

## 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

Monday, May 25

Next Faith Notes

Deadline

May 11 at Noon

Next Publication:

May 20, 2009

## Pastor's Column

### Upcoming Message Series - R<sup>2</sup> – Road to Recovery

Everyone is hoping for an economic recovery.

When an addict talks about recovery, they are not referring to the way things were. They are talking about new life and a new healthier way of being and living in the world.

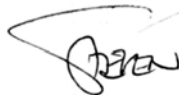
Join me as we explore R<sup>2</sup> – Road to Recovery over the next seven weeks.

- May 10 "Recovering a Resilient Spirit"
- May 17 "Recovering a Roadmap to the Future"
- May 24 "Recovering a Reason to Get Up in the Morning"
- May 31 "Recovering a Relevant Religion"
- June 7 "Recovering Renewal in Your Relationships"
- June 14 "Recovering Rest for Your Soul"
- June 21 "Recovering a Radical, Scandalous God of Grace"

Please make a point of inviting someone to church who could use an encouraging word of hope and a welcoming community.

### A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

I can't even begin to express my gratitude for the prayers and love with which you have surrounded me and my family as my father transitioned to More Life. Your prayers have been a healing balm. Your expressions of love have been a source of strength in this difficult time.



## Session Highlights

At its April 21 meeting, Session:

- Shared their statements of faith with the members of the Confirmation Class who were joining the church.
- Welcomed the following four members of the Confirmation Class into membership: Ciara Hogue, Jonah Koski, Padraic McDonald, and Thomas Watson.
- Thanked Bill Burwell and Betty Bullis for their mentoring of the members of the Confirmation Class.
- Heard a report from Dr. Koski on the progress of the New Church Development grant proposal to the Presbytery of the Cascades and the PC(USA).
- Heard a report from Dr. Koski on the status of the Sunday Night Gathering and Pub Talks that are currently in hiatus. He would like to have both of them more connected to our church and would like them to be more open to our church community and to the general public. They are both about connecting the disconnected and tie into “All are welcome, always.”
- Heard a report that on April 20 Russ Henning of Boy Scout Troop 25, the troop sponsored by FPC, was named the Fremont District Boy Scout Master of the Year.
- Passed a motion from Congregational Ministries to streamline the membership process for new members transferring their membership from other Christian churches.

A copy of the April 21 Session minutes and the March 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. Session will hold a retreat on Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 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, 598-9210  
 Teddie Allison, 317-8978  
 Ron Carver, 389-4226  
 Brian Cash, 549-1663  
 Aelea Hall, 539-1103  
 Lynda Hathorn, 388-2736

Scott Hill, 383-3964  
 Sarah Holtzclaw, 318-7496  
 Chuck Piersee, 312-1628  
 Sue Nell Phillips, 817-3131  
 Spencer Schock, 385-6794

## BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

following both worship services on Sunday, May 17.

## GREEN TIP

Take off the bottle cap before recycling your soda or water bottle. The caps are not always made from the same plastic as the bottle, and they can jam the equipment; so “off with their heads!”

## 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)).

### Treasure Quest

Paul on the Road

Acts 9:1-22

The Treasure Quest theme for this year was "A Witness to God's Presence." The kindergarten through fifth graders will finish up the year in May with Paul's conversion. This story can help us to remember that no matter what our life choices have been, God's unending love for us allows new possibilities. The character of Ananais also helps us to realize that our simple acts of discipleship can have a profound impact on the world. We will explore the story through puppet drama, art, and acts of kindness.

### Special Summer Sundays

Are you interested in getting to know the children of our church? Would you like an opportunity to share your love of Jesus? Is God calling you?

Starting in June, our 9 a.m. education hour for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be organized around 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.

To make these summer Sundays special, we need caring adults to lead the creative, combined-class Bible lessons. Each lesson contains an opening game or activity that grabs kids' attention and gets them tuned into the theme. You'll be provided with an interactive Bible story, a life-application activity and a handout that helps kids apply what the Bible says to their own lives. And each lesson ends with a meaningful closing.

Look for the Special Summer Sunday schedule in The Commons, and sign up for the one or two Sundays that best fit your plans for the summer.



### Vacation Bible School – Crocodile Dock

Vacation Bible School is for everyone. This year Vacation Bible School will be from 9:00 am to Noon on July 27 through July 30. If you have children at home that are 4 years old or older, we would love to have them be a part of VBS. If you have grandchildren that will be in town, we would love to have them be a part of VBS. If you have neighbor children, we would love to have them be a part of VBS. And we would love to have you be a part of VBS.

How can you be a part of VBS? If you love God and love kids, there is a place for you on the VBS staff. If staff work isn't your cup of tea, we are looking for people to loan us some special items. I've got list of things we need that can be returned. Do you like to shop? I also have a list of things we need that can be purchased for use during VBS. Let's talk about how you can be a part of VBS. Of course, the most powerful way you can help us get ready for and have a successful Vacation Bible School is to pray for everyone involved with our Vacation Bible School.

