

The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

Summer 2014



WORDS FROM DAVID

I have a picture in my childhood photo album of me sitting on my Grandma Humburg's lap. It was taken on a beautiful Minnesota summer day. She is wearing a beautiful purple dress. Grandma was a typical farm wife. The dress was probably from the Sears catalog and among her two or three "church" dresses.

The occasion was the Wise family reunion—a huge gathering with my cousins, a hoard of other children, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. My relatives were farmers, and the picnic tables were overflowing with fried chicken, potato and macaroni salad and, for dessert, all types of sugary delights.

I'm fond of the memories and my Midwest "Norman Rockwell" childhood.

Thinking about it, the church on a Sunday morning is a family reunion of sorts, where all ages are recognized and take a part. My trip down nostalgia lane is a preface to thoughts from our Christian Education Committee (at right). The committee has been meeting for months to discern where the Holy Spirit is taking us at Rose City Park Presbyterian in terms of educating our children in the faith.

My youngest son, Drew, likes to take his family to those special places of his childhood. Recently, they made a 3-hour trek to a Pizza Hut in Ida Grove, Iowa. The building is situated next to a small lake where he liked to feed the ducks as a child. Drew says, "I like to make memories for my kids." So, I encourage you to adopt his attitude and make memories for our kids in this congregation. Enjoy your summer and make some memories!

*Blessings,
David*



INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

As most of you know, the Christian Education Committee has been working extensively over the past few months to figure out the best solution for the education of our children. You may have noticed that the children have been staying in the worship service for the past month, and that is because we have decided to work with the Worship & the Arts Committee to move towards having a more intergenerational worship experience.

As we learned about the trends of children and teens that grew up in mainline churches but then became disconnected from church as young adults, we knew we didn't want this to happen to our children and to yours. We also wanted to provide a way for the children to deepen their roots and understanding as to what mainline worship is all about. Realizing that attending worship services is actually an act of spiritual formation, we began to realize this would probably be the best thing we could do for our children and our church. And with many other mainline churches beginning to move in this direction, we realize we are on the cutting edge of a new direction in ministry to/with children.

Our long-term plans are to work collaboratively with the staff and the Worship & the Arts Committee to make changes to our worship service that will make it more inclusive of worshippers of all ages. So don't be surprised when you begin to see us experimenting with songs, teaching styles, and other interactive approaches that will seek to engage people of all ages in new ways. We also look forward to children and youth serving more in our worship services. There will be a lot of experimenting as we figure out what works the best, so we ask for your patience during the process. Our hope and prayer is that you will see the positive outcomes that will come in the long run as our children and youth become more active participants in our church community.

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ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

New Babies in our Church Family

Roselyn Lee Field was born on May 5th. Parents are Tori and Greg Field, grandparents are Ray and Kris Amling.

With Sympathy

Sally Haggart died on April 8th. Services were held on May 3rd at RCPCC. Rev. David Dornack officiated.

Howard Postlewaite (father of Kris Amling) died on May 9th. Services were held for the family at RCPCC with Rev. David Dornack officiating.

Graduates

Mary Thoma will graduate from Lincoln High School on June 2nd, 2014. She had a terrific experience there, with activities including a full IB course load and participation in student government and the dance, mock trial and lacrosse teams. She is looking forward to attending University of San Diego in the fall.

Kris Reinhardt graduated from Columbia University in NYC on May 22nd. She received a Masters of Public Administration in Development Practice from the School of International Public Affairs.

Address Changes

Please contact the church office for address changes—we are no longer posting the information online!

Thank you

Thank you to all the people that attended Millie's memorial service. I know for many it took a second or third generation of family to get some of our friends there from foster homes and assisted living places. It was good to see so many of you, and as Millie would want it—it was a happy, rejoicing time. I also appreciate all the cards everyone sent. Thank you for being there.

—Stan Wheeler

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

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Will there be some disruptions due to noisy kids? Probably. Will kids put their feet up in the pews and move around more than some of us would like? It's likely. Will mistakes be made and things not go perfectly in the worship services? Most definitely. But that is part of growing together as a church family. We get to deal with things being messy at times as we learn to value and honor the participation of everyone in the church community...including children and youth.

Let's embrace the future and work together to equip our children and youth to be active members of our church!

—Chris Hyde, for the
Christian Education
Committee



THE *Inter*
GENERATIONAL
CHURCH

THE DEACONS' CORNER

During the two weeks before Easter, Deacons delivered exactly 20 table-sized azalea plants to individuals in our church family who are unable to attend our church activities. Using funds from our Lenten memory/honor donations, we will make Advent plant deliveries next December as well.

