed (no amount too small or too large!!). We are grateful for your help, and for your prayers for these very special children. Questions? Contact Committee Co-Chairs **Barbara** and **Art Bradley** (765-2272) or **Martha Sneller** (265-3471).



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Plant A Row On 12th Street

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A special thank you to **Al Eames** and **Barry McPherson** for all the hard work they did getting the “plant a row” beds ready for spring. On October 9, **Al** plowed more than 3,000 square feet of space for the garden. And, he did it in the pouring rain. On October 30, **Al** and **Barry** spread yards and yards of compost and moved three raised bed frames over from the Food Share property.

On a recent visit to the Florence Food Pantry, **Jim and Kathy Myers** met with Executive Director, **Karen Lyn**, a wonderful lady with a big heart for people in need. The Florence facility is fortunate enough to rent a huge amount of space from New Life Lutheran Church for the whopping sum of \$1 per year. Not only do they have a nice building on the property that houses a food pantry which allows for clients to, with assistance, do their own “shopping”, but they are also able to grow a large amount of fresh vegetables in the 15 or so raised beds they have in their backyard. Karen said that the produce they grow, which includes kale, all sorts of lettuces, beets, carrots, onions, leeks, collards, tomatoes, and squash, flies off the shelves. Clients are so grateful to have access to healthy edibles.

We are also grateful to **Ed Hume of Ed Hume Seeds** and **Rose Marie Nichols of Nichols Garden Nursery**, who both have generously offered to donate some seeds to get us started. Additional funds are necessary for the ongoing operation of the garden. We are asking for individuals to sponsor one or more of the 15 garden plots in which we will be growing vegetables. Interested parties can sponsor a plot for a donation of \$75 per year. Please contact **Jim Myers** at **541-270-0892** or 12thstreetplantarow@charter.net.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the kindness of all those who are involved in this endeavor.



New Members To Our Church

Paige Schindler

My name is Paige Schindler. I was born in Newport, Oregon and am now a sophomore at Newport High School. I enjoy theater and photography. I'm slowly teaching myself to play the guitar. I value my friendships and am working hard in school. My favorite classes are Journalism and Writing 121

This past year my relationship with God has grown tremendously and I can't wait to be a part of the church.



Pamela Schindler

Pamela was born in 1957 in Corvallis, Oregon to Vernon and Alberta Damm. She was the second of 5 children and lived in Corvallis until age 10 when the family moved to Beaverton, Oregon. She graduated from Beaverton High School in 1976.

Pamela's education continued when she went back to Corvallis to attend Oregon State University. She graduated from there with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. She later attended Pacific University in Forest Grove where she gained a Bachelor of Science Occupational Therapy in 1989.

After moving around and working in California she returned to Oregon and married Eric Schindler in 1995. A daughter Paige was born later in that year. Pamela has worked in many areas of occupational therapy including burns, pediatrics and psychiatry. She has worked in home health and Hospice for the past 12 years.

Her favorite activities include time with the family and friends, volunteering in community, cooking, sewing and quilting.

Pamela has attended First Presbyterian Church off and on since Paige was 3 years old. She is now ready, in fact anxious to join this church



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