

The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

Summer 2012



I don't know if you've noticed, but this year after Easter I have really enjoyed saying "Alleluia!" a lot more. It might be that I use a 'Happy Light' or that I take a daily dose of vitamin D. Or it could be that, while in Texas, I enjoyed not only my wonderful family but the Texas sun and fantastic weather.

The story is told about Charles Dickens attending a meeting of the clergy so terminally dull and lifeless that, out of frustration with the time, the great novelist suggested to the dour ministers of the Gospel (the 'Good News') that they gather round a table, join hands, and attempt to commune with the living. I have no idea if the story is true or not, but after attending 31 years of church meetings, I have no trouble imagining such a meeting of fellow clergy. It is tragic that Christians most especially, might gather, speak, and live in a way that so utterly belies the affirmations of the faith we claim.

At the core of our faith we have twin affirmations. With our festival days, we keep them in order to remember, teach, and enjoy the central truths claimed by our faith. We recognize that God is not "out there," "up there," or "back then," but that God is here, with us, incarnated in the nitty-gritty of our lives. That is only good news. It's nothing to be dour about. At the end of the day and by the grace of God, life is more powerful than death, love conquers hate, and joy trumps despair. After several of his followers experienced the Risen Christ, in John's Gospel we learn that "in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering..." Again, only good news. Nothing to be dour about.

I think that we are sometimes tempted to assume a grave demeanor because we imagine it shows that we are earnest and serious. We long to be taken seriously and to appear earnest. But the joyful declarations of our faith should remind us that dancing-happy good news can be quite earnest and that joy can be completely serious.

Augustine once said, "a Christian should be an alleluia from head to toe." Such an alleluia demeanor is no pretense, no manufactured good attitude. It rises from reality, the deepest and highest truths about how things really are, namely that God is with us and life is stronger than death.



In your travels may you be an Alleluia in your dealings with others. I think it might be contagious when we share the good news with others.

Grace and Zeal,
David

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Thank You

Thanks for wishing me well on my 90th birthday. It fell on a sunny Saturday and a visit with most of my extended family and an “over the top” party.

Feeling blessed,
June Roden

Thank you so much for hosting Spring Renewal on Saturday. It was a privilege to perform in your beautiful sanctuary and everybody affiliated with the church was incredibly helpful and organized.

Sincerely yours,
Sacred Flight Staff

Thank you all for your cards and prayers for me and my family at the death of my brother, Ken Knutson.

Your kindness has blessed us,
Phyllis Buttke

Directory Changes

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Graduates

Amanda Catherine Golbeck graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity on May 19th. She will come before the Presbytery to be examined for ordination in June and will be ordained this summer. Amanda has taken a mentor position in Groomsport, Northern Ireland, for the coming academic year. Mother is Betsi Collins.

Laura Sechrist is graduating from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA on June 9th, with a BA in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology and a minor in history. In August she will be starting as a graduate student at the University of Nevada in Reno, working on her Master of Arts degree in anthropology, focusing on historical archaeology. Parents are Mary and Steve Sechrist.

Shara Lee Patten Yamron graduated from the Western Nevada College School of Nursing on May 21st in Carson City, NV. She is the daughter of Bob and Arlene Patten.



New Babies in Our Church Family

Brynn Alexis Dornack was born Saturday, April 7th in Creston, IA. Parents are Drew and Brooke Dornack, grandfather is Rev. David Dornack. Brynn joins siblings Garrett and Dillon.

Baptized

Kees Leek was baptized on April 15th. His parents are Bob and Heather Leek; siblings are Coulter and Sophia.

With Sympathy

Catherine Collins died March 24th. Services will be held on June 23rd at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Mary Jean Nyland passed away on May 10th. There will be no services.

OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Regular office hours at the church are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please leave a voice mail if you phone the office and do not receive an answer. Rev. Dornack is out of the office on Mondays; Rev. Burkert-Kerr is out on Fridays.

Romalia Stickney-Shibley will be away July 19th and 20th; August 20th-24th.

Michelle Veazie will be away August 29th-31st.

The church office will be closed on July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.

CALENDAR

June

Sun. 3rd

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Glenda McKibben's retirement party

Tues. 5th

5 p.m. Personnel Comm.

