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ROSE CITY PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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IS IT PORTLANDIA OR SNOWLANDIA?

In the Midwest when the first snowfall came, I would make the kids gingerbread. So far this year, I have made four pans of gingerbread. It has been wonderful to keep my car parked. The chains for my car were the wrong size, and even with all my Midwestern bravado, I don't know how to drive on ice.

After a strenuous holiday and post-holiday season, the snow has allowed me some much enjoyed downtime to just be with me. I caught up on some home projects, enjoyed some reading and watched far too much television about the upcoming changes in Washington. But I've also enjoyed the sun (when it shines), watching the rays being captured on the brilliant snow.

The moon has been delightful. It has been full, and yes, I've enjoyed walks after dark in my neighborhood.

Here is something I found, and I think it's worth sharing.

There is an adage from the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron that we are closest to the creator when we create. So, I have unbound myself from the structure of a specific form, and have created my own spiritual practice. I have found it brings a sense of play into the process which is quite different from my usual stern protocol that "I am going to get enlightened." (Good luck with that...my current opinion is that is the first thing to let go of.) In this way meditation can be playful rather than stern. I love that simple line from Merle Haggard: "I'm into happy, I ain't into sad."

The past snow days have come with the message to "relax." Simply RELAX. I was holding reservoirs of stress, partly from health issues concerning my mother. We all live in this world of visual stimulation and stress and trauma, and now we live in a new world with a new president. So the simple message is RELAX.

"Those who heaven helps we call the sons [and daughters] of heaven. They do not learn this by learning. They do not do this by working it. They do not reason this by using reason. To let understanding stop at what can be understood is a high attainment."

—Chuang Tzu, 4th Century BC China

RELAX.

Peace,

Rev. David C. Dornack

**ROSE CITY PARK
FAMILY NEWS
ADDRESS CHANGES**

Please contact the church office for address updates and changes.

**THANKS FROM THE
SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

Thank you to all who contributed to the KGW Great Toy Drive last year—your impressive generosity allowed us to distribute three barrels of toys to needy children in our city.

Also in December, while serving meals to about 120 homeless under the west end of the Hawthorne Bridge, we provided approximately half of your 250-some pairs of donated socks, gloves, hats and scarves to those who needed them, as the cold weather moved into Portland. The remainder of the gloves and socks were divided between the Street Roots office for their vendors' needs, and the Union Gospel Mission downtown. We continue to marvel at your generosity to the neediest in our community and thank you for the opportunity to serve them on your behalf. The grateful remarks are more than just heartwarming.

—Social Action Committee

MARTIN'S CORNER

Happy New Year to all and welcome to 2017. It is my hope that you found Christmas at Rose City Park Presbyterian to be a meaningful and peaceful time for you and your family.

Our building partners offer some exciting events as we move forward into the new year! One of my projects has been to reach out to our performance organizations and to have several musical events featured in our sanctuary for members as well as our local community. Here are several concerts I hope to see many of you attend:

**February 5th – “Super Bach Sunday” by
Bach Cantata Choir**

For those of you who are music-minded, come and enjoy the acclaimed Bach Cantata Choir on Super Bowl Sunday at 2 p.m. The concert will feature works by Billings, Tallis, Montiverdi, and of course J.S. Bach.

**February 26th – Rose City Youth Orchestras
Chamber Music Concert**

Come and enjoy the first concert played in our sanctuary by our youth building partner. The concert will feature small group chamber ensembles made up of youth from the larger youth orchestra. Concert time is 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**May 3rd – Oregon Symphony Orchestra
“Classical Up Close”**

Classical Up Close: Bringing world-class musicians to you. Join us for a concert featuring small groups of symphony musicians performing a host of well-known classical works in our sanctuary. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for other music and outreach events through the season of Lent. In the meantime, enjoy the winter weather and stay safe.

—Martin Ellis
Interim Program Coordinator



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Wed. 1st
9:30 a.m. Martha Service
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 2nd
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 4th
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun. 5th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11 a.m. Dollars for Donuts
11:15 a.m. Adult Education
& Youth Group meeting

Mon. 6th
3 p.m. Outreach & Social
Action Committees

Tues. 7th
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 8th
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 9th
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Fri. 10th-Sun. 12th
Youth Retreat

Sun. 12th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting &
Potluck

Tues. 14th
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

Wed. 15th
1 p.m. Reading in the
Afternoon
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 16th
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 19th
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Adult Education
& Youth Group meeting
12:30 p.m. HOMEpdx serving

Mon. 20th
Presidents' Day
Church Office Closed

Tues. 21st
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 22nd
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 23rd
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 26th
Transfiguration Sunday
Birthday Sunday
8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Deacons meeting

Tues. 28th
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirit.

