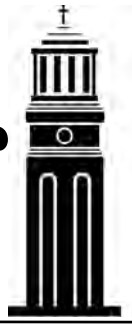


The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

Summer 2011



Holiness isn't necessarily associated with the unusual and the awesome.... It may be centered on personal conduct and be associated with the ordinary and the familiar.

—Judith, Shulevitz, *The Sabbath World*

Even though the view out my office window shows me grey skies this afternoon as I write, I know that summer is on its way. Today, that great summertime aria from *Porgy and Bess* is running through my head, “Summertime, and the living is easy.”

So how, you ask, do summertime and the Sabbath go together? Maybe it is because I have spent most of my life as an academic of some sort or other, but summer still feels as though it ought to be a time of rest and renewal. I always feel like flopping on the porch glider with a glass of coolness, lazing away the day, and living easy. And for many people, *rest* is the sum total of their ideas about the Sabbath. They are partly right. It is a day not to work. But it is not a day to stop doing.

The concept of the Sabbath is meant to turn the ordinary into the singular. It is one day a week of family togetherness, a day of living cleanly, a day to recognize the sublime sense of lightness that comes from knowing what you are doing is right.

So here are a few summer Sabbath time suggestions (And don't just try them on a Sunday!):

- Start the day thankful. Before you leap or drag out of bed, think of a gift you have been given and give thanks.
- Breathe. Stand beside the bed. Breathe in deeply through your nose and out through your mouth. Breathe energy in and exhale the day-to-day doldrums.
- Eat a good breakfast. “A healthy start, a healthy body.” My mother always said you couldn't have a good day without one. “Eat toast,” said MFK Fisher in her book, *How to Eat a Wolf*.
- Read a book. Cultivate an active mind. Take yourself on a journey with another mind. Talk about it with someone else.
- Go for a walk, a hike, or a bicycle ride. Be outside. Wear sunscreen. Notice the world and be part of it.
- Buy something fresh from a farmer's market and eat it for lunch or dinner. Celebrate the earth's abundance. Invite someone to eat with you.
- Clear your mind and space of winter clutter. If you don't use it, someone else can. Lose ten pounds of stuff and your body feels lighter as well.
- Do something for someone else, because summertime isn't easy for everyone. Shelters close for the season; people are still hungry and lost. Volunteer somewhere and count your own blessings.

And celebrate the weather, whatever it is.

donavan

Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

New Babies in Our Church Family

Zoe McKenzie Hawks was born on March 23rd in Eugene, OR. Parents are Carrie and Shane Hawks; grandparents are Bob and Gail Black.

Olivia Rose Elmore was born on March 31st in Springfield, OR. Parents are Jerrad and Kathy Elmore; grandmother is Karol Elmore.

With Sympathy

Lew Coe died March 29th in Portland, OR. A service in celebration of his life was held in the sanctuary on April 5th with Rev. David Dornack officiating.

Vi Westerlund died April 22nd on Bainbridge Island, WA. Services were held on May 4th.

Thank You

Dear Deacons and Friends,
Thank you for the lily and all the kind words from our friends at RCPPC. It cheers us up. We shall think of you as we enjoy its beauty and fragrance.

—Stan and Sue Blair

Dear Friends,
I'm enjoying my beautiful lily and appreciate Susan and Roger Price for delivering it. They always stay for a chat and brighten my day.

—June Roden

PARKROSE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Plan on attending festivities surrounding Parkrose's Centennial Celebration on Saturday, July 9th. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will be hosting the Portland Metro Concert Band at 5:00 pm. Bring a picnic or purchase a hot dog with sauerkraut and a soft drink. There will also be face-painting and sidewalk chalk art for children. A lot of our membership lives in the vicinity of Parkrose, so take this opportunity to support one of our surrounding neighborhoods!

Directory Changes

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Ann Poling, 1300 NE 16th Ave. Apt. 819, Portland, OR 97232

Steve Smith, 10130 SE 134th Ave. Happy Valley, OR 97086.



Graduates

Ragan Shea Allen graduates on June 5th from Grant High School. She plans to attend the University of Kansas in the fall to study architecture and participate in their cross country and track program. Parents are Mark Allen and Ellen Ragan.

Rebecca (Kate) Sechrist graduates on June 5th from Grant High School. She will be attending Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA in the fall. She will be a part of their honors program and will be studying studio design and art. Parents are Mary and Steve Sechrist.

