

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Worship

#### Sunday

9:00 am  
Contemporary Worship

10:45 am  
Traditional Worship

The 5:01  
Music-Message-Meal

#### Wednesday

6:00 pm  
Contemplative Worship

Child care provided at all  
worship times

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

November 26-27

#### Next Faith Notes

#### Deadline

October 12 at Noon

#### Next Publication:

October 21, 2009

## Pastor's Column

In the Gospel of Matthew it says, "For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him." (Matthew 25.29)

This Bible reading has always been somewhat puzzling. I suspect we need to get beyond looking at this passage literally and seek a deeper meaning. I don't believe Jesus is talking about material things. I believe he is talking about a different kind of treasure where the more you draw on it, the more you will have.

Here's the strange paradox . . . a little known secret:

The more patient you are with people, the more patience you will have.

The more generous you are today, the more generosity you will have tomorrow.

The more love you give, the more loving you become.

The more you give yourself away, the more you discover your true self.

We are entering the stewardship season. "Hope Rising" is the stewardship theme for 2010. Stewardship is a spiritual discipline that shapes us into faithful people who live extravagantly, not in our spending, but in our generosity and loving. Giving is an integral part of who we are. Growing in generosity and trust is fundamental to our spiritual health and well being.

Stewardship is an opportunity to reflect on how we are living in relationship to God and how we are living in relationship to the world. It is a chance to reflect on where we might be caught in a scarcity mentality holding onto fear that prevents God's abundant love and generosity from flowing through us.

I challenge us to honestly ask ourselves:

Am I a more generous person today than I was 12 months ago?

Am I growing in generosity?

Have I increased my capacity to love in the past 12 months?

Is my faith or my fear in charge?

As the saying goes, "We make a living by what we get" . . . and we certainly know how fragile and transitory that can be. We make a life by what we are willing to give. It is no accident Jesus talked about money five times more frequently than he talks about prayer.

Jesus came to show us we are beloved children of God . . . to show us there is a God

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who loves us and nothing can separate us from that love - not even a struggling economy . . . and to call us to be the bearers of hope in the world.

“Follow me,” Jesus said. Give your life away in love and you will save it! Give your life away in love to your children, your family, your friends, your community, to strangers, even enemies.

Give your life and love and energy and resources and heart to sharing my unconditional love and compassion with the world and let HOPE RISE!

I have always struggled with the vocabulary of stewardship and church finances where we refer to “giving units.” I used to think that was a bit bureaucratic and impersonal. I’ve changed my mind. I think that is exactly what the whole matter of stewardship is about: transforming you and me into what God wants us to be - people who give generously and live generously - giving units.

You will receive a phone call to be invited to a Hope Happening neighborhood gathering. Please make an extra effort to attend one of these important events that we might “. . . hold unswervingly to the hope that we profess and . . . spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10.23)




**American  
Red Cross**

The Red Cross will be at FPC for our quarterly blood drive on Monday, October 12, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Please consider signing up at the table in the Commons to donate blood.

From the Red Cross: “The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.”

## Remember in Prayer

*Lori Brizee and family.*

# Baby Shower!

Heidi and Greg Bolt's baby is on the way. Let's get them prepared for the big day.

You are invited to a baby shower!

Join us on Sunday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. for fun and dessert in Heritage Hall.

The Bolts are registered at Target.

If you would like to contribute to a community gift or donate to a college fund for Baby Bolt, contact Janet Pearson, 382-4401 or [jpearson@bendcable.com](mailto:jpearson@bendcable.com).

A blessing box will be available in the Commons for cards and blessings for the family.



## Helping with Hospitality and Worship

### Cookie providers for October - Last names beginning with C – D – E

Persons whose last name begins with C, D or E. (and of course anyone else) are asked to bring cookies (homemade or store bought) this month. They should be put in the “Cookie Box” in the small office kitchen. These cookies will be used for our coffee hours and other hospitality events.

**Is Communion Meaningful to You? If your answer is “Yes,” would you be willing to be part of a team that prepares the elements four (4) times a year?** The preparation can be done the day before the first (1st) Sunday of the month. The schedule can be flexible, and you will receive the needed training and support. Contact: Mary Anna Swinnerton if this is a way you would like to serve in our church.

## OCTOBER is time for our AUTUMN CLEAN-UP

The tumbleweeds are back and need to be bagged, several trees and shrubs need to be pruned, there's always dry grass to be attacked with the "weed eater," and there's always trash to be picked up and disposed of. So mark your calendar for October 10, 9 a.m. to noon, and remember to bring your garden tools, clippers, gloves and good humor to join in the fun. Questions?

E-mail Paul MacMillan at: [pmac3485@bendbroadband.com](mailto:pmac3485@bendbroadband.com). Thanks.