The Board has recognized that our congregation has not done well in maintaining engagement with our older youth who have graduated high school and are now in the work force or are continuing their education. We clearly need to do better. We are seriously looking at ways to address this short-coming. Ideas under consideration have included the provision of gift cards for birthdays and/or final exams and having a summer after-worship coffee hour devoted to the young adults describing their activities. We welcome any and all suggestions.

—Dave Bell for the Board of Deacons

GOODBYE TO CHRIS EDWARDS

The congregation said “goodbye” and “thank you” to Chris Edwards at a party during coffee fellowship time following worship on May 18th. It doesn’t seem that long ago, but we hired Chris nearly two years ago. His interview took place just hours prior to the birth of Chris and Whitney’s daughter Emmeline. I remember him being so calm, composed and engaged during the interview that I would never have guessed he was about to become a father for the first time. That favorable impression was reinforced when he auditioned with the choir a short time later. There was no doubt that he was the right person for us.

Chris has been completing his Masters Degree in Choral Conducting at Portland State University, and for us that culminated in our choir singing Antonio Vivaldi’s *Gloria* during worship on Mother’s Day. We were joined by instrumental musicians and some vocal soloists from PSU. At the party, people talked about things Chris did to prepare for the choir to sing this major work and how this was a continuation of things he did throughout his time with us: the importance of warming up, correct use of the breath and formation of vowels, how we can enhance worship by understanding how the music and the text work together and how getting the little things right can really make a difference. This has been a wonderful growing experience for the choir and there is much more we could have learned from Chris.

But that was not to be. Last summer, Chris’ wife, Whitney, was recruited to be the Rector of Christ & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport, CN. That was a call they could not ignore, and so the Edwards family will be sharing their many gifts on the east coast. Our congregation and especially our choir have been enriched by their time with us. We wish them God Speed. —Woody Richen, for the Personnel Committee

SUMMER GIVING



Summer is the perfect time for a long, relaxing vacation or a weekend at the beach, but it also means a time of exciting events and developments at your church home.

This summer, the church staff will be busily putting the finishing touches on a website makeover, the Building & Grounds Committee will continue with the renovations at the “house next door” as the re-roofing and exterior painting move forward, the Personnel Committee will continue its work to secure a new director to lead the Chancel Choir, the second Block Party will fill the parking lot with fun on August 10th, the men will plan their fall retreat at Menucha, and the building will continue to bustle with the business of our building partners. All of this activity and planning requires on-going financial support. Please remember to keep your pledge to the church current during the summer. Thank you to a very generous congregation!

THE NE ECUMENICAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join children from five congregations June 23rd-26th from 9 a.m. until noon for Vacation Bible School! It will be held at:

Rose City Park Methodist Church
5830 NE Alameda
(503) 281-1229

Please call the number listed above to sign your children up for this fun week-long event!

Theme: Jungle Safari—let’s explore the Nature of God!

For: Children ages 4 (by September 1, 2013) and children entering kindergarten through sixth grade.

What: Four days filled with fun, learning Bible stories, making new friends, doing fun crafts and activities, singing and joyful worship.

How Much: \$20 per child or \$40 per family (Scholarships available).

Sponsored by:

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Madeline Catholic Church
Westminster Presbyterian
Central Lutheran
Rose City Park Methodist
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CALENDAR

JUNE

Sun. 1st
10 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Deacons' meeting

Wed. 4th
1 p.m. Junior Rose Festival
Parade on Sandy Blvd.

Sat. 7th
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
8 a.m.-1 p.m. Hollywood
Farmers Market (HFM)

Sun. 8th
Pentecost Sunday
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11 a.m. Ice Cream Social

Wed. 11th
10 a.m. Martha Service

Sat. 14th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 15th
10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 17th
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 18th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina

Fri. 20th & Sat. 21st
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Habitat for
Humanity Build Days

Sat. 21st
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 22nd
10 a.m. Worship
11:30 Worship & Arts
Committee

Wed. 25th
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening
@ the Robertson's

Sat. 28th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 29th
10 a.m. Worship

JULY

Sat. 5th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 6th
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Sat. 12th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 13th
10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 15th
No Session meeting

Wed. 16th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina

Sun. 20th
10 a.m. Worship

Sat. 26th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 27th
10 a.m. Worship

Wed. 30th
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening
(TBD)

AUGUST

Sat. 2nd
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 3rd
10 a.m. Communion Worship

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

Sun. 10th
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. All-Congregation
Block Party

Sat. 16th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 17th
10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 19th
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 20th
1 p.m. Lectio Divina

Sat. 23rd
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 24th
10 a.m. Worship

Wed. 27th
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening
TBD

Sat. 30th
8 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 31st
10 a.m. Worship

STAFF VACATIONS

- Office Manager Romalia Stickney-Shibley will be out of the office on June 16th.
- Rev. David Dornack will be away July 18th-22nd.

