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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 Oregon Girlchoir <i>Concert</i>	7:30pm
May 3 Worship (<i>Communion</i>)	10:00am
May 3 Christine Brown <i>Piano Concert</i>	2:00pm
May 7 Calvin (W)	9:30am
May 9 NYSOC <i>Concert</i>	7:00pm
May 10 Worship <i>Mother's Day-Hat Day</i>	10:00am
May 11 Pastor Don Away thru May 17	
May 14 Fireside at Peggy Bickford's	9:30am
May 15 Hanna Schonau -Taylor's Graduation	
May 15 Fellowship Circle (W)	1:30pm
May 16 Deacons Table Set-Up for Sunday	
May 17 Worship and <i>Deacons Sunday</i>	10:00am
May 17 CCC <i>Concert</i>	2:00pm
May 18 Pastor Don Back	
May 21 BLOOD DRIVE	Afternoon
May 24 Worship-Pentecost Sunday	10:00am
May 25 <i>Memorial Day\Office Closed\</i>	
May 25 Men's Study Group (Office)	6:30pm
May 26 Session	7:00pm
May 28 Calvin (W)	9:30am
May 30 "Jubilate" <i>Concert</i>	7:00pm
May 31 Worship (<i>Choir Appreciation</i>)	10:00am
June 7 Next PW Meeting	After Service

May 31, 2015

CHOIR APPRECIATION

APPLAUSE

Wednesday Practice: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Sunday Rehearsal: 9:00am



PASTOR'S PENCIL

In the last days it will be, God declares that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and you old men shall dream dreams. Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17

I was in Spirit on the Lord's Day. Revelation 1:10

This year Pentecost Sunday is May 24th. From the Greek word meaning 50, the first Pentecost occurred 50 days after Easter as recorded in Acts 2. It was an exciting, eventful day, beginning with a rush of wind, tongues of fire, the apostles speaking coherently in the languages of all the foreign visitors gathered, accusations of drunkenness, Peter's defense from the prophet Joel as quoted in the text above, and 3000 new baptisms!

It should be no surprise to learn then that the exciting, eventful Revelation of St. John also begins with a vision from the Spirit. John tells us that on the Lord's Day (Sunday) he *was in the Spirit*, when he heard the voice of the Lord and the visions that followed.

Our visions may not be as exciting, but I believe that the Holy Spirit is still guiding us today, though we might not be aware of it or call it by other names. For example, the word *inspiration*, the "spirit", breathed "in" has divine implications.

Have you ever felt inspired and wondered where it came from? Would it be too wild to suggest that the most meaningful, unexpected, serendipitous moments of our lives are gifts from the Holy Spirit? When I began asking myself that question, I found it hard to say "No." Such a "revelation," has led me to try to be more aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in my life.

Don



A letter to our amazing church family:

One of the first things that drew me to Newport First Presbyterian Church was the way the children were welcomed along with their parents. I am proud to say four years later the same is true. On behalf of me, the families, and especially the children who attend Newport First Presbyterian Church I would like to thank all who helped put on our largest ever annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The Presbyterian Women generously offered to help with activities and supplies at the beginning of Lent. The children enjoyed making their sand crosses donated by the PW after learning the lesson of the true meaning of Easter. The hunt itself was a huge success! I am so grateful for PW as well as the numerous members who contributed to the eggs and fillers as well. Of course, those who brought goodies to share are also too numerous to mention by name. Thank you to you all!

We have a very generous church family and I know the visiting families could really feel the love our members have for the children who came to celebrate Jesus on Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone who made Easter Sunday so special and a very memorable one for all of our families, visiting and members alike!

With much gratitude,
Michelle Cottrell

Director of Children's Ministries



JOY FOR BABIES!

Grandson of Dick and Judy Carkin

Easton Wesley Sargent

Born March 12, 2015 at 6:50pm

8 lbs., 3 oz. and 20 inches long

Nephew of Bill and Margaret Mortimer

Dillon Scott Peters

Born March 28, 2015 at 1:34am (2 weeks late)

7 lbs., 8 oz. and 18.1 inches long

Parents: Danielle & Steve Peters

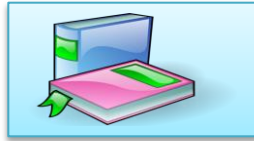


MAY BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Eastman	1 st
Kari Lee	2 nd
Casey Hawes	3 rd
Gladys Hartsel	8 th
Ken Layton	9 th
Carol Hall	9 th
Eren Neal	21 st
Mike Eastman	23 rd
Dave Heater	23 rd
Hannah Schonau-Taylor	26 th
Helyn Layton	26 th
Pam Merwin	26 th



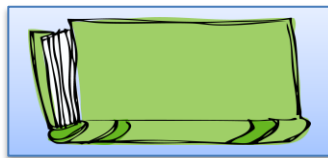
NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY



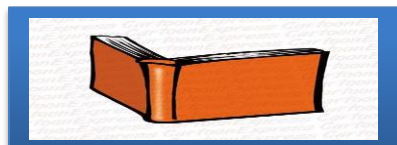
Thank you Kath Schonau for the following books:

Aging Well by George Vaillant, M.D. 50 years of research on a group of people were studied carefully about how humans develop from youth to old age, and what research found to determine how some aged well. This book gives sound advise about finding the elusive “golden years”.

