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Worship

Sunday

9:00 am

Contemporary Worship

10:45 am

Traditional Worship

The 5:01

@ 5:01 pm

Music-Message-Meal

Wednesday

6:00 pm

Contemplative Worship

Child care provided at all
worship times

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

December 25

January 1

Next Faith Notes

Deadline

December 28 at Noon

Next Publication:

January 6, 2010

Pastor's Column

Epiphany is the time in the church year when we remember the journey the Magi took, following the star to Bethlehem to honor the newborn Messiah. Legend says there were three wisemen (although the gospel of Matthew makes no mention of a number). The legend uses “three” wise men to represent all races and all ages. The legend of the Magi suggests to us that we are all on this pilgrimage and journey wondering, seeking, questing.

Our faith itself is a journey. The Magi were warned in a dream not to return to Herod but to go home by another way . . . a different route. What the scripture doesn't say but seems clear is that after encountering Jesus their journey in many ways had only begun. Off they go again traveling a different route home.

The invitation of our faith is not, “sit down here and stay put.” The invitation is, “Follow me . . . join me on this journey and sacred mission.”

Lift itself is a journey and sacred mission. I love the words of Joseph Campbell, “We must be willing to get rid of the life we planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.”

At the heart of our faith is this radical idea that God agitates and disturbs us and makes us uncomfortable with the status quo and continually calls us into a new future and a deeper faith. God calls each of us, whoever we are, wherever we are on our journeys, however old or young we are – God call us to live into the uncertain future with courage and hope. God calls us as a congregation to a deeper commitment to this journey . . . to travel together with courage and hope and compassion and generosity and a passion to share the unconditional love of Jesus with all.

We have received the light, and now it's our turn to share, to move forward in this new year assured that God continues to lead, that century after century God has a plan for this world, for our church, for our lives. It's our job to live in the light, to embrace the child born in the stable, born to bring new things, to boldly and generously share the unconditional love this child embodies. Just as the wise men came bearing gifts, it's time for us to go into the world and into this new year to share the gift of our lives. I know Christ will lead us places we never expected to go, if we are willing to follow him.



December 15 Session Highlights

At its December 15 meeting, Session:

- Met at Scott and Sandy Hill's home for an Advent party with spouses.
- Received an update on the results of the Hope Rising! stewardship campaign and an estimate of 2010 income. Dr. Koski thanked Session members for the team effort that they put into conducting the stewardship campaign.
- Looked at a preview of the 2010 budget.

A copy of the December 15 Session minutes and the November 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 a held on Tuesday, January 19, at 6 p.m. in the church library.

Sharon Lichti, Clerk of Session (388-9982 or 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

The CIRCLE OF TRUST, based on the work of Parker Palmer, will be postponed to later in the year. For more information, please contact Lorraine Stuart (ldstuart@bendnet.com).

Remember in Prayer

Anita Gassner and her family.

Dorothy White passed away December 6. A memorial service was held in Portland.

Joe Murray and family in the passing of his mother.

Spiritual Formation & Education

“Stories of Migration—Their Journeys and Our Own”

January 31 at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Bend resident Betsy Lamb, whose journey for 25 years has included Latin American people and places, will lead us in reflecting on a May 2009 Witness for Peace trip to Mexico to follow the migrant trail. The face of the U.S. population is changing. Why do people come here? What happens when they arrive? How does their journey inform and inspire our own? "How do they call us to action?" The presentation will include a brief clip of the video "Dying to get in."

Deacon's Christmas Baskets

Many thanks to all who made the Christmas Basket program a great success. We had baskets for 130 families and also took about 1,700 pounds of food to St. Vincent DePaul. Thanks for the volunteers, the food and the cash donations. It was truly a congregational effort, and you can give yourself a pat on the back. Next year maybe 150 families?

Thank You

Thank you all for your cards and prayers during my recovery from my recent fall. It is comforting to have such wonderful friends.