Wed. 6th

1 p.m. Jr. Rose Festival Parade
7 p.m. Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 7th

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 9th

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity work day

Sun. 10th

Ice Cream Sunday
Teacher Appreciation
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Tues. 12th

Time TBA Rose City Writers
6 p.m. Sarah Circle at Donovan's home

Wed. 13th

9:30 a.m. Bldg. & Grnds. Comm.
10 a.m. Martha Service

Thurs. 14th

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity work day

Fri. 15th

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Habitat for Humanity work day

Sun. 17th

Father's Day
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 18th

7 p.m. Prayer Shawls

Tues. 19th

5 p.m. Adult Disc. Comm.
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 20th

1-2:30 p.m. Lectio Divina
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Sat. 23rd

3 p.m. Catherine Collins' Memorial
7 p.m. Lyrica Ladies Ensemble Concert

Sun. 24th

BirthDay Sunday
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
12-4 p.m. All-Church Picnic at Blue Lake Park

Wed. 27th

7 p.m. Taizé Worship

July

Sun. 1st

10 a.m. Communion Worship

Wed. 4th

Independence Day
Building Closed

Fri. 6th

Men's Retreat deposits due

Sun. 8th

10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 9th

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

Wed. 11th

9:30 a.m. Bldg. & Grnds. Comm.

Sun. 15th

10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 16th

7 p.m. Prayer Shawls

Tues. 17th

No Session meeting

Wed. 18th

1-2:30 p.m. Lectio Divina
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Sun. 22nd

BirthDay Sunday
10 a.m. Worship

Wed. 25th

7 p.m. Taizé Worship of Remembrance

Fri. 27th

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Youth hiking

Sun. 29th

10 a.m. Worship

August

Wed. 1st

7 p.m. Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 2nd

9:30 a.m.-noon Summer Reading Day

Sun. 5th

10 a.m. Communion Worship

Tues. 7th

5 p.m. Personnel Comm.

Wed. 8th

9:30 a.m. Bldg. & Grnds. Comm.

Thurs. 9th

9:30 a.m.-noon Summer Reading Day

Sun. 12th

Broadcaster Deadline

10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 13th

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

Wed. 15th

1-2:30 p.m. Lectio Divina
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 16th

9:30 a.m.-noon Summer Reading Day

Sat. 18th

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Choir Retreat

Sun. 19th

10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 20th

7 p.m. Prayer Shawls

Tues. 21st

7 p.m. Session meeting

Thurs. 23rd

9:30 a.m.-noon Summer Reading Day

Sun. 26th

BirthDay Sunday
10 a.m. Worship

Wed. 29th

2-6 p.m. Youth mini-golf/picnic
7 p.m. Taizé Worship

Thurs. 30th

9:30 a.m.-noon Summer Reading Day

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Final Money due for Men's Retreat:** September 16th
- **Church school and Adult Education** will begin on the same Sunday in mid-September!

ELEMENTARY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School is unexpectedly over for the year—we have had a great year together.

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. Forty-three people helped to teach this year in our nursery, church school and youth programs. Join us on **June 10th** to celebrate these people, dedicate the books, and eat cake and ice cream.

This year's honorees are: Kris and Ray Amling, Lisa and Mike Backstrom, Greg Baker and Rebecca Bauer, Greg and Karen Balmer, Nicole Betz, Donovan Burkert-Kerr and Nat Kerr, Cynthia Church, Sharon Cousineau, Karol Elmore, Tori and Greg Field, Cindy Greene, Laura Gillooly, Diane Hanken, Rick Harlow, Bob and Heather Leek, Gretchen Lucas, Bob McGranahan, Glenda McKibben, Bobbi and Jim Munson, Leslie Munson, Karin Novitsky, Ellen Ragan, Jerry and Linda Reinhardt, Doug Robertson, Judy Robinson, Mary Sechrist, Grace Shibley, Steve and Beverly Smith, John 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, chair of the committee, Gretchen Lucas, and Cynthia Church, as well as Tori Field, staff.

—Donovan Burkert-Kerr

NEW BOOKS

It is a 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.



- *Love Song of Spring; Love Song of Summer; Love Song of Autumn; Love Song of Winter; and The Little Island* all by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Water Sings Blue* by Kate Coombs
- *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos (Newberry Winner of 2011)
- *Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen
- *A Boy Called Dickens* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *The Wave* by Suzy Lee
- *All Fall Down; Tickle, Tickle; and Say Good-night* all by Helen Oxenbury
- *A Ball For Daisy* by Chris Raschka (Caldecott Winner 2011)
- *On the Night You Were Born* by Nancy Tillman
- *Scaredy Squirrel* by Melanie Watt
- *The Beatitudes: From Slavery to Civil Rights* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- *The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps* by Jeanette Winter
- *Our Tree Named Steve* by Alan Zweibel

SUMMER SUNDAYS WITH CHILDREN (NOT JUST FOR PARENTS ANYMORE)

Church school has ended. Our children will be with us during worship. It is an opportunity for all of us to help a child understand and be part of worship. 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.

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.

