

## 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 25 at Noon

Next Publication:

June 3, 2009

### Pastor's Column

The Koski's are headed Down Under in July! You may recall last year St. Michael's Uniting Church in Melbourne, Australia invited me to preach for three weeks to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination. I was associate pastor at St. Michaels from 1988-1990 immediately following seminary. I was then invited to become Senior Pastor of Brougham Place Uniting Church in Adelaide, Australia where I served for 10 years from 1990-2000. (Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists united in 1977 to form the Uniting Church in Australia).


Those 10 years were significant years as they witnessed the first years of my marriage and the birth of my sons. This was an exciting time as Brougham Place Uniting Church experienced significant growth and outreach and impact into the community.

Brougham Place Uniting Church is celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As part of this celebration, they are flying the entire Koski clan (minus Zeke, our dog, much to his chagrin) to Adelaide to share in the celebrations. I will preach on July 5, 12 and 19. I will also speak at a breakfast leadership seminar. During my time at BPUC, we held monthly motivational breakfasts for the community that regularly sold out each month at 150 people. They are hosting one of those motivational breakfasts in July that apparently is already nearly sold out. I will also speak at a gathering of Uniting Church Pastors on the future of the church as part of these celebrations.

It has been ten years since we lived in Australia. This will be the first time Jacob and Jonah, who were six and four when we moved, have returned to their land of birth. I am excited they will meet the people and the church community that loved and nurtured them in their early years.

As I did last year, I will blog on our website that you might share in our travels. Speaking of electronic communication, did you know that First Presbyterian Church have Facebook and Twitter pages. Tell your friends to check us out!

May we continue to be inwardly strong that we might be outwardly focused sharing the unconditional love and compassion of Jesus!



## June Birthdays

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| 1 Cathy Freeman<br>Justin Thomas                     | 12 Julie Cash<br>Dustin Cofer<br>Don Hanson<br>Thiel Larson    | 19 Al Gray<br>20 Elisabeth Bishop<br>Joan Bruce                            |
| 2 Jim Norton   | 13 Quinten Anderson<br>Lisa Johnston<br>Annika Starkweather    | 22 Kelsey Macy<br>23 Tom Freeman<br>24 Kyley Hjeresen                      |
| 3 Lora Looman<br>Carolyn Nelson<br>Judy Newton       | 14 Carl Casebolt<br>Dave Place                                 | 25 Steve Curran<br>Carl Johnston   |
| 4 Jean Hull<br>Lisa Sheldon<br>Pauline Wade          | 15 Willa Watts   | 26 Tim Marcy<br>Fran Rosga   |
| 5 Terry Anderson<br>Nancy Mullins                    | 16 Bob Brydges<br>Jim Meng<br>Dick Neumann<br>Pat Renwick      | 27 Mark Frewing<br>28 Myrtie Baney<br>Kelsey Bates<br>Kristopher Karpstein |
| 8 Alison Meyer                                       | 17 Christopher Carmiencke<br>Clay Higuchi<br>Gretchen Williver | 29 Spencer Schock<br>Clyde Thompson  |
| 9 Dennis Dorsett<br>Yoko Sakugawa                    | 19 Barbara Cashwell<br>Bud Fincham                             | 30 Les Alford<br>Ruthie Douglass   |
| 11 Bryant Leaver<br>Tim Robinson<br>Bryant Wilkinson |  |  |
| 12 Helen Backlund                                    |  |  |

## June Anniversaries

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| 1 Jay Dee and Andrea Conrad   | 18 Janet and Bob Pearson   |
| 2 Curt and Myrtie Baney   | 19 Harry and Joanne Anderson<br>Dave and JoAnn Dewey<br>Tim and Lori Robinson  |
| 3 Paul and Debbie Klotz   | 22 Harvey and Anita Helm   |
| 4 Ralph and Diana Delamarter  | 23 Russ and Ellie Cannon<br>Paul and Gladys Fox  |
| 6 Shoshana and Iain Foxwell<br>Dick and Anita Gassner                                 | 24 Russ and Karen Benedikt<br>Steve and Cindy Curran<br>Ralph and Janet Litchfield<br>Chuck and Joan Mackdanz<br>Stephanie and Brian Seed<br>Kipp and Rorie Unrein |
| 7 Bob and Betty Armer   | 25 Brian and Julie Cash<br>Paul and Leslie Stednitz  |
| 9 Terry and Dan Re<br>Tom and Kitty Rutherford  | 27 Maggie and Rick Hanson<br>Steve and Nadine Hogrefe  |
| 10 Don and Helen Compton<br>Doug Keeler and Marigale Compton<br>Sherry and Dave Place | 28 Robin and Vivien Brown<br>Steve and Pat Karpstein   |
| 11 Wayne and Ginny Boone  | 29 Lori Brizee and Bob Brydges<br>Barry and Gale Laing   |
| 13 Lin and John Clark<br>Chuck and Carol Piersee                                      |  |
| 14 Steve Knapp and Susan Shuck<br>Lee and Ruby Sharman<br>Dan and Kim Torrence        |  |
| 16 Julie and Chuck Still  |  |
| 17 Ray and Dee Campbell<br>LeBron Hardie and Barbara Balz<br>Ken and Marjorie Johnson |  |
| 18 Melissa and Kenneth Carson   |  |

## Eat Healthy, Be Well Luncheon

The Congregational Nurse/Health Care Team will be presenting a free luncheon for the congregation following both services on May 31 in Heritage Hall. There will be delicious, healthy foods as well as recipes and tips on helping your family eat well and enjoy the benefits of healthy food choices.

