

THE BEACON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWPORT

Pastor Kathy's Corner

Annual Meeting/Annual Report

Thank you to all who participated in the annual meeting. Some folks mentioned that they hadn't received the 2024 Annual Report. It was emailed with the worship order on February 21 st . I will ask that it be attached again with the worship order on February 28 th . This year, the cover has a 1970 photo of the newly completed sanctuary addition to the church. Summaries of the ministries of the church and the work of its elders are in this report prepared annually for you. The congregation's Sexual Misconduct Policy is included in the last pages of the Annual Report. If you are an elder or deacon, or serve with any of our ministries, please take time to read the policy. Afterwards, see Susan Mills, Clerk of Session, to acknowledge your adherence to the policy.

Lincoln County Shelter Moves

On Wednesday night, February 26, the Shelter re-opened in its permanent location at 7 th and Hurbert in Newport. Shelter director, Chantelle Estes wrote, "We had 16 guests; a lot of joyful tears. It reminded me why all this hard work is worth it." They are thankful that they could serve people who are houseless from our church for four months. The shelter staff has deep-cleaned the kitchen and removed their items. They are finishing the floors and putting the tables up. They shampooed all of the chairs and will do the remaining hallway, the office (Westminster Room), the remaining hallway and clean the storeroom to finish. The shelter continues to need volunteers for shifts early evening (5-8pm) and weekend mornings.

More from Pastor Kathy on Page 4

Don't Forget!
Ash Wednesday Service
is on March 5th at 5pm
Daylight Savings Time
is on March 9th!
Don't forget to
Spring Forward!



Blessing the Dust for Ash

Wednesday

*All those days
 you felt like dust,
 like dirt,
 as if all you had to do
 was turn your face
 toward the wind
 and be scattered
 to the four corners
 or swept away
 by the smallest breath
 as insubstantial—
 did you not know
 what the Holy One
 can do with dust?
 This is the day
 we freely say
 we are scorched.
 This is the hour
 we are marked
 by what has made it
 through the burning.
 This is the moment
 we ask for the blessing
 that lives within
 the ancient ashes,
 that makes its home
 inside the soil of
 this sacred earth.
 So let us be marked
 not for sorrow.
 And let us be marked
 not for shame.
 Let us be marked
 not for false humility
 or for thinking
 we are less
 than we are
 but for claiming
 what God can do
 within the dust,
 within the dirt,
 within the stuff
 of which the world
 is made
 and the stars that blaze
 in our bones
 and the galaxies that spiral*

EVENTS

Mondays:
Prayer Group 9:30am

2nd Saturday:
Knitting Circle with
Marguerite
1pm

Fridays:
Knitting Circle with Veronika
1pm

March 2nd: Communion

March 5th: Ash Wednesday
Service 5pm

March 9th: Daylight Savings
Time & One Great Hour of
Sharing Begins

March 13th:
Fireside Circle 10:30am

March 14th:
Fellowship Circle 1:30pm

March 14th-15th: Presbytery
Meeting in Portland & Rotary
Youth Lock In at FPC

March 16th: Rotary Youth
Celebration at FPC &
Interfaith Summit at
Atonement Lutheran (1-4pm)

Deacons 9th:
Deacons Meeting 11am

March 17th:
Stone Soup 3:30pm

March 17th:
Session Meeting 2pm

March 20th: Mr. Rogers Day

March 27th:
South Beach Manor Service
11am

March 23rd:
Beacon Submission Deadline

March 30th:
5th Sunday Potluck, Pastor
Kathy away-Susan Mills
Preaching.

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

By Kyra Blank

Happy St. Patricks Day!

I cannot believe we are less than a week away from Lent. Lent is one of my favorite times in the church year and I am so looking forward to sharing this time with our children. A couple of things to keep in mind, Session is now actively pursuing filling the new Youth Ministries Director position, and I hope to have some more news for you next month. I am positive that God is guiding just the right person to our program and I so look forward to meeting with them and training them.

Also, This next month we will be working through our lenten lessons in Godly Play, learning about Jesus's life and expanding on these themes in Youth Group.

Our kids have earned their Kindness Reward! In Godly Play, I put kindness coins into our jar whenever I catch my friends being kind to one another, and we have filled the jar! Stay tuned for my plan for a special reward for them.

Please see the calendar below so you can plan your month!

March Schedule:

March 2nd, 9th, and 23rd: Normal Godly Play and Youth Group Schedule

-Youth Group is from 12-1pm

March 16th and 30th:

Normal Godly Play with Miss Theresa
NO YOUTH GROUP

Looking Forward:

April 6th and 27th:

Normal Godly Play and Youth Group Schedule

April 13th: Palm Sunday Parade

Regular Godly Play with Miss Theresa
NO YOUTH GROUP

APRIL 20th: EASTER SUNDAY!

Regular Godly Play

**EASTER CELEBRATION AND EGG HUNT
AFTER CHURCH**

No Youth Group

Financial Snapshot

Submitted by Church Treasurer Carey Collard

For the Month of January 2025

Operating Funds:

Income: \$7,982.00

Expenses: \$ 12,885.70

Fund Balance: \$108,619.20

Expenses for this month includes the 4th installment of Property/Liability Insurance for 2024/25 in the amount of \$4,803.13.

