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First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30

# September 2013 Newsletter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lay Reader: <b>Lois E. Koval</b> 1 Greeters: <b>Mark &amp; Marcy Sterling</b>	2	3	<b>Men's Lunch</b> 4 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	5	6	7
Lay Reader: <b>Kim Johnston</b> 8 Greeters: <b>Harley &amp; Marion Piper</b> SPECIAL CONCERT <b>HALCYON TRIO</b>	9	10 Deacon's Meeting 10:30am	11 <b>Men's Lunch</b> 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	12	13	14 <i>HALCYON TRIO</i> <i>Performance</i> <i>Pacific City</i>
<b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b> 15 Lay Reader: <b>Fran Welch</b> Greeters: <b>Bill Anderson &amp; Evelyn White</b> <b>ANNUAL PICNIC</b>	16	17 Session Meeting 5:30pm	18 <b>Men's Lunch</b> 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	19	20	21
22 Lay Reader: <b>David Arbuckle</b> Greeters: <b>Johanna Sampson &amp; McKenzie</b> Sunday School & Adult Study Begin	23	24	25 <b>Men's Lunch</b> 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	26	27	28
29 Lay Reader: <b>Roberta Campbell</b> Greeters: <b>Phila Simmons &amp; Evelyn White</b>	30					

*Happy Birthday!* 2nd Dori Young, 6th Evelyn White, 12th Hope Bakken and Marian Piper

13th Shirley Ramos, 15th Betty Hughes and 25th Gene Sherrell

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*Pastor's Page*



So our friend and newsletter editor is trying to get out of town and move to California. As you have read or will read one of his obstacles is putting everything into a 160 cubic foot trailer.

As he was sharing with us his woes at the men's lunch we pondered the question, if you were on a desert island what is the one thing you would take with you? I asked my daughter. It was an easy quick answer with no hesitation. My cell phone! Of course, everything a teenager needs is on their phone: Their friends, the news, their games, their photos, basically their whole life is on their phone. And it takes up a lot less space than 160 cubic feet! Hopefully there is a cell phone tower nearby.

So I reframed the question to my wife. What if the house was on fire what would she save? She said probably nothing, because the only thing of value to her was the grand piano and she couldn't take that so probably just happy to save herself. "Everything else can be replaced," she said. I would want to save my books, but like the grand piano it would be hard to get all the books out of the house. I better start down-loading them onto my phone!

But this question of moving things out of a house into a 160 cubic foot trailer begs another question. What is all this stuff anyway and where did it come from and what do we really need or want. I have found more people clearing out things they

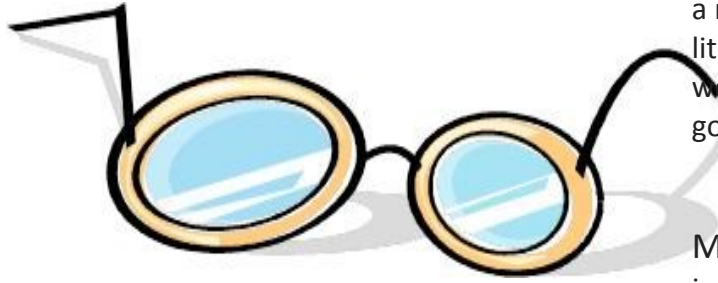
thought were important because they realize their children are going to throw it out anyway after they are gone.

Recently we cleaned out our house and either sold things at a garage sale or gave them away to Love, In the Name of Christ. My motivation came from reading a book about clutter. If you fill your rooms, closets, and shelves to the max then there is no room for the future things that come along in your life.

As I went through the house I realized this was true. Being an historian by nature I always think I have to keep all materials from the past...for research....someday. But then I realized I had no room for my future endeavors and the surprises that might come along.

And then to end on a spiritual note: one needs to declutter their mind of the grudges, pain, hurts, memories of losses that loom and be ready to fill the mind with the surprises that God has in store for us through the Holy Spirit. And the good memories Dave said he would take with him will expand as we realize God's blessings in them.

*Pastor David*



# The Treacle runs dry... or a life described in 160 cubic feet

by Dave Haugh

I'm only going to tow a small trailer to California; a small trailer that will fit behind a Ford Focus. As it turns out, that is a shape four feet wide by eight feet deep by five feet high; or 160 cubic feet. I could rent a truck of course, take along everything in the house including dust bunnies and old bags of chips. But I decided I didn't need things as much as memories.

My Grandfather Maddox arrived in California driving a Ford, so it seems appropriate that I return driving the same marque. Having lived or spent a great deal of time in California, Texas, Colorado, North Dakota, Florida, New Newfoundland (Canada), Washington, Idaho and Arkansas and of course Oregon, I now find that I will be living just 30 miles from where I was born.

Pastor David asked me that old saw, "If you were stranded on a desert island and could only take one thing with you what would it be"?

I managed to avoid actually answering the question, but my thought was, "good memories"; I have

enough bad memories to go around thank you. Obviously you'd end up saying something like, "a Bible, or a radio, or company, or hope"; the sane, political, polite answers. I don't suppose taking along a ukulele would be either appropriate or polite, but memories, good memories are light and take up very little space.

Many of our congregation have faced, will face, or just plain don't want to face, scaling back; going for the less is more. I for one will be willing to scale back (as in stop) the yard work, not that I've done much of that in the last couple of years. Sitting with a cardboard box wondering why you kept all this stuff, and what in the world made it important in the first place, can not only be dusty but therapeutic as well; provided you don't just put the box back where it was.

