

The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

December 2011/January 2012



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Advent Worship

Advent began on Sunday, November 27th with our annual Advent Festival and continues through December 18th. Sunday morning worship will include the traditional lighting of our Advent wreath.

Advent Devotions

Devotional materials for all ages are available in the narthex. The brief readings in the devotional booklets lend themselves to daily ritual throughout Advent. *What Are We Waiting For?* by Mark Neilsen 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, or were mailed to you. If you did not receive yours, please check with Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr.

Christmas Giving

Once again, we have two choices for Christmas Giving. The article on page eight gives more information on the Christmas Joy Offering. At our Advent Festival, we collected warm winter clothing (our donations were matched doubly by the Committee on Outreach and Benevolence) to be passed out on December 17th to those in need in our fellowship hall. If you have more to share, please consider a gift of food to FISH Emergency Services. Collection barrels are located in the lower narthex and at the 45th Avenue entrance.

Christmas Caroling—December 11

All are invited to join our youth for caroling, pizza, treats and hot chocolate from 3 to 5:00 p.m. Meet at the church and dress for the weather. (See related article on page two)

Christmas Program—December 18

Families all over the world celebrate in many of the same ways we do, but each country has its own special traditions, customs, and carols. Join us for our Christmas program “Celebrating Christmas: Many Cultures, Many Ways” during worship Dec. 18th as we feature celebrations, costumes and carols of several countries

Christmas Eve—December 24

Early Eve Worship at 5:00 p.m. is a traditional Christmas Eve worship service for young and old with candlelight and stories, perfect for those who retire early! The Rev. David Dornack will lead. **Candlelight Communion Worship at 9:00 p.m.** is a beautiful way to usher in the birth of Christ. The Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr will lead; the Chancel Choir will sing. Fellowship time follows the communion service with wassail and Christmas cookies in the parlor. Both services will be held in the sanctuary, and doors will open 30 minutes before each service. Please enter the building through the narthex doors.

Christmas Day Worship

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year! This creates an opportunity to craft a different kind of Christmas morning celebration for yourself and your family—one that includes your church family, too. Rev. David Dornack will lead worship in the sanctuary, followed by coffee fellowship in the parlor. Those who love to linger in their pajamas on Christmas morning are welcome to worship as they are!

Epiphany Worship—January 8

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 8th, a few days after the actual designated day of January 6th. See more about

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Thank You

I wish to thank every person who sent cards, visited, prayed, called on the phone, and gave encouraging comments to me before and after my recent surgery. It has made the recovery process a lot easier and has made a huge difference in my attitude.

—Steve Smith

Directory Changes

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YOUTH NEWS

A-CAROLING WE WILL GO...

All are invited to join the youth for Christmas caroling through the church neighborhood, wishing all a Merry Christmas. So put on a festive scarf and invite a friend to join us—we'll meet in the church parking lot. After caroling we will warm up in the Church library with hot cocoa and treats.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE, DECEMBER 18TH

The youth will have homemade baked goods for sale, by donation, during coffee fellowship on Sunday, December 18th. If you need a few more treats for your holiday gathering, or just want to try something new, we will have just the thing for you. All funds raised will go towards our youth mission projects.

GAME NIGHT, DECEMBER 20TH, 6:30-8:30 P.M.

Middle School Christmas Break Game Night. Come celebrate being able to stay out late on a school night. We will play running games, board games, and have snacks. All are welcome, so invite a friend.

SNOW DAY, JANUARY 28TH

Middle school youth will head up to Mt. Hood and spend the day playing in the snow. Be sure to dress warmly and wear a waterproof layer so you will be ready for whatever snow adventure awaits us. Friends are always welcome.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 4: Class
December 11: Class
December 18: Christmas Program and Bake Sale
December 20: Game Night
December 25: No Class
January 1: No Class
January 8: Volunteer Activity
January 15: Class
January 22: Class
January 28: Snow Day
January 29: Class

For more information about any of the Middle School activities, contact Tori Field at 971.645.1965 or tori@rosecityparkpres.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 4 & 11: Church school time includes musical rehearsal for the Christmas Program
December 11: Christmas Program Rehearsal 11:15- noon.
December 18: Our Christmas Program, "Celebrating Christmas: Many Cultures, Many Ways." **No Church School.**
December 24: Early Eve Worship with candle lighting at 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship at 9:00 p.m.
December 25: **No Church School;** Come to worship in your pajamas if you would like and then spend time with your families.
January 1: **No Church School**
January 8: Church School Resumes for all ages.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nursery/Preschool: (Infant-age 3.) Preschool children are encouraged to stay in worship through the children's time and then be escorted to the lower level nursery where they are cared for by church members in a safe and age-appropriate area.
Primary: (Age 4- 2nd grade) Children leave worship after Children's Time and move upstairs to the Primary classroom. A story will echo the lectionary week with an activity, music and time to play. Lesson ends at 11:15. Pick up your child in the Children's Library.
Elementary: (3rd-5th grades) Children leave worship after Children's Time and move upstairs to the Elementary classroom. Class ends about 11:30. Pick up your children in the Children's Library.

