

The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

September/October 2013



PASTORAL WORDS

September is knocking at the door and this issue is all about fall. Church school begins on September 29th with a new adventure—*The Bee Season*. The women have their “Body and Soul” retreat at Menucha, October 18th-20th. The Sarah Circle Bible study begins. Pumpkins will be ripening, and instead of bathing suits and tank tops, we’ll reach for sweaters and for my favorite thing, crayons.

I love crayons. Periodically I go through the boxes and baggies of crayons for the children. Each set should have 24 crayons: Red, scarlet, blue-green, blue-violet, and all the way to carnation and black. Romalia says she can smell crayons down the hall when I am sorting them back into order.

This is the scent of fall for me. My artist father taught that the first thing a person should do with a crayon was to BREAK it and peel the paper off the bottom end. Then you had two coloring tools; a point for detail and a side for grand gestures. He never quite convinced me to break my new crayons, but I saved the old ones for the big sweeps.

Maybe there is a theological metaphor there. God has given us such different gifts. We can attend to the details—that fine tuning of the distinct outlines of a project and the broad strokes—a vision where everything around us can take on the hue of love, promise, or grace. All of it is filled with the fragrance of glory.

Just imagine our box of colors, a mighty rainbow more than 200 strong! Take a moment to color your world; it is nearly fall.

—*donavan*



WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER, SAMUEL SOLANO



If you were in worship on August 25th you had the chance to welcome our new organist, Samuel Solano. For the past five years, Sam has been serving Trinity Lutheran Church in Gresham as organist and as director of their Bell and Chamber Choirs. He has also been active in our community as an instrumental musician performing on the piano, harpsichord, saxophone, flute and clarinet in a variety of genres including classical, jazz and contemporary.

Sam is more than just a musician. He will help Rose City in other ways, particularly with our youth. That will include Sunday music with children, youth-led worship services and regular youth events. He will lead or help with other activities as opportunities and needs arise.

Sam grew up in Gresham, has studied at Mt Hood Community College and has a variety of interests. For example, in the few discussions I have had with him I have learned of his deep interest in J.S. Bach, the music and the theology, and I have learned that Sam has talents as an auto mechanic. Please greet and welcome Sam when you have the opportunity.

—Woody Richen, Personnel Committee

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Special News & Thanks

Greetings from San Diego—actually Chula Vista! We are quite settled in and enjoying this retirement life. Rob is riding his bike every day and I am enjoying singing with the First Methodist Church choir. They have been very welcoming. We would love to have company from RCPPC and hope you will contact us if you are down this way.

Blessings to you all,
Glenda and Rob McKibben

Thank you all so much for your generous gift upon my leaving Rose City Park Presbyterian. My position at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral has been both very challenging and very rewarding. A new instrument to play, a new choir to accompany, and a new director to follow (not to mention all that liturgy!) all take some getting used to, but I'm loving it. Back to the gift—it helped me to attend a week-long choir and organ course in early August in Newport, Rhode Island, put on by the American branch of the Royal School of Church Music. Nine other organ students and I shared accompanying rehearsals and several formal services with 140 youth singers. This was in between master classes with Bruce Neswick of Indiana University, one of the foremost improvisers and church musicians in the country. It was an incredible learning experience and I could not have done it without you.

Again, thank you!
—Christopher Keady

With Sympathy

We have received word that **Jim F. Kuhn**, son of Margaret Kuhn, passed away this summer. Services were held at his group home.

Barbara Jean Walters died on June 21st in Portland, OR. Services were held on July 1st in the sanctuary, with Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr officiating.

Weddings

Grace Shibley and Paul Andrews were married on May 25th at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, OR.

New Members

William Layng was received into our community in membership on June 30th. Please be sure to welcome him and his daughter, Selma, to RCPPC when you see them in worship.

Baptisms

Selma Aurora Layng, daughter of new member William Layng, was baptized on June 30th.

Directory Information



These members and friends of our congregation have changed their addresses recently. If you would like their new contact information, phone or visit the church office in person.

- **Grace (Shibley) and Paul Andrews**
- **Rob and Glenda McKibben**
- **Steve and Mary Sechrist**
- **Laura Sechrist**
- **Michelle, Scott & Liam Veazie**

DONAVAN BURKERT-KERR TO RETIRE

To most readers this is probably old news. Donovan told the congregation of her intention to retire at the end of December during worship in May, and such news usually travels. However *The Broadcaster* has not reported this news to you, and so such a report is appropriate.