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Please keep an eye on the flower calendar in the lower narthex and sign up to bring blooms when you can! Whether they are fresh-cut from your garden, or a bouquet from your corner store, bright flowers really do add joy to our summer worship.

SUMMER GIVING

Summer months bring family vacations, travel and other carefree activities. We hope that as you enjoy the warmth and sunshine, you will keep in mind that our church's programs and ministry continue throughout these beautiful summer months.

Your gifts and pledges are the backbone of both our ministry and our finances, and our gifts have never been more important. Please remember to keep your pledge current during the summer months, and if you are away for an extended period of time, consider mailing your gift or giving it to a friend to bring to church for you.

— The Stewardship and Finance Committee

THE DEACONS' CORNER

Thank you to those who contributed to the purchase of Easter lilies that beautifully decorated our church on Easter Sunday. They were delivered by the Deacons to folks in our visitation ministry. This is another way to stay connected with our church members and friends who aren't able to attend worship on a regular basis. Thank you.

CALENDAR

June

Wed. 1st

10 am Martha Service
3 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 2nd

6:30 pm Bell Choir
7 pm Piano Lessons
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sat. 4th

8 am-1 pm Hollywood Farmers Market
(HFM)

Sun. 5th

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship

Tues. 6th

7 pm Building & Grounds Comm.

Wed. 8th

1 pm Jr. Rose Festival Parade

Thurs. 9th

6:45 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 10th

10 am RCPPC serves Loaves & Fishes

Sat. 11th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 12th

Pentecost Sunday
9:30 am Once a Month Choir
10 am Communion Worship
11 am Ice Cream Social

Mon. 13th

7:30 pm Christian Education Comm.

Tues. 14th

10 am-12 pm Rose City Writers
6 pm Sarah Circle @ Donovan's
7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 15th

1 pm Lectio Divina
3 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 16th

7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 18th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 19th

Father's Day
9:30 am Men's Choir
10 am Worship

Mon. 20th

7 pm Prayer Shawls

Tues. 21st

7 pm Session

Wed. 22nd

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 23rd

7 pm Piano Lessons

Fri. 24th-Sat. 25th

Cascades Pres. @ St. Andrew's Pres.

Sat. 25th

8 am-1 pm HFM
9 am Christian Ed. work day

Sun. 26th

9:30 am Women's choir
10 am Worship
12-4 pm Picnic @ Blue Lake Park

Mon. 27th

10 am RCPPC serves L&F

Tues. 28th

12 pm Writers picnic @ Rae's

Wed. 29th

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 30th

7 pm Piano Lessons

July

Sat. 2nd

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 3rd

10 am Communion Worship

Mon. 4th

*Independence Day, church
office closed*

Tues. 5th

7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 6th

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 7th

7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 9th

8 am-1 pm HFM
5 pm Parkrose Centennial

Sun. 10th

10 am Worship

Mon. 11th

9 am-1 pm AARP 55-Alive
Driving Course, part 1

Tues. 12th

7 pm Bldg. & Grounds Comm.

Wed. 13th

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 14th

9 am-1 pm 55-Alive, part 2
7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 16th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 17th

10 am Worship

Mon. 18th

7 pm Prayer Shawls

Wed. 20th

1 pm Lectio Divina
3 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 21st

7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 23rd

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 24th

10 am Worship

Wed. 27th

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 28th

7 pm Piano

Sat. 30th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 31st

10 am Worship

August

Tues. 2nd

7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 3rd

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 4th

7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 6th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 7th

10 am Communion Worship

Mon. 8th

7:30 pm Christian Education Comm.

Tues. 9th

7 pm Bldg. & Grounds Comm.

Wed. 10th

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 11th

7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 13th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 14th

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10 am Worship

Mon. 15th

7 pm Prayer Shawls

Tues. 16th

7 Session

Wed. 17th

1 pm Lectio Divina
3 pm Piano Lessons
7 pm Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 18th

7 pm Piano Lessons

Fri. 20th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sat. 21st

10 am Worship

Wed. 24th

3 pm Piano Lessons

Thurs. 25th

7 pm Piano Lessons

Sat. 27th

8 am-1 pm HFM

Sun. 28th

10 am Worship

Wed. 31st

3 pm Piano Lessons

YOUTH NEWS

GEOCACHING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Geocaching is an ongoing, hi-tech, outdoor treasure hunt. Players choose an area where they want to play and then use GPS-enabled devices to locate hidden treasure. To keep the game going, you always replace a Geocaching treasure after you take one. This August, Brian Emery will lead the Middle School youth in a Geocaching adventure! Date TBA.