The Caregiver Helpbook: Powerful Tools for Caregiving, by Vicki L. Schmall, PHD, Marilyn Cleland, RN and Marilyn Sturdevant, RN, MSW, LCSW This book is a complete manual and text book which is an excellent tool for those with family members needing care or receiving care, and how to cope with change and making good choices.



Thank you Maxene Bahr for the donation, a Hospice Book, **A Light In the Mist: The Journal of Hope**, published by A Healing Environments Tenth Anniversary edition. It is a lovely collection with good information.



Thank you Nel Ward for the gift of the new book **Easter: King James Version**, which was beautifully illustrated by Jan Pienkowski. It arrived in time to be shared for Easter.

A THANK YOU

Simply Grateful.....for people like you.

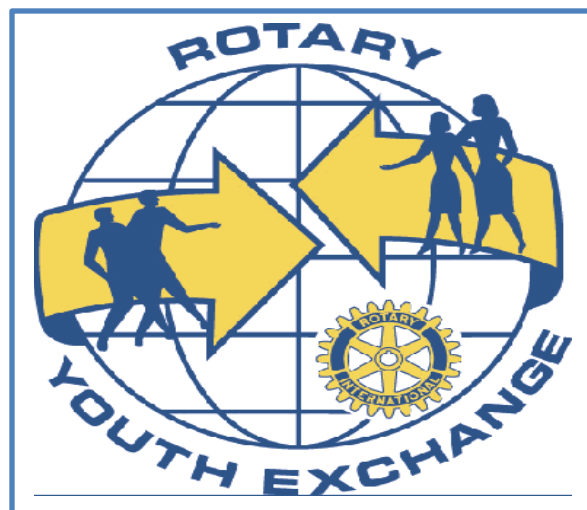
Dear Friends,

Thank you for opening your church and your hearts to our students last weekend. Your facility provides a wonderful place for them to relax, to learn, and become acquainted with a group of adults who sincerely express their interest in learning about the experience of being an exchange student.

We are very grateful,

Dan Converse

For the District 5110 Rotary Youth Exchange





To Don, Michelle, Helyn, Chris and the Children for the inspiring Palm Sunday Pageant and Eater Program



To Mike and Jan Eastman for draping the Cross for Lent and Holy Week and changing the clock in Geneva Hall



To Mike Clark and Vern for fixing the broken pew rack in the Sanctuary (and other fix-it's)



To all the kitchen helpers and food contributors at Sunday Coffee Hour



To Bill Johnson for cleaning the parking lot and building areas pine needles



To Art and Barbara for the lovely Easter azaleas



To Steve and Debe Arbona for arranging the Easter azaleas and keeping them watered



To Stuart Clausen for Sunday Messages when Pastor Don is away



To Dave Heater for Sunday messages when Pastor Don is away



To Worship Assistants volunteering their help on Sundays throughout the year

THANK YOU PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

March 24, 2015

Dear Presbyterian Women,

What a wonderful surprise to help welcome in Spring! Thank you all for your continual support and for the beautiful knit blankets, hats, and onesies!

I am constantly reminded that there are wonderful, service-oriented women, like you all, that help make this community great. I am truly grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Happy Easter & Spring to you!

Sincerely,

Julia Young-Lorian
Healthy Families Program



Thank You!

RUMMAGE RESULTS

(Not Quite Ready!)

Because the deadline for the May issue of *The Beacon* occurred BEFORE the dates of the 2015 Rummage Sale, the monetary results were not available to submit. What IS available in great abundance is the gratitude of our Presbyterian Women for the efforts of those who help produce our Sale each year! Look for "Rummage Results" to be posted on PW's bulletin board, which is across the hall from the Westminster Room.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No PW Meeting in May;

please join us for our **next meeting**
on Sunday, June 7th.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 14th, at Peggy Bickford's home (265 NE 36th Street - Apt. #8, Newport). Peggy will both hostess and lead the meeting.

