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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	Men's Lunch 2 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	3	4	5
6 Lay Reader: David Arbuckle Greeters: Harley & Marion Piper Baked Potato Lunch Revs' Elmarie & Scott Parker to speak during lunch <i>Jackie Ortiz Morelli,</i> <i>Guest Pianist</i>	7	8 Deacon's Meeting 10:30am	9 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	10	11	12
13 Lay Reader: Roberta Campbell Greeters: Lucien & Sally Klein	14	15 Session Meeting 5:30pm	16 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	17	18	19
20 FOOD BANK SUNDAY Lay Reader: Fran Welch Greeters: Lloyd & Betty Soule	21	22	23 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	24	25	26
27 Lay Reader: Julie Moore Greeters: Jean Davis & Evelyn White	28	29	30 Men's Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7pm	31		

Happy Birthday! 5th Ruby Weidemann 19th Christine Smith, Beulah Bryan 29th Kim Johnston

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Pastor's Page



It seems that before I write the October pastor's page I look at the ones I have written the years before. I find a common theme.

The first theme goes like this. I have just returned from the Lectionary Retreat at Mt. Angel that I have attended for the past 18 years. It was this time of year as I was driving to the retreat that I received a call from Woodburn asking if I would be the pastor of this church. I then go on to explain something new I learned.

This year we studied Romans with one of the few women Pauline scholars in the world today. It would take me many pages to explain all that I learned this weekend. I will leave you with this. Paul did not hate women. In fact he had many women apostles around him. The problem is later theologians interpreting the text said the interpreters in the first one thousand years of Christianity must be wrong because everyone knows women cannot be leaders in the church.

One troubling text is Romans 16 verse 7. The person, Junia (a female name) is also translated Junias (a male name) in some bibles. Check your bible and see how they have translated that name. I just did. The New Revised Standard Version, that is in our pews:

"Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the *apostles*, and they were in Christ before I was."

The Revised Standard Bible translates the Greek like this:

Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners; they are men of note among the *apostles*, and they were in Christ before me.

And there is more, most notably Romans 1:27 that split the church. After spending 24 hours studying Romans as a complete book one realizes how much we snatch one verse to make a case for our own bias. Anyway let me say the Lectionary Retreat is my favorite conference and it did not disappoint.

The other theme in the October newsletters is fall programs are beginning. There are students back to school across the street, and head start children running around the church. The garden is full of empty plants ready to be plowed under and leaves changing color and soon will fall off the tree. It is the beginning of the school year, the return of church choirs and Sunday School and first Sunday lunches.

Fall is here: My favorite time of year.

Pastor David

World Communion Sunday

(originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the US and overseas. After a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. Today, efforts to promote World Communion Sunday are carried out by participating denominations. Our church commemorates *World Communion Sunday* through an annual *Peacemaking Offering*.



FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH BEGINS

On October 6th the Congregational Life Committee will host a 'Baked Potato Lunch' after the worship service. In addition to lunch we will have a presentation by Presbyterian Workers, Elmarie and Scott Parker. They will speak about their work overseas. You won't want to miss this.

Both Scott and Elmarie are Presbyterian teaching elders and members of Eastminster Presbytery. Prior to entering mission service, Elmarie served as pastor of Wickliffe Presbyterian Church in Austintown, Ohio. Scott was a hospital chaplain in Columbus, Ohio, before accepting his mission appointment. He also has been pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Columbiana, Ohio, and he and Elmarie served a new church development in Melbourne, Florida, before moving to Ohio.

Elmarie earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, and two master's degrees from Fuller Theological

Seminary in Pasadena, California. Scott holds a bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and a master's degree from Fuller Seminary

Sunday School is in gear and ready to go!

Adult Sunday School: Plan to stay after church for good conversation. The group has decided they would like to read and discuss a book. The book has yet to be decided.

Sunday School – youth: Pastor David and the young people will study the church and Christianity and how Presbyterians read and interpret the Bible. This class will run through the fall. The class will also begin getting ready for the Christmas pageant.



Church Picnic: The Annual church picnic was a success. Whipped cream seemed to be the theme of the picnic. Contestants fished for gum in a pie plate and young people with whip cream on their head had people at the tables throwing Cheetos at them to see who could get the most to stick. And no picnic would be complete without the cupcake walk and the free bingo.



Top: From left to right, Hillary, Apryl, Hanna, Zach and Hannah try their luck at whipped cream diving. Below: Walter and Debi don't seem to be as confident of success.



Above: Betty tries to crown Hanna with a Cheeto.

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Two new books have been added to our library collection and placed on the book truck of new arrivals.

A Whack On the Side of the Head: An updated book that deals with creative thinking.

Like students we all need a whack from time to time to change our pattern of thinking, drop some of our routine, and certainly adjust our foolish behavior to lead more creative lives. There is a humor too, as I quote, "Life is like room full of open doors that close as you get older". How True!

Flanders Book of Faith: A first edition with illustrations created by the artist for the Simpsons. This book contains a focus on the Flanders family tree and Ned Flander's diary containing wisdom and humor.

Phila Simmons, *Church Librarian*

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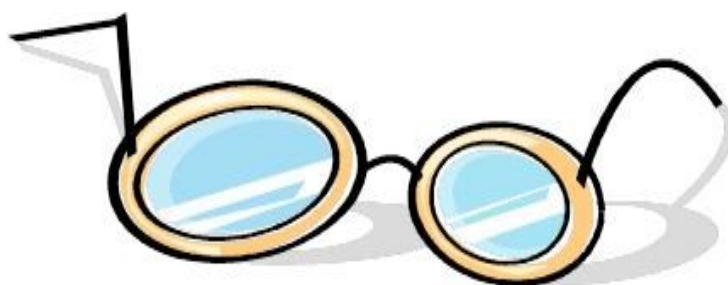
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Garden Party: On Friday, September 20, those people who have been working on the garden gathered for a dinner with dishes made from the vegetables in the garden. It was a time of joy and satisfaction.

Right: Friends from the LDS Church enjoyed Food from the Garden Party.

Below: Nanette Shepard Coordinator for the Community Garden, Trisha, Bill Anderson and children.



ONE LAST BIT OF TREACLE

David didn't think I could write a last goodbye so soon. The house has sold and there is nothing left but the shouting. I am going to miss all my friends and the fellowship of our Church and the community that I have grown to depend on and love. I thank you all for your kindness and understanding over the years.

We have one of the greatest choirs in the country an asset to our faith and an asset to our sharing with the community. All of God's children really do have a place in our choir.

When push came to shove, I may actually break down and rent a small truck instead of using a trailer. While memories may be light parting with stuff that you've lugged around is even harder; they're like old friends who have weathered the knocks with you. Remember that I love you all.

God Bless, Dave P.S. Is there any chance I can get a recommendation to take with me?