

A Day in the Sun Draws 800 People and Serves School Children

By Trevor Sheffels, Outreach Elder, Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship

A free "Back-to-School Extravaganza" in Aloha, Oregon, hosted by **Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship** and Friendship Christian Church, provided backpacks for some 300 children and a day filled with games and events sure to please the youngsters.

The event was held at the church build-



Two of the youngsters who enjoyed a day at Cooper Mountain's Extravaganza

ing that is used by both congregations. During the morning, 40 volunteers from the two congregations set up stations with backpacks, school supplies, and clothing for all ages. All of the supplies were donated and purchased by Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship and Friendship Christian Church. Large party games were rented for the day, including two bounce rooms, a 40-foot-tall slide, and a slip-n-slide, all of which were inflated on the church lawn. Also in operation were a barbecue and a snow cone machine. The event was designed to be an opportunity for struggling families to receive free school supplies for the upcoming school year and enjoy a day of fun in the sun.

The extravaganza was advertised through a variety of outlets, but organizers were unsure of how many people would be attending the event. It quickly became clear that more people than anyone could have expected would be coming to the church to take advantage of the much needed opportunity. The event was scheduled to start at noon, but families began arriving as early as 10 a.m. By 11:30 a.m., a line of more than 100 eager parents and children had formed. An hour after the event opened, the line of families waiting their turn was still growing. Before long, the overflow parking lot at the elementary school across the street was completely full and families were parking blocks away.

After patiently waiting in line, each child was allowed to choose a backpack, fill it with school supplies, and search along with their parents for new clothes. After going through all of the supply stations, almost all of the families stayed to enjoy the festivities. All of the inflatable games were a huge hit, and volunteers at the barbecue and snow-cone machine were kept busy. In fact, all of the volunteers were scrambling throughout the day due to the huge number of people. Despite the frantic pace, the volunteers were thrilled about the opportunity to reach out to so many people in the community. Families left feeling blessed to receive support, and volunteers left feeling that the Lord had definitely been at work throughout the day.

The Back-to-School Extravaganza was a tremendous experience for everyone as it greatly exceeded expectations. By the end of the day, over 300 backpacks were provided for children and 100 more backpacks could have been distributed if supplies were available. An estimated 800 people attended the extravaganza, which was hundreds more than anyone had envisioned. It was a tremendous blessing for all of the volunteers to see the smiles on the children's faces and listen to how grateful the parents were for the event. During the cleanup effort, volunteers were already excited about hosting another Back-to-School Extravaganza next year, and joint plans are being developed by the two congregations. Please view the slideshow of this year's event online at www.youtube.com/CooperMountainPres.

In hindsight, it is evident that this event was a tremendous experience on many different levels. It was a blessing to be able to demonstrate the love of Jesus to struggling families in Aloha, Oregon, and the surrounding area and to meet just a few of their many needs. It was also a tremendous

opportunity to work closely with another congregation and unite through our common faith. In addition, this event was a huge reminder that there are always ample opportunities to reach out to people in need as we have been called. At Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship we have been energized by this event, and will continue to look for new and creative ways to reach out to the local community and further develop our missional focus in the name of Jesus Christ.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women to Gather October 17

Join Presbyterian Women at the Fall Gathering of PW of the Cascades Presbytery on Saturday, October 17, at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church, 4028 SE 34th Avenue, Portland. Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30, with worship and the program beginning at 10.

The day will include a report on July's Churchwide Gathering, a Thank Offering presentation, and a brand new terrific Horizons (the magazine for Presbyterian Women) skit. Childcare is available if requested. Advance registration (by October 10) is required for a lunch reservation. Registration will be \$10.00, which includes lunch. For registration information, contact Mary Lou Williams at 360-576-5364 or mlwms41@aol.com.

The theme of the Gathering is "God Will Do Wonders Among You." Elaine Markuson will speak about her work as a missionary in Pakistan.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Presbytery of the Cascades will have a Stated Meeting on November 13-14, 2009 at Westminster Presbyterian Church 2000 Oakwood Drive - Medford, OR

Information on the docket and on the pre-presbytery workshops will be posted on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org. Background papers for the meeting, maps, and information about lodging in the Medford area will be available mid-October.

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The Board of Directors of Circuit Rider Christian Books, Inc., in January 2009, announced a curtailed schedule of operations in the face of general economic difficulties and its own financial challenges. A minimum of \$5,000 in donations was needed to underwrite the full service restart in September. This did not happen, and the curtailed schedule continues.

"We will continue to fill your telephoned and e-mailed orders," states Carolyn Hampton, Director. She adds, "The beginnings of our new website will be posted soon, and we will unveil online shopping in the coming months. Check out www.circuitriderbooks.org on October 1, 2009 for our 'Buyer's Picks' of the new best books of 2009! Watch the weekly blog, 'Trail Notes', for updates on discussions we are currently having with our publishing partners and other innovative groups in the publishing industry. We

are well aware of changes occurring in the book industry, and we are attempting to keep abreast and adapt, but we need funding."

Without partner support, Circuit Rider Books will not be able to offer services at upcoming events; however, it will have a display and seek to enroll Sustaining Partners (donors of \$25 per year or more) in anticipation of a return to full service early in 2010. These small donations are the backbone of its fundraising efforts. "Are we going out of business? Not yet!" Peebles asserts. "With generous support, we hope not at all, but that support is necessary if we are to continue to be present at scheduled events."

A number of opportunities exist for individuals or groups wishing to help the bookstore continue to be a part of the presbytery. Tax deductible giving levels range from \$12, "Page Turner," to a "Bibliophile" at \$12,000 or more a year.

A lot can happen over the next five months, and with generous donations by members and friends of the presbytery, the continued support of our Sustaining Partners, prayers and a dedication to making Circuit Rider Books one of the go-to places, the Board is convinced Circuit Rider Christian Books, Inc. can and will make it through these difficult economic times.

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You may reserve videos in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (please call first); by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-5660, or by linking through the presbytery website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.



