

Jae Soon Lee Ordained



Jae Soon Lee's ordination following her examination and approval for ordination at the most recent Presbytery held in November. The Pohang Ocheon Presbyterian Church in Pohang, Korea extended a call for Jae Soon to serve as the Associate Pastor for Family and Youth. A native of Seoul, Korea, she studied at San Francisco Theological Seminary where she received her M.Div in 1998. While studying in the United States, Jae Soon was a member of the Vancouver Korean Presbyterian Church in Cascades Presbytery and became a certified Candidate under care of Cascades' Committee on Preparation for Ministry. A highlight of the event was when Jae Soon received the laying on of hands. As shown in the picture to the right, nearly everyone attending the meeting took part in the moving ceremony.



Anthony Robinson to Keynote Leadership Fair

Noted author, preacher and speaker Anthony (Tony) Robinson will present the keynote address at the Cascades Leadership Fair, scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011, at First Presbyterian in Vancouver, Washington. His topic will be "Congregation Next: A New Thing God is Doing."

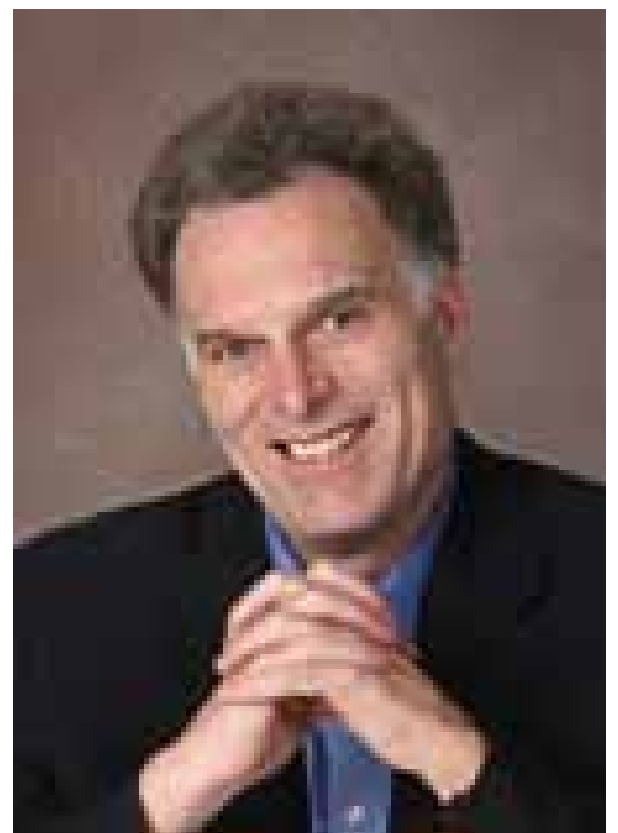
Robinson, who describes himself as a Northwesterner "by birth and heart," is the

author of nine books and is working on two more. His most recent, *Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations*, was published by Eerdmans in 2008. He is a graduate of Willamette University and has a Master's degree in European Cultural and Intellectual History from the University of Oregon. His Master of Divinity degree is from Union Theological Seminary, and he has done post-graduate work at Harvard.

Tony is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and is sought after as a preacher as well as a speaker and teacher. Besides his keynote address, he will present a workshop on "Leading Change and Living to Tell the Story." He is the president of Congregational Leadership Northwest, a Seattle-based ecumenical group offering leadership education and support for congregations.

The day-long Leadership Fair features workshops on topics of interest to anyone in the church. There are special sessions for clerks, deacons and session members as well as general ones on topics ranging from Bible study to the Middle East to self care—finding balance in one's life. Workshop presenters include Robinson himself as well as well-known educator Don Griggs.

Cost is just \$20 to cover lunch and defray some of the expenses. Mark the date



Anthony Robinson

on your calendars now and watch for more details on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.

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MEDIA RESOURCE CENTER

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

Although the Media Resource Center is usually only staffed on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, you may ask any employee at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church to let you in at other times and days. There is a clipboard for checking out items, for three weeks - longer if needed for a study. Items can be renewed if there are no "holds". You may reserve by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-5660, or by linking through the presbytery website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.



New: *The Grace of It All-Reflections on the Art of Ministry* by Dean Lueking (Book 152 pages) "Any pastor, anyone who loves pastors, anybody struggling with a call to be a pastor will find here much insight, encouragement, and grace." W. Willimon, Bishop UMC Dean Lueking has been in the ministry over 50 yrs; 44 are with the same congregation.

New: *Flow -How Did a Handful of Corporations Steal Our Water?* By Irena Salina - 84 minutes - Contains interviews with international experts on privatization, political activism and the spiritual significance of water. Gives links to allies in the fight to preserve access to safe and affordable water. A recent donation from the Eco-Justice Team, this documentary really holds your attention.

We have about 30 items related to stewardship of the earth in the Resource Center. For a full listing, type in the keyword/subject "stewardship" in the search area of the MRC's home page. This is a link on the left side of the Presbytery of the Cascades web page, www.cascadespresbytery.org.

Resources for Officer Training (cut and save this, perhaps?)

So, You've Been Elected an Elder - (1989) VTCF2001C1: A six-part study for elders in the Presbyterian Church. Introduction; Personal Faith; Presbyterian Beliefs; Presbyterian Order; Presbyterian Mission; and Duties of an Elder. This is an oldie but still has useful information.

So, You've Been Elected a Deacon - (1989) VTCF1001C: A four-session curriculum about the office of Deacon in the PC(USA). Session titles are: The Office of Deacon (eight minutes); Presbyterian Faith and Order (10 minutes); Deacons at Work (16 minutes); and Duties and ordination (10 minutes). Another oldie but has useful parts.

