

The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

February/March 2013



David read a short meditation to the staff about the child, John the Baptist at our recent meeting. The writer, Quinn Caldwell, quoted the text from Luke 1: 67-79, “The child grew and became strong in spirit.” And he went on: “Seems to me that being strong in spirit is a little like being strong in body: if all you are is strong and not also flexible or agile...if all you are is strong and not also gentle, generous, or wise, you might end up a big bully....Don’t you know people who are spiritually ‘strong’ but who are completely inflexible, or who bully everybody....Aren’t the airwaves and the Web full of them?”

Sometimes what we need is a spirit that is willing to listen—to really hear another person. We don’t have to agree. The world is full of many opinions, but if we could keep from acting as if we are cats who have been stepped on when someone holds an idea that runs counter to our own, the world might be safer and friendlier.

When did we all become so entrenched behind our walls of opinion that our first reaction is to take things personally, or to imagine that those who disagree with us are putting us down? It **is** a scary world: shootings, bus accidents, wars, debt crises, and the flu. Maybe our worries and insecurities have made us frightened of anything that smells of compromise.

Take gun ownership as just one example. There are people who think there should be no guns and there are those who resist any effort to manage or observe who owns or handles guns. But I do believe that no one thinks little children should be killed in their elementary schools, or shoppers killed in a mall before Christmas, or movie goers killed in a theatre or first responders killed at a crisis site. So why can’t we talk reasonably as a country about how situations like those could become less possible? Why can’t we think beyond our own wants and desires to what would contribute to a common good?

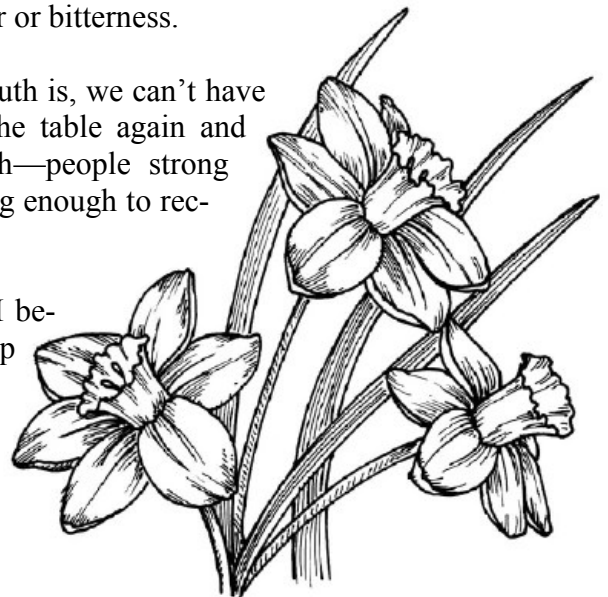
We have become so concerned about standing up for what we believe, about refusing to back down, that we have forgotten how to really talk to each other. I believe that to have productive conversation means admitting what scares us or worries us, giving it a good look and then setting it aside for a bit so it doesn’t color everything grey or flavor everything with fear or bitterness.

We want quick answers to deeply complex problems and the truth is, we can’t have them. Complex problems require a willingness to come to the table again and again and again. It takes people brave and flexible enough—people strong enough to bend, courageous enough to be vulnerable, and loving enough to recognize that we are in this whole thing together.

Because there is no winning in this world unless we all win. I believe that is what God’s reign looks like and we are here to help bring it home.

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The Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr



ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Baptisms

Sarah-Lynn Marie Betz was baptized on December 23, 2012. Parents are Nicole and Chad Betz.

New Babies in our Church Family

William Edward Veazie was born on December 18, 2012 in Vancouver, WA. Parents are Michelle and Scott Veazie. Grandparents are Becky and Bill Duncan, uncle is Robert Duncan, and great-grandparents are Irene and Bob Wininger.

Edith Frances Thompson was born on January 4th in Pittsburgh, PA. Parents are Shannon and Mark Thompson. Grandparents are Linda and Wayne Knepper.

With Sympathy

Viola Kucera died on December 18, 2012 in Portland. No services were held.

Margaret Burlingame died on December 26, 2012 in Portland. A service in her memory was held on January 25th with Rev. Dornack officiating.

