

The Beacon

First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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March 5th 	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING World Day of Prayer, service at 1:00 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
March 7th 	CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN Barbara Cale brings the Message March is Women's History Month
March 14th 	DEACON SUNDAY Join us for "Care Alert" a special panel to help us care for one another. Daylight Savings Time Begins! Join us for more than just lunch.
March 17th 	ST. PATRICK'S DAY Celebrate one of the Patron Saints of Ireland
April 1-4th 	HOLY WEEK April 1: Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm April 2: Good Friday Service 12:00pm April 3: Great Vigil of Easter Service 7:00pm Sunday, April 4th: Easter

Pastor's Pencil

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

NRSV John 15:13

Early in Cormac McCarthy's agonizing novel, *The Road*, a father trying to protect his son in a desolated world ponders, *If only my heart were stone.*

In the midst of grieving worry, it is a poignant realization. If our hearts were stone, we wouldn't suffer the pain of our loved ones. If our hearts were stone, we could simply get on with our lives, unaffected by the cruelties that prey upon those we care about.

Most of us have no choice. Our hearts may be hardened by life, but we know that as long as they beat we will still feel the sadness of this strange existence.

A curious mystery of Lent is considering the fact that God did have a choice. God did not have to become human. God could have remained aloof. In Christ however, God chose to have a human heart to face and feel all the misery and pain life could offer.

Why do we suffer? That is one of the most crucial questions of all. Why did God choose to suffer? That too is a critical mystery, of which a key part to the answer is love.

Yours for an enriching Lent.



Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study

- March 3rd:** Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- March 10th:** Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- March 17th:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
- March 24th:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40
- March 31st:** Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12



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.

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.



Student Donations Needed

We need blankets, sweatshirts, and heavy coats for homeless students and families. Items can be left at the church office.

Thank you, Robert Park

**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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Peggy Bickford 2nd

Bob Bickford 9th

Jim Gamb 10th

Jesse Schonau-Taylor 12th

Jacob Schonau-Taylor 14th

Shirley Loeffel 17th

Kath Schonau 19th

Rhonda Harman 20th

Gladys Snedecor 22nd

Theresa Young 24th

Lois Lederman 25th

Hedy Rijken 26th



Jim & Pam Gamb 17/72

Barry & Denise McPherson 10/73

The Beacon Newsletter Team

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Dine Out for Samaritan House

The **Chowder Bowl at Nye Beach** will sponsor the March Dine Out for Samaritan House. They will contribute **50** percent of proceeds **Wednesday, March 3, 2010**. Open 11-8, 541-265-7477 for questions.



Prayer Listing for First Presbyterian

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

- Steven Mince (19 year-old grandson of Gwen & Bill Mince)
- Mark Darrington (friend of Betty Schwartz)
- Sue Satterfield
- Mary Ellen Petersen
- Peggy Olson (friend of Marianne Mendenhall)
- Bob Hafner (friend of Mike Eastman)
- Alan Adams
- Charles Poling
- Melea Hawley (friend of DK Beemer)
- Sigrid Guiher (Carol Hall's mother)
- Doug Latta
- Gene Bateman
- Murial Penznecker (Olive Triplett's daughter, Clair Finnigan & Pat Neal's sister)

- Catherine McEachern (beloved relative of Velma Burket)
- Rev. Harold Kurtz (friend of Merwins)
- Greg Seems (Neva Stewart's brother)

CONCERNS:

- 2.17.10 Della Brunt (friend of Neva Stewart-cancer recurrence)
- 2.03.10 Fred Fisher (friend of Lou Yardumian-cancer surgery); John Alexander (friend of Maxene Bahr); Two teachers who lost their jobs; Steve and Hazel Klen (friends of Pamela Schindler-battling cancer); Jerry Steib (health); Rhonda Harmon (fall); Linda (daughter-in-law of Marianne Mendenhall-cancer); Peggy (Marianne's cousin-cancer); John Murray (friend of Don Merwin-cancer)

1.27.10 Arnie Carlson (life transitions)

1.20.10 The people of Haiti; Dan Haddon (brother of Toby Sanchez-surgery)

1.17.10 Pvt. Whitney Bollman (granddaughter of Mary & Don Kuenzli-serving in Iraq); Cindy Hogman (battling cancer while her husband Sgt. Gary Hogman serves in Iraq)

1.13.10 Need a volunteer to direct Stone Soup; Bill Elam (father of Susan Mills-pleurisy); Al Steffen (gall bladder)

1.03.10 Dan Blewitt (friend of Martha Sneller's-brain surgery); Joyce Paulsen (friend of Linda Dehaven-bladder cancer); Steven Wilson (friend of Susan Mills-life transitions); Pvt. Whitney Bollman (granddaughter of Don & Mary Kuenzli-serving in Iraq); Lorel (Merwin's friend-cancer reoccurrence)



Pray Without Ceasing

Deacon Sunday

“Care Alert”

What would you do if you had a sudden illness or accident?