You could take the old Egyptian stance of, "I'm taking it with me". We've all seen houses like that, usually of older relatives, where every room was, "stuffed with stuff". Big stuff, little stuff, hidden stuff, put away stuff, do not touch stuff, up high stuff, and just plain stuff, stuff.

But I've decided that I don't need a lot of stuff. An old friend of mine, writer Philip K Dick defined one form of stuff as kipple, "...Kipple is useless objects, like junk mail or match folders after you use the last match or gum wrappers or yesterday's lunch, now in plastic, which you will never eat. When nobody's around, kipple reproduces itself. For instance, if you go to bed leaving any kipple around, when you wake up there is twice as much of it".

I think that I have more than enough stuff, I'm sure that I have more than enough kipple. What I will take with me is the memory of all my friends, the memory of fellowship, the memory of belonging. I think that 160 cubic feet will be more than enough room.



## FROM OUR LIBRARIAN

The summer donations to our library collection have been mighty scarce, but quite a few Christmas books for children have been received. They will be displayed when holiday times roll around.

Cataloging is moving slowly and there are a few being cataloged in my home. Right now I am concentrating on our oversize section.

This month I will spend a week in Idaho with my family; four of my children live there where they were raised. I feel lucky to have my youngest son and grand daughter close by in Aurora.

I shall return from Idaho by September 15th.

Phila, Church Librarian

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## *Sunday School Adult Study to begin on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

This year our youth of the church will learn about the church and our faith with Pastor Morelli. The class will run through the fall and they will learn about the faith of the Christian Church and other faiths. Why we believe what we believe and why we do what we do will be the main emphasis.

The Adult class, usually led by Pastor Morelli, will be a group study. The class will meet on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and decide what they would like to study.

***Choir Practice resumes:*** Debi has done a wonderful job of providing special music this summer while choir members took a rest. Fall is here and choir practice begins Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. It will be nice to have our choir return and provide leadership in worship. If you would like to sing in the choir speak with Debi after a worship service. You are guaranteed the best seat in the house!

**Church Picnic:** The Annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 15th. Plan to stay after the worship service for food and fellowship.

## Committee on Ministry to meet with Woodburn Session

Carol Swanson, the COM representative, will meet with the session at their regularly scheduled meeting September 17th. Each year a member of Presbytery meets with the session and pastor to review the ministry of the church and renew the Stated Supply Covenant.



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 6th

The mission committee will take a peacemaking offering on World Communion Sunday. A Baked Potato with all the toppings is being planned by the Congregational Life Committee following the worship service. Mark your calendars and plan to attend both this special service and the soup lunch. 25% of the peacemaking offering stays with the church and is used for local mission.

**New Editor for the Newsletter.** Dave Haugh is moving back to California and we need a new editor by the end of September for the October issue. Don't be shy, Please talk to Pastor David.



*The 1st Annual Love INC Dinner and Silent Auction went well. After expenses, Love Inc had earned a little over \$1500. Thanks to all who attended and the good wishes from all. Eight people attended from our congregation.*



## *Haleyon Trio Oregon 2013*

*Haleyon Trio Oregon*, soprano Jackie Van Paepeghem, trumpeter Joan Haaland Paddock and pianist/organist Debra Huddleston, is a versatile music ensemble that strives to elevate the mind and enlighten the soul of its audiences through engaging live performance of repertoire which spans a millennium of art music. Professionals also dedicated to the education of their audiences, they have succeeded in creating a renewed interest among United States and Canadian composers for works using this traditional 17<sup>th</sup> century instrumentation, resulting in several commissioned works. *Haleyon Trio Oregon* has presented Master Classes in conjunction with concerts at institutes of higher learning in Oregon, California and Virginia. Community Concert Series appearances include the Ewell Concert Series at the College of William & Mary in Virginia, the Windsor Hall Concert Series in Cumberland, Maryland, and the Fine Arts At Faith Concert Series in Redmond, Washington. *Haleyon Trio Oregon*, by invitation, performed an extensive concert tour of Norway in 2007 that included concerts in Oslo, Sletta and at Trolldhaugen, the home of Edvard Grieg, in Bergen.

*Joan Haaland Paddock* is Professor of Music at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. An Emmy Award winner from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

*Debra Huddleston*, Adjunct Professor of Music in accompanying at Linfield College, is one of the most sought-after accompanists in the Pacific Northwest.

*Jackie Van Paepeghem* is known throughout the Pacific Northwest for her colorful, open, engaging voice and her authentic and expressive countenance.

*Haleyon Trio Oregon* celebrates the end of Summer and the beginning of our Fall 2013 concert season today, September 8th, 10:30 AM, at First Presbyterian Church in Woodburn. Our next concert opens the Pacific City Arts Association Series at the beautiful Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 14th at 7:30 PM. The Fall concert schedule continues for us with an October mini-tour of North Dakota, starting at the First Presbyterian Church in Oakes as the featured performers for their 125th anniversary celebration; then we are on to open the concert series at Jamestown College in Jamestown October 7th, and the Sybil Center Concert Series in Stanley on October 8th.



## HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?

With over 2,000 pounds to the Food Bank and more to come. With Chilies, squash, corn, tomatoes, cabbage, broccoli, cucumbers, onions and beets; a blessed harvest.