MISSION PROJECT

This summer the youth are going to keep their mission project close to home and help paint the Church Playroom. Using bright colors and murals we are going to transform it into an indoor playground, so there will always be a sunny place to play at Rose City Park. Date TBA.



BIBLES FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The congregation will present our high school graduates with *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (NRSV) on June 12th during worship. The congregation will have an opportunity to write a blessing, mark or sign their favorite passage, or simply sign their name inside those Bibles during the last two Sundays in May and on June 5th as well as before worship on the 12th of June.

ELEMENTARY CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is nearly over for the summer. Our last Sunday together as a class will be June 5th. We have had a great year together and look forward to next year!



SUMMER CAMPING

It is not too late to register for summer camp! All families received a registration brochure earlier in the spring, but you can check out all the possibilities at www.campcascades.org. The Christian Education committee offers camperships of \$100 for any child of the congregation who participates in a Presbytery-sponsored camp this summer. Please check with Romalia in the church office for instructions on how to access these funds.

SUMMER PEACE CAMP

Once again, BroadArts Theatre, Inc. sponsors Peace Camp at RCPPC August 1st-5th. All registration information is online at <http://sites.google.com/site/broadartspeacecamp>. This day camp is available for children aged 7-14. Please note in your registration that you are a RCPPC member and then contact the church office for further information about very generous scholarships.

HONORING OUR FAITHFUL TEACHERS

As you can see from the list, it does indeed take a village to help raise and teach our children and youth. Thirty-three households, that is 50 people, helped to teach this year in our nursery, church school and youth programs. Join us on June 12th to celebrate these people, dedicate library books, and eat cake and ice cream. This year's honorees are: Ragan Allen, Kris and Ray Amling, Lisa and Mike Backstrom, Greg and Karen Balmer, Rebecca Bauer, Jan Beaudoin, Nicole Amling Betz, Peter Bilotta and Shannon Bromenschenkel, Bob and Gail Black, Nancy Boeh, Donovan Burkert-Kerr, Cynthia Church, Kathy Conklin, David Dornack, Karol Elmore, Tori Field, Laura Gillooly, David and Cynthia Greene, Gretchen Gubert, Diane Hanken, Rick Harlow, Nat Kerr, Bob and Heather Leek, Bob McGranahan, Glenda McKibben, Austin Nelson, Karin Novitsky, Susan and Roger Price, Ellen Ragan, Jerry and Linda Reinhardt, Doug Robertson, Judy Robinson, Mary and Kate Sechrist, John and Randi Thoma, Mary Thoma, Kathy Wiese, Marette Whitney, and Katie Zalin.

I especially want to thank the members of the committee for the generous completion of one of the most difficult jobs in the life of the church, the recruitment of teachers. Thank you to Ellen Ragan, elder and Chair, Gretchen Gubert, elder, Katie Zalin, and Cynthia Church, as well as Tori Field, staff.

—donovan

YOUTH NEWS, CONTINUED

SUMMER SUNDAYS WITH CHILDREN

Church school ends with the first Sunday in June and our children will be with us during worship for summer. This is an opportunity for **all** of us to help a child understand and be part of worship.

For those of us who worship on our own, think about sitting with a family who has children. Hold a baby for a while. Help point to the words to a hymn or find the text in the Bible. The nursery in the Children's Library will be available for small ones. Think about volunteering for a Sunday with our tiniest brothers and sisters.

Parents and grandparents: Summer worship is more informal, it can be an opportunity to help your child be comfortable with the traditions of worship time. But we know that some children just have a hard time during the worship hour.

Pack a bag with something special only for Sunday morning. Do encourage them to participate as much as they are able. Run your finger under the words as you sing the hymn together. Bring your Bible from home and look up the text and follow along. Encourage your child to listen for an image in the sermon that he or she can draw. Urge your child to stand and sit with the congregation—a little movement helps us all stay focused and attentive.

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

It is an RCPPC tradition to give books to the children's library in honor of the dedicated and faithful people who provide leadership and partnership in our youth and children's program. Check out these new books soon in the Children's Library.

