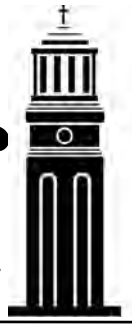


The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

February/March 2011



THE BEST OF INTENTIONS

By the time you are reading this *Broadcaster*, we will be a month into all those New Year resolutions: those ones you made or didn't make about creating a better you, a better workplace, a better balance, or a better ... you name it.

We all have the best intentions to live our lives differently. It is probably what makes our species capable of growth in knowledge, wisdom, and compassion. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day have no real place in the calendar of the church year. But it has always seemed to me that there must be some special holiness about new beginnings, those times either by date or incident that are set aside as change points. They are the "thin" times when our vision clears and we can see new possibility and movement in the routine of the ordinary.

But those moments have passed. We are in the bridge season between the extravagant light and star shine of Epiphany and the reflective shadow days of Lent. Our enthusiasm for change has waned. The old ways look mighty cozy. Those bad habits don't seem as bad as we thought.

But resolutions, our best intentions, remind us that there is such a thing as transformation. We can become new creations. We don't need to live by business as usual. We can see our lives in a new way. We have the freedom to reshape our attitudes. And there is the trick to all this change. It isn't our resolve that gets tested and is found wanting, it is our attitude.

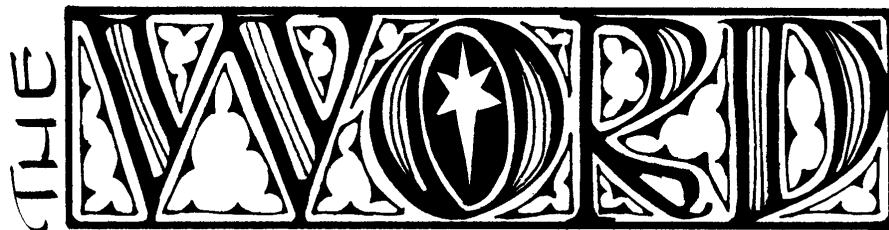
When I was ordained, the United Methodist Church was still using a series of traditional and historical questions. One was "Do you expect to achieve perfection in this life?" Of course, you might suppose the answer would be "no." But it isn't. The answer is "Yes, with God's help." There it is — even with the best of intentions, with the firmest of resolves, we cannot change on our own.

We can open our hearts to change and love; open our eyes to see one another as flesh and blood, anxious and hopeful and doing the best we can. But we cannot do it on our own. We can breathe in newness and listen for the quiet voice of possibility, calling us to adventure and transformation, but we don't do it by ourselves. We do it with God's help, for the most critical reshaping comes when we admit our need for God and find ourselves embraced by God's love. There is nothing greater than love.

In the words of the old hymn we can sing out, "*Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hands have provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*"

DONAVAN

The Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr



became flesh and dwell among us

JOHN 1:14

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

New Babies

Lilian Grace McGough was born on January 12th in Portland. Parents are Carly Henderson and Mark McGough. Grandparents are Lorna and Jon Cole; great-grandmother is Meri Cole.

Madison Samantha Richen was born on December 28th. Parents are Jim and Angie Richen. Grandparents are Rae and Woody Richen.

New Members

Received into our community in membership on December 26th were:

Jennifer Abbassian, who attends worship with her daughters Emily and Sophie. Jennifer is an attorney by training, but has recently left her practice to work in the family business with husband, James.

This Christmas season, Jennifer played her cello with the holiday orchestra. She has also participated in Hollywood Idol, sharing her hobby as an Irish Step Dancer.

Shannon Bromenschenkel has worshipped with us for several years with her husband, Peter, and sons Finn and Declan. Shannon has been an active member of our Outreach Committee, overseeing the church's Facebook account and helping to plan the Committee's special events. She works from home as a consultant.

Mark Dreyer first came to Rose City as the painter chosen by our kitchen remodel contractor back in 2006. Since then he has attended worship regularly. Although the Buildings and Grounds Committee has hired Mark to complete exterior painting projects for us, he has also generously donated his time to paint the ele-

vator room, giving it a fresh look.

Thank You

I would like to thank the church for the lovely gift toward my education. I ended up putting the money in the bank and then used it for my math and physical geography text books. I really appreciate it. It means a lot to me to know that my church cares about its youth.

