

The Broadcaster

ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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In the opening article from *AlterNet.org*'s series on fear, the headline practically shouts, "Fear Dominates Politics, Media, and Human Existence in America – And It's Getting Worse."

"Fear is the mind-killer" – Frank Herbert, *Dune*

In the article, AlterNet Executive Editor, Don Hazen writes: "People cannot think clearly when they are afraid. As numerous studies have shown, fear is the enemy of reason. It distorts emotions and perceptions, and often leads to poor decisions. ... Fear messages can sometimes trigger uncontrollable flight-or-fight responses with dangerous ramifications."

In our current political season, "advertising, political ads, news coverage and social media all send the constant message that people should be afraid – *very* afraid."

Over the past year, "we have witnessed the massive militarization of local police departments with equipment, gear and attitudes that treat citizens as if they were terrorists, as recently evidenced by events in Ferguson, Missouri. Many militarized police raids have gone wrong and taken the lives of hundreds, while police violence against often unarmed people results in unnecessary deaths and injuries every day. All this, despite statistics indicating that in most parts of the country, the crime rate is actually on the decline."

"Experts have made the case we live in a generalized 'culture of fear,' also the name of a book by Barry Glassner [the current president of Lewis & Clark College here in Portland] which underscores the fact that we often fear the wrong things, and [that our fears are often] incredibly out of proportion to reality. Statistics show you have a much higher chance of being killed by lightning than by a terrorist."

When we are overcome with fear, trust is not easily obtained, for fear overcomes nearly every rational thought. Psalm 56: 2-4 reminds us to put our trust in God when we are afraid, "*my enemies trample on me all day long for many fight against me. O Most High when I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God whose word I praise, in God I trust; I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me?*"

For those times when fear grips you by the throat and renders you nearly immobile, take time to close your eyes; take several slow, deep breaths; then silently pray in rhythm with your breathing: *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*

I don't need to be able to predict the future to know that *I'll* be doing a *lot* of praying in 2016.

Grace and Zeal,

David

Rev. David C. Dornack

Source: <http://www.alternet.org/fear-america/fear-dominates-politics-media-and-human-existence-america-and-its-getting-worse>

ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

WITH THANKS

The entire Greene family would like to offer their heartfelt thanks for all the love and support during Cynthia's passing and her celebration.

— Todd Greene for the Greene family

Thank you for the thoughtful cards, kind words and heartfelt prayers as my family and I cope with the unexpected loss of my younger sister. Having the support of my church family has been a blessing during this sad time.

— Amy Lawrence

Thank you for all the communications from the church: newsletters, bulletins, etc. It makes us feel a part of the church even though we find it difficult to attend because of our frailties in our 90s.

— Lois & Hal Ellmers

Another year (now thirty-nine) of decorating the sanctuary for Christmas by members of the Hooks and Sinkers Mariner Group. Appreciation to Dave Bell, Wayne Knepper, Roger & Susan Price, Woody & Rae Richen, Bill & Kathy Wiese and Bill's associate, Darien Fiddmont. Appreciation also to Nancy Boeh and Gretchen Johnson for decorating the parlor.

— Linda Knepper

Thank you for the overwhelming love and support shown to me and my family during Jerry's recent passing. We are still in shock and have not made a decision on services yet. The many cards, emails, phone calls and visits have all been very much appreciated. Many of the personal notes brought both tears and smiles. Your very thoughts and prayers have been felt and helped warm our hearts again. You are a most loving extension of family.

— Linda Reinhardt

WITH SYMPATHY

Janet D. Neuenfeldt, Katie Zalin's mother, died on December 18, 2015. Services were held on January 9th at Savage Memorial Presbyterian.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please contact the church office for congregants' new addresses.

TAX-FRIENDLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

Savvy givers may want to consider gifts from IRAs or transfer of stock to the church to mitigate some of the tax consequences of taking required IRA distributions or offer protection from capital gains taxes.

The IRA Charitable Rollover provision has become permanent tax law; it allows individuals who have reached age 70½ to donate up to \$100,000 directly from their Individual Retirement Account (traditional IRA, 401k, 403b or other similar account) to eligible charitable organizations without treating the distribution as taxable income. For example: if you are 70½ and have a 401k account, you may have your 401k investment company write a check directly to RCPPC, and the amount transferred would likely not count as taxable income to you as the donor.

