

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Worship

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship

10:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship

5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening  
Gathering

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m.  
Contemplative Service

Child care provided at all  
worship times

### **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE**

Monday, April 13

#### Next Faith Notes

#### Deadline

April 13 at Noon

Next Publication:

April 22, 2009



## Holy Week

*April 8, 6:30 p.m. Contemplative Worship*

*April 9, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Service of Communion*

*April 10, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday  
Fauré's "Requiem"*

*April 12, Easter Sunday  
6:30, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.*

*"Choose Hope!"*

*April 19*

*"Be the Hope You Desire to See in the World"*

*Rev. Dr. Steven H. Koski*

*Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders*

## Session Highlights

At its March 17 meeting, Session:

- Received a report from Aelea Hall on the Heart to Heart Program that involves connecting the needs of people with people who have services that they can provide. It is hoped that the program will start sometime in April.
- Received a report from Aelea Hall on the Family Mediation Project, a partnership between First Presbyterian Church and Cascade Youth Services. Liz Langmas will be training volunteers from FPC to be mediators sometime in April.
- Heard a report from those who attended the March 13-14 meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades at First Presbyterian Church in Salem. Presbytery approved the New Church Development in Bend with a \$150,000 grant plus the hiring of an organizing pastor after a steering committee is developed. It is hoped that there will be several from our church on the steering committee.

A copy of the March 17 Session minutes and the January and February financial statements are on file in the Session notebook in the Library. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the clerk or one of the Ruling Elders. The next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in the Library.

Sharon Lichti, Clerk of Session (388-9982 or [slichti@bendcable.com](mailto:slichti@bendcable.com))

Ruling Elders: Todd Ainsworth, Teddie Allison, Ron Carver, Brian Cash, Aelea Hall, Lynda Hathorn, Scott Hill, Sarah Holtzclaw, Chuck Piersee, Sue Nell Phillips, Spencer Schock

## Inside Bolivia: Indigenous rights? Coca cultivation? Contaminated water? US Intervention?

Bolivia and the United States stand at an important point in our diplomatic relations regarding support for a democratically elected president and a recently approved far-reaching constitution that includes redistribution of land and social rights for all.

You can read an inside account of our Joining Hands Partnership with Bolivia from Brad Kent at <http://www.relufa.org/>

[partners/jhnewsletter/bolivia.htm](http://partners/jhnewsletter/bolivia.htm).

A delegation from Bolivia's two Joining Hands presbyteries (Cascades and San Francisco) will travel to Bolivia beginning May 7 to learn in more detail about what Brad and Ali have discerned about the situation and how we can be in partnership with the anti-poverty network known as UMAVIDA (United for Life).

Two members of our congregation, Ralph Delamarter, Judy Setzer and Gretchen Williver, will be joining four others for this educational trip to Bolivia. They invite you to share with them any questions or concerns you would like them to raise while they are there. Stay tuned for their report.

## Children's Ministry

To volunteer, register or get more information, contact Janet Pearson, Director of Children and Family Ministry (382-4401 or [jpearson@bendcable.com](mailto:jpearson@bendcable.com)).



**Vacation Bible School – Mark Your Calendars.**

July 27 – 30, Nine to Noon

Many families are beginning to make plans for the summer. Now is a great time to share with your friends about Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian. Encourage them to mark their calendars for the last week in July. Children 4 years of age and older will have a great time learning about the love of God this summer. Adults and youth will enjoy volunteering and catching the enthusiasm of the children. Vacation Bible School is an outstanding time of outreach and fun at First Presbyterian.

Check out the **Presbyterian Summer Camp** opportunities posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Or go to the website at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org) for the latest information about summer camp.

**Easter Day Family Photos:** Master photographer Claude Sandell is offering family photo opportunities Easter Sunday morning. Just go to the Library after the 9:00 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. services and he'll be delighted to take your picture for you.

## It's APRIL ... time for SPRING CLEANUP at First Presbyterian.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18, from 9 AM to noon.

There's the usual spring cleanup/pickup work to do: tumbleweeds, trash, etc., so flex your knees, pull on your work gloves, pick up your hand tools, and come help clean up the grounds. There are piles of chips to be spread, so bring wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes. And over the winter cinders and debris have accumulated on all the walkways, so bring push brooms and if you have a portable blower we can sure use that.

