

First Presbyterian Church

Faith Notes

RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 11

One morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. followed by our annual BBQ and celebration. Potluck desserts—bring your favorite! Invite your friends and neighbors!

And at the 5:01

Interfaith Service on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11.

September 11, 5:01 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. A service of Remembrance, Reflection and Renewal. Join with worshipers from many other churches in Central Oregon for this very special service of worship. Coffee/tea in the Commons after.

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Worship

- Sunday, 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship
 - Sunday, 10:45 am
Traditional Worship
 - Sunday, The 5:01
Music.Message.Meal
 - Wednesday, 6:00 pm
Contemplative Worship
- Child care provided at all worship times

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

- November 24-25

Next Faith Notes Deadline

- September 12 at Noon

Next Publication Date

- September 21 at Noon



Our theme for 2011/2012 is

LIVING A BETTER STORY

Worship Message Series for the Fall

LIVING OUT LOUD

September 11: Living Out Loud: Shout

September 18: Living Out Loud: Stretch

September 25: Living Out Loud: Pour

October 2: Living Out Loud: Listen

October 9: Living Out Loud: Release

One of the best ways to support and strengthen our church is giving us the gift of your presence and intentionally inviting others to join us as well.

Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat

Friday, October 14, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Share the richness of the women in our community at a fall retreat, sponsored by Presbyterian Women. Friday evening and Saturday will be a time to find spiritual nourishment through community, sharing stories, connection in large and small groups and time alone, as we draw strength from the similarities and differences of our experiences. Come be encouraged in the presence of other women.

Our time together will focus on carving out intentional space for reflection. Pastor Jenny will speak about the experience of being a woman and relating to God through a variety of ways. Meditative music, poetry and art will draw us out of our heads full of schedules and responsibilities to our hearts where we can connect with the Spirit of God.

Registration Fees:

Friday only, \$7.00

Saturday only, \$12.00

Both days, \$19.00

(Scholarships available/donations for scholarships)

There will be a registration table in the Commons beginning September 18. For more information contact Beverly Dennison (541-330-8170) or Sandra Croney (541-330-5683).

Good Grief Through Life's Transitions

The Deacons are sponsoring a panel presentation on September 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall entitled "*GOOD GRIEF THROUGH LIFE'S TRANSITIONS*." This panel discussion will be presented by several experts on the effects of grief from a spiritual perspective, grief as a process, tools for self care, physiological effects of grief and the role of support groups in healing. Grief can result from the death of a loved one, divorce, retirement, or a number of other issues. After the panel discussion, there will be a question and answer period. Please join us in this important endeavor.

Blessing of the Backpacks

September 18, 2011

Fall is an exciting time of year. The children and youth of our community are starting a new school term. Our church family wants to let these young people know that we love them and that God loves them. All children and youth are invited to bring their school backpacks to church for a special blessing. We will bless the backpacks so that the students may know that when they are away from home, God is with them and that their faith can carry them through life.

a way of life

Move beyond a set of beliefs, a secondhand faith or a Sunday-only experience. This four-week journey covers the basics: What is the Bible? What do I believe? How do I pray? How should I live out my faith? In a workshop format, participants will have an opportunity to build intimacy in discussion groups and interact with the pastors. This is a great chance for new members and friends to get connected and to build new connections at First Pres Bend.

Sunday evenings, September 18 through October 9, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (come for the 5:01, dinner and the workshop) in the Adult Center; childcare provided.

For more information, contact Pastor Jenny Warner at jwarner@bendfp.org.

Bear Creek Tutoring Program

As the new school year draws closer, it is time to think about our friends at Bear Creek Elementary School and our partnership with this neighborhood school. For the past four years we have had 25 plus folks who have faithfully worked with the ELL students (English Language Learners) in grades 1 through 5 after school on Tuesdays throughout the school year. The tutors help the students with homework, reading and math skills; but above all, the relationships that develop are very special. Robert Currie, the coordinator for the program at Bear Creek, will be at church on September 25 and will share his thoughts on what the program means to the students and their parents. There will be an opportunity to sign up to be a tutor as well. Tutor training will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bear Creek Library. For more information, contact Maggie Hanson at 541-678-5953 or mahanson@bendbroadband.com.



