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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 click here: [CEE-04-07-2009.pdf](#). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to the [CEE newsletter](#) to sign up. **Due date for submissions to next CEE: April 16.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

One Great Hour of Sharing...Together, we can change the world

It's not too late to contribute to OGHS. The need this year is greater than ever. [Information](#)

June 26-27 Presbytery Stated Meeting

The meeting will be held at Columbia, Vancouver.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Two ordinations April 19; all are invited. **Ian H. Doescher** will be ordained at 2 p.m. at Calvary, Portland, and **Brian C. Craker** will be ordained at 4 p.m. at Lake Grove.

Florence church celebrates 25th anniversary, April 19

Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw in Florence will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its chartering at 10 a.m., April 19. The Rev. John Mahon, Co-Executive Presbyter, will preach, and a potluck and program follow. All are welcome to come and celebrate this important milestone with us.

Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26

Names were drawn at the March Presbytery meeting to match churches for the pulpit exchange, and a [Bulletin Insert](#) file is now available for use on Sunday, April 26.

Educators' Event - 'Ministering in a Post-Modern Culture,' May 5-6

Held at Mt. Angel Abby Retreat House. **Register by April 21.** [Flyer and registration form](#)

Older Adult Ministry Network Retreat at Menucha, May 11-13

Retreat at Menucha is for pastors and laypersons working with older adults in congregations. Speaker is Robert Winningham, author of *Brain Training: How to Maximise Memory Ability in Older Adulthood*. [Flyer and Registration Form](#) **Register by April 23.** [Online Registration](#)

Lay Institute on Christian Education, May 15-16

Pastor Bruce Armstrong and Christian Educator Sharon Franklin instruct classes at the Lay Institute, held at Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Fri. and Sat., May 15-16 for those who wish to become Commissioned Lay Pastors. No charge. [Flyer and Registration Form](#)

Summer Conference 'Weekend Edition 2009,' July 16-19

Plan to attend a wonderful weekend of renewal at Cascades Summer Conference, Weekend Edition, Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. We've been invited back to beautiful First Presbyterian Church in Bend Oregon, a location that worked so well for us last year. Come hear Craig Williams, keynote speaker and Ben Brody, music clinician. Enjoy fun classes and activities for all ages. [Flyer and registration form](#) [On-line Registration](#)

Lectionary Retreat with Richard Rohrbaugh, Sept. 21-22

An opportunity to spend time with the Rev. Richard L. Rohrbaugh as he leads the 2009 Lectionary Retreat, "The Social/Cultural World of Jesus and the Gospels." [Flyer and Registration](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memoriam: The Rev. Gene Upton died March 28 at the age of 86. [Memorial letter](#)

Mission trip opportunity in Oakland, Oregon this summer

A youth group – or other church group – is needed to do a Vacation Bible School at Community Presbyterian Church in Oakland, OR this summer as a mission project. Please contact the church and Pastor Kathleen Brinegar at P.O. Box 359, Oakland, Oregon 97462 or 541-459-3131.

Workshop on Listening Skills at Peace, Eugene, Apr. 25

The Rev. James Petersen will lead a workshop based on his new book, *Why Don't We Listen Better?* (Communicating and Connecting in Relationships) on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Peace Presbyterian, Eugene. Please register soon. [Information](#)

Concert by church organist in Florence, May 3

Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw in Florence hosts an organ recital by the church organist, Matt Forester, on Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m. Matt studied at Oberlin College music school and recently moved to the Florence area after some 35 years as a church organist.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks at Collins Lecture, May 4

The 40th annual Collins Lecture, "The Transformative Power of Reconciliation in Society," by Bishop Tutu is at Univ. of Portland. [Bishop Tutu](#). In connection with the Lecture, "**Practicing Reconciliation**" will be held the same day, 12 to 5 p.m. [Learn more about the event](#).

