

The Broadcaster

ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2016



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2017

Common Hope, Common Trust

The process of living as disciples of Jesus, of being transformed into Christ's image, is ongoing, continually working in opposition of 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 the 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.

It isn't easy to be a concerned steward. Global unrest, uncivil public discourse, and community violence seem to be worsening by the week. This fall, anyone with ears to hear is constantly barraged by an "us or them" mentality that vilifies anyone with opposing views. Is there any common ground left? Historically, humans have held certain things "in common". At one time, these may have been natural resources available to all who chose to come and partake: resource-rich mountains, flowing clear water, abundant ocean fisheries. Or there may have been a commonly assumed set of moral values: common decency, caring for the hungry and afflicted, doing "the right thing". But in today's globalized world, nearly everything is interconnected, and thus, held in common, even as we grow increasingly fractured and disparate in our viewpoints and attitudes. Changes to the global climate impact every corner of the planet; economic policies by one set of leaders may affect poor villagers thousands of miles away; war in one isolated area of a continent may spread to many nations through acts of terrorism or the flood of refugees.

People of faith are taught to trust in God's provision for their lives, and God has offered us an earth that is both bountiful and beautiful. But over-consumption by the richest one fifth of the world's populations and an uneven allocation of resources have led to extreme poverty both in our own country and in many poorer nations. Changes to our climate brought on by a complicated mix of natural and human-made causes, coupled with the depletion of natural resources, are hurting the poorest now, and likely the richest in time. It will take people of uncommon compassion and courage to reclaim "the commons" for all of God's children.

Over the next weeks leading up to Stewardship Commitment Sunday on November 13th, we will be encouraged to consider:

- What steps we can take as stewards to "reclaim the commons for all God's children" in our churches, communities, and homes?
- What steps can we take to remind ourselves about what has lasting value?
- What are our personal stewardship priorities? Are our offerings more representative of "first fruits" or "leftovers"? What can we learn about our priorities if we make an inventory that includes both what we need in order to thrive *and* what we give to our church?

We invite you to join us as we explore those things which we share in common with others across the city, the nation, and the planet. Together we can share our common hopes as we grow in our trust in God.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee

ROSE CITY PARK FAMILY NEWS

WITH SYMPATHY

Rev. Patrick Robert "Bob" McCann died on August 29, 2016. A memorial service was held on September 18th at Holladay Park Plaza. Rev. David Dornack officiated. Bob is survived by his wife, Fay, a member of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Contact the church office for any recent address changes.

WITH THANKS

We would like to thank all of those who so graciously helped with the church picnic this summer: those who volunteered, and those who said they would help when asked. There was lots of planning and prep to do, even before the day: setting the date, inventory of items, shopping for veggies, pies, lemonade and meat – so much to do for just one day!

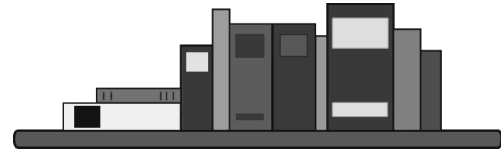
Special thanks go to these people who made it possible: Bill Duncan, Paul Barthol and Marette Whitney, Peter Bilotta, Bob Black, Roberto Del Rio, Diane Hanken, Rick 'Grill Master' Harlow, Peggie Irvine-Page, Steve Meinhard, Tom Munson, Di Vance, David Dornack, Leslie Munson, Woody Richen, Ethel Rieken, Bob and Irene Wininger, Cynthia Church, Nancy Freyer, and Doug and Cindy Robertson. Also thanks to the Outreach/Social Action Committee: Thad Langford, Steve Sechrist, and Tom Munson.

Everyone pitched in by bringing up tables, chairs and the grill, cutting veggies, scooping salads, cutting pies, cooking and serving food. Plus, through your generous donations to Shepard's Door, we gathered 20 pounds of baby clothing, 10 pounds of toiletries, 100 pounds of food and \$50 in cash. Thank you again for making our picnic a huge success!

– Becky Duncan, Outreach Committee Chair

NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

- *Feminine Face of God* by Ruth Anderson & Patricia Hopkins
- *The Male Brain* by Louann Brizendine, MD
- *The Female Brain* by Louann Brizendine, MD
- *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel J. Brown
- *Coping with Alzheimers* by R. E. Markin, PhD
- *When God Winks at You* by Squire Rushnell
- *The Bread of Angels* by Stephanie Saldana



YEAR-END CHARITABLE TAX GIVING

The end of the year is nearing for charitable giving, and you should be planning now instead of waiting to transfer stocks or IRA distributions to offer protection from capital gains taxes. Transfers can take two to five weeks to complete.

