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## Presbyterians Respond to Hurricane Katrina

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, church groups from as far away as Pakistan, Egypt, New Zealand, Taiwan and Iran sent messages of condolence and assurances of prayers. The Presbyterians in Korea also offered \$30,000 for relief.

Meanwhile, at home Presbyterians responded immediately. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance committed \$500,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering receipts, and shortly thereafter issued an appeal for

\$10 million additional.

A request for Personal Health Kits and Hope-in-a Box kits went out, and on September 14, a new message indicated that the warehouse for these items was full. Chick with the website before sending more kits. A new hymn was written and a new website established ([www.pcusa.org/katrina/](http://www.pcusa.org/katrina/)).

Presbyterians from around the country have volunteered their services, donated their funds and opened their homes. A network has also

been established to help locate missing persons and to enable friends from around the country to check on hurricane victims.

When Katrina hit, one half of the churches in South Louisiana Presbytery were damaged, as were six in Mississippi Presbytery and still more in Tropical Florida Presbytery. It is too early to know the full extent of the needs, but our connectionalism will greatly facilitate rebuilding.

## Steve Doughty to Keynote 2006 Summer Conference

"Walking in Integrity in an Age of Crisis" has been chosen as the theme for the Cascades Presbytery 2006 Summer Conference, scheduled for July 9-14 at Linfield College in McMinnville. The keynote presenter will be Steve Doughty. The Rev. Steve Doughty is an ordained Presbyterian minister and he served as the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Lake Michigan for ten years. His M.Div. is from Yale Divinity School, and he completed Shalem's Spiritual Guidance Program. He is the author of numerous essays in Weavings and other jour-

nals, and has written four books.

Doughty describes the theme this way: "How can we, as Christians, live a healing response in our age of crisis and in a time when so many issues remain unresolved?" The daily examination of that question will include looking at Biblical examples and texts. Steve is an interactive presenter, involving participants in discussions and exercises.

The conference includes programming for all ages, quality child care, inspiring worship and music, and free time to spend with family and fel-

low conference goers. A participant in the 2005 event praised the "combination of worship, learning, conversation and quiet time-with someone else doing the cooking."

Watch for information in future issues of Omnibus and on the website as the conference details are established.



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## The Presbytery of the Cascades Welcomes Cheryl Anderson as Business Manager

The Presbytery of the Cascades welcomes Cheryl Anderson as Business Manager. A graduate of Portland State, she comes with experience as a consultant with United Way and the Director of Administration and Business at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lake Oswego. A member of the National Association of Christian Business Administrators, she serves as an elder at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Portland. She and her family reside in Gresham. Anderson, a CPA candidate, began work August 1.

The search committee for the position included Dale Tomlinson, Dick Page, Karen Renner, Tom Campbell-Schmidt,



Don Pope (ex-officio), and John Mahon, staff. Bill Jacobs assisted in drafting the position description.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

## The Presbytery of the Cascades Will have a Stated Meeting

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5, 2005

First Presbyterian Church  
Medford, Oregon

A mailing will be sent prior to the meeting with more details, and information on the docket and on pre-presbytery workshops will be posted on the website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).

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## Jill M. Hudson to Highlight COM Conference

The Committee on Ministry conference scheduled for October 21-22 at the Macleay Retreat Center in Salem will feature the Rev. Jill M. Hudson as the keynote speaker. She is currently working with six presbyteries in strategic planning, coaching executive presbyters and leading conferences on a wide variety of ministry topics.

This training retreat for Committee on Ministry members will focus on preventing and responding to conflict. Among the topics covered will be diagnosing the levels of conflict, understanding

conflict management styles, a model for conflict intervention and understanding conflict from a systems perspective.

Jill Hudson has 26 years of experience in training and leading conflict management processes. From 1991 to 2004, she served as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley in central Indiana. This judicatory has 24,000 communicant members and 70 congregations. Prior to that she served thirteen years as Associate Executive in the Synod of Lincoln Trails.

She has authored several books, the most recent being *Congregational Trauma: Caring, Coping and Learning. When Better Isn't Enough: Evaluation Tools for the 21st Century*, was published in 2004.

## Wessler Death Noted

Daniel Bayne Wessler died on August 23, and a memorial service was held in Lithia Park in Ashland. He was born in Portland, OR, on May 14, 1924. He attended the University of Oregon, graduating in three years with a B.S. Degree in Law. He studied also at the University of Notre Dame and UCLA, and earned a B.Div. degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1951. Wessler later earned a Ph.D. degree from St. Mary's College a St. Andrews University.

He was ordained in 1951 by the Presbytery of Willamette, and served as pastor of First Presbyterian, Independence (now merged into Christ's Church United in Monmouth), as university pastor at Oregon State University, and as pastor of Bidwell Memorial Presbyterian, Chico, CA.


In 1965, he joined the faculty at Louisville

Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a position he held until his retirement in 1984, when he was named Professor Emeritus and Honorary Alumnus of LPTS. In 1984, Dan moved to Siskiyou Summit Homestead in Ashland and transferred his membership to our presbytery.

Dan served on the Committee on Worship of the General Assembly Council, the General Assembly's Liturgy Committee and was Chair of the General Assembly Committee that wrote a new Directory of Worship. He was the Presbyterian Delegate to the Nairobi International Conference of Reformed Churches.

He was author of a book, *Gifts of Silence*, and wrote articles on worship and liturgy for a variety of publications. He served as president of the Association of Presbyterian University Pastors. Dan attended nearly all General Assemblies during his long service as an educator and pastor.

Dan is survived by his wife (since 1944), M. Jenelyn Wessler, and by two daughters and a son.



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If you have complaints, compliments, suggestions or ideas, email the editor or phone her at 360-574-0984.