Barbara Hale (church member from 1965-1975) died on January 1st in Sequim, WA. A celebration of life was held on January 18th with Rev. Dornack officiating.

Betty Coe died on January 9th in Portland. A service in her memory was held on January 15th with Rev. Dornack officiating.

Thank You

A huge thank-you to Beverly Smith, Diane Hanken, Cindy Robertson, and Peggie Irvine-Page—the wall hanging you so lovingly worked on is hanging in our cabin, and it is perfect. Winning the raffle was so special to all our family, and it will be loved and enjoyed for generations. Tori assures me the grandchildren will spend lots of time making up stories to go with all the figures on the quilt. Thank you for the love that went into all the work.

—Kris Amling and all our family

Directory Information

New Church Directories will be available beginning on February 10th. If you cannot attend worship but need a directory, please phone or email the church office to make arrangements to receive one.

YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

PLANNING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Parents, please watch the Sunday bulletin insert for information about the program for elementary-aged children.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY NEWS

The Newberry Medal has been awarded every year since 1922 to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. The Caldecott Medal has been awarded since 1938 and recognizes the most distinguished picture book for children published in the United States. Both these honors are announced annually in January. Take a look at the display in the library of our copies of some of these award winners.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **February 3rd**: No class—Tailgate party on Super Bowl Sunday. Bring your donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring and stay after church for the party.
- **February 10th**: No class—Annual Meeting with food after worship.
- **Wednesday, February 13th**: 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service; Lent begins
- **February 17th**: Come early for the Pancake Breakfast and stay for worship and class.
- **February 24th**: Birthday Sunday and class
- **March 3rd, 10th, 17th**: Worship and class
- **March 24th**: No class; Palm Sunday
- **March 31st**: No class; Easter Sunday

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- **February 3rd**: No class—Souper Bowl of Caring
- **February 10th**: No class—Annual Meeting
- **February 17th**: No class—Pancake Breakfast
- **February 24th**: Philosophers' Club—*Trust*
- **March 3rd**: Philosophers' Club—*Follow*
- **March 10th**: Youth Sunday Prep (MS & HS)
- **March 17th**: Youth Sunday Prep (MS & HS)
- **March 24th**: Bake Hot Cross Buns (MS & HS)
- **March 31st**: Easter Sunday (no class)

CALENDAR

February

Sun. 3rd

Super Bowl of Caring

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
11 am Tailgate Party
11:30 am Adult Ed. Comm.
11:30 am Christ. Ed. Comm.
2 pm Bach Cantata Choir
Concert

Tues. 5th

5 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 6th

10 am Martha Service
7 pm Wors. & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 7th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 10th

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship
11:15 am Annual Meeting w/
lunch

Mon. 11th

7:30 pm Christ. Ed. Comm.

Tues, 12th

10 am Writers
7 pm Sarah Circle

Wed. 13th

9:30 am Bldgs. & Grnds.
Comm.
1:30 pm Searchers ChristCare
7 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thurs. 14th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 17th

8:30 am Pancake Breakfast
9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
11 am Christ. Education (no
MS/HS)

Mon. 18th

Presidents' Day
Church Office Closed

Tues. 19th

7 pm Session

Wed. 20th

1 pm Lectio Divina
7 pm Reading in the Eve.

Thurs. 21st

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sun. 24th

Birthday Sunday

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
11 am Christ. Education for all
11:20 am Adult Ed.

Mon. 25th

7 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tues, 26th

10 am Writers

Wed. 27th

7 pm Taizé Worship

Thurs. 28th

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

March

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9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
11 am Christ. Education for all

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Comm.

1:30 pm Searchers ChristCare

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7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 15th – Sat. 16th

Cascades Presbytery in Salem

Sun. 17th

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
11 am Christ. Education for all
11:20 am Adult Ed.
12 pm Board of Deacons
2 pm Bach Cantata Choir
Concert

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Palm Sunday

Birthday Sunday

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship
11 am Christ. Ed. MS/HS
Youth only
11:20 am Adult Ed.

