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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-3-11-2009.pdf](#). Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to the [CEE newsletter](#) to sign up. **Due date for submissions to next CEE: March 19.**

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery meeting in Salem, Mar. 13-14

Cascades Presbytery meets Friday and Saturday this week at First Presbyterian Church, Salem. Visitors are welcome any time during the meeting. Read about lodging, directions, parking, meals, docket and more: [stated meeting](#).

Pre-Presbytery Workshops begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday; all are welcome. Workshops include "Proposed Amendments and Ecumenical Statements," "Web Resources for Educational Ministries on a Tight Budget," "Managing Grief and Loss Cycles - Yours and Others," "Public Witness to Creation Care: the PCUSA's New Policy on Energy," and "Bible 101: Engaging the entire congregation in an 8-week overview." Workshop descriptions here: [stated meeting](#).

Meals at Presbytery: Circuit Rider Books serves lunch on Friday; all are welcome. New commissioners and the Seminary Support Network committee also have lunches scheduled. A limited number of tickets for dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday at the church will be sold at registration. There are many restaurants close to the church.

Combined choir to sing at Presbytery worship, Mar. 13

Choir members from churches in the Central Region and other parts of the presbytery are invited to be in a massed choir for worship on Friday evening, March 13. Bring your own choir robe and copies of specified music for the service. More details here: [Presbytery choir](#)

Resources for current economic crisis

- The Board of Trustees realizes that the current economic environment is having an impact on our churches and members. John Ailstock and John Mahon believe the article, "[Crisis and faith](#)" may contain some helpful suggestions.
- From Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon - [Take action now](#).

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26

Please contact the South Presbytery Office, 800-701-7313, for more information.

Educators' Event - 'Ministering in a Post-Modern Culture,' May 5-6

Held at Mt. Angel Abby Retreat House. **Register by April 21.** [Flyer and registration form](#)

New-Lay Institute on Christian Education, May 15-16

Christian Educator Sharon Franklin instructs classes at the Lay Institute, held at Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Fri. and Sat., May 15-16. The Lay Institute classes are designed for those wishing to learn more about what it means to be Presbyterian and those wanting to become Certified Christian Educators or Commissioned Lay Pastors. No charge. [Flyer and Registration Form](#)

Summer Conference 'Weekend Edition 2009,' July 16-19

Save the date: Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. Plan to attend a wonderful weekend of renewal at Cascades Summer Conference, Weekend Edition, Thursday-Sunday, July 16-19. We've been

invited back to beautiful First Presbyterian Church in Bend Ore., a location that worked so well for us last year. Come hear Craig Williams, keynote speaker and Ben Brody, music clinician, and enjoy fun classes and activities for all ages. [Flyer and registration form](#) [On-line Registration](#)

Come to Family Camp at Honeyman State Park, Aug. 8-15

For grandparents, parents, children, singles, couples, extended families- bring a tent or a trailer and enjoy an incredible, unforgettable week at the coast near Florence, Ore. in Christian community. [Family Camp](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Circuit Rider Books announces six months of partial service

Board of Directors targets Sept. 15 for return to full service operations. Our patrons will notice some changes, but we remain committed to meeting all requests for book and consultation services. There will be weekly deliveries to the Portland metro area. More information here:

[Circuit Rider](#)

Menucha programs

Information on programs at [Menucha](#) Retreat and Conference Center:

- **Mar. 19-23: Way-Points program**, Spirit and Pen in Nature. Join authors Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea near the Columbia River.
- **Apr. 13-17: Religious Education Theory and Practice**, a course designed for Association of Presbyterian Church Educators affiliate church educators in the Certification process.

New-Piano and organ concert at Valley Community, Mar. 29

All are invited to a concert by Darlene Cusick at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m. Organist and pianist for the church, Darlene is presenting piano and organ works in the afternoon recital as a benefit for the church's music program (free will offering). Her program includes works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Brahms.

[Information](#)

An 'Afternoon of Vocal Music' at Yachats Community, Mar. 29

Sandra Collins, Mezzo-Soprano, is featured at an 'Afternoon of Vocal Music, from Bach to Broadway' Sunday, March 29, at 4:00 p.m., at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church (541-547-3400) as part of the *Sunday Concerts at the Agate Windows* series. The program will include compositions by Bach, Bizet, Rossini and Copland, selections from *My Fair Lady* and spirituals. Sandra is pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Point. [Information](#)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks at Collins Lecture, May 4

The 40th annual Collins Lecture, "The Transformative Power of Reconciliation in Society" by Bishop Tutu at 7:30; and multicultural concert at 6:30 p.m., are at Chiles Center, Univ. of Portland.

Information and flyer: [Bishop Tutu](#)

Summer Camps offer a variety of experiences

See the summer camping programs in the brochures in church offices. This will be another great summer filled with fun, new friends, and spiritual growth. Register online at the [camp website](#) or mail in your registration today. Don't wait; camps fill up fast. Email [Biz Larkin](#) or phone her at 503-460-3024 with questions.

Save the salmon? Salmon and spirituality, April 26

Dr. John Hart speaks to a forum Sunday, April 26, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Central Lutheran Church, Portland. Dr. Hart is a professor of ethics at Boston University and author in the areas of social and ecological justice and ecology as a bridge between science and religion. [Information](#)

New-History of Western Spirituality course, April 26-May 1

A foundational course in Columbia Theological Seminary's Certificate in Spiritual Formation program, "History of Western Spirituality," is April 26-May 1. [Register online](#). Scroll down to the date of the event. Then click on "Register Here."

Hear Jane Kirkpatrick in Trout Lake, Sept. 19

Save the date for the Creation Care Gathering with author Jane Kirkpatrick in Trout Lake, WA. Sept. 19. Theme is caring for the land through our relationships with God and neighbors. Sponsored by the Presbytery Eco-Justice Team. *Brochure available soon on website.*

USEFUL INFORMATION

Brad and Ali Kent's [email letters from Bolivia](#)

[Media Resource Center](#)

Clackamas County [Recovery updates](#)

[Minimum Terms of Call for 2009](#)

Per Capita for 2009 is \$22.55 each member, based on church membership as of 12/31/07.

November, 2008 Presbytery meeting [Highlights](#)

[Giving in the Presbytery of the Cascades](#)

[Updated Presbytery Directory](#)

[OMNIBUS](#) newsletter, [Current Issue: February-March'09](#)

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

Church staff openings:

Music Director, part-time – Calvin, Tigard and Eastminster, Portland

Youth Director, part-time – East Woods, Vancouver

Contacts:

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

[Presbytery website](#)

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

[Omnibus newsletter](#) deadline: **March 17 for the April-May issue**

Moderator's Blog on Presbytery website - join the [discussion](#).

[Presbytery Nominating Committee](#)

[Presbyterian Women](#)

[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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