FIRE AND ICE SUNDAY

Celebrate Pentecost with us on Sunday, June 8th! Welcome the Holy Spirit and celebrate the birth of the Christian Church as we recall the events of Acts 2:1-21. The sanctuary will be filled with Pentecost flames—wear red, orange or yellow to carry on the theme. Then, in the fellowship hall immediately following worship, we will cool our fervor (and our palates) with the Annual Ice Cream Sunday Social, hosted by the Dinghy Mariners.

PORTLAND PRIDE PARADE

On June 15th, RCPPC will have a group of people marching in Portland's Pride parade. This is a great opportunity to let the LGBT community know that they are welcome at our church. We invite everyone in the church to march with us. For more information, please contact Chris Hyde at the church office.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The church will participate in two build days, Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Location will be at SE 171st and Division—it will be Oregon's largest ever Habitat for Humanity project. Children aged 16 and older may participate with parent involvement. Talk to Tom Hering or phone the church office for more information.

SEARCHERS CHRISTCARE

Searcher's concluded their year with a luncheon at Russellville on May 28th. We enjoyed a time of reflection about our past year, laughter and plans about summer travels and time with family and friends. We will start up again in late September for more study and to share "What I Did On My Summer Vacation." Enjoy the beauty of God's creation and each other!

READING TOGETHER

"It is what you read when you don't have to that determines what you will be when you can't help it."

—Oscar Wilde

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. Sometimes we like the book...and sometimes we don't. Sometimes the books challenge us deeply. Sometimes they spark ideas we never would have considered. Often, we are whisked away into a land or time that is completely "other" than our current experience. Thus, we are changed. Nothing changes a person like reading a book, and discussing that book with others is usually a great joy!

Lectio Divina meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00-2:30 in the chapel. Upcoming dates and books:

- **June 18th:** World Made by Hand by James Joward Kunstler
- **July 16th:** The Worst Hard Time by Timothy Egan AND The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- **August 20th:** The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Reading in the meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at member's homes. Upcoming dates and books:

- **June 25th:** The Monuments Men by Robert Edsel, at the Robertsons

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle will be having their end of the year salad potluck on June 10th at 6:30 p.m. This year, we've been meeting with women from Kenilworth Presbyterian Church and the potluck will be held at their church: **4028 SE 34th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202**. All women who have previously attending, or any women who may be interested in Sarah Circle are invited to attend. We'll meet at 6:15 p.m. in the RCPPC parking lot to carpool, or you may meet us at Kenilworth. Bring a salad or just come for food and fellowship.

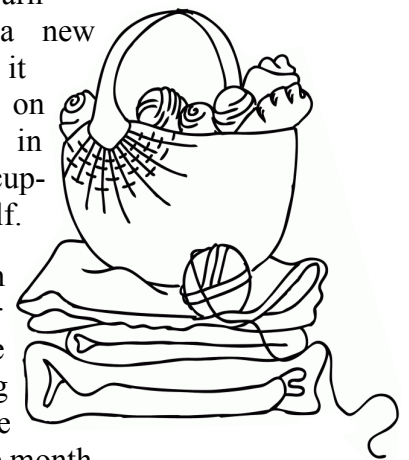
MARTHA SERVICE

Twenty-three people—women and men, young and not-so-young, joined Martha Service for their first quilt-a-thon in February. Twenty quilts were completed for donation to SnowCap and Community Warehouse. Thank you all! Watch the Sunday bulletin for word of another quilting blitz this fall. It was just too much fun not to do it again.

A huge thanks to the anonymous fabric fairies who have left yardage for our group. It's inspirational to have such a good stash to work from. Cotton fabric, ¼ yard or larger, is always needed. We can also use clean blankets and sheets that you no longer need for quilt backs and filler.

We have a variety of yarn that's looking for a new home. If you don't see it at coffee fellowship on Sunday look for it in room 8 on top of the cupboard and help yourself.

We'll meet again on June 11th as the Junior Rose Festival Parade is happening during our regular time, the first Wednesday of the month.



NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Looking for a book to read with a refreshing glass of lemonade while enjoying the sun? Check out one of these new titles that have been recently added to our church library.

- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
- The Wright 3 by Blue Balliett
- Something More by Catherine Marshall
- What Would Jesus Do? by Garrett W. Sheldon
- Your Best Life Now by Joel Olsteen
- Caring and Commitment by Lewis B. Smedes
- Love is Always Right by Josh McDowell & Norm Geisler

THE DEACONS' STUDENT AID FUND

It is the month of June, and many of us think about the end of another school year and of graduations. What better time to kick-off the RCPPC Student Aid Fund Drive than this month. We have a proud, long-standing commitment to education programs here, and the Board of Deacons provides gifts to congregants interested in pursuing higher education at a university, college or trade school through the Deacons' Student Aid Fund. A recent *Broadcaster* article and a Sunday bulletin insert note have highlighted the Board's concern about how to sustain its commitment to this activity into the future.