Stock or Mutual Fund Share Transfer: You may gift appreciated stock to RCPPC by directly transferring shares through electronic stock transfer to the church's investment account at New Covenant Trust Company (NCTC). The value of the stock at the time it is recorded by NCTC becomes the value of your gift. Depending on the length of time you have held the stock, this form of giving may protect you from paying capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock over your initial investment price. Mutual Fund shares may be gifted, but the process is slightly more complicated.

Please be sure to consult your tax advisor, as tax situations vary widely. If you are interested in this type of giving, please talk with Romalia Stickney-Shibley in the church office.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

We have made repairs to the concrete stairway and its approach walkway leading to the lower kitchen door in the lower ramp area. We added two new renter groups (Sacred Flight, and GLT-BQI and Women's Supported Meeting) to our list of not-for-profit organizations recently. A special thank-you to Roberto Del Rio and Bill Wiese for their efforts in prepping the rooms for our new groups.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Adult Education meets in chapel, following worship, from 11:20 a.m. to noon. Our committee will be meeting soon to continue planning the spring classes and we always look forward to any suggestions from the congregation.

February 7th: Bob McGranahan will lead a discussion about social media and how it affects our friends and family. We've all been in that awkward situation where something is said in an email, or sent to us by a friend, that we may find offensive. This will be an open discussion about how quickly things can spread, how to respond to social media, and what steps we can take to improve our media skills without offending those around us.

With the Presbyterian General Assembly meeting here in Portland, there will also be adult education classes to inform us about what the General Assembly is, what decisions will be made this year, and what we can do to help with the thousands of Presbyterians that will be converging on our city in June. Stay tuned!

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee has been busy. In addition to donating over 150 toys to the KGW Great Toy Drive during the holiday season, we are currently working on the following:

NE Interfaith Alliance on Confronting Poverty: Several members of RCPPC have been working on developing solutions for poverty in our community. The effort began with 11 Northeast Portland churches coming together to contribute their time and thinking. We will be sharing information with the congregation over the coming months.

HOMEpdx: After preparing meals and serving 100 people on December 20th, RCPPC finished its first year volunteering in the HOMEpdx program. Through our six Sundays in 2015, our congregation helped feed over 1,000 people. Our 2016 HOMEpdx serving dates are February 21st, April 17th, June 19th, August 21st, October 16th, and December 18th.

Sign-up sheets will soon be available after worship during coffee hour. You can see Thad and Terry Langford or Tom Hering for details.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements reflecting giving for 2015 were mailed in mid-January to all who gave to the church. Please check yours for accuracy; contact Romalia in the church office if you note an error.

2016 PLEDGING & PER CAPITA

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the church for 2016. As of January 11th, 82 member families have pledged a total of \$233,374, 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 2015 Annual Report, available beginning February 7th.

- **Envelope boxes** were available in the church parlor for pick-up or arrived in the mail for those who are unable to attend services. If you do not pledge but would like an envelope box, please call or email Romalia in the church office.
- **The Per Capita Apportionment** for 2016 is \$29.89. 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.

BATTERY BOX

The battery box in our fellowship hall is going away. Thank you for your diligence in keeping hazardous waste out of the landfill over these many years. Batteries (including hearing aid batteries and rechargeables) can now be easily recycled. My recommendation is that you call Metro at 503.234.3000 to find the nearest hazardous waste recycler for your hard-to-dispose-of items.

—Charlotte Matthews, member

LENT & HOLY WEEK AT ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

☞ Ash Wednesday, February 10th

We begin the Lenten season with communion and the imposition of ashes at a 7:30 p.m. worship service in the sanctuary. This is an opportunity to welcome guests to our worship as we share communion with newcomers. Enter at the main doors at NE 44th and Sandy Boulevard; doors open at 7:00 p.m.

☞ Palm & Passion Sunday Worship, March 20th

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.

☞ Maundy Thursday Worship, March 24th

Watch the church bulletin for more information on worship time and location. 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.

☞ Easter Sunday, March 27th

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.

JOIN AN USHERING TEAM

Any congregant may join an ushering team for our services. Ushers help everyone to have a comfortable experience during worship by welcoming congregants and visitors, making certain everyone has a bulletin, passing offering plates, and readying the sanctuary for the next event.

We have several teams of Ushers who serve for each Sunday in a month and then pass off the responsibility to the next team.

Team Two serves the months of February, June and October, and has an opening for a team member. If you would like to become an usher, speak with Sharon Cousineau or leave word at the church office.

