

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Worship

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship

10:45 a.m.  
Traditional Worship

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m.  
Contemplative Service

Child care provided at all  
worship times

**CHURCH OFFICE  
CLOSURE**  
Friday, July 3

Next Faith Notes  
Deadline  
June 8 at Noon

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### Pastor's Column

In what way do you wish church would be different? What do you wish church was like? E-mail me, [skoski@bendfp.org](mailto:skoski@bendfp.org) and let me know what you think.

Our denomination has lost 50% of it's members since 1966. Howard Rice was addressing a congregation and was asked what he thought was the cause of this decline. He responded, "Look around. Where are your children? Where are your grandchildren?"

Dan Kimball wrote a book I recommend called "They Like Jesus but not the Church." He interviewed hundreds of young people who have either left the institutional church are so turned off by their perception of the church that they weren't willing to give church a try in the first place. He asked these spiritually hungry young adults many questions including, "What do you wish church was like?"

Here are just some of their responses:

- I wish the church was less judgmental.
- I wish the church respected my intelligence more and made room for my questions.
- I wish the church was less focused on buildings and more focused on building a better world.
- I wish the church was less about programs and more about people and relationships . . . genuine, authentic, real relationships.
- I wish the church was more interested in caring for the poor and marginalized.
- I wish the church welcomed all people.
- I wish the church was a more loving place.

AND here's the shocker . . .

- I wish the church was more like Jesus . . . I wish the church reflected more of the heart, spirit and love of Jesus.

So, it is clear, they like Jesus but not church.

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The reality we must confront is that the perception of many, not all by any means, but many young adults is that the church and church folks are judgmental, not interested in changing the world and do not reflect the heart and spirit of Jesus.

There are two observations I'd like to make. First, we feel called at First Pres to connect and share the unconditional love of Jesus with (not "to" but "with") the disconnected in Central Oregon, especially young adults. There are some, who for many reasons will never darken the door of our church building no matter how wide we open the door. It is imperative we meet folks where they are at and dare to explore new ways of "being" church.

Led by the Holy Spirit there are exciting plans to share of a New Church Development. This mission initiative has been birthed by our congregation and endorsed and supported by the Presbytery and our National body. Please stay tuned on June 14 to hear the details of this adventure.

The second observation I would make is that we have a major public relations problem. Although far from perfect, I see evidence every single day of folks at First Presbyterian Church of Bend "BEING" the church the young adults who were interviewed wished the church was like. I am honored and humbled to pastor a flock that sincerely endeavors to reflect the heart, spirit and love of Jesus in their lives and in their contributions to the community and the world. You are an amazing faith community and I am excited to continue to invite people, young . . . old . . . and in-between, to share our adventure and mission of joyfully dancing to the rhythms of divine grace as we share the unconditional love and compassion of Jesus.

May we continue to strive to be a nonjudgmental, welcoming, mission-hearted caring faith community that seeks to reflect the heart, spirit and love of Jesus in all we do!



BTW . . . if you are on Twitter, follow me at "@skoski"

## Women's Retreat 2010

Save the date: **Friday to Sunday, March 12 to 14, 2010**

**Place:** Beautiful Sun River Resort

**Speaker:** Nationally renowned author/speaker Jane Kirkpatrick

Questions? Want to help organize? Contact Sue Nell Phillips (541-817-3131) or Lori Brizee (541-388-0694)

## They came! They saw! They connected!

### They came —

- A delegation of eight people from Cascades and San Francisco Presbyteries
- Younger and older, black and white, curious and committed, single and married - and just married
- To Bolivia, the second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, struggling to be reborn through the midwifery of Evo Morales, its first indigenous president, and by means of its new constitution.
- Seeking to join hands with the UMAVIDA Network in their campaign "El Agua Dulce Vale Mas Que El Oro." ("Clean Water Is More Valuable than Gold")

### They saw —

- La Paz, the world's highest capital city, like a hastily folded napkin on the lap of the High Desert
- A barren, bladed hillside where the Luz y Verdad Presbyterian Church had stood until a landslide in February
- El Alto, Bolivia's poorest city, teaming with immigrants from the countryside desperately hoping but rarely finding a better life on the outskirts of La Paz
- The Inti Raymi Mine at Kori Kollo near Oruro, UMAVIDA's case study

of the environmental impact created by mining practices throughout the country.