THEMES OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL LESSONS

Primary classes follow the week's lectionary and pull a lesson from one of the readings. Through December, these readings are from all four gospels and focus on waiting for the Messiah. In January, the focus shifts to understanding Jesus as our teacher and as God's own special child.

Through Advent, the Elementary class will anticipate the birth of Jesus through the story in Luke. In January the focus moves to exploring the ministry of Jesus.

Both age groups have opportunities for music, dramatic play, art, for reflective exploration of books and other activities in their classroom as well as time in the playroom and the children's library.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Thurs. 1st

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 4th

Second Sunday in Advent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Martha Service sale
11:30 a.m. Holiday Orchestra rehearsal
12 p.m. Outreach and Benevolence Committee

Tues. 6th

Annual Reports due
5 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wed. 7th

10 a.m. Martha Service
7 p.m. Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 8th

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 9th

7:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Choir concert

Sun. 11th

Third Sunday in Advent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:20 a.m. Christmas Program rehearsal w/ children and orchestra
11:20 a.m. Adult Education
12 p.m. Holiday Orchestra
3 p.m. Christmas Caroling

Mon. 12th

7:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Comm.

Tues. 13th

10 a.m. Rose City Writers
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 14th

9 a.m. Build. & Grnds. Comm.
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare

Thurs. 15th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 17th

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Church warming center/distribution of winter things

Sun. 18th

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Joy Offering
received

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship and Christmas Program
11 a.m. Youth bake sale

Thurs. 22nd

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 24th

Christmas Eve
5 p.m. Early Eve Worship
9 p.m. Communion Worship

Sun. 25th

Christmas Day
10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 26th

Church office closed

Thurs. 29th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

JANUARY

Sun. 1st

New Years Day
10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 2nd

Church office closed

Tues. 3rd

5 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wed. 4th

10 a.m. Martha Service
7 p.m. Worship & Arts Comm.

Sun. 8th

Epiphany Sunday
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Mon. 9th

7:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Comm.

Tues. 10th

10 a.m. Rose City Writers
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 11th

9 a.m. Bldg. & Grnds. Comm.
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare

Thurs. 12th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 15th

Broadcaster Deadline
9:30 Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. Deacons meeting

Mon. 16th

Church Office closed
7 p.m. Prayer Shawls

Tues. 17th

7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 18th

1 p.m. Lectio Divina
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 19th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 20th

7 p.m. Portland Chamber Music concert

Sun. 22nd

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 23rd

7 p.m. Women's retreat planning meeting

Tues. 24th

10 a.m. Rose City Writers

Wed. 25th

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
7 p.m. Taizé service

Thurs. 26th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 28th

Middle School Snow Day

Sun. 29th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

February 5: Souper Bowl of Caring

February 12: Annual Meeting

February 22: Ash Wednesday

March 9-11: Women's Retreat



SARAH CIRCLE

Explore the Beatitudes with us. These challenging words urge us to recognize the undervalued in our society and encourage us to examine our own lives under their lens. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the church parlor.

Next meetings:

December 13—Lesson 4: *Greatly honored are those who are famished and parched for justice.*

January 10—Lesson 5: *Greatly honored are those who show mercy.*

February 14—Lesson 6: *Greatly honored are the pure in heart.*

READING TOGETHER

“Books, the children of the brain.” Jonathan Swift
There is always room for one more. No training required, just a willingness to read. Upcoming dates and books:

Lectio Divina meets the third Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the chapel. **Note there is no meeting in December.**

January 18th: *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* by Helen Simonson and book selection

Reading in the Evening meets the third Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the library. **Note there is no meeting in December.**

January 18th: *The Red Leather Diary* by Lily Koppel and book selection

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (BUT NOT JUST SHAWLS!)



Join us on the third Monday of the month to knit or crochet, to pray, to share our concern and our love with each other and through the work of our hands, with others in need of comfort and warmth.

Shawls, hats, scarves—all come from our needles and hooks. **There will be no meeting in December.**

Next meeting: January 16th at 7 p.m. in the church library.

SEARCHERS CHRISTCARE

On December 14th bring a Christmas treat to share! We will be signing Christmas cards and continuing our study of the Armstrong book (chapter 2). There will be no ChristCare on December 28th.

