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ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CENTERING PRAYER—A LENTEN JOURNEY

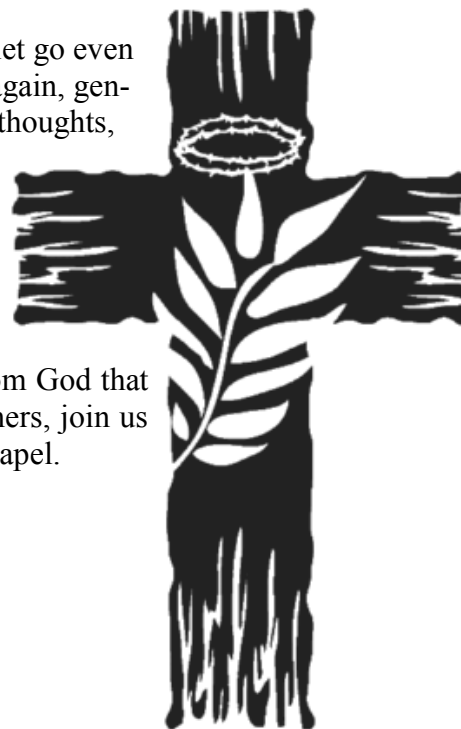
A new couple dropped into our Contemplative Spirituality group recently after reading about it on the church website. After joining the group in the practice of Centering Prayer, the husband said, “The older I get the more I have found that I appreciate silence.” I wholeheartedly agreed!

In mid-February, we begin Lent, the church season when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside a period of time (40 days) for reflection on Jesus Christ and what he means to our lives.

May I suggest a spiritual discipline to be used during Lent? Consider joining me in a daily practice of Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is the practice of silencing your mind and heart so as to be fully present to God. Much like meditation, Centering Prayer will calm your spirit, provide more peace in your life and give an opportunity for the love of God to be poured into your heart.

It might seem that the only instruction necessary for Centering Prayer is “be silent,” but there is an actual method to the practice. Here are some general steps found in Tony Jones’ book, *The Sacred Way* (pg. 74).

- Set a timer for 20 minutes. As you sit comfortably with your eyes closed, let yourself settle down. Let go of all thoughts...and begin to rest in the love of God who dwells within.
- Choose a word, the symbol of your intention to surrender to God’s presence. The word should just be a syllable or two. Begin to breathe deeply and say the word in your mind.
- When you become aware of thoughts, take this as your signal to gently return to the word, the symbol of your intention to let go and rest in God’s presence.
- If thoughts subside and you find yourself restfully aware, simply let go even of the word. Just be in that stillness. When thoughts begin to stir again, gently return to the word. Use the one word as your only response to thoughts, questions, or anxieties that arise in your mind.
- At the end of the 20 minute “prayer” time, take a couple of minutes to come out of the silence. Sit quietly and thank God for God’s presence and love in the silence.



My personal goal for Lent is to do this practice daily. May I encourage you to try this practice and to experience the peace and centeredness from God that it provides? And if you’d like to try this practice in community with others, join us for the Contemplative Spirituality group at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in the chapel.

May your Lenten journey draw you closer to Christ!

*Chris*  
Chris Hyde

# ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

## WEDDINGS

**Chris Hyde** and **Malcolm Strand** on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Portland.

**Kristina Reinhardt** and **Robert Stoumos** on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at RCPPC with David Dornack officiating. The couple will make their home in Connecticut and Rome. Parents are Linda and Jerry Reinhardt.

## WITH SYMPATHY

**John “Doc” Watson** died on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Portland, OR. Services were held on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Any address changes will be published in the new church directory. Pick up your copy beginning Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to submit any recent address changes.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to the Hooks & Sinkers Mariner Group—Dave Bell, Wayne Knepper, Roger & Susan Price, Woody & Rae Richen, Bill & Kathy Wiese who get together every December (and have done so for many, many years) to decorate the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas. They are indeed a very talented group. Also appreciation to Marette Whitney for window arrangements.

—Linda Knepper

Diane Hanken, Nancy Boeh and Gretchen Johnson combined their talents to decorate the parlor for Advent/Christmas. My appreciation for sharing their artistic touch and time.

