

THE BEACON



First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

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Apr. 1st	Palm Sunday—Communion Potluck following morning service 
Apr. 5th	Maundy Thursday—Communion—7:00 pm 
Apr. 6th	Good Friday Service—Noon
Apr. 8th	Easter Sunday 
Apr. 16th	Stone Soup—St Stephens Episcopal Church— 4:30 pm 
Apr. 21st	The Great Oregon Coast Potluck-Off 5:00—8:00 pm
Apr. 22nd	Dave Heater—Guest Speaker Rex Putnam High School—Guest Musicians 
Apr. 25th, 26th, & 27th	Rummage Sale—Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 am—4:00 pm; Sat. 9:00—noon 
Apr. 29th	Central Coast Chorale Concert 3:00 pm

Rummage Sorting Dates— April 6th, 13th, & 20th (last day for donations)



Pastor's Pencil

The Women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but they said to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?" Luke 24:5

The surprise of course is that the women were looking for the dead, the corpse of Jesus, but they couldn't find him. Rita Brock and Rebecca Parker, in their book *Saving Paradise*, spoke of their own archeological search in the same way. In whatever ancient church explored, they kept looking for pictures of a dead Jesus, a corpse on a cross, but never found him. In the early Christian communities, the paintings were not representations of the crucified, beaten Rabbi, but the resurrected Christ in paradise.

In our modern world, I wonder if we make the same mistake as the first women at the tomb, we keep expecting to find the dead, when we should be looking for the living. We continue to search for the worst - and too often find it - when we should be looking for the best.

In his new book, *American Icon: Alan Mulally and the Fight to Save Ford Motor Company*, Bryce Hoffman tells of how the new Ford CEO, Alan Mulally, turned the company around. One of his unexpected characteristics was a perennial smile. At first his "Gee-Whiz grin," was unnerving, the other executives kept waiting for it to disappear as one more devastating budget report followed another, but the smile never left and now all the executives at Ford are smiling. Why? It's because he didn't look for reasons to fail, but to succeed, and he has done it.

It's a tough world, in fact early on the Bible tells us it's a fallen world we live in. We don't need much to convince us of that. What we do need is a resurrected savior to remind us that this suffering world has been saved and redeemed for paradise.



Don't forget to wear a smile for Easter!



Communion at Oceanview

Communion will be served at Oceanview Assisted Living on the first Wednesday of the month following communion at church. It will be served Wednesday, **April 4th** at 2:00 in the afternoon in the small dining room.

Prayer List



Church Triumphant:

- **Gloria Snider**
- **Art Dahlberg**
- **Don Bradley** (Art Bradley's brother)

Concerns:

- **Bob Gableman** (cancer, Ramona Martin's brother)
- **Johannah Weinert** (chemo)
- **Karen Bamer** (continuing treatment)
- **Benedict DeMark** (neurological birth problems, Kath Schonau's great nephew)
- **Jim Pettett** (auto accident, Dorri Knutson's son)
- **Meeja Hutson** (recovering from foot surgery)
- **Debi Matthews** (hospitalized with blood clots, Linda Mosley's daughter)

Military:

- **Cody Harper** (deployed to Afghanistan, friend of Judy Eames)
- **Nolan Urbach** (deployed to Afghanistan)



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*. **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** 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.

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 Gladys Hartsel at 541-961-8283 or 541-265-5181.

Training will be provided.

Opportunities For Service

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**.



Dine Out for Samaritan House

Nana's Irish Pub in Newport's historic Nye Beach will host Dine Out for Samaritan House, Wednesday, April 4th. Enjoy a delicious lunch or dinner at this local favorite and help our homeless families at the same time.

Newport Food Pantry



From The Pantry

This morning I chose to walk to work. It's only 40 blocks or so away. It doesn't take that long. As I began my journey down the road, I thought about how beautiful the day and how wonderful to be outside enjoying the crisp air. Then I started thinking about all the people who come to the pantry and how limited the daily choices are for so many. Given an option, would any of them decide to venture out at 7:00 AM on a 40 degree morning without a jacket in order to embark on a 50 minute journey down the noisy highway? Most of them would probably think I'm nuts to do something like that on purpose. Here I am with two functional vehicles, leaving a nice warm house 45 minutes early with all my various jackets and coats still hanging in closets back home.

