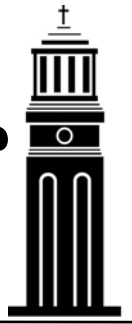


The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

September/October 2012



Why are childhood impressions so important? Why is it essential to fill a child's mind and soul with light and goodness, starting from the very earliest stages of its life? In childhood, we find a natural gift for faith, simplicity, gentleness, a capacity for tenderness, compassion, imagination, an absence of cruelty and hardness. Now this is precisely the kind of soil that yields a harvest thirty-fold, sixty-fold or a hundred-fold. When, later in life, the soul has become hard and dry, a man can be cleansed anew and saved by the continuing presence of his childhood experience. That is why it is so important to keep children close to the Church – it will provide them with nourishment for their entire lifetime.

—Fr. Alexander Elchaninov, THE DIARY OF A RUSSIAN PRIEST

The best predictor, according to church journals about education, of whether or not a child will stay with the church as an adult is attending worship as a child and youth. And you will notice that I wrote, “worship”, not church school. We are going to try something very old and yet new to us. This year our children are going to attend worship with us. It may be a little distracting at first as they grow comfortable. But I believe that this is a small and temporary price to pay to provide our children with a lifetime of connection to the church's most communal activity.

People sometimes say that teens and young adults will be “back” after they graduate from college, or get married or have children of their own. And sometimes that is true. But perhaps the problem is in the word “back.” You can't come back to something of which you were never really a part. Having outgrown church school and youth group, there is no longer a spiritual connection to church. Perhaps we can simply, as I have often said about my own faith journey, help them be born into it.

We can't afford to wait. The most critical years in faith development are 2nd to 5th grade. Children are curious. They can test their newly developing reading skills. They can sing along with the hymns. They can follow a Bible passage as it is read. And they begin to take on beliefs and observances that belong to their community. They are learning logic and metaphor and are beginning to understand justice. As the famous educator Piaget wrote, “A child is a searching being, actively attempting to understand the world.” What better place to do this than in the church?

So join me in welcoming our children to worship. Let us model our behavior as their larger family in the household of God.

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Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr



ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers and sympathy cards that were sent to our family after the passing of Catherine Collins. Mom left us many memories and special thoughts to help us through this time of loss.

—The Collins Family

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers that you sent our way since my Dad's passing. We are blessed to have a church family that is so supportive.

—Karin & Phil Novitsky

Rob and I would like to thank the staff and the congregation for that wonderful retirement party and their overwhelming generosity. We will think of all of you as we travel here and there, enjoy a romantic getaway at the Inn at Cape Kiwanda, keep warm under the beautiful quilt, and view all our friends on the digital frame.

—Glenda McKibben

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I have been truly blessed to have been raised in this church home and family. You have offered me overflowing support and friendship as I have made my way along my journey of faith, and there are not enough words to express my deep gratitude. Rose City Park will always hold a special place in my heart wherever I find myself ministering. Thank you again for all you have done, especially for making my ordination service so very special. As I step onto a new road in my journey, I take with me the thoughts and prayers of all of you. I will also be excited to use the beautiful communion set and gorgeous stole.

—Rev. Amanda Golbek

To my many dear friends in our Church Family, a special thank you for your prayers and cards during my illness in May.

—Lois Callaghan-Kuhn

With Sympathy

Storm Amling, daughter of John Amling and sister of Ray Amling died June 23rd in Portland, OR.

Bob Higginbotham passed away August 10th in Portland, OR. There were no services held.

Directory Changes

Teresa Carson

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Tom Hering

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New Babies in our Church Family

Henry Lee Beaudoin

was born on July 7th.

Parents are Kim and Ryan Beaudoin. He joins big brother Jackson. Grandparents are Greg & Karen Balmer, great-grandparents are Janet & Bob Balmer, great aunt is Jan Beaudoin.



FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Do you want to honor an occasion or a loved one with flowers from your garden or favorite vendor? If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship, please phone the church office to schedule a Sunday. The narthex flower calendar was little used and we are seeing how things go without one!

BABIES ARE COMING!

The nursery is lovely and there are babies in worship. We need volunteers for nursery care every Sunday beginning September 9th from 9:15 until noon. Our new choir director, Christopher Edwards, will be bringing his daughter to worship, and expectant mothers are due soon! We have been wishing for these lovely miracles of new life; let's step up to help nurture and love them. Call Donovan or Gretchen Lucas if you are able to volunteer in September. Sign-up sheets will be in the fellowship hall for Sundays through the fall.

