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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Session Clerks: It's time for Session Record Reviews

A number of locations have been arranged so that you can have your minutes and records reviewed before October 25. Please read [more information](#) here.

Minimum Terms of Call for 2009 announced

At the July meeting of Cascades Presbytery, commissioners set the minimum salary for Clergy and recommended amount for Commissioned Lay Pastors and Certified Christian Educators for 2009 at \$41,100, full-time equivalent. [More information](#)

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Hear Children's Choir from India, Sept. 7

The [India Children's Choir](#) sings during the 10:50 a.m. Sunday service at Christ's Church in Monmouth on Sunday, September 7. [More information](#).

Outdoor service features bluegrass music at Southminster, Sept. 7

Southminster Presbyterian in Beaverton will have their "Welcome Sunday" on Sunday, September 7, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The outdoor worship service features an old time gospel group. Fun and games for all ages. Please bring chairs or blankets to sit on. No charge. Phone 503-644-2073.

All invited to celebrate Jim Moiso's ministry, Sept. 7

Westminster, Portland invites everyone to a retirement party in honor of the Rev. Jim Moiso about 11:45 a.m., on Sunday, September 7 at the church, 503-287-1289.

Mobility, Community and God's Creation, Sept. 20

Creation Care Fellowship workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 20, at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland. [Information and registration](#)

Mural dedicated at St. Mark, Sept. 21

St. Mark Presbyterian Church of Portland invites everyone to join in the grand celebration and dedication of their new mural, Sunday, September 21, at noon. [more information](#).

Clifton Black leads Lectionary Retreat, Sept. 22-23; register by Sept. 8

"Journeying through Scripture with the Lectionary's Map" is the title of the retreat at Mt. Angel, open to laity and clergy. Read the brochure, and register as soon as possible. [Retreat flyer.](#)

Members of 1973 Valley Holy Land Tour share stories, Sept. 28

About 250 Presbyterians from our presbytery on a Holy Land Tour, led by Valley Community Church, were in Israel in October, 1973 at the beginning of the Yom Kippur War. Members of the tour and all those interested are invited to hear personal stories and see a recent 30-minute documentary on the war at a potluck luncheon, 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28. RSVP to the church, 503.292.3537.

'Exploring Reformed Faith' Seminar at Old Scotch Church, Oct. 10-11

Clothed with the Virtues of Christ, Fri. and Sat., Oct. 10-11. [More information.](#)

Cascades Lay Institute, Oct. 17-18

Workshop will be led by the Revs. Cynthia and Michael O'Brien for all who wish to learn more about being Presbyterian, leadership skills, and becoming Commissioned Lay Pastors and Certified Christian Educators. No charge. [Information](#)

'Kirkin' o' the Tartans' at Salem, First, Oct. 26

(If other churches are celebrating "Kirkin' o' the Tartans", please notify CEE.)

Everyone's invited to celebrate PC(USA)'s Scottish heritage on Reformation Sunday, October 26 at the 11 a.m. service at First, Salem. A bagpiper and drummer will be part of a tartan banner processional. Light refreshments follow. Church phone, 503-363-9234.

Two Board of Pensions seminars set in October; register by Sept. 26

[Information.](#) For registration, [Board of Pensions website.](#) Questions? 800-701-7313.

- **Growing into Tomorrow. . . Today: October 27-28** for those aged 50 and older.
- **Getting in Shape Fiscally: October 29** to help those under 50.

Fall classes and workshops at Menucha

Ask Menucha about some reduced charges on Quilting and Watercolor workshops. Spiritual expression through art: **Quilting Your Spiritual Journey workshop, Oct. 12-17** and **Watercolor Techniques workshop, Nov. 16-21.** Valuable help for non-profits: **New Nonprofit Leaders' Boot camp, Sept. 22-26** and **Principles and Techniques of Fund Raising Nov. 16-21.** [Information.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Storm repair needs continue in Vernonia. Can you help?

Current needs in the Vernonia area for the next few weeks include texturizing a home to be painted and more. Information on Presbytery website: [Recovery updates.](#)

'A Stewardship Tour of the Bible' brochures available

The PC(USA) brochures are available free of charge, 800-701-7313.

Free pews available to congregations

Neveh Shalom in Southwest Portland is remodeling and has church pews to donate free of charge to other congregations who can put them to good use. [Photos and information.](#)

Touchpoints issues available; submissions for next issue due Oct. 1

A copy of the [current issue](#) is free to each congregation. [Submit for next issue](#) by Oct. 1.

Media Resource Center recommends:

New book and DVD, *Jim and Casper go to Church*, by Henderson, Jim and Casper, Matt. Interesting story of an atheist who sold his soul on eBay and the friendships that ensued. Contains frank conversation about faith, churches and well-meaning Christians. Eight clips, 2-5

min. each. In 2006, Jim – a veteran Christian and director of *Off the Map*, hired Casper, an atheist, to join him in visiting 12 of America's best and least known churches. This insightful dialogue offers Christians a new view of an environment in which we've become overly comfortable – the church. Ask for DVHXXX001 and/or BKHXX002. Call 503-445-4999 or email [Media Resource Center](#) to have it sent to you.

USEFUL INFORMATION

[Christian Education help for churches](#)

[July, 2008 Presbytery Highlights.](#)

Theological Reflection Group - [final report](#).

Clergy transitions, June-July, 2008 - [Pastoral changes](#)

Resources available from former congregation - [See list](#).

Updated Presbytery website directory: [Churches](#) and [Committees](#).

[Terms of Call 2008 form](#)

Per Capita for 2008 is \$21.41 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/06.

Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletters now available in the [CEE archive](#).

Church staff positions open

Organist, musician: [Florence, PC of the Siuslaw](#) and [Vancouver, Columbia](#)

Youth director: [Westminster, Salem](#); [Beaverton, Southminster](#); [Newberg](#), and [Portland, St. Andrew's](#)

Children, Family and Nursery: [Bend](#); [Eugene, Central](#), and [Portland, Colonial Heights](#)

Contacts:

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

Presbytery of the Cascades [website](#)

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

[Omnibus](#) newsletter, deadline: **Sept. 15 for Oct.-Nov. issue**

Presbytery [Nominating Committee](#)

Cascades [Presbyterian Women](#)

[Forms](#) on our website

[Deadlines](#), 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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