Help is available to manage chronic illnesses.

Helpful hints in making your home safe.

The Deacons on **March 14th** will provide a light lunch following the church service at 11:30.

Our own **Kath Schönau** along with **Lindee Cunningham** from Pacific Communities hospital share -

- Care resources and services available in Lincoln County
- Hints on making your home safe
- A question and answer period and,
- Support that the church can provide

Please join us as we learn to care for each other in Christ's name.



Deacons at Work

Presbyterian Women Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Friday, March 5th

12:00-Noon-Sharp!!

World Day of Prayer Commemoration

Please pack a brown-bag lunch and join us in Geneva Hall -- your beverages will be provided by **Jan Bauer & Eunice Forinash**. *Because time will be of the essence*, we'll have a brief business meeting during lunch, which will include presentation of the 2010-2011 slate of officers; then, we'll car-pool to Sacred Heart Catholic Church (927 N Coast Highway in Newport) for the annual World Day of Prayer ecumenical service beginning at 1:00 p.m. As we look forward to uniting with women from other community churches, we extend a special invitation to all women of our church to share in this inspirational world-wide observance, the theme of which is: "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God," written by the women of Cameroon. *Note: We are encouraged to wear bright colored clothing to the service as an homage to the people of Cameroon.*



Circle Meetings

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, **March 11th**, at **Shirley Loeffel's** home (9626 SE Cedar Street, South Beach). 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, **March 19th**, in the Westminster Room. **Olive Triplett** will hostess the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Seven

"God's Concern for Justice: The Cities of Refuge"

Scripture: Joshua 20:1-9; 21:13-41

Key Idea: Scripture shows us that justice is a mandate from God for all who wish to live faithful lives.

Rummage



RUMMAGE REVIEW

Raffle Items: Our 2010 Sale will feature raffles for a beautiful quilted throw, and for two (2) \$100 gift cards (2 Drawings/2 Winners) to Fred Meyer's. Ticket pre-sales (\$1 = 1 ticket; \$5 = 6 tickets) will begin during coffee hour in Geneva Hall on Sunday, **March 7th**, and will continue through the first two days of the Sale. Drawings for the winning tickets will be at 3:30 p.m., on the second day of the Sale (Friday, April 23rd), and you need not be present to win!

Placard Posting: On March 24th, we'll kick off our advertising campaign! Step #1 is positioning posters advertising the Sale in strategic locations around Newport and beyond. The usual public bulletin board locations will be utilized, but if YOU know of a business that would permit one of our posters in its window (or otherwise displayed), please tell Publicity Chair **Martha Sneller** (265-3471). If you would like to help distribute posters, just let Martha know how many you need.

Cheers for our Volunteers! It takes our entire congregation to produce a successful Sale -- this means **WE NEED YOU !!** Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room) for a complete listing of Department Chairpersons and their phone numbers -- call the person in charge of the department you'd like to help. If you don't have a department preference, contact Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867). *Please keep in mind that if you are unable to help during the Sale, there are also set-up and clean-up opportunities available for you; **ALSO**, the snack-foods that some of you bring in to sustain the energies of our volunteers during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of "Rummage Week" are always greatly appreciated!*

Needed: Chairpersons for the Men's Clothing Department and the Housewares Department!! You could chair the department alone, or you could co-chair with your spouse or another friend.

Needed: 70 (yes, that's Seventy!!) Homemade Pies to sell (slices of) in our Dining Room on Thursday and Friday of the Sale. You'll find a sign-up sheet on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room), together with some guidance concerning Health Department restrictions.

Needed: CLEAN and SALEABLE rummage! The key attraction to our rummage sales has always been our policy that we do not offer items that we would not select for ourselves; i.e., clothing must be CLEAN and free from stains, holes and rips/tears; appliances must be CLEAN and workable, etc., etc. Your donations are greatly appreciated, but we respectfully ask that you examine what you donate, and save us the time and expense of discarding unmarketable items.

