



# The Pilot Light



August 2009

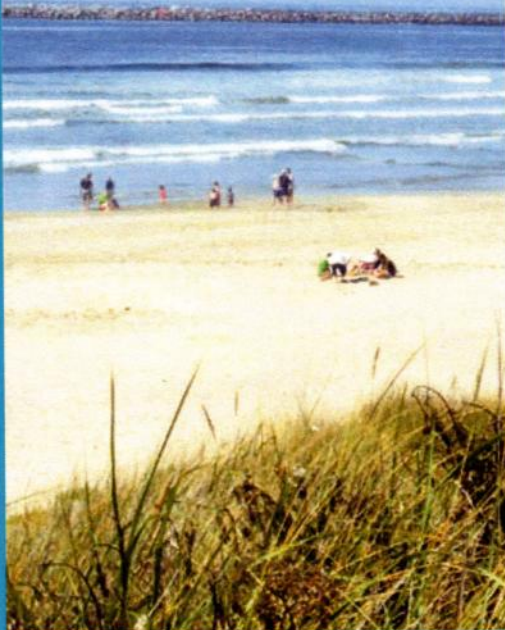
*"Columbia Presbyterian Church: encouraging you to enter into a life-changing relationship with Jesus, and helping you find your place in God's work."*



Nature  
HISTORY  
Discovery

## South Beach

CAMPGROUND



### South Beach State Park

US 101, 2 miles S of Newport  
5580 S. Coast Highway, Newport, OR 97366  
541-867-4715



Latitude: 44.5991216 N  
Longitude: -124.05934 W

2009

## Family Camp Sept 4 - 7

Make reservations NOW for Columbia's Annual Family Camp! We will be traveling to South Beach State Park just south of Newport, OR for a weekend of fun, fellowship and friends. There will be a group pancake breakfast on Saturday and group dinners on Saturday and Sunday.

Family camp activities include:

- Children's Bike Parade - Saturday Afternoon
- Dog Parade - Sunday Afternoon
- Talent Show - Sunday Evening

For more information or to register, contact Brian Randolph 798-4188. Registration forms are also available in the church office.



# THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

## Cable Television

Laurel called Comcast last month and cancelled our television subscription. We'd talked about it for a few months before pulling the plug. There are some shows we really enjoy. We'd gotten used to recording shows digitally so we could watch just our favorites and skip through all the ads.

But we also noticed how much time we spent flipping through the channels in search of something good – and there usually wasn't much. Oh, there were movies we liked...the first 5 times or 10 times we saw them. I mean, how many times can you watch "When Harry Met Sally" before it begins to feel like it's a waste of time? It's a fun story, to be sure, but is it worth it to sit there for 2 hours for an ending you know by heart?

And then there's news – 24 hours a day on at least 4 channels, if not more! Has anybody else noticed that an awful lot of what passes for news on cable is a bunch of talking heads yelling at each other? And reality TV? Don't get me started. Reality TV isn't reality. Not any reality I know, anyway.

So we decided to cut the cable and go with the local channels. In the last month I think I've noticed there isn't much on them either.

We're hoping to visit more with each other, and we're sure to read more. Maybe we'll take more walks and see the evening sky lit up like fire. Maybe we'll catch a glimpse of the martin that lives down by the river and peered at me so intently a week ago while I was out for a run.

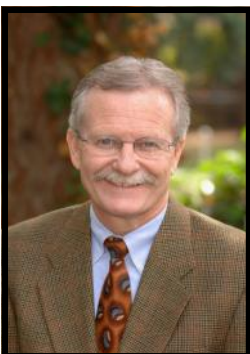


How much is stolen from our lives by the things we take for granted in our culture? The media has no interest in my spiritual growth. None. They just want my eyeballs as part of a set of numbers so they can charge more for advertising. That's it. Is there good programming? You bet. Will it make that much of a difference in my life? It hasn't yet. And besides, we can rent most of the good stuff with our Netflix subscription. After all, what's the best use of our time?

