

The Beacon






First Presbyterian Church

Newport, OR

Upcoming Events

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Sept. 4th	CCOS ORCHID SHOW 10am-4pm	
Sept. 5th 	COMMUNION SUNDAY Join us for Communion the first Sunday in September. <i>Special Music—Alicia Baker</i>	
Sept. 6th 	LABOR DAY Office Closed Beacon Deadline	
Sept. 10th 	PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Guest Speaker - Krista Johnson <i>"How music affects the brain"</i>	
Sept. 12th	SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE <i>Special Music— Sweet Adelines</i>	
Sept. 20th	STONE SOUP 4:30 pm at St. Stephens	

Pastor's Pencil

September, 2010

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Revelation 21:5

Our Sunday morning Adult Education Class and Thursday morning Calvin Group recently finished Harvey Cox's, *The Future of Faith*, where Dr. Cox predicts that in this modern age, faith will replace dogma. Now we are on to more studies about the future of faith. In Phyllis Tickle's, *The Great Emergence*, she claims that every 500 years the church has a giant rummage sale. Out with the old and in with the new. In the 6th century it was the fall of the Roman Empire and Gregory the Great. In the 11th century it was the great schism and in the 16th, the Reformation. What will happen in the 21st? Brian McClaren in *A New Kind of Christianity* believes we will leave behind the old Plato/Aristotle western philosophical foundations that influence a theological dualism of heaven and hell. The good news is that he wants to keep heaven! What will happen to hell? You'll have to come to class to find out!

Yours for stimulating study,



Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study

Sept. 5th: Jer. 18:1-11; Philem. 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
Sept. 12th: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 19th: Jer. 8:18-9:1; 1 Tim. 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 26th: Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



Prayer Listing for First Presbyterian

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

- Sarah Campbell
- Holli Nelson
- Anna Garland

CONCERNS:

8.08.10 ; Nancy (Pam Gamb's friend) Sean McKenny; Carol Kittson (friend of Linda

Mosleys with cancer) ;

Katelyn (Katie Thomas's granddaughter), complications from surgery

Mary Bell Mosely (Linda Mosely's mother in law, cancer); Bill Elam (Susan Mills father) Tom Southcott; Linda (friend of Gamb's with brain cancer) Scott Bradley, healing

after eye surgery; grandson of Judy Hamslin has fractured leg; Nancy Delettera, (Don Merwin's cousin, stroke after surgery) Herk Clark (Hospice) ; Kelly McCauley (niece of Doris Pickens; Liz Bowman (Hospice)



Pray Without Ceasing

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.



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/>

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

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

The next Dine Out for Samaritan House will be in October. Watch for details.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Edith Branchfield 2 nd	Paige Schindler 14 th
Barbara Bradley 2 nd	Bette Owens 17 th
Donna Siegfried 5 th	Linda Mosley 18 th
Peggy Wood 6 th	Pam Gamb 19 th
Kathy Heater 7 th	Beulah Wiegel 26 th
Jane Hamilton 9 th	Bill Hall 27 th
Jack Jenkins 10 th	Grant Brannaman 29 th
Maxene Bahr 13 th	



Dave & Kathy Heater 1/84

Dennis & Marla Hawley 12th

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Parish Nurse



Our **Parish Nurse** is available **every Tuesday from 10:30am to Noon** for blood pressure check-ups, 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.

Library News

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

Thank you **Denise and Barry McPherson** for the book Lives Built On Hope by Howard Major. Denise and Barry know the author from their many house building trips with Amor Ministries to Mexico. This book tells about the wonderful experiences that were similar to those that our youth group had when they went with the McPhersons and Howard Major and Amor Ministries to Mexico.

Thank you **Bette Owens** for donating the following two books to the library in memory of **Jack**. These books will make you smile as Jack so often did with his warm sense of humor. They are as follows Snickers from the Front Pew: Confessions from Two Preacher's Kids and Mischief from the Back Pew: and you thought you were safe in church. Both books are written by Todd and Jedd Hafer.



Thank you **Gladys Snedecor** for donating one of Elliott's clown books that he wrote and passed out to the children when he performed in his clown suit. Just Clowning Around by **Elliott Snedecor**.

Also donated are as follows:

The Apostles Creed: 109 words which for nineteen centuries have united all Christians in a common affirmation of faith by J. I. Packer.