## Other Deaths Noted

The Rev. David Weed died August 7 in Portland following complications from heart surgery. He was formerly a member of Willamette/Cascades Presbytery as pastor at Westminster in Salem, and was in the process of requesting transfer from Grand Canyon Presbytery at the time of his death.

Norma J. Evans, a long-time church leader, died Aug. 28 in Salem from complications of Alzheimer's disease at age 83. She was the widow of the Rev. Paul Evans, who died in 2002. For many years, Norma served as a church leader, including Moderator of the Pacific N.W. Presbyterian Churches. She was especially involved with women's religious issues concerning inclusive language in scripture, hymns and worship.

## Circuit Rider Features New Displays, Seeks Volunteers

Up-to-the minute book displays on new mobile bookshelves will be coming to an event near you this fall, thanks to Circuit Rider Books. Check their website [www.circuitriderbooks.org](http://www.circuitriderbooks.org), for the itinerary, which includes every weekend (and some weekdays) between October 1 and December 4, except Thanksgiving weekend.

Check the shelves, pick tickets to order this season's new books, drop the tickets at the door and your choices will be mailed to you.

John Larsen resigned as Director of Operations in August, moving on to a new volunteer challenge as therapy clown at Providence Medical Center Children's Hospital, where he is better known as Dr. Runamuck. His departure leaves some volunteer slots open at the Mt. Tabor church headquarters, which is on a frequent service Tri-Met bus line. To apply, call 503-234-9625.

### Presbytery of the Cascades

#### MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

The Media Resource Center is located in Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 5441 SE Belmont, Portland.

You may reserve videos in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30-5:00 (please call first); by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-8660, or by linking through the presbytery website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).



#### WHAT'S NEW AND RELEVANT IN YOUR MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER?

**Mere C.S. Lewis** - a 20-minute biography of his life, education and marriage to Joy Gresham. This is a good companion item if you are doing a study on the "Screwtape Letters." Ask for video tape # VT GAX 009

**Bread for the World** featuring Portland, Oregon's food bank, in both video and DVD format.

**Peace DVD- Especially for Youth:** A 6-session study, with discussion starters and scripture studies. Peace and 1: God 2: Community 3: the Earth 4: Service 5: the Nation (from Mennonite Media) Ask for DV MF1 001 + guide

**Pathways to Prevention-** A prevention guide for youth leaders in faith communities. (From the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign) It's a 28-page spiral bound book with useful references at the end. Ask for BK GA1 003

**Professing Our Faith-** A Confirmation Curriculum (from PC USA) can be used in a 35-session or 8-session format. Comes with leader's guide and student notebook. Published this year. Ask for CU CB1 004

**A Fierce Goodbye** - Living in the shadow of suicide (45 min DVD) Inspiring family stories of survival plus insights of theologians and mental health specialists. Hosted by folksinger Judy Collins. The church can be a "healing station" in helping survivors to find their way to recovery. Includes a study guide. Ask for DV MC5 001

We are on the web now 24 hrs a day. Search out the information on over 1,600 videos and DVDs and about 200 books (most from the Alban Institute). You can also send an e-mail message directly from that site. It's a link from the Presbytery of the Cascades home page, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).

For Advent & Christmas resources, enter those keywords on the Resource Center's home page.

Blessings,  
Maureen O'Rourke, Director of the Media Resource Center

# Voices

## Storm Moves Pastor, A New Orleans Native, to Act

by Crystal Bolner

**Editor's note: This story appeared in the September 7 Statesman Journal.**

Chris Whitehead wore a New Orleans Saints T-shirt to church Sunday. That might not seem important except that Whitehead, 48, is the minister of Christ's Church Methodist and Presbyterian United and was wearing the T-shirt over his clergy shirt and collar.

All week, Whitehead had received phone calls from church members inquiring about the safety of his family in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He wore the Saints T-shirt to stand in solidarity with his fellow New Orleanians, he said. "I just felt like it was a good way to make a connection and bring a smile to everyone's face," he said.

Whitehead was born in Chattanooga, Tenn., and his parents moved to New Orleans when he was an infant. He attended a private school for boys in the city and went on to graduate from the University of New Orleans, where he met his wife, Kate.

About 1987, the couple moved to

Lexington, Ky., where Whitehead attended seminary. Six years later, they moved to Eugene, and later, to Monmouth.

He said that news of Hurricane Katrina heading to New Orleans didn't register because he has seen storms approach the area many times before. The hurricane strengthens in the Gulf of Mexico, veers away from New Orleans at the last minute and peters out, he said.

The news that caught his attention was a phone call from his wife's sister, who is a professor at Tulane University in New Orleans. She was evacuated to Lafayette. "That kind of hit home because she's not the sort who would leave easily," he said.

On Aug. 29, when pictures started coming in of holes in the Louisiana Superdome's roof and flooding, Whitehead and his wife were devastated. "I was just numbed by it. It took us a couple of days for all of this to sink in," he said.

He saw news footage of people paddling boats down Broadway Avenue in uptown New Orleans, where he and his wife lived for four

years. And more than eight feet of water was in his favorite record store, The Mushroom, adjacent to Tulane University. "That just broke my heart. I couldn't stop crying," he said.

In an effort to help, Whitehead's small church, which has about 135 members, raised \$3,000 and put together 135 health kits for hurricane victims. They're sending supplies with Oregon National Guard soldiers who are traveling to the Gulf Coast.

Whitehead said church members have talked about sending missionaries in December to help rebuild New Orleans, although they're not sure whether that will happen. "It's just wonderful that people are being gracious, as God has been gracious to them. It's just a marvelous thing to see," he said. "You see some of that in the media. But the stories of violence and evil that come out of these things, that's titillating. People want to see that. That's there, and it's a reality, but it sometimes overshadows the far-greater good that's going on in all of this."

