



First Presbyterian Church  
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## *December 2014 Newsletter*

First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn

Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Followed by fellowship time at 11:30 a.m.

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# December 2014

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7 Guest Preacher: James Freda Layreader: Lucien Klein Greeters: Sally Klein and Betty Soule  <b>SOUP LUNCH AND GREENING OF THE CHURCH</b>	8	9	10 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage  Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Church reserved for Halter Family Party
14 Guest Preacher: David McCracken Layreader: Lois Koval Greeters: Johanna and McKenzie Samson	15	16 SESSION MEETING 5:30 p.m.	17 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage  Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20
21 <i>Christmas Cantata</i> Layreader: Walt Mangerich Greeters: Harley and Marion Piper  <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>	22	23	24 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage	25 	26	27
28 Guest Preacher: TBA Layreader: Marcy Sterling Greeters: Hazel Moore and Irene Scott	29	30	31 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			

## Nov. 18th Session Meeting Highlights

- A motion was passed to approve the 3/4 time pastor position description as prepared by Walt. It will now be sent to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry who will solicit applicants. Our mission statement will be placed on our website. It was agreed that session will serve as the Pastor Seeking Committee.
- The Halter family annual get together is on Saturday, December 13, from approximately 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mark Sterling volunteered to open and close the church for them.
- The office hours are moved back to 9-noon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.
- Session agreed that there would not be a Christmas Eve service this year. Session agreed that the advent candles will be lit each Sunday, commencing November 30. The last advent candle lighting will be on December 28.
- A colleague of Debi Huddleston, Christopher Wicks, would like to play an organ concert here at the church in April, possibly Saturday the 11th. A motion was passed approving the organ concert.
- The toilet in the men's room was repaired. A temporary repair has been made to the gutter in the front entryway. Walt has been trying to reach the person recommended for roof repair and has had no luck. Mark will try to find another roof repair person this week.
- There will be a Thanksgiving turkey dinner here at the church after the service on November 23rd. Debi Huddleston wants to schedule a Christmas Cantata for Sunday, December 21. Session approved and noted that there would then be no pulpit supply on December 21.
- Nancy Hankins will put up a Christmas tree in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 6. The hanging of the greens and Christmas tree decorating will be on Sunday, December 7, after the soup lunch.
- Our van taking seniors to Canby for concerts will be starting soon. Our church and our newsletter are on Yelp. Session members are encouraged to put favorable comments about our church on Yelp at yelp.com.
- Johanna reported regarding Christine Smith and Evelyn Balogh. Traudel Krausche needs part time help to care for Norbert when he returns home.
- Pop bottles and cans are still being collected. It is planned for the young people, in December, to buy non-perishable Love INC closet items with the pop can money
- Some people are continuing to deface Bibles and hymnals.
- A stewardship letter with a pledge form needs to be prepared and mailed now to our giving units. Letters from previous years and the pledge form are on the computer in the office. Joanne Hanson volunteered to work on this.
- The Landscaping Committee reports that bark dust should be spread now. A general landscape cleanup needs to be done when weather permits.
- Next Meeting Date: December 16th at 5:30 p.m.



## What Sweeter Music

The choir and guest instrumentalists will provide a Christmas Cantata during normal worship on Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. A sumptuous feast of fifteen English, German and French carols, plus several new songs, What Sweeter Music was composed by one of this generation's master composers and arrangers, Mark Hayes. The congregation will be invited to participate on some of the carols during the cantata, which will be accompanied by a small ensemble of instrumentalists. The piece is approximately 35 minutes long, so it will be the main feature at worship, and will get our hearts and minds ready for Christmas. Please invite a friend or family members and celebrate the season with us!

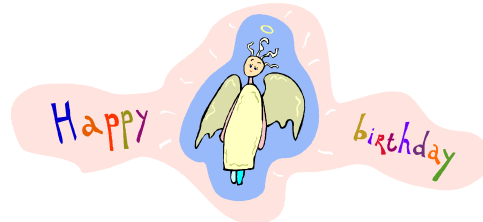


## Special Music During the 12 Days of Christmas

The celebration continues with guest choirs after Christmas Day, but still within the 12 days. On Dec. 28 the Salem Madrigal Singers will be at worship singing a wide variety of Renaissance Carols. On Jan. 4 the Silvertones will again regale us with their wide variety of holiday songs. Don't miss church!

