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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-Feb10-2009.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: February 19.**

NEW IN THIS ISSUE

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Leadership Fair Feb. 28 offers best bargain around – register by Feb. 18

Don't miss this opportunity!

- **QUESTION:** Where can you - Hear not one, but two nationally known keynote speakers? Attend two timely, high-quality workshops to help you in your role at church and in your personal life? Enjoy a wonderful lunch and make connections with fellow Presbyterians—all for \$20?
- **ANSWER:** The Cascades Leadership Fair, Saturday, February 28, from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian, Portland. The event is for all church staff and congregational members. Workshops (each person can attend two) include ministry with older adults, producing a better church newsletter, liturgical art, the Psalms, becoming a multicultural church, and "Catalytic Conversion: Changing How We Lead and Follow," and sessions for treasurers and stated clerks.
- **Sign up now** for a bargain. Brochures are in church offices. [Brochure & mail-in registration](#) and [Online Registration](#). Contact Dawn Champoux, 800-926-3223 or dawnc@cascadespresbytery.org. Register by Feb. 18. [Sample bulletin](#) announcements.

Pastors' transitions

Cascades Pulpit Exchange planned for April 26

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

PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Interfaith Advocacy Day in Salem, Feb. 19

Interfaith Advocacy Day is Thursday, February 19, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Organized by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the annual event is for people of faith to learn about issues of interest to the religious community that will be coming before the legislature this session, and to speak with their elected representatives about these matters. See [Advocacy](#) for more details and registration information.

Interfaith Climate Stewardship Advocacy Day, March 4

The event is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 4 at Hudson Hall, Willamette University, Salem. The day consists of advocacy training and briefings on climate and energy legislation. Participants will visit with their legislators. Register at (503) 221-1054 ext. 201. [Climate stewardship](#).

CIT Leadership Camp begins with weekend, March 6-8

Counselor in Training (CIT) Leadership Camp prepares high school students to serve as leaders in the presbytery's camping program and in their home churches. This year, the camp begins with a spring weekend at Suttle Lake. Call or email [Biz Larkin](#) with questions or call 503-460-3024. [Information](#)

'Restoring Spiritual Vibrancy to Our Churches,' Mar. 8

The Rev, Graham Standish, Presbyterian Pastor and author speaks on Sunday, March 8 at Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church. [Information](#)

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

Held at Mt. Angel Abby Retreat House, the event features Mike Kipp and other faculty from NW Nazarene University. [Flyer and registration form](#)

Summer Conference 'Weekend Edition 2009,' 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, Oregon, a location that worked so well for us last year. Come experience keynote speaker Craig Williams and music clinician Ben Brody; enjoy fun classes and activities for all ages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congo medical missionaries available to speak to churches in Feb.

The medical director and administrator of the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai in central Congo are in Cascades Presbytery to tell about the mission of the institute, founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1954. For dates in the Portland area Feb. 15-21, contact Molly Wyenberg at 360-852-8262 or mwyenberg@mbfoundation.org. Sue Sager is making arrangements for Feb. 21-27 in southern Oregon; contact her at 541-482-8117 or billisue@jeffnet.org.

'Music for the Trombone Old and New,' Feb. 22

Kenilworth church invites everyone to "The Sackbuts of the Oregon Renaissance Band," Vesper Music at Five Concert on Sunday, February 22, at 5 p.m. at Kenilworth PC. [Information](#)

Current needs in Clackamas County after winter storms

Due to rains, there have been landslides in parts of Clackamas County. The county is in need of volunteers to help muck out homes, clean up debris, cut downed trees now. Later there may be needs to do interior recovery to some homes. Please call coordinator Phyllis Wright, cell 971-404-9405. [Recovery updates](#).

Art show, classes and writer's fair at Westminster, Portland

Don Young will be teaching a three-session class on paper art and collage, and discuss bringing forth the art from within, Saturday mornings February 14, 21, and March 7, in the Great Hall. Open studio dates are listed. Writer's Fair is set for Saturday, February 28. [Read more](#)

Summer Camps offer a variety of experiences

Whether you are in the first grade, a senior high student, or a family with young children, Presbytery of the Cascades Summer Camp Programs have something for you. This summer we are offering 14 different sessions, including a day camp at Menucha, youth camps at both Magruder on the coast and Suttle Lake in the mountains, and a Family Camp at Honeyman State Park. Open enrollment has begun, so you and your friends can register without being placed on a waiting list. Look at the summer 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.

Menucha programs

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

- **Feb. 16: One-day symposium on Climate, Change:** History and Future of Climate, Energy and Sustainability in the Columbia Watershed and Globally. Scientific and spiritual leaders' dialogue.
- **Mar. 18-22: Way-Points program,** Spirit and Pen in Nature - writing as a spiritual discipline and incorporating wonders of the natural world. Join authors Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea.
- **Apr. 13-17: Religious Education Theory and Practice,** a course designed for Association of Presbyterian Church Educators affiliate church educators in the Certification process.

Mission speakers to visit Cascades Presbytery in fall

PC(USA) will be sending missionaries to tell their stories this fall under a program called Mission Challenge 2009. Exact dates have not yet been established, but there will be a missionary in Cascades Presbytery between the last week of September and late October. If your congregation might be interested in hosting a missionary or in being kept informed as details become available, please contact Don Shaw, 503-302-4656 or peaceandhunger@cascadespresbytery.org.

Brad and Ali Kent serve in Bolivia Joining Hands partnership

The Kents' [email](#) letters are available on our website. Check back regularly to learn of their adventures as they serve on our behalf as missionaries in Bolivia.

USEFUL INFORMATION

[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](#)

[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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