### Leadership Workshop Set for October 29

All ministers, elders, deacons and church leaders in the Southern and Central regions are invited to a Leadership Workshop on Saturday, October 29, from 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at

First Presbyterian, Roseburg.

Workshop sessions will provide training for Elders and for Deacons. There will also be a Strategic Planning session led by Co-Executive Presbyter John Mahon and a session on "How to Choose the Best Resources for Your Congregation" led by Mary Wright Gillespie. More details will follow in a flyer to be mailed out in early October.

The planning committee for the event includes Lori Hedlund, Joyce Fogle, Linda Johnson, and Chris Ward. To register, please contact Kate Whitehead at the central office of the presbytery in Eugene, 800-926-3223 or [kjwhitehead@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:kjwhitehead@cascadespresbytery.org). A \$5 registration fee covers lunch.



## Cascades Viewpoints

The Portland office presbytery staff spent the last two weeks of July keeping up with our scheduled work, moving, and painting the office.

Staffing changes created a need for re-assignment of workspace. This also gave us the opportunity to do a much-needed paint job of the entire office. Except for the Stated Clerk's office (for which he and the rest of us are grateful) the rest of the staff exchanged spaces.

Next time you visit our office you will be greeted immediately by our receptionist, Stella Dillenbeck. Her desk was moved and situated so visitors to the

office are visible to her before they enter the main doorway. Directly across from Stella and to the right, you will find the offices of our business manager, Cheryl Anderson, and that of Diane Wells, our bookkeeper. Diane now has an office space that gives her the quiet and privacy needed to do her work.

In the former equipment room we were able to create an office space that now can be used by John Mahon when he is in Portland doing work with trustees and administrative staff. Our volunteer desk continues to share space in the reception area. In the "west wing," you will find the

offices of Kim Otis, John Huenink and me, as well as the equipment station.

Much credit and many thanks for the move go to John Huenink, Kim Otis, Stella Dillenbeck and Diane Wells. We are especially grateful to both Kim and Stella for the wonderful paint job. There is no doubt that we have great and talented staff members. One thing that has not changed in our office is the team spirit and the desire to always be of support and service to our presbytery.

—Aleida Jernigan,  
Co-Executive Presbyter



Stella Dillenbeck (standing) and Kim Otis (seated) give the presbytery offices a fresh coat of paint.

# Positively Presbyterian

## Northeast Region

**Janet Wylie, Reporting**

The late summer-early fall newsletters from the Northeast region churches reflected lots of summer fun activities and planning for fall events. There were reports of mission trips both near and far, pastors' vacation trips, Vacation Bible School successes, and church building projects. And then there are plans for the fall-preaching topics, adult education classes, pastor search committees hard at work, and of course youth and children's ministry plans.

Tom McKnight, **Moreland, Portland**, discovered the true meaning of the words "rigorous trekking" on his trip through the north of India. A highlight of his trip was visiting several remote Buddhist monasteries and experiencing the friendliness of the monks and the beauty of the art in the monasteries.

**Milwaukie** is beginning their fifth year of free weekly tutoring for children in their area. **First, Vancouver**, and **Smith Memorial, Fairview**, continued their traditions of Neighborhood Block Parties, welcoming their neighborhoods into their churches, while **St. John's Camas**, holds an annual Community Carnival each September. **Eastwoods, Vancouver**, continues the mission work of serving meals at a family shelter as well as their Prayer Shawl ministry.

**First, Vancouver**, has three members serving in mission work outside the United States. Kristi Van Nostran (daughter of Pastor Bill Van Nostran at **Northminster, Portland**) is serving with the Reconciliation and Mission Exchange Program of the PC(USA) in Guatemala; Dr. Ann Kao served in Indonesia after the tsunami last December and is now working in the refugee camps of Rwanda, and Erica Brown is serving in the Peace Corps in Ghana.

**Milwaukie** is planning a series of adult education classes focusing on Islam and Muslims for the fall, and **Gateway, The Dalles** is planning for their 50th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2006. **New Life Eastminster, Portland**, is working on making their building more accessible with new doors and plans to bring restrooms up to the Americans with Disabilities Act code for handicapped accessibility.

Several of our congregations are examining the vision for their churches. **Columbia, Vancouver**, will be asking questions like "Worship: What Drives Us Nuts?" and "How Do We Reach a Society that is Non-Christian, or Worse, Post-Christian?" **Cascades, Vancouver**, with their new pastor Chris Montovino, will be "Brainstorming their Ideal Church"-if they were completely unlimited by funding, personnel, facility and technology. But then they'll look at their "Current Reality" as well.

We can't print your news if we don't receive it. Send your church newsletters or special news announcements to Omnibus-NE, 0245 SW Bancroft St. Suite D, Portland OR 97239.

## Central Region

**Bill Dittler, Reporting**

The following item was in the newsletter of **First, Salem**, shared by Pastor Rob Elder.

"Dear Rob and Karen,

"I decided this year that I needed to rethink my giving. I have given with reservation because of certain stands that the PC(USA) has taken in the last few years. I realized that my giving wasn't about this church, but about giving back to God. With that in mind I decided that I should start tithing again.

"I don't know if you know this, but my children have been without healthcare for some time. The amount of my tithe would

have been identical to the amount that I would need to add them to my healthcare. That has been a large reason for my inability to tithe--attempting to give to the church the exact amount of money I would be short each month seemed impossible.

"Stepping out in faith, I wrote a check last month. Three weeks later I received a phone call from Social Security telling me that my children qualify for benefits. I just finished a telephone interview with a Social Security agent...