MARCH

Wed. 1st
Ash Wednesday
9:30 a.m. Martha Service
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults
7 p.m. Worship @RCPPC

Thurs. 2nd
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sat. 4th
8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sun. 5th
First Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11 a.m. Dollars for Donuts
11:15 a.m. Youth meeting

Mon. 6th
3 p.m. Outreach & Social
Action Committees

Tues. 7th
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

Wed. 8th
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 9th
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 12th
Second Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time begins
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11:15 Youth meeting

Tues. 14th
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

Wed. 15th
1 p.m. Reading in the
Afternoon
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 16th
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 19th
Third Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship

Tues. 21st
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality
7 p.m. Session meeting

Wed. 22nd
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 23rd
10 a.m. Gentle Moves
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sun. 26th
Fourth Sunday in Lent
9:30 Chancel Choir
10 a.m. Communion Worship
11:15 a.m. Youth meeting

Tues. 28th
10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

Wed. 29th
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

Thurs. 30th
10 a.m. Gentle Moves



MARTHA SERVICE—HEARTS AND BLANKETS

Join us February 1st and help cut, sew, press, and stuff heart-shaped pillows for Providence Breast Cancer Center. We could use a couple bags of polyfil for this project if you'd like to make a donation.

In March we'll make blankets for Project Linus—an organization that provides new, handmade blankets for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of the warmth, security, and comfort a blanket can bring.

There's a job for everyone, and you don't have to be a seamstress. Join us for a good time, and don't forget your lunch. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in room 8. Bring your lunch and enter through the lower ramp door.

READING GROUPS AT RCPPC

"Fill your house with lots of books, all the crannies and all the nooks." —Dr. Seuss

Reading in the Afternoon. This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m., usually in the chapel.

- **February 15th:** *Everything I Never Told You*, by Celeste Ng
- **March 15th:** To Be Announced

Reading in the Evening. This group meets in member households, usually at 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month. Call Donovan for meeting places.

- **February 22nd:** *The War in Val d'Orcia*, by Iris Orego
- **March 22nd** (note that this is **not** the last Wednesday): *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrick Blackman

PORTLAND FOOD PROJECT

For the past year, the Dinghy Mariners and friends have been supporting The Portland Food Project. This year, they are expanding their base to anyone in the RCPPC community who wants to help with this grass roots food assistance program. Here's how it works: neighbors donate a bag of food every two months. It's incredibly easy, because PFP supplies the green bag...and picks up the food! This provides food pantries with a steady, year-round supply of food and provides donors with the ongoing satisfaction of making a real difference. They also get to know their neighbors (and fellow church members), which builds a powerful sense of community.

Here is information on how you can participate through our church from coordinator Jim Munson:

- The next collection date for The Portland Food Project is Saturday, February 11th.
- Please turn in your green bags to church by February 10th—it is best to bring them on Sunday and take them directly to the old Meals on Wheels People office off the fellowship hall (behind the etched glass windows.) If you come during the week, please enter at the office door, pick up the key from the office staff, and take your donations to the fellowship hall.
- Green bags are not required but are a good reminder at home to fill them up.
- If you have a bag and cannot get it to church in time, call Jim Munson (503-313-3375) for pickup.

PFP began in February 2012 as the SE Portland Food Project, partnering with two local food pantries and collecting 237 lbs. from twelve donors. They are now known as the Portland Food Project, crossing bridges and Burnside, collecting 133,000 lbs. of food from over 1,200 donors. They have affiliate Food Projects in Milwaukie, Beaverton, and Hillsboro working to end child hunger and serve 19 pantries. Learn more at www.portlandfoodproject.org.

CHANGES IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Office Manager and church member **Romalia Stickney-Shibley** will be retiring from the Office Manager Position at the end of February. For over 17 years she has overseen and coordinated so much. Are we ready for Sunday worship: bulletins, sanctuary, scripture readers,...? Is the chapel or library set up for the meeting? Does the new Building Partner have keys and alarm codes? Are volunteers on hand to prepare this *Broadcaster* for mailing? The list goes on. She has an instinct for organization and detail and an ability to anticipate issues. All of us, members, staff, committees, and building partners, have relied on Romalia for the quality operation which is Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. Pastor David Dornack said, "For many years in different capacities, Romalia has worked tirelessly, often behind the scenes, for the betterment of our church. I will miss her attention to details and asking the right questions, but also her partnership in leading Rose City Park and her deep friendship." All of us will have a chance to say "Thank You" to Romalia in person at a special coffee hour on Sunday, February 26th. This will be a "Thank You" but not "Good Bye." Romalia and Jeremy will take a few months away, but they intend to remain part of our church family.

Michelle Veazie, who has overseen all of the church publications for the last six years, will be stepping down at the end of February, also. Michelle has been flexible and talented enough to serve us in many other ways. She started as our Receptionist in 2009 and took on many publication duties while in that role. Even after leaving the receptionist position when she and Scott started a family, she was always willing to take on added assignments, especially when the office staff was in transition. Michelle will also be honored at the February 26th coffee hour.

As noted in recent Sunday bulletins, receptionist and session member **Steve Sechrist** resigned his part-time Receptionist position at the end of the year in order to take a position that offered more hours. Steve was a welcoming and helpful presence to those having business in the office. We thank him and wish him well. We are pleased that he and Mary are still part of our church family.