Coping with Conflict - (1988) VTMXX004C: Introduction to conflict management. Intended for pastors, elders, and Committees on Ministry. Four parts: 1) Introduction (15:13); 2) Nature of Conflict, a Biblical Perspective (9:38); 3) Early Warning Signs (8:59); 4) The Conflict Intensity Chart (13:14) and 5) Response Strategies (11:50). Great training resource. Comes with a guide.

Finding Christ in The Book of Order - by Chapman, William - (2003) BK-GAX003: Mr. Chapman is Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Palisades. His book helps us see what a rich resource our Constitution is for strengthening our walk with Christ. It is an excellent book for officer training, for adult study groups, for introducing those coming from other traditions to Presbyterianism and for private reflection and devotional study. He discusses the first four paragraphs of the Book of Order (G-1.001) titled The Head of the Church.

Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith, Dr. Jack Rogers - VTPXX001C1: For church officer training, adult ed. or membership classes. In a very clear and engaging manner, Dr. Rogers leads a class, with lecture and picture, through the Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith and an Historical Tour of the Confessions and Creeds.

Seeking Peace, Unity and Purity - (2003) VTMF1003C1: Done by the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity of PC USA. (The first in a series) Designed for use by theological reflection groups, adult study groups, new member classes, officer training, commissioned lay pastors, etc. Three segments: Fostering Community, Biblical Authority and Interpretation and a study of Matthew 5. Has a leader's guide.

Who Are We Presbyterians? - by PC(USA) - (2001) VTCXX005C1: This video introduces what it means to be Presbyterian. Presbyterians are diverse and share a common history, form of government, and set of beliefs. This video is an excellent tool for church school, officer training, new member class, and much more.

Presbyterians, Part II: History & Tradition - by PC(USA) - (1990) VTCEX004C1: Part II of a 5-part series on what it means to be Presbyterian. Organized in seven segments: 1) Prologue; 2) The Early Church; 3) Reformation; 4) Rebellion; 5) Birth of a Nation; 6) One Nation for Christ; and 7) Challenge. Excellent resource for officer training, new member classes, confirmation classes, etc.

Talking About Tough Issues - by Watts, Richard G. - (1990) VTMF1001: This six-part self-directing videotape workshop is designed to help church people become more comfortable and competent in dealing with questions that produce disagreement and conflict. For use in adult class, youth class, church officer training, first part of session meetings, retreats, homes, church lounges, conference centers, etc. Has an eight page leader's guide.

Across the Centuries - The Church Constitution Today - (2005): Using colorful graphics and documentary footage from around the country, this 10 minute program provides an overview of our Presbyterian church constitution. Great for officers, new member classes, confirmation classes, and adult study.



Omnibus

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What Child Is This? – 2010 Joy Offering Theme

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need.

Fifty percent of the receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council.

You are encouraged to support the Christmas Joy Offering through gifts to your congregation's offering. If for some reason that is not convenient, feel free to support the offering directly.

The Christmas Joy Offering is usually received the Sunday before Christmas. Resources are mailed to each congregation in early September.

The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their Lamb.
The wise men saw the light of a star and found their Wisdom.

Fulton John Sheen

May your special gift this year be a closer walk with Christ!



Cascades Viewpoints

By Hugh D. Anderson

I had the privilege this past fall of participating in the Rogue Valley YMCA Triathlon. I am pleased to report that I had a personal best, I ended up in the top 30, and I was second in my age bracket. Now before you get too impressed, full disclosure is required. The triathlon was a mini triathlon – swimming half a mile, running three miles and biking ten miles. I was in the top 30 but there were only 28 participating and I came in at 28th [thus also explaining the second place in my age bracket]. And since this was my first triathlon, just finishing made it my best time.

All joking aside, besides the enjoyment of being out in the beautiful fall weather in southern Oregon, my triathlon experience has given me new insight into Hebrews 12. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”

As I was participating in the Triathlon, I was impressed by all the words of encouragement that people offered to me. There were the words of the teen-ager who clocked my time and counted my laps as I swam in the pool. There were the applause and cheers of the on-lookers as I ran past them through the city streets even though I was a complete stranger to them. And there were shouts of support by my fellow racers as they bicycled past me on the country roads. First of all, those words of encouragement made me feel good; people were rooting for me. That’s my vision of the “great crowd of witnesses” found in Hebrews 12, of individuals who

are rooting for me. Then I began reflecting on the many people who throughout my life have offered me words of encouragement and hope, those who recognized my call to the ministry even before I did, and those who have run the race alongside me for a portion of my journey. I offered up prayers of thanksgiving for those individuals. I also began reflecting on ways that I have provided encouragement to others as we worked together in common ministry and mission. I made a commitment to be more verbally supportive to others.

Now I am a firm believer that scripture comforts the disturbed but also disturbs the comfortable. This section of Hebrews 12 is no exception. The comforting news is the encouragement given by others to us. The disturbing news to us comfortable ones is that we have got to run the race. When I lamented to a friend at the celebration luncheon after the triathlon that I came in last, her comment was that at least I did better than the many who did not even participate. We may lament the poor performance of the church in the world today, but we have to admit that we are the ones who are now in the race. The baton has been passed on to us. It is our turn to run. How will we run the “race that is set before us?”

