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ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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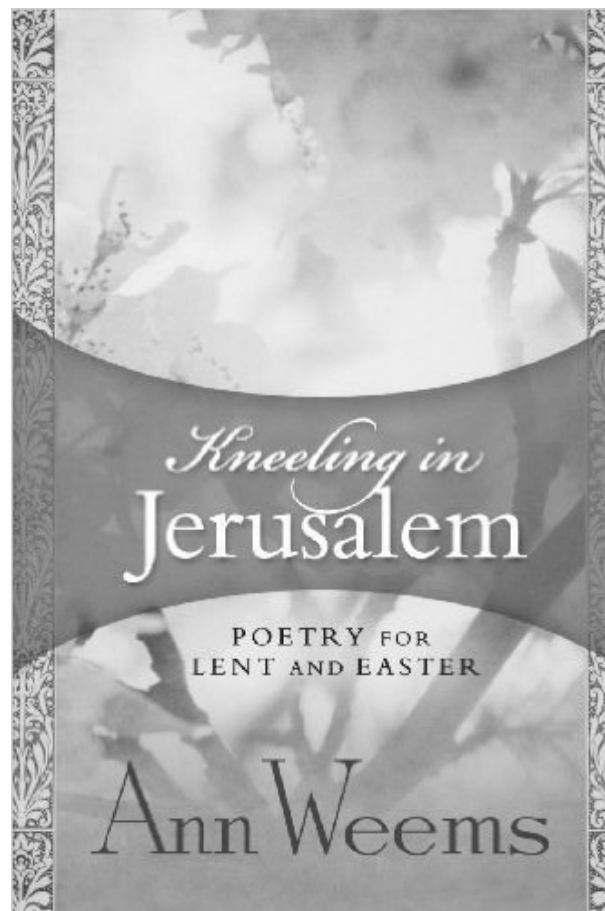


IN MEMORIUM

Presbyterian Church (USA) Poet Laureate Ann Weems died on March 17, 2016. Upon learning of Weems's death, renowned Presbyterian poet and pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. Barrie Shepherd, recalled both her legacy and the enduring friendship they shared. "Ann was an inspired poet, and a true friend. Her gracious ways with words endowed her with that rare and magical ability to speak directly and movingly to the average Presbyterian in the pew and at the same time to reach toward the transcendent and the sublime. Her several books of poetry and meditations have touched and illuminated countless lives; enriching the daily round of the faithful believer, as well as bringing rich new insights to the traditional seasons and festivals of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. Ann's writing was deeply rooted in the scriptures, and in the daily lives, both joys and sorrows, of the people of God."

Weems' work is familiar to many Presbyterians. In fact, her book, *Kneeling in Bethlehem* was used as source material for worship liturgy at RCPPC last Advent. The following poem, written by Weems in 2010, but unpublished until her death, was read at Weems' memorial service, held during Holy Week at Trinity Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

*When you hear of my demise
Don't believe a word of it!
Our God is the God of the living
And I am living still!
If it were not so
He would have told us!
Don't believe a word of it!
And whatever you do
Please please please
Don't eulogize me!
Gather instead for worship!
To celebrate God
Who gives each of us Life Abundant!
Turn mourning into morning
Turn tears into laughter!
Turn sadness into joy!
Turn somberness into celebration!
Remembering that Jesus is
The way, the truth, the life.
Gather to celebrate life with scripture and prayer
With jazz band with choirs, with pipers with dancing
Follow with faithfulness the life you have been given!
I left this earth in Alleluias
Dancing with the angels of life
Among the stars of God.*



ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS WITH THANKS

Thanks to everyone at Rose City Park for the many heartfelt words, cards and prayers after the passing of my dad, Alan Sechrist. My family and I deeply appreciated your kind sympathy and support.

—Steve Sechrist

This is a very belated (but still very heartfelt!) thank-you to my church family for the undergraduate scholarship you gifted to me at the beginning of the school year. Thanks in part to your support, I'll be graduating this spring from Western Washington University with honors, an Anthropology minor, and both a BA and a BFA in Studio Art (in drawing and textiles concentrations, respectively)—a long list, but from a journey and adventures only just begun!

