

# The Broadcaster

ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2015



## FARE THEE WELL

“Goodbye. Farewell. See you later.” I’ve always hated saying goodbye. It’s one of those uncomfortable parts of life that no one really wants to deal with. That’s especially true when parting is on good terms. When everyone is happy, why make a change that involves leaving?

For those who haven’t been in service and haven’t heard the news, I’ve accepted the call to be the Interim Pastor at Hillsdale Community Church, United Church of Christ. I start in that position on October 26<sup>th</sup>, so by the time you read this, I’ll already be there. When I was hired at RCPCC, it was with the understanding that my time here would be temporary (1-2 years) as I finished my ordination process with the United Church of Christ. My ordination was approved in July and I then began the process of applying for positions. I never dreamed that my first “gig” with the United Church of Christ would be as an interim pastor, but I’ve learned over the years that God has different plans than I. It is with bittersweet feelings that I leave RCPCC for my next step in ministry.



I want to thank all of you for the pleasure of getting to know you, being a part of your lives, and being able to use my gifts at this church. When I came on staff, I was quite wounded from my “escape” from evangelicalism and two years of working in a very difficult position in the funeral industry. Coming on staff here rekindled my heart for ministry, affirmed my call, and allowed me to do “what I do” with a great deal of joy. I felt at home very quickly and have appreciated the love and support that I’ve received here. You have all been a part of my healing and my restoration to ministry. Because of my time here at RCPCC, I now feel ready to take on the role of senior pastor and to lead out of the gifts and overflow of my heart. Special thanks go to David Dornack, who became a friend during my transition out of evangelicalism. He saw potential in me and pursued me for this position when it became vacant. His friendship and the opportunity for this position at RCPCC gave me just what I needed to get back on my feet and to be ready for what God has

in store for me. Thanks to everyone for making this part of my journey such a special one.

I’ll still be living “in the neighborhood” –I do hope to be able to drop by from time to time to say “hello.” Anyone that would like to, may contact me: my email is [pastorchrispx@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchrispx@gmail.com). I wish you all the very best, and again, I am so thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of this church for the past two years. You have all been a wonderful church family and I will miss being with you.

With love and blessings for the future,

*Chris Hyde*

# ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Please contact the church office for recent address changes for members of our congregation.

## WITH THANKS

Bill and I would like to thank all of our church family for their prayers and support during my surgery and recovery. The cards and phone calls were a very welcome addition to my long days in the hospital, and visits from the pastors made my stay a little better! Also a big thanks to the church office and Romalia for getting Bill fixed up with home equipment to make my transition that much easier. Thanks again so much for everything!

— Bill and Becky Duncan

Thank you for your cards, good thoughts and prayers to me and my family for the loss of my mother. It really made a difference while I was in La Grande and back home to feel so supported and loved.

— Karen and Greg Balmer

I would like to thank my church family for all their kind prayers, cards, and food during my recent surgery and recovery.

— Susan Price

## NEW BABIES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Clara Shea Boeh** was born on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents are Miranda and Tyler Boeh, grandparents are Steve and Nancy Boeh.

**Baxter Everett Betz** was born on October 6<sup>th</sup> in Hillsboro, OR. Parents are Chad and Nicole, grandparents are Ray and Kris Amling. He joins sister Sarah-Lynn.



# MARTIN ELLIS NAMED GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUSIC DIRECTOR

Following a search and interviews, Rose City Park's organist, Martin Ellis, was selected to be the Music Director for the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (GA). The GA meeting will take place at the Portland Convention Center, June 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2016. "To our knowledge, the GA has not had one person charged with coordinating and overseeing all of the music for the various worship services at the meeting," said Jim Moiso and Jeff Sievert, Worship Co-Chairs. "Working with a variety of groups planning the five services, we are excited about the possibility of weaving in a continuity of themes in music and liturgy. We hope that the outcome will be an assembly whose business is embraced by worship."

Martin has already begun working with a variety of groups charged with various facets of each service. Worship will focus on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confession of 1967, which was approved at the GA in Portland that year. Its theme is reconciliation, still relevant in our world today. Congratulations to Martin!

## VETERANS' DAY PARADE

The annual Veterans' Day Parade along Sandy Boulevard in the Hollywood neighborhood will tie up traffic near the church on Wednesday morning, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan your trips to the church accordingly, or plan to approach from the south. The parade begins at 9:45 a.m. at NE 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue at NE Tillamook Street and ends at the flagpole at Ross Hollywood Chapel at NE 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sandy Boulevard; Sandy should be clear by 11:30 a.m.