- Engle, Margarita. *Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian*.
- Holm, Jennifer L. *Turtle in Paradise*.
- Lee, Spike and Lee, Tonya Lewis. *Giant Steps to Change the World*.
- McClure, Nikki. *Mama, Is it Summer Yet?*
- McGhee, Alison and Reynolds, Peter H. *Someday*.
- Muth, Jon. *The Three Questions*.
- Parry, Rosanne. *Heart of a Shepherd*.
- Sidman, Joyce. *Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night*.
- Stead, Philip. *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*.
- Tillman, Nancy. *Wherever You Are My Love Will find You*.
- Tullet, Herve. *Press Here*.
- Underwood, Deborah. *The Quiet Book*.
- UNICEF. *A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World*.
- Vanderpool, Clare. *Moon Over Manifest*.



GUEST PREACHER, J. HERBERT NELSON II



Join us in worship on June 26th as we welcome The Rev. J. Herbert Nelson to our pulpit to preach. Nelson serves as Director of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness (OPW) in Washington, DC, as well as working as a preacher, worship leader, consultant and writer. The OPW implements the social justice agenda of the General Assembly as well as engaging in many activities with Presbyterian congregations. He is a third-generation Presbyterian pastor, and prior to serving in Washington, served as Founder/Pastor of Liberation Community Presbyterian Church (LCC) in Memphis, Tennessee, the first African-American Church developed in the Presbytery of Memphis in forty-six years.



SUMMER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The late spring and early summer have brought several building improvement projects to the church. With the help of a Barnabas Grant from the Presbytery of the Cascades, workers are in the process of replacing the tile wainscot in four 3rd floor classrooms, the lower level playroom and in the church nursery. The tiles (which contained some asbestos) have been removed, and resurfacing and painting will proceed throughout the summer. Some work has been hired to be done, and other portions will be done by volunteers.

Thanks to Wayne Knepper, who is helping to shepherd these projects even though he is stepping down from the chairperson position on the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

Other projects are also underway. Sidewalks along Sandy Boulevard will be repaired and replaced during June, weather permitting. (This thanks to winter inspections by the City of Portland.) The hand rail on the church ramp is being repainted through generous volunteer work of member Mark Dreyer. New closet doors will be installed at the top of the chancel ramp as part of final chancel projects.

Questions about these building projects may be addressed to the new Buildings & Grounds Committee Chairperson, Rob McKibben.

INTRODUCING CHRISTOPHER KEADY

Avid cyclist and recent Lewis and Clark College graduate, musician Chris Keady, permanently joined the church staff in April following a time as our substitute organist.

While pursuing a B.A. in English at Lewis and Clark College, Chris was active in the college's music department studying with Lee Garrett and singing in the Capella Nova choir with Gil Seeley and Kathy FitzGibbon. A native of Eugene, Chris grew up at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he participated in the Handbell and Chancel choirs while studying organ with James Hardcastle.

Chris has served as interim organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Portland and as a guest organist at several area churches, including Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. He recently performed Fauré's *Requiem* with the Lewis and Clark orchestra and Community Chorale.

The Personnel Committee and music staff appreciate Chris' musical repertoire and welcome him as he contributes to our worship experiences.

CHURCH OFFICERS INSTALLED

Each spring our governing boards experience a turnover of roughly one third of their members. During worship on May 22nd newly elected Deacons and Elders were ordained and installed into their offices. Thank you to those who are willing to serve the church and to those currently-serving officers who have completed their terms of office.

Newly serving or returning as Deacons: Karen Balmer, Diane Hanken, Peggie Irvine-Page, Heather Leek, Judy Robinson and Katie Zalin.

Deacons completing service: Becky Duncan, Lorna Cole, and Scott Greer.

Newly serving or returning as Elders: Peter Bilotta, Amy Lawrence, Rob McKibben, Ellen Ragan, Steve Smith, John Thoma, and Bill Wiese.

Elders completing service: Rick Harlow, Wayne Knepper, and Jeremy Shibley.

AARP "55-ALIVE" DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Introducing a two-part class covering eight hours of instruction sponsored by AARP on Monday, **July 11th** and Thursday, **July 14th** from 9am to 1 pm. Learn to be a safer driver and get a discount on your car insurance while you take the class in the familiar surroundings of the church. Tell your friends! Cost is \$12 for AARP members \$14 for non-members, and includes all materials. Sign up in the church office before the 4th of July.