Frances Hampel

Support Groups

Depression Recovery Support Group

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

January 6, 20

February 3, 17

March 3, 17, 31

Shrink Your Carbon Footprint and Motivate Others

The Environmental Center is offering an 8-week course that teaches and empowers individuals and households how to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Originally developed by the University of Oregon's Climate Leadership Initiative, this course educates people on how to help curb global warming in their daily lives and support others in doing the same. Modeled after the Master Gardener and Master Recycler Programs, participants then commit to 30 volunteer hours in the community in areas related to climate change. The Environmental Center will help volunteers find such opportunities.

January 26 - March 16 (Tuesday evenings), 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., The Environmental Center

Cost: \$79 + 30 hours of volunteering **OR** \$219 with no volunteering commitment

Online registration is available at www.cocc.edu through Community Learning. For more information, katy@envirocenter.org.

Peacemaking Team

The Peacemaking Team is ready to move forward with its project to allow everyone to sign on to our document expressing our position on ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) which would put a stop to future nuclear weapons testing. The following is The Teams statement:

A Call for Leadership

We are a faith community of citizens in Bend, Oregon, who recognize that the threat posed by the present international nuclear stockpile is the greatest danger the world has ever faced. There are now over 26,000 nuclear warheads worldwide, only 95 percent of which can be said to be in the hands of "responsible" countries. Nuclear detente won't work against terrorist groups, who in the words of Charles Shultz, Secretary of State under Ronald Reagan, "lack a return address on which this strategy depends." We believe, as an overwhelming majority of Americans believe, that ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) by the US Senate is an essential first step, leading to the universal nuclear disarmament which President Obama sees as a possibility in our lifetime. Therefore, we call on all leaders at all levels of our nation's government, regardless of political persuasion, to move ratification of the CTBT forward so it may be completed by the time of the two nuclear Summits scheduled for Spring 2010.

Your presence on our document, which will ultimately be sent to many of our leaders, will feature your photo, your signature and your personal comment on nuclear weapons (the latter two are handwritten--we provide the photo which will be taken on December 27 in the Library). If you want to be a signer, please respond to Bend-forCTBT@aol.com and we will get you set up. Note: If you are not in the Church directory, please give us your address when replying.

January Birthdays

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|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Curtis Baney | 9 Ethel Mikolich | 17 Barbara Pack | 26 Hudson West |
| Steve Harrower | 10 Bob Brookover | Betty Seidel | 27 Betty Hall |
| Claire Johnston | Kristin Marceau | 18 Shaelyn Boos | Jennifer Noble |
| Christina Macy | John Wilkinson | Rhonda Chesney | 28 Judith Bornholdt |
| Anna Weller | Athena Wilkinson | Jonah Koski | Carl Henning |
| 2 Paula Buchanan | 11 Kayann Ainsworth | Heather Schock | Bryan Laing |
| Ann-Marie Glover | Dagny Donohue | 19 Karen Gardner | 29 Calvin Aylward |
| 3 Adalynn Baney | Blair O'Donnell | Gail Harrower | Alena Hoyer |
| Patrick Hall | 12 Jamee Hardwicke | Martha Klingler | Erin Wiley |
| Carol Hardie | Emily Laing | Elizabeth Simpson | 30 Sandra Croney |
| Laurie Koski | Pauline Rhoads | 20 Forrest Baney | Doris Wendell |
| Rod Pemberton | 13 Larry Bancroft | Brody Nelson | 31 Jodie Barram |
| 4 Shannon Hoyer | Wendy Calkins | 21 Hayden Baney | Wanda Cashwell |
| Ben Pierce | Irene Jackson | Daniel Re | Tom McGranahan |
| Brian Seed | Meredy Skillern | Kirsten Svendsen | Linda Norton |
| 5 Cryssi Reyna | Ximena Vega | 22 Curt Baney | |
| Ruth Stenkamp | 14 Chris Hermeling Engle | Gregg Benedikt | |
| Carmen Unrein | Marcia Mackey | Betty Bullis | |
| 6 Susan Stanley | Andrew Nordstrom | 23 Steve Hummel | |
| 7 Russ Cannon | 15 Rob Bullis | Mary Anna Swinnerton | |
| 8 Harry Anderson | 16 Scott Nelson | 24 Heidi Castleman | |
| Alexander Noble | Grace Weller | Ann Frazier | |
| 9 Edie Kingham | Hannah Williver | 25 Faye Pittman | |
| David Merrick | 17 Mollie Glover | 26 Joan Reckwerdt | |