Now, please know I don't think God calls us to be like those efficiency nuts who schedule every 5 minutes of every day in order to use it all up, usually so they can get ahead of everybody else. But I'm astounded by how much time I waste on trivial pursuits that don't really build me or anyone else up into sons and daughters of God.

Don't get me wrong. I think entertainment and stories are fine and good. Laurel and I may renew our cable subscription sometime in the future. But maybe it's also okay for us as followers of Jesus to center our worldview around him and what he values, and not around what a few people in an office in L.A. value. I'm just wondering about that.

Of course, now I've got another big question to ponder: what am I going to do during football season?!



Fitz Neal,  
Pastor

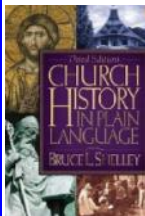
# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## Adult Ministry @ CPC : Looking Ahead

The Adult Education Team is planning three classes for Adult Christian Education in the 2009-10 school year (beginning September 13):

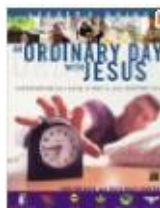
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### Church History in Plain Language



How did the church get here? What happened between the death of Jesus and the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Why is it important to know something about the history of the church? This class, which will meet for the entire school year (September through June) will explore the major events in the history of the Christian church, from the age of Jesus and the apostles to Christianity at the beginning of the third millennium.

### An Ordinary Day With Jesus



Jesus entered a broken world to bring life in all its fullness (John 10:10). As we learn to recognize and welcome the presence of Jesus in every situation, ordinary days are transformed. An ordinary day with Jesus can truly be the greatest day of life – and can lead to an extraordinary life! This class will use a video series by Presbyterian pastor John Ortberg to encourage our ordinary, every day walk with Christ.

**11:00**

### The Life and Teaching of Jesus



Building upon the CPC Summer sermon series, "Living the Questions", this class will explore the life of Jesus, using the Gospel records and other sources. Can we trust the biblical record of Jesus' life? Who is this unique person, Jesus of Nazareth? What did he teach his followers? What does it mean to follow him today? These and other questions will be explored

### Small Group Training



There will be a Small Group Leader Training Session on Wednesday, September 9, 7–9 PM for existing small group leaders and anyone interested in beginning a small group. For more information, contact Alan Garcia, 369-6382 or Pastor Bruce, 694-7549 ext. 209.



**Bruce Armstrong,  
Associate Pastor**



### ALPHA : A Place for Everyone!

The next ALPHA course at Columbia will be held on Wednesday night at 6:30, beginning on September 16. ALPHA is an eleven week course, exploring the Christian faith in an open, non-threatening atmosphere where any question is welcome. Each week begins with a delicious dessert (dinner is available from 5:30 to 6:30), an inspiring talk by Nicky Gumbel, Anglican priest and founder of ALPHA, and group discussion. Brochures about ALPHA are available at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Be part of the ALPHA family at CPC!



# NEWS FOR YOU-TH



## Middle School Bike Hike

Calling all MS students!!! The annual MS week-long camping excursion is bound for Idaho, bound to be fun and bound to give participants awesome-tastic memories! Want to be involved? Then mark your calendar with these important dates...

**-Shakedown (practice ride) July 26, noon**  
(don't forget your sack lunch!)

**-Load up the vans...**  
August 1, 9AM

**-Bike Hike...August 2-8**



Be sure to visit the website for the updated Bicycle Safety Checklist.

## Youth Center Hours

**Sunday-Friday**  
10AM-5PM

**Saturday**  
Closed  
*(spend some time with your family)*

## Movie Night

Hosted by  
William Stewart

**YOUTH CENTER FRIDAYS**  
6-9'ish



2009 Summer Interns



Suzie Herman,  
Interim Youth Director

# Children's Ministries



## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Younger kids had a great time at the fish hatchery....