RIDE-TO-CHURCH PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

The Deacons sponsor a Ride-to-Church Program which helps several of our members continue to come to church via taxi when they can no longer drive themselves. We would be very much impoverished if we could not visit and worship with these fine members who arrive using the Ride-to-Church taxi vouchers, which could use your financial support at this time. If you wish to make a donation to Ride-to-Church, please make it clear on your check or donation envelope "Deacons' Ride-to-Church".

We thank you for considering this need as you plan your support for Rose City Park Presbyterian Church.

GREAT MINDS THINK ALIKE (SOMETIMES...)

Beginning on Tuesday, January 26th, 7-8:30 p.m., you have the unique opportunity to join Rabbi Debra Kolodny at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church for a monthly inter-spiritual text study—discussing what you might have thought was undiscussable, reading complementary and competing texts in the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions. This study is part of a wider set of spiritual offerings by Rabbi Kolodny called "UnShul." *Great Minds Think Alike (sometimes. . .)* continues on the 4th Tuesday evenings throughout 2016 in the church chapel. While there may be some continuity of content from week to week, you are welcome to join this study in progress, even if you were unable to attend the first session in January. This program is available to Rose City Park Presbyterian congregants free of charge. Enter via the ramp through the church office entrance.

CALENDAR

February

Tues. 2nd

10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality
5 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wed. 3rd

9:30 a.m. Martha Service
TBA Worship & Arts Committee
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 6th

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

Sun. 7th

Souper Bowl of Caring
8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
10 a.m. Communion
Worship & Study

Tues. 9th

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

Wed. 10th

Ash Wednesday
4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Worship

Sun. 14th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion
Worship
11 a.m. Annual Meeting

Mon. 15th

Presidents' Day
Church Office Closed

Tues. 16th

10 a.m. Contem. Spirituality
7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wed. 17th

1-2:30 p.m. Reading in the Afternoon
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 20th

9 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 21st

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion
Worship

Tues. 23rd

12:30 p.m. HOMEpdx
10 a.m. Contem. Spirituality
7-8:30 p.m. OT Bible Study

Wed. 24th

1:30 p.m. ChristCare
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 28th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion
Worship

March

Tues. 1st

10 a.m. Contem. Spirituality

Wed. 2nd

9:30 a.m. Martha Service
TBA Worship & the Arts Committee
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 5th

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

Sun. 6th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion
Worship

Tues. 8th

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

Wed. 9th

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

Sun. 13th

Daylight Savings Time begins
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion
Worship

Tues. 15th

10 a.m. Contem. Spirituality
7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wed. 16th

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

Sat. 19th

9 a.m.-1 p.m. HFM

Sun. 20th

Palm Sunday
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Tues. 22nd

10 a.m. Contem. Spirituality
7-8:30 p.m. OT Bible Study

Wed. 23rd

1:30 p.m. ChristCare
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thurs. 24th

Maundy Thursday
TBA Maundy Thursday
Worship

Fri. 25th

Good Friday

Sun. 27th

Easter Sunday
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion
Worship

Tues. 29th

10 a.m. Contem. Spirituality

Wed. 30th

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
TBA Chancel Choir

Thurs. 31st

TBA Chancel Choir

READING TOGETHER

Once you learn to read you will be forever free
—Frederick Douglass

Reading in the Afternoon on the third Wednesdays of the month in the chapel at 1 p.m.

- **February 17th:** *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight* by Alexandra Fuller
- **March 16th:** *The Price of Freedom* by Rae Richen

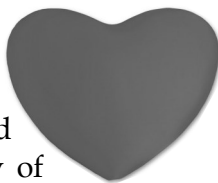
Reading in the Evening on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Call Donavan Burkert-Kerr for location.

- **February 24th:** *The Likeness* by Tana French
- **March 30th:** *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee

MARTHA SERVICE

You gotta have HEART...

February is Heart Month, and Martha Service will have plenty of heart when we meet on February 3rd at 9:30 a.m. We'll make heart-shaped pillows for Providence Breast Cancer Center patients who've recently had surgery. These easy-to-make pillows bring comfort and alleviate pressure on tender tissues when placed under the arm. There will be a job for everyone as we cut, sew, stuff *and* attempt to exceed last year's record of 50+ hearts in one day. Bring your lunch and a bag of polyfil if you'd like. Mark your calendar for the following meeting on March 2nd.



