



First Presbyterian Church

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April 2015 Newsletter

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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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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday at the Aurora Presbyterian Church, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. –
Soup and Communion, 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Community Good Friday Service - April 3rd at 12:00 p.m. at Woodburn Evangelical Church

Community Easter Sunrise Service -
Sunday, April 5th at 7:00 a.m. Club House—
The Estates Golf & Country Club

Sunday, April 5th - Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by Easter Service at 10:30 a.m. here at the Woodburn First Presbyterian Church.



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			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday at Aurora Presbyterian Church, 6:00 p.m.		
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Lay reader: Mark Sterling Greeters: Sally and Lucien Klein <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Breakfast 8:30 a.m.</i>			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.			<i>Christopher Wicks Organ Recital 3:00 p.m.</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lay reader: David Arbuckle Greeters: Bonnie Hankins and Evelyn White			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.			
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Lay reader: Fran Welch Greeters: Irene Scott and Phila Simmons FOOD BANK SUNDAY		SESSION MEETING 5:30 p.m.	Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. <i>Earth Day</i>			
26	27	28	29	30		
Lay reader: Joanne Hanson Greeters: Hazel Moore and Walt Mangerich			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.			

Dear Friends,

We have been travelling through the 40 days of Lent. With the final days of Lent now in front of us, Jesus will face his most difficult hours in going to the cross and dying. So for a few moments, I want to focus our attention on what Jesus shows in these final hours of life. Jesus shows resilience while being knocked down.

A 1997 hit song had this line in it: "I get knocked down, but I get up again" (British group Chumbawamba sings the song "Tubthumping" – how's that for a name!).

Getting knocked down is a universal experience to every person. Life does this to us no matter who we are. The difference is what we do after being knocked down. For Jesus, he got up again declaring, "I am the resurrection and the life. I am the life that will never, never die." The legend of the Phoenix, too, is a story of about resilience. The bird is reborn out its own ashes. All human beings are knocked down, and all long to get back up. The last line in the song I mentioned is "you're never going to keep me down." There is resilience!

When the Apostle Paul was getting knocked down, he said this: "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you" (2 Corinthians 4:8-12 NIV). That's being resilient.

Resilience in a Christian sense is a lived hope – a getting up again based in the faithfulness of God at work in us in the moment. This is not inner strength or self-confidence. It is life at 'work in us'. Where resilience is displayed, there you will see hope. I'll have more on this next newsletter. Until then, when life knocks you down, get up (again and again). Be resilient, my friend.

See you soon.

Pastor Peter

Pastor Peter J. Blank



Easter Lilies decorating the church were purchased to honor these individuals:

Johanna Samson

*In memory of Evert & Elisabeth Frederiks,
Bessie Samson*

Hazel Moore

In memory of my husband, Jerry

Irene J. Scott

In memory of Miles J. Scott

Sarah and Mark Williams

*In memory of Josephine Truitt and Nancy
Williams*

Roberta Campbell

In memory of Scotty Campbell—15 years

Bill Anderson

In memory of Diane Anderson

Hope Bakken

In memory of A.C. Bakken

Sally & Lucien Klein

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

Kim Johnston

In memory of Pat and Delores Johnston

Fran Welch

*In memory of Ray Welch, Seward Smith
and Mary Jo Smith*

March 17th Session Meeting Highlights

- Pastor Peter discussed his work so far. He's meeting with Laura for planning, Debi for music planning. He attended the Mayor's Breakfast February 24th and met with the Woodburn Ministerial Association on March 17th for the first time. He's met with all tenants except pastor Edy.
- Johanna Samson will help Peter with home communion.
- Peter held a planning meeting with Paul Belz-Templeman, Aurora Presbyterian Church about joint Maundy Thursday service at Aurora Church at 6 p.m. for soup and 7 p.m. for a Tennebrae service
- Peter had a meeting set up with Ian Niktab regarding the community garden
- We have continuing concerns with the Puerto de Cielo church and the cleanliness of the sanctuary. Pastor Peter meets weekly with Beth and anytime he hears of issues he will make a list. He will have regular meetings with Pastor Edy.
- Marcy Sterling complemented Pastor Peter for all the work he has done in just one month.
- Presbyterian Coffee Project – discussed as whether to continue ordering coffee. Pastor Peter will check with Aurora about how they handle paying for orders but would like to see this project continue.
- Spoke with Nora from Love INC and came up with a procedure for school supplies, which is our gap ministry.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering was planned for Palm Sunday – but will do on Easter Day. The fish banks will be distributed Sunday, March 22nd and flyers will be put inside the bulletins.
- Roof – Estimate from Butler's Custom Sheet metal was received for \$7,176.50. Discussed how to pay for this project. We will look at other funding options
- Mark will spray weeds on south side of church when the weather is better
- Two building use requests were discussed from Early HeadStart and Tuesday's Table. Peter will get more information.
- The shelving system Kim donated has been very beneficial. We have been having fantastic food at coffee hour. Mark Sterling will head up the Easter breakfast to be served from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
- We now have the antique organ from Woodburn's original First Presbyterian Church. It was given to us by Doug Seely, Lois Wengenroth's nephew.
- The next Canby Community Concert is April 13. A free ticket is available and Bill Anderson will use the ticket. Joanne will be out of town March 31-April 15.
- A revised roster (church directory) is needed. Joanne can work with Laura to get it done. She will get all the correct telephone numbers and email. Session discussed name tags and a photo gallery.
- Johanna updated Session on visitations and needs of several members.
- Our teen girls are going to church camp again this year in July in the Silverton area. Cost is \$250 a piece. Funding mechanisms were discussed.
- Next Meeting Date: April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Organ Recital

3:00 p.m. - Saturday, April 11

Performing will be Christopher Wicks, a Fellow of the American Guild of Organists who holds a MM in Organ from the University of Oregon. He is the organist at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in West Linn. The event is free and open to the public. Wicks will play a cycle of twelve preludes of his own composition, written at the request of Carson Cooman, composer in residence at the chapel of a college near Boston.

Come one, come all!

Happy Birthday

23—Lloyd Soule and Betty Yoder

28—McKenzie Samson

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