There's still time to get in on lots of summer fun with our wonderful summer interns....check out what we have planned:

### Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

July 28 - Monkey Bar Mania – 10:00-12:30

August 4 – Gushy, Goey, Goopy Games – 10:00-11:30

August 11 – Kooky Crazy Costume Party – 10:00-12:00

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

July 30-31 – 1:30 PM-10:00 AM- Outrageous Outdoor Overnighter

August 4 – Gushy, Goey, Goopy Games – 1:00-3:00

August 11 – Splish Splash Swim – 1:00-5:00

Sign up on the bulletin board by the drinking fountain! Permission slips for the summer are available in the Resource Room.

## YBS FUN:



## Sunday mornings:

Our summer Sunday School schedule runs THROUGH Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
(Labor Day weekend)

9:00 – Summer Sunday School – Preschool – Orange Room  
School-age – Creation Station  
(through Aug. 9)

10:30 – Summer Sunday School - Preschool – Orange Room

Our first day of regular Sunday School will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>.



SHARON FRANKLIN,  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES  
DIRECTOR





# CAUTION!! HIGH VOLTAGE AHEAD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT K<sup>2</sup> LIVE

Come experience our  
electrifying adventure ...  
invite your friends!

WHO: Anyone in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
WHAT: Multi- media faith exploration!

Small group encounters!  
Gym games!  
Cool crafts!  
Music and Worship!  
Field trips!  
And much more!

WHERE: Columbia Presbyterian Church  
805 Columbia Ridge Dr.

WHEN: Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Kick-off Night – Sept. 16 , 2009

INFO: Call the director! Anna Haagenon (891-1494)





# MISSIONS

## What Does God Have Planned For Your Life?

This summer, the Missions Ministry Team will host Mission Communication Forums that cover both local and world missions supported by Columbia and/or members of the congregation. Each week, a different mission will present what they do, how you can become involved, and answer questions.

**Time:** 9 and 10:30 AM Sunday mornings

**Place:** St Helen's Room

### Upcoming Schedule:

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Fair Workers Get Together:** Come meet with others who have signed up to work or are thinking of working in the fair booth or filling one of the other jobs for the fair booth. This will be a time of food, fellowship and fun.

**August 9 Short Term Missions:** Come learn about short term mission opportunities, and how Columbia can help make a short term mission trip a reality in your life.

**August 16 Youth Missions and Work Camp:** Suzie Herman will give an update on the ways Columbia's youth is involved in missions locally and in their work camp experience with Habitat in Bellingham.

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> World Vision Children:** We extend a special invitation to those who sponsor children to bring pictures and letter to share. Nancy Johns will have information about children for anyone who would like to sponsor a child. All are welcome.

**August 30<sup>th</sup> Whitworth University:** Ellyn K Wilhelm will talk about Whitworth and answer questions. She especially invites High school students and their parents. Whitworth has a deep commitment to Christ and provides a solid foundation for diverse theological views to enrich discussions with and among students.

If you have questions about these sessions, feel free to ask any of the members of the Missions Ministry Team: Geo Plumberg, Jerry Allin, Dave and Joan Cram, Lynne Libby, Glenn Livingston, Curt Loewen, Florence Monfore, Susan Randolph, Donnetta Spink, Carol Van Zytveld, and Rich Vohs. Please join us in seeing what God is doing locally and around the world, and find out how you can become involved!



**What in the World is Columbia  
Doing? How can you  
be a part of it?**



## WE NEED MORE SMILES. . . You Need a Free 8x10 photo and Free Directory

Signups for the pictorial church directory are continuing and the first photo session will happen the week of July 28. There is a table each week in the Gathering Area and it is possible to sign up online as well. Go to the CPC website: [www.columbiapresbyterian.org](http://www.columbiapresbyterian.org) and click on the link located on the home page. That link will take you to signups where you will be asked to create your own password and you will then be able to sign up.

If you have already registered for a photo session, please pick up a photo guide at the information booth or at the directory signup table that will give you additional information about the session.

We are still far short of our goal for signups for the directory. We need to fill every space available to us so everyone in the church can have their photo taken. At the time of this writing there are still a few open spaces for the week of July 28-Aug. 1, so contact us as soon as possible to schedule your appointment. Remember, you don't need to be a member to have your photo taken!! You can be a neighbor, a friend or other family member.

