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### NEW IN THIS ISSUE

- **Christmas concerts around the presbytery , Dec. 5, 6, 13 and 20**
- **Youth-Honduras summer service-learning opportunity for youth, young adults**
- **Training for community health advocacy, Jan. 14, 15**
- **Earth Care Summit highlights congregations' greening projects, Feb. 1**
- **Media Resource Center popular check-outs at Christmas**

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

#### **Presbytery Per Capita Rate for 2010: \$22.55** (unchanged from 2009)

Amount from each church for 2010 will be based on church membership as of 12/31/2008.

General Assembly - \$ 6.15, Synod of the Pacific - \$ 5.17, Presbytery of the Cascades - \$11.23.

#### **'Giving in the Presbytery' booklet now available online**

The booklet, [Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades - New 2010 Guide to Reaching Beyond the Congregation](#), was mailed to pastors and session clerks about two months ago. The booklet is now available to download, if you wish to make copies. Please note that printing the PDF file from the link above will yield a large print edition. For printing as a booklet, contact the South Presbytery Office at 800-701-7313. (**2010 Congregational Pledge Forms** and **2010 Monthly Remittance Forms** will be available later.)

**Highlights from November Presbytery meeting** Read about the actions taken by Presbytery of the Cascades at the Nov. 13-14 meeting held at Westminster, Medford. From Presbytery Stated Clerk, John Huenink: [Highlights](#)

### PRESBYTERY EVENTS

**Ordination: Paton M. Wall's** ordination is Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. at First, Portland. He has been called to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Wells, Texas.

#### **Christmas concerts around the presbytery , Dec. 5, 6, 13 and 20**

- **Peace, Eugene** offers an evening of seasonal piano music and original compositions from acclaimed artist, John Nilsen as a benefit concert for the church, Saturday, December 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets and information: 541-689-4748 and [peacepresby@hotmail.com](mailto:peacepresby@hotmail.com).
- **Tualatin Church Handbell Choir** presents a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m. of Christmas music and familiar carols. Phone the church at 503-692-4160 for directions and information.
- **Yachats Community** presents *Sing We Now of Christmas*, a Christmas music program, Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m., featuring chancel choir, handbells, and flute. Reception following and childcare available. [Poster](#)  
**Nestucca Valley, Pacific City's** concert is Sunday, December 20 at 3 p.m. A variety of music will be presented along with carol singing. Join us at the beach as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Food and Faith resource for middle school groups

The PCUSA has a new curriculum resource on [Food and Faith](#) available for middle school age young people, "Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table." For field trip and service connections, call Jenny Holmes, Eco-Justice Educator at 503-281-8175.

### Youth-Honduras summer service-learning opportunity for youth, young adults

Sierra Service Project (SSP) is announces plans for the 2010 Service Project in Honduras. Participants will be immersed in the culture and life of one of the poorest countries in the Americas. Volunteers work alongside Hondurans to build two simple, but safe and dry homes June 23 – July 7 and July 14 – 28. Visit the [Sierra Service Project website](#) for more details.

### Check out updated Circuit Rider Books website

The first phase of the new Circuit Rider Books website is now up and running. Additional content, especially for event organizers, will be online soon. Thank you for support and prayers. **To order Books of Order for your church:** Copies of 2009-10 Books of Order are \$10 plus shipping. To reserve the 2009-11 Book of Order, call 1-800-637-3949 or visit [Circuit Rider Books](#).

### Portland's only HIV/AIDS day center holds fundraising breakfast, Nov. 23

On World AIDS Day, Monday, November 23, the HIV Day Center Fundraiser Breakfast is 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Concordia Univ. Contributions go to the day center, a project of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. [More](#)

### Alternative gift ideas and craft classes

- Alternative giving posters, gift cards and brochure are available to make it easy to help disaster survivors through **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**. Read [more](#).
- Are you looking for a way to boost mission support without impacting your church budget? Christmas gifts can help **Presbyterian Medical Benevolence Foundation**. [Information](#)
- On Sunday afternoons, 2-5 p.m. at **St. Mark**, Portland: **November 22** - Silk Painting. **December 6** - Fused Glass Ornaments. [Information and registration](#).

### Training for community health advocacy, Jan. 14, 15

Members of congregations will receive training to advocate for healthy environments in their congregations and in the wider community. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon workshops Jan. 14 in Portland and Jan. 15 in Corvallis. [Information](#)

### Earth Care Summit highlights congregations' greening projects, Feb. 1

The event will include a locally grown dinner, keynote speaker and a variety of greening topics. [More information](#) and registration.

### Media Resource Center popular check-outs at Christmas

- **The Savior is Born.** This poignant re-telling of the Nativity by Morgan Freeman weaves together the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Music performed by The Christ Church Cathedral Choir of Oxford. Video tape (30 min.).
- **The Truce in the Forest.** A Christmas story set in Germany during the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Gerta is asked to hide two American soldiers and help their injured friend. Subsequently, she is asked to give shelter and rest to the German soldiers who have been searching for them. Gerta appeals to both sides lay down their weapons in the name of Jesus and to honor the Savior's birth. (40 min.) [Media Resource Center](#).
- **Book for families published; book signing Nov. 23**  
**The High Definition Family**, a book by Sayer Strauch, is now available. Sayer is a member of Cascades Presbytery and a former pastor at Clatskanie. All are invited to a book signing at Humps restaurant, 50 East Columbia River Hwy. in Clatskanie this **Sunday, November 22, 2-5 p.m.**
- Highlights-PresbyteryNov09.pdf

## USEFUL INFORMATION

Review of Session records: [NE & NW Regions \(PDF\)](#) and [Central & South Regions \(PDF\)](#).  
Joining Hands Bolivia October report from Jay Gregory - [Update](#)  
Pastoral transitions in the Presbytery for August and September - [Information](#)  
[Highlights of Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades - June 2009 \(PDF\)](#)  
Cascades Presbytery in five of PCUSA [Top Ten lists](#) for giving in 2008.  
Minimum [Terms of call](#) for 2010  
[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)  
Per Capita Rate for 2010: \$22.55, based on church membership as of 12/31/2008.  
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OMNIBUS Presbytery newsletter [October-November 2009](#)  
[OMNIBUS newsletter](#) submission deadline: **Nov. 16 for Dec.-Jan. issue**  
[CEE archive](#) - **Cascades Electronic Express (CEE)** newsletter past issues available

### **Church staff openings:**

Youth Director, First, Baker City OR • St. John's, Camas WA • First, Creswell  
Part-time Secretary, East Woods, Vancouver

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