The Light and the Glory by **Peter Marshall, Jr and David Manuel**. The authors answer the question, Did God have a plan for us? They write our history in a fascinating way.

The Case For Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation for Jesus. The author was a former award winning reporter and atheist

Amazing Grace : A Vocabulary of Faith by **Kathleen Norris**. The author explains many of the words in our faith simply and clearly, This was a New York Times Best Seller.

The Very First Christmas by **Paul Maier**. The Christmas story is told to an eight year old boy who lives in the West in the woods, His mother answers the boy's questions and the story unfolds in a simple and clear way.

Presbyterian Women's Meeting

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEETING

Friday, September 3rd

12:00 O'Clock-Noon-Sharp!

Geneva Hall

Please join us for the first meeting of our 2010-2011 Year when our own multi-talented **Krista Johnson** will enlighten us on how music affects the brain, including its therapeutic uses (recovering from strokes, staving off Alzheimer's, recent research using music to 'cure' dyslexia, etc.). Krista is a "Ph.D. candidate, ABD" (ABD meaning All But Dissertation) in music theory and musicology, and as this issue of **The Beacon** went to press, her dissertation was being edited by her major professors ... perhaps on September 3rd we'll have the opportunity to be among the first to congratulate her officially as: Krista Johnson, Ph.D. ! As is traditional for the September meeting, our luncheon will be salad-pot-luck; September Hostesses **Sara Brown** and **Gladys Snedecor** will serve beverages. Devotions will be presented by **Barbara Cale**. PW meetings are open to **ALL WOMEN*** in the church (**members and non-members**), and guests are always welcome; so, bring your friend(s), bring a salad to serve 6-8, and share in the excitement and illumination of Krista's very special program.



* *We especially invite all employed women to attend any portion of our meetings for which you can spare the time. We attempt to adhere to the following schedule: Lunch at 12:00 Noon, our program at 12:30 (about 30 minutes), followed by a business meeting. **MOST** meetings are b.y.o.s. (bring your own sandwich) and the hostesses of the month will serve you a salad and beverage; **TWO EXCEPTIONS:** (1) September and June are traditionally salad-pot-luck (*Note: If you don't have time to make a salad, please come anyway -- we always have plenty!*), and (2) February and March are brown-bag. We have a wonderful line-up of programs for our 2010-2011 year, so come one time OR come every time, as your schedule allows ... **YOU ARE WELCOME!!***

PW Fall Gathering

PW FALL GATHERING

(At press-time for **The Beacon**, arrangements for the South/Central Regions' Fall Gatherings had not been finalized . Please check PW's bulletin board (across from the Westminster Conference Room, as well as the Cascades PW website: www.cascadespw.org -- the information will be posted as soon as it becomes available).



Circle Meetings

CIRCLE MEETINGS FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 9th, in the Westminster Room. The meeting will be hosted by **Carol Jones**; the lesson leader will be **Barbara Cale**.



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

The 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study for both Circles will be: "*Journeys Through Revelation - Apocalyptic Hope For Today.*" September's Lesson One is entitled, "An Apocalypse, an Author, and a Witness" (Key Idea: John of Patmos uses dramatic, apocalyptic language to convey his urgent vision of the importance of being a witness. Scripture: *Revelation 1*).

What about more Circles? If your time constraints do not permit your participation in the meetings of either Fireside Circle (2nd Thursday at 9:30 a.m.) or Fellowship Circle (3rd Friday at 1:30 p.m.), would you be interested in another time? According to our PW By-Laws, circles are small groups which are created to provide an inclusive, caring community of women ... they can meet at any time (sunrise? sunset?), and need not include hostess duties (meet at the church and BYOC - bring your own coffee)!! Questions? Please contact PW Moderator **Clair Finnigan** (961-0240).

Nancy Cox Receives Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership

During our Sunday, July 25th worship service, **Nancy Cox** was awarded "Honorary Life Membership" in Presbyterian Women, which is conferred upon individuals in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. A pin and a certificate were presented to Nancy.

The pin is symbolic: It shows caring, supportive hands, a leaf (representing growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we mature in our faith), a dove and a globe (the dove indicating peace in our own lives and throughout the world, as depicted by the globe). The center design is the cross, and the overall design is that of a butterfly -- symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation.