MARTHA SERVICE

There’s a job for anyone who joins this fun group that meets the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They piece and tie small quilts and make baby items for new moms in need. You do not need to be a seamstress to find a productive role here. There’s fabric and batting to be cut, pressing to be done and bags to stuff with baby items.

This industrious group supports a variety of causes: Making quilts and baby items for new mothers in need, they pack handmade bags with these and purchased necessities for baby. Their colorful scrap quilts find their way to warming centers, hospitals, assisted living facilities and members needing a warm hug.

Next meeting: December 7th, 10 a.m., in room 8.
Bring your lunch and enter through the lower ramp door.

MARTHA SERVICE SALE—BAGS, BIBS, BLANKETS & MORE

On December 4th Martha Service will be selling handmade items to support their work. Baby bibs, reversible infant jackets and crocheted blankets are awaiting your little one. How about a colorful, cozy quilt to tuck in your car, around a sleeping child in their stroller or when you curl up with a good book? There will be sturdy totes with a stylish edge to carry to the market or on your travels.

Martha Service has no regular source of revenue. Your support and donations are appreciated for this important mission of our church.

THE FUTURE OF HISTORY

The current history committee: Susan Price, Cindy Robertson and Kathy Conklin have compiled the scrapbooks and archives of RCPPC for the past ten years. They are retiring with the completion of the 2010 album.

They are looking for a few people who are passionate about maintaining a record of the life of this congregation. They are happy to help make that transition to new people, new formats (digital anyone?), to new ways of doing things. Please volunteer to be part of a new History Committee or suggest and help persuade someone you know.

And as always, help record special events and everyday life of this congregation by sending digital photos to Michelle in the church office.

ADULT EDUCATION

Join our own Pastor David Dornack on December 11th during Adult Education for a jolly sing-along filled with Christmas spirit. Stay tuned for information about Adult Education sessions in January—your Adult Discipleship committee is hard at work arranging classes in 2012 which are sure to be educational and inspirational.

Also consider attending one of the many educational opportunities at our neighboring church, Rose City Park United Methodist Church.

- On **Thursday, December 1st**, Dr. Marcus Borg will present, “Advent and Christmas: A Tale of Two Kingdoms”. His talk will begin at 7:30 p.m., and there is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door.
- On **Thursday, January 26th** at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Barry Glassner of Lewis and Clark College will present “The Culture of Fear: 2012”. Again, the suggested donation is \$10.

Additional information about these presentations is available in our church office.

NEWS FROM THE FUND FOR OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

The food backpack program at Marysville Elementary located in the old Rose City Park Elementary School building has begun. A month’s supply of food will be picked up from the Food Bank and Grocery Outlet on the first Wednesday of each month. Approximately, fifteen to twenty families will be served during the current academic year. What a blessing for all of us involved in this program!

The nine-member committee has committed a substantial fund of money to Habitat for Humanity with a specific project to be determined, hopefully, at our December 4th meeting. Additionally, arrangements will provide an opportunity for all church members, in the near future, to volunteer at a building site ideally located in NE Portland. So, be alert for further information.

The Fund for Outreach and Benevolence Committee will be hosting a “Warming Station” from 10 a.m.-noon during the Farmer’s Market on Dec 17th in the fellowship hall. In addition to distributing the winter clothing collected at the Advent Festival, warm beverages and treats will be available. We will need volunteers between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. that Saturday to help with the event. To volunteer or to get more information, please contact Nicole Betz at anicole23@gmail.com or 503-806-4480.

To date, the committee has committed approximately half of its monies allocated by Session for these projects. At our November meeting, we talked about finding creative avenues centering on Outreach to bring new people to worship with us at church. We have momentum and continue to fulfill our mission charge.

—Steve Smith,
for the Fund for Outreach and Benevolence Sub-committee

“Celebrating Christmas: Many Cultures, Many ways”



The people sing.

The children and youth embody celebrations from around the world

The choir sings.

We prepare for the wonder of the Christ Child’s birth.

The Holiday Orchestra plays.



During Worship on December 18



PLEDGING, RETURNING YOUR INVESTED “MUSTARD SEEDS” AND YEAR-END GIVING

Stewardship Commitment and Returning Your Investments – For 2012, we will dedicate our pledges on Epiphany Sunday, January 8th. Bring your stewardship commitment card to worship or return it to the church office by the 8th. In addition, all who took cash in envelopes as “mustard seeds” to grow over the Advent Season will also return the original seed along with any funds made from its investment or growth for our Epiphany celebration.