Human Trafficking Update

Save the date for the feature length documentary, "Sex + Money: A National Search for Human Worth" which will be shown at Westside Church on Thursday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. This film is about domestic minor sex trafficking in the United States and the modern day abolitionist movement fighting to stop it. Beginning in September 2009, a group of young photojournalists and their crew traveled to over 30 states and conducted numerous personal interviews with victims, federal agents, politicians, activists, psychologists, and porn stars to name a few. Currently between 100,000 and 300,000 minors across America are being sexually exploited, and this trafficking has become the nation's fastest growing form of organized crime. Most Americans are oblivious to these staggering truths. The goal of the "Sex + Money" documentary is to raise awareness across our nation and result in bringing freedom to those who are enslaved. To learn more and view a trailer of the film, go to www.sexandmoneyfilm.com. Submitted and endorsed by the FPC Peace and Justice Team. Contact person, Maggie Hanson, 541 678-5953.

Coming up.....October 2:

World Communion Sunday - Peacemaking Offering

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us.

For some of us, peace means access to education and the elimination of poverty, homelessness, injustice, and violence. For some, peace is the ability to openly express our opinions or to practice our religious beliefs without the fear of imprisonment or even death. In our homes, our communities, and our world, we are called to be makers of peace.

That may mean that we are called by God to understand and address the root causes of violence and injustice so that we may share in mending the brokenness that exists in our increasingly conflict-ridden and fragmented world.

Peacemaking is the human response to God's gift of peace giving.

Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigration – October 13, 2011, 7 PM

Rev. Ben Daniel, the author of the prize-winning book *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigration*, will speak in our sanctuary on Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Daniel's book received the gold first prize in the religion category from a panel of librarians and booksellers at the American Library Association's conference in June 2011. *Neighbor* is a readable primer on the complicated immigration issue. In the words of Rick Ufford-Chase, co-founder of BorderLinks and former moderator of PCUSA, the book is:

"part theological reflection, part historical study, part political analysis and part compelling stories shared by a gifted writer."

Rev. Daniel's book uses biblical passages to advise us to be welcoming towards undocumented immigrants. In the foreword to the book, Frank Schaeffer writes that "Daniel leaves us no room to hide anti-immigrant prejudice behind a fig leaf of piety."

Rev. Ben Daniel is the Pastor of Foothill Presbyterian Church in San Jose, California, where he has served since October 1997. He grew up in Mendocino, California, and he is a graduate of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, and of Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. Ben Daniel is active in the Presbytery of San Jose and in the PCUSA's joint work with the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico along the US/Mexico border. He is married to Anne, and they have three children: Mimi, Nellie, and William.

Neighbor: Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigration is currently available in our church library. The book will also be available for purchase in our commons on the evening of October 13. You can purchase this book immediately via any bookseller.



Children's Ministry - Youth Ministry

Fall Sunday School – Beginning September 18

This fall we will be shifting gears and focusing on building relationships between age groups. There will be Christian Education offerings for young people from preschool through high school on Sunday mornings. While children and youth are always welcome to stay in worship with their families, the following opportunities will be available beginning September, 18. If you have questions please contact:

Rev. Greg Bolt, Pastor for Youth and Their Families ggbolt16@gmail.com

or

Janet Pearson, Director of Children and Family Ministry, jpearson@bendfp.org.

First Service

- **Pre-school through Kindergarten ages** – Will be introduced to core Bible stories and Liturgical practices in **Godly Play**.
- **1st-2nd/3rd-4th Grade**– Sunday School using a lectionary based curriculum **Feasting on The Word**. These classes will be focused on deepening relationships and interacting with weekly Bible verses.
- **5th-6th Grade**–This mentoring class will explore leadership and deeper relationships with each other while studying weekly Bible topics.