There is some brush to be cut and small limbs on trees; we'll need people with brush-cutting loppers and power saws to remove them. Remember if you bring a power saw also bring safety glasses and hearing protection. And if you have a pickup truck or a utility trailer, please bring it as we have some large things to haul to the landfill/composting site.

There are lots of different things to do around the church grounds, so come join in the fun of making the church grounds look like spring, Saturday, April 18, 9AM to noon. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be provided.

## Remember in Prayer

## Gathered Together

All are invited to gather together for prayer, silent and spoken, for our church, community, and God's world. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday mornings, 11:15-12:00 noon in the Prayer Room.

We are all one people.  
The Peacemaking Team

## Presbyterian Women's 2009 Summer Gathering

The Triennial Summer Gathering brings together Presbyterian Women from across the denomination, and from around the world. Some will be telling their faith journey stories at the Summer Gathering.

In addition, the Summer Gathering will offer 60 forums and workshops ranging from dance and drama to "Journeys Through the Book of Revelation." Leadership

training workshops will explore models of teamwork, interdependence and shared power.

Extras include tours of the Thomas Merton Center, f Kentucky Refugee Ministries and other local Louisville attractions. These are available at modest costs.

Presbyterian Women of this church are paying the \$380 registration fee for everyone attending the

2009 Summer Gathering. Deadline for registration is May 15. Other local scholarship funds are available according to need.

Details about the Summer Gathering are online at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). In the Search Window type: *Presbyterian Women 2009 Summer Gathering*.

Want to go? Call Wanda Cashwell right away at 383-1506 or email her at

[ggwanda@bendbroadband.com](mailto:ggwanda@bendbroadband.com).

### LONG-TERM CARE AND CAREGIVING FORUM

Do you have parents or loved ones who are now or in the near future going to require care? Consider attending a panel discussion to listen to individuals who can help provide guidelines for this life experience that you will share with your loved ones. APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - Noon, at the Bend Senior Center.

### Outdoor Ministry Adventures

April 11 – 9:00 a.m. – Mountain Bike Ride. Meet at Nancy P's Bakery.

April 25 – 9:00 a.m. – Hike (beginner level). Meet at Dilusso's on Galveston.

Please call Iain at 520-909-5167 or Shoshana at 520-909-5718 for any questions. People can carpool out to save the environment, gas and just to have more fun.

If anyone has any ideas of what types of outings they would like to have, please email us at [ijfoxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:ijfoxwell@hotmail.com) with feedback. We will be doing mountain biking, road cycling, hiking, kayaking and any other activities you suggest. We are so excited to be able to serve God in this way! Thanks so much.

### Kits for Kids

Harriet Langmas is opening her home to any and all who would like to come and sew bags (she has five machines) on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

## Youth Ministry

To volunteer or register or for more information, contact Greg Bolt, Director of Youth and Family Ministry (382-4401 or [gbolt@bendfp.org](mailto:gbolt@bendfp.org)).

### **This week (all Wednesday times are 5:30-8:00)**

Wednesday, April 8 – Movie Night (The Fold “Nick and Nora’s Infinite Playlist”; the Flock “Bridge to Terebithia”)

Sunday April 12 – Easter Pancake Breakfast in Heritage Hall – 7:30-11:30 (proceeds go to the Fold Mission Fund) and Quilt Raffle Drawing (between 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services in Heritage Hall)

### **This month (all Wednesday times are 5:30-8:00)**

Wednesday, April 15 – Book Club (Flock and Fold are reading “A Wrinkle in Time” by Madeline L’Engle)

Friday, April 17, 5:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 18, 3:30 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, April 22 – Bible Study (Fold studying Jeremiah 31 “The New Covenant”; Flock studying Genesis 1 “The Beginning”)

Friday, April 24 – The Flock InClimb Get Together (The Flock will go to InClimb for a couple of hours of fun in the rock climbing gym – \$15 per person. Contact Greg (541-350-8074 or [ggbolt16@gmail.com](mailto:ggbolt16@gmail.com)) for more details or to help out.

