

The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

December 2009 ~ January 2010



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent Worship

Advent began on Sunday, November 29th with our annual Advent Festival and continues through December 20th. Sunday morning worship will include the traditional lighting of our Advent wreath.

Advent Devotions

Devotional materials for all ages will be available beginning Sunday, November 29th in the narthex. The brief readings in the devotional booklets lend themselves to daily ritual throughout Advent. *Love Finds a Voice in Bethlehem* by Peter Mead is a book of daily reflections suitable for older youth and adults alike. Sets of materials have been prepared for families with children in our congregation and were passed out at the Advent Festival. If you did not receive yours, please check with Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr.

Christmas Giving

Once again we have two opportunities for Christmas giving. The article on page eight gives more information on the Christmas Joy Offering. At our Advent Festival, we packaged donated items for Snow-CAP Community Charities. This year, if you have more to share, consider a gift of food to FISH Emergency Services. Collection barrels are located in the upper narthex and at the 45th Avenue entrance.

Christmas Caroling – December 13

All are invited to join our youth for caroling, pizza, treats and hot chocolate from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Meet at the church and dress for the weather. (See related article on page four.)

Bach Cantata Choir Concert – December 18

Music of the Season in our beautifully decorated sanctuary: the Bach Cantata Choir and Orchestra presents J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio, Parts 4-6*, and Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* on Friday evening, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors and can be purchased in advance from Bach Cantata Choir members Woody Richen or Jeremy Shibley or on-line at bachcantatachoir.org. Don't delay! This concert often sells out.

The Chimes Christmas Program – December 20

Sunday, December 20th, during morning worship, gather for our Anniversary Christmas Program featuring the old time favorite *Why the Chimes Rang* by Raymond McAlden. Children and Chancel Choir will participate. The Holiday Orchestra will perform the Prelude. Worship will be followed by holiday treats in the fellowship hall.

Christmas Eve – December 24

Early Eve Worship at 5:30 p.m. is a traditional Christmas Eve worship service for young and old, perfect for those who retire early. The Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr will lead. **Candlelight Communion Worship at 10:30 p.m.** is a beautiful way to usher in the birth of Christ. The Rev. David Dornack will lead; the Chancel Choir will sing. Fellowship time follows the candlelight service with wassail and Christmas cookies in the parlor. Both services will be held in the sanctuary. Doors will open 30 minutes before each service. Enter the building through the narthex doors.

Epiphany Worship – January 3

Twelfth Night — or Epiphany of the Lord—is the day we celebrate the magi's adoration of the Christ Child. We will celebrate Epiphany in worship on January 3rd, a few days ahead of the actual designated day of January 6th.

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Baptisms

Akuot Mabiior Ajak was baptized on November 15th. Parents are Paul Ajak and Elizabeth Marol.

New Babies

Tasia Violet Linwood was born September 25th in Ashland, Oregon to Nisha and Toby Linwood. Great-grandmother is Carmen Holub.

Bennett William Fulcher was born on November 18th in Boise, Idaho to Betsy and Nick Fulcher. Great-grandparents are Irene and Bob Wininger.

With Sympathy

Monte Day, son of Carolyn Mauchley, died on October 24th in Portland. Services in his memory were held on November 7th in the sanctuary with Rev. Dornack officiating.

Norman Jacobson, brother of Della Perrin, died November 18th in Tualatin.

Thank You

To all the women who attended the retreat: A huge thank you for making me and my daughter-in-law feel so comfortable and loved. We are truly a family.

— Cynthia Greene

To my wonderful church family: I thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and best wishes. I am a little slow getting better – little steps at a time. I'm staying with my youngest daughter in Estacada (503-631-4850). I send my love and best wishes to everyone.

Fondly, Sally Haggart

Directory Changes

David & Becky Jewel, 7205 SE 45th Ave., Portland, OR 97206; David: 503-593-8294, Becky: 503-575-8356.

Amy Lawrence, 1631 NE Broadway #607, Portland, OR 97232



Blessed by the Past,
Promise for the Future

100 Years of Generous Giving

PLEDGING OUR “PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE”

We at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church truly have been blessed by the past. Our history, building, outreach to our community, engagement in social issues and commitment to growth for our members, both young and old, are all legacies we have inherited from those who have stewarded the past 100 years.