—Love, Kate Sechrist

Thank you so much for your generous support of our annual pancake breakfast in February. It was very successful with everyone's participation. See you next year!

—Laura and the RCPCC youth group

WITH SYMPATHY

Jacob Alan Sechrist, Steve Sechrist's father, died on January 31st. A graveside service with military honors was held on February 12th at Willamette National Cemetery in Happy Valley, Oregon.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Check with the church office for any address changes!

GRADUATES

Submit information about your high school or university graduate for the summer issue of *The Broadcaster*, deadline Monday, May 16th—name, degree, institution, graduation date, and future plans if applicable. Due to space concerns, we can only include graduation announcements about graduates who grew up in or currently attend Rose City Park Presbyterian. Thank you for your understanding.

NEW BOOKS IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

If you're looking for a new book to read while we wait out the April showers, consider one of these new titles that you can find in our church library. It's available to any and all when the building is open—feel free to come in and browse!

- * *Permanent Partners* by Betty Berzon
- * *Wishful Thinking* by Frederick Buechner
- * *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass
- * *Families Like Mine* by Abigail Garner
- * *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George
- * *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Christina Henriquez
- * *Man to Man* by Earl Henslin
- * *Neglected Voices* by John Indermark
- * *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver
- * *Divorced Dad's Survival Book* by David Knox
- * *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee
- * *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- * *Annie's Ghosts* by Steve Luxenberg
- * *Partners in Prayer* by John Maxwell
- * *Acedia and Me* by Kathleen Norris
- * *Bound to be Free* by Jan Pit
- * *Growing Pains* by Ethel Rieken
- * *What Every Sunday School Teacher Should Know* by Elmer Towns
- * *The Leadership Bible* by Zonderfan Publishing House

PENTECOST WORSHIP

This spring we observe Pentecost on Sunday, May 15th with communion worship.

On Pentecost we observe the birth of the Christian Church—the day that the rushing wind brought the flames of the Holy Spirit down among Jesus' gathered disciples. At RCPCC, it has become a day of celebration. So, dress up! You are invited to boldly wear the colors of fire—red, yellow and orange. The chancel will be draped with symbolic flames, and we are certain guest organist, Heidi Kohne, will have spectacular service music to share.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

An Adult Education class is scheduled for Sunday, April 17th with the Rev. Jim Moiso to inform us about what General Assembly is, what topics will be discussed, and how we can help by volunteering our time and energy. Many volunteers are needed to welcome guests and to help things run smoothly. See the article on page 6 for more information about General Assembly.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

- **Northeast Interfaith Alliance (NIA):** RCPPC continues to be one of 11 Northeast Portland churches participating in an alliance to tackle the root causes of poverty and what to do about it. Education, transition to stability, and advocacy & policy are three committees that make up NIA. The NIA is one of the sponsors of the Mayoral Forum on April 1st (6:30-8:30 p.m., at PCC's 82nd Avenue campus). Key topics to be discussed will be centered on housing, along with other poverty issues. There is no cost for attendance and congregation members are encouraged to attend. See Tom Hering for questions.
- **HOMEpdx Serving:** We will cook and serve our friends on the street on Sunday, April 17th. We will have served more than 1000 people during our first calendar year with this great organization operating out of St. Stephens Church. If you would like to help cook and/or serve, please contact Thad & Terry Langford or Tom Hering.
- **Habitat for Humanity Build Day:** Stay tuned as 2016's first summer build day will be announced soon with a second build day planned in the fall.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross, in partnership with the Hollywood Lions, will sponsor a Blood Drive on Thursday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check in at the registration area in the lower narthex and have your blood drawn in the Red Cross donation bus on NE 44th Avenue.

SPRINGTIME YOUTH NEWS

Our MS and HS youth group continues to thrive. The winter months were busy: our pancake breakfast was a huge success; everyone loved the video arcade (Sam Solano, former organist and youth leader, and his girlfriend Maria even joined us!); we had a great discussion about biblical superheroes; and the youth got together on their own for a movie night at Jack's house.