Fortunately, an anonymous church member shares this education-vision and has come forward and offered to make the following challenge to RCPPC: this donor will match all donations we as a congregation make to the Student Aid Fund up to \$10,000. Wow! Just imagine—if this congregation were to donate \$10,000, then a \$10,000 matching amount from the donor would total \$20,000 in the Student Aid Fund, putting the Fund on solid financial footing for many years to come. This matching challenge will continue throughout this summer.

If you wish to make a donation, clearly mark your check or cash for the Deacons' Student Aid Fund. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! Remember, the challenge only lasts through the summer months. Through our donations we can help ensure that the Board of Deacons is able to continue its education ministry to our church family. We will be able to help support the future higher education needs of the youngest children in our midst today. Thank you very much for your consideration of this challenge plea.

—Jeremy Shibley, Deacons' Treasurer

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Each spring, the congregation elects Elders and Deacons to carry out the business of the church. On May 18th, a new slated of officers were installed to join those continuing their terms of service on the church boards.

New or renewing their service on the Board of Deacons are: Mike Backstrom, Nancy Boeh, Linda Knep- per, Bobbi Munson, Susan Price, and Katie Zalin. They join continuing Deacons David Bell, Sharon Cousi- neau, Donia Groff, Nat Kerr, Bobby Roberts, and Jeremy Shibley.

New or renewing their service as Elders on the Session are: Ray Amling, Cynthia Church, Becky Duncan, Karin Novitsky, Steve Sechrist, and John Thoma. They join continuing Elders Tom Hering, Jim Munson, Tom Munson, Kelly O'Hanley, Woody Richen, and Tommy Roberts.

And let us not forget to thank the Elders and Deacons who have faithfully completed their terms of service to our church:

- ✎ Peter Bilotta and Steve Smith retire after serving six years on the Session, and Amy Lawrence and Bill Wiese retire after service three-year terms.
- ✎ Karen Balmer and Judy Robinson deserve a break after fulfilling six years of service on the Board of Deacons, and Diane Hanken, Peggie Irvine-Page, and Heather Leek retire after serving three-year terms.

Thank you to all of these officers who have ably and gracefull led and servced this congregation for the past several years.

WEBSITE MAKEOVER

The winds of change continue to blow through RCPPC—the church staff is excited to announce the unveiling of a brand-new church website by fall of 2014! Originally designed in 2006, the old church website functioned as an important first step into an increasingly internet-dominated world of information and communication. Nearly eight years later, the church office staff is teaming up once again with Visual People, a creative services firm who designed our website and has since provided technical support, to revisit, revise, and revamp the RCPPC webpage to improve our overall web presence.

After receiving a compelling proposal from members of the office staff, the Session approved funds to do a complete website “remodel,” so to speak. The website makeover will be multi-faceted—Visual People will assist the office staff in updating the visual presentation of the website including a complete redesign of the main home page and all internal webpages, adding new buttons and links, and possibly even changing the color scheme. The church staff is working hard to update previous web content about our worship services, history, news and events, fellowship groups, and building partners, while also adding helpful information about weddings, baptisms, and memorial services. The office hopes to create a website that is functional for anyone: congregants who regularly worship here, visitors who have attend one of our services and are interested in learning more, or people who are searching for a church to visit. For further functionality, the new website will feature “responsive design,” meaning it will display equally well on all web-browsing devices from iPhones to desktops.

Another important component of this process is updating the photos displayed on the website. In order to get some current pictures, you may notice staff members and other individuals with cameras documenting various aspects of church life. If you wish to opt out of having photos of you or your minor child displayed on the website, please fill out the “Opt Out” form, available in the church office.

As we continue to change and grow as a congregation, it is important for our church website to evolve with us. The website makeover is a great opportunity for us to increase our web presence by keeping current members up-to-date on church life and reaching out to visitors seeking a church home.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

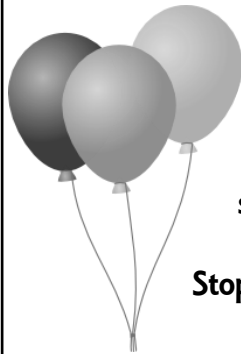
9:30 am nursery: Birth—3 years
10:20 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

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- David C. Dornack, Pastor
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- Christopher Edwards, Chancel Choir
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

ALL-CONGREGATION BLOCK PARTY

Join us after worship in the parking lot on Sunday, August 10th
for our second annual Block
Party! We'll have grilled food,
fun games, and entertainment
for kids and adults alike on the
shady side of the church building.



Stop by for some late-summer festivities
in the Hollywood neighborhood!

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH.

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, August 17th. This issue will cover September & October.