## Salad Luncheon with Presbyterian Missionaries to Japan

What: Salad Luncheon – please bring a salad topping  
 When: Saturday, October 10, 12:00 noon  
 Where: Heritage Hall  
 By: Mission Ministries Team  
 Why: To hear Dr. Bill and Ann Moore, Presbyterian Missionaries to Japan

Bill and Ann Moore have served as people in mission with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in partnership with the Reformed Church of Japan (RCJ) in Hiroshima and currently in Kobe, Japan. In 1985 the Moores arrived in Japan and spent two years in Kobe for full-time language study. They then moved to Hiroshima, where Bill worked in new church development and evangelism, preaching and teaching in five churches in the Hiroshima Prefecture. Since 1995 they have been in Kobe, where Bill is the organizing pastor of a new church development for the RCJ in the northern suburbs of Kobe-Osaka called the Nishitani Chapel. The RCJ was founded in 1946 and, though it's a small church, it has a strong missionary vision. Ann is a partner in ministry with Bill, assisting with the work in evangelism and new church development.



## Session Highlights

At its September 15 meeting, Session:

- Received an update on the Youth Ministry program from Greg Bolt, Director of Youth and Family Ministry.
- Enthusiastically endorsed the nomination of Jackie Hill to be the Young Adult Advisory Delegate of the Presbytery of the Cascades to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PCUSA next July in Minnesota. The delegate from Cascades Presbytery will be chosen at the November 13-14 Presbytery meeting in Medford.
- Received a request for prayers of support from Greg Bolt as his request to be ordained goes before the Presbytery Committee on Ministry meeting. If approved, Presbytery will vote at the November 13-14 meeting on FPC's request to ordain Greg.
- Received a report from Sue Nell Phillips on the planning for "Hope Happenings," the neighborhood gatherings to inform members of the congregation about the upcoming stewardship campaign and to answer questions they may have.
- Decided to read the book *What's Theology Got to Do With It* by Anthony Robinson. This will be a year-long study that will begin at the November meeting of Session.
- Approved the hosting by FPC Bend of the June 25-26, 2010, meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades. We last hosted a Presbytery meeting in June 2003.
- Voted to hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22, after the second service for the purpose of electing members from the congregation at large to the 2010 Nominating Committee.

### Happy Learners

Needs doll clothing for a small boy baby doll and a medium girl baby doll. Talk to Karen Sipes or Deb Klotz if you can help.

A copy of the September 15 Session minutes and the August 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 have a retreat on Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church. The next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, at 6 p.m. at the home of Teddie Allison.

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  
 Betty Bullis, 389-8108  
 Ron Carver, 389-4226  
 Brian Cash, 549-1663  
 Tim Conlon, 388-0292

LeBron Hardie, 550-7541  
 Clay Higuchi, 388-2746  
 Scott Hill, 383-3964  
 Sarah Holtzclaw, 318-7496  
 Chuck Piersee, 312-1628  
 Sue Nell Phillips, 817-3131

## @ Your Church Library

Two new books relate to the issues facing the church as it connects with the Gen X and Gen Y, young adults and youth:

In *They Like Jesus but not the Church : insights from emerging generations*, Dan Kimball reports on hundreds of interviews with young adults on their perspectives on faith, the church, and Jesus. His conclusion is that the vast majority of young people no longer see the value, the relevance or the structure of existing Christian churches. It is the institutions and the people who make up its membership that are the issues. They still hold a fond perspective on the person of Jesus, on his message and on how he lived his life and how he died. This book will give the reader a perspective on the challenges facing the 20th century church in the 21st century. (277.3 Kim)

*UnChristian: what a new generation really thinks about Christianity...and why it matters* was published by David Kinnaman, the president of the Barna Group, a conservative church consulting and research organization. It contains a treasure trove of statistical analysis on the disconnect between the present Christian church and young adults today. However, a note of caution. While the data and the analysis of the perspectives of this generation are very accurate and reasonable, this reviewer perceives the solutions presented in the book to this impending crisis as inadequate and off base. The church will need to make more radical changes in its theology, its practices and its structures to respond to how the Spirit of God is working in these new generations. (277.3 Kin)

Thank you, Bob Pearson, for these review summaries.

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*Christ of the Celts : the healing of creation* by Philip J. Newell (230.089 New), is a selection the Monday Men's Book Group is reading. From the prelude, "I explore the Celtic image of Christ as the Memory of what we have forgotten. He remembers the dance of the universe and the harmony that is deep within all things. He is the Memory also of who we are." Marcus Borg comments: "This graceful, wise, and important book is a superb introduction to the treasures of Celtic Christianity for our time." Newell's former popular book, *Listening to the Heartbeat of God : a Celtic spirituality* (270.089New), is also on our shelves.