— Gratefully, Yana Bell

We would like to express our appreciation for the prayers, cards, and support from our RCPPC family while our son David was receiving cancer treatment. It is an arduous journey, as many of you know, but we are approaching the recovery phase with much optimism.

— Judy Robinson

Dear Members,
The poinsettia is beautiful. Thank you so much. It lights up my house. Blessings in the New Year.

— June Roden

The caption on a recent cartoon read, "It doesn't get to be a Christmas tree 'til it gets all dressed up." Heartfelt thanks to Dave, Yana and Briana Bell, Wayne Knepper, Roger and Susan Price, Woody and Rae Richen, and Bill and Kathy Wiese for "dressing up" our sanctuary tree. And sincere thanks to Nancy Boeh, Diane Hanken and Cindy Robertson for the new décor in silver that adorned the parlor during the holiday season. Also, my appreciation to Jordan Shibley for assisting me and Wayne in hanging gold stars to enhance our

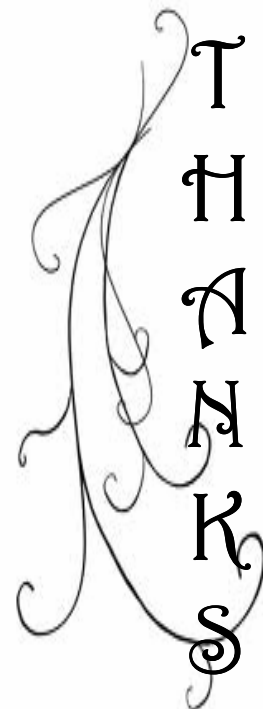
worship.

— Linda Knepper

Thank you to those who volunteered to teach in the **fall of 2010**: Ray and Kris Amling, Mike and Lisa Backstrom, Greg and Karen Balmer, Rebecca Bauer, Jan Beaudoin, Nicole Amling Betz, Peter Bilotta, Shannon Bromenschenkel, Cynthia Church, Karol Elmore, Laura Gillooly, Diane Hanken, Rick Harlow, Nat Kerr, Glenda McKibben, Bobbi Munson Karin Novitsky, Susan Price, Ellen Ragan, Jerry and Linda Reinhardt, Judy Robinson, The Thoma Clan, Kathy Wiese, Marrette Whitney, and Katie Zalin.

Sign ups are still happening for the Winter-Spring Session. You can expect calls from Ellen Ragan for the nursery, Katie Zalin for the primary class and Gretchen Guibert for the elementary class. Recruiting is hard work; you can make their job easier by calling them.

— Donovan Burkert-Kerr,
Program Coordinator



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Tues. 1st

7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 2nd

10 am Martha Service
7 pm Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 3rd

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 6th

Souper Bowl of Caring
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
10:20 am Church School
11:15 am Confirmation Class
11:15 am HS Mission Trip
Planning
2 pm Bach Choir concert

Tues. 8th

7 pm Sarah Circle
7 pm Building & Grounds
Comm.

Wed. 9th

1:30 pm Searchers Christcare

Thurs. 10th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 11th

10 am RCPPC serves Loaves
& Fishes (L&F)
10 am Rose City Writers

Sun. 13th

9:30 am Once-a-Month Choir
10 am Worship
10:20 am Church School
11 am Annual Meeting &
Chili luncheon

Tues. 15th

7 pm Session Meeting

Wed. 16th

1 pm Lectio Divina

Thurs. 17th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 20th

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship
10:20 am Church School
4 pm HS/MS prepare meal

Mon. 21st

Presidents' Day
Church Office Closed

Mon. 21st

7 pm Prayer Shawls

Wed. 23rd

1:30 pm Searchers Christcare

Thurs. 24th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 25th

10 am Rose City Writers

Sat. 26th-Sun. 27th

HS Winter Retreat

Sun. 27th

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship
10:20 am Church School

Mon. 28th

10 am RCPPC serves L&F

MARCH

Tues. 1st

7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 2nd

10 am Martha Service
7 pm Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 3rd

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. 5th

10 am – 5 pm Craft Day

Sun. 6th

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship
10:20 am Church School

Mon. 7th

7 pm Christian Education
Comm.

Tues. 8th

7 pm Sarah Circle
7 pm Building & Grounds
Comm.