Preaching For The Planet, Interfaith Messages On Global Warming - DVD with five tracts: Episcopal on stewardship of energy, Buddhist on interconnectedness and the Bodhi Tree, Catholic on partnering with God, Muslim on surrendering to the will of God and Jewish Rabbi Melanie Aron. (20 mins) Ask for: DVMBX006

The Essence Of Orange - Discover the five critical issues church leaders should talk about every week: How to integrate your strategy, refine the message, elevate community, reactivate the family and leverage influence. Nine leaders from various churches met with Reggie Joiner outside of Atlanta in the historic Holly Theater to talk about reaching the next generation. This produced the six sessions that make up this resource. Visit their website at: www.rethinkgroup.org

When The Game Is All Over, It All Goes Back In The Box by John Ortberg. Six thought-provoking sessions on living life in light of eternity. If you are a hoarder or "stuff" collector this is a great one! (120 min. total) Guide included.

New (to the Resource Center) Books from the Alban Institute:

Stilling The Storm: Worship and Congregational Leadership in Difficult Times by Kathleen S. Smith - A systematic and theological approach to leading congregations through difficult times citing the importance of "worship's healing potential." With her pastoral approach, worship can be an avenue of pastoral care and healing, a means of grace. (229 pgs) Ask for: BKMF1004

When God Speaks Through You: How Faith Convictions Shape Preaching and Mission by Craig Satterlee - A book that invites pastors and lay people to enter together into a deep conversation about the nature and purposes of preaching. This leads to a broader conversation about how people's faith convictions shape both their lives and the congregation's worship, life together, and mission. (182 pgs) Ask for: BKPD005

Who Is Our Church? Imagining Congregational Identity by Janet Cawley - A method for church leaders to help their particular congregation explore their identity and direction. Ms. Cawley demonstrates how enjoyable and fun discerning identity can be. (161 pgs) Ask for: BKCF5018

Choosing Partnership, Sharing Ministry; A Vision for New Spiritual Community by Marcia Barnes Bailey - This book presents a partnership model of pastoral leadership and spiritual growth rather than an hierarchal one. "This new vision of relationships built on mutuality, vision, and trust is what is needed for the transformation of the church." C. Wessels, O.P. (152 pgs) Ask for: BKCF3004

Warm Regards, Maureen O'Rourke, Resource Center Director

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Calvin preaches



Elder Bill Freck, member of First, Bandon and affiliate member of Aurora Presbyterian, wore Calvin robes in honor of John Calvin's birthday while preaching at Brookings on July 12th. "I know he isn't the only Calvin look-alike in the presbytery but he's awfully good," states, Paul Belz-Templeman, pastor.

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Cascades Viewpoints

By Hugh Anderson,
Executive Presbyter, South Region

The focus of my recent sabbatical was on pilgrimage. My guide was Presbyterian minister Brett Webb-Mitchell's book, *School of the Pilgrim*. My three month block of time began with a group pilgrimage through the Three River Gorge of the Yangtze River and ended with a time of solitude in the Steens Mountain area reflecting on C.E.S. Wood's magnum opus, *The Poet in the Desert*. For the six weeks in between these bookends, Teena and I again taught in the Oral English Program of the China Christian Council. My classes were adaptations of the Companions in Christ program on small group experiences in spiritual formation. The emphasis of this program is the realization that our spiritual life is a journey, a pilgrimage. Through studying the Bible, experiencing various prayer styles, focusing on one's spiritual gifts, and developing a concerted plan for continued growth, the 25 Chinese Christians shared their lives with one another and with me.

Such a sabbatical experience as mine demonstrated what Brett Webb-Mitchell highlights as the fundamental aim of pilgrimage. He writes, "...what matters most for Christian pilgrims is the triad of the person, place, and text. In the sacred places, led by holy texts, persons seek to experience a growing awareness of God as they grow more aware of who a person is in God."

Now I do not intend this viewpoint column to be just a "how-I-spent-my-summer-

vacation" type of article. I mention my sabbatical experience as it is a parallel to what Cascades Presbytery has been experiencing throughout this past year. The Presbytery has taken time at each of its meetings to focus on fostering vital churches. We can only have vital congregations [and a vital presbytery] when we have vital members. And vitality is nurtured through reflection on what God is doing in our lives.

In my class with Chinese church leaders this summer, we spent time reflecting on the fact that our Christian life is a journey. As Brett Webb-Mitchell writes, "I am convinced that the length and breadth of the Christian life is a pilgrimage and that it is through the actual practice of pilgrimage that we may best understand the experience of growth and change in the Christian life." That understanding came through focusing on Scripture, reading the sacred text as formational and not just informational. That understanding included prayer in all its varieties of expression. That understanding also included reflection on the gifts that God has given to each of us by the individual him/herself as well as through the confirmation of others who are also on the journey. And that understanding concluded with the formation of a plan to utilize those gifts for one's continued growth and the advancement of God's kingdom. The Chinese church leaders in my summer course did just that.

This is also what we elected staff have been highlighting during the meetings of Cascades presbytery this past year. We have

focused on scripture by looking at the lessons from the book of Acts. We have held each other up in prayer. We have affirmed the gifts that each has been given by God. Now it is time to put these understandings into a plan - a plan for each person as well as a plan for each congregation. This will be the focus of our time at the November meeting of presbytery.

It sounds ambitious. It sounds exciting. It sounds like God at work in our lives and the lives of our congregations and the life of our presbytery. It is a true pilgrimage. As Brett Webb-Mitchell reminds us:

"I discover over and over again that these intentional or volitional periods of pilgrimage in my crowded life are not a great metaphor for the Christian life but that Christian pilgrimage is the Christian life. The pilgrimage narratives of others remind me that the Christian life can be understood as a pilgrimage, in which we are born and baptized as pilgrims among a people who are already on a pilgrimage. We are not at the beginning of the line of pilgrims, though the experience will seem forever new for us. But Christ is at the head of the line, and we are the followers, being led by the cross of Christ. Likewise, we are not at the end of the line, for there are many who will follow us, hearing and receiving stories of our time on the pilgrim's way."