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Did you miss seeing the films during the Faith @ the Movies series? DVDs are now available for 1-week check-outs! Whale Rider, Wall-E, Doubt, Babette's Feast

--- Thank you all for your generous donations to your church library. ---

- 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.

## 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)).

**Godly Play** – First and second worship service.

I wonder what you like best about the stories of our faith?

I wonder what is the most important part of passing on the faith?

I wonder who will share the love of Jesus with our children?

Godly Play is a time of wondering for the children. Through stories and their own “work,” they are given context for their spiritual journey. Godly Play is a cornerstone of our Christian Education ministry. The dedicated team of Godly Play volunteers is in need of expansion. If you have a heart for children and time to share, please contact Janet Pearson for how you can be a part of this ministry.

**Treasure Quest** – First worship service – kindergarten through fifth grade.

Our Treasure Quest unit for October is centered on Psalms. The book of Psalms is one of the most beloved books of the Bible. For countless generations, these sacred verses have resonated through the hearts and minds of the faithful. The Psalms express the full range of human emotions. Every kind of human experience is encountered in the Psalms and laid open so that we might enter and grow in our understanding of the mystery and grace of God in our lives. God invites us to remember the faith of old and to experience the faith of today.

**Kids Worship** – The 5:01 worship.

During the message portion of the new 5:01 service, children will have the opportunity to move to their own worship space. The word *worship* translates “God’s worth.” The act of worship is focusing on God. The children will experience and explore different ways of focusing on God. One week we may go look at the stars, or research God’s attributes, or practice silence. Our goal is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.

## TUTORING AT BEAR CREEK ELEMENTARY

Be a part of our neighborhood outreach by tutoring a student at Bear Creek! It is a wonderful way to help a child build personal confidence and improve academic skills. You do not need to be a trained teacher to tutor. Materials and lessons are provided by grade level teachers. An orientation for tutors will be held on Tuesday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m. at Bear Creek School to meet the teachers and learn more about the program. Tutoring will begin on Tuesday, October 13. Contact Maggie Hanson, Church Tutoring Liaison, at 678-5953 or [mahanson@bendbroadband.com](mailto:mahanson@bendbroadband.com) if you are interested in this ministry and/or have questions.

## An Opportunity

There is an opportunity to serve a family seeking someone to stay with a homebound person a few hours weekly, according to your schedule and the family’s. Please contact Care Ministry Coordinator, Elizabeth Stephan for more information (382-4401 or [estephan@bendfp.org](mailto:estephan@bendfp.org)).

## Support Groups

### Depression Support Group

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

October 14 & 28

November 11 & 25

### 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.

October 5 & 19

November 2, 16 & 30

## Adult Education Opportunities

### Are You “A Just Neighbor” or “Just a Neighbor?”

Sarah Holtzclaw, Director of Asset Development with the Partnership to End Poverty, will lead a five-week series through November 1 at 10:45 a.m. in the Adult Center. The series began October 4

Nearly one in three people in Central Oregon cannot make ends meet. 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 an interactive discussion. The class will walk us through what it is like to live day-by-day and then how we might be part of the solution and advocate for those in need. Come to all or any of the classes.

### Meet JOHN CALVIN!



*Portrayed by Rev. Dr. Brad Kent*, Sundays, October 4-25 at 9 a.m. in the Adult Center

***Who was John Calvin the person, and what are some of his key theological contributions to Reformed theology?***

*Inviting participants to familiarize themselves with Calvin’s life, including his education, teaching, preaching, writing, and family.*

- Calvin’s theological contributions to the church, including his views on Scripture, the goodness of God, sin, redemption in Jesus Christ, salvation as a gift of grace, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the church.
- To see Calvin’s theology as an outgrowth of his study and his life as a pastor, teacher, and civic leader.
- To discern Calvin’s influence on our own theology and life.



## Save the Date! October 24, 2009: 350.org's Global Day Of Climate Action

“350 may be the most important number in the world,” says Bill McKibben, one of the country's most prominent environmental writers. “350” is the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide, measured in parts per million, that we need to work together to achieve. Before the Industrial Revolution, and for millennia prior, atmospheric carbon dioxide was at 275 ppm. Today, we stand at 390.

A just-released report from the United Nations Environment Program said that without prompt action, sea levels could rise as much as 2 meters by 2100. Put another way, our current inaction will cause irreparable damage to the planet in the lives of today's children. Children experience the effects of climate change more dramatically than adults, since their physical and psychological health is not as fully developed. Change in living conditions, loss of food sources and more prevalent disease will all affect children more dramatically.