—Linda Knepper

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## THE DEACONS' CORNER

During Advent, the Deacons delivered 17 table-size poinsettias to members of our church family who are unable to attend worship and other church activities.

Here is the third installment of profiles featuring young adults who grew up in our church family:

**Thomas Emery** worked in Texas for two years and then returned to Oregon where he studied a variety of disciplines at several institutions of higher education before ending up at Oregon State University. He is scheduled to graduate at the end of next summer with a degree in computer science. He is currently working part-time at OSU for E-Campus preparing visuals for professors to use in their classes. He lives in an apartment in Corvallis with his cat.

**Sarah (Emery) Bradham** graduated from Oregon State University in 2011 with a degree in Health and Fitness. She is employed by the State of Oregon at OSU working for E-Campus in a position she held part-time as a student. She and Matt, her husband of three years (an OSU graduate in computer science who also works at OSU) reside in Albany.

**Kristina (Kris) Reinhardt** graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle in 2010 with a degree in Medical Anthropology. In 2012 she earned a Master's degree from Columbia University in New York in Developmental Practice specializing in nutrition and health. She then spent nine months in Tanzania supporting the United Nations' efforts in the REACH program working to catalyze nutrition action and strengthen governance at the country level. She is currently living in Rome and working for the UN supporting multiple countries throughout sub-Saharan Africa and SE Asia. She was married on December 29<sup>th</sup> at RCPPC to Bobby Stoumes.

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year's controversial One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering campaign poster featured a picture of a girl—she is perhaps nine years old. The shocking words in large print announce: "Needs help with her drinking problem." In smaller letters tucked behind her hip is the punch line "She can't find water."

Sensational? Definitely. Offensive? Perhaps. But it surely caught our attention. And so it should. Across the world, millions of people have no source of hydration or travel miles each day to retrieve clean water. Many of you will not see that version of the campaign poster. Having been decried as offensive, it is being altered as this newsletter goes to press. But what cannot be changed by a revised ad campaign is the overwhelming need for clean water, adequate food or disaster assistance.

Our gifts to OGHS provide the funding base for three significant aid programs: The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We support these programs that work to provide those in need with safe water and food, relief for those affected by crises and catastrophic events, and the tools necessary to improve their lives.

Giving to the OGHS offering is a time-honored tradition. 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 (including North America) ever since. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance and development aid.



Last year our gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering for our Board of Deacons and Christmas Joy Offering for both retired church workers and Presbyterian Racial/Ethnic Schools were very generous indeed. This Lenten season, let's see if we can surprise ourselves with our generosity to help those who struggle across the globe without adequate food, drinking water or resources to build a sustainable life.

OGHS offering envelopes will be in the pews beginning on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will dedicate our gifts to the offering on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please consider how you can help a problem so basic to life as a young girl with no clean water to drink.

### YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements reflecting giving for 2014 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.

### 2015 PLEDGING & PER CAPITA

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the church for 2015. As of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 80 member families have pledged a total of \$229,188, and we especially thank those of you who have newly pledged or who have increased your giving to make this possible. More details on the budget will be included in the 2014 Annual Report, available beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **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 2015 is \$27.96. 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.

# CALENDAR

## February

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

### Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Martha Service  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

### Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. Worship & the Arts  
Committee  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:10 a.m. Annual Meeting w/  
Potluck lunch

### Tues. 10<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

### Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare  
4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds  
Committee  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

### Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:20 a.m. Adult Education  
12 p.m. Deacons meeting

### Mon. 16<sup>th</sup>

*Presidents' Day*  
*Church Office Closed*

### Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
7 p.m. Session meeting

### Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>

*Ash Wednesday*  
1 p.m. Reading in the  
Afternoon  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults  
6:30 p.m. Soup supper  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir  
7:30 p.m. Communion  
Worship

### Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Birthdays Sunday*  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Communion Worship  
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

### Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

### Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults  
7 p.m. Taizé

### Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## March

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup>

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
9 a.m. Handbell Choir  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Communion Worship  
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

### Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

### Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Martha Service  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

### Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup>

4:30 p.m. Worship & the Arts  
Committee  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup>

*Third Sunday in Lent*  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Communion Worship  
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

