



First Presbyterian Church

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An Active Part of the Woodburn Community

June 2014 Newsletter

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<p>SOUP LUNCH</p> <p>Layreader: Dave Arbuckle</p> <p>Greeters: Bonnie, Hillary Hankins</p>			<p style="color: green;">Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage</p> <p><i>Choir Practice 7:00 pm</i></p>			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>Layreader: Walt Mangerich</p> <p>Greeters: Johanna, Mckenzie Samson</p>			<p style="color: green;">Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage</p> <p><i>Choir Practice</i></p>			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</p> <p>Layreader: Harley Piper</p> <p>Greeters: Roberta Campbell, Jean Davis</p>		<p>MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>SESSION MEETING 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="color: green;">Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage</p> <p><i>Last Choir Practice</i></p>			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Pastor David's Farewell</p> <p>Layreader: Lois Kovel</p> <p>Greeters: Evelyn White, Phila Simmons</p>			<p style="color: green;">Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Estates Country Cottage</p> <p><i>NO Choir Practice</i></p>			
29	30					
<p>Layreader: Lucien Klein</p> <p>Greeters: Betty Winfree, Hazel Moore</p>						

Pastor's Page

Jackie reminds me that I have served the Woodburn church for seven years come this September. She knows this because we came when Hannah started first grade and this fall Hannah will begin her 8th grade year. Put another way, we have seen Hannah play in church the ¼ size cello, the ½ cello, the ¾ cello and now the full cello. That to me is hard to believe.

We have done amazing things in these seven years. More than I have accomplished in any of my other six churches. There are two reasons we were able to accomplish so much.

The first reason I was able to do so much is because the church 'allowed' me to do it. I mean, what congregation would say to a pastor in his first year, "Yes, you can paint our sanctuary, sand and refinish the floors in the chancel area, by yourself!" And, while you are at it, why don't we buy a grand piano, reconfigure the choir loft and move the organ and piano to the same side and put in a new carpet and remodel the bathrooms. What other congregation would replace the front doors with handicap access doors, upgrade the lighting to LEDs to become more green and replace the furnaces with an energy efficient heating and cooling system in this span of time. We didn't stop there. We also painted the outside of the church.

What congregation would give the go ahead to take an acre of land, lay irrigation pipe and ask people in the community to plant a garden and give the food to the food bank? What congregation would let three women, Kim, Julie, and Marcy cut down trees and layout a labyrinth and path through the woods. What congregation takes the risk and asks the brother of the organist to paint a mural with no assurance it would be placed on an outside wall until the city approved the mural. Not too many congrega-



tions are so bold in their faith.

The second reason we were able to do all these things was because money was available. We never did a capital funds drive because the funds had already been given to the church by generous people in the past. The Burlinghams were very generous and we were able to have new doors and new furnaces and lighting made available because of their contributions. We also applied for and received funds from the Presbytery through an opening doors grant and a Barnabus fund. It is nice to be part of a connectional church and the Presbytery came through with grants for these projects. But it was the donations over the years and invested in the Presbyterian Foundation and the Synod that allowed us to do so much. One other source of income is rent from people using your facilities. It takes a special congregation to "let" other people use their space.

We have done many things to upgrade the physical plant, but It is this gracious hospitality you have shown to me, my family, the tenants and the 29 others who have joined the church and the many friends who come because they enjoy our fellowship, that makes this church unique and the memory I will take with me.

Pastor David

Session Roster

Class of 2014

Nancy Hankins -Worship

Lucien Klein - Clerk

Mark Sterling - Property

Class of 2015

Kim Johnston - Mission/Caring

Julie Moore - Congregational Life

Joanne Hanson - Membership

Class of 2016

Willis (Bill) Anderson - Property

Walt Mangerich - Property

Johanna Samson - Caring Ministry

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30

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Hello from Laura Harryman!

Here I am in the office helping with the final touches of the June newsletter and we decided it might be good for me to introduce myself.

I recently moved to Woodburn from Eastern Oregon to be closer to family and for the better climate . After researching this church on the internet and discovering the community garden, I was excited to attend. Gardening is my passion.

From November 2011 until this past February, I worked for the Presbyterian Church in Baker City. For most of that time, I supported a new pastor fresh out of seminary. It was a wonderful experience.

Now here I am, assisting with administration again. I will be helping with newsletters, bulletins and other tasks.

Thanks in advance for your help and support while I learn the ropes here.

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.

June Birthdays

3 David Haugh

3 David Morelli

4 Johanna Samson

13 Pat Love

18 Traudel Krausche

24 Gerry Yoder

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

2014 Planting Day



On May 17th several groups gathered to plant the garden. There may not have been as many people, but a more diverse group was present. Nanette Shepherd and Dean Herndon arrived at 7:30 am and began laying plastic for the vine plants. Nanette, Dean, Bill Anderson, and Pastor Morrelli worked two days earlier to mark the rows.

There are 40 rows 60 feet long on the north side of the garden and 18 rows 60 feet long on the southeast side. There are 27 individual plots for families. Most of the people helping plant the garden have individual plots. One of stipulations for having an individual garden is to help with the food bank side of the garden.

The driver from Al's garden pulled up with over 400 plants and the group went to work. We planted the garden in around 2 hours. Shown in the pictures are members of the LDS church, a couple and their children from the Head Start program, Laura Harryman, our newsletter editor and secretary, Rosie, the director of the call center for Love, INC and Dalila Ortiz, who has helped with the garden from the beginning.

MURAL APPROVED

An application for our mural was approved by the Public Art Mural Committee on May 19th. The City's public art ordinance requires that the mural be donated to the City in the form of an easement, and requires the committee's approval of the content of the art.

The discussion centered on concerns that the proposed mural contains religious symbols, since the "establishment clause" of the first amendment prohibits the government from making any law respecting the establishment of religion.

At the meeting, the Assistant City Attorney stated that a religious monument on public property does not violate the establishment clause if the nature of the art is not primarily religious, and if it has a historical context in the community.

The Supreme Court has stated that even significantly religious images may be appropriate depending on the location and the historical/cultural context. Because the Presbyterian Church was established in Woodburn in 1851, we have a significant tie to the history of Woodburn. The mural primarily depicts agricultural products of the Willamette Valley, and also features a table laid with bread and wine.

The mural will be installed in June.

RETIREMENT SERVICE AND RECEPTION

June 22nd is Pastor Morelli's last Sunday. Debi has planned a great worship service for that day with special music provided by the Halcyon Trio, Jackie Morelli, and the choir, and maybe other special guests. Following the service there will be a reception. This would be a good time to invite your friends to the service.