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## From the Pastor:

In November we will continue our study of "The Basics of Presbyterianism." I am hopeful that I'm answering some of your questions about who we are and what the "party line" is. On November 6, we will look at "The Sacraments," the theme for November 13 is "Membership Has Its Privileges, Or Does it?" and on November 20: "Worship: Why Do We Do It **That** Way."

If at the end of the series you still have questions, please let me know and we can either talk about it then, or I can keep going with this series into the Advent Season (I can't believe that we decorate the church for Christmas on November 26 either).

We will dedicate our pledges on November 13. By now you should have received a letter from the church and a pledge card. As an annual ritual, it often feels like something that we have to do. So we hold our nose and write down some numbers. In the coming week, I hope you will let go of your nose and consider the ways that God may be calling you to give to the church and through the church. I often get a little disconnected from our giving to the church. Norma writes the check and puts it in the offering plate. Yet I am comforted to know that we are participating in supporting the work of the church.... I often wish that we could do more. Giving can be a mirror of our commitment to Christ and to His church.

Many are on fixed incomes, and I know that you are giving all that you can. I am thankful for your support of the mission of the church. Still there are other ways that we can give more. It is humbling to know that many church members regularly pray for me. I need it and appreciate it. Would you pledge to pray on a regular basis for the leaders and ministries of this congregation? A friend gave members of his congregation small blue dots to put on their wristwatches the instructions were that each time they saw that dot they were asked to pray for the church. Could you pledge to pray for one person to join us in worship, or for another choir member, or a family with children to join us?

Other ways we could pledge to give more to Christ's church is by agreeing to make one or more calls to people that need to hear a friendly voice, or send a "thinking of you card." I'm sure that you can brainstorm a dozen more ways to serve and give and be a blessing to others.

One final thing. It is obvious that God is alive and well, it is seen in the work that you do and the way it is done. I thank God for all of you in my prayers.

Peace,

## NURTURE TEAM for October



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

**Parish Nurse** - Remember folks our parish nurse Connie Bradley has a variety of medical equipment available. Please let her know if you or someone you know has a need for such items.

**Home Communion** - Communion was served by Greg Wood and Nancy Gardiner to Ron Sjogren.

**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 21 packets including 4 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 3rd at 10 am at our church.

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

**"God wants the heart."**

***The Talmud***

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### BOOK GROUP NEWS:

The Book Group will meet on Friday, November 11th at the church library. We are reading *The Residence: Inside the Private World of The White House* by Kate Andersen Brower. The author portrays what it's like to take care of the first family from the Kennedys to the Obamas. The stories of the residence workers give us a first hand look at how the White House runs.

Mona will lead the discussion so be ready for some tough questions!

We meet at 10:00. Come early and grab a cup of coffee. Everyone is welcome.





## **FALL CHURCH BAZAAR**

**Saturday from 9 am - 1 pm**

It's here!! Our Fall Church Bazaar is right around the corner.  
We ask that you bring your craft items and baked goods in during  
**set up time on Friday starting at 9 a.m.**

Come back on Saturday to shop our beautiful craft items, baked goods,  
jams, jellies, candy, Christmas decorations and  
good quality "white elephant" items.

Pick up holiday gifts or something special for yourself.  
See you there!

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### **OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

At the October Session meeting, Session voted to send \$1000.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Haiti relief.

The kitchen was painted on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1, and remember those who passed this year – both church and family members.

We will celebrate Advent with a month-long food drive. More information to come.

The Florence Community Chorus will hold two concerts in our sanctuary of December 10 and 11 at 2 pm. Our handbell choir will be playing in both concerts.



# Annual Church Family & Friends Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 14, 2016 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**  
Reservations will be accepted beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of November.  
CROW will be providing vocal entertainment, as will Paul Guthmuller,  
and we'll sing a few Christmas Carols.

Holiday gifts will be collected for children and youth in the community  
(more details to come).

Our evening will begin with appetizers and mingling. The dinner menu will  
include a choice of pork or chicken, salad, veggie, roll and dessert; prepared and served by the  
Culinary Arts Students from Siuslaw High School. A vegan option will also be available.

If you'd like to help or offer ideas please call the church office  
at 541-997-7136 or Norma at 804-439-1775.