Tues. 26th

10 am Writers

Wed. 27th

1:30 Searchers ChristCare

Thurs. 28th

7 pm Maundy Thursday
Worship

Fri. 29th

Good Friday

Sun. 31st

Easter

10 am Communion Worship

CLOSURES

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of Presidents' Day. Regular office hours are Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN

Ash Wednesday Communion Worship, February 13th at 7 p.m.

Begin Lent with a contemplative service and imposition of ashes. Narthex and elevator doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Worship in the style of Taizé, February 27th at 7 p.m.

Join us for Taizé worship with a Lenten theme on the chancel on Wednesday, February 27th. This quiet, meaningful worship in the style of Taizé has a small but steady following. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Palm & Passion Sunday Worship, March 23th at 10 a.m.

We end Lent and begin Holy Week with Palm & Passion Sunday. Worship includes a celebration with waving palms—evoking Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as we move through worship into the events of Good Friday and his crucifixion and death. We will dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing offering this day.

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 28th at 7 p.m.

We come together in a service with communion to remember the Last Supper when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony of the Eucharist. Please join us and enter from the lower narthex. Doors and elevator open at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship, March 31st at 10 a.m.

Join us for a festive communion worship service as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Worship music will feature the chancel choir and instrumental accompaniment. Please remember to bring flowers to church on Easter Sunday to add to our flower-filled cross. The cross that we create on Easter is an accumulation of individual flowers that, when put together, make a beautiful centerpiece for our service.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year as we move into Lent and also prepare for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we can take a moment to be grateful for the ministries made possible by this church-wide special offering. In places like Tucson, Arizona, Haiti, Kirkwood, Missouri, Cameroon, and Newtown, Connecticut, those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. Our hearts are full of compassion, but our ears are full of whatever is on the mind of the media this week. In this environment, it becomes incredibly easy to forget the pain of our brothers and sisters around the world where poverty, disaster, and war cause suffering.

This is why we at Rose City Park Presbyterian give to OGHS. This is one time a year when we give our gifts, we know that staff in the three OGHS programs will be listening to the cries of those who suffer throughout the next year. And they will be responding for us in Christ's name to those cries. To new emergencies they will respond as they did in Tucson and Newtown—immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, they will stay there long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere—stay there and help rebuild lives and communities on a firmer foundation.

We will dedicate our offerings for OGHS on Palm Sunday, March 24th, but prayerful giving throughout Lent can be a meaningful spiritual practice. An OGHS offering envelope has been included in this newsletter for your use. More are available in the pew racks. Last year we gave \$3,712.71; perhaps this year we can give even more!



LENTEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come and get 'em — light and fluffy, golden-brown pancakes hot off the griddle! On February 17th, enjoy a breakfast of pancakes and lil' smokies while supporting the youth as we raise funds for One Great Hour of Sharing and youth projects. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Adults are \$6, children 12 and under are \$3, families are \$15, children 3 and under are free.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Help tackle hunger in our community and join the youth as we serve our neighbors. Please bring canned, non-perishable foods or a clearly-marked monetary donation to church on "Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 3rd. Soup, baby food and can openers are especially needed. All donations will be given to SnowCap.

MARTHA SERVICE

Martha Service Group meets on February and March 6th at 10 a.m. to piece quilts, sew pillow covers and assemble other projects for those in need in our community. All supplies are provided. If you would like to join this group of women in their ministry, come to Room 8 at the church via the lower ramp door, bring a sack lunch and be ready for a few hours of work and fun.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are thinking about next winter's chilly hands and heads, but you can always work on your own project as well. Meet at 7 p.m. in the church library.

Next meetings: **February 25th** (change in date to avoid Presidents' Day Holiday) **and March 18th**.

FISH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Fish Emergency Services is a social service organization which has been serving the Portland Metro Area since 1967. Fish provides emergency assistance to an average of 1,112 people each month, many of whom are children. Fish provides food boxes, clothing, personal care products and referrals to people most in need.

To make this happen, Fish needs volunteers. If you have time, Fish can use your help with everything from receptionist work to packing boxes and bags with food, from hanging and organizing clothing to driving the Fish van to pick up donations. If you can help, please call Kathleen Butler at 503-233-5533.

