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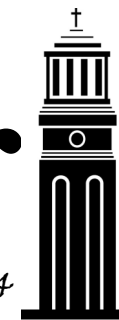
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WORDS FROM DAVID

It is January, and the beginning of a new year. In the church we have survived Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. I'm in the throes of thinking about Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. At home there are the remnants of boxed candy and fruit cake from the holidays. The lights have been taken down from the house, but the station wagon still has some Christmas cargo in it. The head cold that overtook me on December 30 has almost departed, except for the occasional need for a Hall's lozenge.

At Rose City Park Presbyterian, we had a grand farewell party for Donovan. We had one Christmas Eve worship service in the beautifully decorated sanctuary. Here too, the remnants of Christmas are gradually being taken down and put away for another time.

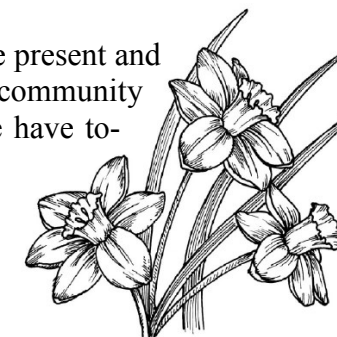
With January's arrival, we have also welcomed Chris Hyde. Right now we find ourselves doing the "dance of getting to know you." We experienced a brief introduction to his preaching by learning about "epiphs" and breaking out in laughter as he told the children about the barber who had an ear in a jar to keep boys still while getting a haircut. He moved us with his personal and faith stories. Chris modeled incredible honesty, trust and his belief in the power of community.

For Christmas, Donovan gifted me with the book, *Leaping: Revelations and Epiphanies*. Author Brian Doyle writes: "All things are transient. Things change moment to moment, things are impermanent. We worry over the past, we anticipate the future, and we barely perceive a shred of the passing moment. But all of us of every faith tradition possess the possibility of pure light, is that not so? The question of who we are is very much open."

May you be open to the gift of the present and be willing to take risks and be in community at Rose City Park in the time we have together.

Blessings,

David



YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements reflecting giving for 2013 were mailed in mid-January to all who gave to the church. Please check yours for accuracy. If you did not receive a statement or have misplaced yours, please phone or email the church office to arrange to have a duplicate sent.

2014 PLEDGING & PER CAPITA

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the church for 2014. As of January 22nd, 84 members have pledged a total of \$235,500, and we especially thank those of you who increased your giving to make this possible. We have yet to receive pledges from a few members (you know who you are) and we have a bit more to go to reach the total needed to support our mission and ministry for the year. **If you have not already done so, please make your pledge now so we can plan our budget for the year without having to make program or other cuts.** More details on the budget will be included in the 2013 Annual Report, available beginning February 2nd.

Envelope boxes for all who pledged should have arrived in the mail or been picked up from the church parlor. 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 2014 is \$25.24. 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.

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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
Coordinator
- Romalia Stickney-Shibley, Office Manager
- Ruth Heald, Receptionist & Bell Choir
Director
- Michelle Veazie, Publications
- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton
- Amelia Gallegos, Nursery Attendant

Pancake Breakfast—March 2nd



Close your eyes. Can you smell it? The scent of maple syrup fills the air, and you can almost hear the Lil' Smokies sizzling in the pan. If you can't smell it yet, you will soon—on Sunday, March 2nd! The doors to the Annual Lenten Pancake Breakfast open at 8:30 a.m. (The kitchen closes around 9:30 a.m.). Suggested donation is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 11 and younger, \$15 for families. Children age 2 and younger eat for free. Proceeds will be split between the Youth Reserve Fund and One Great Hour of Sharing. Get 'em while they're hot!

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH.

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 9th. This issue will cover April and May events.

LENT & HOLY WEEK AT ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This year we will share our Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday worship services with Rose City Park United Methodist Church. **Please note that Ash Wednesday will be at Rose City Park Presbyterian and Maundy Thursday will be at Rose City Park United Methodist.**

For three Wednesdays in Lent we are offering a simple supper and worship experience to enhance your Lenten spiritual practice. Please note the time of the simple supper and the worship experiences, and come for one or both. More information will be shared in the Sunday bulletin. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with either Chris Hyde or David Dornack. We pray that you will experience a holy and meaningful Lent in 2014.

