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MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>SOUP LUNCH</i> 2 Layreader: Betty Soule Greeter: Roberta Campbell	3	4	5 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6	7	8
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 9 Layreader: Mark Sterling Greeter: Phila Simmons	10	11	12 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7:00 pm	13	14	15
FOOD BANK SUNDAY 16 Layreader: Bonnie Hankins Greeters: Nancy Hankins	17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY	18 SESSION MEETING 5:30	19 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Community Garden Clean Up 9:00—12:00
23 Layreader: David Arbuckle Greeter: Harley and Marian Piper CABARET 12:30 PM	24	25	26 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage Choir Practice 7:00 pm	27	28	29
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You may have noticed that you have not received a newsletter for two months. You also may have noticed that this newsletter is listed as a three-month newsletter. You may be wondering why.

NO we are not doing a quarterly newsletter, but this was just a case of "doing one more thing and then I will get to the newsletter" problem. The one more thing didn't seem to end. So here I am at six in the morning at the church doing the newsletter before "one more thing" comes across the desk.

I can only say I hope you read this newsletter from cover to cover because a lot has happened in these three months.

We have done some serious upgrading of the heating and lighting in the church. We are moving forward on the Mural project which should be completed this spring. And we have lost some dear friends in the last few months.

We are moving into spring.

On March 22nd a group of people will be cleaning the garden and preparing the area for plowing and then planting. This date has been changed twice because too many people had one more thing to do. O yes, and then there was the snow!

We are now concentrating on the south side of the church. With the new mural will come new landscaping.

But most important spring is the time when we move into the Lent and Easter season. Lent is the season of reflection and Easter is the season of rejoicing.

It is the time of year that reminds us who we are. We are Easter people. We are people of the resurrection, people who follow Christ, people who gather together to worship and praise the God who continually blesses us in new and exciting ways.

As spring is a sign of renewal, so too is the symbol of the resurrection.

Many are sad that the 'world' has taken over the Christmas season. And though, to some extent Easter has become commercialized, yet it is a time the world can not fully embrace because it does not fully comprehend what it means that someone could be raised from the dead.

A baby Jesus in the manger can be comforting, but a Risen Lord can be disconcerting to those who seek to control and maintain the status quo the things of this world.

We should not waste this time of year, but thoroughly embrace the reflection of Lent and the celebration of Easter.

Pastor David

From the Annual Report



The year 2013 is over and the progress in the library was slow which signals me that changes need to be made to speed things up. Many new books were added which created more matching shelf list cards to be typed. This is the slow part and I have been trying to type them at home. A small portable typewriter was donated for this work but it takes a typist. It is available any time the church is open which is on Tues, Wed. and Thurs., and Friday and Monday if you call me to open the door.

Our church library looks good with what we have so far; plastic jackets were added to the beautiful over-size books and all are labeled and marked with Dewey numbers matching the wall chart for easy location. Christmas books are shelved separately as they are only popular at Christmas time.

In my opinion I should limit donations of non-fiction to those published within the last decade, therefore making our collection more quality than quantity and reduce the time spent on cataloging books that might never be checked out.

Take time to view our church library. Although small it fits our needs and is a collection of good reading.

Phila

Birthdays (let us know if you do not see your birthday listed)

January

1 Phila Simmons
11 Mary Harfield
19 Walt Mangerich
21 Betty Soule

February

18 Norbert Krausche

March

3 Linda Herman
4 James Weidemann
13 Jackie Morelli
15 Hannah Morelli

Deaths

Wes Bauer: born; August 28, 1922, died; January 10, 2014. Laid to rest: Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA.

Ruth Evelyn Smith Thomson: born; June 8, 1918, died; February 8 2014. Laid to rest Willamette National Cemetery.

Lois Wengenroth: born March 22, 1916, died; February 12, 2014. Laid to Rest: Belle Passi Cemetary.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord, they will rest from their labors and their works do follow them"
Rev. 14:13



Financial Report for the year 2013

Income

3200 – Offerings	\$ 77,581.87
3400 – Rent	\$ 34,400.00
3600 – Mission	1,638.15
3700—Programs	1,982.36
Other	685.79
Total income	116,288.17

There are 21 people who have returned their pledge cards for 2014. The total ‘estimate’ of giving for 2014 is \$ 51,112.

People can still turn in their pledge card,. If you need a pledge card see Pastor Morelli.

Expenses

4000 – Personnel	84,071.62
4700—Per Capita	2,001.60
5000 – Operations	28,106.44
6500, 6600 – Mission	4,126.41
6000 – program	5,090.39
Total expenses	123,396.46
Net Income	- 7,108.29

PER CAPITA

The per capita this year is \$25.42 per member. Our church has to pay the denomination the full amount for each member even if that member does not pay their per capita. You can help the church by sending in the per capita envelope enclosed with this newsletter.