THE DEACONS' CORNER

A Financial Update

In reviewing the Board of Deacons financial status at the conclusion of 2012, we find that our congregation has been very generous. Our somewhat conservative budgeted prediction for regular Deacons' Fund offerings was exceeded by \$367. Our projection for Ride-to-Church income was exceeded by \$175, indicating that our congregation considers attendance at worship important for those who lack independent means of travel.

We can all be grateful that, in these uncertain economic times, we have a church family that remains committed to our dual mission of compassion and service. We are truly blessed. Thank you.

— Dave Bell for the Board of Deacons

Easter Memorial Flowers

Remember a loved one, honor your favorite saint, or bless your personal hero by donating to the Deacons' Flower Fund. Those you choose to pay tribute to will be listed in the Easter bulletin and the money will go towards flowers for friends and members of our congregation who are no longer able to regularly attend Sunday services. Please use the form below or one located in your Sunday bulletin during the season of Lent, to dedicate your donation.

— Nat Kerr, Board of Deacons Co-Moderator

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS

Each year during Lent and Advent our Deacons deliver plants to those in our congregation who can no longer attend worship. Your gifts to support Easter flowers will fund this program. Sending cheer to someone who is homebound is a thoughtful way to remember or honor a loved one.

Please complete and return this form to the church office along with your check payable to Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. Forms must be received in the church office by March 18th to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin listing honorees. The suggested donation amount is \$10, but any amount is welcome.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ in honor of/in memory of/ in thanksgiving for:
(please circle one)

Honoree: _____

Your Name: _____

SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, our gifts to the **2012 Christmas Joy Offering** totaled \$2,607.35. Your gifts will help sustain programs supporting Presbyterian affiliated racial and ethnic schools as well as offer additional support to clergy and church workers experiencing need through age, infirmity or emergency.

Over 250 people were given warm coats, hats and gloves during the November 3rd Warming Center event in the fellowship hall. Thanks to your generosity, The Columbia Sportswear Employee Store and a matching program sponsored by the Fund for Outreach and Benevolence Committee.

2012 gifts to the **Peacemaking Offering** totaled \$1,800.00. Monies will be dispersed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, our local Peacemaking Mission Partners and other local peacemaking programs in early 2013 by the Social Action Committee

And finally, the Board of Deacons thanks you for your generous contributions to the **Thanksgiving Offering** which goes to the Deacons' Fund to support non-profit service organizations in our community and ministries in our church. Your 2012 gifts totaled \$870. Your donations to this special offering make a difference in people's lives.

SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY

Who's your team? 49ers or Ravens? Celebrate your team (or sorrow if your team is not playing) by bringing your favorite game snack food to share during coffee fellowship on Sunday, February 3rd. David says he'll bring spray cheese in a can and Ritz crackers. Veggie plate, anyone?



2013 PLEDGING AND PER CAPITA

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the church for 2013. As of December 31st, pledges are up 8.4% from 2012. Your generosity, along with income generated by substantial gifts from the estate of Dorothy Newman, has allowed the Session to approve a budget that provides for all of the expenditures as requested by the various committees, without having to draw a single dollar from our expense reserves. More details on the budget will be included in the 2012 Annual Report, available beginning February 3rd.

Envelope boxes for all who pledged should have arrived in the mail or been picked up from the church parlor by mid-January. If you do not pledge, but would like an envelope box, please call or email Romalia in the church office; she will be glad to prepare a box for you.

The Per Capita Apportionment for 2013 is \$25.02. This is the amount the church pays per member (including confirmed youth) as our base contribution to the denomination. If you are able, please pay your Per Capita Apportionment in addition to your regular giving. Thank you.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements reflecting giving for 2012 were mailed in early January to all who gave to the church. Please check yours for accuracy. If you did not receive one or have misplaced yours, please phone or email the church office to arrange to have a duplicate sent.

OUR YOUNGEST NEED YOU

The nursery is lovely and there are babies who would like to enjoy it! We need volunteers for nursery care every Sunday from 9:15 a.m.

until noon. Our choir director, Christopher Edwards brings his daughter, Emmeline, to worship. You have heard her joyous praise. We have been wishing for these lovely miracles of new life, let's step up to help nurture and love them. **We will always need gentle arms for our youngest.** Call Donavan or Gretchen Lucas if you are able.



