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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-04-22-08.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: May 8.**

NEW IN THIS ISSUE

Updates to website directory for churches and committees

www.cascadespresbytery.org/congregations.html www.cascadespresbytery.org/committees.html

Dinner to learn about Bolivia trip, May 3. Come to Valley Community, Portland, for dinner at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 3 to hear from several members of the Presbytery delegation, recently returned from Bolivia. Please call the church for reservations, 503.292.3537.

Springwater Church, Estacada, invites all to "Bringing Creativity to Faith," featuring three unique artists. www.cascadespresbytery.org/summer08brochure.pdf. Kathleen Brown leads a workshop on **Saturday May 17**, "Introduction to Liturgical Arts." www.cascadespresbytery.org/k-brown-workshop.pdf

Marcus Borg returns to Bend June 1

On Sunday, June 1 the Rev. Dr. Marcus Borg will share his vision of Christianity in today's world of politics and social change at First Presbyterian in Bend. Two lectures are scheduled for 2:00-5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for both lectures. For more information, contact LeBron Hardie at lebronhardie@bendbroadband.com or Elly Cannon at 541-383-3278.

Presbytery Foundation closes Portland office. With the retirement of Margee Los after 11 years as administrative assistant in the Presbytery Foundation office in our presbytery, the office in Portland was closed on April 17. Appreciation is expressed to Margee for her faithful service to the work of the Foundation and the Presbytery of the Cascades, and we wish her well in her retirement. Contact Margi Brown in the Portland office for Margee's contact information. **NOTE: Eric Chavis will continue to serve the region** from his office in Everett, WA, where he can be reached on his toll-free number 888-211-7030.

Sermon Contest Offered by Oregon Interfaith Power and Light. If you have given a sermon on caring for God's creation that mentions global warming in the past six months, or are planning to do so by May 18, email it with your contact information and date delivered to oipl@emoregon.org by May 20. All who enter receive free admission to an OIPL workshop. www.emoregon.org/power_light.php

Screening of 'Renewal.' On May 1, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. EMO's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns will screen, "Renewal," the first documentary from the religious environmental stewardship movement at First Unitarian Call 503-221-1054 ext. 214 for information and to purchase a copy to show to your congregation.

Office furniture available. The Portland Presbytery office has a green metal secretarial desk and matching three drawer credenza available to a good home. There is also a small computer desk, suitable for home use. Contact Cheryl Anderson, 503-227-5486 X207.

Vote for Cascades' youth videos in contest by May 31

Youth groups at Ashland, First and Redmond, Community have submitted original videos based on Micah 6:8 in a nationwide contest. They need our support to possibly win a large reward.

Are there others in the presbytery who also have videos on *ymiLIVE*? Please let us know. Follow directions in this memo to enjoy the videos and cast your votes:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/YouthVideo.pdf

Reflections on Hospitality

A message from Craig Williamson, our new Director of New Church Development, is for everyone in the presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Hospitality.pdf.

Media Resource Center features New resources for the vision impaired/blind: In **Braille**, we now own a copy of *The Book of Order* (Part 2) – *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2007-2009*. Also, a series of five cassette tapes titled: "Different Members, One Body – Welcoming the Diversities of Abilities in God's Family." Donations from the Opening Doors Task Force Committee. Please pass the word around to any congregations that may have the need for such a resource. www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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

For those studying to be Lay Pastors or Certified Christian Educators:

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

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

Take a few moments right now to sign-up for "Cascades Summer Conference, Weekend Edition" in beautiful Bend, July 17-20. Hear a great speaker each day. Learn more about banners as visual expressions of faith or what Sabbath keeping might mean for you. Another workshop will explore aspects of prayer including *lectio divina*, centering prayer, discernment, and others. Spiritual directors will be available for individual meetings during the conference, too. Read about other choices in the weekend:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.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

Plumbers needed in flood area now – NW flooding update

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

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.

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

Camps 2008 and Family Camp, Aug. 9-16

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.

In Memoriam

The service for **Burton Alvis**, who died April 9, is **11:00 a.m.** on Saturday, May 10, (*not 10:00 a.m.*)

MORE EVENTS

Conference for nonprofit and voluntary organizations, May 15-16

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

Scottish Concert and Festival at Peace Church, Eugene, May 17

The Scottish Music Concert is at 7 p.m., May 17, with an excellent group of performers. Call 541-688-2218 for tickets; seating is limited. The Festival is 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

USEFUL INFORMATION

New study guide from PCUSA Theology and Worship on policy statements and recommendations from the 1978 report, "The Church and Homosexuality," is at www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship. Letter from GA Stated Clerk Clifton Kirkpatrick, www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship/cliffstudy.htm

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

Contacts:

Cascades Electronic Express: cee@cascadespresbytery.org

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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