When the date gets closer, we will have an "occasion" to thank Donovan and to celebrate her five years of service to us. The Personnel Committee and the Session are working on the best way for Rose City Park Presbyterian to fill the leadership gap caused by her retirement, and you will hear more about that as our plans firm.

In the meantime, we can all be happy that, even though we are losing Donovan from our staff, she and Nat will remain an active part of our church family.

—Woody Richen,
Personnel Committee

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.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

We are starting a Travel Book Exchange in the church library for all those travel books you no longer need. Please leave any donations on the counter for the travel section so others may find new horizons. There are also many new titles to be found in the library!

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 1st
10 a.m. Hymn Sing/Communion
Worship

Mon. 2nd
Building Closed; **Labor Day**

Wed. 4th
10 a.m. Martha Service
5 p.m. Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 5th
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 8th
10 a.m. Worship
11:20 a.m. Christ. Ed. Comm.
11:30 a.m. Adult Ed. Comm.

Tues. 10th
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 11th
4:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds. Comm.

Thurs. 12th
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 15th
10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 17th
6:30 p.m. The Summit—Session
Committee Chairs
7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wed. 18th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 19th
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 22nd
Hymnal dedications due
10 a.m. Taizé-style Worship
12 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Wed. 25th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare

Thurs. 26th
10 a.m.-3 p.m. Blood Drive
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 29th
10 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Church School
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

OCTOBER

Wed. 2nd
10 a.m. Martha Service
5 p.m. Worship & Arts Comm.

Thurs. 3rd
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 5th
7 p.m. Portland Chamber
Music's *Night at the Opera*

Sun. 6th
**World Communion &
Peacemaking Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship
10:20 a.m. Church School

Tues. 8th
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 9th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
4:30 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds.
Comm.
7 p.m. Everybody Has a Story

Thurs. 10th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 13th
10 a.m. Worship/Study

Tues. 15th
7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wed. 16th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

Thurs. 17th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 18th-Sun. 20th
Women's Retreat @ Menucha

Sun. 20th
10 a.m. Worship/Study

Mon. 21st
7 p.m. Prayer Shawls

Wed. 23rd
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
7 p.m. Everybody Has a Story

Thurs. 24th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 27th
Reformation Sunday
10 a.m. Worship/Study
2 p.m. BCC concert

Thurs. 31st
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

ANTIQUE AND ARTISAN FAIRE

Mark your calendars for the Antique and Artisan Faire, November 9th and 10th. Last year was a fun and rewarding experience, and this year is shaping up to be even better!

The Faire will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and for worshippers until noon following Sunday worship. If anyone is interested in providing items for sale, or would like to volunteer during the sale, please contact any of the committee members. Phone numbers are listed in the church directory.

—Cynthia Church, Diane Hanken,
Peggie Irvine-Page, Cindy
Robertson, and Beverly Smith

OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Regular office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please leave a voicemail if you phone the office and do not receive an answer. Rev. David Dornack is out of the office on Mondays; Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr is out on Fridays.

Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr will be away September 11th-16th, 20th-25th, and October 30th-November 3rd.

Office Manager Romalia Stickney-Shibley will be away on October 11th.

Chancel Choir Director Chris Andrews will be away September 16th-20th.

The church office will be closed on September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday.

ELEMENTARY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



BEE HAPPY. BEE GENEROUS. BEE YOUR BEST. BEE THANKFUL. BEE FAITHFUL. BEE WISE. IT'S THE BEE SEASON IN CHURCH SCHOOL.

This year's plan: we begin classes on September 29th with our multi-age class for 4-year-olds through fifth graders. Throughout this fall, the church school class for children will focus on the lessons Jesus taught his followers and how we can learn those lessons ourselves. The class will also learn about bees; how they are a vital part of the food cycle and how we can help the bees thrive in the modern world.

Our goal is to celebrate bees in our lives and work toward a sharing project to buy hives to be sent through Heifer Project after the Artisan Faire in mid-November.

Church school will immediately follow Time with the Children; the children will gather with their teachers to go to the children's library for class. Children are also welcome to stay in worship. Activity bags are available in the upper narthex, and reading or participating in the service are always encouraged.

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

- **Bible Sunday:** September 29th
- **Advent Festival:** TBA
- **Artisan Faire:** November 9th and 10th
- **Program Rehearsal:** December 8th
- **Christmas Program:** December 15th

LOOKING FOR SOME GREAT TEACHERS

We are in need of teachers for the church school year. Watch for teacher sign-ups coming to a fellowship hall near you on September 8th. We would also like to create a list of substitute teachers for those emergency days. Please don't wait for us to ask you. It is always better to be a joyous volunteer.

