

# The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

November 2010



*O God, I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding thy power and glory. Because thy steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise thee. I will bless thee as long as I live: I will lift up my hands and call on thy name. Psalm 63: 2-4*

It is finished! And we are feeling our way in the new chancel space. It is a little like moving into a new house and not being quite sure where to put the couch. David and I are exploring how to move in the expanse of space. Our old tightly-rehearsed choreography isn't needed. We are free to "move about the world" that is the new chancel. You have noticed – a pastoral prayer recited from the central table or from the midst of the congregation, a lovely dance of peace encircling that common table. Scripture has been read from the pulpit and from a wheelchair. The choir can sing from the back of the chancel, from the steps or mingle their voices in the congregation for hymns. And it is a clear reminder to David and me of just what grounds our preaching when our sermon notes rest on the open pages of the chancel Bible. Flexibility and creativity and an awareness and acknowledgement of tradition are our watchwords.



Element bearers and bell choir with pastors, September 19.



Children process with streamers, September 19.

Worship won't be the same every Sunday. Some days the dossal will shine with its gleaming tree of life and the subtle echo of the three crosses on Golgotha's hilltop. Some days the doors will be closed, the cross glowing from behind. Be assured that your Worship and the Arts Committee is considering the liturgical seasons as they make these choices.

So if it is not the way you'd like, just wait. Find joy in the unexpected and remember why we come to worship. Worship is a chance for us to move beyond what is comfortable on some days. It can urge us to see with new eyes, to hear with new ears and to be moved to new responses of gladness and grief.

This space offers us much. We don't want to find ourselves limited to what has always been or what we like best, for this space is ours as a community. And community is made

of variety and diversity of dreams and desires. Our unique selves joined together are what make Rose City Park Presbyterian so open and welcoming. We are not all alike.

So celebrate and worship with us... in all the many possible ways.

*donavan*

The Rev. Donavan Burkert-Kerr

# ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

## Weddings

**John Thoma and Randi Weber** were married October 15<sup>th</sup> in Corbett, Oregon where they were attended by their children: Mary Thoma, Austin Nelson, Harrison Thoma, and Jake Nelson. Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr and Rev. Robert Thoma officiated.

## New Babies

**Fiona Noelle Walker** was born August 19<sup>th</sup> in Ashland. Parents are Becky and Joshua Walker; grandfather is Steve Smith.

**Zackaria Abdelmagid Elrefay** was born October 5<sup>th</sup> in Portland. Parents are Jenni Hayden (former RCPPC receptionist) and Abdo Elrefay.

## Thank You

Thank you so much for the college scholarship. It is helpful both in a monetary sense and in a spiritual sense. I am always grateful to know that I have your support as I venture onwards in life, studying music therapy.

Many thanks,  
Maeve McGranahan

Thank you for all of the prayers and support I've received since my injury this summer. The influx of cards in my mailbox was so helpful in getting through seven weeks on crutches, and has made me ever more aware of the amazing love of this church family.

Grace Shibley

Thanks to a very generous congregation, our 2010 Peacemaking Offering totaled \$3,445, surpassing our 2009 giving.

## Directory Changes

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**Rick Lanier-Dunsing**,  
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## THE DEACONS' CORNER

Your giving to the Deacons' Fund supports ministries in the community and in our church. Your contributions help the homeless and hungry, the abused and sick, children, women and men in need of extra support. Ministries, such as Sisters of the Road Café, Portland Women's Crisis Line, and Project Linkage, so appreciate our support. You also assist members of our congregation that need a ride to worship and give extra help when needs arise.

Please give generously to the Deacons' Fund. For your convenience, there are envelopes in the pews for your convenience, labeled Deacons' Fund. And, once again, the Session has designated our Thanksgiving Offering for the Deacons' Fund. Please use the envelope in your offering envelope box, or clearly mark your gift "Thanksgiving Offering".