Second Service

- **Pre-school-1st Grade**– Will be introduced to core Bible stories and Liturgical practices in **Godly Play**.
- **2nd-6th Grade**– Will explore a new contemplative curriculum, **Children on The Way**, a station-based approach to Bible study and practice of spending time with God.

Youth Ministry

Sunday Morning During Second Service

- **7th-8th Grade**- Confirmation- Using an expanded version of the **re:form** curriculum. **re:form** is a totally new approach to youth ministry that trusts youth to wrestle with the historic Christian faith and theology.
- **9th-10th Grade**- Leadership Development- Young people in these grades will have the opportunity to learn and grow through teaching Godly Play and other service options. Those interested will need to contact Janet Pearson.
- **9th-12th Grade**- Conversations- Older youth will have the opportunity to discuss what they have heard in the sermon, through the Scriptures or in their daily lives. This informal time will be open to questions, prayer and anything else.
- **High School Students (9th-12th Grade)**- Fellowship- Once a month we will go out for coffee or breakfast. We could be at a shop, a restaurant or someone's house. This will be a time to sit and be with one another after worshipping together at First Presbyterian.

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Youth Excitement

This fall youth in Bend will continue a radical step out in faith. Members of Nativity Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Trinity Episcopal will follow the call from God to *combine* our gifts and skills to be Christ’s hands and feet in the world. We seek to serve our community with energy, passion, thought and a whole lot of fun - *together*.

3 churches	⇒	1 community
3 traditions	⇒	1 faith
3 histories	⇒	1 future

We hope to ride the wave of momentum gained from our year together and the three trips we took together this summer. We will meet together, sharing our histories, sharing our traditions and sharing our church grounds and, in so doing, live out the mission we all share

- **High School Students (9th-12th Grade)-** We will meet and eat at Common Table on Monday nights from 6:00-8:00 PM; then who knows...it could be Bible study, a scavenger hunt, a dance party, etc. You’ll have to come check it out. There will be a \$150 registration fee for the year or \$75 for the semester to cover the cost of food and other essentials. Scholarships Available!
- **Middle School Students (6th-8th Grade)-** We will meet on the grounds of the three churches, starting with Nativity, on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 PM. Each week we will eat, play, laugh, learn and grow together as we continue to ponder what it means to have faith in middle school. There will be a \$150 registration fee for the year or \$75 for the semester to cover the cost of food and other essentials. Scholarships Available!

As always, if you would like to volunteer, have any questions or simply want more details, feel free to contact Greg

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Crop Walk September 25

The 14th annual Central Oregon Crop Walk will be held Sunday afternoon, September 25, leaving from the Plaza in Drake Park at 1:30 p.m. CROP originally stood for Church Rural Oversea Project. 75% of the funds go to projects overseas to do such things as plant trees, provide irrigation systems and wells and even remove land mines so people can safely farm. 25% of the proceeds go to designated local projects that provide food to people. CROP has been renamed Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Sign-up to walk or purchase a CROP tee shirt in the Commons.



Introduction to Centering Prayer Course

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10)
 Introduction to Centering Prayer Course: Centering Prayer offers a way to rest in God's love each day, that we may receive the gift of God's presence. Learn more about this powerful and life-changing spiritual discipline. The workshop will be held on Friday, *September 9*, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., and on Saturday, *September 10*, 9:00 am to Noon. Follow-up sessions are set for Monday evenings *September 19 and 26*, and *October 3, 10, 17, and 24*. CHILD CARE AVAILABLE. For questions please contact one of the facilitators, Lorraine Stuart 541-318-0384 or Elizabeth Stephan 382-4401.

"...when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." - Jesus' words recorded in Matthew 6:6



Circle 2 & 3

After taking a summer break, Circle 2 & 3 will be meeting on Sept 13 at 1:00. Rev. Jenny Warner will be giving the introduction to our study for fall, "Confessing the Beatitudes." For information, contact Betty Armer 541-388-2347.