A poster honoring Nancy 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.



Church Financial Report

July Operating Income *Budgeted* \$18,457.

July Operating Income **Received** \$18,851.

Year through July Operating Income *Budgeted* \$128,028

Year through July Operating Income **Received** \$114,851

Difference in Budgeted Vs. Received to date -- behind \$13,177.

January thru July Actual Expenses **\$114,355.**

2010 Budget

Personnel \$157,572.

Operating Expense \$51,904.

Mission Giving \$10,000.

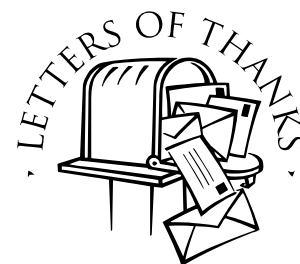
Total \$219,476.

Letters of Thanks

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you..." Those words were first penned by St. Paul so long ago, but express fully my appreciation for my church family today for all the kind notes, e-mails, phone calls made during my Dad's heart surgery and recuperation. He is 83 years old, but several of his doctors have stated that he has healed much better than their 50-year old patients! A real testament to the effectiveness of all your prayers on his behalf. He started rehab this past week, but was most excited to be able to ride in a golf cart for seven holes with his buddies and do a little putting. He can hardly wait to be released to actually get back into full swing on the course. A very special thanks, too, to everyone on the Worship Team and the Nominating Committee for all your contributions to the life of the church in my absence. You have extended amazing grace and wisdom during these long weeks. With sincere thanks and gratitude,

Susan Mills

Bessings & Peace



Thank you to Jane Haskell and Mary Kuenzli for their donations to the Deacons. The Deacons do not have a constant income so we appreciate these generous donations from the congregation. One of the donations was for the Cookie Brigade which sends cookies to college freshman and service men and women overseas. If you have a loved one serving overseas please send their address to Deacon Moderator, Pat Harcourt at 541-765-2474.

Thank you, The Deacons

Letters of Thanks continued:

From the family of **Daniel** (a 4-year-old Newport boy who lost his right eye to cancer at age two, and recently underwent successful surgery to adjust muscles for his prosthetic eye): "We would like to thank our friends who have been concerned for our family, and especially for our little Daniel. He is a brave little boy ... even though he is very young, he has faced great tests. His path has not been an easy one, but thanks to your prayers and words of encouragement, little Daniel has become a great warrior."

RECIPIENTS OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MISSION GIFTS SAY "THANK YOU"

A listing of 2010 recipients of Presbyterian Women's mission gifts appears on the PW bulletin board (across from the Westminster Room). Here are *excerpts* from three thank-you letters/notes:

From **Elizabeth Platt** (Vice President) Lincoln County Foster Parents Association: "Thank you so much for your generous donation for two LCFPA activities grants. Countless numbers of Lincoln County's foster children come into care having never participated in a team sport, taken swimming lessons, or gone to summer camp. Your donation will help our kids have an essential childhood experience"

From **Karen Shores** (Executive Director) My Sisters' Place: " ... Your support is deeply appreciated. It is only through the continued generosity of good friends like you that we are able to continue providing services to victims of domestic, sexual and dating violence in Lincoln County. ... Thank you again for supporting us in this successful program that we can all be proud of."

From **Marcia Williams** (Interim Director), Progressive Options: " ... your generous gift will be utilized for the special needs of disabled clients ... providing bus coupons for job interviews, job support supplies, repair of broken glasses, resume writing and advocating for their legal rights ..."

Editor's Note

Many thanks to **Kathryn Hawes** for her wonderful job as The Beacon editor for the past year. Her help with the transition is greatly appreciated.



Eco -Justice Team

Updates from the Eco-Justice Team

By Team Chair Barry McPherson

September is often a perfect time on the coast to get out and connect with Creation. The north winds and fog of summer are waning and the strong south winds and rain of late fall aren't waxing yet. Try to get outdoors — and consider these wise words as you do:

"In *Super, Natural Christians*, Sallie McFague offers an ecological theology in which we live out of the awareness that we are, indeed, an intimate part of Earth. It requires spending time with and getting to know that which we are part of and then seeing it altogether differently—not with our 'arrogant eye,' says McFague, but with a 'loving eye'." – Pat Hoerth, in *Sustainability and Spiritual Direction*

More excellent thoughts on ecological theology are posted on our Eco-Justice webpage (see <http://newportfpc.org/content/eco-justice-team>). My wife Denise discovered this wonderful article on sustainability and spiritual direction in *Presence, and International Journal of Spiritual Direction*, Vol.16, No. 1, March 2010.