Ash Wednesday, March 5th

We begin our Lenten season with communion and the imposition of ashes. This year we will host the service at Rose City Park Presbyterian, joined by our friends at Rose City Park United Methodist Church. Come for a simple supper at 6:45 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will have worship in the sanctuary. The Rev. James Simmons will deliver the evening message.

Wednesday, March 12th

Come for a simple supper at 6:45 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will gather for a brief worship service of reflection for the Lenten season.

Wednesday, March 26th

Come for a simple supper at 6:45 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will have a Lenten service in the Taizé style. Get away from the noise and busyness of the day and center into the quiet reflective mood of Lent.

Wednesday, April 9th

Come for a simple supper at 6:45 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will have a presentation preparing us for the events of Holy Week and a brief worship experience.

Palm & Passion Sunday Worship, April 13th

We end Lent and begin Holy Week with Palm & Passion Sunday. We will have the traditional palm parade, remembering Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, and then in our worship we move into the events of Good Friday and his crucifixion and death. We will dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing and enjoy a performance by the handbell choir on this day. The Rev. Chris Hyde will deliver the morning message.

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 17th

We will come together at Rose City Park United Methodist Church (5830 NE Alameda St.) at 6:45 p.m. for a simple supper and then at 7:30 p.m. move to a service of worship to include communion. We remember that it was on this night that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony of the Lord's Supper. This worship experience will prepare us to celebrate Easter and the Lord's resurrection three days later. Rev. David Dornack and Rev. Chris Hyde will deliver the evening message.

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Join us for a joyful communion worship service as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Enjoy special music featuring our instrumental musicians and Chancel Choir.

Please remember to bring flowers on Easter Sunday to add to our flower-filled cross. Our individual flowers, when put together, make a beautiful addition to our worship service. Just as our Lord told us that we are all parts of One Body, come and see how your single contribution becomes part of the whole cross. The Rev. David Dornack will deliver the Easter message

SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, our gifts to the **2013 Christmas Joy Offering** totaled \$2,297. Your gifts will help sustain programs supporting Presbyterian affiliated racial and ethnic schools as well as offering additional support to clergy and church workers experiencing need through age, infirmity or emergency.

Many children received new toys thanks to your generosity, and that of many people across our community who participated in the KGW Great Toy Drive in December.

2013 gifts to the **Peacemaking Offering** totaled \$2,784. Monies will be dispersed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, our local Peacemaking Mission Partners and other local peacemaking programs in early 2014 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 2013 gifts totaled \$655.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.
(Romans 5:5)

As we approach the Season of Lent, it is also time to plan our gifts to the 2014 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Rooted in the 1949 radio broadcast "One Great Hour" promoting a "sacrificial offering" to provide aid to war-devastated areas in Europe and Asia, the ecumenical One Great Hour of Sharing offering has provided assistance to people in need all over the world ever since. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Presbyterian Church (USA) Director of Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry, Sara Pottschmidt Lisherness, writes this in her invitation to this year's offering:



"Volunteers in blue t-shirts offer their time and talents to rebuild communities impacted by disaster. Immigrants and refugees gain access to land that allows them to grow food and feed their families. Women who have experienced abuse work together to make changes in the social systems that have oppressed them. What do these stories have in common? Hope—because God's love is demonstrated through the generosity of gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

By God's grace, each day is a gift, an opportunity for a new beginning. Through abundant and generous gifts to OGHS, for many years Presbyterians have faithfully heeded God's call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives. Your gift to OGHS is a gift of hope. Your gift allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by natural and human-caused disasters. Your generosity helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally. Your sharing makes it possible for Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people.

As a result of your gifts and the gifts of other congregations across the church, OGHS will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways. Thank you for your longtime support of this offering, as together we are sharing hope that is a witness to God's love for all creation."

OGHS offering envelopes will be in the pews beginning on Sunday, March 9th. We will dedicate our gifts to the offering on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Please consider how your generous gift can help share HOPE across the planet.

ADULT EDUCATION

2013 was another great year for Adult Education at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, thanks to everyone who participated in planning, presenting and attending our education programs. We are blessed to have such a talented, inquisitive and enthusiastic congregation! The year 2014 is off to a great start already, and this trend is sure to continue.

In early February, Adult Education takes a brief break to allow for Communion Sunday and our Annual Congregation Meeting. On **February 16th**, we welcome back Ms. Kat Barnard of PSU's Geology Department so she can complete her presentation on the Geology of Portland. On **February 23rd**, Levi Johnson of the American Red Cross offers an important informational session on disaster preparedness.