Wed. 9th

Ash Wednesday
1:30 pm Searchers Christcare
7:30 pm Communion
Worship

Thurs. 10th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 11th

10 am RCPPC serves L&F
10 am Rose City Writers
6:30 pm Movie night with
Sarah Circle

Sun. 13th

First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Once-a-Month Choir
10 am Communion Worship
10:20 am Church School
11:15 am Mission Trip
Planning

Mon. 14th

7:30 pm Christian Ed. Comm.

Tues. 15th

7 pm Session Meeting

Wed. 16th

1 pm Lectio Divina

Thurs. 17th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 20th

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
10:20 am Church School
11:15 am MS/HS Youth
Pretzel Making
12 pm Deacons Meeting
2 pm Bach Choir concert

Mon. 21st

7 pm Prayer Shawls

Wed. 23rd

1:30 pm Searchers ChristCare

Thurs. 24th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 27th

Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
10:20 am Church School
11 am Dollars for Donuts

Mon. 28th

10 am RCPPC serves L&F

Thurs. 31st

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

YOUTH NEWS

ELEMENTARY CHURCH SCHOOL

Through February and March, the Primary Church School will continue to do activities that relate to the lectionary reading of the week. On January 9th, the day we remembered the Baptism of Jesus, the class had their own experience with the ritual of water. As their teacher said, they had a very clean baby doll at the end of the session.

The Elementary Church School (grades K-5) will be focusing on the parables of Jesus and his ministry in the days leading up to the Last Supper.

Glenda continues to do music with both classes. There will be church school **every Sunday** in February and March, and we encourage you and your children to attend the **Ash Wednesday Service on March 9th at 7:30 p.m.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

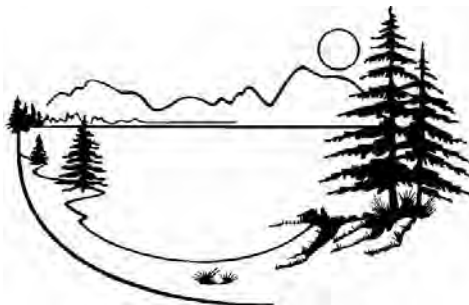
- 2/6 – Souper Bowl of Caring & Confirmation Class for MS
Mission Trip Planning for HS
- 2/13 – Annual Meeting
- 2/20 – Prepare Meal for Janus Youth
- 2/26 -2/27 – High School Winter Retreat
- 3/6 – Pancake Breakfast
- 3/13 – Mission Trip Planning
- 3/20 – Pretzel Making
- 3/27 – Dollars for Donuts Fundraiser

SUMMER CAMPS

It may be winter, but it is not too early to think about Presbytery Summer Camps. Early bird registration is open now and ends on May 5th for all summer camps. The early bird deadline for April 1-3 Counselor-in-Training Camp is March 31st. Visit the Presbytery camp web site for registrations information and a camp schedule: www.campcascades.org.

Whether your middle schooler loves the mountains or the beach, or your high schooler has time to squeeze adventure camp in central Oregon into their schedule, summer camp can be a great change of scene and pace. Camps for elementary age children at Camp Magruder near Rockaway Beach begin with Mom and Me camp for kindergarten through second graders, and camps for all ages are available.

The Christian Education Committee will make available camperships for each child from our congregation who attends a Presbytery-sponsored camp. Check with Donovan Burkert-Kerr for details on how to access your child's campership.



CHURCH DIRECTORIES

New Directories will be available beginning February 13th. If you would like a copy, but cannot attend worship, phone or email the church office and we will make arrangements to get one to you.



PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Our denomination establishes an assessment per member, the per capita apportionment, to cover the costs of its administrative functions. **For 2011 the amount is \$22.90. This amount is assessed regardless of whether or not you attend worship or give to the church.** The Session encourages each member to pay their per capita, over and above their pledged giving. An envelope has been included with offering envelopes for all pledged givers. For other members, simply write a check to the church with "per capita" written on the memo line.

DIGITAL PHOTO STORAGE

The History Committee and church office currently store all church related photos on a computer. This is a wonderful way for anyone to access a photo record of our history.