## First Presbyterian Church's 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)

## 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 through entering Kindergarten
- Crocodile Dock Helpers: Youth entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through adults
- Nursery care available for helper families.

For more information contact Deb Klotz, Crocodile Dock Director, 382-4401 after 3 p.m.

### 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.

### 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 then have an opportunity to choose work to express their thoughts and feelings, followed by a feast/snack together. This deeply enriching spiritual experience will continue through the summer months.

### Godly Play Field Trip

Saturday May 30 in Sherwood.

Are you curious about Godly Play? Do you feel called? Join us for a field trip to Sherwood Presbyterian near Tualatin. This opportunity to learn more about Godly Play is an all-day adventure on the other side of the mountains. Contact Janet Pearson by May 26 if you are interested.

## 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>

## Remember in Prayer

Karen Sipes and her husband Steve Crouch in the death of Steve's father.

Ann and Don Kelly in the death of Ann's father.

## 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)).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 22-23 (10:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.) The Flock Lock-In Get-Together (\$15)** will meet at Cat 6 at the Old Mill and play video games for a couple of hours then return to the church to relax and catch some ZZZZZZs. We'll wake up, have breakfast and be on our way. For more information or to RSVP, contact Greg

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

**May 27 (5:30-7:00 p.m.) Bible Study: The Flock: Responsibility; The Fold: Doubt – 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!

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

**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.

## 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.

## 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)

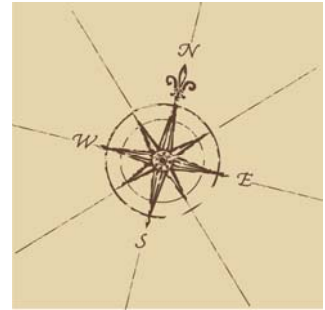
In your unemployment, your current job is to find a job. Arise each morning and determine what part of your "job" you need to tackle, and activate your network.

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.

## Give Them a Hearing . . . Listen Before We Answer

The Presbyterian Church has guidelines during times of disagreement that says while conflicts in a church can be harmful and destructive, "At the same time, conflicts can be an opportunity for new insights, learning, and individual and corporate growth. Disagreements can illuminate a topic in helpful ways and can

present solutions to problems which previously had not been seen. The successful resolution of conflict can also bind people together in a powerful way."

The first guideline is to "Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust. Believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ; we will

keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange, and we will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others.

The next guideline says, "Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement."

The third is, "State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other."

For more on these guidelines, click on the link below. <http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking/guidelines.pdf>

Peace to you,  
Peacemaking Team

## May-July Support Groups

### Depression Support Group

Led by Laurie Koski,  
LCSW  
Meets in the Prayer Room  
Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 pm  
May 13, 27  
June 10, 24  
July 1, 15

### Care Givers Support Group

Led by Elizabeth Stephan  
Meets in the Prayer Room  
Mondays, 2:00-3:30 pm  
May 18  
June 1, 15  
July 6, 20

### Grief Support Group

Led by Lorraine Stuart  
Meets in the Adult Ed.  
Room  
Begins May 21; other  
dates to be decided after  
the initial meeting.

## What's Happening with Our Economy?

As a part of First Presbyterian's ongoing 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."

He 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.

## Juan and Lydia Cruz – recipients of a Habitat House

The Cruz family - Mando, Lydia, Marcy, Alex, Andrew and Serene - have been awarded a Habitat House. Because of the age difference between their two daughters, Marcy is a teen and Serene is a second-grader, they will receive a four-bedroom home somewhere in Bend. The location is not known at this time.

Mando and Lydia must enroll in a savings program approved by Habitat. This program asks them to save about \$900 per year in order to get an extra \$2,700 from a government savings program. This is a great deal. This money will be used to pay their closing and permit costs on the Habitat House. The Cruz family already has a financial mentor to help them with budgeting.

Mando and Lydia have already begun paying back with sweat equity. They are required to put in 600 hours of sweat equity, although 150 of those hours can come from friends and family. Mando and Lydia must average about 38 hours per month to stay on track for the Habitat requirements. A Habitat Home takes 12 to 18 months to complete.

Let's work together to help the Cruz family with those 150 volunteer hours. Look for a volunteer sign-up in our commons area at church. There are other jobs besides swinging a hammer. For more details, please contact Emily Williams, the Volunteer Coordinator, at the Habitat Office, 385-5387.

## THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN @ your Church Library

The Adult Education Committee has renewed our subscription to this timely and useful resource! These studies have been used at Sunday morning classes and individual small groups.

