

Upcoming Events

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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
April 17th 	GREAT OREGON COAST POTLUCK-OFF 5-8pm at the Newport Nazarine Church to benefit "Project Homeless Connect"
April 18th 	REX PUTNAM CHORALAIRES Join us for the 3rd Sunday of Easter with some special music
April 18-24th 	RUMMAGE WEEK April 18-21 st Rummage Sale Set-up April 22 nd : 9:00am-4:00pm April 23 rd : 9:00am-4:00pm April 24 th : 9:00am-12:00pm
April 25th 	NEW MEMBERS JOIN Join us for the 4th Sunday of Easter where we will welcome new members

Pastor's Pencil

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28, King James Version

Resurrection can take many forms. There is the physical resurrection of Jesus at Easter outside the empty tomb and the mystical, resurrected Christ who appears to St. Paul on the road to Damascus. Both are the result of a journey, usually a difficult one, but the promise of our faith is that at the end of our struggles new life and understanding awaits us.

Sometimes this is played out in our common life together. One example is with our Beacon Newsletter. Our retiring editor, Kathryn Hawes, has agreed to stay on two more months as we seek out a new editor. That means we will have the newsletter through June. If no new volunteer emerges then the Beacon Newsletter will cease until a new editor volunteers or the Beacon transforms into a new venue.

If no one volunteers to be the new Beacon editor then we will have the opportunity to learn how important the newsletter is to us. Sometimes we really don't know how much we value something until it is gone. This can be both negative and positive. Whenever my wife leaves on a trip I know I will be sad, but I never seem able to prepare myself for how sad I will be. On the other hand, when we made the decision to stop watching TV years ago, I thought I would miss it. To my surprise, except for a little Star Trek withdrawal, I hardly noticed its absence.

How will we feel about not having a Beacon? We may miss it a lot, or it may be one less piece of mail to clutter up our too full boxes.

Another option is going online with the Beacon or at least church information. For many of you who do not have computers this will not work. However, for many of you who have come to use your computer as your primary source of information, my guess is that an online newsletter will make you more aware of church events than ever before.

What will happen? Only time will tell. If we keep praying and loving the Lord, as St. Paul reminds us in the text above, that outcome will be for the best.

Yours in an uncertain future,



Lectionary Readings for Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study

- April 7th:** Acts 5:27-32; Revelations 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
- April 14th:** Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19
- April 21st:** Acts 9:36-43; Revelations 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
- April 28th:** Acts 11:1-18; Revelations 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



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**.

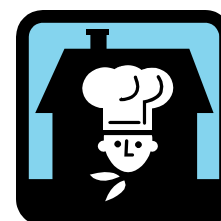
Interested in being involved in Stone Soup? The church is currently looking for a volunteer to direct Stone Soup. Call the church office if interested.



Dine Out for Samaritan House

Local Ocean Seafood will sponsor the April Dine Out for Samaritan House. They will contribute **10 percent** of proceeds **Wednesday, April 7, 2010**.

Local Ocean is located on the Bayfront, fish market hours are from 9am - 8pm and the restaurant hours are 11am - 8pm. For more information call Local Ocean at 541-574-7959.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jason Haynes 4 th	Art Bradley 14 th
Dorothy Braxling 7 th	John Murphy 19 th
Blair Thompson 7 th	Kathleen Dougherty 21 st
Ember Stocker 10 th	Barry McPherson 22 nd
Bob Dougherty 11 th	Devin Whitaker 23 rd
Shannon Chrisman 12 th	Carol Reh fuss 28 th
Eunice Forinash 12 th	Rhonda Haynes 30 th



Scott & Ma Chin Bradley 16/05
Ken & Helyn Layton 23/93
Don & Kath Schonau-Taylor 26th

The Beacon Newsletter Team

**This months article
deadline is the FIRST
Monday of the month!**

Please submit all articles,
announcements, reports,
birthday and anniversary
dates to:

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OR

***Place them in the
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Beacon Editor Needed

The Beacon is looking for a new editor. If you are interested in learning about how this publication is made and making it your own, please contact the Beacon e-mail address or put a note in the Beacon mailbox.



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.

