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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-3-26-2009.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: April 2.**

## **PRESBYTERY NEWS**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing...Together, we can change the world**

Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The need this year is greater than ever. Please be generous. [Information](#)

Church leaders are urged to give the **One Great Hour of Sharing** a special push this year. Of the 106 churches in our presbytery that have given to the One Great Hour of Sharing during the past three years, only thirteen donated more in 2008 than in either 2007 or 2006. Total OGHS giving for our presbytery during this period is down nearly \$32,000. Those at the bottom have no safety net. See [attachment](#) for OGHS giving by specific churches.

### **Two ordinations April 19; all are invited**

**Ian H. Doescher** will be ordained at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Portland, and **Brian C. Craker** will be ordained at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Grove.

### **March 13-14 Presbytery meeting [Highlights](#).**

## **PRESBYTERY EVENTS**

### **Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26**

Names were drawn at the March Presbytery meeting to match churches for the pulpit exchange, and a [Bulletin Insert](#) file is now available for use on Sunday, April 26.

### **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](#)

### **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](#)

### **Lectionary Retreat with Richard Rohrbaugh, Sept. 21-22**

An opportunity to spend time with the Rev. Richard L. Rohrbaugh as he leads the 2009 Lectionary Retreat, "The Social/Cultural World of Jesus and the Gospels." [Flyer and Registration](#)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Mission trip opportunity in Oakland, Oregon this summer**

A youth group – or other church group – is needed to do a Vacation Bible School at Community Presbyterian Church in Oakland, OR this summer as a mission project. Please contact the church and Pastor Kathleen Brinegar at P.O. Box 359, Oakland, Oregon 97462 or 541-459-3131.

### **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). Works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Brahms are included. [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. Compositions by Bach, Bizet, Rossini and Copland, selections from *My Fair Lady* and spirituals are included. [Information](#)

### **Movies and discussion begin at Valley Community, Portland, Apr. 11**

A series of free movies are offered for environmental awareness, entertainment and discussion by Valley Community, 8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, on second Saturdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Youth House, next door to the church. Everyone is invited – bring friends. The first movie on April 11 is "Who Killed the Electric Car?" [Information](#)

### **Workshop on Listening Skills at Peace, Eugene, Apr. 25**

The Rev. James Petersen will lead a workshop based on his new book, *Why Don't We Listen Better?* (Communicating and Connecting in Relationships) on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Peace Presbyterian, Eugene. Please register soon. [Information](#)

### **Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaks at Collins Lecture, May 4**

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Collins Lecture, "The Transformative Power of Reconciliation in Society" by Bishop Tutu is at Univ. of Portland. Information and flyer: [Bishop Tutu](#)

### **Circuit Rider Books announces six months of partial service**

**Board of Directors targets Sept. 15 for return to full service operations.** 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 here: [Circuit Rider](#)

### **Help form a disaster plan for Cascades Presbytery**

- Several people are needed from throughout Presbytery regions to help develop a disaster plan for the Presbytery.
- Summer mission trips to NW Oregon are needed to help with ongoing projects. [Recovery updates](#)

### **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 503-460-3024

### **Mission trip to India in July – how we can help**

A team of six from our presbytery will be working in the south-central rural state of Andhra Pradesh, India, June 30-July 20 with the Bharati Integrated Rural Development Society (BIRDS), which also works in partnership with PCUSA Self-Development of People programs. The trip is sponsored by Albany United and St. Mark in Portland. Though not on the trip, individuals and churches in the presbytery can give much-needed financial help. [Information](#)

### **Whitworth Institute for pastors set for July 13-17**

The 34th annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry at Whitworth University is July 13-17. WIM is a weeklong conference for pastors and their families for refreshing and renewing and great teaching. [Information](#)

### **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.*

### **Featured item from the Media Resource Center**

For Easter: **Crossing Rome**, DVD (26 min.), is the compelling journey showing how the cross went from a despised symbol of shame to a revered sign of triumph. We have many other Easter resources, too. Contact the [Resource Center](#).

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**Resources for current economic crisis:** [Crisis and faith](#) and [Take action now](#).

**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.

[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:](#)**

[Worship director, part-time](#) - Sherwood

[Music Director, part-time](#) - Calvin, Tigard and Eastminster, Portland

[Youth Director, part-time](#) - East Woods, Vancouver; First, Baker City OR

### **[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](#)

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