NOooo-Thanks ... (once more, here's a review of what NOT to donate): Exercise equipment, TV's, copy machines, fax machines, computer configurations/peripherals (CPU's, monitors, keyboards, printers), items that are soiled and/or torn, items that do not work or that have missing parts, textbooks (unless current) old encyclopedias, dated magazines (such as news magazines and National Geographics), mattresses, refrigerators, stoves, pianos, organs, Christmas garland, personal toiletries (soaps, lotions, toothpaste, perfumes, etc.), medicines, pesticides, dyes, opened paint and other hazardous waste products (again, please save us the time and expense of discarding what cannot be sold).

Two suggested times to bring your donations: (1) Fridays at 9:00 a.m.; (2) Sundays as you come to church. **Exceptions:** Please delay bringing your large items (furniture, etc.) until Monday, (April 19th) of "Rummage Week," and please delay bringing your plant donations for the Garden Department until Tuesday afternoon (April 20th) of "Rummage Week."

Please join us any/every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., for our weekly sorting of rummage donations. It generally takes a couple of hours or so (no heavy lifting involved), and it's a unique opportunity for fellowship!

Recycling Opportunities: (1) Please save your plastic bags (any size) for us -- we'll use them during the Sale to sack up our shoppers' bargains! (2) Please check your Thompson's Sanitary Service bill or the website (www.thompsonsanitary.com) for good news about their **(FREE!)** recycling service for certain electronic items. It doesn't include ALL electronics, but it DOES include CPU's, computer monitors and TV's -- which we can no longer accept for our Sale.

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 22nd - 24th, 2010

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

Creation Care

Pre-Presbytery Workshop March 12

“Church Land and Water – How to be Good Stewards”

On Friday morning, **March 12th**, before the Presbytery Meeting starts at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Portland, the Presbytery's Eco-Justice Team will conduct a workshop. The questions the Team is putting out to congregations throughout the Presbytery are: Would you like your church grounds to better reflect your values of stewardship of creation and community? Would you like to make the asset of church lands an opportunity for reaching out, a space for spiritual nourishment or a resource for community building?



Love the Creator: Take Care of Creation.

This workshop will provide you with inspiration, tools, funding ideas and contacts to help you transform your church grounds into spaces that truly give glory to God. Wildlife ecologist **Warren Aney** will describe the three top things that congregations can do to demonstrate property stewardship. Eco-Justice co-chair, **Barry McPherson**, fisheries biologist, will share some tips for helping to take members of congregations on outdoor field trips to better appreciate God's creation---and take action to be better stewards. Several congregations will provide case studies of improved stewardship that they have implemented on their church property. There will be examples of such things as capturing parking lot runoff in bio-swaales to remove pollutants and moderate peak flow going into streams near a church, removing invasive plants and restoring plants native to the Pacific Northwest, and other good stewardship activities.

Fun Fact: March 22nd is World Water Day

*The **Eco-Justice Team***

encourages attendance to learn about some major Creation Care and eco-justice issues facing us and future generations.



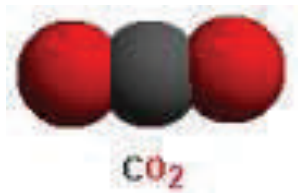
Kitchen Police

Kitchen monitor on Sunday, 7 February found a dish rack on the drain board with a few items needing to be washed. So far, so good. Horrified to find one of the thermos type carafe in the rack. NEVER put this type of carafe through the dishwasher. The seals can be ruined. Always rinse well, then wipe clean with a paper towel. Lids are to be treated the same way. Remember, it is a DISH washer.



Eco-Justice Committee

“SOUP, SALAD, AND SPEAKERS” A SUCCESS!



On January 31st the Eco-Justice Team held its annual “Soup, Salad, and Speakers” event after church ----- and about 40 people enjoyed a fine event. Led by **Beth Hubbard**, the Team cooked up some great soups, breads, a tasty salad, and lots of cookies. They used mostly locally grown or harvested ingredients that were organically grown. Then the group stretched their minds to follow two science talks that focused on the ocean and how we are affecting its chemistry and biology: **Dr. Burke Hales** of OSU brought his wife and two young sons along and presented a very interesting talk that revealed trouble ahead. It was all about CO₂ levels rising in the atmosphere, which is increasing the corrosive power of the ocean, and that is making it hard for some organisms to grow shells and survive. **Angie Sremba** of our congregation presented very interesting information from her OSU graduate student project on the loss of genetic diversity in whales of the southern Atlantic and Antarctic oceans due to heavy whaling in the last century.

Dr. Hales wrote back to us the next day, saying:

“Thank you for the opportunity to speak with your group. It's good to get out in the non-scientific community frequently, and this seems like a great topic for motivating that interaction. It's so refreshing to hear a congregation embrace stewardship and pursuit of knowledge. I've always felt that the essence of this is clearly contained in scripture and so much of traditional human oral history that it's dismaying to hear some claim otherwise.”

