



First Presbyterian Church

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*An Active Part of the Woodburn Community*

*July 2014 Newsletter*

# JULY 2014

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		1	2 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage	3	4	5
6 SOUP LUNCH Layreader: Bonnie Hankins Greeters: Lucien and Sally Klein	7	8 SESSION MEETING 5:30 p.m. (Note day change)	9 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage	10	11	12
13 Layreader: Mark Sterling Greeters: Marcy Sterling, Christine Smith	14	15	16 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage	17	18	19
20 FOOD BANK SUNDAY Layreader: Walt Manrerich Greeters: Roberta Campbell, Julie Moore	21	22	23 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage	24	25	26
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## *Pastor's Page*

Thank you for a wonderful time on Sunday. I appreciate all that you did for my family on that day. I want to thank Jackie and Hannah for all the attention to detail and for working with Julie and the congregational life committee and all the others that made it a special event.

I know what some are saying, "Hasn't he left yet? Well it was my last Sunday, but I knew I would have to finish things in the office and this newsletter was one of them. So I wondered what I would say when I thought I had said everything. Then I met two women who came to look at the community garden.

I was setting up the irrigation system when the wife of the minister of the Evangelical Church and a friend (their congregation just bought the Simon Funeral Home), came by. Her husband had told her about the garden and the path that was in their backyard.

She heard that I was retiring and they wanted to know who the next pastor would be and I told them it would be awhile and the church would form a committee to do a mission study before looking for a new pastor.

The older woman said, "I was on one of those committees in my church." Though the process was long and frustrating she went on to say she thought it was necessary because the needs of the congregation were different than when the former pastor first arrives at a church.

At the retirement party, Walt shared how I read



your mission statement before coming to the church and then implementing the things the congregation had considered important for your church. When I wrote in the last newsletter of all the things this church has accomplished in my seven years, it was possible because you had gone through the process of discovering your wants and needs and my skills matched your needs. When a church knows itself it makes it much easier on the new pastor.

As the women in the garden said, the church is completely different now. It was a great way to end my career as a pastor, and I can't thank all of you enough for your support and encouragement. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for me and my family.

You will be in my prayers as you embark on this new adventure.

*Pastor David*

## Sunday Morning Worship 10:30

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### July Preachers

(scheduled so far)

July 6th and 13th—Tim Cayton

July 20th—Dennis Dusek



Pastor Morelli gives new Common English Bibles to Hanna and Apryl Schoen at his last service on June 22nd.

### Food Bank Sunday

Food bank Sunday is always the third Sunday of the month. Put a little extra in the offering plate or bring non-perishable food. Christine Smith makes sure it gets to the food bank sometime during the week.

### July Birthdays

1 Lucien Klein

24 Harley Piper

*Let Johanna Samson know if you do not see your birthday listed.*

## Community Garden Update

We encourage you to walk back to the garden and take a look. A larger than normal group of volunteers has been able to plant most of the ground and the weeds have been kept to a minimum. It's beautiful. Also, the individual plots are almost all being used. It's fun to see the variety of vegetables that folks are growing.

Now that summer's heat has set in, the plants are beginning to produce food. Some squash is ready to be picked at this time, and cabbage is a few weeks away.

If you would like to pick produce and take it to the food bank, please contact Laura in the office. The food bank is open from 9-noon Monday—Friday. We will need a supply of boxes to transport the produce, so if you have any laying around, bring them in.

We could also use a little more help with weeding. If you would like to spend some time hoeing the weeds, there is a hoe next to the trees by the garden.

## **Money**

Here is the giving and spending of the operating budget over the last 10 years.

Year	Offerings	Total Income	Total Expenses
2005	59,577.21	90,255.39	93,369.47
2006	61,217.23	106,675.16	120,480.81
2007	60,722.96	117,460.15	102,440.93 (no pastor-9 mo.)
2008	67,707.57	114,859.31	129,246.14
2009	74,723.64	123,053.98	135,226.72
2010	70,570.59	117,174.11	136,181.04
2011	76,989.59	118,362.13	125,989.16
2012	85,532.06	124,738.19	121,678.83
2013	77,581.87	116,288.17	123,396.46
2014 thru May 31	28,276.51	45,027.47	51,101.51

This graph shows the level of giving over a 10 year period. The best giving year for some reason was 2012. The expenses were lowered when the church secretary resigned and we did not replace anyone with the position.

These figures reflect the operating budget only. The many capital improvements were made possible by money given thru wills and bequests over the years.

However, one large undesignated gift was given that made it possible to operate with a deficit since 2005.

The church was on target to become self-sustaining in 2012 through increased giving and decreased expenses. In 2014 the church will realize another savings as the monthly utilities reflect the more efficient heating and lighting installed this year.

One way this small church and any small church is able to do ministry is using the wills and bequests program of the Presbyterian Church. Please consider the church in your will.



## **Library News**

This is coming to you from Pastor David because Phila has moved to be near her children and is no longer the librarian. The job is open. Phila did a wonderful job and the books are professionally catalogued and easy to check out. We also have a magazine rack that holds the Presbyterian's Today. It is a monthly magazine with great articles about people and churches and decisions made by our General Assembly.



**Here is a list of the elders, their responsibilities and their contact numbers.**

		<u>Email</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Cell</u>
Building concerns:	Mark Sterling Bill Anderson Walt Mangerich			
Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Concerns	Julie Moore			
*Greeters/ Layreaders	Sally Klein			
*Pulpit Supply	Walt Mangerich	Contact info withheld for this web edition		
Web Concerns/ Newsletter	Joanne Hanson			
Congregational Caring/*Worship Hour	Johanna Samson			
Mission/Love,INC	Kim Johnston			
Presbytery Concerns Tenants/legal	Lucien Klein			

\*Note: the elder for these responsibilities is Nancy Hankins, but she has asked these people to assist her.

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Our church secretary is Laura Harryman. Her regular office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

*An invitation from Bob Halle's family:*

*Dear Woodburn Family—We'd love to see some of you!!! :-)*

**BOB HALLE WILL BE TURNING \*\*\*100\*\*\***

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2014 2-3:30 p.m.**

**Highgate Senior Living 9803 NE Hazel Dell Ave. Vancouver, WA**

**We'd love to have you join us for cake to celebrate!! Of course we realize that it is a great distance for some to consider traveling, but still wanted you to know you are included! If you are able to attend, please contact Liz**

**Easiest Parking: GROCERY OUTLET Lot 9915 NE Hazel Dell Ave. (1/2 block N. of Highgate)**