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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-04-16-08.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: April 24.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Sherwood celebrates Chartering as new congregation, April 27

Everyone is warmly invited to the Chartering Service of Sherwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 27, 10:45 a.m., www.cascadespresbytery.org/SherwoodChartering.pdf

Summer Conference 'weekend edition' set for July 17-20 in Bend

A weekend of Holy Play and Renewal for the overwhelmed awaits those who register for the 2008 Cascades Summer Conference, Weekend Edition Thursday-Sunday, July 17-20. Featured presenter is Mark Yaconelli; an energetic speaker with great depth, a spiritual director, and an experienced youth leader. Come to beautiful Bend, Oregon and have the time of your life. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.pdf

New study guide from PCUSA Theology and Worship

In response to a directive from the 217th General Assembly (2006), a study guide on policy statements and recommendations from the 1978 report, "The Church and Homosexuality," has been prepared by The PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship. The report is at www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship. Letter from GA Stated Clerk Clifton Kirkpatrick, www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship/cliffstudy.htm

May 1 deadline for sessions to apply for mission funds from GAC

Each year General Assembly Council lists Unassigned General Assembly Restricted Funds. Information: www.pcusa.org/financials/unassigned-restricted-funds.htm.

Volunteer help needed at GA in San Jose, June 21-28

You are invited to offer your volunteer assistance to the General Assembly meeting in San Jose, CA, June 21-28. Go to www.pcusa-ga08.org for a complete list of job descriptions or phone 408-286-0927. There are 1,500 volunteers needed. With a volunteer name tag, you can attend GA at any time without payment of the \$20 registration fee.

***Session alert:* Number of Presbytery commissioners**

Be sure to check the website for the number (approved at the March meeting) of commissioners needed to represent your church at Presbytery meetings for the next year. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008-2009EqualizationFormula.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit exchange for all churches in Cascades, Aug. 11

Be part of the presbytery-wide pulpit exchange August 11. **Apply by June 1.** www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008PulpitExchangeCEE.pdf

Join the presbytery team for Katrina Relief, Oct. 4-11

Another rewarding trip is planned to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in New Orleans. Our week will be filled with rebuilding homes and hearing stories. Contact Rev.

Linda Gebetsberger, 541-753-2228 or lgebets@hotmail.com. Please post the flyer on your church's bulletin board. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Katrina_Relief_08.pdf

Synod of the Pacific Stated Clerk position open

Election will be in October, and the term begins in January. Read position description: www.cascadespresbytery.org/JobSynod.pdf

Media Resource Center features 'Christianity's Family Tree – What Other Christians Believe and Why.' Eight 20 min presentations by Adam Hamilton, a pastor of the United Methodist Church. This kit includes a DVD, book, leader's guide and a Pastor's guide with CD-ROM to expand the study to a congregation wide event should you choose to do so. The traditions examined are: Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism and Methodism. www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html.

Plumbers needed in flood area now – NW flooding update

Information from Phyllis Wright, www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf

New issue of *Touchpoints* available; submissions accepted now

This year's theme is "Blessing." A 2007 copy is free to each congregation. More information: www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Touchpoints.pdf

Submissions for the 2008 issue of *Touchpoints* are now being accepted by the editor, Shirley Tormey. www.cascadespresbytery.org/SubmissionsTouchpoints2008.pdf

Summer Camps 2008 -

All the information is at www.campcascades.org for you to register online or mail in. Brochures are available at your church. Call Elizabeth Larkin, 503-460-3024.

BorderLinks director available to preach or speak, May 15-21

The Rev. Delle McCormick will be in Oregon and Washington May 15-21 and is available to preach or give talks on "Immigration on the US/Mexico Border" and/or "Immigration from a Faith Perspective." To schedule Delle McCormick to preach or speak at your church, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Imm_speaker.pdf.

Spring Eco-Justice events information

www.cascadespresbytery.org/GreenCongregations.html

In Memoriam letters are now posted on our website for Presbytery members who died recently: the Revs. **Burton Alvis**, April 9; **Harold VanZee**, March 7, and **John Cantelon**, Jan. 23. www.cascadespresbytery.org

Corrections from April-May OMNIBUS: Page one, last line of "Summer Conference Reinvented," correct **phone number for the presbytery office** is 503-227-5486. Page two, "Scottish Heritage Celebrated in Eugene," the **correct date is May 17**. To confirm other details in the article, see www.cascadespresbytery.org.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Presbyterian Women plan Spring Gathering, April 19

PW Spring Gathering is at Covenant Church in Gresham, www.cascadespw.org

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

Church educators, plan to attend. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008EducatorEvent.pdf

Don't Forget the 'Use It or Lose It' Memory Program, April 23

Presbytery Older Adults Ministry invites seniors and anyone interested in memory and aging to enjoy this lively program presented by memory expert Dr. Robert Winningham. He will review the latest research and strategies for maintaining memory ability at any age. Wed. April 23, 1:00 p.m., First, Salem. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Memory_Workshop.pdf

Interfaith Disabilities Conference in Portland, May 2

OPENING DOORS committee invites all. www.cascadespresbytery.org/IDNetworkO-08.pdf

Lay Institute classes on Pastoral Care with John Braund, May 16-17

Classes are in Grants Pass: www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008CasclayIns.pdf

Support PSU campus ministry, May 28

The benefit event at Westminster, Portland, features speaker, Rodney Page and a musical program, Wed. May 28 at 7:30 p.m. www.cascadespresbytery.org/PSU_event.pdf

MORE EVENTS

See a funny, hard-hitting and poignant play-reading, April 27

A Poor Man's Wealth is about homeless people and their dog, Sunday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. at Southminster Church, Beaverton. www.cascadespresbytery.org/Play.pdf

Conference for nonprofit and voluntary organizations, May 15-16

It's time to register for the Portland State event, www.nonprofitcontinuum.org.

All invited to Eugene Scottish Festival at Peace Church, May 17

The sixth annual Scottish Festival is at Peace Presbyterian Church in Eugene, Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. A full day of activities is planned for everyone. **Note correct date is May 17.** www.cascadespresbytery.org/EugeneFest08.pdf. Bulletin announcement: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Eugene_fest08.html. See www.peacechurcheugene.com.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Digital Allen organ available (no cost), purchased in 1984, please contact Pioneer Presbyterian Church, Warrenton, 503-861-2421.

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: May 19 for June-July**

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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