Here is our schedule for the spring months, until we finish for the year in early June:

- **April 3rd:** Dollars for Donuts and card making
- **April 10th:** Bible study (leader TBD)
- **April 15th:** Skyping with Pakistani Christian youth at 8 p.m. at the Gillooly house
- **April 17th:** Game day
- **April 24th, May 1st, & May 8th:** handbells with choir director, Ruth Heald
- **May 1st:** Dollars for Donuts
- **May 15th:** Youth handbells in service, card making afterward
- **May 22rd:** Game day (leader TBD)
- **May 29th:** Bowling
- **June 5th:** Fundraising auction to support Triennium

In addition to the auction we are planning, Murette Whitney is graciously putting together a Mother's Day fundraiser for us with tea cup bouquets. We will have fliers for those soon and a table set up during coffee fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Even though we won't be meeting weekly during the summer, I will be putting together a few activities, including miniature golf, visiting Chris Hyde's church, and hopefully a murder mystery night.

We meet every Sunday after worship, from 11:15a.m.-12:15p.m. Hope to see you!

—Laura Gillooly, youth leader

ONCE IN A WHILE CHOIR RETURNS ON APRIL 24TH

Have you always wanted to sing with the choir but are unable to commit to week-night rehearsals? "Once In A While Choir" may be right up your alley! Singing enthusiasts of all experience levels are invited to join the Chancel Choir on Sunday, April 24th to sing an anthem for worship.



All you need to do is come to the chapel at 9:30 a.m. on April 24th to warm up and learn a fun, easy piece of music with our regular choir-goers that morning. We will not wear robes that Sunday, so please dress prepared to sit on the chancel in front of the congregation for the service. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Heald at ruth@rosecityparkpres.org.

CHOIR ROBE FUNDRAISER RECITAL ON JUNE 10TH

In an effort to raise funds for fresh new choir robes and stoles, the music department will present a recital and dessert event on Friday, June 10th. Ruth and Martin are putting together a fun-filled night of music featuring organ, voice, percussion, and more. There will be no ticket price for the evening. Instead, concert-goers will be encouraged to make a donation towards new robes for our fabulous and hard-working Chancel Choir. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information. This event will be open to the public, so please invite your friends and neighbors!

CHURCH STAFFING UPDATES

Program Coordinator Susan Grewe

Please welcome our new Program Coordinator Susan Grewe. Susan is no stranger to the Northwest and our presbytery. She served for 25 years as co-pastor at Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church with her husband Chris until she retired in 2015. Susan was born in Kansas and lived in the Midwest, at various times working in business and as a Presbyterian minister. But most of her education and work life has been on the west coast including earning BA in Education from Washington State University and a Master of Divinity from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Susan and Chris have a daughter, Anna, who teaches high school English in Medford. For fun Susan loves to sew and read. In fact, it is said that she is uncomfortable if she is more than six feet away from her book.

Susan has a deep love of the church and, after several months of welcome rest and recreation, she feels called to serve a more active role. The Personnel Committee and the staff are still developing her responsibilities but know she will help with preaching and pastoral care. We all look forward to learning from her perspective and her nearly many years of experience as an ordained minister.

Church Office Staffing

In addition to the addition of a new Program Coordinator to the staff, minor alterations are afoot in the church office.

The Personnel Committee, in an effort to accommodate Office Manager Romalia Stickney-Shibley's request for a slight reduction in hours and a four-day work week, will welcome Publications Contractor Michelle Veazie back to the church office staff for a few hours each week to take on additional tasks transferred to her from Romalia's work load. Romalia will work four days weekly, taking a "flex day" mid-week – usually on a Wednesday or Thursday. Receptionist Steve Sechrist will continue to work Monday through Thursday, as he has since October. The church office will continue to be open for business Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the staff will endeavor to remain timely in their response to the needs of congregants with office business.