The website [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com) will take you to all the offerings available:

- Group Study
- Reading Room
- Parenting
- In the News
- Bible & Theology
- Popular Culture
- Contemporary Issues
- Spirituality
- Christian Living

Check out the list of topics in five main categories, separated into Adult and Youth study.

### ***In the News/***

***Contemporary Issues:*** What's Happening with Our Economy?

***Social & Ethical Issues:*** new Green Study Pack (6), which includes [A Return to Recycling](#) *Can we really make a difference?* | [Air Pollution: Inside and Out](#) *Being Green at Home/in Daily Life* *Christians who care about God's creation; we can take personal responsibility for*

*simple lifestyle changes ... make a difference.*

### ***Bible & Theology:***

Colossians | Angels: God's Messengers

***Spirituality:*** Spiritual Practices for Families | ... Disciplines for Different Personalities *Perhaps our favorite worship practices are more related to our personalities than to our theological views or faith stms. What kinds of spiritual practices best suit your personality?*

***Christian Living:*** Loving Your Enemy (Youth Study) *How can you love someone you don't even like? Can you be a Christian if you hate those who've harmed you?* Christian Responses to War (3 sessions).

### ***Popular Culture: Studies for Books, Movies, Music, & Television*** ***The Last Lecture:***

*Although this book by Randy Pausch has no overt Christian foundation, the themes of life and death found in [The Last Lecture](#) are relevant to every Christian. This inspirational book allows participants to look at their lives and consider what legacy they would*

*like to leave.* (Book also available in our Library [B Pau])

***The Shack:*** *This small-group study explores the work of fiction by William P. Young in which a man is invited to spend a weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.*

***The Theology of The Shack:*** *What is the theology of The Shack? What does it have to say about salvation, the Trinity, and why bad things happen to good people?* (Book also available in our Fiction section [FicYou])

***Twilight:*** *This study explores various themes from the popular vampire romance film Twilight, the first in a series based on the book by Stephanie Meyer. The film raises themes such as rebellion, true love, eternal life, temptation, and sacrifice. Three scenes are described for discussion.* (both Adult and Youth studies available).

This is just a small sampling. Complete lists, indicating which studies have been downloaded, are available at The Thoughtful Christian

counter in the Library. Anyone may peruse the website

[www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com) or the blog <http://blog.thethoughtfulchristian.com/>; product summaries may also be viewed. If you find a subject of interest and would like to consider leading or participating in a class, please let us know. We will download and print or email you the documents. Our church has this subscription for use within our congregation. Please contact Brigitte Dysart at 385-5342 / email [brigdysart@att.net](mailto:brigdysart@att.net) for downloads, help in navigating this website, and/or any other assistance finding resources @ your church library!

The Adult Ed Team would also appreciate your comments and suggestions for continuing classes.

You can also follow TTC through Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Thoughtful-Christian/19109817592> and Twitter at <http://twitter.com/ttcnews>.

## Kits for Kids - Get Ready!

May is 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 made bags. We need more bags, and 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.

## Mentoring Opportunity—Habitat for Humanity

Donna Beegle's message to us in March emphasized the importance of mentoring families and children who live below the poverty line. Dr. Beegle called mentoring, navigating, and she called mentors, navigators. Do you know how to use a phone book in print or online to find what you need? If you do, then you have navigation skills. Many families who live at the poverty level have no such skills. After hearing Dr. Beegle, many of you wondered silently or aloud: What's next? How/Where can I become a mentor, a navigator?

Here is an opportunity. Habitat for Humanity has a

great need for mentors to partner with families, some of whom already live in Habitat houses. Habitat families must manage their resources, time and money in order to build and keep their Habitat houses. Bend Habitat needs 2-3 more mentors to help new families. It also needs several financial mentors who can work with homeowners, who are already purchasing a Habitat home, but who are struggling with their finances. This does not mean you need to be a certified financial planner. We are talking about basic household

budget control.

Habitat mentors and families keep in touch by attending a monthly meeting. These meetings are held the second Monday of each month at First Presbyterian. The next two such meetings are Monday, June 8, at 5:15 p.m. and Monday, July 13, at 5:15 p.m.. You are welcome to stop by on any second Monday, any month, to observe. You can also talk with Shiela Pyott, the Family Coordinator at Bend Habitat. Call Shiela at 385-5387 ext 225 or email: [spyott@bendhabitat.org](mailto:spyott@bendhabitat.org)



## 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).

**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.

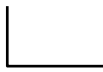
**THE TRAVELER’S BIBLE STUDY** Women, as you plan your spring activities, consider The Traveler’s Bible Study, which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. For more information, call Carol Piersee (312-1628).

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

## All Singers Are Invited

to join the Chancel Choir in forming a "Festival Chorus" that will present the church's fifth annual "Sound Fourth!" community concert on July 4th. 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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**SPRING MUSICAL** Sunday, May 31, 3:00 pm at Community Presbyterian Church in Redmond. Free and open to the public. Wide variety of musical genres including Broadway, Classical, Opera, Celtic, Sacred, even a tango. Please come and bring your friends.

**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, more info: Boyd Levet, [blevet@bendfp.org](mailto:blevet@bendfp.org).