



PCS NEWS  
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SIUSLAW



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### **From the Pastor:**

We have passed my one year anniversary here as your pastor. Thank you for receiving Norma and me into your life and allowing us to minister here in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I cannot believe that an entire year has gone by. In one sense we feel at home and almost as if we've been here forever, and yet at the same time the newness and joy of discovery is with us every day.

### **Three things for October:**

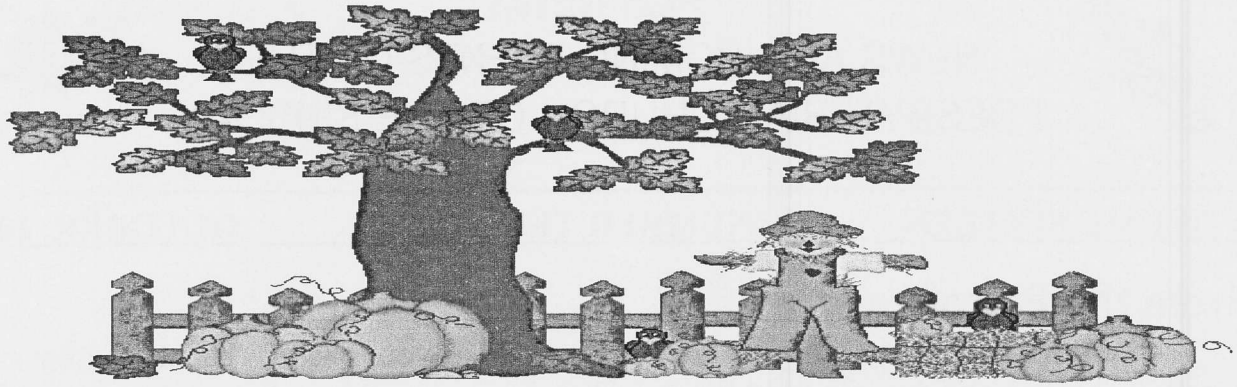
1) We have had some great people join the church or express interest in joining the church – we'll have a welcoming service in the near future. We haven't had a new members' class though. So in October and into November I will preach on the themes of "Being Presbyterian." We'll start on October 16 with a brief history of the Presbyterian Church. Hopefully it will be a review for all of us, but at times a quick refresher doesn't hurt. Other topics we will cover are: Sacraments, the Bible, worship, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Trinity, the practice of faith.... If you have a question that you would like to have addressed, please let me know.

2) We are planning a vacation for Tuesday, October 4 through Tuesday October 11. I get to officiate at the wedding of my daughter Christa's best friend. The wedding is in Richmond, Virginia. While I am gone, Lori Blake from New Life Lutheran Church will be available for emergencies and for other pastoral care needs. Debbie Kiturkes has Rev. Blake's contact information.

On Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Montee Kennedy has graciously agreed to be our guest preacher.

3) Beginning on October 3, our Monday morning book study is launching a new study. We are going to read the book of Mark. We are going to read whole chapters at a time looking for those things that stand out, or the themes that speak to us. Usually we look at small passages, the Sunday sermon is usually based on 10-14 verses. In Bible study it is common for the full hour to be spent looking at one verse or even at times one or two words from a verse. There are a number of other scholarly study tools that get employed in Bible study, tools that challenge us to look at the historical setting, or the literary concerns, or even the root sources of the passage, while helpful at times to consider all these matters, we want to try something else.

We affirm that in reading scripture God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us understand and interpret what God is saying to us today. We will read together, talk about the issues we find there, and try to learn together what we need to learn.



## FALL CHURCH BAZAAR

### Saturday, November 5

### 9 am – 1 pm

It's here again! The PCOS Fall Church Bazaar. Sign up sheets are posted on the partition wall in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a look and sign up to help.

As usual, we will be selling quality handmade craft items; baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, Christmas decorations and good quality "white elephant" items. (Questions, call Mona)

Set up for the bazaar will be Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until we finish. Please drop off all items for sale during that time. If you have any questions, call Debbie Peterson.



### **USHERS AND GREETERS FOR OCTOBER**



#### **Greeters**

#### **Ushers**

**October 2**

Glenda Ryall  
Marvin Ryall

Ann Floto  
Paul Floto

**October 9**

Andy LaTomme  
Connie Riebhoff

Ron Sjogren  
Don Phillips

**October 16**

Carol Parsons  
Doris Russell

Nancy Ash  
Alice Collier

**October 23**

Patrick McKee  
Sharon McKee

Alice Collier  
Guy Veach

**October 30**

Beverly Hopps  
Volunteer needed

Ann Floto  
Paul Floto

## BOOK GROUP

The Book Group met September 2nd at the church library. We shared books we've been reading during the summer and came up with a list of books to read during the year.

Joanne McMicken reported on the book *Amazing Traveler Isabella Bird* by Evelyn Kaye. Isabella traveled all over the world in the 1800's and was an amazing woman. You might be interested in reading about this adventuresome woman and the places she visited.

Our book choice for the October 7th meeting is: *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. The novel connects two women who learn that the weight of the world is made bearable by the love we give away.

If you would enjoy a lively discussion of books along with a cup of coffee or tea, please join us October 7th at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.

**Everyone is welcome.**

"Be awesome! Be a book nut!" — Dr. Seuss



## **Property News**

We have such good response when it comes to needing help on the projects that are undertaken in the church. Thanks to those who "pitch in" when necessary.