— Karen Balmer  
for the Board of Deacons

## ADULT EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER

The Adult Discipleship Committee works hard to provide meaningful learning opportunities for us all. October brought our own David Dornack's General Assembly report, our Presbytery's stated clerk, our own Gabby Robertson with information on the film *The Invisible Children*, and Lynne Coon's presentation on helping people with issues surrounding aging parents. Thank you for your attendance and support. Be sure to check the bulletin each Sunday for that morning's learning offering. Below is the November schedule:

- Nov. 7 Communion, no adult education
- Nov. 14 Unemployment Awareness and Support
- Nov. 21 Mission Study Report/Activity with Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 28 Advent Festival, no education hour

Don't forget, the flashing lights in the Fellowship Hall at 11:15 a.m. are a friendly reminder to start making your way to that morning's Adult Education time. Life-long learning is important for us as a church community!

— Jeremy Shibley, Chair  
Adult Discipleship Committee

## HOLIDAY ORCHESTRA BEGINS

Rehearsals for the Holiday Orchestra begin Sunday, November, 7<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. in the chapel. Dig out your old instruments, or bring the new one you have been playing at school. All levels, ages and abilities are welcome. The orchestra rehearses weekly and will perform on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas Program. For more information, talk with Glenda McKibben.

## POET LAUREATE TO VISIT RCPPC NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

Oregon's Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen, will present a poetry reading and discussion at 7 p.m. on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in the parlor. The evening is a free community event, and donations of non-perishable food and personal care items will be collected for the Oregon Food Bank.

Petersen's visit is one of a number of events being held at Rose City Park Presbyterian to commemorate a renovation of our sanctuary space. The new sanctuary has been renovated to be ADA accessible, welcoming, warm and flexible to accommodate community events like this poetry event.

On April 26, 2010, Paulann Petersen was named to a two-year appointment as Oregon's sixth Poet Laureate by Governor Ted Kulongoski. Petersen was born and raised in Oregon and spent half of her adult life in Klamath Falls. She is a widely published poet, with four collections and several chapbooks to her credit – *The Wild Awake*, *Blood-Silk*, *A Bride of Narrow Escape* and *Kindle*.



### *Miracle*

The wonder isn't that lightning strikes where it does, but that it doesn't strike everywhere. Specifically me. It isn't the frequency of car crashes, but their infrequency. Traffic flicks along in its speed and perplexity, each move, each surge a potential disaster.

The heart beats out its strange litany of the enormously possible, never excluding disease and stricture. Why does my blood run so easy and warm? This is the wonder: me approaching the traffic light just turned yellow, my foot pressing my trust down into the brake, the car in agreement coming steady steady to a stop.

—Paulann Petersen

The poet laureate position is a collaborative project of the state's five statewide cultural partners: Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Humanities and State Historic Preservation Office. The position is funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust and managed by Oregon Humanities. More information on the poet laureate program and history is found at <http://www.oregonpoetlaureate.org>.

— Gail Black, Shannon Bromenschenkel, Rae Richen and David Dornack, event organizers

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## STEWARDED OUR "PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE"

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church is entering its second century as a renewed and vibrant community of faith. With a Century behind us, we've completed our Renewal Campaign, celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> year and dedicated our new, highly accessible and flexible worship space to remain a vital center of spiritual and community life. Together, we will now build a bright and exciting future that is a testament of our faith that our mission will continue for another hundred years and beyond.

These are tough and uncertain times economically, politically, and perhaps personally for each of us. We could pull back and be more conservative in our mission and giving. However, we have faith that in giving – perhaps even giving more – we make tremendous things happen. We give love, we build faith, we energize community, and we guarantee the future.

Nothing illustrates this more than all we have planned for the coming year. Our Stewardship campaign this fall will highlight what we are doing in many areas to breathe new life into our church, our lives and our world. Over the next several weeks, our Outreach, Social Action and Worship & the Arts Committees will be sharing their plans and dreams for the future. As they do, we encourage you to think about the hopes and dreams you have for our vibrant community of faith.

Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann contends that the Bible is our script, and that as we read it as a community, we add to its pages as scriptwriters. In essence, we write the future. What future shall we craft? What story shall we write? Our stewardship of this future through our faith, talents, time and financial support will set the course for this vibrant community of faith for the next 100 years.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will bring our pledges of financial support for 2011. We encourage each of you to pray and carefully consider your own stewardship pledge as both an act of faith and as a catalyst for creating an abundant and vibrant community of faith that is blessed in the future.

— Peter Bilotta, Chair  
Stewardship & Finance Committee



## CALENDAR

### Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>

7 pm Personnel Committee

### Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup>

10 am Martha Service

7 pm Worship & Arts Comm.

### Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Sat. 6<sup>th</sup>

9 am – 1 pm Hollywood  
Farmers' Market (HFM)

### Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

9:30 am Chancel Choir

10 am Communion Worship

10:20 am Church School

11 am New Member Class

11:10 am MS/HS Youth

No Adult Education

12 pm Holiday Orchestra

### Mon. 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Christian Ed. Comm.

### Tues. 9<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Sarah Circle

7 pm Build. & Grounds Comm.

### Wed. 10<sup>th</sup>

1:30 – 3 pm Searchers  
ChristCare

### Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Fri. 12<sup>th</sup>

Cascades Presbytery @ First  
Vancouver

10 am Rose City Writers

10 am RCPPC serves Loaves  
& Fishes

### Sat. 13<sup>th</sup>

Cascades Presbytery @ First  
Vancouver

9 am – 1 pm HFM

### Sun. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Stewardship Commitment**

*The Broadcaster* deadline

9:30 am Once-a-Month Choir

10 am Worship

10:20 am Church School

11:15 am – 2 pm MS/HS  
Youth

11:20 am Adult Education

12 pm New Member Class

12 pm Board of Deacons

12 pm Holiday Orchestra

### Mon. 15<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Tues. 16<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Session

### Wed. 17<sup>th</sup>

1-2:30 pm Lectio Divina

### Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 21<sup>st</sup>

CPYA @ Macleay Salem

### Fri. 19<sup>th</sup>

7 – 8:30 pm Oregon's Poet  
Laureate, Paulann Petersen  
reads from her work – sanc-  
tuary

### Sat. 20<sup>th</sup>

9 am – 1 pm HFM (closing  
day)

### Sun. 21<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am Chancel Choir

10 am Thanksgiving Worship

11:20 am Mission Study

Presentation and lunch –  
fellowship hall

### Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup>

10 am RCPPC serves L&F

### Wed. 24<sup>th</sup>

7 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving  
Eve Worship @ Our Lady  
of Lavang Catholic Church

### Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup>

**Thanksgiving Day**

Church Closed

### Fri. 26<sup>th</sup>

Church Office closed

### Sun. 28<sup>th</sup>

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Birthday Sunday**

9:30 am Chancel Choir

10 am Communion Worship

10:20 am Church School

11 am Advent Festival, all ages

12 pm Holiday Orchestra

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Annual Reports due, final deadline

### Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm Bach Cantata Choir Christmas Oratorio

Tickets required: [www.bachcantatachoir.org](http://www.bachcantatachoir.org)

### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

11:15 am Christmas Program rehearsal

### Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

3:30 pm All Church Caroling

### Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

10 am Christmas Program,  
Holiday Orchestra performs

### Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas Eve**

5 pm Worship for all ages

9 pm Candlelight Communion Worship



## THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

*Sing. Celebrate. Listen. Prepare for the feast day.*

On Wednesday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup>, we gather at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lavang Catholic Church: 5404 NE Alameda Street. Several area churches will participate in this ecumenical worship: Rose City Park United Methodist, Our Lady of Lavang Catholic, Rose City Park Presbyterian, Augustana Lutheran, St Michael and All Angels Episcopal.