Prayer Listing for First Presbyterian

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT:

- Jerry Steib
- Walt Ratterman (friend of Barry McPherson)
- Lucille Fitch (sister-in-law of Connie Hildebrand)
- Steven Mince (19 year-old grandson of Gwen & Bill Mince)

CONCERNS:

3.17.10 Jean Howard (Theresa Fredrickson's mother-grief); Sandy Fredrickson (Theresa Frerickson's sister-in-law-reconstructive surgery); Louise

Scofield (Shirley Scott's sister-more strokes); Joseph Woltmon (friend of Maxene Bahr-healing & strength); Sean McKinney; Trinity (bone marrow transplant)
3.07.10 Betty Jo Green (rehab); Ron & Mary Moreland (Ron-Alzheimer's home, Mary-broken ankle); Debi Matthews (Linda Mosley's daughter)

3.03.10 Carey Collard (foot); Charles Denison; Gladys Snedecor (knee replacement); Dick Myers (brother of Jim Myers-pancreatic cancer); Jim Matthews (Linda Mosley's son-

in-law-broken leg); Karen Ebert (worsening health); friend of the Bradley's-extreme pain; Alyssa Plate (Bette Owen's granddaughter-seizure); James Morgan (friend of Vivian-prostate cancer); Ed Edwards (friend of Rhonda-health); People of Haiti and Chile



Pray Without Ceasing

SCAM - Be Aware

There is a new scam going around and this one looks very official, please use caution. Elsie Flowers received a letter from Property Tax Adjusters, a California company. The top of the sheet said "2010 Property Tax Reduction Form." The letter promises to save you thousands but you have to pay them first. Never pay someone for a service like this before the service is provided. If a company asks for money up front use caution. This is a real scam, the FBI is aware of it.

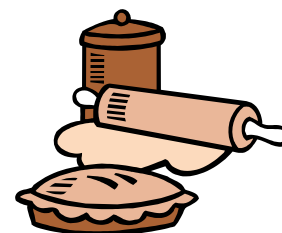
Thanks to Elsie for making us aware!

Pies Please

Calling all aspiring pie chefs!

Your gracious help is once again needed for the annual Rummage lunch sales extravaganza! A total of 70 fruit pies, cakes or brownies are welcomed from your own kitchen but requested that all cream pies must come from a commercial source (i.e. Safeway, Fred Meyer, The Chalet Restaurant etc.)

Pies can be delivered starting April 21st. A sign up sheet is posted in the hallway. A big thank-you for your enthusiastic help in support of this event! Questions? Contact food chair **Liz Martin** at 541-270-1300.



Circle Meetings

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Fireside Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, **April 8th**, at **Jane Haskell's** home. **Gladys Snedecor** will lead the meeting.

Fellowship Circle will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, **April 16th**, in the Westminster Room. **Ruth McLeod** will hostess the meeting.

Both Fireside Circle and Fellowship Circle will be studying:

Lesson Eight:

"The Place of Rest"

Key Idea:

Joshua and the Israelites found rest not in the absence of war or in a new land, but in God. This is where we find our rest, as well.

Scripture:

Joshua 21:43-22:9; Hebrews 3:1-4:11

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

No April PW Meeting ...

we'll be preparing for our

2010 Rummage Sale!

(Sale Dates: April 22nd,
23rd and 24th)



Rummage

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 16th !!** 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 20th), or between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday (April 21st) of "Rummage Week." *

Your large items (furniture, etc.) can be delivered between Monday (April 19th) and Wednesday (April 21st) of "Rummage Week." *

* If you have precluding circumstances, please contact Rummage Chair **Linda Mosley** (265-5867).

Please understand that we **absolutely/positively CANNOT** receive your donations on the actual days of the Sale. By "Rummage Sunday" (April 18th), 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., 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.

Rummage

RUMMAGE PLEAS

(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 18th - Saturday, April 24th). On Sunday afternoon, **April 18th**, 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 70! Questions? Contact Kitchen Chairperson **Liz Martin** (265-6932);
- 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 2010 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 **Linda Mosley** (265-5867).

To Our Great Gardeners: If you need pots for your plant donations, please contact Garden Chairpersons **Janice and Jim Scharbach** (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: There will be two (2) meetings in April, both beginning at 8:00 a.m., and both held in the Westminster Conference Room: Meeting #1 on Friday, **April 2nd**; Meeting #2 (our "Pre-Rummage-Week" Final Meeting) on Friday, **April 16th** ... bring a list of all of your last-minute questions and needs!