YOUTH NEWS

Happy 2016 from the youth group! We've been having a lot of fun the last couple of months. We had an amazing time caroling at Courtyard Mt. Tabor, Russellville and Cherry Wood Village senior living facilities, and really enjoyed having our own Christmas tree in the upper room. Oh, and Zoo Lights was great too!!

Here is what we have coming up in February and March:

- **February 7th:** Pancake Breakfast
- **February 14th:** Card making
- **February 21st:** Game Day
- **February 28th:** Video games at an arcade
- **March 6th:** Dollars-for-Donuts; card making
- **March 13th:** Super hero day (Bible style)
- **March 20th:** *Jesus Christ Superstar Live Arena Tour* (2013 version) screening and potluck at the Gillooly house
- **March 27th:** Easter — no scheduled activities

After Easter, we will coordinate with the music staff and plan a handbell piece to play for Pentecost in May. We look forward to time with the Johnsons, hearing about their teachings in Pakistan and then skyping with Christian students in Pakistan.

We meet every Sunday after services, from 11:15-12:15. All youth are welcome — hope to see you!

—Laura Gillooly, youth leader

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 2016 *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 13th 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: _____

SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, our gifts to the 2015 Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$3,041.50. These gifts help support 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 in the Portland metropolitan area 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.

2015 gifts to the Peacemaking Offering totaled \$2,095. Monies will be dispersed to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, our local Peacemaking Mission Partners and other local peacemaking programs in early 2016.

Two new giving programs initiated by the Social Action Committee in 2015 – HOMEpdx meals and Sisters of the Road/Tri-met ticket packets – require resources to be self-sustaining. In 2015, RCPPC congregants gave \$2,719 to support our work with HOMEpdx and \$683 to help carry on the ticket packet project once the initial “seed gift” of tickets has been distributed.

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 2015 gifts totaled \$595.

2016 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

This year as we move into Lent and prepare for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we are reminded of the transformations made possible through this special offering. In places like Kitui, Kenya; Asheville, North Carolina; and Iona, Michigan; those most in need are finding hope and help through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People program, and their partners in ministry. In this media-driven environment of “the next big story,” it is easy to become distracted from the reality faced by people around the world where poverty, disaster, and war cause displacement and suffering.



This is why we as Presbyterians continue to give to OGHS. When we give this year, we give in faith—knowing that staff in the three OGHS programs will respond in Christ’s name to extreme need as it arises throughout the next year. We trust that they will respond as they did in West Africa in the wake of the devastating Ebola crisis: immediately, directly, and through our partners wherever the emergency occurs. But equally important, we know that they will remain to help rebuild lives and communities in areas of devastation long after the news cameras have moved elsewhere.

Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters – these are all ways that our gifts to OGHS are changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world. Throughout Lent, Sunday bulletin inserts and Moments for Mission will remind us of the important work made possible by our gifts to the offering. While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. Please give strong consideration to increasing your gift to the offering – you’ll see how giving opens your heart to God’s work in your own life. Envelopes for the offering will be in the pew racks beginning on Sunday, February 14th. We will dedicate our gifts to the OGHS offering on March 20th, Palm Sunday.

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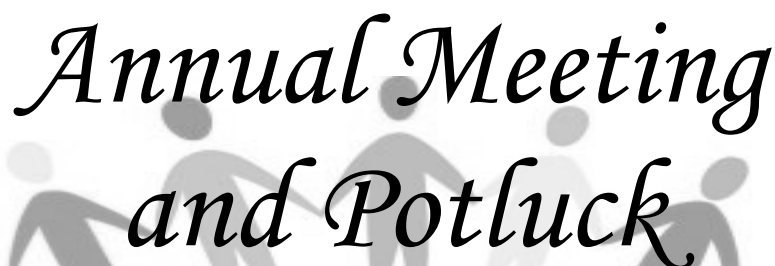
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
WORSHIP at 10:00 AM
9:30 a.m. nursery: Birth—3 years
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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Annual Meeting and Potluck

Gather in the fellowship hall after worship on February 14th for a potluck lunch and our Annual Meeting. Please bring an entrée or salad to share and a copy of the Annual Report (which you can pick up in worship on February 7th).

Take a look back on the church year while enjoying a delicious meal and dessert!

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 14TH

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 noon on Monday, March 14th**. This issue will cover April and May events.