I look forward to our taking our place in the great pilgrimage that is the Christian life in this time when God has called us to live and serve.

Leo and Bill say hello

by Bud Bendix,

Editor's Note: This article was first published in *Valley, Portland's* newsletter, written by one of their members.

Leo Hess and Bill Greer love people. Neither can stand up for very long at a time to socialize after church because of health issues. That's why you see them sitting near the entrance to the sanctuary every Sunday morning to greet their long-time friends and newcomers alike.

"You might say, it's important to us to do this," Bill said recently after he and Leo had "done their thing." You could say they act as unofficial greeters, but it goes beyond that.

"It's the only chance we have to say 'hello' to everyone," said Leo, who walks with a cane as does Bill. Leo has suffered from multiple sclerosis since 1969. Despite this and other health problems, he is able to drive himself to church, usually arriving early enough to open the doors to the sanctuary and turn on the lights before everyone else arrives. Bill joins him shortly, and they sit in the pew at the rear of the narthex where they shake hands and exchange pleasantries with those who come by.

Bill, who is 79, has been at Valley for 46 years and served as an officer and in church mission work. Leo, 83, has been a member for 42 years and was a church officer elsewhere before coming to the area, originally from North Dakota. Both are widowers, but have children and grandchildren living in the area. An avid football fan ("Go Ducks!") and fisherman (salmon and trout), Leo must resort to watching games on TV these days.

"Don't ever call Leo on Saturdays during football season," Bill said knowingly. "He really misses going to the games, but he enjoys them on television."

Leo also misses his fishing trips. Formerly with the U.S. Forestry Service, he recalls as a major perk of his job being able to fish in streams in the Okanogan wilderness in North Central Washington. "I rooted for the Cougs (WSU) in those days, he recalls. "That's beautiful country up there, and I miss walking around in it and the fishing." Leo served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps in the Pacific during World War II.

Bill came to Oregon from California but got his career started in Pittsburgh, Pa., as an application engineer for Westinghouse



From left - Bill Greer and Leo Hess

Corporation.

"That's where I met my wife and started our family," he said. Later, in Oregon, he represented the company for five western states. He was with Westinghouse until he retired.

Today, Bill is proud to refer to himself as a "collector of rhododendrons." He spends one day a week at the Oregon State University Extension Service Washington County office as a master gardening consultant answering questions from people who call in or make e-mail inquiries.

Both gentlemen admit they lack the energy now to do all the things they like to do. But something they remain enthusiastic about: Valley Community Presbyterian Church and all the people they look forward to seeing on Sundays. Stop by and say hello.



Ask the Clerk

By John Huenink

State Clerk, Presbytery of the Cascades

Q: I have heard a rumor that you are planning to retire. Is that true?

A: It is true. I have never had dying in office as a vocational objective. My second five-year term as Cascades' Stated Clerk will end in the summer of 2010,

and I think it is not in the best interests of Cascades for me to accept nomination to a third term. Since I am eligible now to retire, I plan to do so next summer. I have notified Cascades' Personnel and Administration Committee of my plans and the process for the nomination to the presbytery of my successor (described in Standing Rule D-6) will begin soon. It is my hope that the transition can be as effective and seamless as possible, and I will do all possible to make it so.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as Cascades' Stated Clerk for the past decade. I have done my best to be effective and responsible in my work both within

Cascades and on its behalf. Thank you for the trust and confidence which you have placed in me and the support which you have given me! I will continue to do all that is required by my position until a new stated clerk begins his or her duties.

If you have interest in clerk work or have someone you might suggest to serve Cascades as its next Stated Clerk, I am sure that the Stated Clerk Search Committee (the members of which have yet to be named as of this writing) would be pleased to receive your communications. You may send them to P&A Chair John Brinegar to forward to the committee once it is formed and begins its work.

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Central Region

By Bruce Smith

First, Corvallis has selected a contractor from Eugene for the construction of the Dennis Hall building in the neighborhood of \$2.1 million. This new addition will provide new classroom space and meet the needs for expansion in the adult education program. In the future, the plan is to host national seminars and events that will be available to the local community as well as the membership of the church.

Lynn Delker, a member of **Westminster, Salem** will be honored in Washington, DC as a member of the Women Air Force Services Pilots (WASP) during WWII. She was one of 1,102 pilots who piloted every kind of military aircraft and logged 60 million flying miles in the United States and to Britain. All the members of the group will receive the Congressional Gold Medal that is the highest and most distinguished honor a civilian may receive.

Members of **First, McMinnville** were able to participate in a local bank award program through their Community Dinner program and submitted 314 hours that netted the church \$628. Each person earned two dollars for each volunteer hour they worked. With this money the church was able to feed the hungry for five more weeks.

David Hampton, **First, Dallas**, participated in a Presbyterian Church (USA) workshop at the Academy for Missional Preaching during his study leave. David notes, "The key idea in the missional church movement is that people outside the church are different than they used to be." John Moody, **Westminster, Salem** continues this theme when he quotes some statistical figures from the Pew Research Center. "Almost 50% of respondents said that the biggest generational divide was over social values and morality." Those under the age of 29 considered the biggest difference was found in views on family relationships and dating. Middle age people were more concerned about manners while the elders cited differences in the sense of entitlement. Sixty-five percent over 65 considered religion to be very important to them, compared with just over half of those in the 35 to 49-age bracket and a low 44% for those 18 to 29. Even in this technological age, only four in 10 in the 65-74 age group use the Internet on a daily basis. The people 75 and up are on the "net" in a one-to-six ratio. Three quarters of the adults aged 18-30 go online daily. When it comes to cell phones the older adults just get 5% of their calls on their cell phones while those under 30 use them 72% of the time. Each generational gap will "continually impact how we communicate the good news of the Gospel. Those in our tradition who choose to adapt, be creative, and understand that message of the Gospel is ageless... will be the most effective evangelists."