Now, it's our turn to take our place in the history of Rose City Park by stewarding the present and the future. Our pledges of support for the mission of our vibrant and vital community of faith provide the fuel that makes possible what we are today, and what we will be tomorrow.

We are thrilled that in the present, nearly 60 members made their financial pledges at our November 15th Stewardship Sunday worship. Not surprisingly, their gifts total about 60% of the financial resources that will drive Rose City Park's programs and mission in the coming year.

We still have a way to go, and we need your help to get there. In a few short weeks, we will begin planning for the future by developing our program plans and budget for 2010. Your gift is a vital part of this planning.

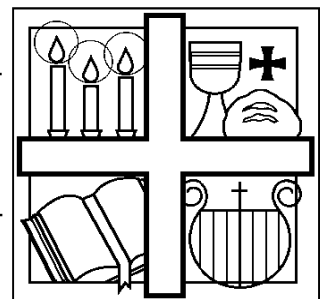
If you have not yet pledged your gift, now is the time to make **your** promise for the future. If you have pledged in the past, be sure to renew, and perhaps increase your gift for 2010. And, if you haven't pledged before, please join us in building a bright future for Rose City Park.

Thank you all for your faith, vision and “*Promise for the Future*”.

— The Stewardship and Finance Committee

CHANCEL IMPROVEMENT DESIGN PRESENTATION

The Chancel Improvement Committee invites you to an adult education session with architect Dennis Thompson on Sunday, January 31st at 11:20 a.m. in the sanctuary. Dennis will present the design and show drawings of the proposed improvements to the chancel. The design includes an ADA-compliant ramp, handrails, extended platform area, relocation of the piano and organ, removing some steps to the chancel, a designated space for the baptismal font plus other enhancements. This adult education session will allow you to ask questions of our architect and committee. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.





December

Tues. 1st
7:30 pm Chancel Imp. Comm.

Wed. 2nd
10 am Martha Service
7 pm Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 3rd
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 6th
2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship & Study
11 am Fair Trade Coffee/
Chocolate Sale
11:20 am Christmas Program
Rehearsal
12 pm Holiday Orchestra

Tues. 8th
7 pm Sarah Circle
7 pm Build. & Grnds. Comm.

Wed. 9th
1:30 – 3 pm Searchers
ChristCare
7:30 pm Chancel Imp. Comm.

Thurs. 10th
4 – 6 pm Rose City Writers
6:30 pm Christ. Ed. Comm.
6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 11th
10 am RCPPC serves Loaves
& Fishes (L&F)

Sun. 13th
3rd Sunday in Advent
9:30 am Once-a-Month Choir
10 am Worship & Study
11 am Book Exchange
11:20 am Christmas Program
Rehearsal
3 – 5:30 pm Christmas Caroling

Tues. 15th
7 pm Session @ Matthews'

Wed. 16th
1 – 2:30 pm Lectio Divina
Thurs. 17th
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Fri. 18th
7:30 pm Bach Cantata Choir
Concert, tickets required

Sun. 20th
4th Sunday in Advent
Receiving the Joy Offering
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship and Christ-
mas Program w/ Holiday
Orchestra

Thurs. 24th
Christmas Eve
2 pm Church Office Closes
5:30 pm Early Eve Worship
10:30 pm Candlelight
Communion Worship

Fri. 25th
Christmas Day
Building Closed

Sun. 27th
Birthday Sunday
10 am Worship
No Education Classes

Thurs. 31st
New Year's Eve
10 am 2009 Giving due



Fri. 1st
New Year's Day
Building Closed

Sun. 3rd
Epiphany Sunday
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship

Tues. 5th
7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 6th
Epiphany
10 am Martha Service
7 pm Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 7th
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Fri. 8th
RCPPC Serves L&F
Sun. 10th
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship & Study
12 pm Session
Tues. 12th
7 pm Sarah Circle
7 pm Build. & Grnds. Comm.
Wed. 13th
1:30 – 3 pm Searchers
ChristCare
7:30 pm Chancel Imp. Comm.