SUMMERTIME YOUTH NEWS

THE PARADE IS COMING

The Junior Rose Parade streams past the church every year. Let's gather this year under our cabana (for shade or shelter) by the parking lot and watch it together on **Wednesday, June 6th**. The Parade is at 1 p.m., but park early in the neighborhood and walk to the church. Or even better, ride your bike. There will be treats for the joyful crowd.

SUMMER READING DAYS

Nothing makes a summer better than a good book! Join Donovan and Madame Dogma for **Summer Reading Days** every Thursday in August (August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th) from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Hear a story, read a chapter, explore the children's library, do a craft, and play a game—every week something new. Sign up through the church office for a time or two or all five fabulous mornings. Ages 5-11ish. Grandchildren and friends of participants welcome.

Note to parents: Did you know that children who don't read over the summer can lose as much as three months progress in reading comprehension? Reading as few as four books in the summer can keep children at their current reading level.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS

We only have a few meetings this summer, so keep watching the Sunday bulletins for more information!

- **July 27th**: Invite friends and come enjoy this amazing planet. We will go for a short hike and picnic lunch.
- **August 29th**: Let the games begin! We will celebrate the end of summer and the start of the school year with miniature golf and a picnic.

SARAH CIRCLE

We are closing our study of *The Beatitudes* this year with a salad potluck at Donovan's on June 12th at 6 p.m. Bring a salad to share. We will celebrate a good year and have a preview of next year's study, *Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles*. Come and hear about the study of 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1-3 John and Jude.

All women are welcome. If you would like to come, give Donovan a call so she can make enough dessert.

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 p.m. until about 9 p.m. Work on a shawl, a hat, learn a new skill, and pray together.

Our next meetings are **June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th**.

BOOK GROUPS

"The lure of books will not go away.... Reading can help us capture a sense of solitude, but it also connects us to others.... Most readers enjoy nothing better than talking with other readers about books.... It is hard to think of a serious Christian not being a reader."

—*The Christian Century*, May 2, 2012

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. And join us to share insights and conversation. Both groups meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Lectio Divina meets in the chapel at 1 p.m. Upcoming dates and books:

- **June 20th**: *Share-A-Book*: bring a book and tell us about it.
- **July 18th**: *Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
- **August 15th**: *Red Weather* by Pauls Toutonghi

Reading in the Evening meets in the library at 7 p.m. Upcoming dates and books:

- **June 20th**: *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver
- **July 18th**: *Wench* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
- **August 15th**: *The Hangman's Daughter* by Oliver Pötzsch

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM YEAR!

The Adult Discipleship Committee wishes to thank all of you who have attended one or more Adult Education sessions during this program year. It is because of you that our sessions have been vibrant interactive learning opportunities. And a very special thank you goes to those of you who have given your time and energy as Adult Education speakers. We are a lucky congregation to have so much wisdom and generosity so close at hand.

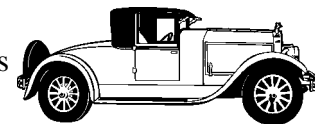
Our committee will start planning the Fall 2012 schedule this summer, and we are always looking for input and ideas. If you have an idea for a future adult education session, if you are willing to be a speaker, or if you are interested in joining the Adult Discipleship Committee, contact the committee chair Amy Lawrence at 503-223-4023.

THE DEACONS' CORNER

One of the ministries of the Deacons is to help with transportation for our members that need a ride to church on Sunday morning. We would like to thank some folks who are currently providing rides: Dick Roberts; Della Perrin who drives from Courtyard Senior Plaza; Craig Coe, Ray and Kris Amling, Judy Robinson and Gretchen Johnson who alternate going to Russellville Park.

If you would like to help with transportation by providing a ride, please call Deacons Donia Groff or Katie Zalin or the church office. Also, contributions for Transportation to the Deacons Fund are greatly appreciated. One way these monies are used is for taxi transportation.

Many thanks to our drivers and for your contributions.



NEW MEMBERS

Four new members joined with us at RCPPC on Easter Sunday, April 8th. Please welcome them—you may see them at Tables for Eight, at the church picnic, at Taizé worship or at coffee fellowship. Say “hello” and get acquainted.

Deb Harris joined by reaffirmation of faith. Deb teaches courses at Portland State University. She is the daughter of Dale and Kathy Harris and, since her parents' passing, has lived in the family home in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood.

Tom Hering joined by letter of transfer from Lake Oswego United Methodist Church. Tom works in the Marketing/Communications industry as a copy writer and creative editor at Hering Creative, Inc. He resides near Mount Tabor in the home his parents, George and Betty Hering, lived in until Betty's death.

Judy Walker joined by reaffirmation of faith. The daughter of Hal and Lois Ellmers, Judy grew up and was confirmed at Rose City. She works as a community health nurse in Clackamas County. You may remember her now-adult-children, Tracy and Travis, when they were youngsters here in the church school.