- Fields surrounding Kori Kollo so encrusted with salt that nothing can grow or graze there.
- The Desaguadero River, Lake Titicaca's only outlet, where fish and fowl flourished before it was polluted.
- The pueblo of Toma-Toma dying because its water supply is so contaminated crops are stunted, animals are stillborn or born deformed, and women must walk miles to fetch water
- The ancient ruins of Tiwanacu, where Andean civilization may have begun

### They connected —

- With the congregation of Luz y Verdad, now meeting in a member's home, and shared the Lord's Table with them.
- With CEFOT, a grass roots organization enabling workers and women to find their voices and call the shots in their own lives
- With "Gregoria Pasa," a multi-faceted organization defending the rights of women and children and promoting fair trade, as well as making beautiful traditional clothes.

- With CISTEM, which trains under-advantaged youth in the technology they will must have to assume leadership in their community and country
- With CEPA and its extensive environmental programs
- With operators of the Inti Raymi Mine, who sincerely feel they are good stewards of the environment and a good neighbor to surrounding communities.
- With a protocol officer, who introduced them to Parliament and helped them understand some of the complex issues facing the legislators.
- With Ayni Armonia and internationally known musician Juan Carlos Cordoba and his family, who guided the delegation on a rhythmical tour of Bolivia.
- With Calixto Qhispi, an Aymaran spiritual leader who led a ritual on the shore of Lake Titicaca for the renewal of Pachamama, mother earth.
- With the Directorio (Board) of UMAVIDA with whom they worked out a strategy for ways they could help achieve the agreed-upon goal of securing an environmental audit of the Inti Raymi Mine
- With many other

Bolivians in shops and restaurants, on sidewalks and in hotel lobbies, who expressed their hope for renewed relations between their country and the country of their visitors.

- With the God who once pronounced all of creation "good" and yearns to do so again.

Abundant grace, abiding peace!

Brad and Ali (who had the pleasure of hosting the delegation)

Members of the delegation included: Ralph Delamarter, Donna Russell, Judy Setzer, Don Shaw and Gretchen Williver from Cascades Presbytery, and Jay Gregory, Linda Jackson Shaw, and Rachel Medema from San Francisco Presbytery.

## 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

Crocodile Dock!

Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!

New Friends – Amazing Crafts – Wacky Snacks

Mind-blowing Bible Adventures

Gator Games – Incredible Music

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church

Crocodile Dock will last: Monday, July 27, to Thursday, July 30

Crocodile Dock fun begins at: 9:00 a.m.

Crocodile Dock fun ends at: NOON

- Bayou Crews: Kids entering first grade through fifth grade
- Rocky's Preschool Playhouse: Four-year-olds (by June 1) through entering Kindergarten
- Crocodile Dock Helpers: Youth entering 6th grade through adults
- Nursery care available for helper families

**Registration Fee:** \$10 per child/\$30 per family by July 15<sup>th</sup>. \$25 per child after July 15.

Scholarships are available by contacting Janet Pearson, VBS Registrar

We want everyone to be a part of Vacation Bible School! We are looking for:

- Volunteers for the four mornings of Crocodile Dock.
- Help to set up and take down the decorations.
- Donations of \$10 to sponsor a child's VBS experience.
- Loaned or purchased items for VBS; look for the Crocodile Dock display in the Commons.
- Prayer for everyone involved with our Vacation Bible School

For more information contact Deb Klotz, Crocodile Dock Director, 385-3109 or [dklotz@bendtel.net](mailto:dklotz@bendtel.net)

### Family Pool Party

We are hosting a church family pool party at the Juniper Swim and Fitness Center pool. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 20. There will be swimming from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. followed by pizza in the park. RSVP by June 15 to Janet Pearson at [jpearson@bendfp.org](mailto:jpearson@bendfp.org) or 382-4401.