CALENDAR

APRIL

Sat. 2nd

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun. 3rd

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 5th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

4:30 p.m. Personnel

Committee

Wed. 6th

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Martha Service

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 7th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 10th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 12th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 13th

1:30 p.m. Searchers

ChristCare

4:30 p.m. Building &

Grounds Committee

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 14th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 17th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. HOMEpdx

Tues. 19th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wed. 20th

1 p.m. Reading in the Afternoon

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 21st

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 24th

9:30 a.m. "Once In A While" Choir

10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 26th

10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality

7-8:30 p.m. Old Testament Bible Study

Wed. 27th

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 28th

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

MAY

Sun. 1st

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Communion Worship

Tues. 3rd

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

4:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wed. 4th

9:30 a.m. Martha Service

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 5th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 7th

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun. 8th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 10th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 11th

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare

4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 12th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 15th

Pentecost Sunday

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 16th

12 p.m. *The Broadcaster* deadline

Tues. 17th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

7 p.m. Session Meeting

Wed. 18th

1 p.m. Reading in the Afternoon

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 19th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 22nd

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 24th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

7-8:30 p.m. Old Testament Bible Study

Wed. 25th

1:30 p.m. Searchers ChristCare

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 26th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 29th

9:30 a.m. Men's Ensemble

10 a.m. Worship

Mon. 30th

Memorial Day

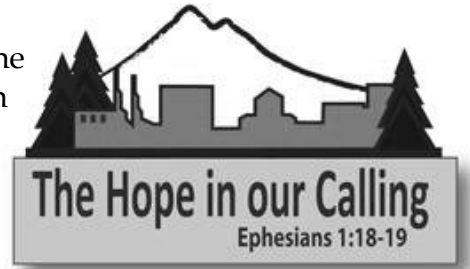
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Tues. 31st

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PORTLAND JUNE 18TH-25TH, 2016

Portland 2016



Beginning June 18th, 2016, the Presbytery of the Cascades hosts the weeklong 222nd General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This is a unique opportunity for us to take part in the GA sessions. Volunteers are needed to help welcome the 3,000 plus guests who are expected in our beautiful city; as perk of helping out, volunteers may attend GA sessions free of charge.

The Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) website is up and running:

www.gaportland.com/3970-2. Any who are interested may sign up **now** to volunteer. Please check back regularly, as new volunteer requests may be posted as the event draws nearer. Congregants Rev. Jim Moiso and Lea Lawrence-Moiso, and Martin Ellis are all staffing the COLA, so they may be able to answer questions or direct you to someone who can. Pastor David Dornack has attended GA many times and can also answer questions about GA in general.

One GA event being held on Wednesday, June 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the RCPPC sanctuary is the one-hour play *The Box Marked Black: Tales from a Halffrican-American growing up Mulatto*. The "solo play is a non-linear coming of age story, as the heroine, Damaris Webb, examines her relationship to being 'black enough' while navigating a culture that leaves little room for those in between." A few volunteers will be needed to help GA staff host this event. Volunteer through the GA website: www.gaportland.com/3970-2. Tickets are also available through the website.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS

RCPPC will be the host site for More Light Presbyterians' Worship Service during GA. On Sunday, June 19th, the More Light Presbyterians worship team will join RCPPC staff to create a worship service not to be missed. The HOMEpx meal crew will provide lunch

for the anticipated GA guests (the same day they will take a meal downtown for their semi-monthly lunch serving). If you are asked to help out, please consider saying "yes."

Please watch the Sunday bulletin for more information!

BOOK GROUPS

"The book to read is not the one that thinks for you, but the one which makes you think."

—Harper Lee

Reading in the Afternoon meets in the chapel at 1 p.m.

- **April 20th:** *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Christina Henriquez
- **May 18th:** *Sherwood Nation* by Benjamin Parzybok

Reading in the Evening meets in members' homes. Call Donavan for location.