The pants I'm wearing look shabby, it's true. But, in addition to having a fairly tight budget, I hate shopping. I'd rather have a root canal than shop for clothes. But the state of my clothing doesn't bother me because I can easily change the situation with a trip to the store and a swipe of the plastic.

I didn't eat breakfast before beginning my walk. But, again, that was a choice. I could have had a couple of locally farmed eggs or a delicious bowl of steel cut oats with walnuts, raisins, and blueberries added for extra nutrition and flavor. All that food is right there in my refrigerator waiting to be prepared. But I chose not to bother. I was hungry. I just didn't want to take the time. Hunger isn't a negative if you know food can be ready with the touch of a button on the microwave.

It's amazing to think that the decisions I made this morning enhanced my day. Food tends to taste better when you're a bit hungry. The fresh air feels great when you're walking by choice. Those same circumstances can make people feel discouraged and even depressed if done because options aren't available. The despair doubles if children are in the picture.

This is one of the reasons we want people to have just as many food options as we can possibly offer. It's already difficult to come to the pantry. Given a choice, most would not. When I shop for food, I enjoy getting my kale and rainbow chard. I think salad. I don't care if anything gets cooked. My husband has a totally different idea of what to purchase for eating purposes. It's nice that we are able to purchase enough food to accommodate our different tastes. Children, especially, should be able to eat food that is both healthy and pleasing to their palates. This is why I'm so excited that a "client choice" pantry has some ability to provide a larger selection for people who are out of options in so many facets of their lives. Amen.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lue Hoefft**, great grandmother of great granddaughter, Braeli Noele Jansen, born Jan. 30, 2012 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Parents are Angie Jansen and Sarah Johnson.

Presbyterian Women

No April PW Meeting ... we'll be
preparing for our

2012 Rummage Sale!

(Sale Dates: April 26th, 27th and 28th)



Circle Meetings

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 12th, 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, April 20th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Eight:

"Greatly Honored Are Those Who Have Been Persecuted for the Sake of Justice!"

Scripture:

Matthew 5:10; 13:20-21; Romans 8:31-39

Key Idea:

Jesus calls his disciples to honor the destitute while he calls the wealthy to account.

Letters of Thanks

Gratitude for Donations

to PW's "Newborn Necessities" Mission *

From **Shelley Paeth**, R.N., Parent and Child Health Program Manager, Lincoln County Public Health Services:

"Our cup runneth over!! We are SO blessed with all of our gifts from all of you. The fleece blankets, all the beautiful hand-made blankets, all the hand-knitted blankets, hats, baby caps -- well, they could not be more beautiful. With this latest cold weather, you can just imagine snuggled-up babies in all those cute blankets! Thank you for your continued support for our department and all new families in Lincoln County."

* Our "Newborn Necessities" Mission -- which benefits Lincoln County's newest citizens -- is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women, but credit for its ongoing success through the years goes to our entire congregation ... our heartfelt thanks to all who continue to help. Questions? Contact **Pam Merwin** ([541/265-4095](tel:5412654095)).

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jason Haynes 4th

Blair Thompson 7th

Ember Stocker 10th

Bob Dougherty 11th

Shannon Chrisman 12th

Eunice Forinash 12th

Art Bradley 14th

Kathleen Dougherty 21st

Devin Whitaker 23rd

Carol Reh fuss 28th

Rhonda Haynes 30th



Scott & Ma Chin Bradley 16/05

Ken & Helyn Layton 23/93

Don & Kath Schonau-Taylor 26th

LETTERS OF THANKS



Rummage Round-UP

(Get It To The Church On Time!!)

"NOW Is The Time" ... for all donors of rummage to deliver those items to the Church!! The last-ditch-date that we can receive and sort your CLEAN & SALEABLE donations will be **FRIDAY, APRIL 20th**!! The only exceptions are these:

- Your plant donations (labeled as to name/care requirements, please!) for the Garden Department should be delivered: either between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday (April 24th), or between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday (April 25th) of "Rummage Week." *
- Your large items (furniture, etc.) can be delivered between Monday (April 23rd) and Wednesday (April 25th) of "Rummage Week." *

* If you have precluding circumstances, please contact Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240).

