

Summer Conference Deemed Success

An engaging keynote speaker, lively children's and youth programs, innovative worship and richly varied workshops all contributed to an enjoyable and stimulating week for the 150 participants in the 55th annual Cascades Summer Conference July 11-16 at Linfield College in McMinnville

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, addressed the group daily on the theme, "A Wideness in God's Mercy: Christian Faith in a Multi-Faith World." She challenged listeners with questions and ideas



including these:

- "Is it possible to understand the variety of religions as part of God's gracious plan?"
- "The triune quality of God accounts for an incredible variety of Christian expression. In different denominations, we tend to be Unitarian, focusing on one person of the trinity: God, Jesus or Holy Spirit."
- "It is important not to confuse unity with

uniformity."

- "We are called to a gracious agnosticism about the limits of salvation."
 - "The Bible is not an argument for the existence of God. It is much messier than that. Its stories call on our inventive and imaginative minds to explore the relationship between God and God's creation."
- New this year was a post-high school group, self-named "Extreme Youth." They had their own morning classes and then joined in afternoon adult classes. The programming for all age groups developed the theme, "A Wideness in God's Mercy," through arts, crafts, Bible study, film and drama.

The Rev. Susan Barnes from Baker City led innovative worship embracing all ages in the mornings and on Sunday and Thursday evenings. The other evenings, John Hasenjaeger coordinated worship services featuring music, especially jazz and Latin rhythms.

Lynn Sjolund brought together the choir in a remarkably short time to make beautiful music to enhance worship.



Conference keynoter Cynthia Campbell.

Besides excellent local presenters, Jerry Van Marter from the Presbyterian News Service and Dr. Marvin Chaney from San Francisco Theological Seminary led classes. "I can hardly wait for next year," was a common sentiment heard as people packed up to leave on Friday.

Next year's event is set for July 10-15 with Dr. Brett Webb-Mitchell as keynoter on the theme, "Life as Spiritual Pilgrimage."

In this issue...

Council Structure Change	p. 1
Summer Conference	p. 1
Bray Death Noted	p. 2
Voices	p. 3
Positively Presbyterian	p. 4
Jacksonville Groundbreaking	p. 5
Save That Date	p. 6
Prayer Calendars	p. 7
Southminster Drama Camp	p. 8
Camp Photos	p. 9
Peacemaking Award	p. 10
Council Structure	p. 11
Presbytery Highlights	p. 12
Open Churches	p. 12



Participants enjoy lemonade and conversation at break time.

New Council Structure, Membership Approved

With a unanimous vote, the presbytery put into place the final link in Discovering God's Call to the Presbytery of the Cascades—structure of our new Presbytery Council. See page 11 for details and a chart of council responsibilities.

In addition, presbytery elected the chairs of the four Support Committees:

- Congregational Support - Merle Bottge
- Professional Support - Judy Alford
- Relational Support - Bill Jackson
- Mission Support - Sid Birt

A Horizon Retreat, to be held August 27-28 at Central Presbyterian, Eugene, will bring together Council, Support Committee members, and the elected, program and support

staff of the presbytery for a time of mutual discernment and planning. The coming months will be an exciting challenge requiring a good deal of discernment as we move ahead. Please keep presbytery leaders in your prayers.

In his book, **Leading Change in the Congregation**, Gil Rendle writes:

"Discernment can be like driving an automobile at night: The headlights cast only enough light for us to see the next small bit of road immediately in front of us. Ultimately, discernment requires our willingness to act in faith on our sense of what God wants us to do."



OMNIBUS 9S(UPS 486-730) is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September and November by Cascades Presbytery, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., 0245 S.W. Bancroft St., Portland, OR 97201. Periodicals postage paid at Portland, OR and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to OMNIBUS, 0245 S.W. Bancroft St., Suite D, Portland, OR 97239

Bill Bray Death Noted

The Rev. William Phillip "Bill" Bray (HR) died June 3 in North Bend, Oregon, at the age of 73, according to a letter from Stated Clerk John Huenink.

Bill was born in Oklahoma on January 25, 1931. He received a B.A. degree from Linfield College in 1953 and a B.D. degree from Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley, CA, in 1958 (a degree which was later converted to M.Div.) degree. He received a D.D. degree from Thomas A. Edison College in 1978 and in later began a Ph.D. program in administration and evangelism at California Graduate School of Theology. He continued his education with attendance at a variety of seminars, extension courses, conferences, and institutes, including Interim Ministry specialist training.

Bill's professional ministries began with his ordination in 1956 as an American Baptist minister. He became a Presbyterian in 1974 and served pastorates at College Place Presbyterian Church in WA, Wallingford Presbyterian Church in Seattle and Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Burns, OR.

He served as Interim Pastor at First

Women's Gatherings Planned

The Presbyterian Women of the Cascades are planning three regional fall gatherings on the theme, "Listening to Women's Voices." The meetings are scheduled on Saturdays as follows:

Central Region—September 11 at First Presbyterian Church, Bend. Contact Lois McConnell, 541-997-8047, for further information.

South Region —September 25 at First

Presbyterian, Bandon, OR, as Stated Supply Pastor at First Presbyterian, Myrtle Point, OR, and as Interim Pastor at Okanogan Presbyterian in Washington.

Bill was honorably retired by the Presbytery of Central Washington in 1995 and again became a member of the Presbytery of the Cascades, living in Coos Bay and later North Bend and continued in professional service as Stated Supply Pastor at Lakeside Presbyterian. He became Parish Associate at First Presbyterian, North Bend, in 1999.

Bill was an active presbyter, primarily in areas related to stewardship, mission, evangelism, and church development. He was active in the work of his presbyteries, the synod, and the General Assembly Stewardship and Communication Unit. Bill was a commissioner to General Assembly in 1993.

Bill is survived by his wife, Alice, and by a son, Richard. He is remembered with fondness and appreciation by those congregations with whom he has served as friend and as pastor, and by countless others whose lives were touched by his life and ministries.

Presbyterian Church, Roseburg. Contact Barbara Peebles, 541-459-2673, for further information.

NE/NW Regions—October 16 at First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver. Contact Carolyn Berg, 503-641-1568, for further information. Jane Kirkpatrick, a noted author of historical fiction (with women as the main characters) and a Presbyterian elder, will be the keynote speaker.

Suitcase of Books Travels

A suitcase of children's books on peace-making is making the rounds of churches in the presbytery. Springwater, Estacada, received the suitcase just before spring break.

Because Springwater is a small church and "we like excuses to visit," their pastor, Eileen Parfrey, drove the books around to families at the beginning of the vacation, letting children choose some vacation reading.

"It was so much fun," she says, "to see the kids dive in. Some books were old favorites; others were brand new to them. There were so many different books, each child could pick and choose based on personal interests."

If your church has never taken advantage of this great resource, now might be the time to try it. If it has been a few years since you've seen it, it might be time to pass on these good books to the next group of kids. The books are beautiful, well written, and chal-


lenge us all to be peacemakers to the glory of God.

To access the suitcase, contact Don Shaw, Peacemaking Advocate and Hunger Action Enabler, at 503-235-7389.

Cascades Honored For Mission Support

Cascades Presbytery was honored as one of the Tom Ten Giving Presbyteries at the 216th General Assembly. The ten gave the most unrestricted funds to the Mission Partnership Giving of the Presbyterian Church.

In giving the awards, Vernon Carroll, chair of the General Assembly Mission Council, said, "Basic mission support allows us to put the church's dollars where they're needed most. Tonight we're celebrating those presbyteries that have given extraordinary support to the church."



Omnibus

Omnibus is published six times a year by the Presbytery of the Cascades for distribution to churches and individuals. Information about the Presbytery is also available on the web site: www.cascade-spresbytery.org. Omnibus welcomes news and views of the churches of Presbytery and all its readers. Send all communications to Nancy Gaston, Omnibus Editor, 12516 NE Fifth Court, Vancouver, WA 98685. (Tel. 360-574-0984, Fax 360-258-1573, Email nancyg57@attbi.com) Omnibus retains permission to modify submissions for clarity and space limitations. The media committee of Presbytery is the editorial board.

LOGOS Training Comes to Moreland, Portland

Moreland Presbyterian, Portland, has been selected by National LOGOS to be a training site for future LOGOS teachers and helpers. People from all over the US desiring to be trained will come for a three-day session August 20-22.

Trainers from national LOGOS will conduct the training seminars, and Moreland members are responsible for providing the space, food, snacks and housing. Hotel accommodations are available, as well as some housing with members of the congregation.

Moreland has operated a LOGOS after-school program for the past two years. Young people in first through seventh grades come for Bible study, worship skills, recreation and family time meals around a fun theme each week.

The heart of the LOGOS program is relationships—with God, across the generations and with one another. If your church is interested in attending the training at Moreland or other sites around the country please contact LOGOS System Associates at 877-937-2572.

Presbytery of the Cascades

VIDEO RESOURCE CENTER

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

You may reserve videos in person on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-4:30; by phone at 503-445-4999 or 866-200-8660, or by linking through the presbytery website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.



We are still ironing out some details on the new software program—it always takes much longer than one's original guesstimate! I'll put a BIG announcement on the presbytery website—www.cascadespresbytery.org—when it is truly done. Meanwhile, here are some new items you might be interested in previewing or watching.

