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## *August 2014 Newsletter*

First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn

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# AUGUST 2014

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						Church Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Guest Preacher: Dick Cochran Guest Musician: Kurleen Nowickas, Soprano Layreader: Sally Klein Greeters: Bill Anderson and Nancy Hankins	Food Bank Garden Harvest 8:00 a.m.		Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Guest Preacher: George Furniss Guest Musician: Eileen Lalicker, Soprano Layreader: Fran Welch Greeters: Harley and Marion Piper	Food Bank Garden Harvest 8:00 a.m.		Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Guest Preacher: Ann Bowersox Guest Musician: Jani Van Pelt Layreader: Julie Moore Greeters: Betty Soule and Hope Bakken <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>	Food Bank Garden Harvest 8:00 a.m.	SESSION MEETING 5:30 p.m.	Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Guest Preacher: Philip Essex Guest Musician: The AMEN! Sisters Layreader: Marcy Sterling Greeters: Sally and Lucien Klein	Food Bank Garden Harvest 8:00 a.m.		Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage			
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Guest Preacher: TBA Guest Musician: Dave Arcuckle, Bass Layreader: Lois Koval Greeters: Roberta Campbell and Evelyn White						

# *Pastor Search*

By Walt Mangerich, Member of Session

So, now that Pastor Morelli has retired, where are we in the process of calling a new pastor? Finding a new full-time pastor requires a process that takes awhile. Even though some of us have been through the process before, we need to review our method, and be reminded that it's the congregation that is responsible for the process.

The initial responsibility of Session is to secure pastors to conduct our service each Sunday and to help provide services for the members and friends of our church. We have engaged Pastor Paul Belz-Templemen of the Aurora Presbyterian Church. He will be the Session moderator and has agreed to help us with events requiring a pastor's presence.

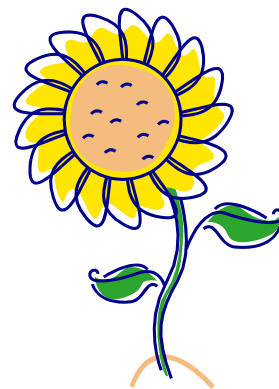
Various Presbyterian ministers from the "pulpit supply" list are scheduled to conduct our Sunday services through August, and we're working on September. I find pulpit supply to be rather interesting. The majority of pastors will have a lot of experience. There will be a tremendous difference in their messages and in the method in which they present their messages.

The second step will be to work with Presbytery to find an interim pastor to be here on Sundays, to conduct Session meetings, and to provide some pastoral care for the congregation. The level of care will depend on whether we employ him or her on a half-time, three-quarter-time or full-time basis. Session and members of the congregation should review our last mission statement, make whatever changes are necessary, and have it available to assist the congregation and Presbytery in choosing the right person. My hope is that in August Session will begin that process. Exactly how that process will evolve is still work in progress.



To call a permanent full-time pastor requires that we complete a mission study and publish it throughout the Presbytery. Basically we will be telling ministers what we want to do and they will decide if they wish to apply for the position. We will receive numerous applications which we will review, and we will narrow the applicants down to a few. From the few we will select several to advance through an interview process and eventually we will select one to be our full-time pastor. That process takes a while.

Using pulpit supply and then an interim pastor will allow us the time and opportunity to consider what qualifications we will want in our next full-time pastor. The process can be frustrating, time consuming, challenging and painfully slow, however it has produced good results in the past. I hope we will all take a deep breath, relax and allow the process to work. Remember we do things decently and in order.







Part of our harvest on July 21st

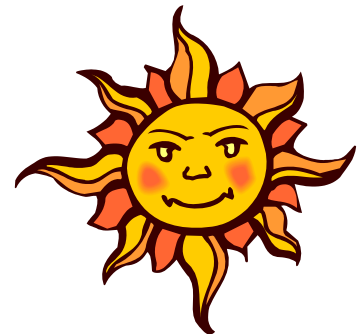
## Community Garden Update

Our garden has reached the major-production phase. The food we are churning out is beautiful. We have cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, yellow summer squash, cucumbers, sweet and hot peppers, tomatoes and beans. The photo above doesn't include the beans, but last Monday we picked two of these large boxes full of beans!!

To keep up with this bounty we have scheduled weekly harvest gatherings. Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m., folks are gathering to pick vegetables and enjoy the community. Adults and children are participating. It is a fun time.

The delivery to the food bank is also a treat. The staff there are so amazed and grateful. They take our boxes into their pantry and distribute it to hungry individuals and families.

Please consider joining us for our weekly harvests on Monday mornings.



## A note from the Yoders

Dear Ones,  
Hope all is well and that your pastor search is going smoothly. Think of you all often.

Take Care,  
Jerry and Betty

## 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.

## August Birthdays

7 Evelyn Balogh  
8 Debra Huddleston  
11 Sally Klein  
18 Dale Bradley  
31 Joanne Flomer

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