

# The Broadcaster

ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER '16/JANUARY '17



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE AT ROSE CITY PARK

### ADVENT WORSHIP

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> with a communion worship service and continues through December 18<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday, morning worship will include the traditional lighting of our Advent wreath.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

You can find the Presbyterians Today 2016 Advent Calendar, *A Journey of Memories*, which contains a daily scripture reading and a reflection, in the upper narthex. Written by Sue Washburn with beautiful quilt images by Susan Blank, it is a concise way to mark the Advent Season. Families with children and grandchildren will receive Advent materials from the Christian Education and Nurture Committee. include the Advent Window calendar, *What a Wonderful Gift*; a fun puzzle magnet, *From Heaven Above*; and for youth, the devotional, *Advent See-Son!* Watch for these items.

### ADVENT FESTIVAL—DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

After worship on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for our Festival of the Greens. All are welcome!

### MUSIC OF THE SEASON—DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

We will have coffee fellowship in the parlor so that we can all gather in the sanctuary with Ruth and Martin for carols.

### *A TIME FOR WAITING* CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

This intergenerational production slows our journey to Bethlehem as we celebrate the Angel Gabriel's miraculous visits to Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Mary. We experience the gathering of angels and Magi around Mary and Joseph as we await the birth of Jesus. Bob McGranahan directs.

### CHRISTMAS EVE—DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

We invite you to attend one of our joyous celebrations of the Christ Child's birth! The **4 p.m. Early Eve Worship** is a meaningful candlelight service under the leadership of Rev. David Dornack and our talented musicians Ruth Heald and Martin Ellis. This early service includes a story time for children and will be appropriate for worshippers of all ages. Families are encouraged to attend with friends and neighbors. Our **9 p.m. traditional Candlelight and Communion Worship** service of lessons and carols includes music from Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Doors and elevator open 30 minutes before each service. Enter through the main doors at NE 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Sandy Boulevard.

### CHRISTMAS DAY—DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

Come for a worship service to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Pajamas are welcome!

### EPIPHANY WORSHIP – JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

We celebrate Epiphany and the arrival of the magi this Sunday with Communion worship.

## ROSE CITY PARK FAMILY NEWS

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please contact the church office for information on our congregants' address changes.

## DEACONS' CORNER

### SOMEONE MISSING?

Is someone who often sits near you not there again this Sunday? Whatever the reason they have been gone, people love to know their church family reached out and that we're glad to see them again when the vacation (or the cold) is over – so let them know you miss them! If you don't have a contact number or email, let Susan Price or Rae Richen know so we can help make contact. Help us care for each other. **Susan Price:** [rogsooz4042@comcast.net](mailto:rogsooz4042@comcast.net); **Rae Richen:** [rreichen@hevanet.com](mailto:rreichen@hevanet.com)

### OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY HELPS OTHER HELPERS

The Deacons' Fund supports four non-profit organizations that work in the community. One of those is Operation Nightwatch. Operation Nightwatch is a non-sectarian night ministry of friendship and community that has been serving Portland's street population since 1981.

Whereas other agencies exist to provide services such as housing, food, and clothing to the homeless, low-income, and mentally ill, Operation Nightwatch's unique vision is that these populations also suffer from simple social isolation. Their mission is to reach out to these people with nurturing relationships.

They welcome each person who comes to them, just as they are. No one is required to conform to any particular belief or faith practice in order to receive their services. Learn more at <http://www.operationnightwatch.org/>

## MARTIN'S CORNER

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I join David and all of you at Rose City Park as Program Coordinator. Without a doubt, all of us benefit from participating in a vibrant and friendly membership, a wonderful and flexible facility, and our location in one of Portland's interesting and very diverse pocket neighborhoods. It is my goal to help guide us as we open our doors to share our spirit and message to the Hollywood community and beyond.

In my newly configured role, my initial concentrations will involve taking on the task of coordinating and collaborating with our many artistic and mission-oriented building partners and to assist closely with three central committees of the church: Outreach and Social Action, Worship and the Arts, and Christian Education and Nurture. Already, I'm encountering an exciting energy from these groups and hoping to involve more and more of you in upcoming projects and events as we discover the passions and interests of our friends in the pews. My past and present leadership style has always been to help guide and empower all of you to take ownership of who we are and what we want to become in our community.

There are so many varied opportunities that are on our door step. I will look forward to helping us collaboratively create a vision for the future and to help us reach out even more to our friends, both current and future, in this "weird" town that we call Portland. Since I reside on the biggest bench in our sanctuary on Sundays, I invite you to come say hello and join us on a new journey.

