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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-05-27-08.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: June 5.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

July 11-12 Presbytery Stated Meeting notice

Plan now to attend the summer meeting in Klamath Falls for workshops, actions, meetings and fellowship. It is not too early to make your reservations and carpool plans. Ministers and commissioners will be able to access background information online for this meeting, and some packets will be mailed. Read the cover letter, proposed docket (including workshop list), directions, and lodging here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Notice-docket-July-08.pdf

New – Pastor Transitions www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-may-08.pdf

Cascades Summer Conference in Bend, July 17-20

In need of fun, sun, and renewal? Come to summer conference, an intergenerational weekend of play, learning and creative worship. **New Program Descriptions**, brochure and registration (**by June 20**), www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008SummerConfReg.pdf

Reminder, 2009 Mission Yearbook orders due by July 1

To place your bulk order, see: www.cascadespresbytery.org/2009MissionYearbookOrder.pdf

Pulpit exchange for all churches in Cascades, Aug. 11 - *Due June 1*

The deadline is fast approaching for your church to be a part of the presbytery-wide Pulpit Exchange. Information forms are due to the South Office **by June 1**. Don't miss out! More information, www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008PulpitExchangeCEE.pdf.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

'What shall we feed our children?' – OFRAH meeting, June 5

Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH) meets Thursday, June 5, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Westminster, Portland. Cascades Presbytery is a member of OFRAH. **RSVP by May 30.** www.cascadespresbytery.org/HungerConf08.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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Respond to disasters in China and Myanmar (Burma)

Send donations for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to your local congregation, marked with your directions. Donations are sent through the presbytery to PDA. Letter from General Assembly Council regarding China and Myanmar: <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Kirkpatrick.pdf>

In Memoriam: The Rev. George M. Shuman died on May 14, 2008 at the age of 97. Memorial service is Sunday, June 8, at 3:00 PM at Southminster Church, Beaverton. Letter: www.cascadespresbytery.org/MemorialLetrGShuman.pdf.

Mission trip groups needed for flood recovery in NW Oregon

There is plenty of recovery work in Columbia or Clatsop counties, and mission trip groups are needed. Two church groups are already signed up; could your church bring a mission trip group? Details here: www.cascadespresbytery.org/recoveryassistance2.pdf

Financial Grant applications due no later than July 31

The *OPENING DOORS* Task Force is inviting applications from congregations for assistance in funding efforts for removing barriers to participation by people with disabilities. The Task Force encourages congregations to consider projects that not only include physical modifications (ramps, elevators, accessible restrooms) but also program-related efforts such as awareness training workshops, curriculum adaptations, youth programming, leadership training, or any other initiatives that advance access for people with disabilities to any aspect of church life. Application: www.cascadespresbytery.org/OPENINGDOORS.html. For more information, email Rick Parfrey, parfrey@msn.com.

New book by Eugene author

Wesley Lachman, a retired Cascades minister, is the author of *The Shortest Way Home: a contemplative path to God*. Wesley is available for a one-hour program of talk and discussion on the contemplative way. See the book at amazon.com and email Wesley at lachman@comcast.net. Read more, www.cascadespresbytery.org/Lachmanbook.pdf

2008 Presbytery Summer Camps and Family Camp

Everything you need to have a great time this summer is at www.campcascades.org. Brochures are also available at your church. Call Elizabeth Larkin, 503-460-3024.

New issue of *Touchpoints* available; submissions for next issue due

A copy of the current issue is free to each congregation. Submit for next issue by Oct. 1. <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/2008Touchpoints.pdf>

Media Resource Center features 'Passing on the Language of Faith'

(22 minutes, video tape) A short explanation of the five generations living today and how they have passed along their faith beliefs to the next generation. Covers the "Buster" generation through the "Millennium" kids...shows some interesting vintage film footage. Also covers the Silent, Boomers and GenX groups. Ask for: VTHHX005 www.cascadespresbytery.org/mediarc.html.

MORE EVENTS

Marcus Borg speaks in 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.

Climate Justice training for clergy and laity, June 5

Continental breakfast 7:30 a.m. at the Interchurch Center, Portland. Presented by EMO's Oregon Interfaith Power & Light. To register, call (503) 221-1054.

Environmental Ethics Lecture & Workshop, June 6 and 7

Lecture on Friday at 7 p.m. and workshop on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Beaverton. Topics include the environmental problem, biblical and theological foundations for engaging in ethical reflection, and responsible people of faith in relation to the

environment. Ask about CEU or credit. Sponsored by Northwest House of Studies. For more information or to register, call class leader, Mark Brocker at (503) 646-0629.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Updated Cascades website directory: Churches - www.cascadespresbytery.org/congregations.html

Committees - www.cascadespresbytery.org/committees.html

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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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: July 14 for Aug.-Sept. 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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