LISTENING FOR GOD series: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith

Where do you listen for God? The challenge is to pay attention everywhere. These videos are intended to help readers investigate how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places. Contemporary American literature may not be the most predictable place to listen for God, but it may well turn out to be one of the most rewarding. The set consists of four videos, leaders' guides with session study plans and a booklet with author profiles and reflection questions. Each video is divided into eight sections. Some of the writers featured are: Garrison Keillor, Flannery O'Connor, John Updike and Tillie Olsen.

Anyone who cares about reaching young people with the good news of Jesus Christ should be interested in receiving **Cloud of Witnesses**. An audio journal on youth, church, and culture, it's free, distributed on CD, and produced by the Institute for Youth Ministry. Their hope is that the thought-provoking interviews, excellent sermons, and inspiring voices of scholars and pastors, youth and laypeople will feed your soul and encourage your passion for ministry.

Young Adult Ministry Digital Resource This resource, in a format appealing to young adults, offers an interactive look at issues of particular interest and concern. Includes direct web connections to offices within PC(USA). It's available free of charge and you can borrow our copy to see if you'd like to order one.

Have a blessed rest of the summer!
Cheers, **Maureen O'Rourke, Director**

Voices

“...the evil we deplore”

Congresswoman Barbara Lee and the Use of Force Resolution of September 2001

by Casey J. Sparks

Editor's Note: Casey is a recent high school graduate and a member of Tualatin Presbyterian. This essay took second place in the national JFK Profiles in Courage competition, which had over 2200 submissions.

Three days after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, thousands of Americans gathered at Washington National Cathedral on September 14, 2001, for a midday service in observance of the recently proclaimed National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. Among the crowd of dignitaries that filled the chamber on that beautiful Friday afternoon was a Democratic congresswoman from California, serving her second term in Congress. Her name was Barbara Lee, and within a few hours she would make history. For the moment, however, with the banners of their home states decorating the gothic arches that sprawled across the ceiling hundreds of feet above them, Congresswoman Lee and her colleagues sat in the intricately arranged rows of the old cathedral and mourned the unprecedented losses of life experienced earlier in the week.ⁱ

It was a “very painful yet beautiful memorial service,” she would later recall. It featured the Reverend Billy Graham and President Bush, who provided messages of consolation to those in attendance and those watching on television.ⁱⁱ Yet it was a short, solemn invocation, given by the dean of the cathedral soon after it began, that Lee found most comforting. “Let us . . . pray for Divine wisdom as our leaders consider the necessary actions for national security,” he intoned, “that despite our grief we may not become the evil we deplore.”ⁱⁱⁱ

Later that day the 107th Congress reconvened for the first time after the infamy of September 11th to consider a bill titled “Authorizing Use of United States Armed Forces Against Those Responsible for Recent Attacks Against the United States.” The piece of legislation, drafted in response to what was seen as an immediate threat to the security of our nation after the attacks, resolved that President Bush was “authorized to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons” determined, by his judgment as Commander-in-Chief, to have been responsible for the bloodshed of three days past.^{iv}

As what was then considered to be an appropriate course of action to take in the wake of a tragedy of such magnitude, it was presumed that it would pass by a wide margin. For five hours the House saw its Representatives take the floor, one after another, in a show of nearly unanimous support of the measure. All those present listened to the seemingly unending procession of speakers and felt their resolve strengthen, becoming certain of how they would vote when the hour came.^v

All, that is, but one.

Out of its 435 members, only one member stepped to the podium in the House chamber that afternoon to speak in opposition to the bill. Her name was Barbara Lee. The statement she gave was relatively simple in its message to all those gathered for the proceedings. But the impact it would have on all those who heard it that day, and all those who would hear it in the days and months to come, cannot be overstated:^{vi}

...This unspeakable attack on the

United States has forced me to rely on my moral compass, my conscience, and my God for direction...I am convinced that military action will not prevent further acts of international terrorism against the United States..However difficult this vote may be, some of us must urge the use of restraint..vii

Her action was far from unexpected; she had taken a stand against the use of force twice before during her Congressional tenure, including votes against formal authorization of military action in Iraq and against intervention in Yugoslavia, in 1998 and the following year. Taken together, however, these three votes amounted to unlikely destinations along the path chosen by the California congresswoman.^{viii}

The daughter of a lieutenant colonel in the army, Lee was born in Texas, moving further out west with her family at the age of nine. She went through the California school system, receiving awards from the Rotary Club and the Bank of America upon her graduation from high school. Choosing to stay within the Golden State for her undergraduate work, Lee attended Mills College, a private liberal-arts college in California's Bay Area. She then went to the University of California, Berkeley to pursue a graduate degree, founding a mental health center in the community during the course of her study. Her political career only began when she started working for Congressman Ronald V. Dellums.^{ix}

In Dellums, Lee had found the ideal boss, as he was someone who shared many of her interests and positions on key issues. She eventually became his chief of staff before branching off on her own in politics. Yet all the while she maintained her ties with Dellums, and when the congressman retired from his seat in 1998 she was his choice to continue to represent the people of Berkeley and north Oakland in Congress. Like Ron Dellums, she has had the opportunity to use her background as a social worker to solve many of the problems that continually face the people of her district. Among many other achievements, she has successfully provided access to health care, secured affordable housing, and by doing so helped to improve the quality of life in the communities of her constituents.^x

Congresswoman Lee would likely have told you, on September 14th that she was once again fighting for these very interests. She knew that her stance on this issue would yet again bring anger from many of her fellow citizens. What she didn't know, however, was that she would be the only one to hold this stance. Thus, she was largely unprepared for what was to come when she walked out of the House chamber after the 434-to-1 vote.^{xii}

The telephone system in Lee's Washington office ground to a halt immediately after the vote, inundated with calls from angry citizens from around the country. Death threats and irate missives were the norm for several weeks, as Congresswoman Lee braved the wrath of an angry citizenry under the 24-hour protection of the Capitol Police. But gradually, America's tidal wave of anger subsided to a trickle.^{xiii} And just as they had done in 2000 following her earlier votes of conscience, the voters of California's Ninth District overwhelmingly sent Barbara Lee back to Washington the following year, re-electing her to her third term with over eighty percent of the vote.^{xiv}

Realistically, the vote that Congresswoman

Lee cast that evening had little impact on the actions that were to be taken by the Bush administration in the months and years to come. It did little to alter the post-9/11 course of our nation toward foreign aggression; the War on Terror was launched in Afghanistan less than one month later. And as time went on and the nation's focus shifted to Iraq, Americans, by-and-large, forgot about the lone opposition of the gentlewoman from California.^{xv}

But Lee's purpose in voting against the Use of Force Resolution, of course, was not to keep us from going to war. She knew, even from her brief experience on the Hill and in international policy, that the country was already on the so-called “slippery slope” toward military action. Her purpose, rather, was to use her voting power as a U.S. Congresswoman to be true to her personal convictions and to show her inner courage, both as an individual and as a national leader. For Barbara Lee had then, and continues to have now, the very quality that is indescribably vital for the men and women in whom we place our trust to make responsible decisions on matters that will affect all of us. It is the quality of courage, the quality to which John F. Kennedy (1955) was referring when he wrote of those who “will be able to keep alive the spirit of individualism and dissent which gave birth to this nation, nourished it as an infant and carried it through its severest tests upon the attainment of its maturity” (pg. 17).^{xvi}

Congresswoman Barbara Lee acted with true courage during the week that changed America, and the words she spoke at the conclusion of her brief address will surely echo in the minds of all those who choose to follow her footsteps in the years to come: “As a member of the clergy so eloquently said, ‘As we act, let us not become the evil that we deplore.’”

- i The details painted here come from observations I made during a visit to the landmark in July 2003.
- ii As described by Rep. Lee on the House floor later that evening.
- iii His words were found by accessing the official program of the service, at the page listed in the website of the Washington National Cathedral.
- iv Information gathered from text of bill, which can be found under titles of both H5638 and S23 (House and Senate versions) but which was accessed within the version presented to Lee (in the House), as listed.
- v Determined by studying record of House proceedings for that day, as found in the online version of the Congressional Record.
- vi Ibid.
- vii Taken from Lee's statement that evening, as cited earlier.
- viii In Hogan's interview with Lee in online version of Mother Jones magazine.
- ix From Lee's official House biography, taken from her Congressional website.
- 1 Ibid
- x Ibid.
- xi Recorded in the official proceedings from that evening, as cited in the Congressional Record.
- xii From Hogan's Mother Jones interview.
- xiii Found in the results of the 2002 general election in the state of California, as published on the website of their Sec. of State.
- xiv Information gathered from a website on current military policy in the War on Terror, as listed here.
- xv Kennedy's Profiles in Courage, the source of inspiration that I used for, and the guide in terms of style and content that I used during, the writing of this essay.

Positively Presbyterian

South Region

Ann Moore, Reporting

Editor's Note: We welcome Ann as the new reporter for the South Region)

An interruption in the middle of the benediction at **First, North Bend**, surprised the Rev. Dan Myers and began the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination. Dan graduated from Whitworth, studied for the ministry at Fuller Seminary, and was ordained in June 1974 at First, El Monte, California. He served churches in Walla Walla, Washington, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Boyden, Iowa before starting at North Bend in 1986. He earned his doctorate in ministry from Fuller in 1991.

Dana Perreard, newly installed pastor at **Community, Oakland**, was attracted to that church in 1989 as part of a youth mission team from First, Bend. The teenagers taught Vacation Bible School. The Rev. Perreard is a May 2004 graduate of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Bethany, Grants Pass, has the Holy Rovers who gather for monthly campouts. The trips happen from April through October and last 3-5 days. Anyone in the church with a recreational vehicle is invited. The Rovers visited Griffin Park, Indian Mary Park, Lake Selmac, Farewell Bend, Charleston, the Oregon Coast and Roseburg.

