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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 Nov-18-2008](#). 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: December 4.**

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- Theological Reflection - sign up by Dec. 15
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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery of the Cascades November meeting Highlights

A summary by Stated Clerk John Huenink of the presbytery meeting: [Highlights](#)

Transitions in Cascades Presbytery

Transfers, pastoral changes and new pastors - [Transitions](#)

Theological Reflection Groups to form; sign up by Dec. 15

Following the successful experience of the initial Theological Reflection Group, the Relational Support Committee (RSC) announces formation of new groups dedicated to exploring the difficult theological issues facing the church today. Registration **deadline is December 15**; new groups will begin in January. Janet Alpine at the South Presbytery office will coordinate the formation of these new groups with RSC. If you or your congregation would like to participate or for more information, email [Janet Alpine](#) or phone 800-701-7313.

Mission Insite new provider of demographics

On the request of the New Church Development team, the Congregational Support Committee has changed demographic providers from Percept to Mission Insite. If churches need reports from the previous provider, Percept, they will be available from Mission Onsite when our account is established.

Moderator's Blog on our Presbytery website

Read what Presbytery Moderator, Chris Grewe has to say. Then sign in and join the [discussion](#).

2009 Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26

Mark your calendars- the second annual Cascades Pulpit Exchange is set for Sunday, April 26, 2009. Information on how you and your congregation can participate will be mailed to clerks of session and pastors soon.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

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), Nov. 21-23 at Canby Grove Conference Center. Small group discussion, recreation, worship, and elective seminars are all part of the weekend. [Details](#) [Brochure and Registration Form](#)

Seminar on church growth and older adults, Nov. 22

"Growing Your Congregation: Why Older Adults Make the Best Lovers... And How to Become One" seminar is Saturday, Nov. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church in Pacific City. Sponsored by The Older Adult Ministry Team of the Presbytery of the Cascades, the seminar's speaker is **Dr. Charles Arn** of Church Growth Inc. [Information](#)

Celebrate Peace at Peace Presbyterian Church, Dec. 6-7

Peace Presbyterian in Eugene invites everyone to a Celebration of Peace on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6-7. Read about the gift shop, Celtic music and a concert on Sunday. [Information](#)

Cascades Lay Institute on Church Administration in Eugene, Feb. 6-7

David Hutchinson leads the institute for those who wish to learn leadership skills, including those wanting to become Commissioned Lay Pastors or Certified Christian Educators. No charge. Email [Janet Alpine](mailto:Janet.Alpine) for more information. **Registration deadline is January 30.** [Flyer](#)

Leadership Fair in Portland, Feb. 28

Plan now to attend the Presbytery Leadership Fair Saturday, Feb. 28 at First Presbyterian Church in Portland. Keynote speakers will be The Rev. Dr. Donald K McKim, speaking on "Celebrating John Calvin's 500th Birthday" and The Rev. Dr. LindaJo McKim, whose address is "What Happens in Worship?" The day includes the two addresses, lunch and workshops in the morning and afternoon. [More information](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordination and Installation

- **Kathleen E. Brinegar** will be ordained on Sunday, December 7, 2008, 3 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem, to serve as stated supply pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Oakland.
- **The Rev. Dr. Gordon S. McClellan** will be installed as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis on Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m.

Commercial bread mixer needed by church

Tri-City Presbyterian, near Myrtle Creek, has a bread making ministry and needs to add a commercial bread mixer. Let them know the location, condition, make and model, and price - 541 643-9897 or PastorNesset@google.com. Thank you.

Presbyterians fast monthly to recognize world hunger

All Presbyterians are invited to join in a monthly fast (or light meals), including prayers, worship and education on the first weekend of the month. Read about the General Assembly year-long plan on the PCUSA website and here: [Details](#) Dates for next fast are December 5-7. Write [CEE](#) if your church is participating in the new General Assembly effort.

Energy Trust offers audits and incentive to congregations

If your congregation is in the territory of PGE, Pacific Power, NW Natural or Cascade Natural Gas, your energy efficiency upgrades may qualify for incentives on heating, lighting and kitchen equipment. They also provide energy audits which are free if you take action on recommendations. See [EnergyTrust](#). John Knox Presbyterian Church in Keizer is featured on the [Congregation Initiative Fact Sheet](#). With a \$1,853 incentive from Energy Trust of Oregon, they installed roof insulation when replacing the roof, saving 2,000 therms of natural gas each year.

Volunteers still needed for repairs in NW Oregon

Phyllis Wright is the coordinator for presbytery volunteers in Clatsop County and Astoria. Who can do estimates on homes or cut and split log? There are also jobs in Columbia County and Vernonia to do drywall, painting and laying blocks. Details about storm damage needs: [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](#)

Samaritan Counseling Center workshops

[Relationship Enrichment Series](#): Beginning January 15
[PAIRS for Couples](#): February 7 & 14

Menucha February events

- Stan Wood, Associate Professor of Congregational Leadership and Evangelism at San Francisco Theological Seminary, will give a series of keynote addresses at Menucha February 8-11. Click on Programs at <http://www.menucha.org/>.
- Join clergy couple Bill Arnold and Margaret Ann Fohl for a weekend of playful marital encouragement for Valentines Weekend February 13-15. Number of couples is limited. Registration information under Programs at <http://www.menucha.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](#)

[Updated Presbytery Directory](#)

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

[Church staff positions open](#)

Youth Director: Salem, Westminster and Vancouver, Eastwoods

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

Organist, musician: Tigard, Calvin

Choir Director: Yachats, Community

Contacts:

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

[Presbytery website](#)

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

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

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[Presbytery Forms](#)

[Deadlines and due dates](#)

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