Let me continue with some comments gleaned by the **Church of the Siuslaw, Florence** from a nun in the 17th century that may be appropriate in some arenas. In her prayer she admits that she knows she is growing older. She asks God to keep her from the fatal habit of thinking she must say something on every occasion. With her store of wisdom, "it seems a pity not to use it all. Teach the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with." She asked for an ability to see good things in unexpected places, and the talents of unexpected people.

Northeast Region

By Jan Noller

Mt. Tabor, Portland is inviting members and friends to share their God sightings - stories of seeing God doing something in their world.

The 50th anniversary celebration at **Covenant, Gresham** had a memorabilia room, a jazz band and former pastors and members returning. **Smith Memorial, Fairview** kicks off their year long celebration of their 120th anniversary with a dinner on October 4. To make a correction from last month's article, the church was named to honor Hiram Smith. **Rose City Park, Portland** continues to celebrate their 100th anniversary with organ concerts, "I remember stories," special worship, church picnics and participation in the Junior Rose Parade.

At **Moreland, Portland** the Sweet Life Cafe group is retreating at the church November 6-7. In addition, they are launching the LOGOS intergenerational weekly program.

The Senior Trippers at **Savage Memorial, Portland** toured the Police Mounted Patrol unit and then rode the tram.

The parish nurse at **Springwater, Estacada** says "Be not afraid (of the flu)" giving ideas that could prevent the spread of the flu. With other Portland Urban Network (PUN) congregations, **Kenilworth, Portland** and **Colonial Heights, Portland** will have an event to help the congregations grow in healthy ways led by Dr. Ann Philbrick with a focus on "Recognition, Reconciliation and Renewal." **Eastminster, Portland** begins in October a 12-week program called Diet, Discipline, and Discipleship.

Westminster, Portland is discussing with the membership what is meant by being a welcoming congregation, being inclusive of various sexual orientations, various theological and political stances.

Members of **Cherry Park, Troutdale** are invited to serve SnoCap by volunteering time and by sewing pajamas.

Columbia, Vancouver is gearing up for a church sale of clothing, shoes, furniture, housewares, books and crafts. This enables the surrounding community to find what they need for a reasonable price.

The youth group at **Milwaukie** is recycling technology - cartridges, cell phones iPods and lap tops.

Christmas gifts for street children in the Philippines are being gathered at **East Woods, Vancouver**. They're suggesting stuffed animals, books and non-perishable foods. Two projects in Africa that **Gateway, The Dalles** mission recently supported through the Presbyterian Outreach Foundation were the Kamwenge Vocational School and community outreach in Rwanda.

A free beginner quilt making class was held at **Evergreen, Cook** for making personal quilts and quilts for the community.

The **Laurelhurst, Portland** youth joined the Aurora youth on a mission trip to Orondo, Washington to work on building projects this small church cannot do for themselves. The youth at **First, Oregon City** went on a mission trip to San Francisco. They worked with a group called Youthworks, partnering with another group from Arizona to work preparing food, sorting in the Salvation Army warehouse, in the food bank and leading a Vacation Bible School (VBS) day camp. The mission project at VBS at **Cascades, Vancouver** benefited the Heavenly Hats organization that provides hats for cancer patients. Back to school backpacks were assembled at **St. John's, Camas** for the children in the Camas/Washougal area.

Northwest Region

by Jeanne Rich

With churches gearing up for fall, many are reemphasizing the call to outreach, whether subtle or obvious. **Valley, Portland** recently had the spotlight on Leo Hess and Bill Greer, active Valley members for a combined 88 years, church officers and now acting as unofficial greeters on Sunday mornings to long-time friends and newcomers (see story on page three). Another approach to building a church-friendly environment is found at **First, Newberg** where Pastor Peter Blank writes that soon some parking spaces will be marked "Church Guest." Guests come first and every regular attender will be a "Church Host." The traditional usher or greeter will be replaced by "Pew Partners" who will show guests around, answer questions, listen to their story, and introduce them to at least two others at church. (Matthew 25:31-46 is their directive.) Pastor Mark Rainey at **Orengo, Hillsboro** suggested a short list to practice when newcomers show up, referring to Hebrews 13:1-2. These are from Evangelism Coach International:

1. Understand the mind of a guest (be welcoming without pressure),
2. Welcome everyone, new and regular,
3. Anticipate the newcomers with "I don't recall meeting you before" rather than the embarrassing "Is this your first time?"
4. Help newcomers connect by sitting with them or introduce them to a regular attender and suggest they sit together,
5. Say good-bye with warmth, introduce them to the pastor,
6. Avoid church business but focus on the visitors.

Plymouth, St. Helens has announced that it will bring back its "Buddy Program," a volunteer effort to do a daily check-in on one another. Sharing news and information in this fashion is not limited to the congregation, but is open to anyone desiring this service. Sounds like this will stretch the arms of the Deacons and serve outreach as well.

Tualatin Plains (Old Scotch), Hillsboro has an active Boy Scout Troop. Troop Leader John Wheeler writes, "Although reverence to God is the last pledge of the Boy Scout Law, having a place like our church for fellowship brings God first in our hearts." He announced that the troop received the "Honor Unit" award at Camp Baker Boy Scout Camp in Florence, Oregon, as well as "constant praise at how well-behaved our boys were and how focused on participation and development they were". At Camp Baker 18 worn flags were retired which had been previously placed on grave sites during the Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Wheeler reminisces, "If you can imagine all of our scouts each holding an American flag, in a circle around a blazing bonfire and in praise and thankfulness to God, in unison, placing each flag to the flames. There was not a dry eye among us!"