*God's peace and blessing,  
Martin*



# CALENDAR

## December

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

10 a.m. Fellowship hall  
decorating

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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

*Second Sunday in Advent*

8:45 a.m. Handbell Choir

9:30 a.m. Once a Month  
Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Advent Festival  
with soup luncheon

### Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>

*Annual Reports Due*

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

9:30 a.m. Martha Service

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

7 p.m. Parlor Decorating

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

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

*Third Sunday in Advent*

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

### Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>

7 p.m. Sarah Circle

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

1:30 p.m. ChristCare

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

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

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

4 p.m. Sanctuary Decorating

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

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

9:30 Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship and

Christmas Program

12:30 p.m. HOMEpdx

### Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>

1 p.m. Reading in the  
Afternoon

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

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

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

*Christmas Eve*

4 p.m. Early Eve Worship

9 p.m. Communion &

Candlelight Worship

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

*Christmas Day*

10 a.m. Worship

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

*Church Office Closed*

### Wed. 28<sup>th</sup>

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

## January

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

*New Year's Day*

10 a.m. Worship

### Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Church Office Closed*

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

10 a.m. Contemp. 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. Gentle Moves

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

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

*Epiphany Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Chancel choir

10 a.m. Communion

Worship

11 a.m. Dollars for Donuts

11:15 a.m. Youth meeting

11:15 a.m. Adult Education

### Mon. 9<sup>th</sup>

3 p.m. Outreach/Social  
Action Committees

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

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle

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

10 a.m. B & G Committee

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

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

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 Youth meeting

11:15 Adult Education

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

*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

*Church Office Closed*

### 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>

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Youth meeting

11:15 a.m. Adult Education

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

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

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

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

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

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Youth meeting

11:15 a.m. Adult Education

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

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

## BOARD OF DEACONS' SPECIAL GIVING

Thank you for your gifts in 2016 to the Thanksgiving Envelope Offering, which benefits the Board of Deacons' General Fund. Other funds that support Deacons' care projects are running tight on funds, so if you are considering additional charitable giving this Advent season, please consider one of these Deacons' funds.

The **Deacons' Transportation Fund** covers the costs of rides to church each Sunday for members who are no longer able to drive themselves. This fund is now at Zero and needs an infusion of about \$700 to meet expected 2017 needs.

At least twice a year, the Deacons' Visitation Ministry takes seasonal flowers to our more fragile members at home. For 2017, the **Deacons' Flower Fund** requires about \$400 to make it possible to take poinsettias at Christmas and flowers at Easter to home-bound members.

## PLEDGING AND YEAR-END GIVING

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

If you have not yet turned in your pledge for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. (If you need a pledge card, please phone the church office and one can be mailed to you, or you may submit your confidential pledge through the church website: <http://rosecityparkpres.org/outreach/giving>.)

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is putting the finishing touches on the 2017 budget.

### 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2017 will be available in the parlor *beginning January 1, 2017* for all who submitted a Stewardship Commitment card by December 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to take only the box with your name on it. If you do not plan to pledge for 2017, but would like to receive offering envelopes, contact the church office by December 19<sup>th</sup> (at 503-282-0965 or *office@rosecityparkpres.org*), and a box will be prepared for you to pick up on January 1<sup>st</sup> or after.

### 2016 YEAR-END GIFTS

As we enter the busy holiday season, it is time to remind everyone that any giving to the church for 2016 should be in the church office before 10 a.m. on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> if at all possible. This will give the office staff time to count, deposit, and properly credit your offerings. For those of you who prefer to prepay a portion of your 2017 pledge, please clearly mark the check "pre-paid for 2017" and have it in the church office by the December 30<sup>th</sup> giving deadline. Gifts post-marked after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 or received in the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 offering will be counted toward 2017 giving. The 2017 Per Capita Apportionment is \$???? per confirmed member. Information will be included in your envelope box.

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### 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 6<sup>th</sup>** by end of the day. It is preferable for you to submit your report via email to [michelle@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto: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.