### Tues. 10<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

### Wed. 11<sup>th</sup>

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare  
4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds  
Committee  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

### Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sun. 15<sup>th</sup>

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Communion Worship  
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

### Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
7 p.m. Session meeting

### Wed. 18<sup>th</sup>

1 p.m. Reading in the  
Afternoon  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

### Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
10 a.m. Communion Worship  
11:20 a.m. Adult Education

### Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

### Wed. 25<sup>th</sup>

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults  
7 p.m. Taizé

### Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup>

*Sixth Sunday in Lent*  
*Palm/Passion Sunday*  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship

### Tues. 31<sup>st</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

## THE DEACONS' CORNER, CONTINUED

**Jordan Shibley** earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Lewis and Clark College in 2009. After working for Lab/Cor, an analytical laboratory, both before and after graduation, he returned to school and earned a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Portland State University in 2013. He currently works as radar systems engineer for MIT Lincoln Laboratory in Lexington, Massachusetts. He lives in Watertown, MA.

**Grace (Shibley) Andrews** has been a professional ballet dancer for eight years, having danced in many cities including New York, Washington, D.C., Paris, and Seoul, South Korea. After a one year apprenticeship at the Oregon Ballet Theatre, she spent the next six years as a company artist. For the past 18 months, she has been a member of the Corps de Ballet of the San Francisco Ballet. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts through a program at St. Mary's College in San Francisco designed for full-time professional dancers. She resides in San Francisco with her husband, Paul, whom she married in 2013.

—Dave Bell for the Board of Deacons

### SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, our gifts to the 2014 Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$3,421. 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.

2014 gifts to the Peacemaking Offering totaled \$2,700. Monies will be dispersed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, our local Peacemaking Mission Partners and other local peacemaking programs in early 2015.

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 2014 gifts totaled \$1,150.

### USHERING NOTE

In order to better serve our members and especially visitors, our ushers will be following a new procedure in providing the worship bulletins each Sunday. This change became effective on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Ushers will now be stationed outside the main sanctuary doors and the parlor entrance to the sanctuary. These locations will allow them to meet, greet and answer questions of our visitors and then to offer an escort to a seating area. We encourage your support of this change and hope our visitors are left with an impression of welcome.

### DEACONS' EASTER GIVING

The Deacons' Flower Fund is flush with previous years' donations, allowing the deacons to deliver Easter flowers to our members on the visitation ministry without any additional donations from the congregation. This Easter the Board of Deacons invites congregants to honor loved ones by making a donation to the Deacons' General Fund. This will better allow us to meet our budgeted Deacons' benevolence giving to four charities for 2015 *and* allow us to add to the Ride-to-Church Fund as needed.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Starting in January, the Adult Education classes will tackle some topics that relate to events going on right now in our country. The plan is to present a topic (or a movie) and then follow it up with a discussion. These topics are sensitive and require prayerful consideration on how our community and country is dealing with issues of gun control, police involvement, racial relations, and bullying. The final Sunday (March 22<sup>nd</sup>) we hope to tie it all together with a discussion about how scripture can help to give us hope and understanding on what God's plan is for us in dealing with these topics.

- **January 25<sup>th</sup>**—*The Trigger* is a one hour documentary on the ripple effect that one shooting has on a survivor, family, community, and society. Visit <http://triggerdoc.com> for more information.
- **February 1<sup>st</sup>**—Follow-up discussion about *The Trigger* led by Chris Hyde.
- **February 15<sup>th</sup>**—Guest speaker, Tom McGranahan, Portland Police Officer, will lead a discussion about police shootings and statistics in Portland.
- **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**—Guest speaker, Judith Mowry, will lead a discussion about racial relations.
- **March 1<sup>st</sup>**—Part 1 of a film about bullying. A movie that is shown in Portland Public Schools about a topic that pertains to both children and adults.
- **March 8<sup>th</sup>**—Film about bullying, part 2.
- **March 15<sup>th</sup>**—Discussion about bullying lead by Bob McGranahan. All teachers past and present are welcome to join in if you've seen the DVD.
- **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**—Final discussion about scripture related to the above topics. "What give us hope?"