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 IRA, 401k, or 403b to eligible charitable organizations (including RCPPC) without treating the distribution as taxable income.

Stocks or Mutual Fund Transfers may be gifted to RCPPC by directly transferring shares through electronic transfer to the church's investment account at New Covenant Transfer Company (NCTC). The value of the stock at the time is recorded by NCTC becomes the value of the stock. Depending on the length of time you have held the stock, this form of giving may protect you from paying capital gain taxes on the stock. 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.

2016-2017 CHURCH OFFICERS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS

The Session Elder and Deacon Committee assignments for 2016-2017 have been finalized. If you have a question or concern regarding a particular aspect of our life together, it is often helpful to know which officers and at-large congregation members serve on the committee and who may be able to answer your questions. Session Committees may be made up of Elders, Deacon representatives and congregation members. Corporate Officers are elected from the Session. Volunteers would be particularly welcome on the Christian Education, Outreach & Communication and Social Action Committees. Talk to the chair or staff person for more information.

Session Moderator: David Dornack

Clerk of Session: Brian Emery

Committees of the Session

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Nuture

Karin Novitsky, Chair AD

Gail Black, Chair CN

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Leslie Munson

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Jim Munson

Bill Wiese

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Outreach & Communications/

Social Action Committee

Becky Duncan, Co-chair O&C

Steve Sechrist, Co-chair O&C

Thad Langford, Chair SA

Tom Munson, SA

Rae Richen – D

Martin Ellis – Staff O&C

David Dornack, Staff SA

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Ellen Ragan – D

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Bobby Roberts

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Visitation

Linda Knepper

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Katie Zalin

Coffee Fellowship & Greeters

Nancy Boeh

Leslye Johnson

Irene Wininger – calling

Ushering

Casey Gemelli

Transportation

Judy Robinson

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Bob Wininger

Rae Richen

2017 Nominating Committee

Nancy Boeh

Roger Price

Woody Richen

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Rae Richen

November Calendar

Tues. 1st

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirit.

Wed. 2nd

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Martha Service Quilt-a-thon

5:15 p.m. Personnel Comm.

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 3rd

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 5th

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun. 6th

All Saints Worship

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Communion

Worship

11 a.m. Stewardship

Emphasis luncheon

Tues. 8th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirit.

7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 9th

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 10th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 11th

Veteran's Day

9:30 a.m. Veteran's Day

Parade on Sandy Blvd.

Sun. 13th

Stewardship Commitment

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Deacons'

Tues. 15th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirit.

7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 16th

1 p.m. Reading in the Afternoon

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 17th

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 18th-Sun. 20th

YouthCon Retreat – Salem

Sun. 20th

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Thanksgiving

Worship

Tues. 22nd

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirit.

Wed. 23rd

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thurs. 24th

Thanksgiving Day; Building Closed

Fri. 25th

Church Office Closed

Sun. 27th

First Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

Tues. 29th

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirit.

Wed. 30th

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

@ Linda Reinhardt's



NEW CHURCH SIGN ON HANCOCK STREET

On a breezy morning in early October, a new church sign was installed on the Hancock side of the building. Settled in the arched niche high above the street, the green Dibond© aluminum sign with white letters and Presbyterian USA logo, announces to all who gather at the markets, walk from the MAX, and drive up 44th and 45th Avenues that we are here. Our expansive building now has a name!

The custom-routed sign was designed by graphic artist and church member Shannon Knepper who is the daughter of Linda and Wayne Knepper and who grew up at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. The Building and Grounds Committee selected the green background to coordinate with the other building trim greens.

With the need and expense to use an articulated lift to install the sign, the total cost of the project was \$2,411.50. The Memorial Committee, with approval of the Session, authorized the funding of this project from Memorial Funds.

— Building and Grounds Committee

STAFFING CHANGES

We are pleased to announce that Martin Ellis will take on added responsibilities as he assumes the position of interim Program Coordinator while continuing his duties as Organist. Martin will start on November 1st, and will be in the office Monday through Thursday. The exact duties will evolve as he works into this role, but besides continuing his work with the Worship and the Arts Committee, he will support Outreach efforts of the Outreach/Social Action Committee and support Youth/Children's programs of the Christian Nurture Committee. He will also assist David with pastoral calling.