The goal of 350.org, accordingly, is to bring things back down a bit. McKibben is confident that we can do it. All of us can help. Join us Saturday, October 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the top of the parking garage in downtown Bend to show the world we care. Walk, bike, or use the Bend Area Transit (which will be free that day) to come to this event. Let's have a large contingent of First Presbyterians!! A climate symposium will be held in the afternoon at the Environmental Center. Call Thiel Larson for more details. 388-4895

## 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)).

### Thanks for a Great Show!

Friday, September 18 we hosted the BendFP Back-To-School Blowout. If you weren't there, you missed out! About a 100 or so folks came to a loud, raucous, fun concert. Not only did we have amazing talent, but we were able raise a little over \$400 for Family Access Network.

Two youth and their friends got the opportunity to ride in the Dutch Bros Coffee limo; someone won a five-day pass to Cat6 Video Game Lounge, another won a Sound Pack (4 CDs including CDs from all three artists: Erin Cole-Baker, New Heights, and Elliot as well a another artist Bekker), and someone else won an autographed picture of Elliot, and a whole bunch of Dutch Bros sweatshirts were give away to concert attendees.

Thank you so much to Paradigm Artists Group, Oxford Hotel Group, Liberty Bank, Moon Woodworking, Alpine Internet Solutions, and Cat6 Video Game Lounge.

Stay tuned for next time!

### New Sunday Night Schedule

4:00-5:00	The Flock
4:30-5:00	The Fold Hang Out and Set Up Time
5:01-5:45	The 5:01 (Worship Experience)
5:45-6:30	Community Dinner (Soup and Salad)
6:30-7:30	The Fold
6:30-7:00	The Flock Hang Out and Take Down Time

If you have any questions or would like to lead one of these amazing opportunities, contact Greg ([ggbolt16@gmail.com](mailto:ggbolt16@gmail.com) or 541-350-8074). If you would like to help out with dinner, contact Charlotte ([cbradyappaiser@aol.com](mailto:cbradyappaiser@aol.com)).

## The Central Oregon Mastersingers

The Central Oregon Mastersingers and First Presbyterian Church present "Harvest," a benefit concert in support of Bend Area Habitat for Humanity. Saturday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 18, at 2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Bend

Co-sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, the Mastersingers under the direction of Clyde Thompson will celebrate home and hearth, presenting new arrangements of classic songs by Paul Simon, Carole King, and Neil Young, and other vintage Americana - old hymns, spirituals, and works by Aaron Copland and Leonard Bernstein. A featured work will be the ravishing "Agnus Dei" by Samuel Barber, the choral setting of his famous "Adagio for Strings."

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Bend Area Habitat for Humanity, now in its twentieth year of building homes for Central Oregon families in need. Since 1989 Bend Area Habitat has completed a total of 80 homes through volunteer labor and donations of money, services and materials.

Tickets for this concert are \$10 general admission, available on-line at [www.co-mastersingers.com](http://www.co-mastersingers.com) or by calling 385-7229. Tickets may also be purchased at Visit Bend, 917 NW Harriman Street, 382-8048.

## Study and Fellowship

**CIRCLE 3** will meet on Monday, October 12, at 1:15 p.m. in the Adult Center. Call Ginny Boone (389-3128) if you would like additional information.

**CIRCLE 2** will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, in the Adult Center. All women in the church are invited. For more information, call Betty Armer (388-2347).

**MEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP** meets in the Library every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We're studying *Christ of the Celts* by J. Phillip Newell. Come join us.

**MEN'S DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY** meets 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** - 8:00-9:00 am Wednesdays in the Adult Center. Leader Dr. W. Daniel Klingler. Current subject is the Book of Hebrews.

**TILTERS** is a group of women who read and discuss books related to faith. We are currently reading *Take this Bread* by Sarah Miles. 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** 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 Acts and grow as friends in Christ.

**AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Looking for an afternoon study? Traveler's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center and is studying the Gospel of Matthew. Traveler's is an informal study designed to discuss a portion of the Bible each time we meet. The value of this group is to spend

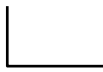
time with other women, to get to know each other better, plus sharing some of the spiritual insights that come to us. We are all "Travelers" on a spiritual journey, but also like travel literally, so it is not necessary to commit to being there every time we meet. Just bring yourself and your Bible. For more information, contact Carol Piersee (312-1628 or carolpier@aol.com).

**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.

## Try Transformative Yoga on Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. in Heritage Hall

This practice, offered by donation, is a blend of T'ai chi, stretching, gentle yoga, deep relaxation, transformational imagery with affirmations and finishing with a period of silent witness meditation. Developed by human potential pioneers George Leonard and Michael Murphy, this is a well-researched path to actualizing your personal best. Many positive changes, including weight control and improved physical health, as well as personal growth, have resulted from this balanced and comprehensive practice. Appropriate for all levels. Taught by Sandra Barkman, M.S. C.N.S

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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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