THE NURSERY NEEDS YOU

We have children in the nursery. We need volunteers for nursery care every Sunday beginning September 1st from 9:15 a.m. until noon. We have been wishing for these lovely miracles of new life, let's step up to help nurture and love them. Call Donavan if you are available in September and/or sign up in the fellowship hall on the 8th and 15th of September for Sundays in October and beyond.



THE PRINGLE ASSISTANCE FUND

In 2011, the session voted to create a new discretionary fund to provide financial assistance to participants in the life of RCPPC. Initially funded by a bequest from the estate of long time member, Marian Pringle, this fund is administered by the pastoral staff and one deacon.

The specific details of grants are confidential. The fund is audited yearly and confidentially.

If you or someone in our church family is in need of assistance, please speak to David or Donavan. And if this ministry is one you and your family would like to support, gifts are welcome. Please make checks payable to RCPPC with "Pringle Assistance Fund" or "PAF" on the memo line.

SARAH CIRCLE

Join with women of the congregation and special friends to study the Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study for 2013-14, *An Abiding Hope: the Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy*. Exodus is the story of human rebellion, but it is also the story of God's amazing love, faithfulness and grace. We will learn what it means to be a people who are called to live in the presence of God.

We'll spend nine sessions exploring the cultural and historic context of these writings, as well as finding ourselves called as people of the covenant.

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. (September through June). Enter at the ramp door.

- **September 10th**: God at Work: Exodus 1-2
- **October 8th**: God's Call to Serve: Exodus 2:11-4:17

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

EVERYBODY HAS A STORY: A NEW PROGRAM AT RCPPC!

Beginning Wednesday, October 9th, members and friends will gather to share the stories of their lives—funny, meaningful, sad—after all, everyone has a story to tell. Join us at 7 p.m. in the church parlor for a cookie and cup of tea, listen to wonderful stories, and leave with a warm heart. Enter at the ramp door.

We have scheduled four Wednesday evenings for the fall: October 9th and 23rd, November 13th, December 11th. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information, or call Gail Black at 503-284-6221 or Rae Richen at 503-284-8532.

ADULT EDUCATION RETURNS!

A new program year of Adult Education at RCPPC starts on Sunday, September 29th. As in years past, programs will include a variety of topics to nurture and support our congregation in mind, body and spirit. Look in the Sunday bulletin inserts over the next few months for specific information about upcoming presentations. And if you have an idea for a future Adult Education topic or speaker, contact Amy Lawrence at 503-223-4023.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We have had a summer holiday and it is time to gather up the loose ends and get back together. We knit or crochet and pray together nearly every 3rd Monday evening at 7 p.m. We make prayer shawls, as well as hats and mufflers. 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 21st** in the church library. No meeting in September. Enter at the ramp door.

BOOK GROUPS

"Gracious words are a honeycomb; sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." —Proverbs 16:24

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

- **September 18th**: *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman
- **October 16th**: *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin

Reading in the Evening meets on the third Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church library. Upcoming dates and books:

- **September 18th**: *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin
- **October 16th**: *Beyond the Beautiful Forever* by Katherine Boo

USHERING ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we all know, it takes many hands to make light work on Sunday mornings. One group of hands is the four-person ushering team who is here to greet you with a smile and a bulletin, take the morning offering, and tidy up the papers in the pews after service.

There are four teams of ushers who assume their duties three months out of the year. One of our ushering teams is in search of a new member—Team 2 ushers each Sunday during the months of February, June and October.

Please contact Sharon Cousineau at 971-207-5140 or sdcousineau@gmail.com or Bobby Roberts at 503-719-6708 or bobby.e.roberts@gmail.com if you are interested in making a commitment to usher as part of this regular rotation or if you would like to serve as a substitute.

Finally, a big "Thank-You" goes out to Dick Roberts and Dan Howe, our gracious Team 2 Ushers, who are "retiring" from ushering. They have our gratitude for their cheerful, thoughtful and much-appreciated service.

—Sharon Cousineau and Bobby Roberts,
Deacons Ushering Committee Co-Chairs

NEW HYMNAL GLORY TO GOD

The new hymnals for our denomination *Glory to God* should arrive by the end of September. Over 1000 congregations and institutions have ordered the hymnals, so getting them shipped out all at once is a huge undertaking. Upon arrival, the cartons will be unpacked, the many dedicatory bookplates made possible through the generosity of our congregants will be inserted into the hymnals, and the books will be placed in the pew racks.

