

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Worship

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship

Wednesday

Contemplative Worship
on Summer Hiatus

Child care provided at all
worship times

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

Monday, September 7

Next Faith Notes

Deadline

July 13 at Noon

Next Publication:

July 22, 2009

The Koski's in Australia

Post 2

I led worship and preached at St. Michael's Uniting Church yesterday. There is a Presbyterian Church right across the street and they had bagpipes going for 30 minutes for a Kirk of the Tartans service. They played the loudest throughout my message. Too funny!

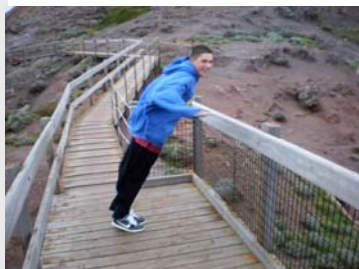


Post 1

Helen Keller said "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all."

Being in Australia reminds me what an exciting turn my life took when I took the risk to embrace the adventure of moving to Australia 20 years ago.

We spent the first two days at a friend's beach house on the Mornington Peninsula. Visited Cape Shank (nothing



between us and Antarctica). Pictures are of the wind holding the boys up. We arrived in Melbourne today (Friday, July 3) for the weekend. The boys and I are going to an Australian Rules football game tonight at the world famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (they are expecting 90000 people).

I am preaching at St. Michael's

Uniting Church on Sunday. We are driving to Adelaide along the Great Ocean Road on Monday.

** Follow along on the journey by reading Steven's blog from our website: www.bendfp.org.*



Session Highlights

At its June 16 meeting, Session:

- Discussed how we measure the success of the mission of First Presbyterian. How do we know we are being successful, and is transformation occurring?
- Agreed to be the Stewardship Team for 2010. The stewardship drive will be from mid-September to mid-November, and the emphasis will be on spiritual gifts. Elders signed up to be on one of three teams to work on the stewardship campaign: communication, garden parties, and personal contact.
- Heard a report that Julie Eberhard Wheeler has been hired as the new Worship Leader for Contemporary Worship. She will begin July 1.
- Approved appointments of elders to be Session liaisons to the various Ministry Teams as follows:
 - Spiritual Formation – Tim Conlon and Sue Nell Phillips
 - Congregational Ministry – Ron Carver
 - Worship Ministry – Sharon Lichti and Teddie Allison
 - Care Ministry – LeBron Hardie
 - Youth Ministry – Scott Hill
 - Mission Ministry – Chuck Piersee and Todd Ainsworth
 - Children’s Ministry – Sarah Holtzclaw and Betty Bullis
 - Administrative Ministry – Brian Cash and Clay Higuchi

A copy of the June 16 Session minutes and the May 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, August 18, at 6 p.m. in the Library.

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

Ruling Elders:

Todd Ainsworth, 598-9210	LeBron Hardie, 550-7541
Teddie Allison, 317-8978	Clay Higuchi, 388-2746
Betty Bullis, 389-8108	Scott Hill, 383-3964
Ron Carver, 389-4226	Sarah Holtzclaw, 318-7496
Brian Cash, 549-1663	Chuck Piersee, 312-1628
Tim Conlon, 388-0292	Sue Nell Phillips, 817-3131

First Presbyterian's Medical Equipment

A new inventory of the church's medical equipment is now complete. Several new items have been added since June 1. If you need equipment, please contact Jim Smith at 382-8502 or Elizabeth Stephan at the church. If you have equipment that is in good condition and would like to donate it to this Ministry, please contact Jim or Elizabeth. We could use another wheel chair and commodes with side rails. If we don't have what you need, there are other free resources available and we can refer you to them. We're here to help.

Jim Smith, Deacon

All-Church Campout

Save the date. Simax campground at Crescent Lake – August 28 – 30. Contact Brenda Simpson (383-3769 or bmsimpson@hughes.net) with questions or if you would like to help



A New Adornment in the Sanctuary

Have you noticed a banner you have never seen before? Your Liturgical Arts Team has been hard at work for the past year.

The team started out with the new logo for First Presbyterian Church, Bend. The project before us was to take that logo and add color enclosing the circles. The background fabric was just the right color, but the fabric itself had many challenges. Look closely at the dark green fabric of which the cross and dark parts of the paraments are constructed to see if it has a familiar look.