"My children will receive more than twice the amount of my tithe every month until they are 18 - more than adequately covering the cost of their healthcare. Let's go N.U.T.S. (Never Underestimate The Spirit)." (Name Withheld)

Out on the coast, **First, Newport**, gets the word around with *The Beacon*. Here are some words about doing good:

**Q.** Doing good things for other people is obviously good for them, but how about for you? Is there a concrete answer to this sort of question?

**A.** See if this is concrete enough. One study of 2,000 Presbyterians showed better mental health for givers than for receivers, reports Stephen Post, professor of bioethics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, in *Case* magazine. Also, when reviewing essays nuns had written in the 1930s neurologists found that those nuns had outlived other people by an average of ten years and suffered less dementia.

A third study showed that volunteerism reduces depression among young people, and that the volunteers did better in school and got into better colleges. "With generous behavior, people have fuller lives, deeper esteem, and a more creative engagement of their capacities. It is paradoxical but true: It's good to be good," concludes Post.

The **Nestucca Valley** church is developing plans for a new building. In the process, the history of the Pacific City and Cloverdale churches, which merged to form the Nestucca parish, has been updated. History buffs could probably get a copy from the church. Ginger Harlow Allen summed up her review in this manner: "It behooves us to remember that, in 1952, the congregation had three goals and the third was: 'To seek a more suitable location and adequate facilities for carrying on.' History does provide a basis for continuity. Think of it - that was 53 years ago. Their vision in 1952 was this new church building we're embarking on in the year 2005."

The summertime beauty of Oregon draws congregations out of their buildings to worship in places of special meaning and beauty.

**First, McMinnville**, has a "Service on the Mound." **Mill City** has the annual "River Service." "Worship In The Park" is followed by the annual church picnic at **Dallas**. And at **First, Bend**, there was a "Blessing of the Back Packs" as the congregation gave their support to students of all ages.

## South Region

**Ann Moore, Reporting**

**First, Ashland's** Shirley Patton will be in Brazil October 2 - 24 for the Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange. A Brazilian woman will visit our Synod and the Church-wide gathering of Presbyterian Women in July 2006. Shirley is Synod of the Pacific's representative to "Caminhada: Walking Together in Mutual Love and Hope," the 2005 Global Exchange to Brazil. She is among 30 women and one man to make the journey. This global exchange happens every three years.

**First, Phoenix's** Mike Foster was installed September 25 as full-time pastor. Mike is a

PK (preacher's kid). His first seminary experience was in the 1970s when his dad was a student at Fuller. Mike graduated from College of Idaho, now Albertson College.

He worked in physical therapy at Salem Hospital and volunteered in youth ministry at Calvary Baptist Church, Salem. He was later hired as youth ministry associate. That led to his seminary experience at San Francisco Theological Seminary 1999-2003.

Part of that time he was chaplain for Marin General Hospital. He also attended General Assembly as an observer and as a student delegate from SFTS. Mike served as solo pastor for a church in Fulda, Minnesota for two years. Mike's wife, Shawn, works at Southern Oregon University. Their children are Scott, 8th grade and Kate, 6th grade.

**Malin Community** had a Vacation Bible School flood 1 1/2 hours before 80 children and teachers were to arrive! Volunteers helped out with shop vacs, carpet cleaning machines, and lots of hard and fast work. Most of the water had been removed before the children showed up. A neighbor's irrigation water had gotten away and crossed over into the churchyard. It soaked into the basement, flooding the downstairs classrooms, bathroom, kitchen, game room and part of the fellowship hall.

**Tri-Cities, Myrtle Creek**, had a float in four parades this summer. It featured a very beautiful woman and some cute kids seated upon a bale of straw beneath a blanket. The Presbyterian logo and the church's address can be seen in the photo. The sign obscured by one of the volunteers reads "Come and Grow With Us." Participants borrowed a large Celtic cross from a yard and decorated the 4 x 8 float with potted plants--in cooperation with the Myrtle Creek garden club that often meets at the church. To keep the motive power to scale, the float is pulled by a member's garden tractor. A gifted mechanical person in the congregation did most of the construction.



From left are Melanie Roan (stated clerk), Ken Roan, and Jean (Woman of the Year in Myrtle Creek) Snyder and Todd Snyder. Tri Cities includes Canyonville, Riddle and Myrtle Creek.

## Northwest Region

**Jeanne Rich, Reporting**

Reading between the lines in newsletters, one finds that the work of Northwest churches is alive in the ministries of special people:

**Multnomah, Portland**, rejoiced in the installation of Sylvia Dilworth as Co-pastor on September 25. **Emmanuel, West Linn**, celebrated 10 years of ministry with Co-pastors Cathy and Paul Quackenbush who write to their congregation, "You have all become dear friends in Christ! We now find it very satisfying to have developed such great long-term

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# Churches Asked to Send Quilt Squares to Celebrate Ordination of Women

This is a time of Presbyterian anniversaries. This year, we mark the 75th anniversary of the ordination of women elders (who even after being ordained were not allowed to serve communion for some years since they might be "unclean").

Those first women elders were ordained 224 years after the first presbytery meeting in America. In 2006 we will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the first presbytery, which met in Philadelphia late in 1706. Also in 2006 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first woman ordained as Minister of Word and

Sacrament.

To help mark the anniversaries of women's first ordinations the Rev. Susan Barnes, pastor of First Presbyterian, Baker City, is making a quilted banner. Using a simple method she calls "watercolor quilting," Barnes plans to combine thousands of donated 2-by 2-inch fabric squares into a banner to take to the General Assembly in 2006. She asks each PC(USA) church to send her two fabric squares—for their first woman elder and first woman deacon—and that every PC(USA) clergywoman also send a square. She says she

will leave some empty spaces in the quilted banner for women who have completed seminary but are not yet ordained.