We hope you will take the time during Lent to join us each Sunday starting at 11:20 a.m. in the chapel. We realize that some sessions may run over an hour, but we feel it will be time well spent on some very important topics.

## HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

The project is done! Please feel free to look around the yard. Over a year ago, we began the process of renovating. In that time, we have:

- Completely painted the interior
- Updated the kitchen flooring, counter tops and backsplash and installed a small dishwasher
- Replaced the flooring in the bathroom
- Refinished the hardwood floors in the living room, hallway and bedrooms
- Installed a new water heater
- Fixed/updated wiring and smoke detectors
- Replaced the roof and the gutters and installed a drywell for run off
- Mitigated the lead paint exterior and repainted
- Landscaped the entire yard including fencing and security lighting



We contracted with a property management company to assist us in renting and acting on our behalf with the renters. We have had renters in the house since March of 2014. The rent not only pays for the loan which the congregation approved, but is also contributing \$1000 per month to the annual budget income. The house is rented but NOT the yard. The newly landscaped backyard was designed to allow church functions and activities to be held outdoors and in close proximity to the church. Thank you for your support!

—Building & Grounds Committee

# LENT & HOLY WEEK AT ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

We begin our Lenten season with communion and the imposition of ashes. We will continue our ecumenical partnership with Rose City Park United Methodist Church, who will join us for the evening. Come for a simple soup supper at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., we will have worship in the sanctuary when the Rev. David Dornack will share the message. This is an opportunity to welcome guests to our fellowship and worship as we share a meal and pew seating with newcomers. Enter at the main doors at NE 44<sup>th</sup> and Sandy Boulevard; doors open at 6:15 p.m. for dinner.

## Taizé Worship, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Gather in the chapel at 7 p.m. for this meditative service in the style of the Taizé community in France. Enter at the ramp doors under the “Office” awning.

## Palm & Passion Sunday Worship, March 29<sup>th</sup>

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 on this day. The Rev. Chris Hyde will deliver the morning message.

## Maundy Thursday Worship, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

We will come together at Rose City Park United Methodist Church (5830 NE Alameda St.) for our evening service of worship. Watch the church bulletin for more information on worship time. 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. RCPUM pastoral staff will preach.

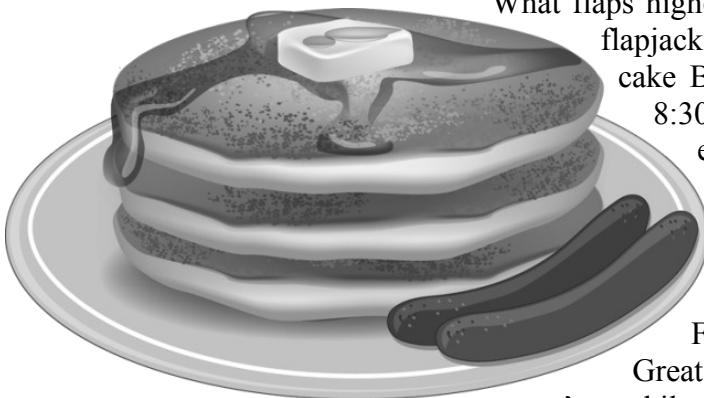
## Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

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.

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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST—FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>



What flaps higher than a hawk on the wing? Why, the light and tender flapjacks served up by our youth and adults at the annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>! The doors open at 8:30 a.m. (the kitchen closes around 9:30 a.m.) and you can enjoy hot pancakes, sizzlin’ *Li’l Smokies* served up with all the necessary sides and toppings. 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 to support youth mission and activities, and One Great Hour of Sharing. Bring your friends and relations and get ’em while they’re hot!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

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

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## Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.

Annual Reports will be available beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> if you'd like to read ahead. To sweeten the proceedings, the Outreach Committee will provide ice cream novelties for dessert.

The Outreach Committee is organizing a potluck lunch. Please bring something homemade or store-bought—a salad, an appetizer, main dish or side dish to share for the lunch. No need to bring a dessert as ice cream will be provided. All are welcome and all are encouraged to bring a little something!

### **NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via e-mail to Michelle at [michelle@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:michelle@rosecityparkpres.org), or by mail and must be in the church office **by noon on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. This issue will cover April and May events.