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Faith Notes



## Pastor's Column

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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**  
 April 5

Next Faith Notes  
Deadline  
 March 8 at Noon

Next Publication:  
 March 17, 2010

I began my ministry over twenty years ago as a chaplain on the pediatric oncology unit at the University of Minnesota Hospital. This experience transformed my life and my ministry. Any theological training or counseling training quickly went out the window as I sat with children and their families waging valiant fights against cancer. I quickly learned that all I had to offer was my presence and my heart. This experience helped me understand that Jesus did not come into this world to take our suffering away from us or even explain why there is suffering. Jesus came into this world to suffer with us and for us. Jesus came into this world to reveal that God is with us . . . to reveal the heart of God who feels our pain and tastes the salt of our tears.

Sometimes the best, and perhaps at times

the only thing we can do when others are suffering, is to let them know they are not alone in that suffering. We are with them. There are so many friends in our community of faith who are living with the challenges of cancer. I have been struggling to know how best to offer my presence and my heart.

I have decided that one small way to walk this journey with others is to train for and participate in the San Diego Marathon on June 6, 2010 as part of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training (TNT) program.

Leukemia is the number one cause of death of children between the ages of 1-14 and takes the lives of 50,000 children every year. Leukemia research is considered to be the window to the treatment and cure for all cancers. Significant

progress has been made in the treatment of the disease and researchers are now optimistic that they will find a cure within ten years! Of course, increased funding is the key.

Joining me in training and participating in the San Diego Marathon as part of the Team in Training are Charlotte Brady, Darcy Davis and Chad Davis. We are calling our team "The Healing Strides."

We will be training for and finishing this marathon specifically in honor of Chad and Darcy's daughter Holly who is three years-old and has Leukemia. Holly is undergoing a treatment plan of 26 months and nine days. A marathon is 26.2 miles. We will be going one mile for every month Holly has to endure treatment. Did you happen to see Holly dancing with the other

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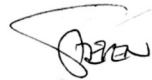
children at the 9:00 am service last Sunday? What an image of sheer joy! However, we want this experience to be in honor of every person in our faith community currently living with the challenge of cancer. We wish to put the name of every person on a laminated card that we will carry with us as we train, spending time praying for each one. If you, or someone you love is part of our faith community please email me the name to be added to this card ([skoski@bendfp.org](mailto:skoski@bendfp.org)).

I invite you to be part of "The Healing Strides" team in the following ways:

- Pray for this project daily.
- Join us on our long Saturday training runs. You can contact the office to find out the time and place of our training run each week. Feel free to join us or meet us half way at a designated spot with a banana and some water.
- Please support our team by making a generous tax-deductible donation to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for research and patient aid bringing hope to cancer patients and their families. There will be a link on our website as well as a table in the Commons on Sunday mornings to accept donations on behalf of our team.

As my hips do not allow me to run any longer, I have been learning a fast-walking technique. So, if you happen to see me out training I ask you not to laugh at the pastor who looks like he is waddling like a duck.

Journeying together in Christ's love,



## Spiritual Formation & Education

**Health Care Forum:**  
March 6, 9:30 a.m. to Noon, Heritage Hall. Join to share your concerns about health and wellness for all people. Sponsored by the FPC Health Care Team. Leadership from: Ecumenical Ministries, the Archimedes Movement and Oregon Action. A panel, including Pastor Steven, will present thoughts on working for Oregon health care reform. Includes Q & A and strategizing ways we can put faith into

action. Do you wonder how, or if, the health care system respects the dignity of every human life? Come find out what you can do to make a difference.

**MESSAGE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS**  
Have you experienced displacement in your life? A job loss? Loss of health insurance? Of your home? Change of marital status? Do you feel that America's place is slipping in the world as other countries become economic challengers

and jobs go overseas? Dr. Dan Klingler will be offering a five-week course on the book of Jeremiah, who lived through the displacement of Judah going into exile.

The class will be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. from March 14 to April 11 and on Thursday mornings at the St. Helens Center (Episcopal annex) from March 11 to April 8: 9:30-11:00 a.m. See Dan for copies of the study materials.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One of the traditions of First Presbyterian is super-generous support of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering which is promoted during Lent and received on Palm Sunday and Easter.