## CHURCH PICNIC DONATIONS BENEFIT OTHERS

*No One Left Behind Ministry* was the grateful recipient of food items leftover from the church picnic on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

This ministry is a partnership between two Gresham congregations—Mountain View Christian Church and Trinity Lutheran—where noon meals are provided four days a week.

Their mission is to show love and share Christ with the impoverished in the East County area. This includes providing meals, food baskets, clothing, and comfort items to plant the seeds of salvation which may lead spiritual transformation to those they touch.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE NEWS

As many of you know, Program Coordinator Chris Hyde was offered and has accepted a position as Interim Pastor at Hillsdale Community Church, UCC, in SW Portland. His last day on staff was October 18<sup>th</sup>, and we were pleased that he returned on October 25<sup>th</sup> so we could bid him “farewell” and thank him for his nearly two years of very able service. Besides preaching once a month and assisting with other pastoral duties, Chris staffed the Reading in the Afternoon book group, initiated both the HOMEpdx meal program and the Contemplative Spirituality group, fulfilled many duties of the Youth Activities Coordinator, and helped to lead the youth through confirmation in the spring. We can safely say that Chris’ internship time in the Program Coordinator office was of great benefit to the life of this congregation, and he will be greatly missed. We wish Chris well as he embarks on the next chapter of his ministry as a UCC pastor.

In the coming weeks and months, the Personnel Committee will consider how best to staff Chris’ tasks in hopes of continuing some of the momentum toward outreach that he has helped to create at Rose City Park Presbyterian. Please watch for more information in the Sunday bulletin and in upcoming issues of *The Broadcaster*.

—The Personnel Committee

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## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEWS



The committee wish to offer a big THANK YOU to all those who have pledged or contributed to the Ramp Safety Fund. We have the monies in hand to proceed with the project. We anticipate the fabrication to begin in the next couple of weeks and the installation to be prior to year end.

On another note we will be repairing the concrete walkway and steps that lead from the parking lot down to the kitchen in November. It should only take 3 to 4 days and will mitigate the water erosion that has caused the problem.

The committee is also in the final phase of drafting a building use policy to make clear the whos, whats, wheres and whys of renting space in our building. When this is finalized we will present it to the Session for comment and final approval. Once this is in place we will pursue, in earnest, the renting of the kitchen and fellowship hall areas.

As always the committee welcomes input from the congregation on anything related to the maintenance, upkeep, or use of our church home.

—Jim Munson, Chair

# 2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

*Abundant Joy Overflowing Generosity*

Living as disciples of Jesus involves being transformed into Christ's image. This is an ongoing process, continually working in opposition to the pulls of consumerism and secularism in our society. That's why we call our annual giving effort our "Stewardship Campaign;" it is a systematic course of activities to remind us of the power of God's gifts in our lives. Through this Season of Stewardship we can be changed, our thinking expanded – about the possibilities open to us for compassion, for engaging in spiritual pursuits within our faith community, and for sharing our talents and our resources both in that community and beyond.

Being a steward of God's gifts can be overwhelming – particularly in a time of global unrest, political strife, public incivility, and continuing financial uncertainty. Sometimes it requires an extreme act of faith to continue to respond with Joy and Generosity. But as Paul reminds us in his second letter to the Corinthians, communities of faith have risen to this call under extreme conditions in the past and can continue to do so now:

*We want you to know . . . about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints – and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us . . . Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. – 2 Corinthians 8:1-7*

Over the next weeks leading up to Stewardship Commitment Sunday on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be encouraged consider:

- creating a God-centered life by finding time to "unplug" ourselves each day and in the ensuing stillness to listen for God's voice
- nurturing a spiritual life through shared experience in our faith community at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church
- acting out our Christian faith by sharing our talents and gifts both within our church and in the wider community
- sharing with joy and intention our financial support of God's work.

We invite you to join us as we explore and celebrate God's grace, find ways to increasingly live with God's gifts in Abundant Joy, and show Overflowing Generosity in sharing those gifts.