Designated Funds:

Fund Balance: \$43,993.32

Mission Pass Through check in the amount of \$276.00 was sent for the South Sudan Chicken Mission.

Note from the Treasurer

Just a reminder that we are gratefully accepting your 2025 Per Capita donation in the amount of \$50.00 per member. These funds are sent directly to the Presbytery of the Cascades. As stated by The Reverend Paul Betz-Templeman, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, "this money enables the Presbytery to support our common work of strengthening congregations, fostering collaboration and exhibiting God's reign throughout the Presbytery".



WORSHIP TECH TEAM NEEDED

Do you have tech experience, or interest in learning? Do you want to help make worship happen? We need volunteers to join the tech team so that the work load is spread more fairly! It's simple and requires just a little time to learn. Anyone can do it! Options for service include:

- Basic sound board operation
- Run PowerPoint
- Run Zoom livestream
- Help monitor Zoom and/or Facebook livestream
- Put together weekly PowerPoint, copying and pasting from Order of Worship

For more information, email Mike at choirboy1953@gmail.com



MARCH THANK YOU'S

- Shelter Volunteers and Staff for their work with our unhoused population
- Elders and Deacons for answering God's call to serve in our church

Mission 2025:

From Nancy Hawley and Anna Whitehurst

First Presbyterian Newport, is participating in Four by Four by declaring our connection with the ministries of Presbyterian Church USA and join in the efforts of Presbyterians around the corner and around the world to share God's grace and endless love. Our Collections will be as follows:

March 5th-April 20th: One Great Hour of Sharing offering for Hunger, Disaster, and Development

April 21st-June 8th: Pentecost Offering for Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults

September 7th-October 5th: Peace and Global Witness Offering for Peacemaking and Reconciliation

November 30th-December 21st: Christmas Joy offerings towards Church Leadership, past, present, and future.

In our gifts to special offerings, we support ministries of compassion, justice, Alleviation of hunger, Christian formation, education, peacemaking and global witness. We are joining other congregations in making an impact on the world.

Let's be church, TOGETHER!

Note from the Deacons:

On March 30th, the Deacons are hosting a 5th Sunday potluck. They are asking people to bring a favorite dish to share for the potluck. If you have any questions or would like to contribute something specific, please reach out to a Deacon.

PASTOR KATHY'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

The Science of Sex and Gender

To shed some light in the midst of the heat about trans and intersex people, Oregon Central Coast PFLAG is offering a special Zoom presentation on The Science of Sex and Gender, featuring Dr. Gavin Shumate. Dr. Shumate is an M.D. practicing in Newport who specializes in O.B./gyn and gender-affirming care. His presentation will provide members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community and allies with basic scientific facts about sex and gender that we need in order to engage knowledgeably with people who are open-minded enough to listen.

The presentation will be THIS Sunday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. It will be recorded so that it is available later for those who are unable to attend the Zoom event live. The Zoom link, Meeting ID, and Passcode are below:

Topic: The Science of Sex and Gender

Time: Sunday, March 2, 2025 07:00 PM Pacific Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83336792577?pwd=apSsVcnIp8RCDnS6bOebztjBbwEtMJ.1>

Meeting ID: 833 3679 2577

Passcode: 253248

Know Your Rights – Lincoln County

A Know your Rights event is being planned in Lincoln County in April. Due to the safety concerns it will not be advertised publicly. It is anticipated that representatives from the Lincoln County Bar Association and the Sheriff's office will participate. If you would like information, see Pastor Kathy

Interfaith Earth Summit *Climate Safety & Health*

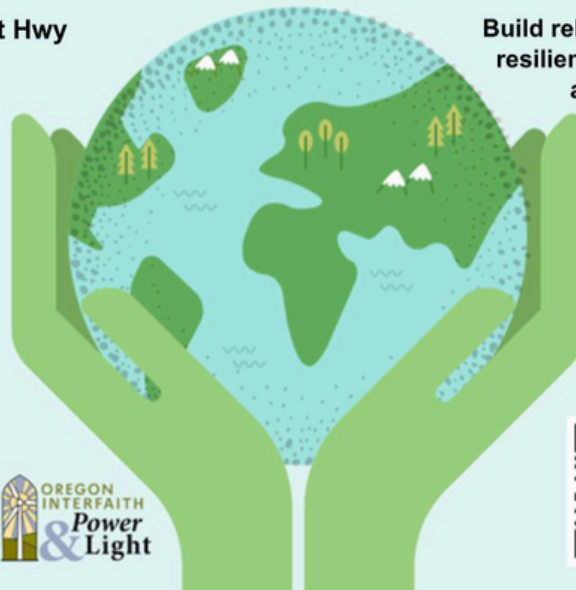
Sunday, March 16, 2025

1 - 4 p.m. at **Atonement Lutheran Church, Newport**

Learn more & register at emoregon.org/events

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(101)

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resiliency locally and
across Oregon



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