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has created a catch phrase to promote our ministry and mission. The phrase is “Grow Christ’s Church Deep and Wide.” If you go to the denomination’s website [www.pcusa.org] you can see stories of the many ways that our denomination is growing Christ’s

Church deep and wide. The Presbytery of the Cascades has adopted a mission statement which includes as its top priority the vision to “encourage and support congregations to grow in their particular ministries.” To this end our Presbytery Council has created a Vitality & Growth Task Force whose purpose is to keep before us ways in which we can create healthy, growing congregations. Our resources are now being directed specifically to that focus. You will hear more about the work of that Task Force in the months ahead as our Presbytery works to grow Christ’s Church deep and wide. Now the question I have for you is this – what is your congregation doing to grow Christ’s Church deep and wide? Or, to be more direct, what are you personally doing to grow Christ’s Church deep and wide? I would love to hear your stories.

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Popular Grant Program Application Deadline Changed!

The deadline for submitting applications to the *OPENING DOORS* Task Force on Disabilities Grant Program has **been moved up to May 31** of each year.

Over the past nine years nearly one-half of the churches in our Presbytery have received grants totaling over \$150,000 for projects such as wheelchair lifts, accessible restroom facilities, ramps, large print materials, elevators, automatic door openers,

signage, and assistive listening devices.

Funds received from this grant program must be used within two years from the date of the award. If your congregation is interested in applying for a grant, **revised** application forms will be available for downloading at <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/ODTFGrantApplication.pdf> on **January 1, 2011**. Questions? Contact Rick Parfrey at (503) 638-0109 or parfrey@msn.com.

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Ask the Clerk

Q: Is breaking into small groups for discussion of a question or issue at presbytery meetings allowed in Roberts Rules of Order?

A: Yes, it is allowed. In the Tenth Edition Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised Version, Chapter XVI section 52 you will find information about “Committee of the Whole and Its Alternate Forms.” The committee of the whole and its alternate forms enables the full assembly to give detailed consideration to a matter under conditions of freedom approximating those of committee. Roberts Rules states, “In more recent years, a practice has developed of establishing breakout groups with every member in attendance being urged to participate in a group; Each breakout group, of which there may be many, is usually kept small – frequently ten or twelve persons – and a

moderator is appointed for each group. Sometimes, the conclusions reached by the various breakout groups are conveyed to a committee that assembles them and attempts to report a consolidated response to the assembly. At other times, the breakout groups report through their moderators directly to the assembly after it has been reconvened and the matter under consideration is again pending. These reports are in the nature of debate. Whatever method is used, in the end, the pending measure must be returned to the full assembly for final consideration under normal parliamentary procedure and the assembly must make a final decision.”

The method of deliberation using breakout groups was used recently at Cascades Presbytery’s November meeting during the consideration of the New Form of Government. The following day, traditional debate and a vote took place. If you were a commissioner to this meeting and participated



One of the small groups discussing and evaluating the new form of government being suggested by the recent General Assembly.

in the small group discussions, and haven’t given the Stated Clerk feedback on how you felt it worked as a deliberative process, I would welcome your comments. As stated clerk, I am looking for effective ways, not only to make informed decisions together, but to connect with one another in more personal ways. This process also provides a way for **everyone** to speak and be heard.

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Central Region

By Bruce Smith

Peace, Eugene is preparing a concert for their Golden Anniversary. The plan is to have at least one special choir concert every 50 years. **First, McMinnville** conducted a Music Camp for 32 enthusiastic and motivated pre-teens to participate in trying their hand at a variety of musical instruments. **First, Salem** experimented with summer choirs which were different each week. People met Sunday mornings with the regular choir and others who just didn't have time in their busy schedules during the school year, to practice and then sing at the 10 a.m. worship service.

United, Albany will take delivery of their new church bus this fall. It will have custom seats for day care kids and adults, air-conditioning, wheelchair access, and will be a welcome addition for mobility within their congregation.

Westminster, Eugene began a Wednesday night service in September with 30 to 40 participants meeting for soup and sandwiches followed by a more casual contemporary worship service. There has been a healthy mix of youth and adults participating.

Nestucca Valley, Pacific City mixed 800 pounds of beans and spices with directions to complete 636 soup bags as a fundraiser. Last year's "beanbags soup" program was such a success they doubled their production this year. As well as selling the soup bags at church there was a restaurant and a bank in town that assisted them with this promotion.

Community, Redmond is at the midpoint of having members of the congregation read the Bible in 90 days. There are about 170 individuals involved in this program which includes weekly interpretive meetings on what has been read in the past period. The intrepid reader will learn that there are 31,101 verses and 1,260 promises given in the Bible.

On October 17, **First, Corvallis** moved the worship service from the sanctuary to Dennis Hall for a special dedication of the new building. Later in the afternoon there was a community open house which was an opportunity for anyone in the area to take a look at the new building and learn more about the church.

Central, Eugene has been going through the administrative hoops to get the Faith-Based Student Housing project under way. Building permits for the foundation documents were submitted to the city of Eugene. With the Cap Rate study, the Market study, and construction bids, the developer will be able to negotiate for a bank loan to start construction. If all goes well, the church is looking for the project to begin in the spring of 2011.

On November 7, **Peace, Eugene** celebrated the church's Golden Anniversary with a special worship service including former pastors, a special choir concert, followed by a catered lunch. Members and friends were invited to provide memorabilia that could be put in a time capsule to store away for future generations.

The **Prineville** church has taken an aggressive stand on the little critters such as gophers, moles and other rodents invading their property by constructing an owl house and placing it on a high pole. Not sure whether this will fit into the SPCA or the environmentalist agendas.

Northeast Region

By Nancy Gaston

The more things change, the more they remain the same. The New Testament tells of the earliest Christians meeting in home groups to grow as followers of Jesus. **Gateway, The Dalles**, has over 50 people meeting in small home groups to study the book of Jeremiah.