Incorporation of ecological theology into worship will be the focus of Pastor Taylor's friend Paul Galbreath while on sabbatical in Portland this year – and our church is lucky enough to be one of six pilot churches he will be working with. Dr. Galbreath is a Professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. Read more about this in the meeting notes from August 4th on the Eco-Justice webpage.

At the August 4 meeting, the Eco-Justice Team committed to purchasing far more fair trade organic coffee so it can be used for all of our church events, not just the after-worship coffee gathering. For a few reasons on why we should all make sure the coffee we use is fair trade coffee, see <http://cascadespresbytery.org/FairTrade2.pdf>. Making sure it is organically grown (without pesticides, herbicides, and chemical fertilizers) is also very important, as it is better for the coffee farmer's health, the fish and wildlife living around the farms, and the health of those to whom we serve our coffee (some people have immediate allergic reactions to the chemicals). These are the "hidden costs" (often "high costs") of purchasing and serving "low price" coffee. Please consider paying \$7-\$11/lb for fair trade organic coffee instead of \$4-\$6/lb for the "low price" coffee (usually comes in cans) with all its "hidden costs" to us and our neighbors in other parts of the world.

Please mark your calendars and watch for news here, on the Eco-Justice webpage and on the church bulletin boards regarding the annual Creation Care Conference to be held November 6th. This annual event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salem this year. It was held at our church in September, 2007.

Choir News

Chancel Choir will resume with our first practice on Wednesday, September 15 at 5:30 in the choir room. All are welcome who love to sing and lead in Sunday worship. Rehearsals are also held at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays before the worship service. Aside from the contribution to worship and one's spiritual development, there are health benefits. Singing in a choir involves the breath, posture, mental alertness and the fun of the camaraderie of the group. Do not pass by this opportunity!

Don Jenkins



Building Update

FURNACE NEWS

The furnaces are all paid for!

Now we have to learn how to use them effectively. **Rhonda Harman** is learning how to regulate them and it is going to take some experimenting to find the most comfortable setting for the majority of the congregation. We have all new thermostats and several rooms have sensors located in various spots to help average out the temperature throughout each room. We may do some experimenting to find out where they work best.

Thank Rhonda for taking on this very important task!

Many of you do not know who our special artist is who designed the great poster for recording the pledges. **Deena Printz** made sure that we kept a visual record of the gifts.

It was exciting to see the red marker go up each Sunday.

A special thanks to all of you who made certain that the furnaces would become a reality through gifts of money and prayers.

NORTH CALVIN ROOM PAINTING

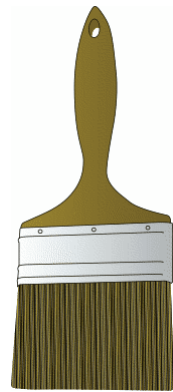
You have been hearing about the painting of the North Calvin Room. We had a number of people who deserve big a thank you. My son enjoyed teasing me about stripping in church and those strippers included **Jim Dunlap, Bobby Flewellyn, Judy and Dick Carkin**. After about two weeks of stripping old paint, Jim Dunlap had to admit that he did not really like to paint and he would rather work outdoors.

Doug Shaller took off the old masking tape that we thought would never come off, but he had the magic touch. He also removed items from the walls so they would not interfere with the painting.

Laurie Hanson and **Bobby Flewellyn** were our experts for color choices and where to apply the two different colors for the best effect. Then the painters came in the forms of **Judy and Dick Carkin, Bobby Flewellyn**, and **Dave Heater**. They are professionals.

Dick turned out to be a great carpenter also and fixed up some spots that were badly in need of repair. You wouldn't believe what he did to get the washboard effect from water damage under the sink to look fabulous. We may never put the doors back on the cabinet so everyone can see how beautiful he made it. **Jim and Pam Gamb** really worked to get the room in order. Jim made many extra trips to the dumpster plus he checked often to see that I had not fallen off the ladder. PW provided the painting supplies.

Thank you. Building Elder: **Jane Haskell**





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is September 6th.**

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