### Special Summer Sundays

Starting in June, our 9 a.m. Christian education time for kindergarten through 5th graders will be a one-room schoolhouse model. Little kids will get lots of attention from big kids. And big kids will get to help out and be looked up to. The lessons in June focus on taking responsibility for our relationship with God. The weekly themes are Jesus, Our Shepherd; God's Gift of Forgiveness; How God Talks to Us; and Dedicating our Talents to God's service.

### Godly Play

First Service - Three- and Four-Year Olds

Second Service - Pre-School through Fifth Grade

The story of God's people is presented in circle time. Children choose to work with the stories or art materials to express their thoughts and feelings, followed by a feast/snack together. This time of age-appropriate spiritual formation will continue through the summer months.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Each Thursday afternoon, a group of knitters gather in the Prayer Room with their yarn, needles, prayers and stories to create simple prayers shawls. These shawls are the given to our Care Ministry Team and St. Charles care coordinator to be distributed to those suffering from illness or grief. Each shawl has a prayer of comfort for those

who receive the shawl.

Whether you are a beginning or experienced knitter, consider being part of this gathering. We welcome anyone who knows how to knit three/purl three or who would like to learn. Yarn and patterns are provided but please **bring you own sized 10½ needles.**

Crochet instructions are also available. We gather each Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 PM.

For information please contact Deb Klotz at 385-3109 or [dklotz@bendtel.net](mailto:dklotz@bendtel.net).

## 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.

Keep up with Ali & Brad Kent in Bolivia at <http://www.cascadespresbytery.org/Bolivia.html>

## Drivers for VBS needed for Friends of Jesus

Vacation Bible School is July 27-30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Friends of Jesus needs help getting kids to VBS. Their parents work long shifts and are unable to drive them. If you can help those four mornings, please call Marilyn Burwell (388-7593) or Thiel Larson (388-4895). The children would be picked up at 8:45 a.m. and driven home at Noon.

## 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.

## 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)).

### **VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED** to help with the July 4th Picnic. Set up, BBQ, restock and take down. The picnic begins at 4:30 p.m. following the concert at Bend High School. Contact Greg if you can help.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **June 3 (5:30-8:00 p.m.)**

#### **Parenting 2.0: Spiritual Disciplines for Teens,**

**Heritage Hall** How can parents support the changing spiritual lives of their teens? This study provides a variety of spiritual disciplines for teens and a list of conversation-starting questions for parents. Dinner provided!

#### **June 10 (5:30-8:00 p.m.)**

#### **Movie Night: *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, Heritage Hall**

Both the Flock and The Fold will watch this 2005 adaptation of the Roald Dahl book starring Johnny Depp. Rated PG for quirky situations, action and mild language, Dinner provided!

#### **June 13-20 – The Fold**

#### **Mission Trip to**

#### **Montgomery, West**

#### **Virginia**

Sixteen members of the Fold and four adults will venture to the coalfields of WV to help those affected by poverty and natural disaster. We would love for you to hold us in prayer as we travel and learn about another part of the country while helping in the process.

#### **June 17 (5:30-7:00 p.m.)**

#### **Book Club: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by**

#### **Sherman Alexie,**

**Heritage Hall** Both groups will discuss this young adult novel, a semiautobiographical chronicle of Arnold Spirit, aka Junior, a Spokane Indian from Wellpinit, WA. Bring your own dinner!

#### **June 24 (5:30-7:00 p.m.)**

#### **Bible Study: The Flock:**

#### **Doubt; The Fold:**

#### **Responsibility –**

**Heritage Hall** Both our groups will have an opportunity to study Scripture and discuss how it pertains to our everyday life. Bring your own dinner!

#### **June 27 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)**

**The Flock Smith Rock Get-Together** will meet at the church and caravan to Smith Rock State Park to hike around and enjoy lunch by the river and ice cream sundaes at Greg's house. All are welcome. We will have several hiking options for all levels.

### **YOUTH WANT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!**

If you interested in what is going on, send Greg an email at [gbolt@bendfp.org](mailto:gbolt@bendfp.org) so that he can compile a list for electronic updates.

## STUDY OF FOOD, ANIMALS AND HUMANS

On the Sunday mornings of June 14, 21 and 28, Dr. Dan Klingler will offer a course on the book *The Omnivores Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. It will be offered at the 10:30 hour.