Southminster, Beaverton is a congregation of ministers. Questions from, "Who do I call with a prayer request?" to "What if I want to put up a display?" to "I have a question about the Christian Faith?" are addressed in a directory of assistance recently published. To cover 27 typical questions asked, sixteen different names and phone numbers were provided of which only five were directed to the pastor. **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego** will be BIND-ing together in an intense way this fall by reading through the Bible in 90 days (BIND). From September 13 to Advent season, Sunday morning sermons, all small groups and all ages

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Self-Development of People Comes Close to Home

The Presbytery Self-Development of People (SDOP) made its presence known at the Project Connect in the Deschutes County fair grounds in September. Sid Birt, chairman of Mission Support in Presbytery, agreed to have a table where SDOP services could be offered to a needy population. Over 2,200 homeless and low income Oregonians spent a Saturday with about 600 volunteers providing a multitude of services from haircuts to health care. Nancy and Bruce Smith, active members of the Presbytery, shared the SDOP story. They occupied a corner of a large room where they talked to 60 different individuals who were interested

in starting their own business or receiving support in an ongoing enterprise. One young lady was interested in managing a colony of bees, others were interested in a landscaping business. Helping others came into play with a legal aid program, a teen center, personal therapy, a pet grooming business, home cleaning and/or janitorial service, and building furniture and cabinets. "There were many other interesting projects that were discussed," Bruce Smith noted. Everyone was given the SDOP literature and an application form and told there would be a workshop in two weeks to assist them in filling out a request for funds.



Nancy Smith shares SDOP information

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in Sunday school will be involved in this "great endeavor." Meeting their goal, "to discover together God's big message of love and gain a better overview and understanding of Scripture," will require reading about 12 pages a day and participating in a group review which "is key to making the most out of your reading experience!"

Children's Ministries at **Hillsboro PC** is helping parents say "Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes in You and Your Kids!" A parenting class which will focus on the concept that "Honor is more than just behavior change" will coincide with The Honor Club for kids 3-12 year old which intends to "give children more constructive ways to interact with their parents." The emphasis is not just on how children, but parents also, need to think, act and treat others around them.

First, Astoria is pleased that member Carol Prichard (and wife of Pastor David) has taken steps toward a life-long goal of ministry. After raising five children, carrying the role of pastor's wife, and working several years as a licensed family counselor, Carol has just completed her first year at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She will be doing an internship this fall under the supervision of honorably retired pastor Doug Rich, a graduate of SFTS.

The recent **Valley, Portland** garage sale was held in several rooms of the church, Youth House, driveway and garage, which were full of donated items. Thanks to committee planning and work by many volunteers, the sale resulted in about \$3,000 to be used for expenses of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee as they search for a youth pastor.

South Region

By Ann Moore

Youth from **First, North Bend** participated in "See You at the Pole" on Wednesday, September 23. Students gathered at their schools' flag poles with other students, teachers, and staff to pray specifically for their own school, the teaching staffs and others who work to make school successful. Parents were invited too.

The Bible in 90 days is **First, Klamath Falls'** church-wide program to read the Bible in that much time. It began on September 13. Each person will read the Bible daily and meet with a small group weekly for a video session and discussion. Pastor David Dendy will preach each week on a topic from the week's reading.

First, Roseburg celebrated the 136th anniversary of its 1873 chartering on August 3 and the 100th anniversary of the present

sanctuary in October. For the sanctuary celebration, they shared Moments for Memories during worship, ordered a centennial coffee cup for use at church or take home. They also digitalized old pictures. The actual sanctuary centennial celebration will be October 18 with the theme, "Remember, Rejoice, Rededicate."

Sunday school is different this fall at **First, Brookings**. The curriculum committee searched through many group-taught programs, found one they liked and combined ages kindergarten to fifth grade in the same classroom. That format calls for two teachers. The older children will continue

with "Believe It or Not Bible" stories. Christian education committee and teachers tried the group approach in the summer and it worked well. In the fall they will use "Hands On" as their curriculum.

The Christian education committee also tried a new approach to Vacation Bible school. They set up on-line registration to save the parents' time. Families of the participants came to the Sunday worship service led by the VBSers, then remained for an all-church barbecue afterwards. This was all accomplished with the help of the Baptist church in Smith River, and the Nazarene and Episcopal churches in Brookings.

TRANSITIONS

Welcome New Pastors

- **The Rev. Kenneth D. Biornstad**, transferring from the Presbytery of Seattle to serve as designated pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Waldport, beginning August 1, 2009

Installations/Commissionings

- **The Rev. Kenneth D. Biornstad**, installed as designated pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Waldport, September 20, 2009
- **The Rev. Delbert (Del) E. Burnett**, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Salem, September 27, 2009
- **The Rev. Sylvia C. Dilworth**, installed as co-pastor of Multnomah Presbyterian Church, Portland, September 20, 2009
- **Elder Buzz Johnson**, commissioned on August 23, 2009, serving as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church, Cannon Beach
- **The Rev. Timothy S.K. Vance**, installed as associate pastor of Gateway Presbyterian Church, The Dalles, September 13, 2009
- **The Rev. Jeremy D. Watson**, installed as associate pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Portland, September 27, 2009
- **The Rev. Constance S. Wilkerson**, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, September 27, 2009

Pastoral Changes

- **The Rev. A. Michael Brown**, completed service as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, on August 30, 2009
- **The Rev. Scott E. Phillips**, completed service as pastor of East Woods Presbyterian Church, Vancouver on August 2, 2009, transferred to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, to serve as campus pastor for Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Raleigh, North Carolina
- **The Rev. Jeremy D. Watson**, began service as associate pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Portland, on June 15, 2009
- **The Rev. Constance S. Wilkerson**, completed service as stated supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Central Point on August 16, 2009 and began service as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ashland on September 1, 2009

Retirements

- **The Rev. J. Thomas Green**, granted Honorably Retired status, July 22, 2009, transferring to the Presbytery of de Cristo

Church Anniversaries

- **Plymouth Presbyterian Church, St. Helens**, October 4, 1959, 50 years
- **Korean Presbyterian Church, Corvallis**, October 18, 1999, 10 years
- **First Presbyterian Church, Mill City**, October 22, 1894, 115 years
- **First Presbyterian Church, Portland**, October 23, 1854, 155 years
- **Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver**, October 27, 1954, 55 years
- **Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Portland**, October 31, 1954, 55 years
- **Community Presbyterian Church, Parkdale**, November 7, 1909, 100 years
- **First Presbyterian Church, Dallas**, November 17, 1889, 120 years
- **Calvary Korean Presbyterian Church, Portland**, November 26, 1989, 20 years
- **Tri-City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek**, December 6, 1954, 55 years
- **Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gresham**, December 18, 1959, 50 years

Voices

Editor's note: This issue, we have two submissions for the Voices column - both showing a unique way the community of faith can do the familiar in a fresh and rewarding way...