Rummage Sale Dates:

April 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2010

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



Creation Care

Eco-Justice Meeting Postponed – But Things are Happening!

Eco-Justice Team normally meets the first Wednesday evening of the month. But the Chair (**Barry McPherson**) will be down in Tijuana with Amor Ministries helping church groups build little houses for Mexican families in need. His plan calls for him to be working with church groups that Amor Ministries assigns him to help from March 27 through April 9. He'll try to call a meeting of the Eco-Justice Team when he returns.

Two big issues the Team plans to work on this year are installation of solar-electric panels on some part of the church roof, and increasing the number of people who get the Beacon via the church's website so the cost of paper, ink, and postage can be reduced. Both measures will help the church reduce its CO2 "footprint" on Creation, and contribute to a more sustainable world. **Jane Haskell** and her Building Committee are really doing their part by promoting the purchase of new furnaces for the church that will be much more efficient (reducing our gas consumption and CO2 output).

Keep checking the Eco-Justice webpage for updates (www.newportfpc.org/content/eco-justice-team).

Earth Day

The 40th anniversary of Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd. This year the Presbyterian Church is focusing Earth Day on our churches themselves. A guide available on the PCUSA website includes ideas for energy and water conservation, reducing materials and land and habitat conservation.

To download this guide go to <http://www.pcusa.org/environment/earthday.htm>

Or <http://www.earthday.net/> for more information on this years events.

Talent and Fashion Show

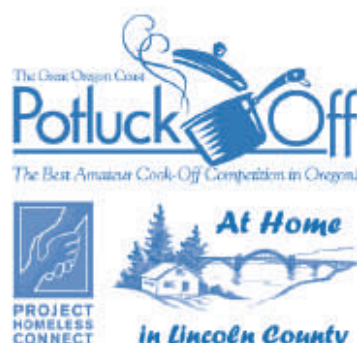
Join the fun after the Rummage Sale for our annual Talent and Fashion Show on Wednesday **April 28th**. Spaghetti dinner (made with both rice and regular noodles) will be served with salad, bread, and fresh fruit at 5:30 pm with the show following at 6:30 pm. There's no cost for dinner though donations are always appreciated. Come model your rummage sale purchases, recite a favorite poem or showoff a hidden talent...all in good fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there! Sign up sheets for the show will be posted in Geneva Hall and you can contact **Toni Mueller** with any questions or to sign up.



*The **Eco-Justice Team** encourages attendance to learn about some major Creation Care and eco-justice issues facing us and future generations.*



Great Oregon Coast Potluck-Off



A New Twist on an All-American Tradition

It is as traditional as Mom & apple pie. It's the great American potluck where some of the most amazing and tasty recipes draw thousands to churches and group events all over the country every year. Now the potluck is being taken to new heights in a brand new and unique competition pitting our county's best amateur chefs in an all out food fight for culinary glory!

Saturday, April 17th will be the inaugural ***Great Oregon Coast Potluck-Off - The Best Amateur Cook-Off Competition in Oregon.*** Over twenty teams will do battle in three delicious categories: main dish, salad & of course dessert! The grand winning recipe will be awarded the *Best of Luck* trophy!

The ***Potluck-Off*** will take place at the Newport Nazarene Church on Saturday, April 17 from 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m. The public will pay admission to have the opportunity to taste sample all the entries and vote on their favorite while a guest panel of judges pick the runners-up & winners in each category and the grand *Best of Luck* champion.

The guest judges include Helen Raptis from Channel 2's AM Northwest and Grant Butler, FOODday writer for The Oregonian plus popular local chefs. The famed Rex Putnam High Choralaies from Milwaukee will be the entertainment.