Borrowed copies of the book from members of a previous class will be available after services on May 31 and June 7. It is a book about various ways

animals die that we may eat meat.

The book is not written by a vegetarian, but by a man who has examined three different ways animals die that we may eat meat.

The first is through agribusiness, the development of corn and the feeding of cattle. The second is by organic

farming, and the third is by hunting.

It is a book about (1) our attitude towards animals, (2) nutrition, (3) the role of oil in the production of fertilizers and agriculture, and (4) economics. We will take one chapter each week.

## Navigating the Tough Seas of Job Seeking: One Day at a Time

One scenario:

“Same as yesterday -- nothing,” she sighed tossing the newspaper on the floor. Hmm . . . what to do now? “Oh well, let’s see what’s on TV,” she mumbled settling down with another cup of coffee. The morning passed by, and after a quick sandwich, she decided to check out e-mail, Facebook, YouTube, and her favorite games.

Another scenario:

“Same as yesterday -- nothing for me there,” she sighed, tossing the ads on the floor. “It’s early still -

- what will I do today?”

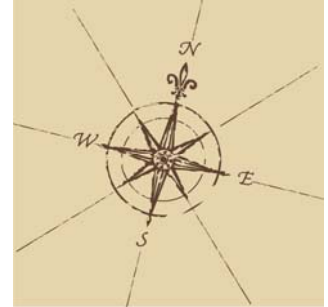
She looked at her calendar and noticed that a group hike was beginning from Juniper Park in an hour. She still had time to read over the church newsletter and noticed the times for worship. Her answering machine signaled a new message, so she returned her calls and checked LinkedIn. She made a list of a few things to get at the store after the hike, put on sunscreen and a hat, and whistled her way out the door.

What will you do with the gift of this day of life, even though you’d prefer

having a real job rather than job-seeking?

Making life-giving choices, rather than giving in to discouragement, keeps the door open for unexpected blessings and possibilities to come your way. Connecting with people, staying healthy, making the most of resources -- each day oars can be dipped into rough seas, if not promoting rapid progress toward your goal, at least avoiding drifting aimlessly.

The Care Ministry Team



## Are you a just neighbor or just a neighbor?

In Deschutes County alone, nearly 42,000 people live in poverty. These are our neighbors. How well do we know them? How well do we know the choices they have to make and the difficulties they face each day?

Join us for one hour (9:00 or 10:45) on June 14 for an interactive discussion

on our neighbors who may find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. This hour-long session is meant to be a springboard for more in-depth study this fall and to give us a chance to examine more in-depth the pervasive issues at the root of poverty. It will help us all to be more just neighbors and to advocate

for those in need.

Come to one of these presentations on June 14 at 9:00 or 10:45 in the Adult Center, led by Elder Sarah Holtzclaw.

- 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.

## June-July Support Groups

### Depression Support Group

Led by Laurie Koski, LCSW  
Meets in the Prayer Room  
Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
June 10, 24  
July 1, 15

### Care Givers Support Group

Led by Elizabeth Stephan  
Meets in the Prayer Room  
Mondays, 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
June 1, 15  
July 6, 20

### Grief Support Group

Led by Lorraine Stuart  
Meets in the Adult Ed.  
Room  
June 4, 11, 18, 25.

## What's Happening with Our Economy?

As a part of First Presbyterian's continuing conversation about poverty, homelessness and the economic circumstances of today, Adult Education and the Library would like to offer every member a Thoughtful Christian article entitled *What's Happening with Our Economy?*

Author Brent Waters, professor of Christian Ethics at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, suggests that three theological themes – the poor and our collective

responsibility to address their needs, stewardship of God's creation, and through vocation the ministry of Christ's church in the world is performed – direct us to "...a collective responsibility to tend to both the individual needs and the common good of the civil community."

The author begins with a brief discussion of What Happened? Why? And what should be done? However, his intent is to stimulate thought and

discussion, not to prescribe how Christians should think and respond.

Waters cautions that while it is tempting to argue over who should be blamed, the more fitting response is to find solutions to this series of problems affecting everyone to varying degrees. For those of us who are engaged in ongoing discussion groups, four questions, such as What does it mean to be a good steward of financial resources?, are

included by the author.

