



First Presbyterian Church

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## *July 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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### **School Supply GAP Ministry**

We will have children come the first weekend in August, Friday Aug 7th and Sat Aug 8th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. to collect supplies.

That means we have a month to gather supplies. So please consider a thoughtful donation for our Love Inc. Ministry and the children in the community. The school supply list is staggering and a potential burden on low income families. So I humbly ask for your help in helping these families and with your kind donations. I will be happy to do the shopping. Thank you, Marcy Sterling



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			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
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Lay reader: Lucien Klein Greeters: Sally Klein and Bonnie Hankins  <b>SOUP LUNCH</b>			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
12	13	14	15	16	17	28
Lay reader: Mark Sterling Greeters: Harley and Marian Piper			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lay reader: Sally Klein Greeters: Irene Scott and Hazel Moore  <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>		SESSION MEETING 6:00 p.m	Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Lay reader: Joanne Hanson Greeters: Sarah and Mark Williams  <b>Guest Preacher: Dennis Dusek</b>			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			

## Dear Friends,

Independence Day is upon us: The Fourth of July. It's a day you probably know well and one that you anticipate with pleasure. Here are some interesting facts about the nation's birthday you may not know about. FACT ONE: Americans began observing the Fourth of July as early as 1777, but Congress didn't make it official until 1870, when a bill was passed to establish major state holidays like Christmas, New Year's and Independence Day. FACT TWO: It is the biggest hot dog holiday of the year (around 155 million will be consumed) though the origin of the hot dog is unknown. FACT THREE: Our Founding Fathers celebrated with a meal of turtle soup, New England poached salmon with egg sauce, green peas and boiled new potatoes, followed by Indian pudding or Apple Pandowdy. FACT FOUR: The Liberty Bell has not been rung since 1864, due to worries about it cracking; instead the bell is tapped 13 times signaling for bells across the country to start ringing. FACT FIVE: Two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on Independence Day, July 4, 1826.

As you plan to celebrate this Independence Day, gather with family and friends; set off a few fireworks; remember those who have shaped our country and our lives; thank God for being alive to celebrate. It was President Ronald Reagan who said so well, "Let the Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that humankind is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people." Let us be a beacon of hope to the world!

Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> and a happy July!

Warmly,

*Pastor Peter*

Pastor Peter J. Blank



### School Supply GAP Ministry Items

Below is the list of essential items needed. Monetary contributions will also be accepted and should be notated with "School Supplies".

#2 pencils	Composition notebooks
Colored markers (thin)	Crayons Rulers
Notebook paper (both wide and college rule)	Colored pencils
Binders (2 ½ and 3 in.)	Pens (black, blue and red)
Backpacks	Glue sticks
Zipper vinyl pouch (used in binders)	Highlighters (different colors)
Colored pee-chees with pockets and brads	

## May 16th Session Meeting Highlights

- Pastor Peter will be moderating Aurora Presbyterian Church Session meetings starting Wednesday 7/15 and as long as it takes to select an Interim Pastor
- Community garden – First Presbyterian Church will provide water for individuals, families and groups who want to plant and maintain a garden plot.
- Pastor Peter will be taking vacation days from July 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 2 and will be gone two Sundays
- A faith academy for youth started during worship and will be every Sunday. Each week will feature one topic.
- We are working on a new contract with NW Senior & Disability Services which will provide for a 3% raise or \$20 per month. Pastor Peter and Walt will investigate further a proposed wording change from “provider” to “partner.”
- We have obtained new copier lease bids.
- Head start has a list of items to be repaired: water spots on ceiling of office and of a classroom, new carpet in their office, new linoleum and carpet in classrooms.
- On June 16<sup>th</sup>, one of the Meals volunteers fell through the sliding glass door ended up having stitches – Woodburn radiator and glass will replace the glass. We will be coordinating payment with NW Senior & Disability and our insurance.
- May revenue was \$8,693 and expenses \$10,406 leaving a difference of \$1,713.
- Love Inc. will be at church on Friday & Saturday August 7th and 8th to hand out school supplies from 9 am – 3 pm.
- Rock has been delivered and spread on the south side of the church. The watering system will need a \$1,000 repair before plants can be added.
- Bill Anderson has been cleaning out the gutters.
- We served Konditorei cakes on choir appreciation Sunday and served strawberry shortcake after Pastor Peter’s commissioning on June 14th. We will be having a church picnic at Nancy’s house on a date to be announced later.
- Membership Caring: Johanna continues to provide visiting, calls regulars who aren’t in attendance, and sends out birthday cards.
- Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

### **A Little Biography About Session Member Johanna Samson** **Where did you grow up?**

I came to the U.S. in 1949 at the age of four. I spent 2 years in White Salmon, Washington with our sponsors then moved to Tillamook. When I was 11 years old, we moved to the Willamette Valley close to North Marion High School on a dairy farm.

### **What do you call your best skill?**

Nurturing. Doing hair and owning a business gave me an insight to caring for older people. I helped my parents through their last journey.

### **How did you settle in Woodburn?**

My husband lived in the Woodburn area. We moved to the homeplace after we married.

### **What is your greatest dream for yourself?**

That the peace of Christ dwells in my heart enabling me to grow in his word and serve my fellow human beings.

### **What is your dream for this congregation?**

That we educate our children so the next generation has a chance to know the Lord as well as the older part of our congregation.

### **What is on your ‘bucket list’?**

- See the flowers in Hawaii
- Witness my granddaughter and parents love the lord as much as I do.
- Get my yard in line with my dream garden.
- Become electronic savvy.

## *Happy Birthday*

1 - Lucien Klein

24 - Harley Piper

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