Wednesday, April 29 – Fun Night (Hang out time for the Flock and the Fold)

### **This summer (April-September)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday - Parenting 2.0 (opportunity for discussions with both youth and adults regarding issues such as the internet, healthy friendships, grieving, spiritual disciplines, etc.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - Movie Night (two movies, one for The Flock and one for The Fold, and have discussions about them)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - Book Club (the Flock and the Fold will meet together to discuss books)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - Bible Study (the Flock and the Fold, will have an opportunity to discuss books of the Bible, little known stories of the Bible, particular passages, etc.)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday - (if available) Fun Night (a time for the Flock and the Fold to just hang out, play games, and have some fun unstructured time.)

### **June 13-20 - The Fold Mission Trip to West Virginia**

**August 21-23 - The Fold Coast Trip** (Twin Rocks Camp at Rockaway Beach)

**August - All-Church Campout** (contact Brenda Simpson for details)

The Flock will have monthly get-togethers to experience some fun and fellowship in Central Oregon. Get-togethers may include InClimb Rock Gym, Smith Rock hikes, bowling, floating the river, going to the pool, lock-ins, etc. Details to come on the dates and times of these wonderful events. If you would like to help plan or to participate, contact Greg ([ggbolt16@gmail.com](mailto:ggbolt16@gmail.com) or 541-350-8074).

Blessings,

*Greg*

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to place a member or attendee of the congregation or an immediate family member on our church’s prayer chain, please contact Elizabeth Stephan in the church office. If you would like to join this prayer ministry and be added to the e-mail or call list in order to pray for others, Elizabeth will see that your name is added to the prayer chain list.

## Prayer Ministry

Write your prayer requests on the blue cards found in the pews or on the shelf under the prayer request box at the back of the sanctuary. The confidential requests intended for the pastors only should be placed in the prayer box and all others placed in the offering plate during worship.

## SUPPORT GROUPS FOR APRIL

For more information contact Elizabeth Stephan, Care Ministry Coordinator – 382-4401

### CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Prayer Room

Time 2:00 – 3:30 pm

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Facilitator – Elizabeth Stephan

### DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

Prayer Room

Time 1:30 – 3:00

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Facilitator – Laurie Koski

- Every day men, women and children in our community go to bed hungry.
- Our church takes your non-perishable food donations to local food banks for distribution year-round.
- Thank you for continuing to keep our shopping cart in the Commons full!
- Checks are always welcome made out to St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was taken last week on Palm Sunday. Here's what your donations will mean:

During the months of August and September, Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, was struck by four hurricanes — Fay, Gustav, Hanna and Ike. The damage from the storms was extensive. According to official statistics by Haitian state authorities, more than 165,300 families were affected: 22,700 homes have been destroyed and 84,625 homes were damaged, 793 human lives were lost.

But it is not just lives and homes that were devastated by the storms. Agricultural land and crops of corn, rice, banana, potato and beans had been destroyed as well as has access to agricultural areas. The

loss of livestock was also significant. Infrastructure, including water, telephone and electrical systems, as well as roads and bridges, sustained damage.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is helping to meet the needs of the most vulnerable groups impacted by the flooding and devastation in Haiti through the Action by Churches Together (ACT) international network. PDA is a member organization of ACT, a global alliance of churches and other agencies.

In addition, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in contact with another partner, Peasant Movement of Papay (MPP). MPP, a Presbyterian Hunger Program partner, has been working in the Central Plateau in Haiti and was involved in responding to

previous flooding in Gonaives, Haiti, caused by Hurricane Jeanne in 2004. The estimated number of people receiving assistance is about 48,000.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is one of three Presbyterian agencies that are supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Here are some frequently asked questions about the OGHS:

How much money does the offering receive each year? For at least the past ten years, the offering has received about \$20 million from all denominations. PCUSA, the national Presbyterian Church, has given \$9 to \$11 million each year for the past 20 years. Last year our church in Bend gave over \$6,700.

How are the gifts used? Gift monies are roughly divided into thirds after first deducting 5 percent for administration and promotional materials. There are three programs – Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger. Each program received 32 percent of the offering; the remaining 4 percent goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program for its work on homelessness and affordable housing.

Through this offering, we all participate in worldwide efforts to alleviate hunger, to provide for disaster response and to partner with the poorest people via self-help development projects. Additional pew envelopes are available. Thank you for your generosity!

## Study and Fellowship

**CIRCLE 3** will meet on Monday, April 13, at 1:15 p.m. in the Adult Center. Join us for our enlightening study of the books of Ruth and Jonah. Call Ginny Boone (389-3128) if you would like additional information.