Please send any pictures you have to the church office for safekeeping and future use – via email, disc or jump drive.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sharing Brings Joy. To Others, to God and to Us.
When Lent begins in March, we will consider once again the plight of those in the world who struggle to have enough for survival. For more than sixty years, Christians have participated in the Lenten One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. Our gifts to OGHS are used year-round, world-wide, to respond to immediate needs from disaster and to promote self-reliance assistance to those experiencing hardship. You can learn more about the offering by reading the March mailing from the Social Action Committee and through bulletin inserts and Moments for Mission on Sundays during Lent.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 6th is a day devoted to football and food. With your help, it is also a day to fight hunger in our local community. The Middle School Youth will collect non-perishable food and money before worship as a part of the National Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign. All donations will be given directly to SnowCap Community Charities. When you do your Super Bowl shopping, remember to pick up a few extra items for Souper Bowl.

SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, our gifts to the **2010 Christmas Joy Offering** totaled \$3,682. Your gifts will help sustain programs supporting Presbyterian affiliated racial and ethnic schools as well as offer additional support to clergy and church workers experiencing need through age, infirmity or emergency.

A car load of cold weather outerwear, non-perishable snacks, and personal hygiene items was delivered to Janus Youth Programs as a result of Advent Festival generosity.

2010 gifts to the **Peacemaking Offering** totaled \$3,510. These monies will be dispersed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, our local Peacemaking Mission Partners and other local peacemaking programs in early 2011 by the Social Action Committee. In addition, proceeds from the Sale of Portland Art Cards during Advent totaled \$363 for the Peacemaking Fund.

And finally, the Board of Deacons thanks you for your generous contributions to the **Thanksgiving Offering** which goes to the Deacons' Fund to support non-profit service organizations in our community and ministries in our church. Your 2011 gifts totaled \$1,395. Your donations to this special offering make a difference in people's lives.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - GET'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT! SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH 8:30 TO 9:30 A.M.



Hot, buttery and smothered in syrup. Smearred with peanut-butter. Rolled up, pigs in a blanket style, with a Li'l Smokie inside. However you like your pancakes, we will have them hot and ready for you. The Annual Pancake Breakfast is a fundraiser for the Youth's summer mission trip and for Janus Youth Programs. We will be serving breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Adults \$5, Children \$3, Families \$15 and children under three are free.

CRAFT DAY

Those crafty folks are organizing a third RCPPC craft day for Saturday, March 5th. Spend the whole day, or stop in for an hour or two. Enter at the lower ramp door into room eight anytime between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Bring a craft to work on and a snack to share (or your sack lunch). Reports are it's been great fun for those who attend. All are welcome, as long as you enjoy crafting. Questions? Contact Laura Gillooly or Cindy Robertson.

CHRISTCARE

Searchers ChristCare continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the church library. In February plan to work on Valentine notes for visitation ministry and continue the study of Adam Hamilton's book *24 Hours that Changed the World*. March plans are underway as the study concludes. If you have questions or would like to join the group, contact David Dornack.



WOMEN'S MOVIE NIGHT

Sarah Circle plans a Movie Night in the chapel for Friday evening, March 11th. Save the date and watch the mail for a postcard with details.

SARAH CIRCLE

Revelation takes us on a journey into the heart of God's own dream for our world. It is a journey of radical hope and transformation. No other book in the Bible has inspired so many songs of praise to God and to Jesus. Join Sarah Circle in this extraordinary journey as we read and discuss this amazing book.

Next meetings:

February 8 – Lesson 5: "Singing the Hymns of Hope" Rev. 7-8:5

March 8 – Lesson 6: "Witness to Hope" Rev. 12

April 12 – Lesson 7: "Rapture, Violence, and Exodus" Rev. 13, 15-16, 19

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (BUT NOT JUST SHAWLS)

God in the clicking of the needles; God in the yarn, God in my fingers and hands. God in the intention. God in the Ewe. God in the weaving, for the sake of Your Peace. God's peace in the making, Christ's peace in the giving, the Spirit's peace in the receiving. Amen, Amen, Amen.

— Vicky Dawson

Join us on the third Mondays of the month to knit or crochet, to pray, and to share, through the work of our hands, our concern and our love with each other and with others in need of comfort and warmth. Shawls, hats, scarves — all come from our needles and hooks. Do you know someone in need of such a blessing? See Donovan.