The A and Ω, the Alpha and Omega - the Beginning and the End, on the pulpit cloth represent the eternal nature of Jesus Christ and God. The Communion Table cloth has a symbol for the Trinity. In the early church, overlapping or intertwined circles represented the three persons of the Trinity. Each of the three circles are the same size. Because a circle has no beginning or ending, it symbolizes the eternal nature of the Godhead. The circles are so arranged that to take one away, the other two will separate, thus emphasizing the interdependence and dissolvability of the Trinity. The outside triangle represents the Father and Son on the top with the Holy Spirit on the bottom.



The members of the Liturgical Arts team are Co-Chairs Shelia De John and Sharon Lichti, Bonnie Altig, Diana Delamarter, Pamela Keyes Lyle, Carol Piersee, and Sharon Thomson. This is the group of women who magically make the banners appear and disappear when needed. They also decorate the church at holiday seasons, hang the memorial and wedding banners, and do their best to come up with new banners for the various themes Pastor Steven suggests. We meet on Monday afternoon and would love to have anyone who has an interest in serving this way join us. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Lichti (388-9982 or slichti@bendcable.com) or Sheila DeJohn (383-2690 or h2ocolor@bendcable.com).

New Worship Leader Hired for Contemporary Service

We are happy to announce that we have hired Julie Eberhard Wheeler as the new Worship Leader for the Contemporary Service. She began July 1, and she is working with Matthew throughout July until his last day on July 26. We are excited to have her as part of our faith community. Julie brings a strong faith, a deep passion for music, and tremendous energy with her into this role; as well as over 18 years experience developing, playing, and leading music. Julie was instrumental in founding the Gospel Choir of the Cascades and will continue to lead the volunteer gospel choir. She has a master's degree in composition and is a wonderful piano player as well. She is warm, welcoming and has a great spirit. Please welcome Julie as part of our church.

Prayer Gathering for The Trailhead

Feeling a need for a quiet morning? Wanting to hear how God is present in our community? Wondering about The Trailhead and how it will evolve? If so, you are invited to attend a prayer and discernment gathering for The Trailhead on Saturday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room at the church. We will gather to listen to God's voice, ask for God's blessings on this project, and discuss how to continue to move forward with this mission opportunity. Anyone who is interested in this mission effort, who wants to support our outreach to young adults in Bend or who feels called to participate in any way with this new community is invited to attend. Breakfast will be served.



Remember in Prayer

Myrtie Baney and family.

Gwen Anderson

Lola Pemberton

WEDNESDAY EVENING CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

is pausing for the months of July and August. Since the worship leaders' travel and visitor schedules are difficult to coordinate, the contemplative worship team has decided to take a rest until Fall. We are committed to this service and will resume in the Fall. Please communicate to all who might ask that yes, this service will continue to be an oasis of reflection, music, prayer, and silence.

For those seeking contemplative silence and prayer, there are two opportunities: Tuesday evening's Listening Hearts, 7:00 - 8:15, and Thursday noon's Centering Prayer, 12-1. Both continue through the summer. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian/Red Cross Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, July 21. The drive will be held in the Youth Center from 11:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in The Commons. If you would like to volunteer to help with the drive, please contact Jim Smith at 382-8502.

The donated blood has so many uses and will help someone unknown to you. This is truly a ministry of love. Please support this drive.

Gathered Together

All are invited to gather together for prayer, silent and spoken, for our church, community, and God's world. We meet the 1st and 3rd 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>

Are You Called to Walk with A Family in Crises?

First Presbyterian is well known for answering the call in our community. When Bear Creek Elementary School needed tutors, we answered the call; and we now have a vibrant, successful tutoring program at that school.

We have been called again, this time by J Bar J Youth Services, a program that is near to the hearts of many at this church. One of the “Js” stands for Jarvis because Lyle and Mary Jarvis, members of First Pres, launched this program in 1968. It has grown to a collection of programs focused on helping youth in Oregon. One of its programs, Cascade Youth and Families, has funding to expand the Family Mediation Service; and we have responded to the call. Now all we need is the people.

If you feel you are a person who could become a mediator, we need your help. These counselors are assigned to specific youths or families to help them through difficult times. It could include sitting down and helping the family come up with a contract to smooth the difficult adolescent years. It might provide help to an adolescent whose family is not there to support him or her to file to become an emancipated minor.