Photography dates are:

July 28, 29, 30, 31 from 1:30 to 8:30 PM

August 1 from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM

August 18, 19, 20, 21 from 1:30 to 8:30 PM

August 22 from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM

September 8, 9, 10, 11 from 10:30 AM to 8:30 PM

September 12 from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM

September 22, 23, 24, 25 from 1:30 to 8:30 PM

September 26 from 10:30 AM to 5:30 PM

For more information or assistance in sign up: Contact Linda Whitworth, 597-4022 or [Lindy49@comcast.net](mailto:Lindy49@comcast.net) or Loraine Hofer, 521-5567 or [JandLHofer@comcast.net](mailto:JandLHofer@comcast.net)

## Clark County Fair Workers Needed!

**Fair Workers Dinner is August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Fair runs August 7 - 16**

***Be part of the team at Columbia's Fair Booth.***

Each year Columbia staffs a booth at the Clark County Fair that sells hot dogs, corn on the cob, pie, ice cream and more. Learn how to make curlicues on top of soft ice cream, hand delicious ears of corn to customers and watch their faces light up, serve cold drinks to the thirsty fairgoers, and enjoy fellowship with others from Columbia. And best of all, the profit goes to support short-term missions. Other perks— half price admission for your first shift and free admission for additional shifts you work. Sign up in the Gathering Area. Workers needed for the following: fair workers' dinner, shifts in the booth, crew chiefs, and maintenance.



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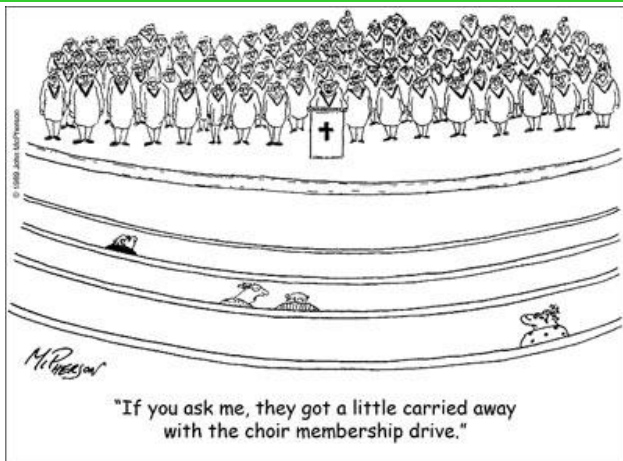
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## Time for the Annual Church Review

We're looking for two people to review the financial operations of the church the week of August 10-14. If you're interested in helping in this way, contact Terry Robertson at 694-7549 or Dave Cram at 253-7662.



### Session Member Contact Information

#### Trustees:

Glen Baunsgard	834-7991
Bob McFarlin	834-7169
Dave Nacke	254-8136

#### Personnel Ministry Team:

John Van Dinter	891-0804
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#### Spiritual Formation & Discipleship:

Alan Garcia	360-369-6382
Nancy Bishoprick	695-8589

#### Evangelism & Fellowship:

Jennifer Mears	737-7952
Susan Murphy	882-1370

#### Preschool, Children & Youth:

Marc Hartquist	834-4098
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#### Worship & Music:

Sheena Brooke	571-4170
Dennis Gish	891-7443

#### Missions Ministry Team:

Geo Plumberg	260-8096
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#### Clerk of Session:

Donnetta Spink	944-6716
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#### Pastor:

Fitz Neal	597-4298
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#### Associate Pastor:

Bruce Armstrong	887-2573
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## PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY



Precept will begin the fall with a new study of the Book of Isaiah where we come face-to-face with a Holy God through Isaiah's eyes and heart. Class will begin on September 8, 2009 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information call Donnetta Spink at 944-6716 or Debby Haven at 263-2970 or 607-1413.

# CPC NEWS

## Fall Church Sale



### Electronic Giving!

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you do other monthly payments? Columbia now offers Electronic Giving for those of you who wish to have your contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you travel, this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings. It allows you to avoid having to make up the difference later. Contact the church office for more details or visit our website.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch'em - He'll clean'em.