Thurs. 14th
4 – 6 pm Rose City Writers
6:30 pm Christ. Ed. Comm.
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 17th
9:30 am Once-a-Month Choir
10 am Worship & Study
No Adult Education

Mon. 18th
Martin Luther King Holiday
Church Office closed

Wed. 20th
1 – 2:30 pm Lectio Divina

Thurs. 21st
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 24th
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship & Study

Mon. 25th
RCPPC serves L&F

Wed. 27th
1:30 – 3 pm Searchers
ChristCare

Thurs. 28th
4 – 6 pm Rose City Writers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. 30th
9 am – 3 pm Session/Deacon
Retreat @ Kenilworth
Presbyterian Church

Sun. 31st
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship & Study

YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nursery/Preschool (ages infant to preschool): Preschool children are encouraged to stay in worship through the children's time and then be escorted to the lower level nursery. There will be a story and a take home sheet every week. Elementary (grades K through 5th): Children will leave worship after children's time and move upstairs to the space prepared for *The Way of the Child*. Parents will pick up their children there at noon.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Way of the Child is a program that encourages our children to learn the patterns of spiritual disciplines. This month as November closes and Advent begins, their focus will shift to reflection on God's message and actions in the lives of real people: Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the shepherds, Simeon and Anna. How do we stay open to hearing God's messages for us? The children are also working with Glenda on music for our Christmas program on December 20th during worship. No church school on December 27th.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

- December 6th – Youth assist in worship; Christmas Program rehearsal at 11:20 a.m.
- December 13th – Christmas Program rehearsal from 11:20 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Caroling and Hot Chocolate 3 – 5:30 p.m. (All are welcome!)
- December 20th – Christmas Program during worship and Christmas party 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- December 27th – No class for Middle School and High School Youth
- Watch the mail and website for information on January activities.

Good news of great joy

MUSIC OF THE SEASON

The Chancel Choir will present music from many traditions during Advent and Christmas. On the 1st Sunday of Advent we sang an arrangement of *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* by British composer Gustav Holst. It begins by reflecting the awe and mystery of Advent with simple chant and ends with the majesty of the English cathedral sound.

The prophecy of Advent is the theme of the 2nd Sunday and we will sing Pepper Choplin's *I Hear a Prophet Callin'* written in the style of early American music of Appalachia similar to the Sacred Harp style.

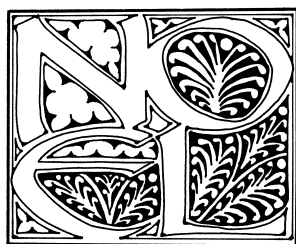
On the 3rd Sunday the Once-a-Month choir will sing two contemporary hymns to Emmanuel.

The 4th Sunday will begin with a Catalonian hymn to Mary *To the Virgin Meek and Mild* arranged by Oregon composer and choral director L. Stanley Glarum. To compliment the special story of our Christmas program the choir will sing the Ukrainian *Carol of the Bells*.

On Christmas Eve we will present three carols by American Alfred Burt which were originally family Christmas greetings that were set to music.

Although the business community brings us Christmas music from Thanksgiving until December 25th, we reserve Advent for music of watching and waiting and then celebrate Christmas from December 24th through Epiphany, January 6th. David and Donovan will be choosing the hymns that reflect this and Sarah's service music will also follow the themes of the Sundays of Advent.

— Glenda McKibben,
Director of Choirs



CHRISTMAS CAROLING – SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Middle School and High School Youth Group invite you to join them for an afternoon of Christmas Caroling and hot chocolate on Sunday, December 13th from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. All are welcome: come as a family, invite

friends, or come on your own. We will meet in the church library at three o'clock and head out into the neighborhood, singing as we go. Once we have spread Christmas cheer to all our neighbors, or become thoroughly chilled, whichever comes first, we will come back to the church and warm up with hot chocolate, pizza, and holiday snacks. If you have any questions, please call or email Tori Field at 503.282.0965, tori@rosecityparkpres.org.

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC: BEING FAITHFUL AND CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

As the H1N1 influenza virus has spread to Oregon, we find ourselves living amidst widespread cases of the infection. Vaccine is limited; those most at risk for complications are not always able to receive it. Many of us know someone who has been affected by the virus.

- While we have not instituted changes to worship in light of the pandemic, we have encouraged congregants to follow the guidelines set down by the Centers for Disease Control: if you are ill with flu-like symptoms, including fever, stay home. Do not come to worship. If you have influenza, you should stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever returns to normal without the use of fever reducers. When you do return, continue to engage in frequent hand-washing and cover your coughs and sneezes. We have placed bottles of hand sanitizer in the upper and lower narthexes for your use. Put your own tissues in the trash; do not leave them on the pews.
- Other things you can do: if you are unsure of your health, pass the peace without shaking hands; practice good hygiene when receiving communion. If influenza becomes widespread in our congregation, the pastors will consider making changes to the way communion is served.
- And finally: pray for those who are affected or at high risk for infection, such as pregnant women, the very young, medically fragile or the elderly.