What a wonderful response! It fits with the words of Ecologist **E.O. Wilson**, who wrote “**Science and religion are the two most powerful forces in creation. Together they can save the creation.**”

Watch for more Eco-Justice events here in the Beacon, on the bulletin boards and big projector screens, and on the Eco-Justice webpage (www.newportfpc.org/content/eco-justice-team).

Coffee Hour

Thanks to many volunteers who have furnished food and served drinks during the coffee hour. More volunteers are needed as well as more food donations. It is very helpful to have donors and servers signed up two weeks ahead. Please look for simple foods, i.e. crackers, cookies, etc. It was noted that smaller amounts of food means that the servers are able to pour coffee and finish clean up before 12 noon. Coffee hour chair person is always open to suggestions regarding improving the coffee hour.



Carol Jones

New Member Profile

Krista Johnson, PhD

(As prepared by Krista)

I was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, moving to Jacksonville, Illinois when I was only a few months old. When my Dad was offered the Superintendent's position at the Iowa School for the Deaf when I was in 6th grade, we moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where I finished my 'growing-up' years.

I completed a degree in vocal and instrumental music education from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1998, moving on to complete my master's degree in flute performance at Ithaca College in New York in 2000. Following that, I taught music at a school for children with special needs for 5 years, teaching only children with either severe behavioral issues, or children with significant cognitive delays.

When higher education called my name again, I attended the University at Buffalo, where I am in the final stages of completing my PhD in music theory and musicology. I will defend my dissertation (at last!), on the topic of how music affects the brain, this coming fall.

Moving to Newport this past year, I have started the Virtuosi Academy of music here at First Presbyterian Church, am a substitute teacher, and have recently purchased Dogport Daycare. I also own an internet business and a cosmetic company - variety is the spice of life! Beyond this I read, do cross-stitch a bit, and play with our dogs a whole bunch. I LOVE living near the ocean, and make sure to take time to appreciate it every day.

I have a long history with the Presbyterian Church, and look forward to becoming an official member here in Newport, where I feel a sense of belonging like no other place on Earth.



Peace and Justice Committee

Peace and Justice Committee Update

The Peace and Justice Committee of our church has a webpage and recently wrote an Annual Report that is posted there. Go to <http://www.newportfpc.org/content/peace-justice> and find it under "News". There are people in our congregation interested in being on the committee and working especially on social justice issues. These include, but are not limited to, issues that affect those with disabilities, those with what may be considered alternative life styles, those who are homeless, and those who belong to any of the various "minority groups." We will soon be establishing a regular meeting date and time. If you are interested in being on the committee or just staying informed, contact Peace and Justice Committee Chair, **Barry McPherson** (bdmcperson@coho.net, or (503)708-8688).



Letters of Thanks

BUTTERFLIES by Patricia Bulko

Gentle as rainbows,
Kissed by the sun,
Soft as the moonbeams,
When each day is done,

Fluttering butterflies
Dance in the air,
And give me the feeling
That God's breath is there.

Thank you my friends for all your
prayers, cards and kind words
during my brother Greg's illness
and death.

Neva Stewart



To all the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church who have held me in your thoughts and prayers during my continuing journey with health issues, my sincere thanks. During my journey I have become convinced that your prayers and those of others have played an important part in my healing. God bless each and every one of you.

Don Merwin



Thank you! I'd like to thank all who prayed, called, and sent cards. My mother-in-law, father, and brother, all are in a much better place. I am blessed to have all of you as my extended family. THANKS!

Theresa Fredrickson



The holidays are over and the last vestige of Christmas stored away for another year, but, before closing out 2009 completely I must thank those who were responsible for the greatest gift I received this season, or any other season for that matter.

One day I went to the mailbox expecting to see the usual bills and Christmas card but, to my surprise, there was a package containing a beautiful prayer shawl and the card read, "Knitted for Jane Hamilton by Pat Harcourt." What a wonderful gift and it comes at a time when I needed it the very most. I was going through one of the most difficult periods since the death of my husband, Bud, in October 2007. Although surrounded by family and friends I still felt alone and lonely. When I opened that package and read the beautiful message attached I openly wept, realizing the labor of love Pat and all the other ladies put in to knitting these prayer shawls. It has brought me comfort every day since I received it.

Thank you so very, very much!

**Lovingly,
Jane Hamilton**



Knitting & Prayers



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