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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-03-05-08.pdf Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to cee@cascadespresbytery.org to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: March 13.**

NEW IN THIS ISSUE

- More Presbytery meeting information for this weekend, March 7-8
- Southminster church annual art exhibit, March 6-9
- Updated information on helping storm damaged areas
- Book published on listening skills
- Media Resource Center features book on aging family members
- Small organs available at no cost
- Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering April 19
- Hope and Tea Leaves gathering with More Light, March 9
- Art contest for children marks Earth Day, April 19

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery meeting at Westminster, Ptld., March 7-8

The Presbytery meets Friday and Saturday this week at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland. The **Pre-Pre-Presbytery worship workshop** on "Leading Worship from the Font" is Thursday evening, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Pre-Presbytery Workshops begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday; all are welcome. Workshops include "The PET Recommendations," "Key Issues for Personnel Committees," "Listening—an Act of Love," "Immigration Issues" and "From God Views, to PUP Views, to What?" with Jack Haberer.

Additional papers available at the meeting will also be available on the website this week for those with passcode access. Contact Margi Brown in the Stated Clerk's Office at 503-227-5480, 1-800-495-4114 X201 or margi@cascadespresbytery.org. Read the cover letter, proposed docket, directions, lodging, and Friday workshop information here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyPubDocs-3-08.pdf.

Meals at Presbytery: Circuit Rider Books serves lunch on Friday; all are welcome. New commissioners and the Theological Education Fund committee also have lunches scheduled. Dinner Friday at the church will be by tickets sold at registration. Saturday lunch is not available at the church, but there are many restaurants close to the church.

Hear missional leaders at Sat. lunch, March 8: The New Church Development Team sponsors a lunch on Saturday, March 8 during the presbytery lunch break. We will gather in the Fireside room at Westminster and will provide lunch from Baja Fresh for a \$5 donation. The lunch is open to the first 35 who sign up. Since there will be no other food on site that day, this is your perfect opportunity! RSVP to skypilot917@comcast.net. Read more about the meeting and speaker: www.cascadesncd.org/index.html.

Please bring a small amount of water from your home or church to Presbytery; the Worship Design Team will put all the waters together in the font during our time together.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southminster church annual art exhibit, March 6-9

The church's 30th "Celebration of Creativity" art show is Thursday-Sunday, March 6-9. Find hours, events and descriptions at www.celebrationofcreativity.com.

Volunteers needed in storm damaged areas

Updated information on how to help in damaged areas in Columbia and Washington counties: www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf

New book: *Why Don't We Listen Better?*

Jim Petersen, HR, recently published *Why Don't We Listen Better?*, a book on using practical techniques to improve listening skills.

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

Media Resource Center features a new book in the Resource Center, *Taking Care of Aging Family Members* (356 pgs). This comprehensive handbook has been updated and expanded to include more issues of concern to the aged and those who care for them, i.e. long-distance caregivers, spiritual concerns and the person-in-the-middle who cares for both children and parents. A new donation from the *OPENING DOORS* Committee. Presbytery's free lending library, 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, 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.

Small organs available

- If you are interested in a digital Allen Organ (no cost) purchased in 1984, please contact Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Warrenton, 503-861-2421.
- A Rogers organ, Jamestown 100 Model, will be donated for use in a church or chapel. Contact Robert Roberts, 503-234-6874.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Certification Course, April 7-11

"Faith and Human Development" for educators at Menucha: www.menucha.org

Presbyterian Women plan Spring Gathering, April 19

The PW Spring Gathering is at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Gresham on Saturday, April 19 with The Rev. Jeannine Graham, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at George Fox University, as keynote speaker. Theme for the Gathering, "Insiders/Outsiders: Luke's Good News," relates to next year's *Horizons* Bible study. The 20th anniversary of Presbyterian Women and the *Horizons* magazine and Bible study will be celebrated.

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

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

'Hope and Tea Leaves' More Light gathering, March 9

More Light Presbyterians invite all to a pizza gathering on Sunday, March 9, 4:30-7:00 p.m. for discussion and to hear speaker, Michael J. Adee, from Santa Fe. Bring family and friends from your church. Read: www.cascadespresbytery.org/MoreLight3-08.pdf

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.

'Clown Funshop' teaches skills of clowning, April 11-13

Bud Frimoth, well-known clown, leads a "Clown Funshop" on the weekend of April 11-13 at Kenilworth Church. On Friday evening, during Saturday and part of Sunday, participants will learn how to be a clown in many settings. www.cascadespresbytery.org/ClownFunshop.pdf

Art contest for children marks Earth Day, April 19

Children age 3 through grade 8 make art objects from recycled materials for show and contest at Southminster church in Beaverton. www.cascadespresbytery.org/childrensArtCont3-08.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

Church staff positions open: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B

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Presbytery of the Cascades website: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

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

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Forms on our website www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html

Deadlines, due dates www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html

Additions or changes to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486, 800-495-4114 or CEE@cascadespresbytery.org.

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