March 9th brings the start of an exciting opportunity for families and all ages. During the entire season of Lent, Adult Education sessions will explore C.S. Lewis' beloved fantasy novel, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. The original novel itself and excerpts from the 2005 Disney film adaptation (rated PG) will be presented and discussed. While most of us have read this wonderful story at least once, everyone is encouraged to read the story again in advance of our study series. Used copies are available for purchase at Powell's Books or for loan in the Multnomah County Library system. Let's read together!

SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY

Show your team spirit on Sunday, February 2nd. Bring your favorite game day treat to share and head to the fellowship hall following worship for brat sliders (cooked up by Rick Harlow), snacks and a whoop and holler for your favorite team in the game—Seahawks vs. Broncos. Let the games begin and may the odds be ever in your favor!



ANNUAL CONGREGATION & CORPORATION MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCH

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 9th immediately following worship.

Annual Reports will be available beginning February 2nd if you'd like to read ahead. To sweeten the proceedings, the Outreach Committee will provide ice cream novelties for dessert.

To change it up this year, the Outreach Committee is organizing a potluck lunch. Please bring something—a salad, main dish or other non-dessert item—to share. Ice cream dessert will be provided. All are welcome and all are encouraged to bring a little something!

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 31st 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: _____

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Thanks

Thank you to all my dear friends at church for remembering me when I fell down. I am feeling better.

—Janet Balmer

Many thanks to those who donated new toys to the KGW "Great Toy Drive." RCPPC contributed more than 150 gifts for children and families in need to brighten their Christmas morning. We are blessed to be part of such a generous congregation!

—Tom Hering

Thanks to all my Rose City Park friends for prayers and cards during the holidays, the Searchers ChristCare group's good wishes and the Deacons for the plant which is sitting right where I can see it all day long. The plant is still fresh and beautiful. Thank you all.

—Dorothy Emig

Dear Ones,
How well you know me. There really are no words to say thank you enough for the gifts you gave to me on my retirement. Your generosity astounds me. Thank you for the possibilities that are opened and for the glimpses into your hearts with your choices of books. It has been such an amazing five years and I will be ever thankful that I can continue to worship with all of you, when I can tear myself away from the books. Thank you again. I love you.

—Donavan

Thanks, continued

Transforming the sanctuary and parlor for the Advent/Christmas season requires the time and talent of many members. For at least 35 years, the Hooks & Sinkers mariner group has taken on this project in the sanctuary. My appreciation to Bill & Kathy Wiese, Woody & Rae Richen, Roger & Susan Price, Wayne Knepper and Dave Bell. And thank you to Nancy Boeh, Diane Hanken and Gretchen Johnson for creating a beautiful parlor.

—Linda Knepper

News

I hope all is well at Rose City Park. I have accepted a call as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary, North Carolina. I started here just before Thanksgiving and things have been very busy. I am starting to get settled though, and I am enjoying experiencing another part of the country.

—Amanda Golbek

Directory Information

There are a few directory changes—we are no longer publishing this information online, so if you would like to update your directory, please contact the church office.

New Church Directories will be available beginning on February 9th. If you cannot attend worship but need a directory, please phone or email the church office to make arrangements to receive one.

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Are you looking for some new books to read with a cup of tea in front of a cozy fire? Look no further than our church library! Here are some new titles that are available to check out:

- ☛ *The Red Leather Diary*, by Lily Koppel
- ☛ *The Lemon Tree*, by Sandy Tolan
- ☛ *Dancing with Rose*, by Lauren Kessler
- ☛ *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson
- ☛ *Plants of the Bible*, by Alma & Harold Moldenke
- ☛ *Waking Up in Heaven*, by Crystal McVea
- ☛ *Where'd You Go Bernadette*, by Maria Semple

DEACONS' CORNER

In the two weeks before Christmas, Deacons visited and took holiday plants to 21 individuals in our church family who are unable to attend worship. We believe it is important that these persons know that they are not forgotten, even though their level of activity in the life of our church is markedly reduced. We will make similar visitations and plant presentations during Lent.

Due to a gratifying surge in donations in December, we ended 2013 in excellent financial shape. Our tentative budget for 2014 calls for an increase of \$200 over the year to each of the four non-profit organizations we support. Your generosity is both inspiring and deeply appreciated.