They plan to start more groups in January.

Also, from the time of Paul, churches have sent help to brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. **Evergreen Community** in the Columbia Gorge has a unique opportunity to help orphans in Ethiopia. A couple in the community, Jon and Angela Morrill, are adopting a baby girl from an Ethiopian orphanage. On their multiple trips to that country (to meet the child, attend the court hearing, obtain her visa, and bring her home), they will hand carry food, clothing and supplies that would be prohibitively expensive to ship. The items will aid the youngsters at Hannah's Hope, an orphanage in Addis Ababa.

Mt. Tabor, Portland, meanwhile, has filled boxes with Christmas gifts to be sent to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child.

Hospitality to children right here at home is also important, and **Kenilworth, Portland**, makes it clear children are welcome in worship if that is the parents' preference. They even have rocking chairs in the back of the sanctuary (which may be attractive to any of us, but are intended for rocking babies).

Also caring for children close to home were the members of **Smith Memorial, Fairview**, who turned out *en masse* to spruce up the grounds of Fairview Elementary School and make greeting cards for teachers to use to keep in touch with parents.

And caring for the homeless and hungry was a mandate of Jesus that is being fulfilled by **Eastminster, Portland**. They recently dedicated the Homeless Family Warming Center in their building that will be open every day through March for up to sixty people.

Three Washington Churches—**Columbia** and **First Presbyterian in Vancouver** and **St. John's, Camas**—joined their efforts over the summer and fall to feed the hungry. They cultivated an acre of community garden that produced an amazing eight tons of produce for local food banks. The three partnered last year to build a Habitat for Humanity house and plan to do home repairs in the year ahead.

Blessed are the peacemakers, Jesus assures us. **Colonial Heights, Portland**, is combining two important Christian traditions on their church grounds. They have a rain garden, using the water to nourish crops for a community garden, and a peace pole with a wooden bench so that those stopping by can sit and contemplate the vision of peace on earth.

Even as we carry out the ancient mission of the church, we have some high-tech help. **First Presbyterian, Oregon City**, has modernized their distribution of meals through the Deacon's Meal Committee through the free Internet site, takethemeal.com. The site lists information such as food preferences and allergies, what others plan to take, and which deacon to contact for this particular family.

The fellowship of believers can also be facilitated on line. **Eastminster, Portland**, has joined the social networking world through Meetup.com.

What is the purpose of a church window? The newsletter of **Springwater, Estacada**, suggests that it is not just for letting in the light, but also for "giving glory to God and moving the heart to worship." A small group is meeting to discern what a new sanctuary window might look like in order to give glory to God and move hearts—while also being energy efficient and easy to maintain. Stay tuned for the results of their contemplation.

As we begin Advent, the season of preparation for Christmas, pageants and special music are in the works for many congregations. **Morrel, Portland**, has kids busily rehearsing a light-hearted Christmas musical, "The Mystery of Simon Shepherd."

East Woods, Vancouver, children will be presenting "Double Take!" as a humorous interpretation of the Christmas stories from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Interestingly, it sounds as if twentieth century theologian Karl Barth is slated to join Zechariah and Elizabeth.

At **Rose City Park, Portland**, orchestral music will enhance the Christmas program. Everyone is urged to dig out their old instruments and to participate. "All levels, ages and abilities are welcome," Glenda McKibben assures them.

May the blessed seasons of Advent and Christmas bring the ancient traditions of the faith into bold relief for you. And if you don't see your congregation mentioned here, it means the presbytery isn't getting your newsletter. Please do your part to get it sent to the northeast office, 0245 SW. Bancroft, Suite D, Portland, OR 97239.

Northwest Region

By Bud Frimoth

Hillsboro's Koinonia has a pull out monthly church calendar which is used as an event reminder. Pastor Michael is back from sabbatical and was pleased with the congregation's continued ministry. Youth seek old cell phones for fundraising for mission trip expenses.

Clatskanie's "Lifeline" carried articles from "Listening With your Heart," a seminar on Hospice, to honor a dear mother whose influence continues. Their "A Merry Heart" page was near to this old clown as it emphasized finding daily humor.

Calvin, Tigard's Hilltop Notes shared news of activities from a Michael A. Harrison concert, to Health Ministries offering flu shots, to a Stewardship Prayer Vigil. "Servant Sunday" urged folk to send a note to those they saw with a servant's heart.

Lake Grove, Lake Oswego's "View" includes Saturday night family services to Hispanic Ministries in Woodburn and words from Middle East travelers to a possible Senior Housing development. Pastor Bob asks the question, "What is that in your hand?" - God's question to Moses. Add a Thanksgiving dinner at the church.

Plymouth, St Helens' "Crossing" - their Bazaar Craft Project will be having "a felted wood soap scrubbers party" for missions. The "Fixbyterians" did some cleaning of bushes so the new church sign can be seen from the street. D'ya have any of them in your church?

Multnomah, Portland's "Announcer" couples the "Gifts that give back fair" with "Operation Christmas Child" that promote fair trade items and sending boxes for Samaritan's Purse Christian relief agency. Youth are planning an Alaskan mission trip for 2011 in Skagway.

Bethany, Portland's "Open Doors" lists at least 10 different Small Groups and Bible Studies. A Stephen Ministry team member is available every Sunday after worship for personal prayer. Pastor Dave used two issues to deal with the meaning of expectations.

Southminster, Beaverton's "Connections" - A Community Garden is a way to use their land with/for others. "Lemon-Aiders" group is for those living with chronic pain and other distressing experiences. Neat idea: BYOM - Bring Your Own Mug, label and use for coffee hours.