January Anniversaries

- 1 Joe Murray & Blair O'Donnell
- 6 Willa Watts
- 9 Clay & Kathy Higuchi
- 13 Claude & Judie Sandell
- 15 Bill & Doreen Bartles
- Chuck & Sharon Thomson
- 18 Gus & Pat Renwick
- 19 Don & Sylvia Wyatt
- 26 Fred & Janet Karstedt
- 27 Les & Judy Alford
- Jim Meng & Sheri Lanegan-Meng
- 29 Harold & Jean Hull
- 30 Bud & Jean Fincham
- 31 Dave & Judy Osgood

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).

Bethlehem Inn Volunteers

First Presbyterian has signed up to take the responsibility for serving meals at the Bethlehem Inn February 6-19. Innkeepers will be Dan Klingler and Brad Kent. Look for sign-up posters in January.

Cookies and Coffee Hour

Persons whose last names begin with the letters L-M-N (and of course any others) are invited to help keep the cookie box in the small Office Kitchen filled during the month of January.

Youth Ministries

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Advent season, and I hope that God blesses you and your family with the hope and joy of God bringing God's light into the world through God's son, Jesus.

I also know this time of year is extremely hectic for everyone, so I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to mark your calendars for some exciting upcoming events in the life of the youth of First Presbyterian Church.

January 2010

- January 10 Informational Meeting for Presbyterian Youth Triennium (Open to all current 8th-12th graders) Between Services in the Youth Center. Presbyterian Youth Triennium Bake Sale
- January 16 The Fold Habitat for Humanity Youth Service Day with youth from Nativity Lutheran and City Church. (Open to all youth 14 and older) 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Parkway Village
- January 24 Deposit, Registration and Scholarship Application due for Presbyterian Youth Triennium (Open to all current 8th-12th graders)
- January 24 The Flock Get Together
- January 31 Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Fundraiser Ordering Day

February 2010

- February 7 Souper Bowl Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sandwich Fundraiser Pick Up Day
- February 12-14 The Fold Habitat for Humanity Youth Service Weekend with youth from Nativity Lutheran and City Church (Open to youth 14 and older)
- February 24 Final Payment and Late Registration for Presbyterian Youth Triennium (Open to all current 8th-12th graders)
- February 21 The Flock Get Together
- February 26-27 30-Hour Famine (open to all members of The Fold)

March 2010

- (Greg out of the office for family leave)
- Sundays in March Presbyterian Youth Triennium Quilt Fundraiser
- March 14 The Flock Get Together
- March 19-22 The Fold Service Reward Trip
- March 21-28 Spring Break

April 2010

- April 4 Easter Pancake Breakfast
- April 4 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Quilt Drawing
- April 11 Confirmation Sunday
- April 11 Presbyterian Youth Triennium Bake Sale
- April 18 Youth Ministry Visioning Conversation (During Second Service)
- April 25 Youth Ministry Visioning Conversation. (During Second Service)

If you have any questions about anything listed here and would like to help out, don't hesitate to give me a call (541-350-8074) or email me (ggbolt16@gmail.com)

Blessings,
Greg

An Invitation to All Women of the Church!

The 2010 Women's Retreat, *Journey Inward, Journey Outward: stitching the stories of our spiritual travels*, will take place March 12-14 at Sunriver Resort with famed author Jane Kirkpatrick as our speaker and retreat leader. Jane has written numerous award-winning fiction and non-fiction books from her ranch on the John Day River while also working in the mental health field, leading workshops, speaking at national conferences, serving as an elder at the Moro Presbyterian Church, and sharing her writing skills with other would-be authors. Cost for the weekend will be \$190 and includes lodging in resort condos, two dinners, Saturday's lunch, a brunch on Sunday, and access to the resort's extensive recreational and spa facilities. Limited scholarship funds will be available. Ask for a weekend away for a great holiday gift or give this gift of renewal to another woman.