In other churches where he has served in Portland and Indianapolis, Martin has had responsibilities beyond music both in the office and program activities. We are eager to take advantage of these other talents.

With conflicting emotions we also announce that Romalia Stickney-Shibley, our office manager for nearly 12 years has told us that she intends to retire soon. While we are pleased for her that she is able to take this step, we will miss her leadership in the office where she has seen us through many changes in the use of the building and in our programs. We all look forward to saying a proper "thank you" when the actual date draws nearer which will be no later than the end of February. In the meantime the Personnel Committee is working hard with Romalia on transition plans.

—Woody Richen, Personnel Committee Chair

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth group Autumnal greetings! Here is what we have going on in November and December:

- **November 4th:** Pakistani Skype with George Johnson (Friday night at 7:30 p.m.)
- **November 6th:** Dollars for Donuts and card making
- **November 13th:** I will be out of town; Pastor David will bring a new game to try out
- **November 18th-20th:** YouthCon (formerly CPYA and middle school mania) retreat in Salem
- **November 27th:** *First Sunday of Advent*, decorate the lower Narthex tree and the tree in the youth room
- Stay tuned for the December/January issue of *The Broadcaster* for December events.

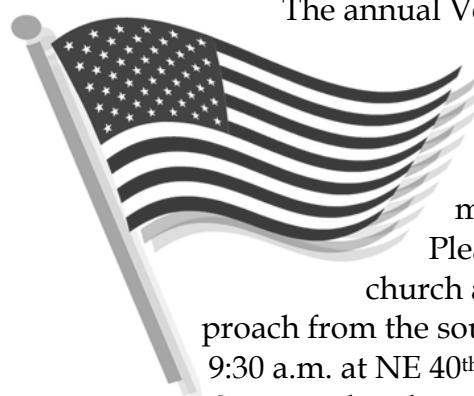
We meet each Sunday after services, from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.—food provided. Come check us out! Parents and grandparents are always welcome to join in, too.

—Laura Gillooly, Youth Ministries Director

2016 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 **December 6th** by end of the day. It is preferably for you to submit your reports via email to michelle@rosecityparkpres.org. 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.

VETERANS' DAY PARADE



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

Sandy should be clear by 11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS

Adult education has been off to a slow start, but we've got some exciting classes coming up for the rest of the year.

- **November 13th**—We have a tentative speaker lined up to speak to us about Universal Healthcare. A volunteer from HealthCare for All Oregon (*hcao.org*) would like to talk to us about how single payer health care could be a possibility in Oregon.
- **November 20th**—Our own Charlotte Matthews will give a talk on Earthquake Preparedness. We hear about it often, but are we really ready? Come and get some tips so you feel more prepared in the case of an earthquake in our area.



- **December 4th**—Festival of the Greens (see article on page 7)
- **December 11th**—Church music specially chosen for the Season. A brief presentation by Ruth and Martin to explain the hymns that are used during Advent and Christmas, followed by the singing of our favorite Christmas carols in the sanctuary following worship. Coffee fellowship will be in the parlor for so everyone can enjoy the music.

READING GROUPS

Reading is often thought of as a solitary act, and no wonder. But a good book also brings people *together*. Reading with others helps make a book spring to life. When we approach a book, we do it with our own histories, our own understandings. When we read together, we enjoy a richer, fuller experience because we can borrow from each others' experience. So join us!



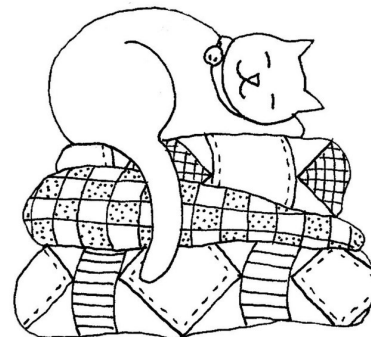
Both groups are reading the same book in November. Come to either group.

- ***Noah's Wife* by Lindsay Starck**
Wednesday, November 16th at 1 p.m. in the chapel
Wednesday, November 30th at 7 p.m. at Linda Reinhardt's
- ***Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger**
Wednesday, December 14th at 1 p.m. in the chapel
- ***Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver**
Wednesday, December 28th at 7 p.m. at Donovan & Nat Kerr's

TIE ONE ON WITH MARTHA: A QUILT-A-THON FOR EVERYONE!

