



First Presbyterian Church

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September 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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			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
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Lay reader: Fran Welch Greeters: Julie Moore and Sarah Williams Guest Preacher: Phillp Essex SOUP LUNCH			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
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Lay reader: Mark Sterling Greeters: Fran Welch and Phila Simmons Communion is moved to this Sunday this month only.		Session 6:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
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Lay reader: Marcy Sterling Greeters: Walt Mangerich and Bill Anderson Church Picnic FOOD BANK SUNDAY			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			
27	28	29	30			
Lay reader: Nancy Hankins Greeters: Lucien and Sally Klein			Men's Lunch 12:30 –1:30 Country Cottage			

Dear Friends,

I need to tell you a story I recently lived. You may know that I like to work on cars and I'd like to think everything I touch, I can fix. I frequently invite our children to let me repair their cars as a way of saving them some money on costly repairs. Recently I tried to fix our daughter Hannah's 2005 VW Golf.



We arrange the Saturday. She bought the replacement struts for the front end. Her boyfriend Cameron was going to help with the work. The day came. Cameron and I spent the next eight hours disassembling parts of the car. Before our patience wore thin, we tried to reassemble the car, but failed. We didn't have a few special tools. So, later that week and later the next week, after getting the special tools and after assembling and reassembling the front end five times, I took the car to the garage to have the car fixed by professionals. It now has new struts and runs great!

Here are my take aways: 1) Be humble and realistic. I can't fix everything and it's okay to admit it. 2) Ask for help. Recognize when things are un-fixable by Shade Tree Mechanic (that's me). 3) Share the lesson. I am talking about this to you so you know what I know - and that is, I don't know enough. 4) Learn to laugh. This lesson in mis-directed mechanics is now becoming legend at my house. The re-telling of this misadventure is taking on mythic proportions. The key question is: will I ever live this one down?

Well, I have had my slice of humble pie. That's all for now!

Warmly,

Pastor Peter (aka "Shade Tree")

Pastor Peter J. Blank

P.S. "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" James 4:6. Stay humble my friends.



Announcements

The Extreme Tour is coming to the Woodburn Skate Park on September 2nd at 5:00 p.m. It is a free even with a skate competition, extreme sports and music. The Extreme Tour is an effort of a faith-based charitable organization to reach at-risk and counter culture youth with services and resources that would assist them in making positive, healthy decisions for a successful life. The event is not a religious event aimed at a specific religious market.

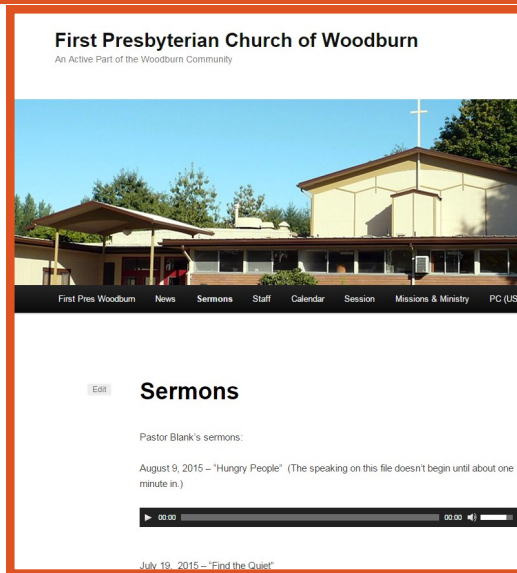
There will be a free **diabetes and blood pressure screening** on Tuesday, September 15th from 3- 6:30 p.m. at the Woodburn Christian Church, 126 N. Workman Drive.

Sermons On-line

Pastor Peter's weekly sermons are now recorded and available to listen to on the internet.

They are available by clicking on each week's link at this page:

<http://www.firstpreswoodburn.org/first-pres-woodburn/sermons/>



August 18th Session Meeting Highlights

- Joanne is working on updating information for a new church directory, and Walt has volunteered to help take pictures.
- Walt is trying to get started on landscaping irrigation but it is too hot and the ground is too hard.
- Regarding the old organ – the pipes that go on top need to be cleaned. Joanne will check with kids to see if they would like to do that.
- We were the host site for the August meeting for the Woodburn Area Ministerial Association in our library. About ¼ of churches in town participate.
- Pulpit supply will be used on September 5th. Pastor Peter will be performing a family wedding in Spokane, Wa.
- The library has been cleaned. Several items will be given away: a floor lamp, a large rolling book display, a small wood bookcase, a small book display, and a TV and cart.
- Offering envelopes in the office have been sorted and cleaned. We have 2016 envelopes.
- July revenue was \$9,033 and expenses were \$8,958 leaving a \$75 surplus.
- School Supplies for Love, INC were distributed August 7th and 8th. There were 23 kids on Friday and 5 on Saturday who all got backpacks with the basic school supplies used at all the schools. Marcy will do one more day – this Friday 21st – 10 – 2.
- Carpeting for Headstart rooms – Mark met with Steve McCoy who does carpet installation. For Headstart office would remove carpet and pad and install new at \$5/yard. Money will come from Improvement fund
- In the classroom the carpet looked in good shape but probably should be cleaned. The vinyl flooring needs to be replaced including in the small bathroom. Bids will be obtained.
- Painting the ceiling – Mark will get some stain blocking paint and paint over the stains and then it will need to be completely re-painted. He will try to get this done before school starts.
- An annual picnic will be held at Nancy Hankin's house. The date is tentatively set date for September 20th. If Nancy can't have the picnic at her house it will be at the church.
- Johanna has been taking vegetables from her

garden to people and Christine Smith took some of Johanna's produce to the food bank.

- Stewardship Sunday has been set for November 1st.
- Next Meeting Date: Sept 15th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

A Little Biography About Session Member Joanne Hanson

Where did you grow up? Eugene in a Danish community north of town. My Grandfather Petersen built Bethesda Lutheran Church in the Danebo District. My father had a chicken hatchery and was a social visionary: responsible for Willamette High School and two community colleges along with his partners.

What do you call your best skill? Probably management. I learned from my father who was never afraid to communicate his ideas.

How did you settle in Woodburn? Actually I never settled in Woodburn. My Mother lived in a condo at Panor 360 for a long time, then moved to Country Meadows. I spent much of my time with her and it was during this time I chose to join Woodburn First Presbyterian. My son Christopher was a student at Willamette University, sang in the concert choir and took me to The Requiem concert where I heard Debi. At age 5 I began piano lessons and while in high school and college I sang in choirs and played in bands. A church with a good music director was of interest to me.

What is your greatest dream for yourself? My wish is to continue with good health and to travel to Petersen family roots in Denmark.

What is your dream for this congregation? Opportunities for outreach and growth would be wonderful. Of course opportunities to share music would be great as well. Perhaps this can happen as we continue to communicate through our Facebook and web sites.

What is on your 'bucket list'?

- A Rick Steve's Art Tour to Europe.
- To play my clarinet in the Marion County Citizen's Band.
- To teach my grands folk music and write some songs.
- To complete a thesis on Spirituality and Music for Linfield College.