Registration forms are available on the PW table in the Common Grounds Café or in the church office. Return completed forms early to the box in the office. For more information call Sue Nell Phillips at 1-541-817-3131 (long-distance cell) or Lori Brizee at 388-0694.

Christmas Joy Offering

Menaul School in Albuquerque New Mexico is one of six racial ethnic schools founded by the Presbyterian Church and supported by the Christmas Joy Offering. Menaul's historic mission dates back to the 1800s. About 70 % of its students are people of color: 45 % Hispanic, 16 % Native American, 6 % Asian American and 4 % African American. The following article is an excerpt from a longer article written by the Rev. Buddy Monahan, the chaplain at Menaul since 1997. He is a full-blood member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Maricopa Tribe. He is ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA.



As a racial ethnic person, and more specifically as a Native American, I know our early missionaries were unfortunate not to see the strong presence of God within our racial ethnic people and communities. God not only creates us but also gives us families and cultural identities to strengthen the foundations of our faith. Sure, we all need guidance from others to equip and better sustain our relationship with Jesus, but ministry is a two-way street. It is both a giving and receiving act of love and grace toward one another. So as Chaplain of Menaul School, I not only minister among the community, but the community also ministers to me. I learn so much from the students, faculty, staff, parents, grandparents and alumni of this sacred place. God works through them showing me love, peace, generosity, enthusiasm, fun, laughter, heart, pain, struggles, and patience.

The Menaul experience celebrates its diversity of culture, thoughts, and spirituality on a daily basis. Inclusiveness is not only practiced here, it is a way of life through the whole aspect of respect for all of God's creations. To me this is the church at its best - without all the committee work. Anyone can argue that there are probably better schools, better facilities, better students, better teachers, better administration, better teams, and even a better location. But when all those things are put together and it winds up at 301 Menaul Blvd., Albuquerque, New Mexico, then it equals only one Menaul School. This is not a mission to make you feel good that you are helping these lowly racial-ethnic kids. God is working through these kids. Menaul students have the same things to offer as racial-ethnic kids as students from any affluent prep school.

The Christmas Joy Offering was taken on December 20 at our church.

Study and Fellowship

CPR Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 26, at 6 p.m. at the home of Laurel Sorlie (322-9470) for a baked potato dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a potato topping to share. Co-hostess is Gretchen Williver. More information in the next edition of Faith Notes.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP meets in the Library every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. We're studying *Everything Must Change* by Brian McLaren. 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 a.m. Wednesdays in the Adult Center will resume on January 27 continuing the year long study of the Catholic Epistles. We will begin the study of 1 Peter on that date.

TILTERS is a group of women who read and discuss books related to faith. We are reading *The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Birth* by Marcus J. Born and John Dominic Crossan. We are excited to celebrate Advent through our discussion. 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.

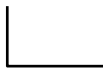
TRAVELER'S BIBLE STUDY will resume January 14, 2010, at the usual time of 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

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.

First Friday Fellowship will next meet on January 8

11:30, Heritage Hall. Jesus tells us "One does not live by bread alone," but what about potatoes? "*Papas*" are the staple of the Bolivian diet, but with 126 varieties available, there's plenty of variety. On January 8, 2010, at the First Friday Fellowship, Ali and Brad Kent will share some of their experiences living, working, and dining in Bolivia. *Vengan todos!* (Y'all come!) Questions? Call Ray and Joyce Ownby (388-1334) or Harold and Jean Hull (385-6557).

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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.

BABYSITTING – Emily Laing will be home from San Antonio December 22 to January 5 and will be available to babysit. Please call 541-788-4286 or email emilymargaretlaing@gmail.com.

COMPUTER ASSISTANCE Jerry Schultz owns a small business that provides “Computer Solutions,” experienced help in network assistance, hard drive crash repair, virus and spyware problems and more. Phone 541-390-3045 or jerrys@bendbroadband.com.

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