2012 Offering Envelopes – Boxes of offering envelopes for 2012 will be available in the parlor *beginning January 15th* for all who submitted a Stewardship Commitment card by January 8th. 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 by January 8th (503-282-0965 or romalia@rosecityparkpres.org), and a box will be prepared for you to pick up on January 15th.

2011 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 2011 should be in the church office before 10 a.m. on Friday, December 30th. 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 2012 pledge, please clearly mark the check “pre-paid for 2012” and have it in the church office by the December 30th giving deadline. The 2012 Per Capita Apportionment is \$23.85 each. Information is included in your envelope box.

OFFICE CLOSURES, STAFF VACATIONS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

The church office will observe the following holiday closures:

- December 26th (for Christmas Day)
- January 2nd (for New Year’s Day)
- January 16th (for Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday)

The following staff will be away on vacation during December and January:

- Pastor David Dornack, December 26th-30th
- Office Manager Romalia Stickney-Shibley, December 28th, 29th and January 18th.

Snow levels are falling in the mountains and winter seemed to come upon us in late November. Please do not risk an accident in icy or snowy conditions to attend a church event or worship service. Church staff will use the following guidelines:

Weekdays: If Portland Public Schools are closed for ice or snow, the church office will 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 local media websites: KGW.com, KATU.com, KOIN.com. We will also post closure information on the church website.



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 6TH

The Deadline for submissions for the Annual Report is Tuesday, December 6th. Committee chairs, group leaders, officers and staff are asked to have their narrative reports to the office no later than the end of the day, December 6th. Only final financial data for the Stewardship Committee’s, Treasurer’s and Board of Deacons’ reports may be submitted as late as January 18th. No other late submissions, please.

BACH CANTATA CHOIR CONCERT—DECEMBER 9

Music of the Season in our beautiful sanctuary: the Bach Cantata Choir and Orchestra presents F. Melius Christiansen’s *Awake, Awake*, Arcangelo Corelli’s *The Christmas Concerto, Op. 6 #8*, and J.S. Bach’s *Christmas Oratorio, Parts 4-6* on Friday evening, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and seniors and can be purchased in advance at www.boxofficetickets.com. Don’t delay!



CONGREGATION AFFIRMS MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

At the October 23rd Congregational meeting, Session member Peter Bilotta presented the Mission Study Task Force's work reaffirming the 1997 Mission Statement and presented the new Vision Statement as prepared by the task force and approved by the Session. Please read both the Mission and Vision Statements below:

MISSION STATEMENT

"We the people of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church believe in one God, with Jesus Christ as the head of the church. We believe the Holy Spirit guides us individually and corporately as we joyfully live and worship together in faith, hope, and love according to God's word. We are an inclusive fellowship, celebrating our diversity, as we remember that each one of us has been included by God's grace. We are a confessional and constitutional body working in ministry, with and within our denomination,

toward reconciliation with God and each other. In our congregation, power is shared and decisions are collaborative. We are a covenant community whose work and worship are subject to reform and renewal. This is the foundation for our work together as a congregation, Session, and committees."

VISION STATEMENT

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Through joyful and inspirational worship and a vibrant ministry of music and the arts, we are challenged to be a welcoming and inclusive community of faith, to explore our individual spiritual paths, and to reach out to others who seek relevance and meaning.

LEARNING IN COMMUNITY

Through a variety of programs for all ages, we will study and learn together in ways that engage and draw us into fellowship and urge us to feel the spirit's movement instead of imagining that the work is ours alone.

GROWING IN COMMUNITY

Through fostering strong community relationships, we discover and actualize opportunities to move us out the door into our neighborhood, bringing the community in and becoming a vital and indispensable presence in the neighborhood.

SUSTAINING A COMMUNITY HOME

Through using our building as a physical manifestation of our mission and vision for the future, we maintain a vibrant home for our members and a welcoming center of neighborhood, cultural and ecumenical activities that build a new covenant with our community.

The Committee was lauded for their work and excused with gratitude. The members of the committee were Peter Bilotta, Donovan Burkert-Kerr, Sharon Cousineau, David Dornack, Susan Price, and Doug Robertson.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9:30 am nursery Birth—3 years
10:20 am 4 years—5th grade
11:10 am MS & HS Youth
11:20 am Adult

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- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. The last Sunday of November and the first three Sundays in December you will hear from Social Action Committee members as they share stories of individuals who have been helped by previous contributions from this marvelous tradition.

We will receive and dedicate our 2011 Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, December 18th during worship. Please use the envelope provided in this *Broadcaster* or found in the pew racks for your contribution.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH.

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via e-mail to Michelle at office@rosecityparkpres.org, or by mail and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, January 15th.