The fabric squares can be from new or used material. Barnes prefers large, colorful prints, especially fabrics from Africa, Asia, Indonesia, the Caribbean, Central and South America. "The more different fabrics you have, the better," says Susan.

Fabric squares should be sent before December 31 to Susan Barnes, 3430 9th Drive, Baker City, OR 97814

# Creation Care Fellowship Gathering Set for Saturday, October 15

Do you have a passion for caring for God's creation? Are you involved in a vocation that touches on stewardship of creation? Would you like to know what our presbytery can and should be doing in the realm of creation care?

Join us on October 15, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., for a day of learning, fellowship, worship and good food. This Creation Care Fellowship Gathering at Westminster Presbyterian, Salem, will focus on connecting social and economic well being with ecological sustainability through speakers, display tables, workshops, and time for conversation.

There is even an optional morning birding field trip to Minto Island on the Willamette River (meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. for 8:00 a.m. departure). This gathering for laity and clergy is sponsored by the Eco-Justice Team of the Congregational Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Cascades and co-sponsored by Presbyterians for Restoring Creation.

Our goal is to create a welcoming place for people to integrate their faith with their concern for creation. You will come away with new ideas, new friends and a deeper sense of

the connection between God's creation and your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Participants are encouraged to bring displays and materials illustrating their congregation's creation care efforts. You are also encouraged to invite friends. Cost is \$10 for lunch (\$5 for students and seniors), and scholarships are available. For more information and to register, call Jenny Holmes at 503-281-8175 or e-mail her at [jehrestore@aol.com](mailto:jehrestore@aol.com).

# Jesus Seminar to Visit Southminster, Beaverton

Two prominent theologians from the Jesus Seminar will present "Eating, Drinking and Mourning in Jesus' Day" at Southminster Presbyterian, Beaverton, October 7-8.

Kathleen Corley is the author of *Private Women, Public Meals and Women and the Historical Jesus*. She has done extensive research on the role of women as mourners in Jesus' time. She will speak on "Meals and Mourning."

Hal Taussig is Visiting Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and the author of several books, including *Re-imagining Life Together in*

*America and Jesus Before God*—a book about Jesus at prayer. He will speak on "New Perspectives on Christian Origins." The two will address "Implications for Contemporary Christianity."

Persons can register for all sessions (\$60) of the weekend event, which includes a Friday evening lecture and three Saturday workshops, or for single lectures or workshops. To register, call 877-523-3545 toll-free or visit [www.westarinstitute.org](http://www.westarinstitute.org). For more information, call Al Contreras at 503-646-2113 or Southminster Presbyterian at 503-644-2073.



Kathleen Corley & Hal Taussig

## SAVE That DATE!

Major events in the life of Cascades Presbytery!  
Spread the News! Great Opportunities! Plan to Attend!

- October 7-9** **Middle School Mania** (Friday and Saturday) at Camp Christian, Springfield.
- October 8** **Equipping the Saints Volunteer Workshop** at Hope, Rogue River
- October 25-26** **Lectionary Retreat** (Monday and Tuesday) At Shalom Center Mt Angel; the retreat features Dr. Theodore Herbert
- October 29** **Central and South Region Officer Training** at First, Roseburg
- November 4-5** **Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades** (Friday and Saturday) At First, Medford.
- November 18-20** **CPYA - Cascades Presbytery Youth Assembly** (senior high) at Canby Grove
- January 16-18** **Epiphany Retreat** on the coast  
Join Cascades clergy, educators, and their spouses for a time of refreshment and renewal--and hopefully a few epiphanies on the way--at the Inn at Otter Crest
- February 25** **Cascades Leadership Fair** at Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego
- April 19-20** **Educators Event** at Mt. Angel Abbey



## Presbyterians Making a Difference in Zambia

By Graig Flach

As we stepped from the bus onto the dry dusty ground, we could see and hear the choir, 22 women dressed in black skirts and white tops singing and dancing toward us. We shook the hands of many villagers and made our way to a place prepared under a large tree to observe the greeting ceremony for us. The choir members bent down and scooped with their hands as they sang, in their native Tongan, "Take up the Word of God."

In July, thirteen people from three Portland area Presbyterian churches (Multnomah, Sherwood, and Lake Grove) made a trek to Zambia. Their purpose: to continue building an effective partnership with the people in several villages of the Sinazongwe region, one of the poorest in Africa. Despite the current drought, the villagers persevere by irrigating with well water and lake water (carried several miles).

Under the auspices of World Vision, the team toured schools, prayed over new well sites, talked with villagers and played with village children. They visited a number of children sponsored by our own church families

and prayed with sick villagers in their homes. The AIDS crisis has taken a toll on so many, leaving children as orphans to be cared for by others. Our pastors preached and shared ideas and fellowship with rural Zambian pastors.

We returned home with the question: "How do we respond effectively to God's call to care for widows and orphans, to

encourage these largely forgotten people in the face of such overwhelming needs?" The answer may come from the villagers themselves: by "taking up the Word of God" as Jesus Himself did -- extending God's love in word and deed, one child and one community at a time.



Presbyterian pastors Sylvia Dilworth (Multnomah), Len Tang (Sherwood) and Graig Flach (Lake Grove) with local Zambian pastors

## Positively Presbyterian *(Continued from page 4)*

relationships among you. We find ourselves looking forward to what God has in store for our church in the future and grateful for the emerging opportunities for our ongoing ministry together."

Several churches have welcomed new staff members. **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**, has a new Director of Contemporary Music, Tori Cumings. "Tori brings a Master of Church Music degree from Western Seminary and 13 years of music and worship experience to LGPC." Tori, in addition to being the mother of a five-year old, serves as Registrar and Adjunct Professor in business and worship classes at Warner Pacific College.