Copies of this Thoughtful Christian article will be available in the church library until the end of June. The Adult Education Committee and the Library staff would encourage every member to pick up a copy in order to read, think and continue our community-wide examination of the issue.

Adult Education and Library Committees

## To My Church Family

*I write to you with a heart full of gratitude and love.*

*Your support and kindness after Dave's sudden passing was a comfort beyond measure to me and both our families.*

*I extend thanks to the Deacons, who contributed refreshments. And also to my dear friends from Liturgical Arts, who brought a variety of dishes to share. All of your efforts were generous and thoughtful and very much needed.*

*Personally I feel cared for by so many of you. Each day I wrap myself in the prayer shawl I was given by the women of the church. I feel their tender mercy and my prayers for acceptance and comfort come more easily.*

*I know the graciousness you have extended comes from the depth of your Christian caring for all humanity. I believe your kind acts toward me reflect the love and appreciation you held for my dear Dave. He was a husband and friend who was generous, friendly and good-hearted. He sought joy by loving and serving Christ, whenever and wherever the opportunity arose. Thank you for remembering his finest qualities and for helping me through this difficult time in my life's journey.*

*Blessings,*

*Sheila DeJohn*

## Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

Have you ever talked with someone who has conflicting views and you wondered how to express your viewpoint without coming to blows? These guidelines may help you.

In the last Faith Notes, the first guideline was the following:

1. Give them a hearing...listen before we answer

The second set of guidelines are:

2. Speak the truth in love  
Ephesians 4:15

- Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.
- Focus on ideas and

suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity. We will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.

- Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement

so that others may more fully understand our concerns.

For more on this, go to this website:  
<http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/guidelines.pdf>

Peacemaking Team

## Kits for Kids - Get Ready!

May was speed-up month for preparing kits for 950 homeless kids in Deschutes County (Bend, LaPine, Sunriver, Redmond and Sisters.)

Now's the time to bring in finished bags. We need more bags. Material for them is at the table in the Commons. New bags are in the Commons ready to fill.

Storage for filled bags is available at Bend-LaPine School District.

Amazingly, First Presbyterians aren't the

only ones working hard for homeless kids. Other individuals, churches, and service groups are sewing, donating money, and even filling bags with us.

An anonymous reader of *Family News* promised 10 bags and brought in 50. Nancy Craft read the same newspaper and donated 10 bags.

A note from City Church promising 40 bags said, "Thank you so much for letting us help out with *Kits for Kids!* We hope to partner again with you..."

*and work more with First Presbyterian...we are proud to be in His service with you!"* Signed Rick, Kevin, Erin and Students.

We and other Christians are marching hand in hand toward hope with homeless kids. It's a good feeling.

Want to get involved? Call Helen or Jim Smith, 362-8502, or email them at [hsmith@bendcable.com](mailto:hsmith@bendcable.com) and [fryhawks@bendcable.com](mailto:fryhawks@bendcable.com).

### Hygiene items needed for bags – Needed for each bag:

Laundry soap, liquid, 1 container  
Toilet Paper, 4 rolls  
Paper Towels, 1 wrapped  
Bar soap, 2 bars  
Shampoo, 1 bottle  
Tooth brushes, 4  
Tooth paste, 2 tubes  
Deodorant, 2 sticks  
Dish soap, liquid, 1 bottle

\*Watch the newspaper sales and stock up and save on these items.

## Save the Date

August 8 – for the Annual "Friends of Jesus" Garage Sale in memory of Lonna Davis. This sale is to raise money to help send low-income kids to Presbyterian Summer Camp. We are sending 13 kids this year, so we need lots of items to sell. If you have items to donate, the best time to bring them to Thiel Larson's house is the first week in August. If you cannot wait that long, but have some great things to donate, call Thiel at 388-4895 and we'll work something out. The address to bring items is 63598 Hunters Circle (on the corner of Cooley and Hunters Circle).

God Bless You All for your continued support of this program. P.S. If you would like to work at the garage sale, we'd love your help. Call us.