Food Needs Still Crucial

500 lbs. of food was collected during the Deacon's Christmas in July food drive. That was fantastic, and the Deacons thank you! However, even with our donations, the shelves at the food bank are still pretty bare due to the high demand from families in need. Can we do more? Can we fill at least one of our church grocery carts per week? Join in the challenge to help feed the hungry of Bend by bringing your non-perishable food donations each Sunday when you come to worship or anytime during the week.

Family Kitchen Volunteers Needed

Family Kitchen, a program serving free meals to those in need six days a week, is asking for your help. We are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Family Kitchen is located at St. Helens Center on the Trinity Episcopal campus in downtown Bend. A giving heart and a sense of humor are our only requirements! Please contact Cindy Tidball, Family Kitchen Program Coordinator at 541-610-6511 or info@familykitchen.org.

Scholarships for COHP

There are three scholarships available for children of church members in grades 4-6/7 who would like to participate in Central Oregon History Performer's (COHP) production, "European Carols Back Through Time," which will be held here at the church on Sunday, December 11.

COHP is a group of Christian 4th-12th grade students who reenact various time periods in history using vocal and instrumental music, dance, drama skits and artistic displays. COHP was begun in 1996.

The intermediate group--grades 4-6/7 will meet at First Presbyterian on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30 from September 15 through December 8.

Their director is Rebecca Thomas-Locklear, who is a certified PK-12 music and English teacher and who also holds a M.A. in choral conducting.

All students audition as singers. If your child would like to audition for the group or if you need additional information, please contact Rebecca at rebeccacentraloregon@hotmail.com. The last audition day is September 9.

Evolutionary Faith:

Discovering God in Our Great Story

Diarmuid O'Murchu, a priest and social psychologist living in London, examines the evolution of our faith in light of the continuing evolution of Creation. In the tradition of Teilhard de Chardin, O'Murchu builds bridges over the gulf between science and faith. In [Evolutionary Faith](#), O'Murchu reinterprets the relationship between God and man in the context of the emergence of life in the universe.

This class is led by Dan Klingler and meets on Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Helens beginning September 15.



Study and Fellowship

CPR CIRCLE will meet at the home of Meg Brookover (1895 Newport Hills - 541-382-1283) on Tuesday, September 27, at 6 p.m. for a salad dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. Co-hostesses are Julie Johnson and Maggie Hanson. Please bring a salad topping to share. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. The program for the evening will be announced at a later date. Please RSVP to Meg at 541-382-1283 or megbrook@bendbroadband.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 All Our Losses, All Our Grievs, by Herbert Anderson and Kenneth Mitchell. The theme of the book is that life is full of losses and death is only the final loss. Come join us.

MEN'S DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. at Chuck Piersee's house in Touchmark. Phone: 541-312-1628. This year's study is on the book of Hebrews.

TOUCHMARK BIBLE STUDY will resume in September. Watch for more information.

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 will begin again on September 14, 8-9 a.m. led by Dan Klingler. The subject of study will be Gospel Parallels by Burton Throckmorton. It is a study of the three Synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke in parallel columns (NRSV translation). Anyone desiring to join the group please call Dan Klingler (541-318-8163) to order the book. The study should take the entire school year.

TILTERS is a group of women who discuss books related to faith. We invite you to join us in reading Diana Butler Bass' book, *The People's History of Christianity*. We meet Thursday mornings, 8:00-9:30 a.m., in the library. Welcome!! 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 Tuesdays of each month. We invite you to join us as we explore Romans and grow as friends in Christ.

THE WOMEN'S AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY, TRAVELER'S, Will resume September 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. For more information, contact Carol Piersee, 541-312-1628.

PEACE & JUSTICE TEAM meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Library.

Try Transformative Yoga Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. in Youth Center





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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.

Volunteers Wanted - to drive veterans to the VA hospital in Portland for medical appointments. The VA furnishes the vehicle and fuel. No special driver's license is needed. The VA furnishes annual physicals, training and flu shots if needed. Can you spare a day or two a month to help a vet? If you can, please email lesteralford@gmail.com for more information.