### LOOKING AHEAD & OFFICE CLOSURES

- **December 26<sup>th</sup>:** Office Closed for Christmas
- **January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Office Closed for New Years
- **January 16<sup>th</sup>:** Office Closed for MLK Jr. Day
- **February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Meeting
- **March 2017:** Lent begins

## GENTLE MOVES FITNESS CLASS

January 2017 brings to RCPPC "Gentle Moves" a free fitness class offered by Sheila LaChance. The class is designed to inspire gentle movements to music and suitable for individuals over eighteen with seniors most especially welcomed! Sheila is a native Oregonian and was an instructor of low impact aerobics through the City of Portland Parks and Recreation for twenty years. Since she retired from her work-a-day office world, she looks forward to sharing her passion for gentle music with gentle movement by offering these complimentary one hour weekly sessions on Thursdays from 10-11:00 a.m. in the playroom downstairs. Enter through the Room 8 door under the ramp. The first class is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to drop on in and check it out—for questions, contact [lachance.sheila@gmail.com](mailto:lachance.sheila@gmail.com) or 503.281.4839.

## READING TOGETHER

*"With freedom, books, flowers and the moon, who could not be happy?"* —Oscar Wilde

**Reading in the Afternoon** (meets every third Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel)

- **December 14<sup>th</sup>:** *Ordinary Grace* by Kent Krueger
- **January 18<sup>th</sup>:** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

**Reading in the Evening** (meets on the last Wednesday of the month. Ask Donovan to confirm location.)

- **December 28<sup>th</sup>:** *Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver at the Burkert-Kerr home.
- **January 25<sup>th</sup>:** *Nobody's Fool* by Richard Russo. Location TBA.

## MARTHA SERVICE

Martha thanks you! What fun we had tying up quilts for the folks at Community Warehouse and our neighbors in need. showed up—men and women—and generated a pile (thirteen in all!) of colorful, cozy quilts. December 7<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup> are our next gatherings.us anytime between 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. in Room 8 on the lower level.

## ADULT EDUCATION IN JANUARY

There will be a four-part series starting in January presented by the Muslim Educational Trust. Both Jim Moiso and Rae Richen have ties to this and they have arranged speakers for January. The Muslim Educational Trust (MET) was founded in 1993 with a mission to enrich the public's understanding of Islam and dispel common myths and stereotypes, while serving the Muslim community's educational, social, and spiritual needs in order to develop generations of proud and committed Muslims who will lead our community to the fore front of bridge building dialogue, faith-based community service, and stewardship of Earth and humanity.

Since there is so much information to cover in a short amount of time, the classes will all be one hour long. Mark your calendars for January 8<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> from 11:15-12:15.

## YOUTH NEWS

Happy December from the youth group! Winter is upon us and here is what we have going on in December and January:

**December 4<sup>th</sup>:** retirement home caroling and pizza at Pastor David's (4:30-7:30 p.m.)

**December 11<sup>th</sup>:** Advent program practice

**December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Advent program during service; Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange following worship

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Day: no classes

**Date TBD:** Sometime after Christmas, we will go to Zoo Lights.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:** New Year's day: no classes

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** Dollars for Donuts and take down the Christmas trees

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** M&M game

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Pizza and a movie at Nathaniel and Cassy's house (3 p.m.)

**January 29<sup>th</sup>:** Game day

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

—Laura Gillooly, Youth Ministries Director

## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the coming of Jesus Christ, the “wondrous gift” of God with us. Jesus arrived in a humble stable in small and insignificant Bethlehem, to lead and teach in truth and love, and bring about God’s salvation to the world. What a “wondrous gift” indeed! This was a gift so profound that the only response was the bringing of more gifts; the Magi arrived with gold, frankincense, and myrrh to honor the Christ child.

Devoted and caring leaders have led many of us in the way of Christ. They have been church workers equipping us to respond to the grace we have known in Jesus Christ, and they have been God’s gifts among us. As we celebrate Christ’s coming, and think of the profound impact these individuals have had on us, the Christmas Joy Offering provides a way for us to offer a gift in response.

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will raise up leaders from small places that are too often overlooked by the church. The historically Presbyterian racial ethnic schools (Menaul School, Presbyterian Pan American School and Stillman College) were founded to educate emerging leaders from underrepresented groups so leadership in the church would better reflect the diversity of God’s people. Half of the Christmas Joy Offering supports the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders. Many of the students attending these institutions are the first in their families to enroll in higher education. \$1 million of gifts from the 2015 Joy Offering are being used to provide education and enable students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges to develop leadership skills.

