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From the Pastor:

"Let's eat together,"

"When was the last time you had supper with a stranger?" (College? A friend's wedding?)

A community group is working on starting a Wednesday night Community Supper program. It will start September 14th here in our Fellowship Hall and then in October move to New Life Lutheran.

It's for the hungry of Florence, but there are a lot of different kinds of hunger. We're hoping that we'll attract young working family who would like a good meal. Senior adults are invited to come for the fellowship. Busy people who'd like a home cooked meal.... YOU are invited to come and reach out in love and concern to those that show up.

We have four churches working on this right now, it may expand in the future. Several people have already volunteered to help with the meals and with activities. Come and join us on September 14th and see if there is a way that you would like to fit into this ministry.

Community Suppers

Bring your family or be part of a new one.

Wednesday Nights from 5:30-7pm

Starting Sept. 14

September at the Presbyterian Church,
3996 No. Hwy 101.

October meals at New Life Lutheran Church

November in Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

December at the Florence United Methodist Church



Art, games, and other activities start at 6:15 pm each night.

Fine print: This is brought to you by a coalition of area churches (St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, and Florence United Methodist Church) as a service to busy people or anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week. Donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted but not required. Come join us for a meal – no strings attached.

(From the Pastor continued...)

We are creeping up on my one year anniversary. The time has gone quickly and I would like to thank you for putting up with me. I believe that we have a good start, for the most part because you have remained active in ministry and care of each other. It is a joy to be part of a church that does the work of the church.

Steve Knowles told me when I spoke with him before coming here, that he thought that this is a wonderful congregation... I still agree.

In September we get back to normal. The choir begins leading worship again in September. Jean Gottschalk is amazing, she seems to enthuse the choir with an energy and spark. In addition, she is a master at discerning who is called by God to be a part of the choir, there are several new voices in the Chancel Choir. If you believe God is calling you to lead in worship in this way, talk to Jean. She can fan that flame into a full fire every quickly. The choir will continue to practice on Thursdays from 4-5:30.

This month will also see the "debut" of our Bell Choir. Jennifer Weier is directing and they will be a part of worship about once a month. Practices are currently scheduled for Tuesdays 4-5:00pm, but that may change.

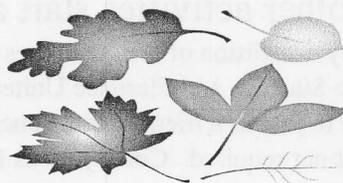
2016 FALL CHURCH BAZAAR

As we enter into the fall season, it's time for us to acknowledge that our 2016 Fall Church Bazaar is quickly approaching! The bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm in the PCOS Fellowship Hall. Set up for the event will be done on Friday, November 4th from 9:00 until 2:00 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of fellowship and community within our church, and to help raise additional funds for doing our Lord's work. This year, half of the proceeds from the bazaar will be going to the Needlers' group to be spent on local mission projects of their choice. Session will receive the remaining funds to use at their discretion.

As always, the success of the bazaar is dependent upon our congregation's involvement in the event. In addition to creating handmade quality craft items, canned and baked goods, there will be plenty of projects we will need help with in the preparation, set up process, the day of the bazaar and the clean up. This month you will see sign up sheets posted on the partition wall in the Fellowship Hall for you to indicate how you will be willing to help with the bazaar.

In addition to the handmade craft items, canned and baked goods, we will also be selling Christmas decorations, both new and gently used.

Debbie Peterson, Church Bazaar Coordinator



CHANCEL CHOIR NOTES.....

I don't believe how fast this summer has flown by so quickly. The Chancel Choir has had its first rehearsal and we have a few new voices joining the choir. Cynthia J. Wright has joined the soprano section and alto Rosie Puderbaugh.

Our new choir member Cynthia J. Wright is originally from Oakland, Calif. and recently moved to Florence from Lemoore, Calif., just south of Fresno. She has lived in several different places thanks to the U.S. Navy. She is a Navy veteran and her husband, Joe, is retired Navy. Cynthia has been active in churches all her life and has sung in choirs since she was young. She was a founding member of the Oakland Youth Chorus. She will be transferring her membership from the Lemoore Presbyterian Church where she sang in the choir and was an elder on Session. She is a published author and enjoys writing prose and poetry, reading, watching crime dramas, singing, and listening to most types of music.

Rosie Puderbaugh is a familiar face and voice who has sung for 10 1/2 years with the Florence Community Chorus. We are so happy to have her alto voice join our Chancel Choir. I am hoping her husband might also be encouraged to sing with us. Rosie and Larry met in the Portland Chorale and are celebrating 36 years together. Rosie cherishes her time with the Portland Symphonic Choir, especially when they sang the "Messiah" for three years. Her favorite anthem is "It Is Well With My Soul". It is also one of the Chancel Choir's favorites so I'll just have to put it in our schedule for her. Rosie has always loved to travel and has lived several years in the Orient. Rosie and Larry have retired after working respectively for 35 plus years and moved to Florence. Veteran travelers, Rosie and Larry are already arranging a cruise for next year.