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## YOUTH NEWS

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Nursery/Preschool:** (Ages infant to age three) Preschool children are encouraged to stay in worship through the Time With the Children and then be escorted to the lower level nursery where there is loving care from volunteer church members in an area that is safe and age appropriate for your young child.

**Primary:** (Age 4- 1st grade) Children leave worship after Time With the Children and move upstairs to the Primary classroom. A story will echo the lectionary lesson of the week with an activity, music and time to play. Lesson ends at 11:15. Pick up your child in the children's library on the main level.

**Elementary:** (2nd through 5th grades) Children will leave worship after Time With the Children and move upstairs to the Elementary classroom. These children are learning about important Old Testament figures. Class ends about 11:30. Parents will pick up their children in the children's library.

If parents wish to participate in Adult Education activities, childcare is available in the children's library upon request. Speak with Donavan.

### YOUTH DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 7** Book Group (*Under the Overpass* by Mike Yankoski) and Meal Planning
- Nov. 14** Cook for Janus Youth, 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Nov. 19** CPYA (High School Youth only)
- Nov. 28** Advent Festival. No class.
- Dec. 18** Christmas Caroling, 3:30 – 6 p.m.
- Dec. 19** Christmas Program, during worship
- Dec. 26** High School Youth and Recent Graduates' brunch, 11:10 a.m.– 12 p.m.
- Jan. 2** No Class

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATIONAL CLASS SERIES

If you have been considering membership at Rose City Park Presbyterian, you will want to attend the two-class series for new members on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. and November 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. Both meetings will be in the church library. If you have questions, or would like to explore membership, but cannot attend at these times, please contact David Dornack (503-282-0965 or [david@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:david@rosecityparkpres.org)).

## HIGHSCHOOL AND RETURNING GRADUATES BRUNCH

The High School Youth would like to invite recent graduates and college-age alumni to join them for brunch on December 26<sup>th</sup>. After worship, we will all gather in the tower room and enjoy tasty treats as we catch-up with one another and reminisce about Pancake Breakfasts and Mission Trips gone by.

## CHRISTCARE

We are continuing our study by Adam Hamilton: *24 Hours That Changed the World*. Meet on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the library. No ChristCare on November 25<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving.

## SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle has begun our new study, but it is never too late to join us. Every year *Horizons: the Magazine of Presbyterian Women* commissions a Bible study. Our text this year is *Journeys through Revelations: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*. The guide is packed with beautiful artwork, archeological notes, maps and other resources that will inform our study of this difficult and often misunderstood book of the New Testament.

Next meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Lesson 2: "Seven Letters to Seven Churches"

## LECTIO DIVINA

"A book is an axe to the frozen sea around us."

~ Franz Kafka

The book group is going strong. We meet the third Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the chapel. Anyone who has read the book and wishes to participate is welcome.

Upcoming dates and books:

November 17: *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

December 16: *Winter's Bone* by Daniel Woodrell

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9:30 am nursery Birth—3 years  
10:20 am Grades Pre—5th  
11:10 am MS & HS Youth  
11:20 am Adult

**CHURCH STAFF**

- David C. Dornack, Pastor  
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- Sarah S. Shay, Organist
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- Michelle Veazie, Receptionist
- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton



**Old-Fashioned  
Advent Festival  
and  
Charity Sharing Project**  
After Worship in the Fellowship Hall  
**November 28**  
All Ages and Abilities

- \*Make a wreath or a swag for your door \* Bake and decorate some cookies \*
- \*Make some Christmas cards \* Make a paper chain of prayer\*
- \*String some popcorn or cranberries \*
- \*Make an ornament for the fellowship hall tree\*
- \*Help pack canned food and warm things for those who need them\*

**A Homeless Youth Program**

The youth of the church are working with several programs for homeless youth. This year our charitable donations will aid one or more of those programs. Watch your bulletin insert for upcoming details about what is needed.

**NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOV. 14.**

Brief articles may be submitted in person, by mail or via e-mail to [romalia@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:romalia@rosecityparkpres.org), and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, November 14.