– Ray Amling, for the Stewardship and Finance Committee

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## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE OFFERING TO BENEFIT BOARD OF DEACONS

The Session has designated the Thanksgiving Offering for the Deacons' Fund. The Deacons support four local charities, Mainspring Portland (formerly FISH Emergency Services), Operation Night-watch, Sisters of the Road and Snow-CAP. They assist members, who no longer drive, in attending worship through the Transportation Fund, offer higher education support through the Student Aid Fund, and provide seasonal flowers and cards to home-bound members through the Visitation Ministry. To participate in this offering, please include your gift in the Thanksgiving Offering envelope in your envelope box (for pledgers) or clearly mark a Deacons' pew envelope "Thank Offering".

## LOOKING AHEAD

### 2015 ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

With November upon us, it is time for boards, committees and groups to submit their annual reports for the year. The deadline for Annual Report submissions is **St. Nicholas Day, December 6<sup>th</sup>** by end of day. It is preferred that you to submit your reports via email to *michelle@rosecityparkpres.org*, but if email is not available to you, dropping off a hard copy to the church office is also acceptable. If you need a copy of your committee's or group's report from last year for reference, please contact the church office. Remember, if your committee doesn't submit an article, there will be no information in the Annual Report.

### ADVENT SEASON

Advent and the Christmas season will be here before we know it! Here are a few events that will help us welcome this joyous season. Be sure to check out the next issue of *The Broadcaster* and the Sunday bulletins for more information.

#### First Sunday in Advent:

November 29<sup>th</sup>

**Advent Festival:** Celebrate with crafts, treats and swag-making on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Christmas Program:

December 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Eve Worship:

December 24<sup>th</sup>—Watch the December issue for details.

### THANKSGIVING & STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

Join us for our Thanksgiving Worship on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Give thanks for all that God has blessed our community with and enjoy a time of fellowship before the hectic holidays begin!

### HOMEpdx IN DECEMBER

Join us on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tom Herring or the church office if you'd like to volunteer to prepare and serve a meal to the folks served by HOMEpdx.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

*All Saints' Day*

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Communion Worship  
& Education

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

10 a.m. Contemplative  
Spirituality

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

9:30 a.m. Martha Service

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

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

10 a.m. Worship & the Arts  
Committee

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 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 & Education

12 p.m. Deacons' meeting

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

10 a.m. Contem. Spirit.

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

*Veterans' Day*

9:45 a.m. Parade on Sandy

Boulevard

1:30 p.m. ChristCare

4:30 p.m. Building &

Grounds Committee

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

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

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

### Sat. 14<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Antiques &  
Artisan Faire

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

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Antiques &  
Artisan Faire

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

10 a.m. Contem. Spirit.

7 p.m. Session meeting

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

1 p.m. Reading in the  
Afternoon

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

No Chancel or Handbell Choir

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

*Stewardship Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship  
& Education

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

10 a.m. Contem. Spirit.

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

*Thanksgiving Day*

*Church Building Closed*

### Fri. 27<sup>th</sup>

*Church Office Closed*

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

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Communion Worship

## MARTHA SERVICE

Join this group for a good time and a good cause as we continue to make quilts and other projects for those in need in our community. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and enter room 8 at the lower ramp door. Join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## BOOK GROUPS

*"Nothing says 'I know how to party', like sitting at home on Friday night, wrapped in a blanket, reading a book and sipping hot tea."*

—a Somee card

### Reading in the Afternoon

This group meets at 1 p.m. in the chapel, on the third Wednesday of the month.

Our upcoming meetings are:

- **November 18<sup>th</sup>:** *A Simplified Map of the Real World: The Renata Stories* by Stevan Allred
- **December 16<sup>th</sup>:** *Baking Cakes in Kigali* by Gaile Parkin

### Reading in the Evening

This group meets in members' homes, usually on the last Wednesday at 7 p.m. Please call Donovan for location. We will not meet in November.

- **December 9<sup>th</sup>:** (note change in date) *One Summer in America: 1927* by Bill Bryson

## SEARCHERS CHRISTCARE

Searchers will continue to meet through the fall for fellowship, study, and card ministry. The group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the church unless otherwise noted. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in deference to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact David Dornack.

## UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

Gather in the chapel after worship on Sundays from 11:20 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. for interesting topics of discussion.