Orengo, Hillsboro's "October News" indicated 85 people are taking the Alpha Course Wednesday nights. Also add a Men's Thursday evening Bible class. Plans for a Bronn Journey concert in early December are also in the

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Homeless Family Warming Center

Human Solutions and Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Portland are helping end family homelessness. The Homeless Family Warming Center is a 60-bed homeless family shelter opening November 1, 2010, and operating through March 31, 2011 (April if funding permits) at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 12505 Northeast Halsey Street, Portland.

Every night from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., families with children and single women will have a warm, dry, safe and welcoming place to sleep. Shelter families will be able to access housing, employment and other services designed to quickly end their homelessness.

The Homeless Family Warming Center is part of the Family Shelter-to-Housing Part-

nership, a collaboration between the faith community, Multnomah County, and area nonprofit organizations providing shelter, housing placement and supportive services to homeless families in Portland and East Multnomah County. Partners include: Human Solutions, **Eastminster, Portland**, Multnomah County Department of County Human Services, First United Methodist Church, First Unitarian Church, Sunnyside Centenary United Methodist Church, Portland Homeless Family Solutions, and 211/nfo.

Volunteers and donations are needed for the Homeless Family Warming Center. To volunteer, a volunteer application and background check must be completed. The

program is looking for volunteers who want to do evening activities with families – especially activities with the children in the early evening. Volunteers can also be mentors who read, play or help the children with homework. There is a need for people to pick up food from licensed restaurants/kitchens and bring it to the shelter; people to cook food in licensed kitchens and bring it to the shelter, people to help receive donations in the evenings or sort through donations during the daytime.

If you are interested in volunteering, dropping off donations, or making a monetary donation contact Amie Diffenauer at 503-256-2280 or adiffenauer@humansolutions.org.

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works.

Clatsop Plains, Warrenton's "Pioneer News" – ranges from information on Phari-sees' origins to 96-year-old Dorothy Boyle's delightful ruminations. Warm coats is their Christmas mission project as well as working with the Heifer Project.

St. Andrew, Portland's "Crossroads" writes of "No Hands, No Feet, But Ours" stewardship project that had members outlining hands and feet as symbols of their contribution in ministry. Life Development Ministries are inclusive of all ages for study and outreach.

First, Newberg's "Pen News" tells of their planned Mission Trip to Good Shepherd Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ask Pastor Peter for the touching story of Mary Martin's singing in the musical South Pacific.

Valley Community, Portland's "The Messenger" pictured their new heating system, hoping it lasts 50 years like the last one. "Mission Notes" had emphasis on "Joining Hands Bolivia" with many options. Middle Schoolers spent time sacking potatoes at Oregon Food Bank.

Tualatin Plains' "Aspire" notes the dissolution of pastoral relations with Pastor Ken Evers-Hood and the next step in forming a pastor seeking committee. It also listed three men in military service with their addresses encouraging folk to contact them.

South Region

By Ann Moore

Sunday worship times have changed at **Bethany, Grants Pass**, but it's a trial that continues through January. The schedule adds an 8:45 a.m. service held in the informal Fire-side Room of the church. A 10 a.m. worship service is held in the Sanctuary. Bethany tried the early alternative during summer months. "It proved to be very popular, and brought some members back into active worship during the summer months," the session learned. They decided that three months isn't enough time to make a permanent change, so the trial is extended with a final decision to be made in January so attendance patterns can be studied "during the colder, darker months of the year."

Part of **First, Ashland's** buildings will again be an emergency shelter for the homeless and travelers held up by occasional closures of Interstate 5 at Siskiyou Pass. The program runs from December through February. It's scheduled every Sunday, and when outdoor temperatures are forecast to drop below 20 degrees during any evening. Last winter, the congregation served 209 guests and was open for 24 nights. Volunteer hosts staff the shelter every night it is open, sleeping on the floor in sleeping bags. In addition to members of the congregation, volunteer hosts last year came from United Church of Christ, the Unitarian Church and Temple Emek Shalom, as well as unaffiliated persons. There's shared food in the evening,

and a simple prepare-it-yourself breakfast in the morning.

One of the big money-makers at the annual Christmas Bazaar put on at **First, Brookings** is a used jewelry sale. The items go along with more traditional baked goods, jams and jellies and candy. To round up jewelry items for the bazaar, organizers asked members and friends to reach out to their family and scout up trinkets that become gifts for someone else's holiday. In addition to the sale items, bazaar organizers assemble a chili and pie meal that's sold to those attending the fall event.

Up the coast, the women of **First, Bandon** celebrated the first Sunday of Advent by joining the women of St. John's Episcopal Church in a mid-afternoon Advent Tea. The gathering featured desserts from the recently-published cook book. A total of 11 Bandon area churches and the Bandon Community Health Center contributed recipes to the book, which went on sale at the Advent Tea as a fundraiser for the health center. Called "Ye Old Cookbook," the publication has a modern twist, with both printed and electronic copies on compact disc available for sale.

The collectors have been busy at **First, Roseburg**, gathering up and cleaning used clothing from area schools. Last year's lost things are washed, mended and made available each fall for those in need. Aline Kischel runs the project as part of Presbyterian Women mission work. There's going to be some remodeling of the chancel at First. The session recently approved plans, contingent on raising the funds, to create handicap access, relocate bell choir and vocal choir positions and create room for the organ and piano on the chancel platform.