BOOK GROUPS

“There is something about a book which fits the eye, the hand and the mind: it has achieved a perfect form, which cannot be transcended.” Jacques Barzun
Cultivate the perfect form this summer. We don't set aside our books just because it is warm outside. Take your book on vacation, read on the front porch, in the shade of a tree in the park, or in the quiet coolness of the evening.

Lectio Divina meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 1-2:30 pm in the chapel. We can control the temperature, and the quiet environment helps us hear one another. Upcoming dates and books:

June 15: *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan

July 20: *Finn* by Jon Clinch and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

August 17: *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake

Reading in the Evening meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30 pm in the chapel. If your days are crowded, take some time to savor some literary words in the evening.

June 15: *Rules for Old Men Waiting* by Peter Pouncey

June 20: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Beth Simonson

August 17: *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

SARAH CIRCLE

We are closing our study of Revelation this year with a salad potluck at Donovan's on June 8th at 6 pm. Bring a salad to share. We will discuss the last chapter – *Journey into the New Jerusalem: Revelation 21-22* and do a short preview of next year's study, *Confessing the Beatitudes*. All women are welcome. If you would like to come, give Donovan a call so she can make enough dessert.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The dates for the Women's Retreat are set: March 9th-11th, 2012. Menucha books up quickly, hence the far-off date. Mark your calendars now and we'll see you there! Watch later this year for more information about this always-fun event.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 28th:

Taizé Services begin

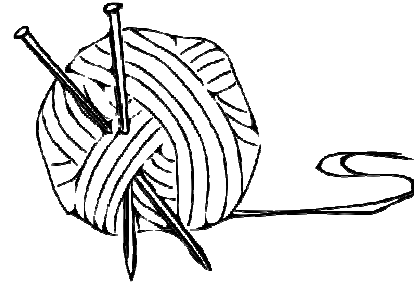
October 2nd:

World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and confirm for us the work of our hands; yes, confirm the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17
Summertime doesn't seem like the time to be knitting or crocheting. But the need for comfort and healing and the sure knowledge that someone cares never goes away. Come work with us. The knitting and crochet ministry of RCPPC meets every third Monday evening from 7 pm until about 9 pm. Work on a shawl, a hat, learn a new skill, and pray together.



GROUPS ON HIATUS FOR SUMMER

Many of our regular programs take a hiatus during the summer. These groups and programs will start up again in the fall: Martha Service, Sarah Circle, Searchers ChristCare, Rose City Writers, and Sunday Adult Education. Please check the September *Broadcaster* or church website for updated calendars, and always remember to read the Sunday bulletin inserts!

INTERRUPTIONS, CLOSURES AND STAFF VACATIONS

The church office will close Monday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.

- David Dornack will be away June 5th-9th.
- Romalia Stickney-Shibley will be away June 20th-24th.
- Donovan Burkert-Kerr will be away July 24th.

JUNIOR ROSE FESTIVAL PARADE

As the weather gets warmer, keep in mind that the Rose Festival is approaching! This means that the Jr. Rose Festival parade will march down Sandy Boulevard on June 8th at 1 pm. If you are planning on coming to the church that day, remember that traffic will be affected and streets will be closed. Our parking lot will likely not be accessible after 10:30 am, and if you are in the parking lot, you won't be able to leave until after 3:00 pm.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUMMER

10:00 AM WORSHIP (nursery care)
11:00 AM FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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- Christopher Keady, Organist
- Romalia Stickney-Shibley,
Office Manager
- Michelle Veazie, Receptionist
- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC, JUNE 26TH

Food, games, croquet and celebrating the beginning of summer means it's time for the Church Picnic at Blue Lake Park on Sunday, June 26th at noon. Follow the signs to Celilo A & B. The barbeques will be toasty, and we'll gather for great food, conversation, and more fun than can be imagined. Be sure to bring your favorite lawn game! See you there!

Where: Blue Lake Regional Park in Troutdale. Parking will cost \$5 per vehicle. Note: Blue Lake Park does not permit pets. (Leave your hedgehog at home.)
When: Sunday, June 26th from 12 - 4 p.m.

What: This is a fantastic annual picnic with your church family. Come, rain or shine. Burgers and vegetarian options with all the trimmings will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share.



If you want to volunteer to help out, let Rick Harlow know right away.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 14.

Brief articles 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, August 14th.