Jason Jungkeit joined by reaffirmation of faith. He has been worshipping here for a few years with his grandmother, Javene Lobaugh.

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

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE GIVING

Remember, you can still bring items until June 10th to donate to the Community Warehouse barrels in the lower narthex. Items that are needed include surplus silverware, cooking utensils, pots and pans, glasses and bowls, dish towels/rags and other small household items you no longer use. This organization will pass along these items to members of our community who are in need.



SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

GLENDA'S RETIREMENT PARTY

Join us on **June 3rd** after worship in the fellowship hall for a special luncheon celebrating Glenda's 25 years with us as our choir director. Come to share stories and memories of Glenda and reconnect with some past choir members.

JUNIOR ROSE FESTIVAL PARADE

It's Rose Festival time again! That means that the Junior Rose Parade will be winding its way down Sandy Boulevard on **June 6th** at 1 p.m. Be sure to arrive at the church early for any business you might have and plan other routes to get across town. Or, watch the parade under our cabana with Donovan—more information can be found on page 5.

ICE CREAM AND TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

On **June 10th**, celebrate our Church School teachers with cake and be served some delicious ice cream by the Dinghy Mariner group after worship in the fellowship hall.

MEN'S RETREAT

It's not too late to sign up for the Men's Retreat! Registration forms can be found in the church office, and in the literature rack, and can be submitted any-time before **July 6th** with your \$60 deposit. This year's retreat is at the Menucha Retreat Center, from **October 12th-14th**. Estimated costs include housing, meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast) and program costs, and will be no less than \$100, but no more than \$118. It will be a wonderful time for fellowship and relaxation, so think about signing up!

ANTIQUE AND ARTISAN HOLIDAY FAIRE

A Holiday Craft and Collectible consignment sale is planned for Saturday, **November 17th**. This event will be held in the fellowship hall and will be open to the public on Saturday and to our congregation on Sunday after worship. Think about the antiques you no longer have a need for, or the handcrafted items you can create to add to this event. RCPPC will receive 30% and the consignee will take back 70% of the sale. You must price and tag your own merchandise but need not be present for the sale. Think of ways to be involved! For more information, speak to Peggie Irvine-Page, Beverly Smith, Diane Hanken, Cynthia Church, or Cindy Robertson.

NEWS FROM THE FUND FOR OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

Our committee met on May 6th, and decided to fund the Backpack Food Program (\$5,000.00) for the next academic year at Marysville School. Also, any remaining monies will be spent on the second annual Coat Drive to be held early in the Fall.



The committee wishes to thank the congregation for their generous financial contribution and community service. Also, thanks to Session for their vision and mission foresight in making our church more visible in our community. I think, in a small way, our community is a better place to live.

Lastly, many thanks to our fabulous committee for their dedication and creativity: Nicole Betz, Shannon Bromenschenkel, Bev Dale, David Dornack, Rick Harlow, Nat Kerr, Doug Robertson, Grace Shibley, and Alexander Wiese.

—Steve Smith, chair

CHURCH OFFICERS INSTALLED

Each spring our governing boards experience a turnover of roughly one third of their members. During worship on May 6th 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: Sharon Cousineau, David Bell, Donia Groff, Nat Kerr, Bobby Roberts, and Jeremy Shibley.

Deacons completing service: Kathy Conklin, and Randi Thoma.

Newly serving or returning as Elders: Kelly O'Hanley, Roger Price, Woody Richen, Tommy Roberts, and Doug Robertson

Elders completing service: Bob Black, Darla Lindsey, Ellen Ragan, and Brian Emery (who will continue to serve the Session as Clerk).

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM
9:30 am nursery: Birth—3 years

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Choir director
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- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC, JUNE 24TH

Come one, come all to RCPPC's premier outdoor activity! The All-Church picnic will be held at Blue Lake Park (in Troutdale) after church on Sunday, June 24th from noon until 4 p.m. We have reserved Celilo A & B, and as usual, signs will direct you from the park entrance.

Gourmet hot dogs and hamburgers, all the condiments, a beverage, table service (if you don't bring your own), and activities for children will all be provided.

Please bring \$5 for your car entry fee—you cannot enter the park without paying this. No alcohol or pets are allowed, so you can leave those at home! Also bring your favorite salad, side dish, or a dessert to share, plus a lawn game if you are up to a game of croquet or badminton....

If you wish to volunteer to help out, contact Steve Smith, Shannon Bromenschenkel, or Rick Harlow.



NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH.

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via mail or by e-mail to Michelle at office@rosecityparkpres.org, and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, August 12th and will cover **September and October** events.