**CIRCLE 2** will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, in the Adult Center continuing with the eighth lesson of the Jubilee study book, "All Are Invited," led by Dolly Dittler. All women in the church are invited. For more information, call Betty Armer (388-2347).

**CPR Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Kelly (95 SE Cessna-382-6871) for a baked potato dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. Our program will be Steve Welbourn, a chaplain with the Oregon State Prison System, who will tell us about his job and especially how there might be an opportunity for mentors for recently released women. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a potato topping to share. Co-hostesses are Polly Gervais and Beverly Dennison.

**MEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP** meets in the Library every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We're beginning a new study of the book What Jesus Meant by Garry Wills. Come join us.

**MEN'S DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday mornings, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. at the home of Chuck Piersee in the Touchmark Community. It's an open discussion based on ideas and texts from the Bible. As the name suggests, we try to discover what the Bible is saying to us. This year we are studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome. Call 312-1628 for directions.

**THURSDAY CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meets on Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in the Prayer Room. For more information, please call Linda (318-0407).

**LISTENING HEARTS** is a contemplative prayer group practicing centering prayer together and reflecting on the spiritual journey. We meet Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., in the Prayer Room. (We don't meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month.) For more information, please call Lorraine (318-0384).

**EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY** - Wednesday mornings 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Center. "Who Do You Say That I Am?" This was the question that Jesus asked his disciples. We too may ask that question, or it may be asked of us. What answer would we give? The study is focusing on this question as we look at the answer through the different lenses of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. How do these gospels tell the same story, but each from their own unique perspective?

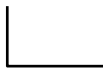
**THE TILTERS** is a group of women who meet to read and discuss books related to faith. We are reading *When Faith Meets Reason: Religion Scholars Reflect on Their Faith Journeys*. Editor Charles W. Hedrick collects 13 essays solicited from scholars in religion that answer the broad question of how faith is understood when it conflicts with reason, science or scholarship. Their answers are remarkably varied, painfully honest, and profoundly respectful of Christian tradition and newer truths alike. Join us on Thursday mornings, 8:00-9:15 a.m. in the library. Call Cheryl Shay at 526-0964 with questions.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** meets from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Center on the first and third Tuesday of the month. We invite you to join us as we study the book of Esther and grow as friends in Christ. For more information, contact Leslie at 330-6932.

**THE TRAVELER'S BIBLE STUDY** Women, as you plan your spring activities, consider The Traveler's Bible Study, which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. For more information, call Carol Piersee (312-1628).

**FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP** will meet May 1. Old gospel songs . . . with a jazz twist! Please join us as the Remember When Jazz Band (Lynne Farrell, Dennis Senff, Steve Knapp, Brian Cash, Dave Hallowell) puts its distinctive mark on such old favorites as *Amazing Grace*, *Jesus Loves Me*, *The Old Rugged Cross* and several more old favorites. And yup - you'll also get a chance to sing a few, too. It will be a fun, lively time! We meet in Heritage Hall at 11:30 a.m. for soup and salad. We welcome guests, new members, visitors and friends. Don't forget: Sign up on the easel in The Commons or call Ray and Joyce Ownby (388-1334) or Jean and Harold Hull (385-6557).

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## Community Bulletin Board

*Faith Notes* will include a community bulletin board section for the listing of events not related to church activities. The bulletin board will contain a disclaimer that these activities do not necessarily represent the theology of the church and that they are not necessarily endorsed by the church. The listings will be brief and will be informational only; they will not contain position statements of the party submitting them.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Adult Ed. Room.

**FLASHBACKS** – A service to document your family history. Free consultation. Susie Burns 541-788-5936, davidandsusie@bendbroadband.com.

**BEGINNING AND ADVANCED BEGINNER LEVEL SPANISH CLASSES** on Tuesday and Thursday nights (Beginners: T/Th from 5:30-7:00 for \$70, Advanced beginners, Th 7:15-9:00 for \$50.00) as a **benefit for the Latino Community Association** starting March 31 at Grace Baptist Church on the 2nd floor of the building on 6th st. across from Bend High, opposite our church. It would be particularly appropriate for those going to Guatemala this summer with Habitat or for anyone wanting to learn a bit of Spanish for travel or service. Sue Nell Phillips