J Bar J will provide the training, so you don't have to be a trained therapist or counselor. What you need is the desire to make a difference in these families' lives, the patience to stick with these families as they navigate their challenges, and the ability to learn the fundamentals of mediation through training and observation.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, contact Aelea Hall at aelea@atlc.com or 593-2900 (work)

Hearts and Hands

Last month we introduced Heart to Heart, a new attempt to make sure that needs in our church community could be matched to people who could help. The name has now been changed to Hearts to Hands because we feel that is more descriptive of the purpose.

The blue cards in the pews have been changed to include requests for prayers, request for help, or maybe you could be the answer to someone's prayer by providing help. All requests and offers will be help in private. You can also e-mail heartsandhands@bendfp.org.

Let's be there for each other, especially in these difficult economic times.

If you have questions you can Aelea Hall at 541-593-2900 (work).

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.

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.

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).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration forms have been mailed out. Extra forms are available at the church or on-line at www.bendfp.org

Crocodile Dock!

Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light!

New Friends – Amazing Crafts – Wacky Snacks – Mind-blowing Bible Adventures

Gator Games – Incredible Music

Monday, July 27, to Thursday, July 30 – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Each year as part of Vacation Bible School the children and their families are encouraged to participate in mission activities. This year we are featuring two mission projects one local and one national.

The local mission is Presbyterian Women's Kits for Kids project. Families will have a chance to bring in soap, toothpaste, and other daily needs to help fill the kits. The kits are destined for homeless school children in our local area.

The national mission are soft & snuggly Comfort Critters. These critters crawl across the country . . . and comfort children when they need it most. When disaster strikes, children experience the larger-than-life trauma of losing everything – without any warning. A favorite toy or trusted pet can vanish in just a day. Our VBS kids will send love, encouragement, and something to hold on to with this year's special mission project. These cute turtles say "God Cares" and include a pocket to store a friendly note. The Comfort Critters will be distributed by Kid2Kid a mission of American Bible Society.

You can be a part of the mission of Vacation Bible School, either as a volunteer or by making a donation.

To volunteer contact Deb Klotz, dklotz@bendtel.net or 385-3109

The VBS donation board is in the commons and has items that can be purchased or \$ donation forms. We have many children coming to Vacation Bible School whose families cannot afford the \$10 registration fee. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Open Letter from Stuart Allinger church nursery worker.

Dear Parents,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I write this letter of resignation from First Presbyterian Church's nursery care. I have enjoyed the opportunity to work and play with your little child(ren) these last eight months.

Unfortunately I have been unable to acquire more sustainable income and am forced to move back to California. My last day of work will be the last Sunday in June, the 28th. Thank you again for this time working and/or playing with your children.

Sincerely,

Stuart K. Allinger

On behalf of the church community we wish Stuart God speed as he explores new opportunities in California. Stuart has been a wonderful asset to our nursery, providing gentle and creative care to the youngest members of our Church family.

Janet Pearson

Janet Cruz

Director of Children and Family Ministry

Nursery Coordinator

Be a just neighbor, not just a neighbor

During an adult education class on Sunday, June 14, Sarah Holtzclaw, who works for the Partnership to End Poverty and who is a member of our session, talked about poverty, locally and nationally.

Here are some highlights from her presentation.

1. On average a person working a 40-hour work week needs to earn \$16.31 an hour to afford the average fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment. In Deschutes County, a living wage, including the cost of transportation, housing, childcare, insurance, taxes, food, household needs (clothing, etc.), is close to \$30 an hour.
2. In every state but Vermont, the cost of childcare at an urban childcare center costs more than tuition at a public college.
3. The federal government's funding commitment to low-income housing has decreased 48% since 1976.
4. Among all the industrialized nations in the world, the United States ranks second-highest in the percentage of children living below the median income. Mexico is in first place.

What can we all do to make things better?