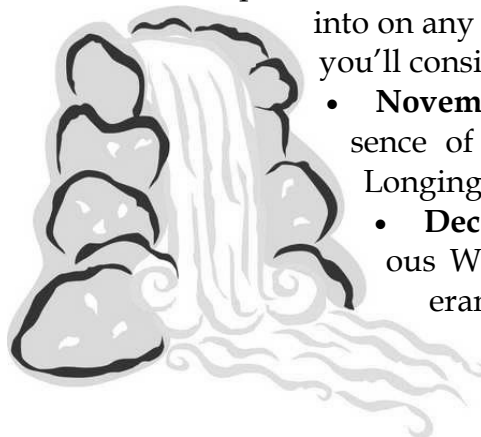
- **November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Continuing our learning series of other religions, we have invited a Jewish Rabbi to speak on this Sunday.
- **November 8<sup>th</sup>:** An important topic at this time is the \$15 minimum wage. We will have a speaker from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon lead a discussion on the pros and cons of the issue.
- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>:** HOMEpdx is becoming one of the strongest mission projects in our church. Tom Hering and the director of HOMEpdx will speak about the project as well as offering some tips about working with the homeless and treating all people with repeat and dignity.
- **December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Advent Festival
- **December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Welcoming back a dynamic speaker—Rev. Arik Clark will preach this Sunday and has also agreed to join us for Adult Education.

## SARAH CIRCLE

This group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month in the church library 7 p.m.

We are studying the Horizon Bible Study called *Come to the Waters*. There are over 800 references to water in the Bible and each chapter of the study has a theme relating to water along with scripture passages to bring it all together. Our first chapter focused on the "Birthing Waters of Creation" and the second chapter was on the "Life Giving Waters of Baptism". This is an easy study to step into on any chapter, so we hope you'll consider joining us.

- **November 10<sup>th</sup>:** The Absence of Water—Thirst and Longing
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>:** Dangerous Waters—God's Deliverance.



## SESSION ACTIONS

At its meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Session approved the following:

- Use of \$230 from the Peacemaking Fund to support an October 17, 2015 forum on poverty in the Portland area featuring speaker Donna Beegle
- Purchase of four silver intinction chalices for communion use using a designated Congregant gift and supplemented by memorials funds of \$1,064.20
- Responded affirmatively to a request for funding in the amount of \$222 per congregation from the Presbytery of the Cascades Committee on Local Arrangements to support General Assembly in Portland, June 2016.

At its meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Session approved the following:

- Approved a final bid to replace the ramp railings and to gate the lower ramp door.
- Approved participation in a Ministry Partnership Fund through the Presbyterian Foundation to facilitate on-line giving options.

### **PRESBYTERIAN MISSION YEARBOOK FOR PRAYER & STUDY BECOMES ALL-DIGITAL AND PRESBYTERIANS TODAY DEBUTS BLOG: ONE CHURCH, MANY VOICES**

The 120-year-old *Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* (*The Yearbook*) becomes an online-only free digital resource in 2016. Prompted by the ever-increasing cost to print *The Yearbook*, this move addresses the cost issue and demonstrates good stewardship of church resources.

*The Yearbook* began in 1892 as a simple prayer calendar to help women's groups pray for church missionaries. This will still be the focus, while also allowing for a more immediate and timely set of daily mission articles. The church office will provide a link to the new digital version of *The Yearbook* as soon as one is available.

In October *Presbyterians Today* announced their new blog, *One Church, Many Voices*. This new forum is a place that welcomes Presbyterians of all stripes to share their ideas and their passions – all aimed at shining a light on the path to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Check it out: <http://www.pcusa.org/blogs/today/>

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## YOUTH NEWS

Greetings from the upper room! Our middle school/high school youth group is up and going: we've already been selling donuts, exploring our new space, and started our monthly card making.

Here is what we have coming up in November:

- **November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Dollars for Donut sales, then time in the tower room for Day of the Dead reflection and snacks.
- **November 8<sup>th</sup>:** Card making
- **November 15<sup>th</sup>:** Bible study with David Dornack
- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Game Day
- **November 29<sup>th</sup>:** TBA; Thanksgiving weekend and first Sunday of Advent

Watch the next issue of *The Broadcaster* for December and January activities and come join us when you can. We meet every Sunday after services, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Hope to see you!

–Laura Gillooly, Youth Leader

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE  
WORSHIP at 10:00 AM

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

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- Joshua Gillooly, Nursery Attendant

## *Antique & Artisan Faire*

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 -  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Save the date and invite your  
friends and relations!  
Want to volunteer to help?  
Contact Kathy Conklin!

- Handcrafts · Food ·
- Antiques · Collectibles ·
- Raffle Quilt ·
- The Zimbabwe Artist's  
Project ·



### **NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9<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, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. This issue will cover December and January events.