The task of recovering the chairs is under way. We found out that taking off the old fabric is a challenge and requires some physical effort. It is a good learning experience for those working on it and some understanding of why reupholstering costs so much. Thank you Cathy Ures for undertaking this. Much laughter, fellowship, frustration, and appreciation good times!!!

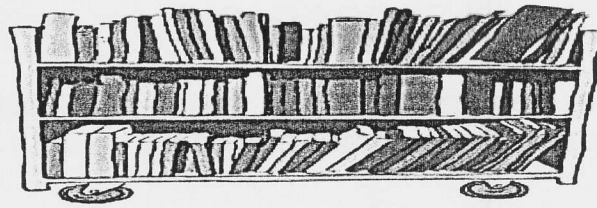
Generously, a couple of our members purchased a mower to use in the upkeep of church property. Thank you.

Painting the exterior of the church will be put off until next summer.

The next property meeting is on Wed. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00

Mona Lieberenz (Acting Chairperson)





## The Sharing Shelf for October

Books being our business, we thought it time to share a few words pertaining thereto. In the wonderful world of the biblio prefix we find these: *bibliolatriy* - worship of the Bible . . . . *bibliomancy* - divination by books, esp. the Bible . . . . *bibliophagist* - devourer of books . . . . *bibliophile* - lover of books . . . . *bibliophobia* - dislike of books . . . . *bibliotaph* - one who hides away books . . . . *biblioklept* - one who steals books (or doesn't return them?) . . . . *bibliomania* - a mania for books, especially acquisition . . . . *bibliotheke* - book repository or library . . . . *bibliothec* - librarian. . . . *Bibliosophist* - no such thing, but isn't it a wonderful word?

We searched but found no special day/week/month/year devoted to the classics. But, having accumulated several of that nature, we decided to declare October Classic Book Month, and share some here. Believing that all are familiar with the content, we will simply list the available titles and authors:

*A Tale of Two Cities.* Charles Dickens.

*A Study in Scarlet & The Hound of the Baskervilles.* Arthur Conan Doyle.

*The Age of Innocence.* Edith Wharton.

*The Red Badge of Courage.* Stephen Crane.

*The Return of Sherlock Holmes.* Arthur Conan Doyle.

*The Scarlet Letter.* Nathaniel Hawthorne.

*Walden.* Henry David Thoreau.

*Wuthering Heights.* Emily Bronte . . . . and *Jane Eyre* by Emily's sister Charlotte Bronte.

G. Trueblood, Bibliothec



**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**  
**World Communion Sunday**

*This offering will be received on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>*



## Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner

Planning continues for our **Wednesday, December 14, 2016** Annual Christmas Dinner. We will meet again on October 16 after worship.



CROW will be providing some entertainment. We will definitely keep the dinner cost under \$20/person. We are close to having a caterer and setting the menu. Details will be available and reservations will be accepted.

### **Christmas Sing-Along**

We will need help on the 14<sup>th</sup> to set tables/decorate the Fellowship Hall, as well as do a little clean up after. If you'd like to help or offer ideas please call the church office at 541-997-7136 or Norma at 804-439-1775.



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### **NURTURE TEAM September 2016**

**Prayer Chain** - Ardella Bennett had 9 new prayer chain requests.

**Parish Nurse** - Connie Bradley remains diligent in her efforts as our parish nurse.

**Home Communion** - Communion was served by Greg Wood and Sharon Pryor to Esther Dawson.

**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 37 packets including 2 get wells and 8 birthday cards.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - This group meets on the first Tuesday of each 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 usually meet every other month on the first Thursday. Our next meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at our church.

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

***"Love is the only force capable of transforming  
an enemy into friend."***

***-Martin Luther King Jr.***



## **JULY-SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

Greg Wood, Nancy Gardiner, and Gail Nichols will attend the Special Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Eugene on September 29, 2016.

Session approved participation in the multi-church Wednesday Community Dinners with our church serving as the host church for September. Members of New Life Lutheran church will do the cooking. We will provide the cooks in October at New Life Lutheran Church.

Session approved disposing of the upright piano in Fellowship Hall. It will not stay in tune; we will use the keyboard in Fellowship Hall when it is needed.

Session approved serving meals (dinner and breakfast) to the homeless on days designated by the pastor. This will be when the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter program operates.

Session approved changing the church office hours to Monday-Thursday 9am-12 noon. The office will be closed on Fridays. Debbie Kiturkes will work the same number of hours each week. Session also approved the purchase and installation of an intercom on the side double-door and exterior cameras for the security of our staff.

The next regular Session meeting will be October 17<sup>th</sup>.

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### **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.

Help us help others.



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Check out our Facebook page! You can watch and listen to our bell choir, and other special events that happen in our church.





## LECTIONARY

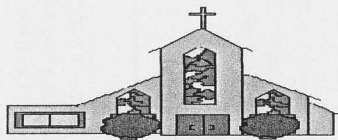
**October 2 (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Lamentations 1:1-6;  
Lamentations 3:19-26 pr Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**October 9 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7;  
Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

**October 16 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Jeremiah 31:27-34;  
Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

**October 23 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

**October 30 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4;  
Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10



## OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

September 4 - 91

September 11 - 77

September 18 - 83

***Invite a friend or neighbor to church!***

**Supper for Six** groups will continue to meet as they are currently organized

through December. In January we will shuffle the groups – add

participants and forge ahead getting to know one another better around the table.



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