Thank you in advance!

Deb Klotz  
VBS Director

## 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>

## 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)).

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

The Fold (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Mission Trip Team would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church community and friends for helping us complete a successful fundraising campaign for our mission trip to West Virginia in June. Your overwhelming support of our bake sales, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti lunch, coffee mug sale, quilt raffle, and especially our youth service crew have enabled us to raise enough money to ensure that all of our youth who want to go on this life-changing trip can go, regardless of finances.

God has blessed us with many compassionate givers and surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. I believe this is a testament not only to this community and its support of its youth, but also a witness to the incredible power of a group of people working together for a common goal. This church community's ability to get things done in times of need never ceases to amaze me; the only words I have left to say are Thank You and God is Good!

We have been overwhelmed with requests for jobs by the Youth Service Crew. The list of jobs left to complete is long and will take us several weeks of hard work to finish. For that reason, we are no longer taking on new jobs. Once again, we thank you so much for your unfailing financial, prayerful, spiritual, emotional, and physical support of the youth group here at First Presbyterian.

Blessings,  
Greg Bolt  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

### *This month*

**May 6** (5:30-8:00 p.m.)  
Heritage Hall  
Parenting 2.0: What is Sexting? Sex + Texting = Sexting. What happens when Christian values and 21st century technology collide? An opportunity for parents, youth, and others to discuss different perspectives on this issue that seems to be everywhere, dinner provided!

**May 13** (5:30-8:00 p.m.)  
Heritage Hall  
Movie Night: BOLT (Rated PG: some mild action and peril). Both the Flock and the Fold will watch this 2008 animated movie starring John Travolta and Miley Cyrus. Dinner provided!

**May 20** (5:30-7:00 pm)  
Heritage Hall  
Book Club: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. The Flock and the Fold will discuss the 1993 Newbery Medal Winning novel about a utopian society. Bring your own dinner!

**May 22-23** (10:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.) The Flock Lock-In Get-Together (\$15)

**May 27** (5:30-7:00 p.m.)  
Heritage Hall  
Bible Study: The Flock: Responsibility, The Fold: Doubt. Both our groups will have an opportunity to study Scripture and discuss how it pertains to our everyday life.

**May 29-30** (7:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.) Sunriver, OR  
The Fold Mission Trip Retreat. An opportunity for the 16 youth and four adults going on the mission trip to West Virginia to practice working as a team.

**YOUTH WANT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!** If you interested in what is going on, send Greg and email at [gbolt@bendfp.org](mailto:gbolt@bendfp.org) so that he can compile a list for electronic updates.

## Enneagram Conversations: Deepening Our Spiritual Experience

Part 1 – A six-month study group for persons acquainted with the Enneagram who wish to take their work to a deeper, more spiritual level. Each session includes teachings and exercises for conversation and personal reflection.

Part 2 – Also a six-month study group that includes teaching and exercises for conversation and personal reflection.

You do not need to take Part 1 or 2 in any particular order. These groups will meet May 3, June 7, July 12, August 12, August 2, September 13 and October 4, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Art of Living Center. Fee is \$200. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 383-4179 or visit [www.sacredartofliving.org](http://www.sacredartofliving.org).

## Networking Next To Godliness

You are not alone--God is always with you.

If you are unemployed, you also have many kindred and mortal spirits. Being with them and others to uncover jobs is called networking. Networking is the most effective way to find work.

If you are unemployed, wire into a "network."

Support groups exist. One is the Employment Transition Group. Contact is

[abportland@yahoo.com](mailto:abportland@yahoo.com)

A second is with Worksource Bend. Call Bobbie Faust at 317-2285.

Interested in forming an unemployment support group? Contact Elizabeth Stephen at [estephen@bendfp.org](mailto:estephen@bendfp.org)

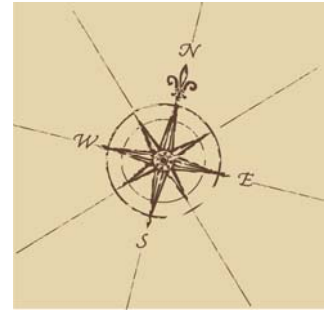
In your unemployment, your current job is to find a job. Arise each morning and determine what part of your "job" you need to tackle, and activate your network.

Fifteen years ago I was

unemployed for seven months. Through my church men's fellowship and a networking nonprofit, I reinvented myself and started a consulting business; it continues today.

Contact me at [tconlon@bendcable.com](mailto:tconlon@bendcable.com) if you want to learn more about networking.

Tim Conlon



## STUDY OF FOOD, ANIMALS AND HUMANS

The Thursday morning class that Dr. Dan Klingler teaches at the St Helens Center (formerly Grace First Lutheran) will have a three-week study of *The Omnivores Dilemma* by Michael Pollan on May 14, 21 and

28. It is a book about various ways animals die that we may eat meat.

It 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.