DEACONS' CORNER

One of the ministries of the Deacons that is directed to members of our own church family is the provision of a one-time financial gift to our active youth graduating from high school or college who plan to continue their education. The gift is \$250 for high school graduates and \$500 for college graduates. Gifts to the Deacons Education Fund will help keep this ministry possible for more of our congregations' youth.

We had one eligible applicant this year: Laura Sechrist graduated this spring from Western Washington University in Bellingham with a BA in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology and a minor in history.

She worked this summer as an archaeologist at Capitol Reef National Park in Utah where she interned last summer. This August she will begin graduate studies at the University of Nevada in Reno, working on her MA degree in anthropology, focusing on historical archaeology. In addition, she has been awarded a graduate teaching position.

We are all so proud of Laura and her achievements. She is a credit to herself and her family, and on behalf of her church community, we wish her well in all of her endeavors.

—Dave Bell, for the Deacons

NEXT DEACONS MEETING

The Board of Deacons will meet after worship on September 16th at 11:30 a.m. in room 8.

YOUTH NEWS

EDUCATION FOR ALL

It's time to think about church school. The Christian Education committee has been meeting to plan the new year for our children, and we are choosing a new format. All children, except those three and under, will attend all of worship. There will be activity bags, a children's time, and a puzzle or coloring sheet that echoes the lectionary text for the week.

Immediately following the dismissal and blessing at the end of worship, the children will gather with their teachers to go upstairs to class. Educational opportunities for all ages (adults, youth, and children) will be at the post-worship hour. We hope this will encourage adults with children to stay for the adult discipleship opportunities and allow for a longer class time for children.

We recognize that this is a long session for children. There will be physical learning as well as quiet activities, and we are considering reinstating a snack immediately following worship as we gather together and settle into the lesson.

We begin classes on October 7th with a combined session for 4-year-olds through fifth graders. We'll get acquainted and explore the classroom, the library and the playroom.

Letters and registration information will be heading your way soon, but put these dates on your calendar now!

- **Advent Festival:** December 2nd—this will have a new look this year!
- **Christmas Program:** December 16th

LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT TEACHERS

We are in need of teachers for the church school year. Last year 47 people volunteered to teach a class or a month of classes, to staff the nursery, to work with our youth or a combination of all those opportunities. Watch for teacher sign-ups in the fellowship hall on September 9th. Since church school will follow worship, please consider volunteering for a month of classes in a row. It is always easier to teach the second, third or fourth time, than the first. It is also a better experience for our children to get to know you as a teacher, instead of having someone new every week. We would also like to create a list of substitute teachers for emergency days.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHERS' CLUB

The Philosophers' Club will meet every Sunday, immediately following worship beginning October 7th. The goal of the club is to 'seek out wisdom' and study the ideas and questions connected with God, existence, knowledge, reason and value.

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

High School youth will meet in the tower room every Sunday, immediately following worship, beginning October 7th. This group will be a catalyst for personal change. It is a place to ask questions, to explore who we are, what we believe and how we understand the world.

DOLLARS FOR DONUTS

Glazed, glazed with chocolate, sprinkles, old-fashioned—donuts come in all shapes, sizes and tasty flavors. We will have all kinds at coffee hour on October 21st. Donate what you can to the Youth Fund and enjoy something a little extra with your coffee or tea.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

Middle School Mania is a weekend retreat organized by Cascades Presbytery during the weekend of October 26th. It is an opportunity for middle school students from across the state to gather together for worship, fellowship, discussion and games. Information and registration will be sent out to families with middle school youth. Please contact Tori Field with questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **September 9th**—MS & HS Activity, 11 a.m.
- **October 7th**—First Day of Philosophers' Club & High School Group, 11 a.m.
- **October 14th**—Philosophers' Club & High School Group, 11 a.m.
- **October 21st**—Dollars for Donuts, 11 a.m.
- **October 26th-28th**—Middle School Mania

GROUPS FOR ADULTS

SARAH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Join with women of the congregation and special friends to study Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study for 2012-13, *Dispatches to God's Household: the General Epistles*. These books—1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John and Jude—were written not to a single Christian community but were designed to be read aloud publicly to those who would share the message with others. We'll spend nine sessions exploring the cultural and historic context of these writings as well as finding ourselves called anew as members of the divine household, of the family of God.

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month, September through June.

- **September 11th:** An overview of the six letters
- **October 9th:** Fatherhood

The study book is \$8.80. Please see Donovan as soon as possible if you still need one.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We knit or crochet and pray together nearly every 3rd Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the church library. We make prayer shawls, as well as hats and mufflers. Many of our hats were distributed to those who received coats at last year's coat drive. Join us. The work of our hands provides warmth and comfort and the sure knowledge that someone cares.