Sunday: A Day of Three-Part Harmony

By Mary Bishop

This three part harmony day began a few months ago when some pastors gathered to discuss a day of worship. After a few meetings, it grew into this beautiful event.

The Assembly of God, Azalea Glen Faith Center and the **Olivet Presbyterian Church, Glendale** came together in a green field next to the banks of Cow Creek with joy and anticipation.

There were about 150 people there with each church represented. Other churches were there and people came from as far as Portland, Mulino, Happy Valley, Wilderville, Grants Pass, Azalea and Glendale. The day's temperature was heating up but there were graceful old trees to shade some of us and shade covers over chairs and tables for most everyone.

Lloyd "Buck" Tohill, commissioned lay pastor at Olivet began the day singing an original song he had finished just that morning. He sang of God's world and the marvelous things we experience each day when God is with us. Pastor Dan Fleming of Azalea Glen Faith Center, welcomed us all and the praise team sang. The team included people from each church. We sang "Lord I Lift Your Name On High," "As a Deer," "Blessed Be Your Name," "Give Me Jesus" and "Amazing Grace." Many of us had tears of happiness as we sang along.

As the praise team was singing, I looked up and a dove had just landed in a tree



Buck, wearing the cross, baptizes the Gendron children, Makiah (next to Buck), Angelique, and Braeden. In the back row are (l to r) Bryan Schram, Kandace Allen, and Jim Allen.

across the creek. The dove stayed and watched us and listened to the music and flew off after many of us had enjoyed seeing it. What a fantastic symbol of baptism. There were many Swallowtail Butterflies flitting about as another symbol of this magnificent day.

Then Pastor Terry Bess of the Assembly of God spoke to us from Psalm 133 which is all about unity and harmony between Christians. He likened the dew of Hermon on Mt. Zion in his sermon and we all focused on the nearby mountain. This Psalm is so moving; I do hope everyone will have a chance to read it. When Terry was through, Buck gave us a short enthusiastic talk about the true miracle of all of us meeting together, and we were praising God all the day long.

Now the time for the baptisms; each pastor had members of his own church to

baptize. Buck baptized Kandace Allen, Bryan Schram, and the three Gendron children, Makiah, Braeden and Angelique. Words fail me in describing this holy event in the clear sparkling coolish waters of Cow Creek.

The baptisms were followed with fellowship and a potluck. Then we all gathered our belongings to head home. This wonderful event was brought together by the three pastors. We want to most especially thank Andy and Marion Owens for inviting us to the lovely green field by the banks of Cow Creek. We look forward to meeting there again next year. We don't know if the temperature will be quite as hot as it was that day, but after all, we are all on fire for the Lord.

All of us must take time to absorb the beauty of inspiration of this day. "I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Mark 1:8

VBS Revisited

by Linda Grund-Clampit, member of Christ's Church: Methodist and Presbyterian United, Monmouth

Vacation Bible School is a tradition in most churches and brings vitality even to churches filled with older folks. Christ's Church in Monmouth had not held VBS in at least eight years. Our congregation has very few families with elementary age children and the leadership for that activity was exhausted.

We decided to try it this year, emboldened by the opportunity to have the Camps & Retreat Ministry Day Camp Team bring in the program for us. This is part of the Methodist Western District program. One of our goals was to reach out to the wider community and we saw this as an investment in that ministry goal.

We formed a planning group, made decisions about dates and food and other details, recruited volunteers, and started doing publicity in our community.

We felt successful when we had 29 children show up the first day! We felt successful when they all came back the second day! We felt successful when we realized those 29 children represented 16 families, 12 of which were new contacts with our church! And we felt successful when we realized that over 50 individuals in our congregation had helped in some way.

We provided an experience that was fun, safe, and — for many of the families — free. While with us the children not only learned about God's loving care and the wonder of creation (thanks to the Day Camp program), but they also experienced a loving community where everyone was welcomed and encouraged.

We fed them two snacks and a lunch

every day that were healthy and tasty. At a mid-week potluck for the families that included a slideshow of pictures from the week and singing by the children, we were able to reflect back to the parents an image of their children as precious, amazing, beautiful children of God. Persons from our congregation were given the opportunity to visit with some new folks and share what our church is like.

We were empowered and encouraged by connecting with the wider church through the Day Camp Staff who brought the program to us, and they, in turn, reflected back to us our own strengths and gifts and what a wonderful opportunity for outreach we have in our community. Our effort was not the work of just a few, but rather an effort in which the majority of our congregation participated in some way.

We feel that it was God's inspiration through the Holy Spirit that moved so many hearts and hands to help, and brought those specific children and families to us. Follow-up plans include a letter to families with pictures of their children from the week and information about other programs of our church. We trust that God will continue to be with us as we seek to develop those relationships.

The Day Camp Team also supported VBS this summer at Molalla UMC, Beaverton FUMC with Korean UMC, and Rainier and Clatskanie UMCs. If you would like to explore connecting with the Camps & Retreat Ministries Day Camp Team to revive VBS at your church next summer, contact Lisa Jean Hoefner, Director of Camps & Retreat Ministries, lisajean@gocamping.org, (503) 226-7931.



Day Camp Team leads VBS children through music.



Prayer Calendar

The Professional Support Committee is pleased to present this Prayer Calendar for Cascades Presbytery. Every congregation, minister member, candidate and committee is listed on a day appropriate to them. You are invited to use this list in your daily devotions. Please contact the South office if there are any additions or corrections.