Two churches have announced new staff to work with children and youth. **Hillsboro** has welcomed Rod Smith as their Director of Children's Ministries. While he officially took on this role August 1, Rod was called from a position where he was well acquainted with the job description. He had been the elder giving oversight to this position "and has much teaching experience as well as Bible College training." Rod, a nurseryman, and his wife Shellie have three adopted children.

## All God's Children?

By Leon Bolen, **OPENING DOORS Task Force**

"Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." All the children of the world? Yes, all of them. Jesus said to let the little children come to him, for of such was the Kingdom of God. But did he mean just the little children? Did he not mean children of all ages?

Does all not include those who are not physically or mentally whole, those with Down syndrome, those who are autistic, those who are dyslexic, those with attention deficit syndrome, those with birth defects that limit their life span or exclude them from normal life activities? Does Jesus love them, too? Of course he does.

If Jesus loves all these children, should not the church of Jesus Christ also love and care for all children? Wouldn't all embrace persons of every condition of health and wellbeing?

Society is currently devoting vast amounts

**Southminster, Beaverton**, will have an interim Director of Youth Ministry this year. Michelle James was the assistant to Southminster's Youth Director last year and brings to this position "diverse volunteer experiences with youth parole and probation, run-away shelters and correctional facilities" as well as a BA in Child and Family Studies from PSU.

The Session at **Valley Community**, Portland, has "approved the concept and a person to serve as part-time Chaplain at Valley. Jenny Pratt will be available to assist Ben [Paroulek] and me in the care and nurture of the members and friends of Valley," said Pastor Rene Minshew. Jenny is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and is a mother of two.

**Tualatin Plains**, Hillsboro, has introduced their new intern. Payton M. Wall attended **First, Portland**, and then the **Tualatin Plains** church. Pastor Rich Zimmerman writes, "He has completed all of his course requirements for the Master of Divinity (at San Francisco Theological Seminary), except the requirement for a full-time internship, which

he will complete with us." Payton will be introduced to all aspects of pastoral ministry.

Others who labor in our larger community received recognition. Erik York, who has been sponsored as a missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ by **First, Newberg**, has been promoted to Regional Director for the Greater Northwest Region of Campus Crusade for Christ. Erik will now serve on a team of eight directors shepherding campus ministries in the northwest as well as East Asia, Japan, Siberia, Italy and Venezuela.

**St. Andrew's, Portland**, gives thanks for the safe return of Spec. Dan Taylor, home from Iraq to Ft. Carson, Colorado, after one year of service with the 3,700 members of the Second Brigade Combat Team. His parents, members of St. Andrew's, express gratitude for prayers and support.

And **St. Mark, Portland**, joined **Trinity** Presbyterian in a final worship celebration on September 25. Trinity, located just a few blocks south of the John's Landing mall, is closing after over a century of ministry.

of time, money and resources on behalf of those suffering from a wide variety of disabilities. The church surely must develop ministries in response to the needs of all persons with disabilities.

I recently attended an adult education class whose theme was what all meant in the area of children with disabilities. During the sharing we noted that almost every adult present had some kind of impairment or disability, as evidenced by the eyeglasses, hearing aids and even a cane or two.

One person told us her feet were two different sizes, which led to a problem when she bought new shoes. That may not exactly be a disability, but it is evidence that one size does not fit all.

Most moving was the testimony of a mother whose six-year-old son with Down syndrome has the mental development and sometimes the behavior patterns of a two-year-old. We listened with rapt attention as she shared what their family life is like.

What I did not know, but have since learned

about and participated in, is a ministry designed by our church. Several adults take turns being with that child during the worship hour so that the parents can attend the service.

Having been there and done that just one Sunday, I can testify that it is unlikely the average church member has any idea what the care of a physically and/or mentally impaired child may require of parents and siblings.

This simple arrangement for childcare may be only a baby step in ministry, but it is a beginning. We of the church must support families as they strive to meet the needs and often deal with the trauma of caring for children with life-limiting conditions. Similarly, we of the church are called to be sensitive to the needs of all persons with disabilities, regardless of age.

Be alert. Become aware. You may be surprised to see who is among all persons in your congregation. All need the love and care your church fellowship can provide.



# 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

- 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, Portland
- 4 Cascades Presbytery meets today and tomorrow, Ernest Ettlich, moderator
- 5 Committee on Ministry - Northeast Region, Chris Grewe, Chair
- 6 Peace Presbyterian, Eugene - chartered this day in 1960 o Gregory H. Thorson, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Sandy, this day in 1988
- 7 John E. Merner, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 8 Drew R. Hulse, ordained and installed as associate pastor of Columbia Presbyterian this day in 1987 o W. Douglas Counsell, ordained this day in 1987
- 9 Cherry Park Presbyterian, Troutdale - chartered this day in 1936
- 10 Sylvia Milne, Camp Coordinator for Presbytery of the Cascades
- 11 Karen K. Renner, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian, McMinnville, this day in 2001 o John A. Day, ordained this day in 1979
- 12 Sharon H. & Glenn C. Edwards, installed as co-pastors of United Presbyterian, Albany, this day in 1995 o Darrell C. Hall Jr., installed as pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 1995 o David K. Morelli, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Dallas, this day in 1995
- 13 Prineville Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1977
- 14 James "Jim" T. Hazlett, ordained this day in 1976, serving as pastor of Gateway Presbyterian, The Dalles o David G. Robinson installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Cannon Beach, this day in 1993 o Ryan D. Shrauner, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Woodburn, this day in 2004
- 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 on staff at George Fox University o Tualatin Plains Presbyterian, Hillsboro - chartered this month in 1873
- 17 First Presbyterian, Dallas - chartered this day in 1889 o Parkdale Community Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1909 o Linda S. Gebetsberger, ordained this day in 2002
- 18 Mt. Tabor Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1892
- 19 Matthew W. Hilgaertner, installed as associate pastor of Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego, this day in 2000
- 20 Lakeside Community Presbyterian - chartered in 1947
- 21 Roberts A. Anderson, installed as pastor at Community Presbyterian, Redmond, this day in 1999 o Gregory J. Lund, installed as pastor at Oak Hills Presbyterian, Milwaukie, this day in 1999 o J. Dudley Weaver, installed as pastor at First Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 1999
- 22 First Presbyterian, Jacksonville - chartered this day in 1857 o Kristin Hamilton Sutherland, ordained this day in 1998
- 23 David H. Hutchinson, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2003 o Laurie M. Vischer, installed as associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2003 o Barbara J. Campbell, installed as pastor at St. Mark Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2003
- 24 Kate Whitehead, administrative assistant, Presbytery of the Cascades, Central Region office
- 25 Community Presbyterian, Redmond - chartered this day in 1906 o Wendy A. McAninch-Ruenzi, ordained this day in 1984, serving as parish associate at First