Next meetings: February 21st and March 21st at 7 p.m. in the library.

MARTHA SERVICE GROUP

Join the women of Martha Service Group as they gather at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, September through June, to assemble quilts and layette items for families in our community. Bring a sack lunch and enter at the lower ramp door. All are welcome.



LECTIO DIVINA

A book should teach us to enjoy life, or to endure it.
— Samuel Johnson

You are invited to join Lectio Divina and engage in reading that enlightens, enriches, energizes, encourages, and entertains. The books aren't always easy, but they always spark lively discussion. The group meets the third Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the chapel. Upcoming dates and books:

February 16: *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman

March 16: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

April 20: *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore (2011 "Everybody Reads" book)

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

During February and March, the Adult Discipleship Committee has reserved one Sunday study slot for the second congregation-wide mission study session should it be needed. February programs are in the planning stages.

Concurrent with the Lenten season, the committee intends to offer a spiritual discipline sampler. Have you ever walked a labyrinth or created a mandala to help center yourself? Have you ever meditated with imaging exercises or listened to and/or sung Taize music? As always, each Sunday's bulletin will announce that day's or a future Sunday's adult education class.

When the lights flash in the fellowship hall, come experience with others that morning's learning opportunity! Thanks for your participation.

— The Adult Discipleship Committee:

Bev Dale, David Dornack (staff),
Bob McGranahan, and Jeremy Shibley (chair)

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

There are many new books in our church library, ready for you to check out! They include *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, *Street of a Thousand Blossoms* by Gail Tsukiyama, *Neglected—Bible Spirituality in the Margins* by John Indermark and the *Golden Bible Atlas* by Samuel Terrien. Please feel free to borrow one or more to read on these rainy, chilly nights. You are also invited to donate selected books from Lectio Divina to help complete the book group collection.



Thanks to Gretchen Johnson who lovingly maintains our library and collection.

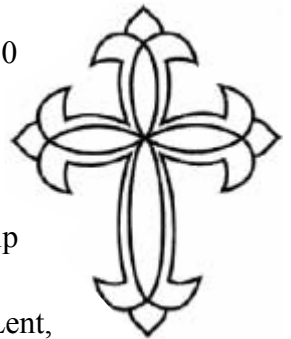
BIRTHDAY SUNDAYS

We continue our monthly birthday celebrations on February 27th and March 27th. Plan to celebrate your February and March birthdays with a blessing and treat on those Sundays.

LENT BEGINS IN MARCH

We begin our Lenten preparations with our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6th. (See related article on Page 5.)

Lent begins in earnest with Ash Wednesday worship, held at 7:30 p.m. on March 9th in our sanctuary. We will host Rose City Park United Methodist Church and others from the neighborhood for this community worship service.



During each of the Sundays in Lent, Communion worship will lead us on the journey to betrayal, remembered on Maundy Thursday, the Good Friday Cross, and Easter's promise of resurrection. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details and study opportunities.

COOKIE TIN PICK UP

Thank you cookie bakers and providers! You kept the cookie jar full throughout the holidays for coffee fellowship, and we do so appreciate it. Cookies are always needed for Sunday mornings. If you are able to add to the cookies stores, please bring your donation to the kitchen on Sunday mornings.



Your cookie tins and containers are in the storeroom to the left of the fellowship hall stage and can be picked up any Sunday. Ask a coffee host if you need assistance.

Thanks again for supporting this important ministry of hospitality.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 17th, 10 a.m. – Palm Sunday Worship
April 21st, 7:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship
April 22nd – Good Friday
April 24th, 10 a.m. – Easter Worship

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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

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- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION &
CORPORATION MEETING
& CHILI FEAST**



The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 13th immediately following worship. Annual Reports will be available beginning the Sunday before, if you'd like to read ahead.

To spice up the proceedings, the Outreach Committee is once again organizing a Chili Feast. Great cooks are on tap to stir up batches of their favorite chilis. If you want to whip up a batch of cornbread or toss a salad to share, please do. All are welcome and all are encouraged to bring a little something! And let Shannon Bromenschenkel or Rick Harlow know if you want to bring a batch of chili. They are keeping track of the number of pots promised.



NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 13.

Brief articles covering April and May events may be submitted in person, via e-mail to office@rosecityparkpres.org, or by mail and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, March 13.