We also welcome our new Office Manager **Katherine Kaiser**. Katherine started on January 18th and is very busy learning the ins and outs of the office and the church operation. A long-time resident of the Portland area, Katherine has extensive office experience at Mt. Hood Community College where she had ample opportunity to help students and staff. Please take the opportunity to welcome Katherine next time you are in the office.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join our youth on Sunday, February 26th before worship for a delicious pancake breakfast! Enjoy pancakes with all the toppings, lil' smokies, coffee and juice – served by our middle and high school youth.

Keep an eye on the bulletin insert, the church website and Facebook page for more information, and we hope to see you there!



2017 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

"You shall be called repairers of the breach." —Isaiah 58

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The OGHS Offering, received during the season of Lent, makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. (Receives 32% of funds raised.)
- The Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. (Receives 36% of funds raised.)
- Self-Development of People invests in communities, responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills. (Receives 32% of funds raised.)

Throughout Lent, Sunday bulletin inserts and Moments for Mission will remind us of the important work made possible by our gifts. While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, these programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. With our gifts to this life-changing offering we help to mend breach after breach in the fabric of sustainable life around the world. Envelopes for the offering will be in the pew racks beginning on Sunday, March 5th. We will dedicate our gifts to OGHS on April 9th, Palm and Passion Sunday.

Happy New Year from the Youth Group!

Here is our schedule for February and March:

- **February 5th:** Dollars for Donuts, Bible study
- **February 10th-12th:** Retreat at the Amling family's cabin (weather permitting)
- **February 19th:** Presidents' Day weekend – card making
- **February 26th:** Pancake Breakfast! Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the kitchen door
- **March 5th:** Dollars for Donuts, Bible study
- **March 12th:** Outing: *to be determined*
- **March 18th:** First weekend of Spring Break – Laura away
- **March 26th:** Second weekend of Spring Break – game day



Looking ahead into Lent and after Easter, Ruth Heald has again invited us to play handbells for Pentecost in June. As it gets warmer in the spring, we will also try to have an all-nighter at the church, with Pastor David and Cassy chaperoning.

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

– Laura Gillooly, Youth Ministries Director

SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

Year after year, this congregation responds generously to pleas for support of local and global causes that ease the way for our sisters and brothers on the planet.

Your gifts to the 2016 Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$2,050. These gifts support Presbyterian-affiliated racial and ethnic schools and provide additional support to clergy and church workers experiencing unusual need.

Many children across the local metropolitan area had a brighter Christmas through your donation of three large sacks of new toys to the KGW Great Toy Drive.

2016 gifts to the Peace and Global Witness Offering totaled \$2,396. Early in 2017, monies will be dispersed to the denominations' program and to local Peacemaking Mission Partners.

A local mission program new in 2015, HOMEpx Meals, became self-sustaining in 2016 through the generosity of congregants. The program finished the year with \$1,319.31 in reserve—enough to cover nearly five of the six meals we have committed to serve in 2017. In addition, the volume of socks, mittens, and hats donated in December were more than enough to share during our unexpectedly harsh December and January with many of the diners, as well as two other helping organizations in the city.

New this year is RCPPC's Village Support Network team (George and Leslye Johnson, Jim and Bobbi Munson, and Woody and Rae Richen) that will receive training to mentor a family out of houselessness and into stability. Training for the team has been funded with a grant from our retained Peacemaking offerings. Additional gifts of \$775 will supply resources for the team to use as they mentor a family.

And finally, your year-end gifts to Deacons' funds will help to continue the Ride-to-Church program into 2017 (\$1,095), support higher education gifts for our youth (\$50), help to continue seasonal flowers to member receiving home visits (\$30), and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Envelope Offering (\$690) will further Deacons' Fund support of non-profit service organizations in our community.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements reflection giving for 2016 were mailed on January 17th to all who gave to the church. Please check yours for accuracy, and contact Romalia in the church office before February 12th if you note an error.

2017 PLEDGING AND PER CAPITA

Thank you to all who have made a pledge for 2017. As of January 17th, 77 members have pledged a total of \$227,524. The Stewardship and Finance Committee especially thanks those who have newly pledged and those who have been able to increase their giving. More details on this year's budget will be included in the 2016 Annual Report, available beginning February 5th.

A few unclaimed envelope boxes for 2017 pledgers are still awaiting pick-up in the church parlor. If you do not pledge, but would like an envelope box, please call or email the church office. The Per Capita Apportionment for 2017 is \$31.43. 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.



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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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**ANNUAL MEETING
& POTLUCK LUNCH,
FEBRUARY 12TH**

Join us after worship at 11:15 a.m. as we gather in the fellowship hall for our Annual Meeting.

Please bring a dish to share—
drinks and ice cream will be provided.

The Annual Report will be available beginning on
February 5th in the upper narthex.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via e-mail to office@rosecityparkpres.org, or by mail and must be in the church office **by noon on Monday, March 13th**. This issue will cover April and May events.