Fall meetings: We will start this year with our session on **October 15th** at 7 p.m. in the church library. No meeting in September.

BOOK GROUPS

Read and come to share in thought-provoking discussion in the afternoon or in the evening.

Lectio Divina meets on the third Wednesday from 1-2:30 in the chapel. Upcoming dates and books:

- **September 13th (New day):**
The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- **October 17th:** *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt
- **November 15th (New day):**
The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gail Tzemach Lemmon

Reading in the Evening meets on the third Wednesdays from 7-8:30 in the church library. Upcoming dates and books—note the date changes:

- **September 12th (New day):**
The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
- **October 17th:** *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- **November 14th (New day):**
The Tiger's Wife by Tea Obreht
- **December 19th:** *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed

SEARCHER'S CHRISTCARE

We will resume our group meeting on September 26th. Let's catch up on news about summer adventures at Yaw's Top Notch for lunch at 12:30 p.m. If you need a ride, let David know.

This year's study will include resources from Public Broadcasting. We will begin the year by learning about the Mormon religion, as this political season has brought to the fore questions about Mormonism.

Searchers usually meets in the church library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome.

THE PRINGLE ASSISTANCE FUND

A year ago, in response to the hardships of the economic downturn, the Session created a discretionary fund to provide financial assistance to participants in the life of RCPCC. The Pringle Assistance Fund accesses monies from a bequest of long-time member, Marian Pringle, and is administered by the pastoral staff and one deacon. While specific details of grants are confidential, we can report that those helped by the fund this year have been most appreciative. If you or someone in our church family is in need of assistance, please speak to David or Donovan. If this ministry is one you would like to support, monetary gifts are welcome. Please make checks payable to RCPCC with "PAF" on the memo line.

WORLD COMMUNION/ PEACEMAKING SUNDAY

We live in a world that is filled with conflict and strife. Every level of society is affected. In the midst of such incessant discord, God calls people to be peacemakers. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

But what can we do to bring peace? Each of us can prayerfully seek God's wisdom and serve as peacemakers in our homes, our congregations, our communities, and our world.

Throughout September, the Season of Peace, bulletin inserts and moments for mission will provide opportunities to learn more about how our gifts to the offering help make the world more peaceful.

The Season of Peace culminates in the receiving of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering, on World Communion Sunday, October 7th. The Offering gives us a concrete way to contribute locally and nationally to the work of peace.

Together we can help to heal the misery in the world that causes division, one small program at a time.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 2nd
10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 3rd
Labor Day; Building Closed

Wed. 5th
10 a.m. Martha Service
7 p.m. Worsh. & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 6th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 9th
Joy Sunday
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11 a.m. Youth Activity

Mon. 10th
7:30 p.m. Christ. Ed. Comm.

Tues. 11th
TBD Personnel Comm.
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 12th
9:30 a.m. Bldg. & Grnd. Comm.
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church
Worship
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 13th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 16th
Men's Retreat final deposits due
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:20 a.m. Adult Education
12 p.m. Deacons meeting

Tues. 18th
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 19th
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church

Thurs. 20th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 23rd
Birthday Sunday
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

Wed. 26th
12:30 p.m. Searchers Christ Care at Yaw's Top Notch
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church

Thurs. 27th
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 30th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

OCTOBER

Wed. 3rd
10 a.m. Martha Service
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church
7 p.m. Worsh. & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 4th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 7th
Peacemaking/World Communion Sunday
Church School Begins
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11 a.m. Child/Youth Edu.

Mon. 8th
7 p.m. Christian Ed. Comm.

Tues. 9th
TBD Personnel Comm.
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 10th
9:30 a.m. Bldg. & Grounds Comm. (?)
1:30 p.m. Searchers
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church

Thurs. 11th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 12th – Sun. 14th
Men's Retreat at Menucha

Sun. 14th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Child/Youth Edu.
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

Mon. 15th
7 p.m. Prayer Shawls

Tues. 16th
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 17th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church
7 p.m. Read. in the Evening

Thurs. 18th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 21st
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Dollars for Donuts
11 a.m. Child/Youth Edu.
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

Wed. 24th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
6:30 p.m. Pop-Up Church

Thurs. 25th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri 26th – Sun. 28th
Middle School Mania

Fri. 26th
7 p.m. Portland Chamber Music concert

Sun. 28th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. All Saints Worship
11 a.m. Child/Youth Edu.
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

Wed. 31st
Halloween

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

- **Nov. 4th:** Daylight Savings Time ends
- **Nov. 12th:** Ross Hollywood Veteran's Day Parade
- **Nov. 21st:** Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- **Dec. 2nd:** First Sunday in Advent; Advent Festival

STAFF VACATIONS:

Donavan Burkert-Kerr and Tori Field will both be out of the office during the week of September 17th-23rd. Please note resulting changes in schedules for both reading groups and Prayer Shawl ministry.