Youth by the hundreds headed for Mexico mission work in June. Over 150 young people and adults from **First, Gold Beach; Bethany Lutheran, Gold Beach** and **Westminster, Medford**, built houses in a joint project. **First, Jacksonville**, also sent a team of over 100 students who worked at a different site. The work was coordinated by Amor Ministries, which has permanent staff in Mexico to find sites, gather building materials and work with local pastors to find families who need housing. The students worked at LaGloria, outside of Rosarito on the outskirts of Tijuana.

Northeast Region

Ken Rolph, Reporting

Grief and healing were recent topics of Northeast newsletters—ironically prior to the death of President Reagan. Elder Pam Stover, ARNP, Health and Healing Chair at **Cascades, Vancouver**, wrote about dealing with loss and grief and dealing with difficult situations. She noted the five stage of grief: denial, bargaining, anger, depression and acceptance.

David Hampton stated in a recent sermon that the way to help each other heal is to partner with each other, support one another, and walk with one another. Other tips by Pam are to encourage each other, talk about feelings, listen with your heart, and don't minimize the other person's feelings.

The **Laurelhurst, Portland**, newsletter related a story from author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia, who was once asked to judge a contest. The purpose of the competition was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year-old child whose neighbor, an elderly gentleman, had just lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the gentleman's yard, climbed on his lap and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy replied, "Nothing. I just helped him cry."

Pastor David Dornack of **Rose City Park**,

Portland, attended the General Assembly in Richmond, VA. He was part of the GA staff, serving as resource person for the Health Committee on Reproduction Rights. He served in this capacity on behalf of the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association.

As reported in the last issue, Pastor Marten of **First, Oregon City**, was headed to Moscow to teach at the International Leadership Academy. He emailed the church about his experiences. He noted that shopping was pretty good but he didn't see many locals buying anything. There are now McDonald's restaurants, of course, but profits cannot be sent out of the country in cash. Instead, Russian goods are bought, shipped to the U.S. and sold. The average monthly income in Russia is about \$200.

It all started in 1970 when then-assistant pastor Chris Keasting took nineteen young people from **Columbia, Vancouver**, to Halfway, OR, where they spent a week siding the church's Christian education building. The tradition continues 34 years later. This year's trip is to Miracle Ranch Orphanage in Mexico, with 64 youth and 22 leaders in the group.

Members of **Colonial Heights, Portland**, helped establish a community garden on church property. The harvest will go to Daybreak Shelter and other agencies in need of emergency food supplies.

Eastminster, Portland, located near Parkrose High School, reports that families of the school district speak 29 distinct languages in their homes. Parkrose High students are 64% Caucasian (including 8% Eastern European), 11% African American, 2% Native American, 16% Asian and 8% Hispanic. This represents a change from 90% Caucasian as recently as 1990.

Omnibus editor and reporter Nancy Gaston was recently elected a deacon at First, Vancouver.

Central Region

Bill Dittler, Reporting

Faith Notes, the newsletter for **First, Bend**, carried an invitation to Java Jam. The instrumental group for the contemporary service, Vital Signs, presented an evening of "Music and dancing with your favorite cup of Joe." The Congregational Life Committee served a sausage dinner and the band played on.

Memorial Day was observed at **First, Woodburn**, with the sharing of a banner that had hung in the church during WW II. The First News reported that Jean Koch had been storing the banner, which displays blue stars for those serving in the armed forces and three gold stars for those killed in action.

In the **Prineville Reflections**, Pastor Cheryl Bourne gave a progress report on the community garden being developed on church property. The goal is to have 36 plots, each 10 by 10 feet, producing during this growing season.

In May, the congregation of Oakville Willamette United Presbyterian Church voted to change its name to **Oakville Presbyterian Church**. The action changed neither the identity nor the denominational status of the church, but simply made its name less cumbersome.

At **Peace, Eugene**, a book discussion group meets regularly through the summer.

The Peace Dove indicated that there are opportunities on Sunday and Wednesday to study the book, *How to be a Presbyterian in the Bible Belt: A Survival Guide*.

"Preposterous Presbyterians" is the name of the softball team of **Lebanon Presbyterian**. An article in *Presbyterian Pursuits* urged support of the team—support apparently needed as the record at press time for the team was 0-5-1.

McKenzie Meals is a program of the **McKenzie Valley** church. *The Covered Bridge* reports that a recent cooking session resulted in 83 meals being prepared and frozen. These meals of chicken, pork and salmon will be distributed to homebound folks and those who can no longer cook for themselves.

First, McMinnville, had a table of Presbyterians at the Habitat for Humanity Dream Builders Breakfast. Pledges enabled the church to participate in the Apostles Build program that involves community churches in financing and building a home for a needy family.

A new mission statement has been adopted by the session of **Community, Lebanon**. It takes the form of an acronym based on the word GROWS:

"CPC is a church that GROWS:

- G**lorifies God in worship and prayer;
- R**elates people together in love;
- O**ffers an invitation to know and serve Jesus Christ;
- W**orks to help believers mature in their faith and
- S**ends them out in ministry and mission in the power of the Spirit."

Pastor Don Taylor shared these words in his column, "Pastor's Pencil," in the newsletter of the **Newport** church:

"Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12)

"There is no single instance in history in which civil liberty was lost and religious liberty preserved entire." —John Witherspoon

Northwest Region

Nancy Gaston, Reporting

Pastor Bob and Debbie Sanders are on a summer sabbatical from **Lake Grove, Lake Oswego**. The three months away comes on the thirtieth anniversary of the couple's marriage and Bob's ordination.

Sunset, Portland, has welcomed Jenni Clayville to their Student Ministry staff to oversee worship, technical arts and weekly events and camps.

The newsletter of **Bethany, Portland**, reports on a national study that shows that a majority of persons who leave churches do so within their first year, citing as a reason that they "do not feel wanted."

The intriguingly named "*Angels Hiking and Eating Society*" of **St. Andrew's, Portland**, has a weekly Bible study besides the outings implied by their name. They apparently have some angelic standards for their activities as they recently cancelled a visit to a balloon festival because the balloons took off at the "ungodly hour of 7 a.m."

Jeremy West, a Princeton seminarian from **Tualatin Plains Presbyterian** shared this tongue-in-cheek observation in a letter to the congregation: "Our seminary president, Tom Gillespie, told us that 'B' students make the best pastors because they like people too

Continued on page 6

Jacksonville Construction Finally Begins

The waiting is over at last for First, Jacksonville. On rock-hard turf at the edge of a subdivision, the congregation broke ground June 27 for their church campus.

Pastor Larry Jung noted it was eight years ago that the congregation held their first prayer meeting on the site. The land had been earmarked for a church when the property was purchased, but squabbles over land use regulations sent the building plan through years of appeals and remands.

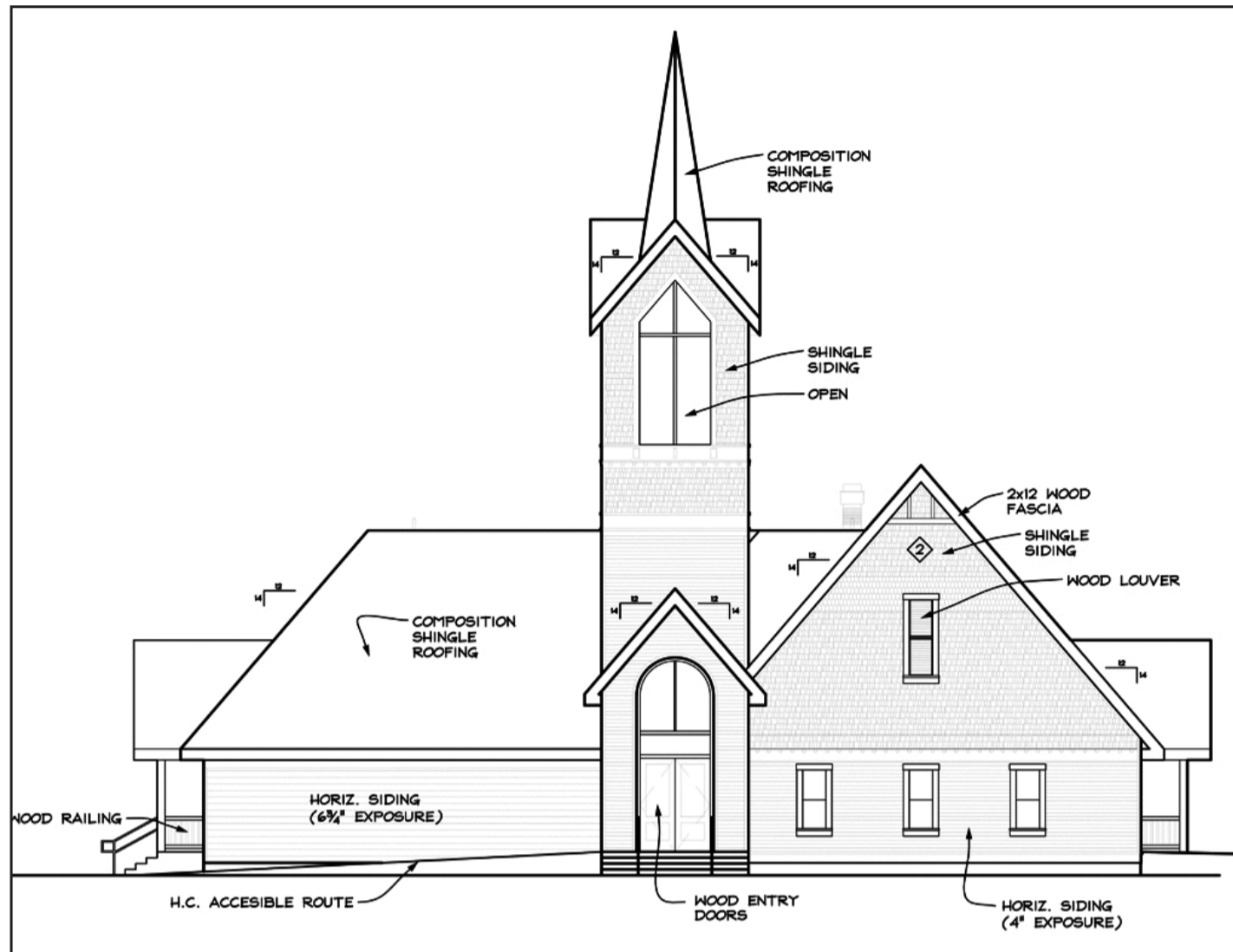
Jacksonville, a historic mining town that sprang to life in 1852, is on the National Register of Historic Places. First Presbyterian was organized in 1857 and the present building on California Street was erected in 1879 with a sanctuary that seats 125. To accommodate church growth, they hold a 9:00 a.m. family service at nearby Cascade Christian High School, averaging 320 worshippers. The old sanctuary is home to a traditional service at 11:00 a.m. that draws about 80.