Please welcome Cynthia and Rosie to our choir and church family. I have hopes that we may have one or two others also join us. It is always exciting hearing the congregation on Sunday mornings during the summer. I could easily have any of you join us in the choir loft.

Come worship God with us in song.

Jean Gottschalk
Chancel Choir Director

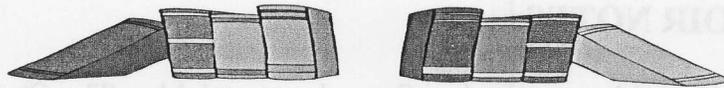


FOOD SHARE

Don't forget to drop a can or two in our box for Food Share.
It is located under the coat rack by the church office.



The Sharing Shelf for September



From Sigmund Freud: "What progress we are making. In the Middle Ages they would have burned me. Now they are content with burning my books," in a letter to a friend referring to the public burning of his books in Berlin in 1933. . . .Thirty days hath September, and each hath its own day of celebration, some of which we present here in the cause of awe and wonder. . . .The 1st day of Sept. is National Cherry Popover Day. Hold your popover until the 2nd - International Bacon Day - and enjoy a delightful breakfast. . . .On the 5th, feel righteous as you enter late at any event/occasion, for it is Be Late for Something Day. . . The 7th and 8th may likewise be combined to celebrate National Days - Salami and Date Nut Bread. . . .The 15th is Felt Hat Day when men traditionally put away their felt hats. Perhaps this is now a special day that is a bit dated, but let us honor it anyway. Just go and find that old felt hat and put it away again. . . .Has summer really been here? Apparently so for the 22nd is Autumn Equinox, when Fall begins. . . .And the 28th is a time for a final fling at being pleasant. It is National Good Neighbor Day. . . . Come now and let us read together -

From the Dick and Harriet Smith collection come the first four of the reading delights below:

Augustine's Relic by Bishop Kirk Smith. Lessons from the oldest book in England. In 597, Augustine of Canterbury arrived in England, carrying with him a gift from Pope Gregory the Great - an illuminated (illustrated) Gospel book - the one here cited. "Bishop Smith uses [it] as a starting point for a contemporary conversation on mission communication, continuity, and unity that ties together past, present and future."

Joy in Singing by Jane Parker Huber. A book of hymns written by Ms Huber, a gifted hymn writer, elder in the PCUSA, and active at the national level - spent a weekend in Florence and spoke in a worship service.

We Believe, A Study of the Book of Confessions for Church Officers (and all interested parties). Think of any Confession and you will find its elucidation here. A "Lay and Elder" presentation.

Everflowing Streams, Songs for Worship. Ruth C. Duck & Michael G. Bausch, ed. Fascinatingly hand printed hymns, old and new. "Chosen for singability, inclusive language, and common vision of a world of peace and unity. Try it in meetings of your church group."

The Best of Waffles and Pancakes, a Cookbook. Presented by Collins Publishers of San Francisco. Photos by Jane Stacy who "has gathered a delicious assortment of recipes for just about every occasion."

Moments with Angels, Spectacular Encounters with Heavenly Messengers. Of these stories, the author says "Most are the result of conversations with pastors, while others were accumulated throughout the course of a 30-year radio/television broadcasting career."

Where Angels Walk by Joan Wester Anderson. "Do you believe in angels? If you do, then you will truly rejoice in this thrilling collection of stories attesting to angelic intervention in human affairs. If you don't believe, you may find yourself wavering as you read true stories . . ."

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Isaac's Storm, A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History - the one that wiped out Galveston, Texas. Isaac is a weatherman who has studied the work of experts and believes he knows/understands all about weather. But he doesn't. He doesn't see the hurricane coming, a hurricane that breaks with pattern tradition, for no hurricane has come to Galveston before. But it does. Current technology was unknown.

Dude, Where's My Country? by Michael Moore. "For more than a dozen years Michael Moore has served as the nation's unofficial muckraker laureate, exposing and lampooning the greed, arrogance, and corruption of corporate America and the folly and hypocrisy of Beltway politics."

G. Trueblood, Librarian

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.

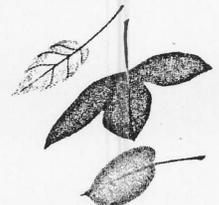
Looking forward to seeing **YOU** Friday, September 2nd at 10:00 a.m.



FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Fellowship hour was a challenge during the painting and carpeting of the fellowship hall. Thanks to those of you who kept the event going with few tables and other obstacles. The hall is looking terrific and many thanks to the property team who directed the work and hosted fellowship hour the first Sunday after completion. We have sign ups to host fellowship hour for the remainder of August but need volunteers for the rest of the year. Please check your calendars and help with this satisfying event. I have noticed the last few weeks more people coming to fellowship hour and staying later so the community feeling is growing. The fellowship team of Alice Collier, Beverly Hopps, Doris Russell, Glenda Ryall and Sharon McKee will be having our first after summer meeting on Wednesday, September 7th in the church library. We could always use new members so please consider joining us.