November 2009

- 1 Larry E. Trogen, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 2 Michael A. Shaw, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2000
- 3 Jennifer Pratt, candidate for the ministry, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 4 Beverly Crow, Vice Moderator, NE region
- 5 Committee on Ministry - Northeast Region, Tom Young, Chair
- 6 Peace Presbyterian Church, Eugene - chartered this day in 1960 • Gregory H. Thorson, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Sandy, this day in 1988 • Jeannine M. Graham, ordained this day in 1994, serving as associate professor of religious studies at George Fox University
- 7 Amanda Golbek, inquirer for the ministry, Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 8 Judith Ann Richards, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2006
- 9 Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, Troutdale - chartered this day in 1936
- 10 Kwang Ho Kim, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2006
- 11 Karen K. Renner, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville, this day in 2001 • Carol L. Swanson, ordained this day in 2005, serving as pastor of Amity United Methodist Church, Amity, Oregon and Sheridan United Methodist Church, Sheridan, Oregon • Linda S. Gebetsberger, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, this day in 2005 • Shereda Benfield, ordained this day in 1980
- 12 Sharon H. & Glenn C. Edwards, installed as co-pastors of United Presbyterian Church, Albany, this day in 1995 • Darrell C. Hall Jr., installed as pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 1995
- 13 Prineville Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1977 • Cascades Presbytery meets today and tomorrow, Robert Bulkley, moderator
- 14 James "Jim" T. Hazlett, ordained this day in 1976, serving as pastor of Gateway Presbyterian Church, The Dalles • David G. Robinson installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Cannon Beach, this day in 1993
- 15 Faulder Colby, ordained this month in 1973, serving as staff psychologist at the Monroe Correctional Facility, Monroe, WA
- 16 M. Blair Cash, ordained this day in 1989, serving as Sports Information Director at George Fox University, Newberg • Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro - chartered this month in 1873 • Lorraine (Lori) O. Boehning, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 2008
- 17 First Presbyterian Church, Dallas - chartered this day in 1889 • Community Presbyterian Church, Parkdale - chartered this day in 1909 • Jennifer D. Martin, ordained this day in 2002, serving as campus pastor at University of Oregon Koinonia Center
- 18 Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1892
- 19 Marcia L. Muir, ordained this day in 2006
- 20 Community Presbyterian Church, Lakeside - chartered in 1947
- 21 Roberts A. Anderson, installed as pastor at Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond this day in 1999 • Gregory J. Lund, installed as pastor at Oak Hills Presbyterian Church, Milwaukie, this day in 1999
- 22 First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville - chartered this day in 1857 • Kristin Hamilton Sutherland, ordained this day in 1998
- 23 David H. Hutchinson, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2003 • Laurie M. Vischer, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2003 • Barbara J. Campbell, installed as pastor at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2003 • Sayer C. Strauch, ordained this day in 1998
- 24 Isabelle F. Davis, ordained this day in 2002 • Meagan Frey Helton, candidate for the ministry, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego
- 25 Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond - chartered this day in 1906 • Wendy A. McAninch, ordained this day in 1984 • Melinda A. Smith, ordained this day in 1990
- 26 Multnomah Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1920 • Calvary Korean Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1989 • Elizabeth M. Kitamura, ordained this day in 1994, serving as Chaplain at Providence Elderplace, Portland
- 27 Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls - chartered 1947
- 28 John E. Merner, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 29 Christ's Church: Methodist and Presbyterian United, Monmouth - chartered this day in 1978
- 30 Beaverton Korean Presbyterian Church, Beaverton - chartered this day in 1986 • W. Scott Dalgarno, ordained this day in 1980, serving as interim pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland

December 2009

- 1 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford - chartered this day in 1958 • James F. Patten, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1991
- 2 Susan M. Carleton, ordained this day in 1984, serving as Department of Human Services, Social Service Specialist and parish associate of First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg • Alan W. Jackson, installed as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Medford, this day in 1979
- 3 Donald R. Caughey, ordained this day in 1973 • Patricia F. Berger, installed as pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gresham, this day in 2006
- 4 Robert G. Griffen, ordained this day in 1977 • David W. Dendy, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls, this day in 2004
- 5 Peter B. Funch, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2005
- 6 Tri-City United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Creek - chartered this day in 1954 • Kathy Scott, webmaster, Presbytery of the Cascades • Brookings Presbyterian Church, Brookings - chartered this month in 1953
- 7 Kathleen E. Brinegar, ordained this day in 2008, serving as stated supply pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Oakland • Gordon S. McClellan, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Corvallis, this day in 2008 • Maureen O'Rourke, Media Resource Center Director
- 8 Duncan C. Cameron, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1997
- 9 St. John's Presbyterian Church, Camas - chartered this day in 1883 • Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this month in 1946
- 10 Jack C. Randall, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1994
- 11 Bethany Presbyterian Church, Grants Pass - chartered this day in 1887 • Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1946
- 12 Robyn M. Eddy, ordained this day in 1999, serving as Director of Youth & Family Ministries at Central Lutheran Church, Eugene
- 13 Douglas G. McClure, ordained this day in 1981, in private practice as a counselor
- 14 Community Presbyterian Church, Sandy - chartered this day in 1952
- 15 Richard L. Rohrbaugh, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 16 Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview - chartered this day in 1890
- 17 Carol Prichard, inquirer for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Astoria
- 18 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gresham - chartered this month in 1959
- 19 Edward T. Alora, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1990
- 20 Wesley R. Lachman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991
- 21 William L. Syrios, ordained this day in 1980
- 22 Paton M. Wall, candidate for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 23 Moreland Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1885 • First Presbyterian Church, Woodburn - chartered this day in 1898
- 24 First United Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Point - chartered this day in 1890
- 25 Christmas - Give thanks for God's inexpressible gift
- 26 John M. Salmon, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999, serving as parish associate at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 27 Stuart D. Campbell, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1983
- 28 John R. Braund, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999
- 29 W. Douglas Counsell, granted Honorably Retired Status this day in 2005
- 30 Heidi Bolt, installed as associate pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Redmond, this day in 2007 • Thomas R. Teply, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1987
- 31 Robert J. Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1992 • Mary Wright Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1998



Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

Vacant

Klamath Falls, Peace Memorial
Lakeside, Community
Vancouver, First

Seeking Interim or Stated Supply

Vancouver, East Woods

Actively Seeking a Pastor (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Bend, The Trailhead NCD
Portland, Valley Community (Associate
Pastor, Youth)

National Coordinator for the Peacemaking Program comes to Cascades

Following refreshments and conversation at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, Mark Koenig will speak at 7:00 p.m. at Kenilworth Presbyterian Church in Portland. His topic will be: "A Forgotten Crisis: The Democratic Republic of Congo and Conflict Minerals Resources."