- Presbyterian, Ashland o Melinda A. Smith, ordained this day in 1990
- 26 Multnomah Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1920 o Calvary Korean Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1989 o Elizabeth M. Kitamura, ordained this day in 1994
- 27 Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Klamath Falls - chartered 1947
- 28 J. Robert Walter, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1979
- 29 Christ's Church: Methodist and Presbyterian United, Monmouth - chartered this day in 1978
- 30 Beaverton Korean Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1986 o Yoon Kak Cho, ordained this day in 1986, serving as pastor of New Life Korean Presbyterian, Portland

## December

- 1 Westminster Presbyterian, Medford - chartered this day in 1958 o Edward Alora, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1990 o James F. Patten, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1991
- 2 Susan M. Carleton, ordained this day in 1984, serving as Options Counselor and parish associate of First Presbyterian, Roseburg o Alan W. Jackson, installed as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian, Medford, this day in 1979
- 3 Donald R. Caughey, ordained this day in 1973, serving as parish associate of First Presbyterian, Corvallis
- 4 Robert G. Griffen, ordained this day in 1977 o David W. Dendy, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Klamath Falls, this day in 2004
- 5 John E. Cantelon, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1989 o James R. Belt, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994
- 6 Tri-City United Presbyterian, Myrtle Creek - chartered this day in 1954 o Susan M. Goodin, ordained this day in 1992, serving as interim pastor of Presbyterian Church of Siuslaw, Florence o Kathy Scott, webmaster, Presbytery of the Cascades o Brookings Presbyterian - chartered this month in 1953
- 7 Jill M. Taylor, inquirer for the ministry, Eastminster Presbyterian, Portland
- 8 Duncan C. Cameron, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1997
- 9 St. Johns Presbyterian, Camas - chartered this day in 1883 o Savage Memorial Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this month in 1946
- 10 Carlos E. Nuñez, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2001
- 11 Bethany Presbyterian, Grants Pass - chartered this day in 1887 o Mt. Scott Park Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1946
- 12 Jack C. Randall, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1994
- 13 Douglas G. McClure, ordained this day in 1981, in private practice as a counselor
- 14 Sunset Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1952 o Community Presbyterian, Sandy - chartered this day in 1952
- 15 Maureen O'Rourke, Media Resource Center Director o Richard L. Rohrbaugh, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2001
- 16 Smith Memorial Presbyterian, Fairview - chartered this day in 1890 o Lori Hedlund, ordained this day in 1990
- 17 Rebecca Sanders, inquirer for the ministry, Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego
- 18 Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Cascades, Mary Lou Williams, moderator o Covenant Presbyterian, Gresham - chartered this month in 1959
- 19 Kimberly Otis, administrative assistant, Presbytery of the Cascades, Portland office
- 20 Wesley R. Lachman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991
- 21 William L. Syrios, ordained this day in 1980
- 22 Payton M. Wall, inquirer for the ministry, First

- Presbyterian, Portland
- 23 Moreland Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1885 o First Presbyterian, Woodburn - chartered this day in 1898
- 24 First Presbyterian, 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, Portland
- 27 Stuart D. Campbell, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1983
- 28 Gerald G. Emerson, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1973
- 29 Milton H. Gardiner, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1988
- 30 Thomas R. Teply, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1987
- 31 John R. Braund, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999 o Jack M. Terry, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003 o Robert Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1992 o Mary Wright Gillespie, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1998



## First, Portland Announces Celebration Works Series

As the Celebration Works series of First Presbyterian, Portland, opens its season, it features an art show by Sandy Keating entitled One Woman's Journey: Fiber Collage, on exhibit in Chapel Hall. The exhibit runs through October 30.

Upcoming Celebration Works events include:

- James Higdon, Organ. Professor of Organ at University of Kansas. Higdon will perform on the 69-rank Jaekel pipe organ. Sunday, Oct. 16, 3:00 p.m.
- 3 Leg Torso, Modern Chamber Pop Ensemble. A combo of violin, trumpet, accordion, saxophone, bass and percussion. Sunday, Nov. 13, 3:00 p.m.
- Chroma Brass Quintet, Chamber Music for Brass Instruments. Sunday, Nov. 27, 3:00 p.m.
- Loren Nelson, Photography. Working around the Pacific Northwest for 35 years, Nelson shows the extraordinary in the ordinary. Nov. 6-Jan. 8. Chapel Hall. Tickets to all concerts are sold at the door. General admission tickets are \$10. Student and senior tickets are \$5. All art exhibits are free. Art shows are open on Sundays from 9 am until noon, during concerts and during weekdays by appointment. For more information on Celebration Works, visit the church's web site: [www.fpcpx.org](http://www.fpcpx.org), or call Ann van Bever, Concert Coordinator, 503-228-7331.