It's been chilly for weeks in the near mile-

high Klamath Basin, and that's not been good news for those at **Merrill Presbyterian**. Pastor Bill Heming says the boiler – which underwent extensive repairs last winter – went into mechanical decline this fall. It's been declared too far gone for another repair job. Session got an estimate of just under \$5,000 to install a replacement, and launched a special fund drive to pay for the work. Heming calls it "a major challenge" for a congregation that's been on a tight budget all year.

A few miles away, **Community, Malin** is into a bustling Tuesday after school program. Attendance at the Bible study for youngsters has been as high as 32 children. They get a Bible story each week, and work on learning a Bible verse through related games. There's also music. Several women of the church bring in snacks for the after school event.

Tuesdays at **First, Phoenix** bring a successful Dinner and a Movie program that's attracted new folks to become part of the congregation. There's a light meal about six p.m., followed by a critically-acclaimed movie and a bit of thought-provoking discussion. Most evenings, the event is over by shortly after 8 p.m. The second and fourth Thursdays, Phoenix opens its facilities to what's known as Community Kitchen. After setting record attendance in September, the event has settled down to about 100 diners. To adjust for variable numbers, cooks prepare lots of food, then freeze the leftovers for use.

First, Medford just finished its latest "All Church Bible Study." This year small groups meeting at various sites throughout the valley studied the book of Job. On Sunday, the pastors preached on the topics they studied the previous week.

TRANSITIONS

Installation

- **The Rev. Matthew J.P. Overton**, installed as associate pastor of Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver on November 14, 2010

Pastoral Changes

- **The Rev. Isabelle F. Davis**, beginning service as stated supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Gold Beach, beginning October 15, 2010
- **The Rev. Richard P. Zimmerman**, completed service as pastor of Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro on October 18, 2010

Transfers

- **The Rev. Marcia L. Muir**, transferring to the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Yuma, Colorado

Retirement

- **The Rev. Philip Meddaugh**, to be granted Honorably Retired status, December 1, 2010

Cascade Youth Attend Triennium

(Editor's note: parts of this story were excerpted from a story written by Bethany Purkin for the Presbyterian News Service)

Cascade youth joined some 5,000 teenagers gathered at the recent Presbyterian Youth Triennium held at Purdue University in Indiana in July, 2010. Cascade youth shared their experiences at the Presbytery meeting held this November.

Youth were able to participate in interactive worship experiences and small group Bible study. They heard powerful keynote addresses from major Christian leaders of the day. In addition they were able to join daily activities which allowed them to meet youth from all over the world.

"You are an unusual generation. I've lived a long time, and you are the generation I've been waiting for," Tony Campolo noted. "We cannot have the world go on like it has gone on. You're the generation that has to stop it."

Jesus wants to transform us into instruments of justice, Campolo said. He recited part of the Lord's Prayer: Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. We are called to promote justice and love while we are alive on earth, he said.

"(Jesus) has raised you up for such a time as that," said Campolo, playing on Triennium's theme of "For Such a Time as

"Kappy" Girton Eaton Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Katherine "Kappy" Girton Eaton, a member of **First, Central Point**, received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award



Katherine "Kappy" Girton Eaton



Youth from Cascades Presbytery churches reported on their experiences at the Youth Triennium in Indiana.

This," taken from Esther 4:14.

Campolo reminded the young people that God cannot be boxed in — the Holy Spirit works in many ways.

Baptists and Presbyterians often approach prayer with a list of requests. But God already knows what is on our hearts, Campolo said, encouraging his youthful listeners to instead see prayer as a time of

driving out everything and focusing only on Jesus.

"I wait for Him to invade me ... to penetrate my person," Campolo said.

Go off by yourself and be still, he said. Invite Jesus to transform you from within. If we all did that, we could make a big change in the world.

Youth Joining Hands

The Presbytery of the Cascades Joining Hands-Bolivia team is looking for one or two qualified young adults (ages 20-35) to attend a Youth Conference in Lima, Peru, on January 24-28, 2011.

The conference will center on water issues, and youth from Peru, Bolivia, Chile, United States and Canada will be in attendance. Joining Hands-Bolivia is a partnership of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. In Bolivia, our partner is UMAVIDA, an acronym that stands for Joining Hands for Life. For 2011, the conference will be sponsored by Joining Hands-Peru, the sister organization of Joining Hands-Bolivia. Specific qualifications include the following:

Commitment: Willingness to travel to the several day-long conference in Lima, Peru, and interact with conference members from various countries including giving a presentation about a U.S. environmental issue; upon returning, speak to a minimum of six groups in the Presbytery of the Cascades, highlighting the inclusion of young adults in JH/UMAVIDA environmental work; during the next year meet several times with members of the JH Coordinating Committee.

Leadership: Demonstrated ability to develop strategies, to organize people to reach a goal, to work cooperatively, to listen to a range of opinions, to be sensitive to cultural differences, to interact with people of all ages, and to speak before small and large groups.

Environmental Experience: Prior involvement with environmental issues through employment, volunteer work, or classes. Experience with clean water issues a bonus.

Spanish: While the ability to speak Spanish is not a requirement and some translators will be available, language is the key to being able to interact with Bolivian, Peruvian and Chilean young adults, and priority will be given to those with this skill.

at the Governor's Volunteer Awards event in Salem October 22.

From advocating for campaign finance reform to serving on the Campfire Board of Directors, Kappy has made community service her lifetime career. She has held volunteer leadership positions with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters, campaigning for nonpartisan issues such as increasing voter registration. Her lobbying helped passage of the Motor Voter Act in Oregon in 1991, and she has worked for years on campaign finance reform. Among the results have been ORESTAR, an online filing system for reporting campaign funding and expenses.

