



First Presbyterian Church

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## *August 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 are still gathering supplies. Children will come the first weekend in August, Friday Aug 7th and Sat Aug 8th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. to collect supplies. Please consider a thoughtful donation for our Love Inc. Ministry and the children in the community.





# August 2015

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2 Lay reader: Julie Moore Greeters: Sarah and Kelvin Shoen <b>Guest Preacher: Ann Bowersox</b>	3	4	5 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage	6	7	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>School Supply Distribution</b>  <b>Friday and Saturday</b>  <b>9 a.m. –3 p.m.</b> </div>	
9 Lay reader: Fran Welch Greeters: Evelyn White and Bill Anderson	10	11	12 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage	13	14	15	
16 Lay reader: Johanna Samson Greeters: April Schoen and McKenzie Samson <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>	17	18 SESSION MEETING 6:00 p.m	19 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage	20	21	22	
23 Lay reader: Walt Mangerich Greeters: Chris Smith and Evelyn Balogh	24	25	26 Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage	27	28	29	
30 Lay reader: David Arbuckle Greeters: Lucien and Sally Klein	31						

## Dear Friends,

I was chosen as your pastor just about six months ago. Here's what I love about FPC and Woodburn. You have chosen a great team for me to work with on Session. There is Johanna with her love of Jesus that started as a young girl; Nancy with her love of the Captain of land and sea. Julie who keeps us on track as Clerk, and who makes the city budget add up; there is kind-hearted Bill, who is quick with an encouraging word; Marcy who makes sure we remember the kids of the community with school supplies; Joanne who's studies the prayer life of Hildegard; Sally guides me in things that are worship and more; Mark and Walt, you are my go-to-guys when it comes to questions about the grounds or equipment. I cherish each one.



In the office, I have Laura, as secretary, who is my right hand. I learn each week from her wisdom and skill. My Wednesday is a high point in the week when I get to see Fran and Roberta in the office. It's great to check in with them on what's going on. Music Director Debi brings such expertise in liturgy, or playing piano and organ. The gorgeous sound of a pipe played well takes my breath away. The choir, giving of their time and expressing their love of God in music, adds such a beautiful touch to every worship service. I look forward to the fall when they will be back. In the meantime, the summer singers, with such a wide variety of talent and taste in music, are blessing us. We have it all. Our sound tech Gene keeps us in listening range. In recording sermons each Sunday, he helps me get the message to those who cannot get to church. Thank you for driving our bus also. I have such great people with which to work.

You, members of the congregation, are trusted friends. Sisters, Christine and Evelyn, I have chided you too many times about not sitting with each other in worship. Betty, I use you to make sure our sound equipment is working well enough ("Can you hear me now"). I get my first greeting of each Sunday from Charlie. (Some say, "He can't hear." But I don't believe it.) Ruby, you have introduced me to your entire family in picture. Phila, I want to thank you for keeping our library in perfect order. Hope, you are well named. Precious Lois, it is so goood to have you back in church! Evelyn and Irene, thank you for noticing that I smile a lot. It is because I'm happy! David, you have dry sense of humor that is such fun. Mark, I need to thank you for your many encouraging words and strong handshakes. Harley and Marian, I'm glad this is your church and that I am your pastor. Traudel, you are a treasure and you remind me of my German heritage. Kelvin and Sarah, I will try to make every message worth living. For our younger generation, Hillary, Hannah, April, McKenzie and Zach, you stretch me to be relevant. Thank you for your warm welcome.

I'm sure I have unintentionally forgotten some. It is so good for Diana and me to be here with you in beautiful Woodburn.

Warmly,

*Pastor Peter*

Pastor Peter J. Blank



*July 1, 2015*

*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you so much for the prayers, balloons, flowers and visits during my hospital and rehab time. My heart attack on Faster and triple bypass surgery two days later are now showing signs of repair. I will see you all soon.*

*In Christ's name,*

*Lois Koval*

## July 21st Session Meeting Highlights

- A stewardship campaign will be conducted in October with Walt coordinating.
- June revenue was \$7,574 and expenses were \$9,447 leaving a gap of \$1,873.
- We have had five subjects covered in Faith Academy. With Sally's help, handouts are improving. This fall may focus on the Bible.
- Thanks to Bill Anderson, the AC/Heat unit filters in church office, pastor's office and library have been cleaned. The units in Fellowship Hall and Fireside room need attention. A/C in Fireside Room has been working.
- Head Start has requested that we paint ceiling water spots and replace carpet and linoleum in an office and classroom. Mark will check into flooring.
- Our school supply distribution will happen on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We have been getting donations. We have been told to estimate about 40 kids. October 17<sup>th</sup> is auction for Love INC at Woodburn Health.
- During summer, salads are served the first Sunday of the month. Ice cream sundaes served the next Sunday.
- A communion servers' assignment sheet thru January 2016 was handed out to the session members.
- Landscaping Committee reports that the rock area is still in progress.
- Financial Review – needs to be done and the Sexual Misconduct Policy will be reviewed in August or September
- Next Meeting Date: August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.



### **A Little Biography About Session Member Sally Klein**

**Where did you grow up?** I am a native Oregonian. I was born in Portland. I lived in Portland, Hillsdale, and Forest Grove.

**What do you call your best skill?** My best skill was teaching 7th graders language arts and social studies for 28 years in the Woodburn Public School District.

**How did you settle in Woodburn?** I settled in Woodburn in 1969 with Lucien and out two daughters, when Lucien started practicing law in town.

**What is your greatest dream for yourself?** My greatest dream for myself is to stay healthy and be surrounded by my family.

**What is your dream for this congregation?** My dream for the congregation would be to have some younger families join us.

#### **What is on your 'bucket list'?**

- To see New Zealand
- To take a river cruise in Europe
- To take a cruise ship through the Mediterranean Sea.

### *Happy Birthday*

7 - Evelyn Balogh

8 - Debra Huddleston

12 - Sally Klein

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

### **Deaths**

*Nancy Harper — June 28, 2015*

*"Blessed are they who die in the Lord,  
they will rest from their labors and their  
works do follow them" Rev. 14:13*