The other half of the Offering honors those leaders who serve and have served us well. Through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, current and retired church workers who experience need because of tragedy, health concerns, or financial hardship can receive assistance from the church they have served so well. \$1.1 million of gifts from the 2015 offering are being used to provide financial support and grants for nearly 300 households of current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

In gratitude to God for the wondrous gift of Jesus, we invite you to join this celebration of God’s presence with us by supporting the Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are in the pew pockets, or you may make your gift online by clicking the “GIVE NOW” button on church website. We will dedicate our gifts to the Joy Offering on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

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### SEASONAL ALL-CHURCH GIVING PROJECTS

As we ease into the end of the year and approach Christmas, with all its joys and sense of promise, please remember to help with the **KGW Great Christmas Toy Drive**, using the barrel in the lower narthex marked for donations of new toys that will be distributed to children of all ages in the Portland area. Our deadline for donations will be December 14<sup>th</sup>, as we’ll have to deliver the toys on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider an additional donation of new socks and mittens for our **HOMEpdx** guests, to be distributed to those in need of such items for the wet winter ahead. There is an additional barrel in the lower narthex for your contributions, which we’ll distribute on December 18<sup>th</sup>, when we serve the HOMEpdx meal under the Hawthorne Bridge. So many of these folks have no place to do their laundry and will likely be in constant need of warm socks and mittens during the winter months.

If you have questions, contact Thad Langford or Tom Munson of the Social Action Committee.



## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

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The Social Action Committee has several areas that we are currently concentrating our efforts, such as HOMEpdx, Habitat for Humanity, Great Christmas Toy Drive, NE Interfaith Alliance and Village Support Network. If you feel a need to lend a voice to, and be involved in, any of these worthy efforts, or if you have new ideas to bring to the table, please consider being a member of this Committee as we firm up our goals for the coming years' efforts. We do intend to schedule brief monthly meetings at the church, 3 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, to review our missions and plan future outreach programs. Please call or email Thad Langford at 971.319.6354 or [tandtl@comcast.net](mailto:tandtl@comcast.net).

## BUILDING PARTNERS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Our Building Partners are busy non-profit organizations making a difference in our community. Several have performances in December. See if anything strikes your fancy!

- **Bach Cantata Choir** – Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the RCPPC sanctuary. This evening concert features J.S. Bach's, *Christmas Oratorio Parts 4-6* and the music of Schütz, Vivaldi, and local arranger John Vergin. Tickets at Brown Paper Tickets.
- **PlayWrite, Inc.** – Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at the Mt. Scott Learning Center, 2148 SE Holgate Blvd. This mid-day performance showcases the great dramatic work of students at Mt. Scott who wrote and directed. More information at <http://www.playwriteinc.org/>
- **Portland Revels** – December 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, various evening times at St. Mary's Academy. *The Christmas Revels Commedia Italiana* is an Italian Renaissance celebration of the Winter Solstice. New this year is the one-hour, child-friendly *Commedia Bambini* on December 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at the Brunish Theater. Tickets at [www.portlandrevels.org/calendar/christmasrevels/](http://www.portlandrevels.org/calendar/christmasrevels/) or by calling 503-274-4654.
- **Portland Symphonic Choir** – December 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, at Rose City Park United Methodist Church. *Wintersong*, a Portland holiday favorite, returns with special guests at each concert. Tickets at Brown Paper Tickets.
- **Rose City Youth Orchestras** – December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Gaiser Hall at Clark College in Vancouver. Holiday Gala featuring classics plus festive holiday music. Refreshments and party atmosphere.

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

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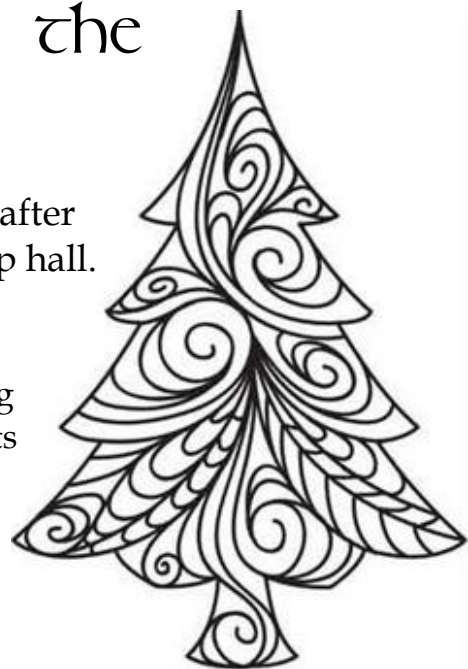
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- Joshua Gillooly, Nursery Attendant

## Festival of the Greens

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after  
worship in the fellowship hall.

Soup and bread lunch  
Swag and wreath-making  
plus other decorative crafts

Join the fun;  
all are welcome!



**NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 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, January 16<sup>th</sup>**. This issue will cover February and March events.