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb. 7

Intergenerational Peacemaking Event

Feb. 14

Valentine's Day

Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting

Feb. 17

Ash Wednesday, evening worship

Feb. 21

1st Sunday in Lent

Lenten Pancake Breakfast

Mar. 7

100th Anniversary Women's Tea

Apr. 17

Hollywood Idol, Anniversary Edition

ADULT EDUCATION

All classes, unless otherwise indicated, take place in the chapel at 11:20 a.m. Please feel free to bring your cup of coffee or tea from coffee fellowship with you.

- December 6th – TBA
- December 13th – Christmas Carol Sing-along
- December 20th – Christmas Program, no education hour for adults
- January 3rd – Communion Sunday, no education hour for adults
- January 10th – Kris Reinhardt will share about her studies abroad in Kenya
- January 17th – MLK Jr. Day weekend, no education hour for adults
- January 24th – TBA
- January 31st – Chancel Improvement Committee Presentation featuring project architect, Dennis Thompson. Meet in the sanctuary. (See related article on page two.)

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE

After worship on December 6th, we will be selling high-quality, fair-trade coffee, tea and chocolates in the fellowship hall. This is the same fair-trade coffee you can buy at grocery stores, except at a better price, and with the profits going to our Youth Fund. We hope you will stock up for the season!



BOOK EXCHANGE

Back by popular demand! The Creation Care team will sponsor a book exchange on December 13th. Bring books, DVDs, and CDs to the table in the fellowship hall to swap during coffee fellowship. No textbooks, please.

BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate birthdays on Sunday, December 27th and Sunday, January 24th. If you celebrate a December or January birthday, you will want to attend to receive your birthday blessing during worship.



LECTIO DIVINA

“Reading is a conversation. Lunatics engage in imaginary dialogues that they hear echoing somewhere in their minds; readers engage in a similar dialogue provoked silently by the words on a page.”

— Alberto Manguel

Reading confirms our aliveness. And that is what a group ultimately does. You get validated in the human condition, the good stuff and the bad stuff. You are not alone out there. Lectio Divina meets the third Wednesday from 1– 2:30 p.m. in the chapel. We can control the temperature, and the quiet environment helps us hear one another. Upcoming dates and books:

December 16th: *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn

January 20th: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

The 2010 Flower Calendar is now available on the lower narthex bulletin board. If you would like to bring flowers for worship during the year, please write your name on the calendar to reserve a Sunday. This is a lovely way to honor a special anniversary or birthday, or to remember a loved one who has died. Flowers can be from a florist, from your garden, or purchased and arranged by your hand. Vases are available for use. Call the church office to inquire (503-282-0965).

RCPPC AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA

If you use Facebook, you can now become a fan of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has newly established a presence for the church on this social networking website. If you are not yet on Facebook and would like to be, ask members of the Outreach Committee (Shannon Bromenschenkel, Rick Harlow, Linda Smedley, and Steve Smith) or your children and grandchildren how to proceed.

If Facebook is not your cup of tea, do check out the church website monthly where the church staff posts updates for upcoming events on the homepage, and a monthly calendar, link to lectionary readings, and information for our youth help keep you up-to-date on church activities. Visit www.rosecityparkpres.org.

MARTHA SERVICE

Martha Service Group meets on the first Wednesday of December to make simple, small quilts as part of their ministry to our community. This group of dedicated women assembles small quilts and gathers other supplies to put together infant care packs – or layettes – to help new mothers in our community who are in need. They also give small quilts to helping organizations. If you would like to join them, bring your sack lunch and enter at the lower ramp door at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd. They always have a jolly time.

SARAH CIRCLE

Join Sarah Circle for its Bible study. They meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. The text this year is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith* by Mary Mikhael.

Next meetings:

- December 8 – Lesson 3: “Entry into the Land”
- January 12 – Lesson 4: “The Land of Promise, or the Promised Land?”
- February 9 – Lesson 5: “Can War Be Holy?”

SEARCHERS CHRISTCARE

The members of Searchers ChristCare will gather once in December. Meet in the church library on Wednesday, December 9th from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Bring a Christ-mas treat to share and be ready to discuss the Third Commandment.