## Help Support Happy Learners Preschool

Safeway has partnered with eSrip to create a system to reward customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of your purchase to Happy Learners Preschool every time you shop using

your Safeway card. It is easy and at no cost to you.

Simply log on to: [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

- click on “Sign Up It’s Free” bubble
- enter Happy Learners

Preschool  
 • and follow the directional steps. You need enter **only** your Safeway card number.

If you prefer, we can enter for you. Complete the

“Put Education First on Your Shopping List” Safeway sign-up forms found in the Welcome Center kiosk. Return them to the church office **Attn Deb Klotz** and we will submit for you.

## Attention Albertsons Preferred Savings Card Holders

Did you know that you can register your card to donate money to our Happy Learner’s preschool? To do so, follow these easy steps.

- Log on to [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com)
- Click on “In the Community” (at bottom)
- Click on “Community Partners” Logo
- Click on “Shoppers Login”
- Enter your card number and telephone number
- Click on “my account”
- Happy Learners organization ID# is 49000120675 Albertsons will donate a small percentage of your purchase amount to Happy Learners to help us support this important mission.

## Camperships Needed

Dear Congregation, The camp season is again upon us. The Presbyterian Church in Oregon uses Suttle Lake Camp above Sisters on the way to Santiam Pass. Suttle Lake is a beautiful place in the mountains.

For many children who have never been camping or out in the woods, Suttle Lake is a gift from God. The children swim, hike, play, meet new friends and learn about God. Often the camp is the only real vacation a child gets

during the summer. Many families do not take a vacation; they stay home.

The early registration cost for this camp is \$300. Although this is a reasonable price for six full and exciting days at camp, it is still too much money for some stressed family budgets, especially if they are trying to send more than one child.

Full or partial camperships are open to any child with a

relationship to First Presbyterian.

Give a very special gift to a child. Please consider becoming a campership sponsor. Any amount is welcome, but a gift of \$100 is especially welcome. Please contact Thiel Larson – 388-4895 or [tlarson@bendbroadband.com](mailto:tlarson@bendbroadband.com)

## Study and Fellowship

**CIRCLES 2 & 3** will meet on Tuesday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m. in Heritage Hall for our spring luncheon. Bring your own place setting and a dish to share. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Ginny Boone (389-3128) or Betty Armer (388-2347).

**AWE HA!** Saturday, June 27, at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sewers are invited to cut fabric and stitch up some bags for Kits for Kids. A salad supper will be served as well as a heavy dose of fun and fellowship. Please call Jaimie at 388-8942 by June 25 to let me know if you're able to attend.

**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 Hot, Flat and Crowded by Thomas Friedman. 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** - Our last meeting before taking the summer off is June 3. See you in September.

**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** is taking a summer break. We usually meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Youth Center. We invite you to join us for Bible study on September 15 as we continue to grow as friends in Christ.

**THE TRAVELER'S BIBLE STUDY** will take a break for the summer. We will resume in September. Those interested in getting together once a month, please call Carol Piersee (312-1628).

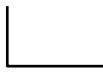
**FIRST FRIDAY** will see you again in the fall. Look for information later in the summer for our gathering on September 4.

**CPR Circle** will meet Tuesday, June 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Padgham for a salad dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Co-hostesses are Ann Hamilton and Kay Case. More info in the next issue.

## All Singers Are Invited

Consider joining the Chancel Choir in forming a "Festival Chorus" that will present the church's fifth annual "Sound Fourth!" community concert on July 4. Once again the concert will take place at Bend High School in collaboration with the Cascade Horizon Band. Clyde Thompson will direct the chorus, and rehearsals (five in all) will begin on Tuesday evening, June 9. If interested, please contact Clyde at [cthompson@bendbroadband.com](mailto:cthompson@bendbroadband.com) or at 385-7229.

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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.

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**FOR SALE** Men's Schwinn Mesa mountain bike. \$200. Only ridden 100 miles. Call Jim Emerson @788-6676.

**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.

**ORGAN CONCERT**, Friday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary by Mark Oglesby. Varied program, one-hour. Benefit recital for Kits for Kids. More info: Boyd Levet, blevet@bendfp.org.