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From the Pastor:

August has always been a slow-down month for me. We seem to be ramping up.... Before floating too far out into the clouds a few reminders and announcements:

In August I will continue preaching through the Gospel of Luke.

August 7: Luke 12:32-40
August 14: Luke 12:49-56
August 21: Luke 13:10-17
August 28: Luke 14:1,7-14

The Fellowship Hall renovations are complete. Many thanks to those who labored painting, pulling carpet, moving books and furniture, and for choosing colors and carpets.

As I write this, the final attendance numbers for worship are not in, but it appears that attendance goes up in the summer. Either that or your efforts to invite a friend to church is working.

AUGUST 13th
Choirs practice and LUNCH.
11AM the Chancel Choir will practice
12 noon combined choir lunch
(bring a salad or dessert to share
pizza and drinks will be provided)
1PM Bell Choir will practice
If you'd like to sing or ring
Join us!

Our special music this summer has been marvelous. Thank you for sharing the talents God gave you.

May we continue to pray
for God's peace to fill us and guide us.
May we pray for good will to prevail
in the hearts and minds of all of God's' children.

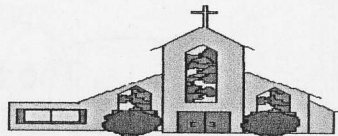
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August 7 (12th Sunday after Pentecost): Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

August 14 (13th Sunday after Pentecost): Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

August 21 (14th Sunday after Pentecost): Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

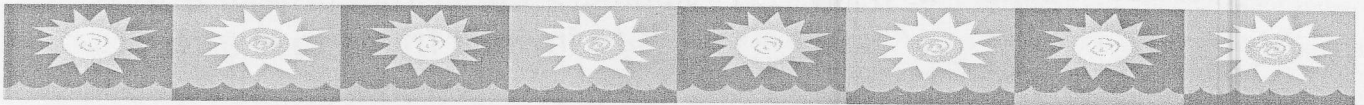
August 28 (15th Sunday after Pentecost): Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 3 -	86
July 10 -	69
July 17 -	74
July 23 -	96

Bring your family and friends to church!

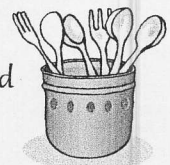


SUMMER HOURS!

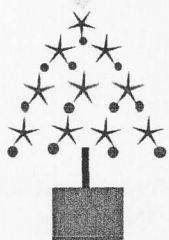
A reminder that the church office is closed on Friday during the summer months. Please plan ahead if you need access to the building. Regular hours will resume in September.

Supper for Six at 6:00pm on the 6th of each month...

Supper groups continue to meet. If you'd like to be part of a group, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway near Pastor's office. If you have questions, call Norma Wood at 804-439-1775.



ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER



Meet with Norma Wood at 11am on Friday August 5th in the Church Fellowship Hall to begin planning for the Christmas Dinner. If you can't make this meeting and you wish to help, please call the church office at 541-997-7136 or Norma at 804-439-1775.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The start for the Chancel Choir rehearsals are just around the corner. I am looking forward to a wonderful new year of sacred music and with the special addition of the Bell Choir, this year will be superb. There will be an all choir rehearsal on August 13th which will include lunch for both choirs at noon.

The Chancel Choir will rehearse from 11:00am to noon with me conducting and break for lunch at noon. The bell choir will have lunch with the Chancel Choir at noon then rehearse from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with Jennifer conducting.

This music year will be so exciting I can not wait. I have already started working on our schedule. There are some anthems that have parts written for bells to play with the choir. I am going to be looking for some of those and get together with Jennifer to perform them.

However, the Chancel Choir or the Bell Choir could not exist if it were not for you being the main part of the choirs. I have heard some great voices singing this summer and I would love you to join us at 4:00pm on Thursday afternoons starting with our first regular rehearsal on August 18th.

Come worship God with us thorough song, and be part of the Chancel Choir of the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw.

Jean Gottschalk, Director



LAWN MOWER NEEDED! ☺

We are still looking for a gas powered lawn mower. Does someone have one that they could donate to the church to help maintain the property? Contact Larry Newman at 541-991-3014 if you can help.



The Sharing Shelf for August



From a local sage who penned this on the wall at Mon Ami: "I don't mind talking to myself. It's the arguments that bother me". Among the special days of August are: On the 3rd, "National Grab Some Nuts Day" - many nuts have their own days, but this day celebrates all of them at once. To add a bit of flavor to your nuts hold them until the 6th and dip them - it's National Mustard Day. The 7th is Sisters Day when you can celebrate being a sister, having a sister, or both together On the 17th, let us all turn out to honor our local thriftshop, for the 17th is National Thriftshop Day - seek ye here the bargains of the day. THE DAY for August arrives on the 19th, the day when we honor the most important people in our lives for it is National Women's Day, and just in case, it is followed by Kiss and Make Up Day.

Since the Sharing Shelf sacrificed its space to things renovation in July, we will offer again those books intended for the July SS, and pray that the renovation is by then complete:

A Room Called Remember. Frederick Buechner. Sermons, lectures, and articles by Buechner, one of the day's finest writers and preachers (1984). "Uncollected pieces."

Adventures in Missing the Point. Brian D. McLaren & Tony Campolo. The authors "are both skeptical and sympathetic as they describe the church in which they've spent their lifetimes preaching...." and where the church has missed the point, then comment on each other's conclusions.

After God's Heart. Myrna Alexander. "A Bible study for women on loving and obeying God" - 1st Sam.