Perhaps they will be in the pews in time for World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday on October 6th! But in order for this to happen, we hope that you will complete your donations to purchase bookplates in honor or memory of a loved one no later than Sunday, September 22nd. The suggested donation is \$15, but a donation is not required to have a bookplate placed in a hymnal. Use the pink envelope in the pew racks, or send a check and a note to the church office with the names of the people you would like to honor. Watch for the new purple hymnals; they should be with us soon.

HYMN SING SUNDAY

Start September with a walk through *The Presbyterian Hymnal*. As we begin preparations to include the new hymnal *Glory to God* in our worship, we will take a Sunday for an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing of your favorite hymns on Sunday, September 1st. To end the sing with even more favorites, you are invited to bring a couple dozen of your favorite cookies—store bought or home-made. We will enjoy them during coffee hour and the surplus will replenish our cookie trove.

THE DEACONS' CORNER

In executing its mission of compassion, the Board of Deacons engages in an activity that few know about: sending Care Cards that convey comfort or support to those in our church family who are experiencing hardship.

Katie Zalin has been carrying out this task for more than a year, sending 2-5 cards each week. Katie encloses a personal note, signs the cards on behalf of the Board of Deacons and mails them at her own expense. Recipients are determined from the worship announcements as well as discussion with staff.

Katie's efforts fly under the radar, but these efforts deserve our acknowledgement and appreciation as they give testimony to our Board of Deacons' commitment to compassion and loving care for individuals in our church family.

Your donations to the Deacons' Fund contribute greatly to our ability to fulfill our mission.

—Dave Bell for the Board of Deacons

SEASON OF PEACE AND THE 2013 PEACEMAKING OFFERING

Peacemaking takes many different forms: preaching good news; proclaiming freedom and healing to those imprisoned; releasing those in oppression; proclaiming the time is now. It is both inspiring and daunting to recognize that each of us has been given that very same Holy Spirit, our own call entwined with Christ's mission to be bearers of peace and justice. Distractions are everywhere, threatening to pull us to the margins of living an authentic peace-filled Christian life. Important issues, breaking news, and our ragged pursuit of a more meaningful spiritual life all distract us. We are reminded of this every time we power up our computers, turn on the television, or struggle to handle conflicts in our families and communities in a way that will not alienate them or us. And we certainly experience it as we negotiate our own inner worlds of chaos and longing.

The journey of peace is a pilgrimage of our whole selves: spirit and body—heart, feet, and mind. The pursuit of God's peace is both an inner and outer journey where the well-being of one is held in the well-being of all. In order for us to walk farther along this road of peace-full living, we can and should engage both inner and outer aspects of faithful spiritual living. Doing so allows us to become more authentic and effective bearers of peace in our world.

Our denomination invites us into *A Season of Peace*, a four-week pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace. It is for the curious and the jaded, the beginner and the experienced peace seeker. Spend a new season with Jesus, the peacemaker, and see if this might become your way of being authentically Christian in the world.

- Use the *Path of Peace* daily reflections that you can subscribe to or download at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/seasonofpeace/path-peace-daily-reflections/. If you do not use the internet, printed copies are available in the literature rack or from the church office.
- Follow the bulletin inserts and moments for mission throughout September.
- Consider how generous you can be with a gift to the 2013 Peacemaking Offering. For over 30 years, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have been committed to pursuing a peaceful and just world. Our gifts to the Peacemaking Offering help sustain these efforts. Together we will receive our offerings on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.

PRESBYTERIAN

PEACEMAKING
PROGRAM

2013-2014 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. Volunteers would be particularly welcome on the Christian Education, Outreach & Communication and Social Action Committees. Talk to the chair or staff person for more information.

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Brian Emery

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

9:30 am nursery: Birth—3 years
10:20 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

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Director
- Sam Solano, Organist & Youth Activities
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- Romalia Stickney-Shibley, Office Manager
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Director
- Michelle Veazie, Publications
- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton

Body and Soul

Women's Retreat 2013
October 18th-20th

Questions of health and wellness flood the media. The quality of our lives is intimately affected by our own health and by the health concerns of others in our families and in our community. How can we care for our health? How do we care for our souls? We know that our bodies and our souls are deeply linked. Let's explore together how to make the most of that interconnection. **There is still room available—speak to Donavan if you want to join us!**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Amy Lawrence

For those of you who are registered, watch for a letter soon with details about carpools and final payments.

Final payments are due September 23rd.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH.

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via mail or by e-mail to Michelle at michelle@rosecityparkpres.org, and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, October 13th and will cover **November** events.