The ten-acre new church property is within walking distance of the old church and the high school. The Rev. Jung said the congregation is negotiating with an adjacent orchard owner to obtain alternate access to the site so church traffic will not disrupt subdivision neighbors.

The June groundbreaking, in addition to near-futile attempts to turn the sun-dried earth and a dedicatory prayer, included a children's bell choir playing "Battle Hymn of the

Republic" followed by the congregation singing the Doxology. All adjourned to the old

church grounds for a celebratory barbecue.



The plan: A traditional church building flanked by office and classroom structures will be clustered on a campus with parking to the rear.



Shovelers ready to penetrate the rock-hard soil included Kathy Hoskins, building committee; Dick Hein, a long-time member; Sara Christian, Christian education; Ray Lux, Presbytery; Joan Schultz, Presbyterian Women; Mona Hartman, building committee; Cal Pypal, chair of the building committee; Reid Murphy, contractor; Larry Jung, pastor; Ben Beecher, youth.



The children's bell choir performs as shovel wielders rest.

Woodburn Church Shares Facility

First Presbyterian, Woodburn, has leased its facilities to a local Hispanic Church of God congregation, reports interim pastor Deborah Blair. The Church of God members use some church facilities throughout the week, holding their main worship services on Saturday night and on Sunday afternoon. They hold prayer meetings Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights in a classroom and keep their musical equipment in a church storage room.

"There are now two signs outside our church that announce that the Iglesia de Dios Bethel meets inside on various days," explains Pastor Blair. "The members of this small congregation have cleaned up around our proper-

ty which abuts two very busy roads and accumulates discarded paper, hubcaps, paper cups and such. They planted flowers in front of our wood church sign."

This facility-sharing arrangement is a step towards the church modeling cross-cultural Christian fellowship. As a practical matter, the two congregations do not worship together as the Church of God services are in Spanish and in the Pentecostal tradition. "But the important thing," says Blair, "is that we are getting to know each other, respect and appreciate each other. The smiles alone that pass between us when words can not convey meaning are wonderful."

News Notes

Recovering God's Gift of Rest, a guided retreat with the Rev. Christine Haig, will be held August 15-20 at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. For more information on this Companions on the Inner Way event, contact Joan Currey at 415-235-1027 or j-currey@pacbell.net.

Clatskanie Chamber of Commerce received word that Clatskanie has been selected as "One of America's 50 Best Small Towns" by the nationally circulated newspaper, USA Today. Bumper stickers celebrating Clatskanie's new status will be available in the near future from the Chamber of Commerce, according to Chamber President Debi Smiley.

Want to Plan a Mission Trip?

By Gretchen Williver

Editor's Note: The purpose of this article is to describe the planning process involved and the resources available from PC(USA) for mission trips. For more information, call Gretchen Williver at 541-382-1842 or Roula Alkhouri at 541-382-4401.

On Easter Sunday, twelve people from First Presbyterian, Bend, began a two-week sojourn in the Middle East—Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. This culmination of a six-month process turned out to be a wonderfully educational trip for all of us.

We had started by calling an informational meeting to test interest and set some broad parameters—how long should we be gone, when should we go, what countries would we visit, what did we most hope to learn? Encouraged by the response, we contacted the PC(USA) director for the Middle East and Europe (part of World Wide Ministries Division). He advised about things not to miss, safety, and a travel agent who would work with us. Most important of all, he put us in touch (by email and telephone) with two PC(USA) liaison persons—one who works in Israel/Palestine and the other in Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.

Working with travel agents in each of their areas, these contact people provided us with

an accurate estimate of the cost of hotels, two meals a day and transportation within the countries. Using those facts and information provided by the travel agent, we arrived at an estimated cost of \$3000. We asked those who were serious about going to complete an application and make a \$250 deposit. As money was needed, first for the airfare and later for hotel, meal and transportation costs, participants paid in increments.

We met weekly from January to our departure time to study the history and culture of the Middle East so we would be as well informed as possible. Our Syrian-born pastor (the trip leader) led this study, and we invited members of the congregation to attend. We also found resource folks among the congregation—people who had studied the Middle East in depth or who had previously traveled there.

We located a number of good resources for mission teams and study tours available from Louisville—one of the best being a handbook entitled "When God's People Travel Together."

We asked for the balance of the \$3000, bought cashier's checks for the fixed amounts due travel agents and turned the rest into traveler's checks. We had decided that one person would hold the common purse and pay for all lunches and group activities. (It turned out that we had money left over and were able to refund \$200 to each person.)

Off we went on an almost flawless trip. At 4:00 a.m., 36 hours after departure, a bus from the Tel Aviv airport delivered a very sleepy group to a charming old hotel in the Old City of Jerusalem for the beginning of a wonderful, intense adventure.

GA Elects Arizona Elder as Moderator

Elder Rick Ufford-Chase, a border mission worker from Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona, was elected moderator of the 216th General Assembly. He will be the first PC(USA) moderator to serve for two years because General Assembly meets now only in alternate years.

Ufford-Chase founded BorderLinks, a bi-national organization connecting and educating people of faith on both sides of the Mexican border, and has served the organization for 17 years.

Elder Bob Rasmussen from Valley Community, Portland, one of our presbytery's commissioners to GA, reported from the meeting: "There were three very well qualified candidates for moderator.... All three were well-spoken and would have done well.. "One of the candidates soon gained my increasing attention. Rick Ufford-Chase is forty years old, an Elder, not a pastor, and full of energy. He has been leading a mission organization that ministers across the US-Mexico border. He projected a youthful, compassionate, mission-focused approach, very much about being the hands of Jesus in this place and time. He is intelligent, dynamic, and articulate. He clearly was a favorite among the youth and seminarians."

Kirkpatrick Re-elected

The GA elected Clifton Kirkpatrick to his fourth term as the stated clerk of our national body. With three evangelical challengers, Kirkpatrick won on the first ballot with 66 percent of the vote. His total was 349, his closest challenger garnering 137 votes.

Ordination of Gays and Lesbians Fails

A compromise proposal narrowly failed, leaving the 1979 language on the issue in place. Cathy Quackenbush, a commissioner from our presbytery who served on the committee examining this issue, reports that 52 persons testified—an equal number for and against changing the current authoritative interpretation—and that listening to their testimony was "gut wrenching." The 52 were chosen by lottery from over 150 applicants.

Rasmussen reported on the aftermath of the decision in these words:

"After adjournment for the night, there was an unofficial gathering on the plaza outside for those who had lost on this issue. Regardless of your opinion, I urge you to consider this: It is a stunning thing to see young people weeping because they are not allowed to serve God and their church to the full extent to which they believe they have been called, because of a condition that they believe they have been born with."



Elder Rick Ufford-Chase

Postively Presbyterian

Continued from page 4.

much to spend too much time studying. I regret to say that my GPA was over 3.8 for the first semester, so I have worked hard to bring that down..and a 3.0 may be well within my grasp by next year."

"Our job is to orient people to reality." John Dilworth shared that quote with the people of **Multnomah, Portland**. He added this commentary: "Reality is so much greater and grander than anything we can imagine... Jesus opened a whole new dimension of reality to us."

The Endowment Committee of **Calvin, Tigard**, recently awarded sixteen grants totaling about \$14,000 for causes ranging from a health ministry team to sanctuary lighting.

The Rev. Ben Paroulek is the liaison from the presbytery's Congregational Transformation Task Force to the **Plymouth, St. Helen's** congregation. "We believe God is calling us to stronger faith, new vision and greater outreach to the community," says Plymouth pastor Marilyn Allen.

SAVE That DATE!

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



August 27-28

Horizon Retreat (Friday and Saturday)

At Central, Eugene. First gathering of the new Council and members of the four Support Committees to begin the new structure under Discovering God's Call for the Presbytery of the Cascades.