*Norma and your Christmas Dinner Committee:*

*Susan Nofrey, Doris Russell, Joan Skarda, Sharon Pryor, Nancy Vogel,  
Pat Dickson, Nancy Gardiner, Marty Palmer and Ann Floto . . .*

## **Christmas Sing-Along**



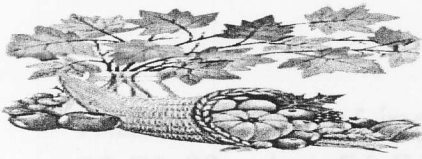
**We are looking forward to dining and celebrating with you!!**



Come join us as we decorate for  
the Advent and Christmas  
Seasons.

**November 26, 10am.**

We'll hang the greens and  
celebrate the goodness of God.



## **CHANCEL CHOIR NOTES.....**

The chancel choir is pleased to welcome our new baritone Larry Puderbaugh. Larry thought that he would come to practice and just listen for a few weeks. However in a few moments I found him singing along with the choir and learning the new anthem for Sunday. Larry found that he was comfortable enough to join the choir on Sunday morning. We are so very happy to have Larry join our choir and I am sure that Rosie is happy to have him in the choir loft also.

Keep watching I have heard that we may have another new member joining us shortly. Our choir is growing, it's good to see all those wonderful people in the choir loft on Sunday morning. I know how busy we are, and I am very pleased that the choir members take the time to come and sing on Sunday morning and at practice on Thursday.

I am extremely pleased with the anthem that the choir sang on that stormy Sunday morning. I had canceled choir practice on that Thursday before, due to the impending bad weather. I had also changed the anthem from what had been scheduled to try and match the change in the sermon topic. The first practice for "We are the Hands of Christ" was that Sunday morning. Perhaps it was the charged air from the storm, along with the talents of each individual member of the chancel choir, that allowed us to sing our anthem so beautifully with only a half an hours practice.

Come sing along with us. Maybe you know a friend or relative who likes to sing. We are not a professional choir, there are no auditions, you don't even need to read music. The Chancel Choir enjoys worshipping God through song. Come join us!

Jean Gottschalk  
Director

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## **MISSION TEAM REPORT....**

We would like to Thank You for supporting our beach walkers and donors for your generosity. A special thanks to Norma Wood, Cathy Ures, Keith Garvey and his invisible dog for the silent reminder about Habitat for Humanity's major fundraiser.

Also, cudos to Elton Knutson and Carol Parsons for delivering our offerings to Food Share.

During Advent we are planning a Fun event that will involve two charities within our community. Gail Nichols and Sharon Pryor are working out the details. More to come!!!

Sharon and Gail

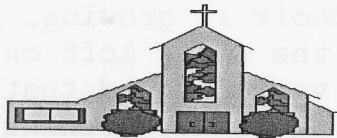
## LECTIONARY

**November 6 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**November 13 (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost):** Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**November 20 (Christ the King/Reign of Christ):** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**November 27 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent):** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



### OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

October 2 -	84
October 9 -	76
October 16 -	81
October 23 -	75

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

### USHERS AND GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>November 6</b>	Jane Douglass Marjorie Moreland	Joan Skarda John Skarda
<b>November 13</b>	Karil Israel Alice Collier	Ken Stone Ann or Paul Floto
<b>November 20</b>	Nancy Gardiner Don Phillips	Ann Floto Paul Floto
<b>November 27</b>	Dee Newton Guy Veach	Ron Sjogren Elton Knutson





Susan Nofrey, Chairperson

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, articles for the next newsletter will be due on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Newsletters will be distributed on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. This is one week earlier than normal.

Happy Thanksgiving



## **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.....**

*Our sympathy and prayers to the friends of Nancy Grischkowsky who passed away on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Nancy was an active member of our church since 2005. She was a ruling elder, sang in the choir, knitted dozens of prayer shawls, made items for our church bazaar and was involved in Worship, Christian Education, Nurture, Fellowship and the Mission Team during her years here. A memorial service was held at the church on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

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### **In Memoriam**

**NANCY GRISCHKOWSKY**

Loved Sister in Christ

September 27, 2016

We want to honor Nancy for her unquestioned loyalty in all her friendships. I was blessed by Nancy's tender and caring heart. Nancy showed me a sister protectiveness, which I valued very much.