SARAH CIRCLE

How do the small General Epistles affect our understanding of ourselves as part of God's household of faith? These were written not to a single Christian community but were designed to be read aloud publicly in many places or to individuals who would share the message with others.

Sarah Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (September through June). It is never too late to join us. Materials are from the Horizons Bible Study: *Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles*.

February 12th: *The Elders*: 1 Peter 5: 1-11

March 12th: *The Children*: 1 John 2: 1-15, 29-3: 10, 5: 1-21

BOOK GROUPS

"Reading offers an escape from captivity but never [a] flight from responsibility."

~Deborah Smith Douglas, *Christian Century* Oct. 17, 2012

Come to participate in thought-provoking discussion in the afternoon or in the evening. **Lectio Divina** meets on the third Wednesday from 1- 2:30 p.m. in the chapel. **Reading in the Evening** meets on the third Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church library. Upcoming dates and books:

February 20th:

- *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova (Lectio)
- *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter (Evening)

March 20th:

- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* or *Ten Little Indians*, both by Sherman Alexie (Lectio)
- *Empire of the Summer Moon* by S.C. Gwynne (Evening)

SEARCHERS CHRISTCARE

Searchers ChristCare continues its autumn study of religions in America with a look at the Amish. All are welcome to gather with this group on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the church library. The group also sends care cards to congregants during its meetings.



GLORY TO GOD—

THE NEW PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

As authorized by the General Assembly in 2006, the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song has completed their task of bringing the Presbyterian Church (USA) a new hymnal. Our Session voted to order copies for our congregation, and we will receive them in the fall of this year. Watch for more information to come, or you may visit this website: www.presbyterianhymnal.org/index.html

ADULT EDUCATION

In **February**, two of our congregation members will share their wisdom during Adult Education sessions:

- First, do you love singing in church but sometimes get lost in the middle of a hymn? Have you always wondered what the funny symbols and squiggles on the music mean? On **February 17th**, join Glenda McKibben, our choir director emerita, for a lesson on navigating our church hymnal.
- Second, have you or has someone close to you been affected by addiction? Have you wondered what "AA" really is? Have you wished you better understood the experience of being an addict and working on recovery? On **February 24th**, our own Doug Robertson bravely steps forward to share his experience as an alcoholic in recovery.

In **March**, the Adult Education focus will shift to comparative religions as the area of study during our late Lenten season. Keep an eye on the Sunday bulletin inserts, where further information will be available once speakers and subjects have been confirmed. And, if there is a particular religion you'd like to learn about, call Amy Lawrence as soon as possible to let her know: 503-223-4023.

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Many new books were added to the church library for the start of the New Year. Check out these titles and more:

- ☞ *The Bible—A Biography* by Karen Armstrong
- ☞ *24 Hours the Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton
- ☞ *Undomestic Goddess* by Sophie Kinsella
- ☞ *Leaving Small's Hotel* by Eric Kraft
- ☞ *The Wall (Vietnam Memorial)*, Sal Lopes, Ed.
- ☞ *30-Second Religion* by Russell Re Manning
- ☞ *Half a Life* by V.S. Naipaul

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

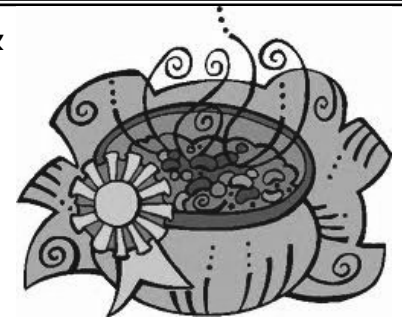
CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9:30 am nursery Birth—3 years
11 am 4 years—High School
11:20 am Adult

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- Ryan Sotomayor, Sexton

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION &
CORPORATION MEETING
AND CHILI & CHOWDER
SMORGASBORD**



**The Annual Meeting is Sunday,
February 10th immediately
following worship.**

Annual Reports will be available beginning February 3rd, if you'd like to read ahead.

To spice up the proceedings, the Outreach Committee is organizing a chili and chowder lunch. If you want to bring a salad or dessert to share, please do. All are welcome and all are encouraged to bring a little something!

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH.

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via e-mail to Michelle at michelle@rosecityparkpres.org, or by mail and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, March 10th. This issue will cover April and May events.