September 20-21

"Small Church Pastoral Leadership"

With Diana Stephen of GA staff on the beautiful Oregon coast at Community Presbyterian, Yachats. Call 800-926-3223 for information.

October 8-9

Middle School Mania (Friday and Saturday)

October 14

Church Transformation Conference at Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Keynote speaker: Alice Mann, Alban Institute Senior Consultant and author. For information call 800-926-3223.

November 5-6

"You Are Not Alone" Caregiver Conference at Lake Grove Presbyterian, Lake Oswego

For family caregivers, care providers, nurses, parish nurses, clergy, deacons. Two nationally known keynoters and 20 workshops. Scholarships and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) available. For information call Marian George, 503-232-3457 or visit www.newcaredirections.org.

November 12-13

Stated meeting of Presbytery, First, Portland.



Prayer Calender

The Theology, Spirituality and Worship 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.

September 2004

- 1 Norman E. Austin, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1996, serving as parish associate at Westminster, Salem • Charles F. Falconer, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999 • Walter H. Gray, granted Honorably Retired Status this day in 1980 • Richard L. Clippinger, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1999
- 2 Community Presbyterian, Oakland - chartered this month in 1943 • Denny Fullerton, children's educator, First, Klamath Falls
- 3 Rolland C. "Ron" Carter ordained this day in 1955, serving as stated supply pastor at Nestucca Valley, Pacific City • Vera Grasser, administrative assistant, Presbytery of the Cascades, NE region
- 4 Peter B. Hutton, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1991, serving as parish associate at First, Corvallis
- 5 Committee on Ministry Northwest region, John M. Salmon, Chair • Henry "Tim" Lowe, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1996
- 6 Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst, Portland - chartered this day in 1892
- 7 Committee on Ministry - Central Region, David W. Allison, Chair
- 8 Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Roger Smith, Chair
- 9 William D. Russell, installed as pastor of Covenant, Gresham, this day in 1990
- 10 Christopher E. von Lobedan, installed as pastor of First, Coos Bay, this day in 1995 • Craig S. Roberts, ordained this day in 1995, to mission work in Japan • George M. Shuman, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1975, serving as parish associate at Southminster, Beaverton
- 11 Theodore W. Buck, ordained this day in 1983 • Richard C. Wiggers, ordained this day in 1983, serving as interim pastor at Calvin, Tigard
- 12 Roger J. Newell, ordained this month in 1984, serving as professor at George Fox University • Bea Genevro, Certified Christian Educator
- 13 Richard P. Zimmerman, installed as pastor of Tualatin Plains, Hillsboro, this day in 1998
- 14 Jenny Holmes, Restoring Creation Enabler for Cascades Presbytery • Constance S. Wilkerson, ordained this day in 1994, serving as Associate for Children's & Youth Ministries, St. Mark's Episcopal, Medford • Elizabeth T. Boatwright installed as associate pastor of Lake Grove, Lake Oswego, this day in 2003
- 15 D. Hugh Peniston, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1983 • Peter Santucci, installed as pastor of First, Lebanon, this day in 2002 • Barbara Schact, ordained this day in 1990, serving as interim pastor at First, Klamath Falls
- 16 David P. Prichard, installed as pastor of First, Astoria, this day in 2001 • David M. Crow, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2003, serving as Interim Co-Pastor of the International Church of Stavanger, Norway
- 17 Kenneth "Woodley" M. White, installed as pastor of Milwaukie Presbyterian this day in 1995 • Presbytery Council meets today and tomorrow, Sharon Hasenjaeger, chair
- 18 W. Scott Dalgarno, installed as pastor of First, Ashland, this day in 1994
- 19 Pioneer Presbyterian on Clatsop Plains, Warrenton - chartered this day in 1846 • David C. Dornack, installed as pastor of Rose City Park, Portland, this day in 1999
- 20 C. Harold Van Zee, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1983

- 21 Racial Ethnic Ministries & Justice Committee, J. Philip Park, Chair
- 22 James P. Freda, ordained this day in 1970 • Liz Smith, youth worker, Valley Community, Portland
- 23 Howard V. Hannon, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1987 • Karen S. Pollan, installed as associate pastor of First, Salem, this day in 2001
- 24 Catherine R. & Paul M. Quackenbush, installed as pastors of Emmanuel, Church, West Linn, this day in 1995 • Diane M. Bagues, ordained this day in 1989, serving as Hospice Chaplain, Visiting Nurse Association • Bruce R. Silver, installed as associate pastor of Westminster, Medford, this day in 2000 • First Presbyterian, Corvallis - chartered this day in 1853
- 25 Brian Craker, Christian Educator (Mid High) Lake Grove, Lake Oswego
- 26 Philip U. Martin, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1990 • Holly Hayes Lucas, ordained this day in 1993
- 27 Jennifer A. Butler, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Eugene, this day in 1992
- 28 Westminster, Eugene - chartered this day in 1952 • Donald M. Ludwig, ordained this date in 1997
- 29 Bruce J. Marten, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Oregon City, this day in 1996 • Debbie R. Blane, ordained this day in 2002
- 30 William F. Dittler, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1994 • William E. Barlow, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 2000, serving as parish associate at First, Dallas • Patricia E. Vanderpol, ordained this day in 1984

October 2004

- 1 James A. McAllister, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1982 • Fran Royston, interim administrative associate, NW region office
- 2 Jennifer Hampton, candidate for the ministry, Emmanuel, West Linn
- 3 Lorraine R. Stuart, ordained this day in 1982
- 4 Plymouth Presbyterian, St. Helens - chartered this day in 1959
- 5 Doris Marsh, children's ministry, Lake Grove, Lake Oswego • Lloyd "Buck" Tohill, commissioned this day in 2003, serving as Commissioned Lay Pastor, Olivet Presbyterian, Glendale
- 6 Dora Greening, children's educator, Community Presbyterian Church, Sandy
- 7 Richard L. Olson, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Gold Beach, this day in 2001
- 8 James R. Howe, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Waldport, this day in 1995 • Bruce C. Armstrong, installed as associate pastor of Columbia, Vancouver, this day in 2000
- 9 Mt. Scott Presbyterian, Portland - chartered in 1906 • Synod of the Pacific meets this day through October 11
- 10 John Ewing, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1984
- 11 David Heater, children's & youth educator, First Presbyterian, Newport
- 12 Alvin E. Fischer granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1996 • Christian Guidry, youth worker, Hillsboro Presbyterian
- 13 David R. Allison, ordained this day in 1985, serving as parish associate at Central Presbyterian, Eugene
- 14 Permanent Judicial Commission - Richard Paul, chair • Lori Wallick, youth worker, Emmanuel, West Linn

- 15 William P. Borgman, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1993, serving as parish associate, Community Presbyterian, Waldport
- 16 Peter J. Blank, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Newberg, this day in 1994 • M. Ann Bowersox, ordained this day in 1983, serving as campus pastor, University of Oregon
- 17 George M. Furniss, ordained this day in 1976, serving as parish associate at Westminster, Eugene • Robert D. Stone, installed as pastor of Community Presbyterian, Moro, this day in 1999
- 18 Brownsville United Presbyterian - chartered this day in 1857 • Kenilworth Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1908 • Korean Presbyterian, Corvallis - chartered this day in 1999 • David Kwang Rae Park, installed as pastor of Korean Presbyterian, Corvallis, this day in 1999
- 19 Linda C. Stewart-Kalen, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Myrtle Point, this day in 1997 • Patricia M. & Thomas C. Campbell-Schmitt, installed as co-pastors of St. Andrews, Portland, on this day in 2003
- 20 Cynthia J. O'Brien, installed as pastor of Smith Memorial Presbyterian, Fairview, this day in 1996
- 21 Anne Stewart Miller, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2001 • Thomas C. Nolen, installed as associate pastor of First Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 2001
- 22 First Presbyterian, Mill City - chartered this day in 1894 • Reedville Presbyterian, Aloha - chartered this day in 1908
- 23 First Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1854 • Joyce L. DeGraaff, installed as pastor of First Presbyterian, Medford, this day in 1994
- 24 Willis O. Case, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1982 • Aaron J. Beaty, installed as associate pastor of Bethany Presbyterian, Portland, this day in 1999
- 25 Valley Community Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1942
- 26 W. Daniel Klingler, granted Honorably Retired status this month in 1999 • Roberta D. "Bobi" Souder, ordained this day in 1997 • Christopher L. Ward, installed as associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian, Medford, this day in 2003
- 27 Columbia Presbyterian, Vancouver - chartered this day in 1954
- 28 Karen C. Fortlander, ordained this day in 1990 • Andrew A. Plocher, inquirer for the ministry, First Presbyterian, Corvallis
- 29 First Presbyterian, Oregon City - chartered this day in 1888 • Emmanuel Presbyterian, West Linn - chartered this day in 1961
- 30 David E. Buzza, granted Honorably Retired status this day in 1980
- 31 Eastminster Presbyterian, Portland - chartered this day in 1954



Register for events on line at
www.cascadespresbytery.org

Southminster Holds Multicultural Camp

By Peg Pfaf

The grants from the General Assembly and the Southminster Foundation were approved. The teachers and aides were hired; publicity distributed. But two weeks before the start of the Arte/Musica/Teatro (Art/Music/ Drama) Camp only ten children were registered, and our goal was thirty. Panic time? Prayer time! Time to remember we are a faith community; if we do our part the Spirit will ensure the best possible outcome.

Actual participation was 37 children! They were a very diverse group: Latino, Liberian, Indonesian-Japanese and European-American; 70% of the children were from non-Southminster families; ten were on scholarship. Most of the Latino children attend the neighborhood school and live within two miles of the church.