New Lights....New Furnaces.....New Air Conditioning

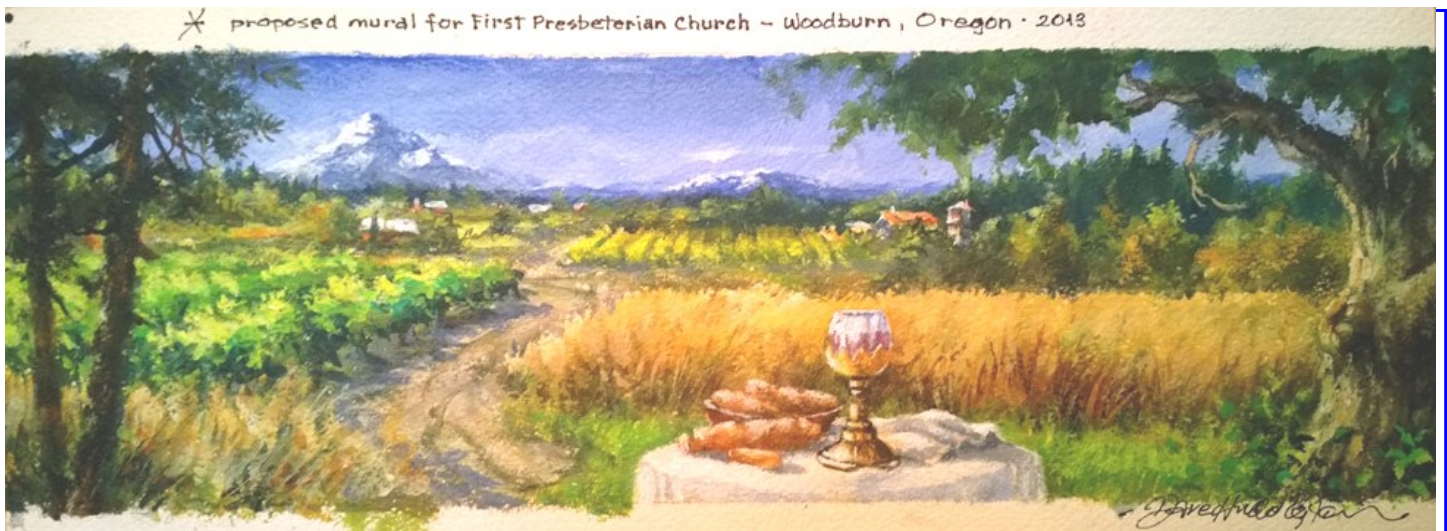
Thanks to a gift by the Burlingham Trust and the Presbytery Barnabus Fund we were able to install three new energy efficient furnaces for the Head Start Class Room, the Fireside Room and the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the furnaces the Fireside Room and the Fellowship Hall will have air conditioning.

A ductless heat pump system was installed in the church office, the pastor's study, the library and the Head Start Office. This heat pump system allows each room to be individually monitored with a remote control and provides both heat and cooling.

New LED lights and new T 8 fluorescent tubes have replaced old incandescent bulbs and the larger T 12 tubes. Not only does this gives us more light, but puts us in compliance with the new energy laws.

The new upgrades should lower our utility costs.

A special thanks to Roth's Heating, Bear Electric and Alderbrook Lighting who installed the new heating system and the new lights.



Mural Project Update

Debi Huddleston's brother, David, has designed a mural to be painted on the south side of the church. A committee is completing the necessary paper work to present to the city. The session had been waiting for the City Council to write a policy for murals for the city. Every thing is in place.

David will be here on March 23rd to begin the project. It was decided to paint on panels in the fellowship hall and then mount them outside. In this way, weather will not be a factor. Mark Sterling has researched the best material for the project. The session voted to dedicate this mural in memory of Lois Wengenroth. If you would like to give to the Mural Project write checks to the church and mark them for the mural project or the Lois Wengenroth memorial fund.

Come to the CABARET!

Save this date: SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd, after church.

You're senses will be awakened with savory and sweet treats; they'll be tintillated by the visual art surrounding you; they'll be overjoyed by the musical offerings. Featuring old time songs, broadway tunes, and a sing-along in memory of the late Pete Seeger, you will be entertained by our own church choir, by the Silvertones, and by some surprise guests. There will also be an opportunity to purchase some new art for yourself or for a friend or family member.

Schedule: LUNCH AT 12 NOON; ENTERTAINMENT STARTING AT 12:30.

Free-will offering and portion of art sales will benefit the Mural fund. Make sure to spread the word, and bring someone with you!