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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 find CEE on the website:

www.cascadespresbytery.org/CEE-9-26-07.pdf **Due date for the next CEE issue: October 4.**

Send names, church, and email addresses of your church officers, staff and friends to cee@cascadespresbytery.org.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Clerks of Session! Have you scheduled your Record Review yet?

All congregations should have their Session minutes read **by the end of October**, so they can be reported to Presbytery at the November meeting. Contact the Associate Stated Clerk in your region or call the Stated Clerk's Office, 1-800-495-4114 with questions. Schedule of readings: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Record-Reviews-07.pdf

Background papers for Presbytery meetings to be on website

Commissioners and ministers will soon receive information for Presbytery meetings from the Presbytery website instead of receiving paper copies in the mail. Following Presbytery Council approval of the electronic process in September, the new process will be phased in over the next few months. Directions on how to access the information by links will be emailed to those who use the papers. By using electronic distribution, information for the meeting can be made available in a more timely manner and save the Presbytery mailing and printing costs.

Printed copies will be mailed only to those who do not have access to the internet. Watch for trial emails in preparation for the November meeting. Questions? Contact Margi Brown, 503-227-5486, 1-800-495-4114, ext. 201 or margi@cascadespresbytery.org.

November 9-10 Presbytery notice: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Call-Docket11-07.pdf

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Be inspired to plan transformation for your church, Sept. 29

Get a jump-start of your fall outreach and mission program! Round up some of your leaders to attend the Church Transformation Conference with you on **Saturday, September 29 at United Presbyterian Church, Albany**. Cost of only \$10 includes coffee and lunch. **Be sure to consider this opportunity!** Read more: www.cascadespresbytery.org/0907Transformation_Conf_Letter.pdf.

Meet the author of book on Alzheimers at PW, Sept. 29

Anne P. Hill will be available to talk about her book on Alzheimers disease, *Unforgettable Journey* at the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering at Multnomah church Saturday. Circuit Rider has the books. www.cascadespresbytery.org/PWFallGathering.pdf

Touchpoints: **By October 1** submit essays, stories or sermons on the theme of "Blessings" to The Presbytery publication, *Touchpoints*. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007Touchpoints.pdf

Peter Gomes lectures at Lewis and Clark, Oct. 1

The Rev. Peter Gomes speaks at Lewis and Clark College, Monday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. at Agnes Flanagan Chapel. All are invited to hear the noted speaker, author and preacher, well known for his passion for justice. www.lclark.edu/org/artslive/gomespeter.html

Register by October 1 for Tentmaking Conference in Ptld. Scroll down for details.

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Presbytery Evangelism Conference with Dr. Stan Wood, Oct. 5-6

Hear Dr. Wood, Professor at San Francisco Theological Seminary, speak on "Faith Sharing with the Unchurched" at a Friday workshop, October 5, 7-9 p.m. at Orenco Church, Hillsboro and/or the Saturday seminar, October 6, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Oakville Church in Shedd. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007EvangWorkshopBrochure.pdf

Cascades Lay Institute sessions are open to all, Oct. 12-13

"Nurturing the Faithful: Christian Education in the Presbyterian Church" Lay session is led by the Rev. Kathy Waugh, October 12-13 in Myrtle Creek. **Register soon.** Brochure: www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007OctoberCascLay.pdf

'Middle School Mania' youth retreat, Oct. 19-21

This year's theme is "High Energy;" don't miss a minute of the activities, songs, water sports, funny programs and outstanding speaker. www.cascadespresbytery.org/MSMania-Forms07.pdf

CPYA features Ben Glenn, chalk artist, Nov. 16-18

Popular chalk artist, Ben Glenn is the keynoter for the annual Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly (CPYA) on November 16-18 at Canby Grove.

Presbyterian Polity class for educators, Dec. 10-12

Polity class for Certification at Menucha has been changed from September to December. Connect with other local and regional educators for support, to exchange ideas, and to grow together in service. www.cascadespresbytery.org/PresbyterianPolity07.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbytery Media Resource Center's featured video: *The Story of Jean*

Vanier and the l'Arche community for men and women with mental handicaps (57mins). He started the first one in France, and there is one of his communities in the Aloha/Beaverton area ("The Ark"). This program focuses on the joys and struggles of daily life in community with mentally and physically handicapped people. Henri Nouwen became Jean's right hand helper. We also have a one hour video on Nouwen's life called *Journey of the Heart*. www.cascadespresbytery.org/medianews.html

Help evaluate current presbytery structure

Everyone is invited to provide input to the Presbytery Evaluation Team as they evaluate the design, function, and implementation of the current presbytery structure **before Nov. 10**. www.cascadespresbytery.org/SurveyGodsCall07.pdf

'A Stewardship Tour of the Bible' brochures available

Old and New Testament stories demonstrate the importance of stewardship in the history and life of the church. The brochures are good for Minutes for Mission, bulletins, newsletter

inserts or adult education classes. Copies are available free of charge from the South Presbytery office, 1-800-701-7313.

Trip to Greece, Turkey and Holy Land planned by John Mahon

As a result of his sabbatical, John Mahon is planning a return trip to Greece, Turkey and Holy Land next April. More information available from John at:

centralgp@cascadespresbytery.org

MORE EVENTS

First-century followers of Jesus, Oct. 12-13

How did Christianity evolve? Bernard Brandon Scott and James A. Veitch explore the variety of ways early Christians expressed their beliefs about the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his life, death, and teachings. Southminster Church, Beaverton, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13. www.cascadespresbytery.org/southmin-seminar.html

Reedville 100th anniversary features Howard Rice, Oct. 20-21

The Presbytery is invited to attend the third and final celebration of the centennial of Reedville Presbyterian Church, and the 20th ordination anniversary of its current pastor, Jeff Sievert, on Oct. 20-21. Howard Rice speaks on both days.

www.cascadespresbytery.org/ReedvillePresCelebrates100-2007.pdf

Nat'l Presbyterian Tentmaking Conference in Portland, Oct. 26-28

Ministers and committee members with an interest in clergy serving as pastors while also following other careers are all invited. The schedule includes time for fellowship and networking. www.cascadespresbytery.org/2007BrochureTM.pdf **Register by October 1.**

USEFUL INFORMATION

Outdoor Camp Coordinator position: Contact Aleida Jernigan, Portland Presbytery office.

Church staff positions: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Jobs.html#B

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Cascades Electronic Express: cee@cascadespresbytery.org

Presbytery of the Cascades website: www.cascadespresbytery.org

Presbyterian Church (USA) www.pcusa.org

Omnibus newsletter: omnibus@cascadespresbytery.org, deadline: Nov. 19, for Dec-Jan. 2007 - January 2008

Presbytery Nominating Committee

www.cascadespresbytery.org/NominationForm.pdf

Cascades Presbyterian Women: www.cascadespw.org

Highlights of June Presbytery: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Highlights06-2007.pdf

Presbytery pastor transitions: www.cascadespresbytery.org/Transitions-04-26-2007.pdf

Forms on our website www.cascadespresbytery.org/Forms.html

Deadlines, due dates www.cascadespresbytery.org/Deadlines.html

Changes to CEE list and Presbytery directory (or to unsubscribe): 503-227-5486, 800-495-4114

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