The camp staff brought energy, excitement, and expertise. Most teachers and aides were fluent in Spanish and English. One teacher had grown up in Ecuador and had a fine arts degree; one had worked with street children in Guatemala; another taught at a suburban school. The aides had experience in Ecuador and Venezuela. Three were young people from Southminster, two of them taking high-school Spanish. And, of course, church staff and members were involved each day.

Most importantly, the kids had fun! They thoroughly enjoyed creative expression in a safe, caring and culturally diverse environment. Friendships were made; children met others who would be classmates at the neighborhood school next fall. At the parents' reception on the last day, families were sharing phone numbers and talking about play dates. And the church has begun to form some relationships with the rapidly growing Latino community in Beaverton.

We learned a great deal from this first-time camp:

It was extremely important to have teachers and aides who are fluent in Spanish, even though all of the children spoke English.

DEQ or Church Folks in Worship?

By Leon Bolen

Editor's Note: This is one of a continuing series of articles solicited by the Opening Doors Task Force of the presbytery, concerned with making our churches accessible to all.

It is a glorious Easter Sunday morning. Across the back of the chancel an array of dozens of memorial lilies is in full bloom. Suddenly, after the choir anthem and midway through the reading of the Gospel, Martha in the soprano section begins to cough. Grasping at her throat, she hurriedly exits the chancel back door and does not return for the balance of the service.

Anne in the alto section has a different problem. She gets a whiff of Old Spice, an after-shave lotion favored by some men. She is tempted to follow Maggie for she has no tolerance for such a scent. Similarly, some folks don't do well when the pungent fragrance of a very strong perfume comes their way.

It is a Sunday morning with a guest preacher in the pulpit. He has delivered only point one of his three-point sermon when his eyes begin to water. He reaches for his handkerchief, removes his glasses, dabs at his eyes, blows his nose as gracefully and possible and plows on.

He has hardly pocketed the handkerchief when he begins to cough. Finally, his gravelly voice quits and....he is through. His respiratory sensitivity to the gorgeous bouquet of fully



Camp participants make beautiful music together with voices and instruments.

Latino parents, even English speakers, visibly relaxed when the staff communicated in Spanish. And the use of both languages encouraged all the children to value cultural diversity.

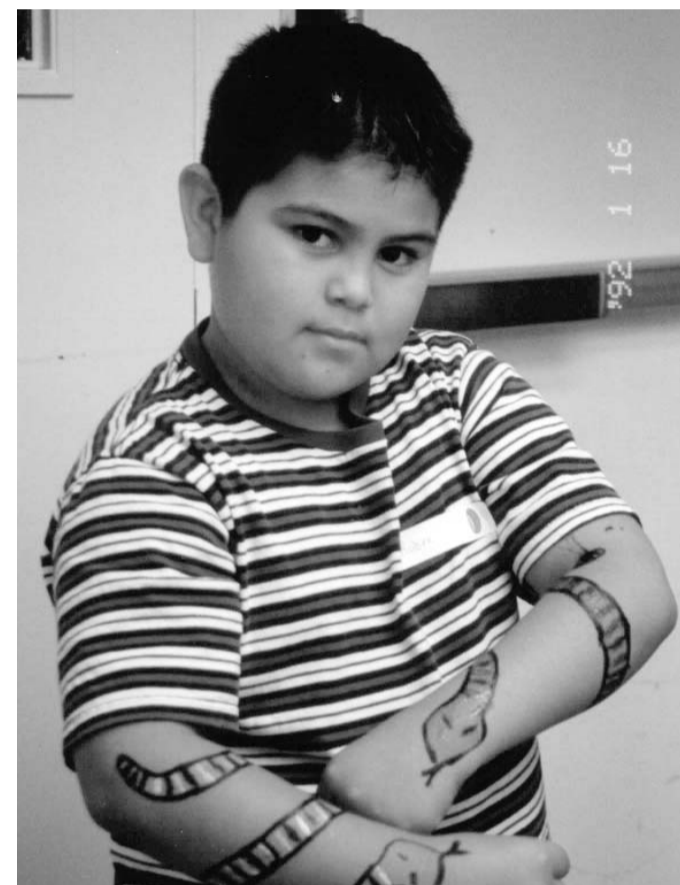
Personal invitations were definitely the best way to encourage families to participate.

Our local school works very hard to provide creative and nurturing activities for its students (many of them low-income). School staff are helpful to groups who want to provide enrichment activities (provided, of course, we are sensitive to church-state separation policies)

Outreach programs that build on the values and traditions of the congregation (for Southminster—art, music, commitment to children and diversity) provide an easy way to build excitement and ownership within the congregation.

This program idea was born from Jack Hodges' challenge to Southminster to "nest" an Hispanic congregation. While we felt unable to take on such a major commitment now, this camp provided a starting point to build relationships within the Latino community, in a way that felt congruent with our

congregation's identity. It was great fun—and we're already excited about next year's camp!



Sometimes an art project can be right on your body.

blooming lilacs, placed just below the pulpit, has taken its toll.

Perhaps in the restrooms of your church there may be highly scented hand soaps or scent-emitting mechanisms placed there by custodians with good intentions and designed to mask odors.

In the Old Testament are references almost too numerous to count about burnt offerings. If your olfactory senses have ever been assaulted by the essence of a food product left too long over the heat, you would question why anyone would think the odors of such would be pleasing, even to God.

Cleansing agents in the rest rooms are necessary. Flowers in our places of worship are

Tualatin Church Receives Calvin Institute Grant

Tualatin Presbyterian Church has received a grant for a congregation wide exploration of worship renewal through visual art. The grant was awarded by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Over the next year, members of the church will plan, produce and evaluate a variety of visual arts projects designed to enhance the worship experience.

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship grant program, in its fifth year, generated interest from nearly every part of North America and from many denominations. Almost 200 proposals came from 26 denominations, 40 states and three provinces. This

as commonplace as they are appropriate. Banishing flowers from our worship will never come to pass. That kind of radical change won't fly. (Remember, the only party who really welcomes change is a wet baby!) However, let us be aware and caring for those who have respiratory and allergy-related sensitivities more acute than our own. And ladies, think twice before you reach for that bottle of Chanel #5, or gentlemen, ditto, no matter how sexy and masculine you think Old Spice may be.

For those with extreme respiratory or allergy-related sensitivities air quality in the worship setting may be of critical importance. DEQ probably doesn't know or care. We ought to.

year the institute awarded more than \$700,000 to 56 churches and organizations.

"We have learned through the grant program that as congregations seek to renew worship, they reflect on their worship experiences, discover the meaning of new and familiar expressions of worship, and develop habits that continue the process of renewal for many years," said Betty Grit, Program Manager of the Worship Renewal Grants Program.

Funds for the program were provided through a grant from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, Inc. Founded in 1937, the Endowment's major areas of concern are community development, education and religion.

Caught by the Camera at Camp

With presbytery summer camp season in full swing, campers have been having fun and learning together. These images capture some of the wide variety of persons and activities.



A donkey ride is a highlight of Mom and Me Camp.



Third and fourth grade campers build edible houses.

News Briefs

Items gleaned from the *Omnibus* mail include these:

Spencer Parks was elected Associate Pastor for Retreat and Conference Ministries/Executive Director of Menucha, the conference center owned by First, Portland. Spencer and his wife, Sarah, are looking forward to working at the popular retreat center in the Columbia Gorge.

Realizing the Sacred Through Participation in the Arts, a focused study for individual spiritual growth through painting, drama and musical composition, is slated for Menucha October 1-4. Nationally known faculty in ecclesiastical arts, painting, composition and drama are the leaders. Call 503-228-7331 or visit the web site www.fpcpdx.org for information and an enrollment form.

EMO's shared housing program has been awarded a \$12,000 grant by the city of Portland for a pilot program. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will match homeowners needing housekeeping, meal preparation or home maintenance assistance with homeshare partners who can provide the services.

Cook College and Theological School of Tempe, Arizona, received a \$10,000 grant for its student food pantry from the Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women. Many "culturally rich but economically poor" Native American students are enrolled at this racial/ethnic schools of the PC(USA).

Spirituality and Leadership: The Path of Contemplative Dialogue, a "training process for tending the spirit of communities and organizations, will be offered in Colorado Springs August 6-10. To learn about this and other locations for the training, visit www.the-yardleygroup.com.

The Rev. Scott Dalgarno of First, Ashland, has received a 2004 Sabbatical Grant from The Louisville Institute (through the Lilly Foundation) for his project entitled, "Exploring a Call Within the Call to Write." The grants are designed to "enable pastoral leaders to have the opportunity for a sustained period of study and reflection." For more information on the sabbatical program, visit www.louisville-institute.org.



Fishing Camp participants show off their catch.



Counselors in Training (CIT) Camp participants, staff and mascot

Roula Alkhouri Awarded Peace Plate

Roula Alkhouri, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian, Bend, was honored with the Presbytery of the Cascades Peace Plate Award at the June meeting of the presbytery in Grants Pass. The statement of award outlines Roula's many accomplishments in promoting the cause of peace:

"Roula Alkhouri has been an effective promoter of peace at three levels – locally, nationally, and internationally.

"Locally, she supported the Coalition for Human Dignity and the community college in promoting respect and nondiscrimination for people regardless of their sex, national origin, marital status, or sexual orientation. The city of Bend will be passing an ordinance to support that stance and Roula was involved in public hearings on this action. Also, she has been supportive of local peacemaking efforts in opposing the war on Iraq even before it started by helping in street corner peace vigils and with peace rallies.