From serving meals to the homeless at her church to serving as president of the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition to monitoring and assisting with free elections in Bosnia and Hungary, Kappy has shown her lifelong commitment to peace, justice and equality.

The annual awards are presented by Oregon Volunteers. They recognize outstanding volunteer work by individuals and organizations throughout the state.



What do a new roof for Wright Hall at Menucha Retreat Center and the Community Meal in McMinnville have in common? Answer: They are both listed on Pacific Mission Exchange, a service of the Synod of the Pacific.

Pacific Mission Exchange (PMX) connects donors with local, regional, and international causes. PMX projects are developed and completed by donations from

people who want to give gifts that directly serve needy people. Join with others to have an impact. Multiply your gifts.

If your congregation has a program or project—whether building a Habitat for Humanity house or helping a congregation in Africa—that might interest givers, send your information and photos to the contact person for our presbytery—Nancy Gaston at nancyg57@comcast.net for posting on www.pacificmissionexchange.org.

This program is not meant to replace other means of giving to Presbyterian causes, but it expands the circle of possible givers and allows people to donate funds directly to programs that touch their hearts.



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.

January 2011

- 1 Barbara P. Rolph, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2010 • John W. Goff, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2010 • Nestucca Valley Presbyterian Church, Pacific City - chartered this day in 2001
- 2 Andrew L. Caesar, ordained this day in 1994, in private practice as a counselor
- 3 Dean F. Klarr, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2001
- 4 Donald H. Frank, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1997
- 5 Weston D. Gray, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1995
- 6 Community Presbyterian Church, Yachats - chartered this month in 1950
- 7 Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of the Cascades, Ann Bartsch, President
- 8 C. Montee Kennedy, installed as pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, Florence, this day in 2006 • Philip D. King, ordained this day in 1999, serving as Chaplain, United States Navy
- 9 Thomas E. Young, installed as pastor at Cherry Park Presbyterian Church, Troutdale, this day in 2000
- 10 Robert S. Paul, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Portland this day in 2010
- 11 Elmer R. (Bud) Frimoth, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1992
- 12 Susan D. Grewe & Christopher N. Grewe, installed as co-pastors at Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 1992
- 13 Graig L. Flach, installed as associate pastor of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego, this day in 2002 • Ashton A. (Skip) Roberts, ordained this day in 2007, serving as chaplain for the Department of Veterans Affairs
- 14 Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship, Aloha - chartered this day in 1996
- 15 James T. Stewart, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1995
- 16 Stephen G. Maling, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2000
- 17 William C. Howell, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991
- 18 Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1961
- 19 Duane L. Sich, ordained this day in 1972, serving as executive director of Friends of the Carpenter • Kris M. Voss-Rothmeier, ordained this day in 1997, serving as parish associate at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 20 James C. Cayton, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1985
- 21 Eagle Creek Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1906
- 22 J. Bradford Kent, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2007
- 23 Kenneth M. "Woodley" White, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2007
- 24 Jack P. Hansen granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1997

- 25 Katherine A. (Katie) Pate, installed as pastor of Milwaukie Presbyterian Church, this day in 2009
- 26 Janet Alpine, administrative assistant, Presbytery of the Cascades, south region office
- 27 United Presbyterian Church, Albany - chartered 1853
- 28 J. Wilbur Patterson, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1990
- 29 Presbytery Council meets today - Robert Bulkley, Chair
- 30 Robert Kang, ordained this day in 1994
- 31 Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church, Lincoln City - chartered this day in 1937 • Jacob Chang Kim, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2010

February 2011

- 1 E. Gordon Crider, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1992 • Nicholas Q. Sorani, ordained this day in 1998 • Phillip H. Essex, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1993
- 2 Aurora Presbyterian Church - chartered this month in 1904 • Robert C. Patten, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1996
- 3 Janice Hearn, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2000
- 4 Marjorie Robinson, administrative assistant, Presbytery of the Cascades, north-east/northwest region office
- 5 Leo C. Tautfest, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1996
- 6 John R. Fry, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1992
- 7 Scott W. Peterson, ordained this day in 1988, serving as stated supply pastor at Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship, Aloha • First Presbyterian Church, Trout Lake - chartered this day in 1905
- 8 First Presbyterian Church, Bandon - chartered this day in 1891
- 9 John W. Dilworth, installed as co-pastor of Multnomah Presbyterian Church, this day in 1986
- 10 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem - chartered this day in 1957
- 11 John R. Moody, installed as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem, this day in 1996
- 12 Committee on Ministry-South - John W. Hubbard, Chair
- 13 Lynn Royston, Vice Moderator - Northwest Region
- 14 Piedmont United Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1905
- 15 William K. Van Nostran, installed as pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, this day in 2004
- 16 Brian G. Campbell, candidate for the ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 17 Tualatin Presbyterian Church - chartered this day in 1985
- 18 Professional Support Committee -

Rodger Clawson, Chair

- 19 Calvary Presbyterian Church, Portland - chartered this day in 1882
- 20 F. Arlin Nave, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1994
- 21 Gregory G. Bolt, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bend, this day in 2010 • Phyllis P. Hart, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1995
- 22 John S. Carpenter, installed as pastor at Oakville Presbyterian Church, Shedd, this day in 1998 • Roger W. Weeks, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2006
- 23 Soo Shin Kim, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2005
- 24 Gail Moody, Certified Christian Educator, Westminster Presbyterian, Salem
- 25 First Presbyterian Church, Creswell - chartered in 1909 • Martha Page Greene, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2009, serving as parish associate at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Portland
- 26 Southminster Presbyterian Church, Beaverton - chartered this day in 1959 • Charlie T. Brown, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 2001, serving as parish associate at Tualatin Presbyterian Church
- 27 First Presbyterian Church, Klamath Falls - chartered this day in 1884
- 28 James C. Beck, installed as pastor of Beaverton Korean Presbyterian Church, Portland this day in 1999 • Henry W. Andersen, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1990



Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

Vacant

Corvallis, First (Associate Pastor)
Lakeside, Community

Seeking Interim or Stated Supply

Hillsboro, Tualatin Plains

Preparing to Actively Seek

Eugene, Westminster (Associate Pastor)
Klamath Falls, First (Associate Pastor)
Medford, Westminster

Actively Seeking a Pastor (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Bend, First (Associate Pastor)
Portland, Westminster
Vancouver, East Woods

Presbytery Highlights

Editor's Note: These are the highlights of the November 12-13 meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades, at First, Vancouver excerpted by the editor from the notes of Stated Clerk Cathy Quackenbush. A more complete report may be found on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.

Ministers who have been ordained for fifty years were named. They are The Rev. William F. Dittler, The Rev. W. Daniel Klinger, and The Rev. William J. Kirkman.

Ministers who have been granted Honorably Retired status are The Rev. Carol L. Swanson and The Rev. Philip Meddaugh.

The presbytery voted to establish an Administrative Commission, appointed by the Moderator of Presbytery, to assist Brownsville United Presbyterian Church in the necessary steps required for dissolution. They have scheduled their last worship service to be held Sunday, November 21, 2010.

The Mission Committee presented reports promoting Cascades' Outdoor Ministries, Mission Partnership in Bolivia, and Cents-Ablity offering for hunger ministries.

The meeting was moved from the sanctuary to the dining room of the church where commissioners were seated around tables for an informational presentation, small group discussion, and question and answer period regarding the proposed new Form of Government for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Budget Chair, the Rev. Libby Boatwright presented the proposed 2011 budget, beginning with prayer. The per capita payment per member for 2011 will be \$22.90, which includes General Assembly: 6.50 (a 35 cents raise from 2010), Synod: 5.17 (no change), and Presbytery 11.23 (no change). Presbytery voted to approve the budget proposal.

The first day of meeting concluded with a service of worship which included a celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and music provided by the host church's musicians and choir. The second day of meeting opened with a service of worship with music provided by several minister-member instrumentalists. See photo below and the Nov. 13, Facebook posting to re-enjoy it!



Carol Prichard being received under care as a candidate for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament. (left to right) Rev. David Prichard (her husband), Carol Prichard, Rev. Ric Neese, Moderator of Presbytery (on the stairs), and Rev. William Heming, CPM Chair.

On recommendation from the Committee on Preparation for the Ministry, the presbytery acted to enroll Aaron L. Pratt, member of **Central, Eugene**, as Inquirer for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

The Committee on Preparation for the Ministry presented inquirer Carol S. Prichard, member of **First, Astoria**, to read her statement of Christian Experience and answer questions regarding her statement. The presbytery approved her enrollment as Candidate for Ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

The Committee on Preparation for the Ministry presented candidate Jae Soon Lee, member of **Korean, Vancouver** to be examined for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, in order that she accept a call as Parish Associate Pastor at Pohang Ohcheon Presbyterian Church in South Korea. The Presbytery voted to sustain her examination. The presbytery then acted to ordain her. After a hymn the moderator asked the constitutional questions, followed by prayer and laying on of hands by nearly the entire group assembled in the meeting. The Rev. Aleida Jernigan gave the charge and

presented the Rev. Jae Soon Lee with a robe and stole.

After a 45 minute debate concerning the new Form of Government, the presbytery voted by a majority to concur with the General Assembly to adopt it.

The Relational Support Committee promoted the use of Facebook for social networking among church and presbytery members. Testimony promoting the Presbytery Pulpit Exchange was also presented..

Elder Michael Hubbard, **First, Medford** has been approved as a Certified Lay Pastor.

Presbytery Business Manager, Cheryl Anderson was recognized for receiving certification as a Certified Church Administrator by the National Association of Church Business Administration. Her project, a manual titled, "Administrative Policy Guidelines for Church Leadership Accountability" is available to churches in the presbytery.

A Sabbatical Report and promotion was given by the Rev. Eileen Parfrey, The Rev. Beverly Crow, and Elder Kathy Scott about the sabbatical experience of **Springwater Presbyterian Church**.

Included in the report of the Congregational Support Committee was an update on **Common Table NCD, Bend**, and promotion of a possible new church development in Wilsonville, Oregon. Members of Cascade's delegation this past summer to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium shared their experiences. Eco-Justice Advocate Jenny Holmes presented resources available to congregations.

The presbytery voted to approve the terms of call recommended by the Personnel and Administration Committee for the Called and Elected Presbytery staff for 2011. These figures are the same as approved for the 2010 terms of call.

The Stated Clerk reported that the Peacemaking Offering which was received at the Friday night worship service at this meeting was \$568.50.

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be March 11-12 at **Bethany, Grants Pass**, On June 24-25, the Stated Meeting will be at **Calvin, Tigard**. The November 11-12, 2011, meeting will be held in the Central Region. (Location to be announced soon.)

The meeting was adjourned with a service of worship led by the Rev. Jae Soon Lee.



A clergy-member musical group led Saturday morning worship. Musicians are: (left to right) John Goff, flute, David Hutchinson, sax, Tom Campbell-Schmitt, guitar, Jeff Seivert, guitar, Mike Foster, guitar and Cynthia O'Brien, harp.