THE DEACONS' CORNER

Rides to Church

Rose City Park Presbyterian has some church members who need transportation help to get to church for worship and/or meetings. Are you someone who is available to help drive another congregation member occasionally? Deacons Donia Groff and Jeremy Shibley want to help connect these two groups of people. Please contact either Donia (503-284-3589) or Jeremy (503-282-0965) if you decide you no longer can drive yourself to church or if you are able and willing to transport fellow congregants. The Deacons' Transportation Committee will assemble a list to help connect our members with rides and assure all are able to worship and fulfill any church responsibilities without transportation worries. If you want to make a donation to the Ride-to-Church Account to help defray the costs of taxi-cab vouchers, use a Deacons' envelope and clearly mark it for "transportation". Thank you very much for your help in this important ministry.

— Jeremy Shibley, Deacon

Deacons' Flowers

One of the duties our deacons embrace is visiting church members who for reasons of long-term illness or other circumstance are unable to join us in worship. During Advent and on Easter, deacons take poinsettias and Easter lilies to those in the Visitation Ministry. Your donations for Memorial Lilies purchase not only the Easter lilies, but also the poinsettias that will be delivered in December. The red poinsettias brighten our chancel for a few weeks and then brighten the home of a church member who had limited opportunity to get out and about — your Eastertide generosity resurrected in the gift of poinsettias.

OFFICE CLOSURES AND INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

The church office will be closed the following days:

December 24th: Office Closes at 2 p.m.

December 25th: Christmas Day

January 1st: New Year's Day

January 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

While none of us is anticipating a repeat of the "great snow of 2008" as winter approaches, bear the following in mind: please do not risk an accident in icy or snowy conditions to attend a church event or worship service. Church staff will use these guidelines –

Weekdays: if Portland Public Schools are closed for ice or snow, the church office will likely be closed.

Sundays and weekend events: if local area churches are closed for wintry weather, then Rose City Park Presbyterian will likely be closed. We will post closure information on the church home page (www.rosecityparkpres.org), the church Facebook page and on local media websites: KGW.com, KATU.com, KOIN.com.

YEAR-END GIVING

2010 Offering Envelopes – Boxes of offering envelopes for 2010 will be available in the parlor beginning January 2nd for all who have submitted a Stewardship Commitment card. Be sure to take only the box with your name on it. If you do not plan to pledge this year, but would like to receive offering envelopes, contact Romalia in the church office (503-282-0965 or romalia@rosecityparkpres.org), and a box will be prepared for you.

2009 Year-End Gifts – As we enter the busyness of the holiday season, it is time to remind everyone that any giving to the church for 2009 should be in the church office before 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 31st. This will give the office manager time to count, deposit and properly credit your offerings. For those of you who prefer to prepay a portion of your 2010 pledge, please clearly mark the check "pre-paid for 2010" and have it in the church office by the December 31st giving deadline. The 2010 Per Capita Apportionment is \$22.55 each. Information is included in your envelope box.

ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

It is time to prepare our Annual Report. Reference copies of your group's 2008 annual report will be e-mailed in early December to group leaders. Session Committee Chairs received them at their November meeting.

Please submit your 2009 copy by the December 18th deadline. Groups awaiting financials should submit as much of their report as possible and update with financials in January. As usual, a prize will be awarded at the Annual Meeting to the person who submits their report first. If you have questions, contact Romalia in the church office.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
9:30 am nursery/pre-school
10:20 am Grades K-8
11:20 am Youth and Adult

CHURCH STAFF

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- Sarah S. Shay, Organist
- Romalia Stickney-Shibley,
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- Michelle Veazie, Receptionist
- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

We will dedicate our gifts to the 2009 Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 20th. The 70 year-old offering supports both supplemental income for church workers and retirees through the Presbyterian Board of Pensions. The Joy Offering makes education possible for many minority students through scholarships and operating grants at six institutions, including Knoxville College and Stillman College.

Our retired pastors and missionaries subsist on pensions from the Presbyterian Church; gifts from the Joy Offering help bridge the gap for those whose pensions do not provide adequate income. Moments for Mission and bulletin inserts throughout Advent will highlight the offering. Envelopes were included in the last issue of *The Broadcaster* and are available in the pew racks.



NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JAN. 10.

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via e-mail to romalia@rosecityparkpres.org, or by mail and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, January 10, 2010.