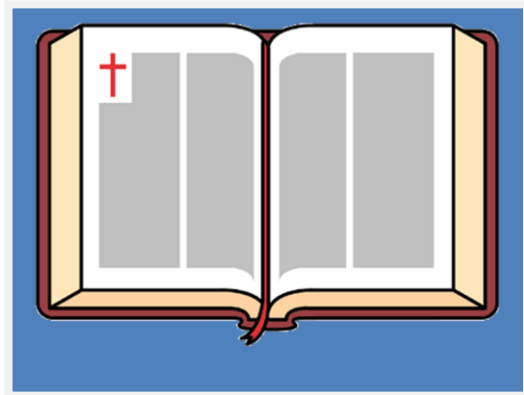
Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, May 15th, in the Westminster Room.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Nine:

"A Call to Apostleship in the Twenty-first Century"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:13



PW'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING *

What does a “birthday offering” mean? What/where does a “birthday offering” do/go?

When Halle Parson Winsborough, Superintendent of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS), visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan in 1922, she saw a great need. She challenged members of the auxiliary to give to the school, one penny for each year of their lives (or a dollar if a woman preferred not to reveal her age). Though this offering was to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the auxiliary, the idea of giving to a specific mission project each year caught on. Since then, the Birthday Offering has helped to launch nearly 100 major mission projects, which continue to improve the lives of women and children around the world today.

While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding missions projects like the ones selected for 2015. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2015.

Here are the two projects chosen for the 2015 Offering:

Project #1 - Bethesda Christian Community Center in Barranquilla,

Colombia: Sister churches Oxford Presbyterian Church (Oxford, Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian (Barranquilla, Colombia) want to improve the lives of women and children who live in the neighborhood of El Por Fin, one of the poorest in Barranquilla. Through Bethesda Christian Community Center, these sister churches

minister to women and children fleeing the brutality associated with the drug trade, and promote social change in the lives of residents through tutoring programs, Bible study, sports and cultural programs. Your gift to the Birthday Offering in 2015 will help build a new community center to replace the inadequate structure that currently houses Bethesda's programs. This new space will include a new, well-equipped kitchen, storeroom, and dining area that can serve meals to approximately 100 undernourished children.

Project #2 - The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux in Memphis,

Tennessee: This is a nonprofit, two-year residential community, specifically created to address the needs of women seeking to learn a new way of life after surviving prostitution, human trafficking and addiction. Its ecumenical, community-based project "Breaking Free" provides support and education for the women it serves, helping them live lives of productive service to themselves and others. It provides food, clothing and shelter to the women, coordinates various types of medical care for them, and works with them to help them transition to independence. Your gift will allow the purchase and renovation of the property currently being leased, and will buy equipment for training and vocational skills development.

We have an opportunity once a year to join the thousands of Presbyterian Women in sharing God's love through this Birthday Offering. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously, and led by the Holy Spirit. As you consider these important projects, please take time to observe the beautiful poster commemorating the 2015 Birthday Offering on PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room).

*** Newport PW's "Birthday Offering"**
will be received at the June 7th Meeting.

Cooking – Serving – Bring a Dessert – Cleanup

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

STONE SOUP



Our Church will serve dinner at St. Stephens Episcopal Church on the third Monday of each month . . . this month date **is MAY 18TH.**

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 – 7:30pm. 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.



FOOD PANTRY/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 needed items 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.

Baby Necessities Questions? Contact Pam Merwin at 541-265-4095

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Coffee Hour Volunteers, Worship Assistants, Ground Maintenance
Work Party, Other Time and Talents Offering!

You may call the church office: 541-265-2841 **THANK YOU!**



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE

COMING

MAY 21, 2015

Hours: 1:00pm – 6:00pm

TO

First Presbyterian Church – Newport

227 NE 12th St., Newport, OR 97365

Volunteers Will Be Needed

Sign-Up Sheets in Geneva Hall

Registration Volunteers

Escorts

Canteen Assistants

Cookie Donations

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS



SUMMERTIME BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Cynthia Rowlee	2 nd
Kathryn Hawes	6 th
Quinten Layton	8 th
Betty Schwartz	9 th
Laura Luther	10 th
Carol Jones	14 th
Ramona Martin	14 th
Lai Fong Lee	14 th
Beth Matthewson	19 th
Aimee Thompson	24 th
Steve Cole	28 th

JULY BIRTHDAYS

BayLee Layton	2 nd
Tennie Jenkins	18 th
Jim Hawley	28 th
Tyler Hawley	28 th
Kyra Young	30 th

JULY ANNIVERSARY

Art & Barbara Bradley	12 th
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Hawley	3 rd
Martha Sneller	5 th
Mary Shaller	7 th
Trevor Hawley	11 th
Alisha Rowlee	18 th
Sandy Adams	18 th

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

Rob & Aimee Thompson	23 rd
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SUMMER EVENTS 2015



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 6TH THRU JULY 10TH
9:00AM – 12:00 Noon



PEACE VILLAGE – JULY 13TH THRU JULY 17TH
9:00 AM – 5:00PM

BRASS family



MUSIC CAMP
JULY 20TH
THRU
JULY 24TH

9:00AM – 5:00PM

WOODWIND family



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