More than sixty years ago, Christians in the United States joined together to respond to the world-wide devastation caused by World War II. Recognizing what a

difference we can make when we work together in Christ's name, Presbyterians have continued to support One Great Hour of Sharing ever since. In response to Jesus' call, "Feed my sheep," our gifts support the ministries of Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Through the One Great Hour of Sharing, we walk toward recovery with those whose lives have been shattered by disaster and stand with those facing the slower crises of hunger, disease, unemployment and environmental degradation. In sharing our abundance with people in need around the world, we not only witness God's love in action in their lives, we feel it moving in our own.



## A Taste of Silence Retreat

**A Taste of Silence** retreat will be held Saturday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon in Heritage Hall at First Presbyterian Church, Bend.

For those who seek a calm center in the midst of busy daily life, this half-day retreat will provide an oasis of quiet, encouragement, and support in the company of others seeking a deeper of

experience of God. There will be periods of silence, reflection, time for discussion, and for those new to centering prayer, a time to focus on the basic principles of this simple prayer practice that leads us into the heart of God's presence.

Contemplative Outreach of Central Oregon, part of Contemplative Outreach, sponsors this event. Contemplative

Outreach is a worldwide ecumenical network based on the teachings of Father Thomas Keating and others ([www.contemplativeoutreach.org](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org)).

"A Taste of Silence" is free; there will be books available for purchase. For more information, call Rita (541-382-0086) or Elizabeth (541-382-4401).

## BETHLEHEM INN

Over-flowing bowls of gratitude to the nearly 100 members of the congregation who prepared and served meals to the residents of the Bethlehem Inn this month. We didn't just feed the hungry, we fed them well. One resident who has spent the winter at the Inn commented, "This is the best food we've had since I came here." So we say thanks to all of you who joined in this ministry.

## Support Groups

### **Depression Recovery Support Group**

Meets in the Prayer Room at 1:30-3:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays – March 3, 17, and 31.

### **Care Givers Support Group**

Meets at 2:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room on the following Mondays – March 15 and 29; April 5 and 19.

**A Grief Support Group** began on Tuesday, March 2, and will meet every Tuesday in the Conference Room from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. until April 20. The group will be co-facilitated by John Oliveira and Jim Mullins. This Grief Support group is intended for those persons who are grieving the death of a loved one.

## Kits for Kids

The Presbyterian Women will again be coordinating with other churches and organizations in the community to make and collect approximately 1,000 cloth bags and basic hygiene items to give to the homeless children of the Bend-LaPine School District, Redmond and Sisters areas. Below is a list of the items needed. We will begin collecting the items in early April. Cloth bags can be made now. For more information, contact Shauna Weltmann at 541-350-6878 or e-mail [slw28@bendbroadband.com](mailto:slw28@bendbroadband.com).

### **Items for hygiene kits:**

Laundry soap, 1 container (liquid)  
 Toilet paper, 1 package (4 rolls wrapped)  
 Paper towels, 1 wrapped roll  
 Bar soap, 2 bars  
 Shampoo, 1 bottle  
 Toothbrushes, 4  
 Toothpaste, 2 tubes  
 Deodorant, 2 sticks  
 Dish soap, 1 bottle (liquid)

\*Dollar store is a great place to purchase these items!

### **Remember in Prayer**

*Judy Beam  
 Robert Ellsworth  
 Mary Jarvis  
 Ken & Loraine Meyer  
 Grace Rae  
 Harley Rautmann  
 Lloyd Root*

## Children's Ministry

To volunteer, register or get more information, contact Janet Pearson, Director of Children and Family Ministry (541-382-4401 or [jpearson@bendcable.com](mailto:jpearson@bendcable.com)).

Thank you to the Children's Choir for sharing their gifts by singing in the first service on Sunday, February 28. Julie Cash, the director of the children's choir, is conducting rehearsals on Sundays from 10:15 to 10:45 in Heritage Hall. The children are scheduled to sing at the 9 a.m. Easter Service. Children from Kindergarten to fifth grade are encouraged to come join the fun.