Please join us from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. beginning May 14.

## Beat Modern Swords into Plowshares

Echoing a call issued by President Barack Obama in Prague on Palm Sunday, the Presbyterian Washington Office and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program are urging Presbyterians to contact their U.S. Senators with a simple message: "Work for a world free of nuclear weapons."

President Obama echoed longstanding Presbyterian concerns in his Prague speech when he identified the need to address the future of nuclear weapons as "fundamental to the security of our nations and to the peace of the world." Mr. Obama went on to declare that under his administration, the United States will "seek

the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons."

For more than 50 years, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assemblies have repeatedly articulated that same vision. What can you do to ensure that this will happen in our lifetime? Take action now

for a world without nuclear weapons. Call your Senators and urge them to support President Obama's efforts. Click on the PC(USA) link below for talking points and phone numbers.

<http://capwiz.com/pcusa/allalert/index.tt?alertid=13098026&type=CO>

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### SUMMER

#### GATHERING, MAY 16

Presbyterian Women's Summer Gathering, Saturday, May 16, will begin at 1:30 p.m. with election of officers for the 2009-2010 year.

Dedication of the annual Birthday Offering will be conducted by Carol Piersee, chaplain.

Next will be a "Step into Spring" fashion show presented by Susan Shuck. Susan is bringing new youthful styles in new colors with our own Presbyterian women as models.

An accessories sale and refreshments will follow the fashion show.

There is no registration

for the meeting. Watch for your invitation and Birthday Offering envelope in the mail.

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY OFFERING

The suggested donation for the Birthday Offering is one cent for every year of your life. This offering goes directly to the national Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky.

This year the Birthday Offering will go to two projects. La Mujer Obrera in El Paso, Texas, helping Mexican immigrant women who have lost their jobs as factory workers. La Mujer Obrera is also

working to create long-term, sustainable opportunities for area residents.

The Children's Home in Dzerzhinsk, Ukraine is where orphaned children can live in a nurturing, loving Christian environment. The Birthday Offering will help in finding homes for 30 special needs orphaned children.

This year our mailing will include a second envelope asking for an extra gift for Presbyterian Women. The new Shepherd's House for Women is asking for curtains; we will need to buy extra items for Kits for Kids, and we hope to continue giving to Saving Grace,

Bethlehem Inn and four other groups in Bend who need our help.

#### A NEW SHEPHERD'S HOUSE FOR WOMEN

Presbyterian Women have been asked to provide curtains for a new Shepherd's House for Women. Can we do it? Anyone who is interested in visiting the new Shepherd's House for Women, please call Elizabeth Stephan at the church office, 382-4401. Following the visit, if you have a suggestion about ways to help, curtains or other, please bring it to the Summer Gathering business meeting, Saturday, May 16, at 1:30 in Heritage Hall.

## Bags! Bags! Bags!

Kits for Kids needs more bags. Material for the bags is under the table in the Commons. Harriet Langmas is still open for sewing on Thursdays. Call her at 382-3826.

### Got Bags?

Kits for Kids can use completed bags now. Bring them to the table in the Commons. Items to put into completed bags may also be left at the table in the Commons.

## Friends of Jesus

Friend of Jesus could use help. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement after the Bulletin did an article on Friends of Jesus. The kids were also delighted. The truth is, we could use one or two more people to help with our Saturday program. If God is whispering in your ear, please call Thiel Larson at 388-4895 or Marilyn Burwell at 388-7593 and we'll discuss it with you. It takes 2 hours on Saturday, and not every Saturday. The fringe benefits are enormous!

## Remember in Prayer

Sheila De John and her family.  
Jen Noble and her family.

Good News! Juan "Mando" and Lydia Cruz are the official recipients of a Habitat for Humanity home in Bend. The Cruz family includes Marcy, Alex, Andrew and Serene. Congratulations!

## Study and Fellowship

**CIRCLE 3** will meet on Monday, May 11, 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, May 12, in the Adult Center continuing with the ninth lesson of the Jubilee study book. Leading will be Nona Lowe. All women in the church are invited. For more information, call Betty Armer (388-2347).

**CPR Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Karolyn Brockmeyer (3085 NW Jewell Drive – 330-6480) for a salad dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. We will watch the video “Beyond Our Differences.” This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a salad topping to share. Co-hostesses are Carol Debrick and Gretchen Williver.

**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** - 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?

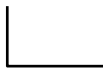
**THE TILTERS** is a group of women who meet to read and discuss books related to faith. We are reading *When Faith Meets Reason: Religion Scholars Reflect on Their Faith Journeys*. Editor Charles W. Hedrick collects 13 essays solicited from scholars in religion that answer the broad question of how 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** will see you again in the fall. Look for information later in the summer for our gathering on September 4.

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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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**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.