And God Came In. Lyle W. Dorsett. "The extraordinary story of Joy Davidman - her life and marriage to C. S. Lewis."

Choosing To Love the World. Thomas Merton. "...collection of thoughts & meditations...from his most inspiring books and letters...a beacon...to true meaning & solace in today's difficult times." (2008).

The Life of Jesus for Everyman. William Barclay. "...book which I'd like to see in the hands of everybody who wants to get an authentic picture of Jesus, His message & meaning, from boyhood to the Resurrection." — *The Methodist Recorder*.

Ordinary Grace. William Kent Krueger. "...a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him...discovering the enduring grace of God."

Orphan Train. Christina Baker Kline. "...about the search for family that also happens to illuminate a fascinating and forgotten chapter of American history. Beautiful." — Ann Packer

Second Chance Heart. Karen D. Nichols. "...love story between a man, a woman and a child during their struggle to reclaim the joy in life while learning to trust."

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The Summer of Stuff. Carolyn Bradley. "After Allison discovers a secret in her grandparent's attic, she is torn between her old friends and uncovering a new mystery that could change their summer traditions forever."

The Quotable Oswald Chambers. David McCasland, ed. "...A topically arranged book of quotations that embodies the main themes of Chambers' spiritual insight."

G. Trueblood, Librarian

PROPERTY TEAM

WOW - What a joy it is to walk into the fellowship hall and library and see the new "look". The walls have been repainted and new wainscoting and flooring have been installed. This project took much coordination and work during the past two months. Please take the time to thank those members who worked hard getting this done. I won't list names but you know who they are. We hired two groups: Camp Florence to tear out old carpeting and Goodman's to install flooring.

NOW - The next project is upholstering 50 chairs. Several people examined fabric samples, it was not possible to find the same pattern that is presently on our chairs, so a material was selected that will fit in with the color scheme of the sanctuary. Cathy Ures ordered material and it will soon be here. If you can help prepare the chairs, contact Cathy or myself.

Mona Lieberenz (Acting Chp.)



BOOK GROUP...

The Book Group invites YOU to join us as we meet the first Friday of the month. Mon Ami is no longer available as a meeting place so we will meet Friday, September 2nd in our church library. At that time we will discuss possible meeting places.

At our September meeting it would be fun if those attending would bring a possible book choice for the upcoming year. If you've read some interesting books this summer, it would be great to hear about them.

Looking forward to seeing **YOU** Friday, September 2nd at 10:00 a.m.



NURTURE TEAM

July 2016

Prayer Chain - Ardella Bennett had 3 new prayer chain requests.

Parish Nurse - Our parish nurse Connie Bradley continues with her contacts to church and community members.

Home Communion - Communion was served by Greg Wood and Gail Nichols to Esther Dawson and Tish Hampson .

Friendly Visitors - Multiple visits/calls are made each month in our community. Many thanks to those who have responded. We can all do our part by calling on friends and acquaintances. The best time to call on Spruce Point or Shorewood would be before meal times. They start serving at 11:30 and 4:30. Please call the individual first.

Marie's Mailings - Marie Mouchett sent out 44 packets this month including 6 get wells, 8 birthday and 2 sympathy cards.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - This group is on break for the summer! They will meet up again in September on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm at The Old Coffee Company, 125 Nopal Street- behind BJ's ice cream. Beginners are welcome! More information contact Marty Palmer 541-902-5149.

There are many opportunities to share our faith by action and we welcome any interested person to our group. We meet every other month on the first Thursday. Though we will not be meeting in July we will continue our work. Our next meeting will be in September.

Call Nancy Gardiner, Chair, 541-997-4239 for ways we can be of help.

"God will use anybody if you're available."

Rick Warren

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so very much for all your prayers, calls, cards and visits. Your love and support made a difficult time much easier to bear. Your support is one of the reasons this church is so special. God truly blessed me when He brought me to join you all.

- Debbie Peterson





DON'T FORGET! ☺
CHURCH BAZAAR – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH



SERVICE DOG

The past few Sunday's you might have heard a woof and a whine coming from the narthex on Sunday morning. That is Tyler my Oorang Airedale who is being trained to be my Service Dog. He is only four and a half months old. You may have seen him in his handsome red Service Dog vest. Although he is only a puppy still, he is going to be a large dog. He will learn to sit or lay quietly through a whole service and rehearsal of the choir. He will perform many tasks for me and Michael so that I live a safer and more comfortable life. He is learning very fast and my trainer is extremely pleased with his progress. When he wears his red Service Dog vest he will be working, and is not allowed to say hello to people without permission. You will help him learn this by ignoring him, unless we give you the ok to say hi. Although he is not a poodle that does not shed, he is the next best breed since his coat sheds very very little. We also plan to keep him clipped very close. I hope you accept him as part of our family.

Jean, Michael and Tyler Gottschalk



USHERS AND GREETERS FOR AUGUST

	Greeters	Ushers
August 7	Elva Philp Larry Newman	Ken Stone Don Phillips
August 14	Karil Israel Volunteer needed!	Sharon McKee Patrick McKee
August 21	Connie Riebhoff Elton Knutson	Glenda Ryall Marvin Ryall
August 28	Beverly Hopps Carol Parsons	Joan Skarda John Skarda

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***With Our Deepest Sympathy....***

*Our love and prayers to Linda Cassey and family upon the recent loss of her husband, Chuck. A memorial service was held at the church on July 30<sup>th</sup>.*