1. Check out what the Mission Team at First Presbyterian is doing. The Mission Team meets once a month – every second Tuesday evening starting at 6:15 p.m. Come and join in the work. Contact Tom Hall, the Mission Team's Chair, at tom@atlc.com.
2. Understand your local food bank(s). Tour the food bank. Volunteer at the food bank and see for yourself how it works. Donate food or money via our deacons. Talk to a deacon – Sandra Crony, arktos@bendbroadband.com
3. Take the Habitat for Humanity volunteer orientation class offered every Thursday at noon. Contact Emily Williams, Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator at ewilliams@bendhabitat.org.
4. Find out about our denomination's advocacy activities: <http://www.pcusa.org/children/poverty.htm> The Presbyterian Church USA advocates broadly for children living in poverty.
5. Advocate locally. The Peacemaking Team at First Presbyterian is active in lobbying for families living below the poverty line in Bend. They have advocated for the bus system. Contact Meg Brookover, the chair of the Peacemaking Team, at megbrook@bendbroadband.com.
6. Work in a neighborhood locally. Volunteer at your local school next fall. Volunteer at Bear Creek School through our church's tutoring program. Join with the Friends of Jesus volunteers from our church: Thiel Larson at tlarson@bendbroadband.com or Marilyn Burwell at mburwell@rio.com. We have a growing number of older children who need to know more about going to school after high school; take a group of kids to the COCC/OSU campus and show them around. Both Donna Beegle and the Partnership to End Poverty see mentoring and education as two keys to bringing children and families out of poverty.
7. Overwhelmingly, the residents of Bethlehem Inn thank the churches for the food they receive but say that what they really want are jobs. Many of the people at Bethlehem Inn have job skills; they just don't have a job. Call Bethlehem Inn at 322-8768 ext. 18 and ask for Maralyn Frazier. Talk to either Maralyn or the monitor on duty; do not talk to a resident. Give your requirements, and Maralyn or the monitor will get back to you. Please plan on providing transportation. Bethlehem Inn is located at 3705 N Highway 97, Bend 97701, north of Subway.

Kits for Kids

The flow of bags at First Presbyterian has been steady and we have reached about 50% of our July 30 goal of 450 bags. If you have bags at home, please bring them to church as soon as possible. Additional bags are available at the PW table in the Commons.

Completed bags are being stored downstairs close to the south exit door, come on down and see our “mountain.”

For more information or questions contact Helen or Jim Smith (382-8502, hsmith@bendcable.com or fryhawks@bendcable.com



Care Ministry—Deacons

July 13 & 20 on COTV Channel 11 watch a presentation of “The Golden Dilemma—from Boomers to Seniors & Beyond: Are We Prepared?” This is a taping of a Talk of the Town discussion at the Greenwood Playhouse on June 15. The discussion is a good follow up to the Deacons sponsored presentation of “Caring for Your Parents” on June 22.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Each Thursday afternoon a group of knitters gathers in the Prayer Room with their yarn, needles, prayers and stories to create simple prayer shawls. These shawls are 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 joining 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 your own sized 10½ needles**. Crochet instructions are also available. We gather each Thursday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

For information, please contact Deb Klotz at 385-3109 or dklotz@bendtel.net.

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

Study and Fellowship

CPR CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Lichti (947 SE Sunwood Court - 388-9982) for a salad dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a salad topping to share. Co-hostesses are Pat Thompson and Julie Johnson. RSVP to Sharon Lichti at slichti@bendcable.com or 388-9982; however, if you don't RSVP and find that you can come, please come.

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 - We are taking the summer off. See you in September.

TILTERS is a group of women who read and discuss books related to faith. On July 16 we will start *A Credible Jesus* by Robert W. Funk. Order a copy and 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.

Support Groups

Depression Support Group Meets in the Prayer Room on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

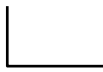
Care Givers Support Group Led by Elizabeth Stephan Meets in the Prayer Room on the first and third Mondays of each month, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

WELCOME

Remember, to preserve the appearance and functionality of the Welcome Center, no materials or items are to be placed there unless okayed by the Host Committee.

Thank you.

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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.

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

WANTED—Old fencing, cedar or pine; will haul. Call Eldon Wilson @330-6492.

NEW TOSHIBA LAPTOP COMPUTER. Contains Office Home and Student 2007 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote), 2009 Kaspersky Internet Security System, plus transferable extended two year damage warranty. Originally purchased by David DeJohn in March 2009 for business use, but only used a few times. Original cost total \$1,025 asking price \$800 OBO. Please call Sheila DeJohn @ 383-1690.

1998 FORD EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER EDITION, very well cared for and has all of the receipts to prove it. Excellent all-weather truck with a comfortable ride. It has not been used for snow plowing or towing. Details: dark blue exterior with tan leather interior, 160K mileage, 4.0L V6 engine, automatic with four-wheel drive, keyless entry, great stereo, power driver's seat, alloy wheels with new Les Schwab tires. Asking \$4,750 or OBO. Please call Mark DeJohn@ 541-948-0993 to schedule a test drive.

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