Koenig observes that the current violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been called the deadliest since World War II. Almost five and a half million people there have died as a result of violence since 1998. Millions more have been displaced from their homes. The conflict has had a particularly disastrous impact on women and girls, 500,000 of whom have suffered sexual violation.

The conflict is fueled by armed factions

who use violence to exploit minerals such as gold and coltan, which is used in cell phones and other electronic products. This situation tragically repeats the country's past where the rich resources of the Democratic Republic of Congo were exploited at the expense of the people. The gathering will recall some of that history, consider the present, and identify steps that can be taken today on behalf of our sisters and brothers there.

The Rev. W. Mark Koenig serves as the Coordinator for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He leads workshops on various issues related to peace and justice, writes and edits print and electronic publications and resources, preaches, and provides the content

for the program's Web page. He has trained at Eric Law's Kaleidoscope Institute.

Mark has served as the Peacemaking Program's Associate for Resources and Education. Prior to joining the Peacemaking Program staff, he served as the Associate for Antiracism Training. He remains involved with antiracism ministry on behalf of the Peacemaking Program. He has served on the staff of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, working in the areas of hunger, peacemaking and justice and been co-pastor of churches in Iowa and Ohio.

He is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary and Westminster College (PA). He and his wife, the Rev. Tricia Dykers Koenig, have two grown sons, Sean and Eric.

Discovering the Labyrinth

Tri City United, Myrtle Creek's new labyrinth is now in use, even by walkers unknown to the congregation. It was highlighted this year with a unique Pentecost celebration that was the work of the Presbyterian Women who made banners and the flames, and the worship and music committee that created the special service. The service was so well received it will likely become an annual event.

About ten years ago Tri City Presbyterian became interested in building a labyrinth, a project the pastor, Rev. Bobbi Suitor strongly supported. A lot of work went into field trips and research, but for one reason or another it did not happen.

When Pastor Philip Nessel arrived five years ago he noticed that the parish's brochure mentioned plans for a labyrinth. "We picked up the trail and one thing led to another and last year work began," Nessel states. "We decided that we would go with pavers, a decision we have not regretted. We also got smart and hired a contractor to do the actual installation."

In writing about labyrinths, Pastor Nessel described the book, *A Guide to Walking the Labyrinth to Heal and Transform* by Lauren Arress. She is from Grace Cathedral in San Francisco and has lectured, published and organized the labyrinth movement. In September Tri City's members and guests walked through the labyrinth at the Village Green in Cottage Grove as part of a retreat.

Tri City's is a copy of the Chartres Cathedral 11 circuit labyrinth. Using pavers takes up a lot of room, more than fifty feet in diameter, and we had to fudge on the center to get it to fit.

"Some of us walk the labyrinth nearly every day, but not many.



Tri-City United, Myrtle Creek's PW members put the final touches on the banners used during the Pentecost celebration.

We have some folks in the community who are becoming aware of it and come to walk it," Nessel states. At this point, perhaps the biggest benefit is that it has completely changed the view from the sanctuary windows and gives the whole worship scene a new lift. "We expect usage will increase with time as people discover its presence and how it works," Nessel adds.

First, Roseburg to Celebrate Sanctuary Centennial

First, Roseburg was founded in 1873. In 1909 the congregation decided that a larger building was appropriate, so it moved



First, Roseburg Sanctuary

a few blocks to its current location where the sanctuary was built one hundred years ago. It is the oldest church building in Roseburg.

The building is Victorian Gothic in style with two square castle turrets dominating the exterior. The sanctuary follows the Akron Plan with the main entrance on one corner and the pew seating width longer than the depth. Beautiful leaded stained glass windows grace two sides of the sanctuary which had to be replaced after the Roseburg Blast of 1959 destroyed the originals. The sanctuary has excellent acoustics, and in addition to weekly worship and musical rehearsals, a dozen or so community concerts are held in it each year.

In honor of the 100 year anniversary of the building of the sanctuary, First, Roseburg is planning a grand celebration. With great joy, members and friends of the Presbytery are invited to join us as the congregation "Remembers, Rejoices and Rededicates" their sanctuary.

Celebratory events are as follows: October 13, Organ Concert with Jan Petersen (7 p.m.); October 17, Remembering the Decades in Music and Dialogue (3 p.m.), reception following; October 18, Morning Worship (10:30 a.m.), reception following.

News Briefs

'Reaching the Unchurched': Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego. Come to this one-day workshop to coach and equip pastors and church leaders on how to reach out to the unchurched in ways that are authentic and effective. Led by international consultant Tom Bandy. Additional information and registration and Online registration at www.cascadespresbytery.org/Reaching.pdf.

Kirkin of the Tartans at First, Salem, Oct. 25: A celebration of Scottish Presbyterian roots in the Protestant Reformation is Sunday, October 25 at First Presbyterian in Salem. The service at 11:15 a.m. will be preceded by a festive Piping on the Green commencing at 10:50 a.m. at Chemeketa and Winter Streets, led by several pipers and a drummer. Information at 503-363-9234.

Afternoon Concert of handbells, chimes, piano in Yachats, Oct. 11: Everyone is invited to the concert at 3 p.m., by Campanas del Mar (Bells of the Sea), the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church Handbell Ensemble. Selections include sacred songs and spirituals, Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" and a medley of Broadway show tunes. Reception following. Admission by Donation. 360 West 7th Street, Yachats. For additional information call 541-547-3400.