—Dave Bell,
for the Board of Deacons

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Sat. 1st
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Hollywood Farmers Market (HFM)

Sun. 2nd
Souper Bowl of Caring
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Tailgate Party

Tues. 4th
5 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wed. 5th
9:30 a.m. Martha Service Quilt-a-Thon
7 p.m. Worship & Arts Committee

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

Sun. 9th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting with potluck lunch

Tues. 11th
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 12th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee
7 p.m. Everyone Has a Story

Thurs. 13th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 15th
9 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 16th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 17th
Presidents' Day
Office Closed

Tues. 18th
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 19th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina

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

Sun. 23rd
Birthday Sunday
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship

Wed. 26th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening
7 p.m. Everyone Has a Story

Thurs. 27th
6:30 p.m. Taizé worship
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

MARCH

Sat. 1st
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 2nd
8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Coffee fellowship with Kings cake

Tues. 4th
5 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wed. 5th
10 a.m. Martha Service
6:45 p.m. Simple Supper
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship

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

Sun. 9th
Daylight Savings Time begins
First Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Tues. 11th
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 12th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee
6:45 p.m. Simple Supper
7 p.m. Everyone Has a Story
7:30 p.m. Worship

Thurs. 13th
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 15th
9 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 16th
Second Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Tues. 18th
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 19th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina

Thurs. 20th
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 23rd
Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Wed. 26th
1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare
6:45 p.m. Soup Supper
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening
7:30 p.m. Taizé worship

Thurs. 27th
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 30th
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

CLOSURES AND STAFF VACATIONS

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. Regular office hours are Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Office Manager Romalia Stickney-Shibley** will be out of the office March 20th-26th.

SEARCHERS CHRISTCARE

Interested in joining a group for fellowship and learning? Just put us on your calendar for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in February and March. We are continuing our study of faith and contemporary literature. Please contact David Dornack if you have any questions.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP

In February, our Taizé worship will be held on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. **Note the change of day.** In March, Taizé worship will follow the Lenten supper on March 26th at 7:30 p.m.

READING TOGETHER

"I find television very educational. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book." —Groucho Marx

'Tis the season for reading, even more now than any other time of the year. While the days are short, dark, and wet, it's the perfect time to snuggle up with a mug of something warm to drink and a book to read.

We invite you to join our book groups; they are open to joining any time! Come meet with others from the church in thought-provoking discussions about the wide variety of books we read.

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

- **February 19th:** *World War Z* by Max Brooks
- **March 19th:** *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor
- **April 16th:** *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles

The **Reading in the Evening** book group is now meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. The group read and discussed *Light Between the Oceans* by M. L. Stedman in January, and has not yet decided books for February or March meetings. The January meeting was held in the Robertsons' home—meetings will continue to occur outside of the church in members' homes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doug or Cindy Robertson at 503-235-9101. Everybody is welcome! Upcoming dates are **February 26th** and **March 26th**.



HELP TIE THE KNOT— A QUILT-A-THON

We're not talking about relationship commitment here, but how you can help provide a cozy, handmade quilt for someone in need.

Join the Martha Service Quilt-a-Thon on Wednesday, February 5th anytime after 9:30 am. If you can tie a knot then you can help us complete a record number of quilts in one day. Come for a few minutes or a few hours. Bring your lunch and plan on a good time for a good cause.

Recently Martha Service donated 11 quilts to Transitions Project. Their mission is "to serve people's needs as they transition from homelessness to housing."

Quilt tops, backs and batting will be stacked and ready for you to "tie" together. See you Feb 5th at the Quilt-a-Thon!

Questions? Call any of these regular members: Phyllis Buttke, Kathy Conklin, Charlotte Matthews, Bobbi Munson, or Cindy Robertson.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Beginning last year, members and friends gathered to share the stories of their lives—funny, meaningful, sad; after all, everyone has a story to tell. We've had two lovely meetings already this year; join us for our February and March meetings at 7 p.m. in the church library. Have a cookie and cup of tea, listen to wonderful stories, and leave with a warm heart.

Our upcoming meetings are **February 12th and 26th**, and **March 12th**. Enter through the ramp doors.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Looking forward to the Super Bowl? Well, how about the Souper Bowl of Caring? On **February 2nd**, we will be running the Souper Bowl of Caring food drive. This is a great opportunity for you to help the needy with your donation of canned and non-perishable food. A new study shows 16 million children are at risk of hunger, and there is no better time to then now to help with this growing problem. There will be designated areas to receive your donation in the lower narthex. Please help us tackle hunger with your generous donation.