"Nationally, she is involved in supporting women throughout our church networks. She served on the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns of the General Assembly and in October will be leading worship and preaching at the Women of Color Consultation in Georgia.

"Internationally, she is involved with Amnesty International working for human

rights around the world. She led a group from her church on tour to the Israel-Palestine area, Lebanon and Syria to help connect with Christian brothers and sisters there and to understand their context. Her church has also done a three-month study about the Middle East in preparation for the trip. She continues to work in the community to find avenues for sharing a fair understanding of the Palestinian plight in the Middle East and our need to be in solidarity with them.

"Roula states that she is deeply committed to social and economic justice, believing that the gospel of Jesus Christ is about 'the good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives, recovering sight to the blind, and letting the oppressed be free.' (Based on Luke 4:18)"

In August 2002, Central, Eugene, donated this Peace Plate Award to the presbytery in memory of member Paul Dorff. It is a crystal plate featuring the dove of peace with the inscription PAX (peace in Latin).

The Peace Plate Award has been presented along with a \$250 grant. The Peacemaking Team of the Presbytery's Church and Society Committee selects individuals, organizations, or congregations who are leaders in efforts toward peacemaking, particularly those who have worked in the areas of economic justice, the Middle East, or retaining civil liberties.



Recent recipients include:

Al Contreras of Southminster, Beaverton, who leads peace studies and action in his church and community and promotes kinship links with Jewish, Muslim, B'hai and Sikh adherents and organizations.

Ann Huntwork of Westminster, Portland, for her lifelong work in promoting peace in the Middle East and Latin America, including service as a medical social worker in hospitals and refugee camps and active protest against military policies in Latin America.

Dan Klingler, retired Presbyterian minister in Bend, for promoting studies and trips on issues related to global economic justice and peace in the Middle East.

Piedmont POWER Celebrates Banner Year

The POWER program at Piedmont Church, Portland, celebrated the work of over sixty volunteers who served 22 students during the 2003-2004 school year. Volunteers represented three Presbyterian congregations—Piedmont, Lake Grove in Lake Oswego and Westminster, Portland—as well as Western Business College and Hands on Portland.

The after-school program provides one-to-one attention, homework help and positive role models for children in the Northeast Portland neighborhood surrounding the

church. It was revamped this year in response to feedback from parents and "a better understanding of city and state regulations." A computer program proved to be a popular addition to the activities.

POWER has received national church funding and was featured in the 2004 Mission Yearbook of Prayer as well as in an article in *Presbyterians Today*.

The volunteers, who collectively contributed over 1000 hours, were honored at a potluck dinner and talent show.

Local Woman's Dream of Shelter Realized

One night while jogging, Becky Coleman, a member of Cherry Park Presbyterian, Troutdale, had a vision of a home for women and children in transition. Her faith, persistence and enthusiasm are seeing that vision become reality.

The project has gained nonprofit status and is incorporated as My Sister's House. "The need is very great," explains Becky. East County has only two other shelters, and they are daily turning people away because of lack of space."

Plans are underway to lease space from a Lutheran church in Gresham that is near other social service agencies and has a child-care center, as well as a Head Start program. The house will accommodate up to fifteen people—any combination of women and children, so that, as Becky puts it, "Up to six families will be off the street, receiving love and guidance and a safe place to live as they get on their feet."

My Sister's House will also provide basic living instruction and have a computer lab where women can learn a job skill to become self-sufficient. Funding has come from the Presbytery Missions Committee and from private foundations, with a big grant expected in September. "The community has been very generous, and donations are pouring in," Becky says.

Asked how others can contribute, Becky stresses prayer as the greatest and most significant need—"prayers that God will continue to bless the endeavor and supply all that is needed to get this ministry off the ground and running smoothly." Opening is slated for September.

To speak to Becky about My Sister's House, call her at 503-961-4099 or email b_a_c50@yahoo.com.

Writers Sought

Do you enjoy writing? Here are two great opportunities for seeing your work in print.

- **Be a writer for "Positively Presbyterian" in Omnibus.**

Compile items from church newsletters in the NE or NW region of presbytery and write a column for each issue of this publication—six times a year. To volunteer or discuss possibilities, phone or email Nancy Gaston, editor—360-574-0984, nancyg57@comcast.net.

- **Write an essay, sermon or midrash (limit 2500 words) or a poem (up to 50 lines) on the theme of worship for Touchpoints, an annual publication of the Theology, Spirituality and Worship Committee of presbytery.**

Send submissions to Shirley Tormey, 8313 Fourth Avenue, Portland, OR 97219.



Community Food Workshops Slated

The Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns offers Garden to Your Plate—a series of hands-on food and garden workshops. These offer participants ways to enjoy and make use of lands and gardens to increase their families' food security. Workshops include:

Food Preservation 101, Saturday, August 21, 10 a.m.-2 pm.;

Garden Photography 101, Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m.-noon; and

Garden Art 101, Saturday, September 18, 1-3 p.m.—all hosted by the Patton Home Community Garden, 4619 N. Michigan.

Registration is required and space is limited. Call 503-221-1054, ext. 210.

Presbytery Votes to Join OFRAH

In a world that has hardened itself against the horrors of hunger, the Presbytery of the Cascades has voted to fight back. By an overwhelming majority, the presbytery voted to become a founding member of the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger (OFRAH).

Individual congregations are urged to consider joining as well. The sole requirement for membership is to agree to uphold the mission of OFRAH – there are no dues. More information on OFRAH, including the Mission Statement, is available at www.ofrah.org, or

you may contact our Hunger Action Enabler, Don Shaw, at 503-302-4656.

OFRAH supports faith-based direct service organizations such as FISH and SnowCap and includes such groups in its membership. In addition, OFRAH strives to do away with hunger by educating people about the root causes of hunger and by alerting them to steps they can take to help eliminate those causes.

When people from a great variety of faith communities gather around the table to plan to end hunger, they bring whatever they have to offer and take away whatever they can use. The first round table, in the Portland area, meets monthly for educational purposes. Another round table is forming in the Eugene area. OFRAH plans to form roundtables throughout the state so that people of faith can act together to learn about hunger and to work to alleviate it.

Technology Alone not Answer to Hunger

Genuine hunger is widespread, and myths about hunger abound. The Presbyterian Hunger Program (www.pcusa.org/hunger), Bread for the World (www.bread.org), and Foods Resource Bank (www.foodsresourcebank.org) invite you learn more about hunger while dispelling some of the myths. This is the fifth of a series of hunger myths to appear in Omnibus.

The Fifth Myth: New Technology is the Answer

Reality: The production advances of the past twenty years are no myth. Thanks to new seeds, millions of tons more grain a year are being harvested. But focusing narrowly

on increasing production cannot alleviate hunger because it fails to alter the tightly concentrated distribution of economic power that determines who has access to the additional food. That's why in several countries – India, Mexico and the Philippines, for example – grain production has increased while hunger has persisted. Foods Resource Bank's implementing members, after consulting with the local community, promote appropriate agricultural technologies and access to those technologies by the community's most vulnerable people. Bread for the World members advocate for policies that build stable democracies.

Presbytery Forms Hunger Team

The Presbytery Mission Committee has formed a Hunger Team to assist congregations in their Hunger Ministries. The Team consists of one person from each of the four regions of the Presbytery and one at-large Chair. Regional representatives are: Marsha Landrith, South; Ruth Murray, Central; Lori Sievert, Northwest, and Drew Caesar, Northeast. Chair of the Hunger Team is Marcia Escudero.

In early September, the Hunger Team will be mailing a brief Hunger Ministries Survey to each congregation in the presbytery. It asks about the congregation's activities in direct food relief, education and efforts to influence public policy. The Hunger Team wants to know about partnerships that churches have formed and innovative programs that address

hunger issues.

Results of the survey will be distributed at the November presbytery meeting and reported in Omnibus. Congregations with active hunger ministries will be highlighted in Omnibus articles and honored at Presbytery meetings. Some congregations may want to form partnerships within their region to better serve the needs of the community.

Hunger Team members can inform congregations about hunger education resources and speakers. They will seek to identify people in each region who have a passion for justice and hunger ministries to work together on regional Hunger Committees. Ideas for hunger programs and requests for assistance can be directed to Marcia Escudero at mescudero_2000@yahoo.com.

Seminary Sunday at Your Church September 19

By Bill Creevey

On September 19, help your church remember the schools that are preparing our future pastors and uplift their faculty and students in your prayers. (Or choose another date if that works better.)

Consider the part your congregation plays in identifying, encouraging and preparing people with God-given gifts for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Learn and share the story of our seminaries. Schedule a minute for mission. Use your own session's Church/Seminary Relations Representative or invite a seminary guest.

There is no denominational funding of Presbyterian (USA) seminaries except that provided by session budgets and congregational offerings for the Theological Education Fund (TEF). If your session has not included the Theological Education Fund in the church budget, then Seminary Sunday is a great day to receive gifts for TEF to support the preparation of future pastors.

Our pastors are graduates of a wide array of PC(USA) seminaries. Presbytery inquirers and candidates are enrolled in many seminaries—east and west, north and south. How much do you and your congregation know about our family of theological schools? Ask your session's Church/Seminary Relations Representative for help.

