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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 October 8, 2008](#). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to the [CEE newsletter](#) to sign up. **Due date for next CEE: October 16.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery of the Cascades meets at First, Portland, Nov. 7-8

Plan now to attend the fall meeting in downtown Portland for workshops, actions, meetings and fellowship. It's time to make your reservations and car pool plans. Read the [Cover Letter](#), [Proposed Docket](#) (including workshop list, directions & lodging). [Ministers and commissioners](#) may access background information online soon.

Curriculum give-away table at Presbytery, Nov. 7-8

Please bring recent curriculum resources not being used at your church and share them with others at the next Presbytery meeting, November 7-8 at First, Portland.

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.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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

Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church (Old Scotch Church), Hillsboro, presents a three-lecture series, "Clothed with the Virtues of Christ", by Dr. Neal Plantinga, president of Calvin Theological Seminary, Fri. evening and Sat., Oct. 10-11. [Flyer](#)

'Middle School Mania' at Canyonview, Oct. 17-19

Middle School Mania 2008 is thrilled to welcome speaker Greg Bolt (First Presbyterian, Bend) to the October 17-19 gathering at Canyonview Camp near Salem. Registrations received before September 30 are \$75; after September 30 are \$80. Mania's 2008 theme is "Not Alone." Space is limited, be sure to register soon for this incredible weekend of worship, study, small groups, games, new friends, and so much more! [Details](#)

New-Presbyterian Women hold Annual Fall Gathering, Oct. 18

All women are invited to the Cascades PW Fall Gathering, Saturday, October 18, at Emmanuel, West Linn, beginning at 9 a.m. Theme of the day is "Luke's Good News for the Poor," with several speakers from local missions. [Information and registration](#) – scroll down on page.

New-Kenilworth celebrates 100 years of ministry, Oct. 18-19, 26

All are invited to Centennial events Saturday and Sunday, October 18-19 at Kenilworth, Portland. A special concert on Sunday, October 26 concludes the month of celebration at the church on SE 34th and Gladstone. [Details](#)

New-Transformation workshop for all pastors, churches, Oct. 23-25

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Philip Lotspeich, coordinator of church growth and ministry support, General Assembly Council. Thursday and Friday is for pastors; elders and anyone interested will attend Saturday. Find out why "all churches need transformation." The workshop is at Valley Community, Portland. [Details](#)

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

Celebrate PC(USA)'s Scottish heritage Sunday, October 26 at the 11 a.m. service. Come early to enjoy Scottish music and banners before the service. Everyone's invited to wear plaid. [Poster](#)

New-Advanced Volunteer Mgt. Conference, Oct. 27-29—Register by Oct. 13

Registration closes October 13 for what promises to be an excellent conference for advanced volunteer administrators. "Diving Deeper, Reaching Higher" is at Portland State Univ., Oct. 27-29 and features leading authors in the field of volunteer management. [Information & Registration](#)

Food production sustainability conference at Trout Lake, Nov. 1

Come to the Columbia Gorge for First Presbyterian Church in Trout Lake, Washington's Fall Conference on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trout Lake School. Lunch will be available for \$3—reservations requested. [Details](#)

New-'Lead Now' ministry to young adults conference in Redmond, Nov. 15

Community Presbyterian Church in Redmond hosts a "Lead Now" Simulcast on Saturday, November 15 for leaders of young adults. The subtitle is "Prepare to Unleash the Possibilities of Your 20 & 30 Somethings Ministry!" [Information](#)

Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly 2008, Nov. 21-23

CPYA 2008 annual high school retreat presents "Hearing the Call," with speaker Mike Yankoski, author of "Under the Overpass" (www.undertheoverpass.com), November 21-23 at Canby Grove Conference Center. Early registration deadline is Nov. 3 for \$65; registrations after Nov. 3 are \$70. Small group discussion, recreation, worship, and elective seminars are all part of the weekend. [Details](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New-Memorial Service for Isaiah Jones in Corvallis, Oct. 19

Westminster House at OSU and First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis welcome all to a memorial service for Isaiah Jones, former campus pastor at Oregon State University on Sunday, October 19, 3 p.m. at the church. Isaiah died September 21. Former members of Isaiah's Inner Strength Gospel Choir will come together once again to perform several of Isaiah's songs at the service. Contact Pat Gurski, 541.753.2242, pat-westm@comcast.net. More information: [Isaiah Jones](#).

New-Two clergy robes available

Two preaching robes are available: One black with three doctoral stripes, size M, and one white with no stripes. Phone Kate Belt at 503.233.8185 or 503.233.8343.

New-Barbara Campbell a winner in Earth Day sermon contest

The Rev. Barbara Campbell of St. Mark, Portland was one of two runners-up for her sermon, "Earth's Disciples" in the first Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (OIPL) Earth Day Faith Message Contest. OIPL is a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. [More](#)

Ongoing Peacemaking resources available:

- Any church that would like to receive a new email newsletter for 'Commitment to Peacemaking' churches can join the listserv here. [Subscribe](#)
- Peacemaking Offering two-minute PowerPoint at: [Powerpoint](#)
- Election resources from the Presbyterian Washington Office at: [Election](#)

'Celebration Works' concert series announced at First, Portland

The new series of nine concerts beginning Oct. 26, are on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. [Details](#)

Urgent needs for help with storm damage

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continues long term help in NW Oregon. The PDA representative, Phyllis Wright, says that work crews are especially needed this fall. Families need help repairing homes damaged by last winter's storms. [Recovery updates](#).

Presbytery 2009 Giving Booklet now online to help congregations

Included in the booklet are Presbyterian Partnership Giving examples and instructions, Stewardship Campaign resources, samples of Congregational Pledge Forms to Presbytery (due January 31, 2009), and more. [Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades](#)

General Assembly action plan addresses world hunger

All Presbyterians are invited to join in a monthly fast (or light meals), including prayers, worship and education. **Let us know if your church has joined the effort.** Read about the General Assembly year-long plan on the PCUSA website and here: [Details](#)

New Theological Reflection Groups to form in presbytery

All are welcome to join one of the new Theological Reflection Groups, dedicated to exploring the difficult theological issues facing the church today beginning in January. If you or your congregation would like to participate, or for more information, contact Janet Alpine (800-701-7313, jalpine@cascadespresbytery.org).

USEFUL INFORMATION

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

[Terms of Call 2008 form](#)

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

[Christian Education help for churches](#)

[July, 2008 Presbytery Highlights](#) and [Highlights of Presbytery Council, Sept. 2008](#)

[Pastor Transitions, October, 2008](#)

[CEE archive](#) - Cascades Electronic Express (CEE) newsletters available

Church staff positions open

Organist, musician: Tigard, Calvin; Florence, PC of the Siuslaw

Choir Director: Yachats, Community

Youth Director: Salem, Westminster; Newberg, and Milwaukie

Children, Family and Nursery: Bend, First; Eugene, Central, and Portland, Colonial Heights

Contacts:

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[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Omnibus newsletter](#), deadline: **Nov. 17 for Dec.-Jan. issue**

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

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[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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