COMMITTEE NEWS

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The new program year for adult education at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church will start on Sunday, September 16th. Planned topics for sessions this Fall include Medicare enrollment information, ecumenical and lay guidance for 2012 election issues, and a chance to meet and learn more about our new choir director, Christopher Edwards. Keep a close eye on the Sunday bulletin inserts for details. If you have any ideas for topics or speakers in the future, please contact Amy Lawrence at 503-223-4023.

MEN'S RETREAT COMMITTEE

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Twenty men have signed up for the Men's Retreat to be held at Menucha on October 12th-14th. We have reserved space at Beam and Habitat buildings with beds available for a few more—perhaps your schedule has been freed up to attend?

David Jewel is our featured facilitator and will speak on the sacrament of Communion throughout the ages.

Remember—your balance of \$55.00 is due September 16th and payable to RCPPC. You should have received information about your retreat experience and a checklist of things to bring. No refunds after September 16th!

EXCITING EVENTS AT RCPPC

JOY & KAZOO SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 9th, come to worship and experience Joy. Presbyterians are often referred to as "God's Frozen People". On this Sunday, how about bringing a smile to worship? Expect to be surprised and worship God with a joyful noise.

This will be the first Sunday of our program year and hopefully the return of our children after summer vacations. This worship will not be for the faint hearted—we look forward to a grand time!!

ALL SOULS POP-UP CHURCH

Every Wednesday, beginning on September 12th and running through October 24th, All Souls "Pop-Up Church" will hold worship services in our chapel, led by Rev. Karen Ward. The church is a contemplative community in the Anglican/Episcopal tradition with an ecumenical spirit, engaging neo-monastic practices, creative liturgy, intentional community and shalom. Join them for worship at 6:30 p.m. This replaces Taizé Worship for September and October. Enter through the ramp doors.

PORTLAND CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Let's welcome back Portland Chamber Music to our parlor for a free evening of music. This is chamber music "un-stuffed," and they play music from Bach to Lady Gaga. Get up and stretch your legs, children can sit on the floor, food and drink are encouraged—this is how chamber music began. The concert begins at 7 p.m. on Friday October 26th. A goodwill offering will be collected. Enter through the lower narthex doors.



ALL SAINTS WORSHIP

On Sunday, October 28th, we will honor the saints who have gone before us. Bring a photo of a loved one who has passed on to place on the Day of the Dead display. Please be sure to put your name on any photo you bring so we can return it to you.

ANTIQUE & ARTISAN HOLIDAY FAIRE:

NOVEMBER 17TH & 18TH

New this year as an extension of our Stewardship Emphasis for 2012, we are excited to announce a great new RCPPC general fund-raiser: the Antique and Artisan Holiday Faire.

Plan on consigning your handcrafted items and/or your antique pieces. RCPPC will receive 30% of all sales to support the operating budget and consignees 70%. The sale will be open to the public on the 17th from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and after worship to our congregation on the 18th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

If you have items to consign, questions, or would like to volunteer for the public sale on the 17th, contact Peggie Irvine-Page, Beverly Smith, Diane Hanken, Cynthia Church, or Cindy Robertson. Please note that all consigned items must be delivered to the church on Friday, November 16th.

ADVENT EVENT

All-new Advent event Sunday, December 2nd. Some things old and some things new.... Details to follow!

2012-2013 CHURCH OFFICERS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS

The Session Elder and Deacon Committee assignments for 2012-2013 have been finalized. If you have a question or concern regarding a particular aspect of our life together, it is often helpful to know which officers and at-large congregation members serve on the committee and who may be able to answer your questions. Session Committees may be made up of Elders, Deacon representatives and congregation members. Corporate Officers are elected from the Session.

Corporation Officers

Gretchen Lucas, President
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Brian Emery

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Tommy Roberts—E
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Katie Zalin
David Bell

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Irene Wininger

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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

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

CHANCEL CHOIR RETURNS

Fall is just around the corner, and the Chancel Choir will be returning to worship services from the summer break on Sunday, September 16th. We have an exciting year of music planned, including works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Benjamin Britten, Alice Parker, and, of course, Peg Vance.

The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the chapel. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Christopher Edwards in the church office for more information. No need for prior experience – we welcome all those who wish

to expand their worship practice through song. Whether you are a seasoned choir veteran or you have heretofore confined your singing to the shower, we invite you to come help us “make a joyful noise” to God!

—Christopher Edwards



NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14.

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, October 14.