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Welcome to the Presbytery of the Cascades email newsletter! Please share this information with others in your congregation. If you are unable to open links in this newsletter, please find CEE on the Presbytery website: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-02-19-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-02-19-08.pdf) Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to [cee@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:cee@cascadespresbytery.org) to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: February 28**

## **NEW IN THIS ISSUE**

- Exchange pulpits within the presbytery
- Letters from GA
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Living Waters for the World
- Medical Ministry Fund grants
- Media Center – 'The History of the Bible' DVD
- Clown 'Funshop' by Bud Frimoth planned for this spring
- Good Friday noon service in downtown Portland
- Conferences at Montreat designed for pastors
- Campus Ministry Young Adult Retreat
- Interfaith Disabilities Conference

## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

### **March 7-8 Presbytery Stated Meeting notice**

Plan now to attend the meeting at Westminister, Portland for workshops, actions, meetings and fellowship. Ministers and commissioners will access background information online for this meeting, and some packets will be mailed. **Note dates to register for events and luncheons.** Read the cover letter, proposed docket, directions, lodging, and Friday workshop information here: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyPubDocs-3-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyPubDocs-3-08.pdf).

### **Exchange pulpits within the Presbytery, Aug. 10**

All churches in the presbytery are invited by the Relational Support Committee to participate in the presbytery-wide pulpit exchange August 10. Learn about the good things happening in other churches and enjoy the experience. **Apply by June 1.** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008PulpitExchangeCEE.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008PulpitExchangeCEE.pdf)

### **Two letters from General Assembly**

- A monthly column for the church-at-large by the Moderator of GA. This month, the column is written by Vice Moderator Robert E. Wilson: "When African-American History is just known as History." [www.cascadespresbytery.org/v-mod-column-feb08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/v-mod-column-feb08.pdf)
- The Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, writes "...and Giving Us the Ministry of Reconciliation," about his recent visit to Kenya. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/stated-clerk-feb08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/stated-clerk-feb08.pdf)

### **One Great Hour of Sharing offering aids many**

Presbyterians join with millions of other Christians in collecting this offering during the Easter season to share God's love with people experiencing need. It's time to promote the offering in your church: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/OGHS02-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/OGHS02-08.pdf)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**'Living Waters for the World' names Cascades representative**

Steven Estergreen, of Aurora Presbyterian Church, is the "Clean Water Ambassador" for **Living Waters for the World** in this area. Steven is available to come to your church or civic organization and present the vision of and opportunities available through LWW, and would like to form a project team with members from churches in the Presbytery of the Cascades. Read more: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/LivingWaters.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/LivingWaters.pdf)

### **Recovery Plan to help local areas hit by December storm**

Learn how your congregation can help families and communities which were hit by the December storms and flooding in our presbytery. Phyllis Wright is volunteer coordinator for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf)

### **Medical Ministry Fund grant applications due March 31**

Attention all churches: Check the information on the Hilda V. Thompson Medical Ministry Fund to see if your church qualifies to apply for a grant. The Synod Mission Partnership Committee hopes every church will see the information. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/medicalministry2008.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/medicalministry2008.pdf)

### **Church rain gardens can cleanse runoff water**

Winter is a good time to make plans for building a rain garden (a planted basin to slow and retain water) at your church. In our increasingly paved-over world, it is important to consider how we can care for God's waters of life. Check out all the resource links listed here: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/ChurchRainGardens.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/ChurchRainGardens.pdf).

### **'Living Longer – Feeling Better' website added**

The PCUSA office of national health Ministries has launched a new website designed for boomers and elders called, "Living Longer- Feeling Better." [www.pcusa.org/healthyliving](http://www.pcusa.org/healthyliving)

### **Media Resource Center features: The History of the Bible by James Walther, Sr.**

(DVD) from the Kerygma program. Trace the history of your Bible from ancient manuscripts to the many modern translations available today. An excellent resource for confirmation classes, adult Bible study groups and church libraries. I really recommend it! Maureen O'Rourke, Director of the Media Resource Center, Presbytery's free lending library. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html)

### **Summer Camps 2008- Sign up now for early bird pricing**

Registration is up and running. All the information is online at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org), and you can either register on line or mail in the form that is on the brochure. Brochures are available at your church. Please call Elizabeth Larkin, Camp Coordinator, with any questions at 503-460-3024. Early bird pricing ends April 6.

### **Clown 'Funshop' planned for this spring**

Well-known clergy clown, the Rev. Bud Frimoth, leads a "Funshop" about finding the joyful child who still resides in you and learning to use non-verbal, caring ways of communicating with others. Contact Bud at 503.775.2940 or [budfrim@gmail.com](mailto:budfrim@gmail.com).

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **Certification Course, April 7-11**

"Faith and Human Development" for educators at Menucha: [www.menucha.org](http://www.menucha.org)

### **Educators' event at Mt. Angel, April 22-23**

Church educators, plan now to hear Kathy Price speak on, "How do you spell Advocate? A look at Advocacy in Christian Education." Tues. 9 a.m. to Wed. 2 p.m. at Mount Angel. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008EducatorEvent.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008EducatorEvent.pdf)

## Summer Conference 'weekend edition' set for July 17-20

Plan to come to Bend this summer for Cascades Summer Conference, Thursday-Sunday, July 17-20. Mark Yaconelli is keynote speaker for the event, to be held in First Presbyterian Church, Bend.

## MORE EVENTS

### Good Friday noon service in downtown Portland, Mar. 21

Portland downtown churches are bringing back the tradition of a shared worship service at noon on Good Friday, March 21. The service will be held at First Christian, with most of the other downtown churches participating. First Christian Church is located at the corner of Columbia Street and the Park Blocks in downtown Portland.

### Conferences at Montreat designed for pastors, March-April

Montreat Conference Center presents three workshops to "do you good." Solo pastor to a Multi-Staff, March 30-April 4; Associate Pastors, March 31-April 3; and The Montreat Artists Series, April 20-24. More: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/MontreatConferenceCenter.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/MontreatConferenceCenter.pdf)

### Campus Ministry Young Adult Retreat, April 4-6

All students on our college campuses (see list below) and young adults ages 18-29 in our churches are invited to the "Got Plans? Making a Living and Trailblazing a Life" retreat at Camp Adams, April 4-6. Discussions, activities and entertainment fill the weekend. Register by March 3. Sponsored by campus ministries: Oregon State University, Portland State, U. of Oregon, Western Oregon Univ., Willamette Univ., and Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. [www.cascadespresbytery.org/GotPlans-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/GotPlans-08.pdf)

### Interfaith Disabilities Conference in Portland, May 2

Presbytery's *OPENING DOORS* committee invites all who have an interest in engaging people with disabilities in faith communities to attend the conference May 2. More: [www.cascadespresbytery.org/IDNetworkO-08.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/IDNetworkO-08.pdf)

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**Per Capita for 2008 is \$21.41** each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/06.  
**Terms of Call 2008 form** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Terms\\_of\\_Call.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Terms_of_Call.pdf)

**Church staff positions open:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B)

**Youth:** Portland, Valley Community

**Music:** Salem, First; Aurora; Aloha, Reedville

**Children:** Portland, Colonial Heights

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**Presbytery of the Cascades website:** [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org)

**Presbyterian Church (USA)** [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

**Omnibus newsletter:** [omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org), **deadline: March 17, for April-May issue** **Presbytery Nominating Committee** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf)

**Cascades Presbyterian Women:** [www.cascadespw.org](http://www.cascadespw.org)

**Forms on our website** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html)

**Deadlines, due dates** [www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html)

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