## 2005 Cascades Summer Camps Deemed Success

Over 500 campers retreated to our Presbytery camp homes (Magruder, Honeyman State Park and Suttle Lake), where volunteer deans created an environment with the potential for transforming lives in Christ.

**Special Thanks to our 2005 Deans:**  
**Cynthia J. O'Brien, Smith Memorial, Fairview; Mom & Me (K-2), Magruder Graig Flach, Lake Grove, Lake Oswego; Dad & Me (K-2), Suttle Lake Barry McPherson, Newport; Family Camp, Honeyman State Park Athea Beam, Newberg; Family Camp,**

**Honeyman State Park Dana C. Perreard, Oakland; Fish Camp (3-6), Suttle Lake Bette Carroll, Smith Memorial, Fairview; Music, Art & Drama (6-8), Magruder Sarah C. Coakley, Piedmont United, Portland; Grades 3-4, Suttle Lake Jenny Storey, Mt. Tabor, Portland; Grades 3-4 Bill Geister, Milwaukie; Grades 5-6, Suttle Lake Sharon Franklin, Columbia, Vancouver; Grades 5-6, Magruder**

**Drew R. Hulse, Columbia, Vancouver; Grades 6-8, Suttle Lake Glenn C. Edwards, Albany; Grades 6-8, Magruder Liz Simmons, Emmanuel, West Linn; Counselor in Training (9-12), Suttle Lake Mark A. Smith; Counselor in Training (9-12), Suttle Lake William K. Van Nostran, Northminster, Portland; Grades 9-12, Magruder Doug G. McClure, Milwaukie; Grades 9-12 Mt. Hood backpack, Timberline Trail**



## From a Goat... To an Ark!

In 1986, Community Presbyterian, Redmond, began a relationship with Heifer International by using money from a mission jar in the fellowship hall to purchase a goat. Because this goat would be given to a person in a third world country who would pass the offspring

of the animal to another needy person, the gift had the potential of perpetual renewal. The church family warmed to the idea of Heifer Project with an ice cream social. Then they added a dessert auction, with auctioneers with a comic bent hawking home-delivered Crème Brulee for several hundred dollars.

Pastor Rob Anderson made the purchase of an animal a competitive endeavor. The treasurer was hard put to record the numbers of people lined up to purchase an animal! Children join in the fun by baking their special desserts and by bidding for items. Sometimes a youngster carries a dessert they helped

make around the room to tempt adult bidders, and you can imagine how well that works. Heifer International volunteers come to the church to share their experiences. Often they provide the children's sermon or a moment for mission during worship.

So it was that the 2005 Ice Cream Social and Dessert Auction for Heifer brought in over \$6,700—more than enough to buy an ark filled with pairs of every animal. It is a continual shock to the mission committee to find that each year the total exceeds that of the previous year. It's a long way from that goat to the ark!

### Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

#### VACANT

Bandon  
 Coos Bay, First  
 Lakeside, Community  
 Myrtle Point, First

#### SEEKING INTERIMS or STATED SUPPLY

Brownsville  
 Clatskanie  
 Portland, Kenilworth  
**PREPARING TO ACTIVELY SEEK**

Brookings  
 Corvallis, First (Associate)  
 Eugene, Central  
 Portland, Sunset  
 Portland, Valley Community (Associate)  
 Tigard, Calvin

#### Yachats, Community ACTIVELY SEEKING A PASTOR (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Corvallis, First (Associate)  
 Jacksonville, First (Associate)  
 Merrill, Community  
 Portland, Chinese  
 Tulelake, Community

#### INTERVIEWING (Finalists identified)

Bend, First  
 Florence, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw  
 Warrenton, Pioneer on Clatsop Plains

#### ACTIVELY SEEKING IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY

Corvallis, OSU Campus Minister  
 Portland, PSU Campus Minister

## News Briefs

Items gleaned from the Omnibus mail include these:

- **Send your submission to Touchpoints!** Deadline is October 1 for sermons, stories and poetry on the theme of "Encounters with God." Email in Word Perfect format to Shirley Tormey, editor, at Nekahr@aol.com. (If October 1 has passed, you might email and plead for an extension!)
- **Mission Conferences not scheduled** for 2006. Because of date and site conflicts, no Cascades Mission Conferences will be held in 2006, but work is underway on great events for 2007.
- **"Steps Toward Peace in Israel and Palestine"** is a resource for Presbyterians available on CD and downloadable from the national church website. Visit [www.pcusa.org/worldwide/israelpalestine/resources.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/israelpalestine/resources.htm) for this and many other materials on the topic.
- **The Cascades Electronic Express** is about to roll. Replacing the presbytery monthly mailings will be regular email communications with links to the website, [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org). Please add

[CEE@cascadespresbytery.org](mailto:CEE@cascadespresbytery.org) to your contact address book to ensure prompt delivery of the latest news. Use that same address to send news or to make sure the presbytery has your email address.

• **Goodbye to Fran Royston.** The presbytery's Portland office said a sad farewell to Fran Royston as she finished her service as administrative assistant to a co-executive position that no longer exists because of downsizing of the staff. Fran will serve on a volunteer basis on the Communications Team of presbytery.

• **Two October 12 workshops in Pendleton will feature energy conservation for individuals, businesses and congregations.** Churches will learn low-cost, no-cost ways to save energy, money and the earth. For more information or to register, call 503-221-1054, ext. 203 or email [dbussey@emoregon.org](mailto:dbussey@emoregon.org) by October 10.

• **Congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. Len Tang** on the birth of a son, Joshua Jay Tang. Len, pastor of the Sherwood new church development, told the congregation they were going to "grow the church one way or another!"