Susan Nofrey, Chairperson



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

WHO IS JESUS? A simple question? Come join the Presbyterian Women's bible study for 2016-17 and help us delve into this most important question. As the pillar of Christianity, what could be more basic, more intriguing, more complex than to study who are Lord and Savior is? It should be an interesting and rewarding year as we make this journey of discovery.

As always, Presbyterian Women (PW) will meet on the third Tuesday of each month, September through June. For our first meeting on September 20th, we will be auditioning a new location....the PCOS Fellowship Hall. As the size of our group has grown, we have sometimes found our usual meeting locations becoming a tight squeeze. We hope this trial location will work well and it certainly gives us the opportunity to expand our numbers even more.

PW meetings and events are open to all women attending PCOS. Our monthly meetings start with an opportunity to socialize, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, and indulge in a light snack as we gather from 9:30 to 10:00 am. Our bible study and meeting begin at 10:00 am and last until 11:00 to 11:30 am. We hope you will join us and learn about Jesus, the Fellowship to the Least Coin, local mission opportunities, and ourselves. Your presence will certainly enhance our time together.

If you are interested in attending and have not received the 2016-1017 study guide, please contact Debbie Peterson or Gail Nichols.

Times to remember:

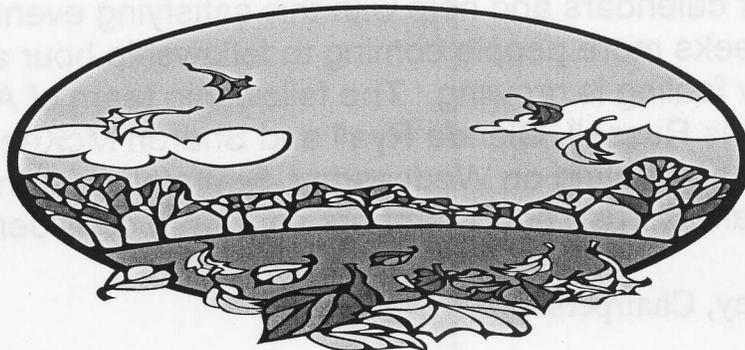
Tuesday, September 20th - First meeting (Fellowship Hall)

9:30 am – Social time with beverages & “goodies”

10:00 am – Bible study and meeting start

Again, we hope you will join us!

Debbie Peterson,
Moderator



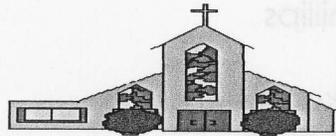
LECTIONARY

September 4 (16th Sunday after Pentecost): Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11 (17th Sunday after Pentecost): Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18 (18th Sunday after Pentecost): Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25 (19th Sunday after Pentecost): Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



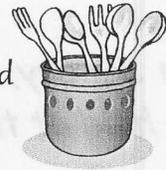
OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 7 -	81
August 14 -	77
August 21 -	80

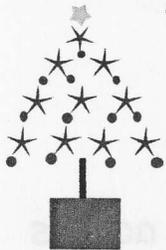
Who have you invited to church?

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

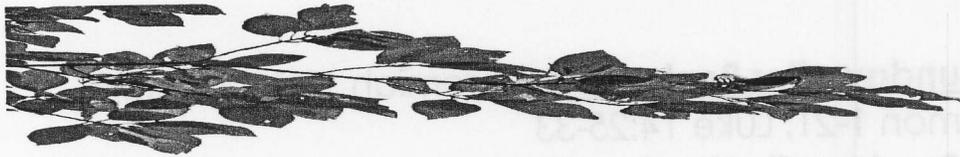
Supper groups continue to meet. If you'd like to be part of a group, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway near Pastor's office. If you have questions, call Norma Wood at 804-439-1775.



ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER



Wednesday, December 14, has been set for our Annual Christmas Dinner. A small group met a couple weeks ago to begin planning. Search for catering services are underway. Decorations and dinner party activities were discussed. We will meet again September 11 after worship to do a little more planning. Join us! We'd love to have you. We will also need help with setting tables/decorating and a little clean up. If you'd like to volunteer, please call the church office at 541-997-7136 or Norma at 804-439-1775.



USHERS AND GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER

	Greeters	Ushers
September 4	Marjorie Moreland Andy LaTomme	Elva Philp Larry Newman
September 11	Karil Israel Don Phillips	Nancy Gardiner Guy Veach
September 18	John Skarda Joan Skarda	Connie Bradley Alice Collier
September 25	Dee Newton Larry Valentine	Jonathan Yoder Ken Stone



With Our Deepest Sympathy....

Our love and prayers to the family of Tish Hampson who passed away on August 2nd. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 17th at 1 p.m.

On Sunday, September 18th a memorial reception for John DiGiorgio will be held at the church following worship.

FLORENCE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Beach Walk

Saturday, September 10th

9 am - 1 pm

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board across from the church office.