It's time to put the dates of the Fall Church Sale on your calendar. We begin setup in the Gym on Saturday, October 3, set up in the rest of the sale area on the 4<sup>th</sup>. The sale will open to the public on October 8 and close at noon on October 10. More information will be in the next Pilot Light. If you haven't started already, it is time to set aside items to contribute to the sale. We hope that you will also plan to set aside time to help with the setup and sale. Workers are needed in all areas. We especially need young workers. For information call Donnetta Spink at 944-6716 or Eileen O'Neil at 892-4868.



"Is seminary just for pastors? If you've been considering seminary education, but are not sure what it's all about, here is a prime opportunity to get a feel for what Fuller Vancouver has to offer. We invite you to join us for an evening of fellowship, great information, and Q & A. You will also have a chance to speak one-on-one with one of our faculty. A Fuller NW staff member will also be available to answer all your questions."

Where: Columbia Presbyterian Church  
When: July 29th, 6-7:30pm  
RSVP/Questions: (800) 447-2999 or email [racheltench@fuller.edu](mailto:racheltench@fuller.edu)

"In the Fall 2009, Fuller Theological Seminary will award \$500,000 in New Seminary Scholarships to newly accepted Master of Divinity, Master of Theology, and other Master of Arts students. More than 100 students are expected to receive a one year New Seminary Scholarship of up to \$4,800. This is a unique opportunity for the '09-'10 school year. For more information on terms and conditions and how to apply visit our website at: <http://www.fuller.edu/admissions/finaid/newsemsch.aspx>"

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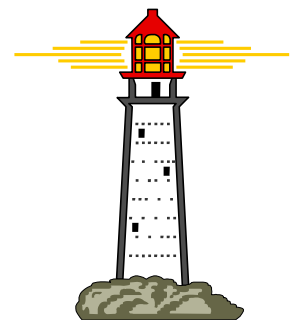
## How to Reach Us:

Please call the church office at 694-7549 to reach any of the church staff. Staff can also be reached via e-mail by using the person's first name followed by @columbiapresbyterian.org. *Example: [bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org](mailto:bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org)*. The only exceptions to that rule are Sharon Franklin, Sharon Wallenborn and John Ignoffo. In those cases, use their first name with the first initial of their last name.

		Phone Extension
Fitz Neal	Pastor	x 206
Bruce Armstrong	Associate Pastor	x 209
Jeff Haagenson	Minister of Worship & Music	x 210
Sharon Franklin	Children's Ministries Director	x 211
Suzie Herman	Interim Youth Director	x 208
	<i>Direct Youth Line</i>	823-0220
Terry Robertson	Church Business Administrator	x 207
Jo Coila	Head of Staff Admin. Asst.	x 201
Jennifer Neal	Interim Children/Youth Admin. Asst.	x 204
Viva Dennis	Communications Specialist	x 213
Marilyn Roberts	Bookkeeper	x 222
John Ignoffo	Media Ministry Specialist	x 205
Rich Raitano	Facilities Manager	x 216
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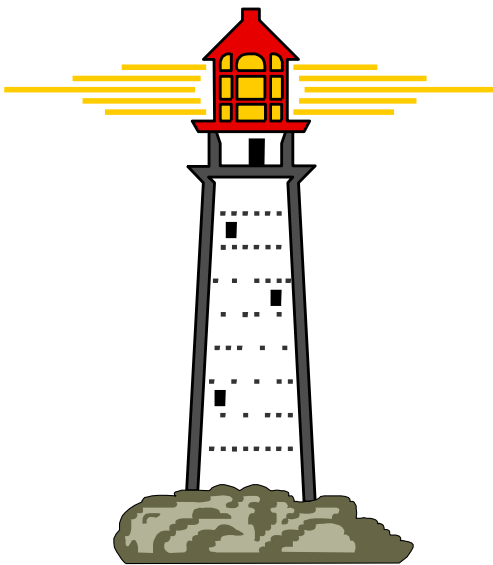
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