Please understand that we absolutely/positively CANNOT receive your donations on the actual days of the Sale. By "Rummage Sunday" (April 22nd), our volunteers will have worked diligently each week for over three months to make an attractive presentation of your donations; however, once the Sale is underway, our "sorters" become sales staff, cashiers, cooks, food servers, etc., and they will have **NO TIME** to sort and display late donations. Your thoughtfulness and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

A Good-News Reminder about Thompson's (**FREE!**) recycling service for certain electronic items -- including CPU'S, computer monitors and TV's -- which we can no longer accept. Please be aware that SUCH ITEMS ARE NOW PROHIBITED FROM GARBAGE CANS; however, Thompson's will accept up to seven (7) such items per delivery at NO CHARGE!

RUMMAGE PLEASE (Please! Please!! Please!!!)

Although the days are dwindling down "to a precious few," with your help, we'll be ready for "Rummage Week" (Sunday, April 22nd - Saturday, April 28th). On Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, we'll begin the set-up phase of the sale. WEAR YOUR WORK CLOTHES TO CHURCH, and BRING A BROWN-BAG LUNCH -- we'll start right after the coffee hour. NO HEAVY LIFTING ... we'll have hired help for that, but your assistance will be needed in transporting smaller items to the designated rooms. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, we'll continue the set-up -- your help and expertise will be needed and appreciated, especially in the areas of displaying and pricing our wares.

ALSO NEEDED:

- Vehicles (plus able-bodied people!) to transport large items from donors' homes to the Church;
- Pies -- to make our quota of 100! Questions? Contact Kitchen Chairperson **Liz Martin** (541/270-1300);
- Plastic Bags (any size -- needed for sacking up our shoppers' bargains!);
- Sales Staff (part-time/full-time) for ALL departments;
- Help with the Clean-Up Phase on Saturday.

The majority of the proceeds from our 2012 Rummage Sale will benefit our own Church and our own community, but our outreach will further extend to national and worldwide mission goals. It is hoped that no one will wait to be asked to help with this meaningful event ... **EVERYONE** is needed, welcomed, and **GREATLY APPRECIATED** (*you'll also have a great time*) !! If you would like to volunteer (or if you have any questions about volunteering), please contact the designated Chair for the department you'd like to help (you'll find all names/phone numbers on PW's bulletin board); or, contact Rummage Chair **Clair Finnigan** (541/961-0240).

To Our Great Gardeners: If you need pots for your plant donations, please contact Garden Chairpersons **Janice and Jim Scharbach** (541/867-6437); also, another reminder that LABELING your donations as to name/care requirements would be greatly appreciated by the staff of the Garden Department!

Calling All Rummage Department Chairs: Our Pre-Rummage-Week Meeting will be held on Friday, April 20th at 10:30 a.m., in the Westminster Conference Room ... bring a list of all of your last-minute questions and needs!

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 26th, 27th & 28th, 2012

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

Library News

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

- The Poet, Rusty Berkus, has two books with outstanding illustrations. They are **TO HEAL AGAIN** and **IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE**. The pictures and poetry are special.
- **The Lord Is My Shepherd**, by Harold S. Kushner. The author also of **When Bad Things Happen to Good People**, reminds us again about the important things in life.
- **One Last Hug Before I Go: The Mystery and Meaning of Deathbed Visions**, by Carla Wills-Brandon, Ph.D. The author writes about her personal experience and those of many others.
- **A Gentle Thunder**, by Max Lucado. The author writes about hearing God through life's storms.



Thank you **Steve Vickers** for the DVD **THE NATIVITY STORY**.

** When you are going through your book shelves looking for books for our Rum-mage Sale, we would appreciate it very much if you have found overdue library books, that you return them to the RETURN BOX in-side the Library, Thanks again.

Sharon Beardsley and Library Helpers.



Thank you



Thanks to **Mark McConnell, Mike Clark, Dave Heater and Vern Waley** for changing all the light bulbs in the church!!

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West Salem High School Chamber Orchestra performing at morning worship on March 18th.



Deacon Sunday
"Meet your Deacons"



Worship assistants - Jillian, Piper and Blair Thompson.



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