## 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.



**9 -Lois Koval**

**14 - Roberta Campbell**

**20 - Mark Sterling**

**30 - Charley Moore**

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

## Nov. 16th Congregational Meeting

The Nominating Committee placed in nomination:

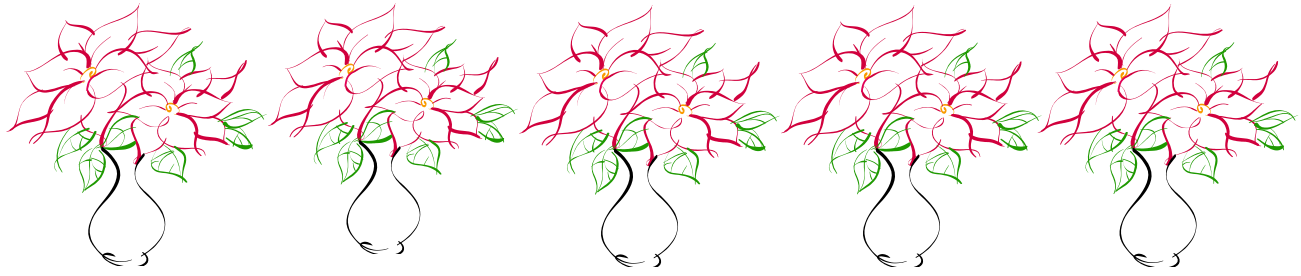
- For session, class of 2017: Nancy Hankins, Sally Klein, and Mark Sterling.
- Marcy Sterling, to fill the remaining term on session of Kim Johnston, class of 2015, who will be submitting her resignation and moving away after the sale of her home closes. Closing is presently set for December 19th 2015.
- For the Support and Endowment Management Committee for a term ending December 31, 2017: Roberta Campbell.

The nominees were elected by unanimous ballot.

Bonnie Hankins, Hope Bakken, and Evelyn White were elected to serve on the 2015 nominating committee.

*Thank you for your service*





*Christmas poinsettias decorating the church were  
purchased to honor these individuals:*

*Roberta Campbell and Carol Eaden  
In memory of Jean Davis*

*Walt Mangerich  
In memory of ELiz Mangerich*

*Lois Koval  
In memory of parents and  
children (2)*

*Bill Anderson  
In memory and in honor of  
Diane Anderson*

*Hope Bakken  
In memory of A.C. Bakken*

*Sally & Lucien Klein  
In memory Jacob & Helen Klein,  
Wesley & Madeline Struck*

*Jerry, Janell, Jennifer  
In memory of Jean and Carl  
Davis*

*Betty Winfree  
In memory of James Winfree*

*Pat Love  
In memory of Chelsea Love*

*Fran Welch  
In memory of Ray Welch, his  
parents and my father and sister*

*Johanna Samson  
In memory of Evert & Elisabeth  
Frederiks, Bessie Samson; In  
honor of parents*

*Lloyd and Betty Soule  
In memory of our parents; Lloyd  
& Elizabeth Soule, Menyhert &  
Mary Veres*

*Hazel Moore  
In memory of my husband,  
Gerald Moore*

*Bonnie Hankins  
In memory of Diane Guinn, In  
honor of Denise Santello*

*Irene J. Scott  
In memory of Miles J. Scott*

*Nancy Hankins  
In memory of The Hankins Par-  
ents and the Calkins Parents; In  
honor of Berl Hankins - Our  
entire family*

*Phila Simmons  
In memory of my parents, Day  
and Reta Peasley; In honor of my  
brother Kennard E Peasley*

*Sarah and Mark Williams  
In memory of Diana O'Toolen*



## Question for Reflection

The weeks leading to Christmas are often filled with much activity. Along with work, school, and church responsibilities, there are special holiday festivities to which we will attend. Staying “awake,” as Mark 13:35–37 stresses, may not be the problem—in fact, we may feel there are not enough hours in the day! Yet, this reading from Mark counsels us to be awake to, to pay attention to, what is most needful for our well-being

and the well-being of the world: God’s presence, God’s appearing among us. Here at the beginning of Advent, how will you “keep alert” for God in the midst of so many responsibilities and distractions?

### Mark 13:35–37

<sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

### Outreach Information:

Our church is listed on [www.yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com)

**Yelp** develops, hosts and markets local businesses by providing their basic data on the internet. First Presbyterian Church is listed under *churches/religious organizations* in Woodburn. Anyone searching for a church in our area will see the posting and be able to go directly to the church website.

Joanne Hanson



### Concerts

As a mission of the church, we will be using the church van to provide to transportation to and from the “Canby Concert Series” at Canby High School. Tickets are \$25/each or \$70 for season pass. The first concert is on January 22nd, and is Susan Egan, one of Broadway and Disney’s most celebrated performers. Information can be found at [www.canbycommunityconcert.org](http://www.canbycommunityconcert.org). For further information or assistance with a ticket purchase, call Joanne Hanson.



### December is Stewardship Month

Look for your stewardship letter and pledge card this month.