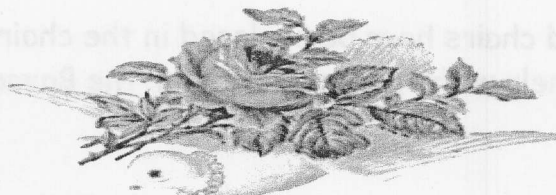
Nancy was quiet as she went about her daily life. She didn't grumble about the ailments that visited her during the past years. She was wounded and weary in life and longed for release. She shared enough of her heart and history to make me aware of the struggles of her soul and the strength she sought from the Lord to sustain her.

She gave of her love and talents to many. The gift of her singing was a joy to all of us. I was always blessed to sit next to her in church, hearing her sing like an angel. We can easily imagine her singing in a choir of angels in heaven, praising God with pure joy in her heart.

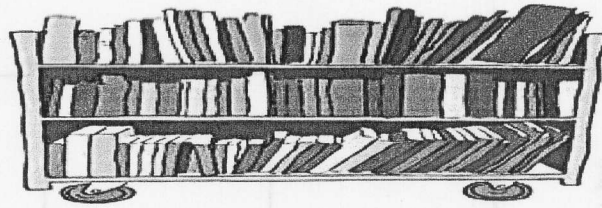
Nancy inspired me to pick up my knitting needles after many years for the purpose of joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. I loved to watch her nimble fingers knit row upon row of lovely colors and textures, always with a prayer that the finished shawl would bless the recipient. We can never count the comfort these shawls gave to many.

"Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me." Nancy loved the "least of these." Nancy loved us, and we say, "Thank you, Nancy. Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord." We love you and miss you!

Dee Newton







## The Sharing Shelf for November

In Oct. we celebrated biblio words and classic books. Having met with some success we have opted for a repeat, but with only three books of the classic genre, which will lead the list. More wonderful biblio words are: *Bibliosoph* - one who knows, or knows about, books . . . . *Bibliophilist* - a lover of books . . . . *Biblioclast* - a destroyer of books. . . . *Bibliology* - of books & booklore . . . . *Bibliognost* - one versed in knowledge about books . . . . *Bibliogony or Bibliogenesis* - production of books . . . . *Bibliopolism* - art of selling books . . . . *Bibliopolist* - a book binder . . . . *Bibliopole* - a seller of rare books . . . . *Bibliothecary* - a librarian (Last month, as a librarian, we were a *Bibliothec*. Now we are fancier.)

Offered for your reading pleasure this month are the following:

*Emma* by Jane Austen. "21 year old Emma is a complicated young woman with a knack for meddling," and problems with morals and money. Published in 1816, and followed by Jane's death in 1817 at age 41.

*Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf. 1925. "Mrs. Dalloway contains some of the most beautiful, complex, incisive, and idiosyncratic sentences ever written in English, and that alone would be reason enough to read it. One of the most moving, revolutionary artworks of the 20th century."

*The Original Illustrated Sherlock Holmes*. Arthur Conan Doyle. "17 short stories and a complete novel from The Strand Magazine. With all 356 original illustrations."

*The Investigator*. Terry Lenzner. "a riveting personal account . . . astounds with anecdotes of scandal and intrigue, offers lessons in investigative methods, and provides an eye-opening look behind some of the most talked-about media stories and world events of our time."

*Indigo*. Catherine E. McKinley. "In search of the color that seduced the world...For almost 5 millennia, in every culture and every major religion, indigo - a blue pigment obtained from the small green leaf of a parasitic shrub thru a complex process that even scientists still regard as mysterious - has been at the center of turbulent human encounters." The whole story here.

*Rising Tide*. Randy Roberts/Ed Krzemienski. Coach Bear Bryant & quarterback Joe Namath. How they led the U. Of Alabama to victory "and transformed football into a truly national pastime between 1961 & 1965, a time of Freedom Rides, integration of colleges and the assassination of President Kennedy. The 1st football game broadcast nationally was theirs.

*Crazy in the Kitchen*. Louise DeSalvo. "Food, feuds and forgiveness in an Italian American Family." "...in the 1950s New Jersey, the kitchen becomes the site for fierce generational battle with peasant foods of the past vs convenience food vs festive Italian foods.

*To Move the World, JFK's Quest for Peace*. Jeffrey D. Sachs. "An eloquent call for American civic renewal based on moderation, compassion, and cooperation across the lines of class, ethnicity, and ideology."

G. Trueblood, Bibliothecary