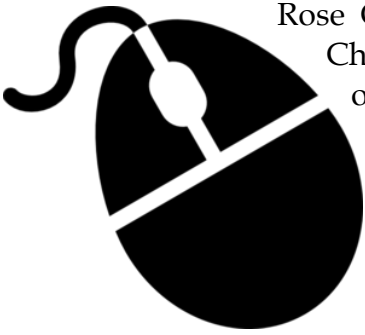
- **April 27th:** *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis
- **May 25th:** *Thank You, Jeeves* by P.G. Wodehouse

HOLLYWOOD FARMERS

MARKET OPENS FOR SEASON

Our building partner, the Hollywood Farmers Market, shifts from its limited winter hours of operation with the opening the weekly market season on Saturday, April 2nd. This opening date is the perfect opportunity to pick up some fresh, locally grown flowers and to explore the other bounty our local farmers have to offer. Check back regularly throughout the spring, summer, and autumn, as offerings change depending on what is "in season." Weekly Market hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April-September and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. October-November on NE Hancock Street adjacent to the church.

ONLINE GIVING



Rose City Park Presbyterian Church is very excited to offer online giving - an easy and convenient way to give your tithes and offerings using a debit or credit card or electronic funds transfer. The

service, which is hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation, is easily accessed through the church website. You can rest easy knowing that the transaction is safe and secure, and your gift will be available to our ministry immediately, with no waiting periods.

Online giving offers benefits both for you and for the church:

- You can save a trip to the ATM on Sunday morning and avoid forgetting your check-book or having to quickly fill out a check to make your gift
- You can also set up recurring donations to continue giving faithfully even on weeks you are not able to attend services
- The church benefits from a more steady and reliable flow of gifts
- Visit www.rosecityparkpres.org, click on the green "Give Now" button, and see for yourself how easy it is to give online. As we continue to grow the culture of stewardship and generosity in our church to include online giving, we ask that you also help us to spread the word. If you have questions, Romalia or Michelle in the church office can help answer questions.

If you choose to give online, please consider adding 4% to your gift to cover the processing fee. For example, if you give \$100 per month, consider making a \$104 monthly gift so that RCPPC receives the full \$100 you have pledged. Thank you!



2016 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

— 1 Peter 4:10

We dedicated our gifts to the 2016 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm/Passion Sunday. If you are still planning to make a donation, envelopes for the offering will be available in the pew rack for a few more weeks, or you may mail a donation to the church office.

Thank you to a very generous congregation for participating in the offering; gifts as of Palm Sunday total \$3370. When you give, you change lives!

ANTIQUES & ARTISAN FAREWELL

We have had a grand time these past four years, organizing vendors, doing publicity, and setting up the Antiques & Artisan Faire. Many of you have been our willing volunteers; you have our deepest thanks.

But for an event to continue to generate positive results, it needs continual renewal. It will require a renewed effort to move into the future, and we are ready to rest. So, it is with both regret and relief that we are hanging up our aprons and putting away our notebooks. We leave the door open for others to dream RCPPC's next Outreach idea.

— Donavan Burkert-Kerr, Cynthia Church,
Kathy Conklin, Diane Hanken,

Peggie Irvine-Page,
Cindy Robertson,
and Beverly Smith.



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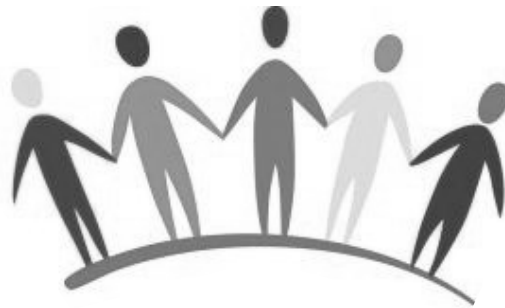
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
WORSHIP at 10:00 AM
9:30 a.m. nursery: Birth—3 years
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



In accordance with our by-laws, a congregational meeting has been called for May 8th before worship for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing ruling elders, deacons and members of the nominating committee. David Dornack is the staff person for our current committee. If you would be willing to serve as a member-at-large on the committee for next year, let David know.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 16TH

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, May 16th**. This issue will cover June, July, and August events.