**Godly Play** is offered first service for pre-school children ages 3 to 5 and second service for students from pre-school to fifth grade. Godly Play uses a hands-on Montessori based approach to the stories of our faith.

### **Treasure Quest** (9 a.m., K-3 grade)

Treasure Quest is based on a workshop rotation model. Students explore a different theme each month using different types of active learning opportunities. Workshop leaders present to different age groups each week. Shepherds accompany a specific age group to the different workshops.

### **Fourth and Fifth Grade Mentor class** (9 a.m.)

Fourth and fifth grade students work with Deb Klotz to prepare a workshop to share with the younger students once a month.

At **The 501** on Sunday evening, children have the opportunity to enjoy worship with their family. A quiet activity center is available in the back of the room for those with restless hands.

## Youth Ministries

**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](mailto:ggbolt16@gmail.com)). Blessings, Greg

## Peacemaking Team

As daily news challenges all of us to think and act in constructive ways to create peace at home and in the wider world, the Peacemaking Team invites you to explore "Embracing Nonviolent Living," an exciting, 4-session series to be offered in Heritage Hall beginning Sunday, April

11, and ending May 2, 2:30-4:00. p.m.

Open to all faith-and-conscience-based individuals, the series will be educational, interactive, and fun! Betsy Lamb, who holds an M.A. degree in theology with an emphasis on religion and society, will be joined by facilitators

from First Presbyterian and from Peace Center of Central Oregon.

A modest donation will be requested to help pay for materials. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. . For more information, please contact Janet Whitney at 385-0122 or [jkwhitney1@yahoo.com](mailto:jkwhitney1@yahoo.com).

## The Trailhead

The Trailhead is looking for housing for summer interns. If you have a room available or are in need of a house sitter for a couple months this summer, please contact Zach Hancock at 970-347-7457 or [Zhancock@gmail.com](mailto:Zhancock@gmail.com).

## Youth Musical Performance

High school and middle school students will present a program titled "Go Through the Gates" (Is. 62) on Sunday, March 14, at 7:00 pm. The concert will include sacred music from Scotland,

France, Latvia, Morocco and the USA, as well as a Hebrew dance and an Arabic skit.

All are welcome. The concert is free but you can purchase "gate" blank note cards if you

would like to support the students.

The students will also sing at the 10:45 a.m. worship on March 14.

## Study and Fellowship

### First Friday Fellowship March 5

11:30 a.m. – Heritage Hall. Join us for an opportunity to greet a new season as Landsystems presents "Get Ready for Spring: Ideas and Possibilities."

Soup and salad will be served for lunch. We especially welcome guests, visitors and new members. Remember to sign up on the easel in the Commons so we can prepare enough for lunch.

Questions? Call Ray and Joyce Ownby (388-1334) or Harold and Jean Hull (385-6557).

**CIRCLE 3** will meet on Monday, March 8, 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, March 9, in the Adult Center. Chris Hamilton will be leading Lesson 6 of the Joshua Study. All women in the church are invited. For more information, call Betty Armer (388-2347).

**CPR CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at the home of Laura Jo Gildersleeve (389-1097 – 61571 Odell Lake Drive) for a baked potato dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. Co-hostesses are Polly Gervais and Shauna Weltmann. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a potato topping to share. Please RSVP to Laura Jo at [gsleeve@bendcable.com](mailto:gsleeve@bendcable.com) if you plan to attend.

**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 Elizabeth (541-382-4401).

**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 is

continuing the year-long study of the Catholic Epistles. We are studying II Peter.

**TILTERS** is a group of women who read and discuss books related to faith. We invite any woman to join us for the Lenten sharing of the book, *The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of us? The Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*, by Richard Stearns. We meet 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** meets at 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday mornings, 11:15-12:00 noon in the Prayer Room.

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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.

Catering and cooking classes (Mexican Specialties!), home maintenance and cleaning inside and out, including professional painting. Call Veronica Castro and Alberto Dorantes at 541-408-4879. References: Sue Nell Phillips (1-541-817-3131) or Mary Anna Swinnerton (541-383-3588).

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