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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-05-06-2009.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: May 14.**

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Orenco Presbyterian Centennial Celebration, May 31

Everyone is invited to the church's 100th Birthday Celebration on Sunday, May 31. Worship is at 10 a.m. The Centennial Party starts with a BBQ at 3 p.m., followed by activities, a celebration of the families who organized the church, and a concert of special music. [Information](#)

Presbytery of the Cascades Stated Meeting in Vancouver, June 26-27

Make plans now to attend the meeting at Columbia Presbyterian, Vancouver from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon, June 26-27. Official Notice: [June meeting](#)

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](#)

Creation Care Fellowship Gathering in Trout Lake, Sept. 19

Author Jane Kirkpatrick is featured. The theme is caring for the land through our relationships with God and neighbors. Sponsored by the Presbytery Eco-Justice Team. [Brochure](#)

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

Eugene Scottish Festival offers variety of activities, May 16

Come to Peace Presbyterian Church in Eugene, Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Scottish food, entertainment and demonstrations plus activities for children. Admission benefits a local hunger project - [information](#).

Second EMO Earth Words contest for sermons, faith messages, by May 20

Deadline May 20. This year, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns and the Oregon Interfaith Power and Light project are pleased to announce the second Earth Words contest. Laity or clergy are invited to nominate a sermon or faith message on care for creation given at their congregation around Earth Day up until May 20.

[More information on how to enter.](#)

Two-year paid study opportunity available to ordained pastors

PC(USA) pastors in the five western synods may apply for a new program from the Office of Theology and Worship; 25 will be chosen to study with homileticians and missional experts in a two-year, all-expenses-paid academy. [Applications are now being accepted, so check it out.](#)

Hunger Grants available from Cents-Ability

More than \$4,000 is available for grants to programs in the presbytery that address needs of the hungry. See "Cents-Ability Grant Program" on the [Presbytery website](#) for information. Funds are from the Cents-Ability hunger awareness program of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. See [Cents-Ability](#). Join a growing list of congregations in Cascades Presbytery who are participating in the Cents-Ability program. For more information, contact [Don Shaw](#) or 503.302.4656.

Invite a missionary to visit your congregation this fall

This fall, a Presbyterian Church (USA) missionary will travel and speak for one week in Cascades Presbytery. Exact dates and the name of the missionary will become available during the final week of May. If you are interested in learning more, please contact [Don Shaw](#) or 503-302-4656) to be on the list of interested congregations. If you are a pastor or an elder, please consider this in your fall planning. More details will be in CEE, our presbytery website and *Omnibus*.

Variety of Menucha classes offered

May 18-22: Watercolor in the Columbia River Gorge. Create one beautiful picture a day with unbeatable scenery for inspiration.

June 1-5: Biblical Interpretation. For Commissioned Lay Pastor, Certified Associate Christian Educator, and Certified Christian Educator students.

October 18-21: Digital Photography in the Columbia River Gorge. Learn how to use your digital camera and take great photos. [Information](#) for all programs.

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

For interim pastors and those considering interim ministry: [Schedule and registration form](#)

General Assembly Youth Advisory Delegate for 2010 sought; application due Sept. 10

Is there a youth in your congregation who would represent the Presbytery of the Cascades well as a Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD) at the 219th General Assembly, July 3-10, 2010 in Minneapolis? Applicants must be age 17-23 and recommended by their session. Completed [FORMS](#) are due September 10, 2009.

Concert by local musicians in Florence, June 7 (new date)

Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw in Florence invites everyone to a recital by the church organist, Matt Forester, on Sunday, June 7 (**new date**) at 4 p.m. The program will also feature vocal pieces by Linda Cassey, soprano, and Chuck Cassey, tenor.

Gospel lectionary retreat for pastors at SFTS, July 27-31

Recommended by pastors who attended past retreats, the annual retreat for pastors integrates texts (Advent 2009-Easter 2010) with spiritual formation in preparation for sermon planning. Held at San Francisco Theology Seminary, this year's retreat is "Before the Cradle and Beyond the Cross: a retreat for preachers." [Information](#).

Presbytery New Orleans Mission Trip, Oct. 17-24

Rebuilding needs in New Orleans continue, and joining the fifth Cascades Presbytery gulf mission trip October 17-24 is a way to make a significant difference. Cost is \$180 for food, lodging, and local transportation, plus price of your airfare ticket. Partial scholarships are available. To register or for more information, contact the Rev. [Linda Gebetsberger](#), First, Corvallis.

Disaster response updates

* A new **Presbytery disaster response planning** group needs a few more members. Please contact Phyllis Wright, pwright12@juno.com, 971-404-9405 or 503-646-8615.

* **Information on how to prepare for a flu pandemic** and other helpful information is available from [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), www.cdc.gov/swineflu and www.flu.oregon.gov.

Summer Camps for everyone

- Day Camp – new this year, July 6-10

Presbytery Day Camp is for kindergartners through third graders to enjoy camping activities just for the day at Menucha. Learn about God's love and enjoy God's creation. For more about camping programs please contact [Biz Larkin](#), Camp Coordinator at 503-460-3024, [camp website](#).

- Summer Camps for children and families

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.

- 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](#)

Featured resource from the Presbytery Media Center

Making Love Last a Lifetime-Biblical Perspectives on Love, Marriage, Sex by Adam Hamilton (a United Methodist pastor). Video tape and a DVD, plus a leader's guide, pastor's guide with CD-ROM, and participant's guide. It's divided into eight 15-minute presentations for small group study. For both singles and married couples. Contact the [Resource Center](#) to borrow the kit.

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: April-May 2009](#)

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

Church staff openings:

Worship director, part-time - Sherwood

Choir Director, part-time - Siuslaw, Florence

Youth Director, Westminster, Salem; First, Baker City OR

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

Praise Team Music Director - First, Bend

Contacts:

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

[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Omnibus newsletter](#) deadline: April 30 for June & July '09

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

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

[Additions or changes](#) to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486 or 800-495-4114.

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