November 2nd, 9:30 - 2:00

We've got a stack of quilts ready to go—they just need a few knots tied here and there to hold their layers together. Share the love, give the warmth these bring to those less fortunate by helping with this great ministry. Drop in anytime and bring your lunch. Questions? Call Kathy Conklin at 503-799-8295.



WELCOME TO ADVENT AT ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN!

Members of the congregation, would you like to be a part of the Advent and Christmas cheer at Rose City Park Presbyterian? You are invited to participate in any of the events listed below. Most decorating events require an RSVP. The contact person for each event is listed with the description below.

WORSHIP-RELATED EVENTS

- **Advent Begins on Sunday November 27th with candle lighting during worship.**
- **The Festival of the Greens will be on Sunday, December 4th in the Fellowship Hall after worship.** Join us for soup and bread, wreath making and other decoration-related crafts. **No RSVP required!** Just come on down.
- **Christmas Program: Sunday, December 18th during worship.**
- **Christmas Eve Worship: Join us for worship either at 4 or 9 p.m. in the sanctuary.**
- **Christmas Day: Worship begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Come as you are.**



LET'S DECK THE HALLS!

RSVPs are really helpful for planning the following events. We want to be able to involve you in the decorations. All volunteers also are asked to help with un-decoration after Epiphany, which is January 8th. Un-decoration event dates will be worked out with each room organizer.

- **Fellowship Hall:** On the morning of December 1st at 10 a.m., Tommy Roberts will organize decoration of the tree and stage in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help on that date, please email tommyjaner@gmail.com.
- **Parlor:** On Wednesday, December 7th at 7 p.m., Rick Lanier-Dunsing and Becky Duncan will organize the decoration of the parlor. They would love to have your help. Please contact Becky Duncan at b-duncan@centurylink.net.
- **Sanctuary:** On Saturday, December 17th, starting at 4 p.m., Linda Knepper and Rae Richen will organize the decoration of the sanctuary. If you would like to help, please RSVP to rreichen@hevanet.com.
- **Front entry:** Additionally, we have a swag to hang on the narthex entry glass awning. If you would like to help with that ladder job in December, please email Woody Richen at wrichen@hevanet.com. (Hangers are already in place on the awning)

When you find the date and event that piques your interest, let that organizer know. We all want to plan enough to do so everyone can have a great time.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE OFFERING TO BENEFIT BOARD OF DEACONS

The Session has once again designated the Thanksgiving Offering for the Deacons' Fund. The Deacons support four local charities: Mainspring Portland, Operation Nightwatch, Sisters of the Road, and Snow-CAP. The Deacon's Transportation Fund helps non-driving members attend Sunday worship and special church events. The Deacons' Student Aid Fund support church youth with higher education grants. The Deacons' Flower Fund makes it possible for Deacons to deliver seasonal flowers and cards to our home bound members. To participate in this offering, please include your gift in the Thanksgiving Offering envelope included in your envelope box (for pledgers), or clearly mark a Deacons' pew envelope "Thank Offering."



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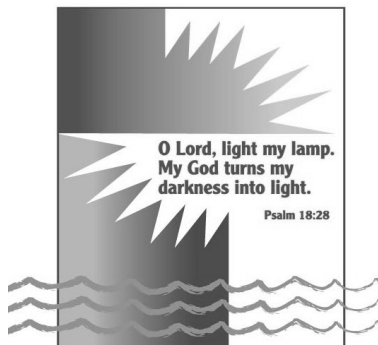
SUNDAY SCHEDULE
WORSHIP at 10:00 AM
9:30 a.m. nursery: Birth—5 years
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

CHURCH STAFF

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- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Joshua Gillooly, Nursery Attendant

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is **November 13th**. If you did not receive a Stewardship Letter in the mail, and wish to



make a pledge to the church, please phone the church office and a commitment card will be mailed to you. Or, you may make a confidential pledge through the church website: <http://rosecityparkpres.org/outreach/giving>.

**COMMON HOPE
COMMON TRUST**

Join us for the Stewardship luncheon on **Sunday, November 6th**, following worship.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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, November 14th**. This issue will cover November events.