Or contact one of our Cascades TEF Resource Persons:

- Linda Stewart-Kalen—
Linda_Stewart_Kalen.parti@pcusa.org (South);
- Ben Dake—fpcbd@efn.org (Central);
- John A. Hubbard—
John.hubbard@providence.org (Northeast);
- Shirley Hercher—
shercher@comcast.net (Northwest).

Go to www.pcusa.org/seminaries to request free Seminary Sunday resources for every worshipper. Contact the Presbytery Resource Center for the seven-minute video, "Call to Action: Support the Theological Education Fund."

We need the seminaries; they need us. Cascades Presbytery is setting the pace in creating close ties. We will celebrate and support those ties September 19.

Presbytery and Council: Who Does What?

Under the plan developed through Discovering God's Call and adopted by presbytery, the Presbytery Council will consist of:

- **13 Members with voice and vote:** The Moderator of Presbytery; the Immediate Past Moderator of Presbytery (Council Chair); the four Regional Vice-Moderators; the Presbytery Treasurer; the Chair of the

Personnel and Administration Committee; the President of the Board of Trustees; and the four chairs of the Support Committees.

- **5 Ex-Officio Members with voice but without vote:** The four Co-Executive Presbyters; the Stated Clerk.

Their functions are indicated below.

Functions responsibility ¹	Management between meetings of Presbytery ²	May Take Action by Presbytery ³	Action Taken
Strategic Planning And Management			
Program - lifting up the Four Visions	√	√	√
Budget	√	√	√
Stewardship Education and Financial support for Presbytery program		√	√
Presbytery Personnel			
Personnel Policies & Employee Manual		√	√
Called and Elected Staff			√
Board Of Trustees Recommendations			
Encumbrances (Mortgages)		√	√
Leases		√	√
Loans		√	√
Property Issues: sale and purchase		√	√
Presbytery Meetings			
Agenda, arrangements, etc	√		√
Dates/Locations	√	√	
Other Business As Assigned By Presbytery this includes a broad collection of things such as planning for GA Overtures, Nominations to Presbytery, etc.	√	√	√
Communication with Congregations	√	√	√

1. "Management Responsibility" means Council would be responsible for managing this function.
 2. "May Take Action between Meetings of Presbytery" means Council would have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the presbytery.
 3. "Action Taken by Presbytery" means recommendations would be brought to the floor of Presbytery for action.

Presbytery Actions Highlighted

Editor's Note: These are highlights excerpted from the report of Stated Clerk John Huenink on the stated meeting of the presbytery in Grants Pass June 18-19. A fuller report is posted on the website, www.cascadespresbytery.org.

In the course of the two-day meeting, the presbytery:

- Received reports of Administrative



It's official. Bob Goodin and Renn Turner are enrolled as Candidates for Professional Ministry.

Commissions to install The Rev. Rhyan Smith as Pastor of Calvary, Portland, and the Rev. Greg Ikehara-Martin as Pastor of Laurelhurst, Portland.

- Received resignations of Elder Ray Welch from COM-Central, Elder Ray Jongward from the Personnel and Administration Committee, and the Rev. N. Michael Moxness from the Committee on



Doug Rich relaxes into his new status of being Honorably Retired.

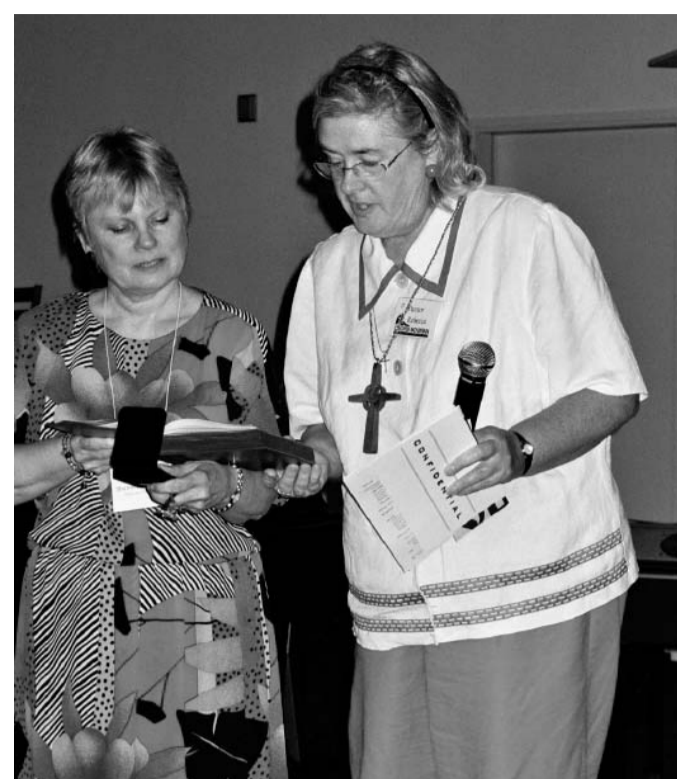
First, Portland, Announces 2004-2005 Celebration Works Series

The third season of Celebration Works, First Presbyterian, Portland's, series of recitals and art exhibits, will begin with the Goldbug Calligraphers' Group show September 5-October 31. On Sunday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m., Vagabond Opera will present the opening recital of the series. This is a local band that plays Eastern European, klezmer, gypsy and original music with refinement, exuberance and a gritty vagabond edge.

Celebration Works is also dedicated to showcasing the church's 69-rank Jaeckel organ, installed in 2000. This season's organ recitals

Congregations.

- Established an Administrative Commission for the Brownsville Presbyterian Church with the following members: Elder Sandi Frey, Elder Kathleen Brinegar, the Rev. John Carpenter, Elder Leland Schroeder, the Rev. Richard Cochran, the Rev. Randy Lodjic and the Rev. Lori Hedlund.
- Recognized the retirement of the Rev. Douglas Denham Rich
- Adopted a Camp Volunteer Code of Conduct.
- Heard a report from Mark Yaconelli, Co-Director of the Youth Ministry and Spirituality Project at San Francisco Theological Seminary, on his work and its application in congregations.
- Approved the following recommendations of Presbytery Council regarding finances in 2004:
 1. That there be no changes in the Administration Budget;
 2. That there be no increase in the per capita apportionment for 2005;
 3. That there be a 10% reduction (\$92,500) in the Program Budget, with reductions to be reinstated to programs on an equal percentage basis as additional monies from congregations become available;
 4. That the presbytery use Program Equity Reserves, as necessary, up to a total of \$100,000.
- Elected the following as readers of the denominational ordination exams: Richard Rohrbaugh, Judy Sprunger, Bettirae Willis and Ernest Ettlich (alternate).
- Enrolled the following as Inquirers: James Holeman (Columbia, Vancouver), Amy Holloway (Sunset, Portland), Kathleen Owens (First, Corvallis), Gregory Tatman (Central, Eugene) and Jill Taylor (Eastminster, Portland).
- Examined and enrolled Robert Goodin, Westminster, Portland, and Renn J. Turner, Valley Community, Portland, as Candidates for Professional Ministry
- Approved the ordination of G. Jean Hurst, Westminster, Eugene. She will be transferred to the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon to serve as Stated Supply Pastor of Pioneer Presbyterian in Burns.
- Thanked Presbytery Treasurer Dick Page for his year of service in that office.
- Adopted recommendations regarding the function and composition of council. (See p.11)
- Elected the Rev. Rebecca Hazen as Moderator of Presbytery.
- Heard a Mission Committee report on its exploring the possibility of a formal relationship with a presbytery in either



New moderator Rebecca Hazen is installed by her predecessor, Sharon Hasenjaeger.

Ethiopia or Kenya, with a trip to Africa planned for late 2005 or early 2006.

- Established an Administrative Commission to work with the session and the members of the Vernon Presbyterian Church, Portland, with authorization to take action on behalf of the presbytery in areas that may include union, merger or dissolution of the congregation and pastoral relationship.
- Became a Founding Member of the Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger. (See p. 11.)
- Awarded the Peacemaking Plate to the Rev. Roula Alkhouri (See p. 6.)
- Learned that Oakville-Willamette United Presbyterian Church in Shedd, Oregon, has shortened its name to "Oakville Presbyterian Church".
- Heard that the following are the dates and locations for presbytery meetings in 2005:
 - March 11-12, 2005
First, Corvallis
 - June 24-25, 2005
Milwaukie Presbyterian
 - November 4-5, 2005
South Region (invitation sought!)

Presbytery of the Cascades Current Status of Open Churches

VACANT

Merrill, Community
Tulelake, Community

SEEKING INTERIMS or STATED SUPPLY

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

PREPARING TO ACTIVELY SEEK

Bend, First
Redmond, Community (Associate)

ACTIVELY SEEKING A PASTOR (CIF submitted to Louisville)

Lakeview, Community
Portland, Chinese

INTERVIEWING (Finalists identified)

Klamath Falls, First
Tualatin
Woodburn, First

OTHER STAFF

Lincoln City Chapel-by-the-Sea seeks organist/pianist/accompanist. Call 541-994-2070 for audition.
Vancouver, East Woods, seeks Parish Associate or part-time Director of Youth and Children's Ministry. Call 360-944-5841.

begin with Carole Terry from University of Washington on Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m.

All art exhibits are free. The Chapel Gallery is open on Sundays from 9:00 a.m.-noon and on weekdays from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. All recitals have an admission fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance on Sundays in Geneva Hall at FPC. Season tickets are available. Contact Ann van Bever at ann@fpcpx.org or 503-228-7331. For more information, visit the church's web site: www.fpcpx.org.