Interim (Transitional) Pastors' West Coast Retreat in Menlo Park, May 20-22

Interim pastors – and those considering interim ministry – are invited to the sixth annual interim retreat, sponsored by San Francisco Presbytery, May 20-22. [Schedule and registration form](#)

EMO receives grant for promoting children's health

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon was one of 21 faith-based coalitions across the country to receive a two-year grant. The Congregational Wellness Project will engage Corvallis and Portland faith communities. [Information](#)

Circuit Rider Books announces six months of partial service

Board of Directors targets Sept. 15 for return to full service operations. Patrons will notice some changes, but we remain committed to meeting all requests for book and consultation services. There will be weekly deliveries to the Portland metro area. More: [Circuit Rider](#)

Summer mission trip groups needed in Oregon storm recovery area

- Summer mission trips to NW Oregon are needed to help with ongoing projects. [Recovery updates](#)
- Several people are needed from throughout Presbytery regions to help develop a disaster plan for the Presbytery.

Summer Camps for children and families

See the summer camping brochures in church offices. This will be another great summer filled with fun, new friends, and spiritual growth. Register online at the [camp website](#) or mail in your registration today. Don't wait; camps fill up fast. Email [Biz Larkin](#) or 503-460-3024. **Family Camp at Honeyman State Park, Aug. 8-15.** For all kinds of families - bring a tent or a trailer and enjoy an incredible week at the Oregon coast in Christian community. [Family Camp](#)

Mission trip to India in July – how we can help

A team of six from our presbytery will be working in the south-central rural state of Andhra Pradesh, India, June 30-July 20 with the Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS), which also works in partnership with PCUSA Self-Development of People programs. The trip is sponsored by United, Albany and St. Mark, Portland. Individuals and churches in the presbytery can give much-needed financial help. [Information](#)

Whitworth Institute for pastors set for July 13-17

The 34th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry at Whitworth University is July 13-17. WIM is a weeklong conference for pastors and their families for refreshing and renewing and great teaching. [Information](#)

Hear Jane Kirkpatrick in Trout Lake, Sept. 19

Plan to attend the Creation Care Gathering with author Jane Kirkpatrick in Trout Lake, WA. Sept. 19. Theme is caring for the land through our relationships with God and neighbors. Sponsored by the Presbytery Eco-Justice Team.

Free: Working church organ with beautiful sound. Contact Barbara at Cascades Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, 360-892-6613. www.caspres.org.

Featured item from the Media Resource Center

New DVD, "Victory at Jerusalem" (70 min.), filmed on location with Pastor Ronald Kelly. It tells the story of the most important event in all of human history - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pastor Kelly retraces the sites and events of Christ's last days. A timely resource for Easter. To borrow the DVD, contact the [Resource Center](#).

USEFUL INFORMATION

March 13-14, 2009 Presbytery meeting [Highlights](#).

Resources for current economic crisis: [Crisis and faith](#) and [Take action now](#).

Brad and Ali Kent's [email](#) letters from Bolivia

[Media Resource Center](#)

Clackamas County [Recovery updates](#)

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

Per Capita for 2009 is \$22.55 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/07.

[Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades](#)

[OMNIBUS](#) newsletter, [Current Issue: February-March'09](#)

[CEE archive](#) - **Cascades Electronic Express (CEE)** newsletter past issues available

Church staff openings:

Worship director, part-time - Sherwood

Music Director, part-time - Eastminster, Portland

Choir Director, part-time - Siuslaw, Florence; Calvin, Tigard

Youth Director, part-time - East Woods, Vancouver; First, Baker City OR

Youth Director, full-time - Westminster, Salem

Children and Family - Cooper Mtn., Aloha (Director and Intern positions)

Contacts:

[Cascades Electronic Express \(CEE\)](#)

[Presbytery website](#)

[Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#)

[Omnibus newsletter](#) deadline: **March 17 for the April-May issue**

Moderator's Blog on Presbytery website - join the [discussion](#).

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

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