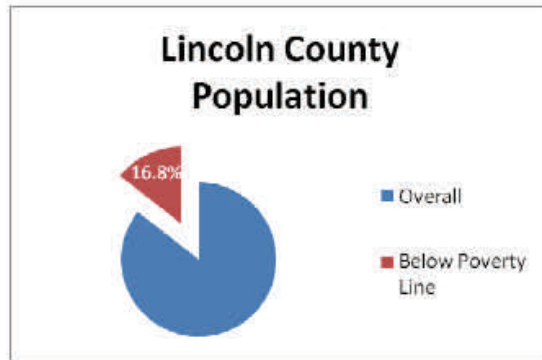
The proceeds from the ***Potluck-Off*** will go to a very serious cause, *Project Homeless Connect*, an invaluable outreach to our county's homeless. *Project Homeless Connect* provides a starting place on the journey back to safety, stability, health, and hope. On site services address the needs that contribute to homelessness by providing basic medical and dental care, access to education, employment and benefits systems, mental health and chemical dependency assessments, flu shots, haircuts, and much more – all under one roof! *Project Homeless Connect* takes place every October in Newport and offers an amazing opportunity for community involvement and human connection.

**Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 for students, \$5 Eleven & under, under 3 Free
Ticketss are limited! Whatever remains will be sold at the door.**

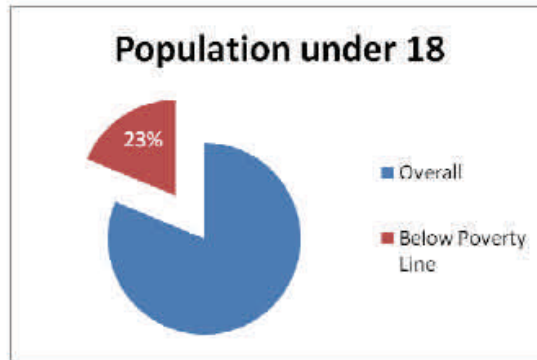
For tickets see or call Rhonda Harman 541-270-1967 or Jim Myers 541-270-0892

Lincoln County Homeless

Homeless in Lincoln County



According to 2008 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Lincoln County has a 16.8% overall poverty rate - meaning that almost 8,000 people in our community live below the poverty line.



For the Lincoln County population that is under 18, there is a 23% poverty rate - meaning that almost one quarter of our county's youth and children live below the poverty line.

According to Lincoln County's 10-Year Housing Plan, families with children are the fastest growing population of homelessness. The most common cause of their homelessness is poverty. During the 2008-09 school year,

484 students in the Lincoln County School District were referred to the LCSD Homeless Liaisons and identified as homeless. The mid-year count for the 2009-10 school year has already reached over 300 homeless or unaccompanied students. The number of students in our school district qualifying for free or reduced lunch has reached an average of 50%.

Homelessness takes many forms. The reality of homelessness in our community is not just the people you see roaming the streets. It is *hidden*. It is families struggling for stability, youth camping and couch-surfing, veterans and individuals with disabilities, domestic violence victims. We rarely know their stories. We rarely understand their struggle. We *can* help.

"What happens to children has a lifelong impact on them. When you see a homeless adult, it is quite possible they are homeless because of the people and systems that failed them as children."

-National Alliance to End Homelessness

With job loss and lack of affordable housing in our community, Project Homeless Connect works to assist individuals, children and families who are trying to overcome barriers toward housing, employment and education. PHC provides immediate services to help fulfill basic needs and allow individuals to embark on the road to self-sufficiency. All proceeds from the Potluck-Off raffle and admission tickets will go to the Project Homeless Connect 2010 funds for identification acquisition, mobile dental van operation and tangible goods - necessary basic needs and services that, when lacking, create difficult barriers for individuals to break down themselves.

Let us work together to strengthen the organizations and systems in place, to empower and provide for our youth and adults with the intention to improve, and eventually break, the chronic cycles of homelessness.

Letters of Thanks

Alan Adams' jar of money began on the day he was diagnosed as terminal. He started this jar with the following beautiful words labeled on it:

FOR EVERY DAY OF LIFE IN HIS GRACE October 12th, 2007

Above those beautiful words was the following:

*Yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision.
But today, well-lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness.
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day.*

--Sanskrit proverb



A total of 1085 pennies were contributed, one for each 24 hours of additional time here on earth, a quarter for each additional full moon - 27 in the jar. This generous donation was given to the Heifer offering.



One Great Hour of Sharing: sharing resources, changing lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

From the <http://www.pcusa.org/oghs/> website, visit to learn more.

One Great Hour of Sharing is collected Sunday, **April 4th**, Easter Sunday. With the recent earthquakes the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance needs more help than ever.





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