



The Pilot Light



June 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."

Meet the summer Interns



ANDREW FLABETICH...
student at WSU

- I am called to ministry
- I love football
- I have worked with middle school students for 5 yrs.
- Many people call me "Flabby"



TONYA RODRIGUEZ...
student at Warner Pacific College

- I love to dance and laugh
- I am really close with my family and love them very much!
- I have a passion to tell people how much God loves them
- My socks never match



AMY HARTQUIST...
Camas High '09

- I love horses and ride them as often as I can
- I am going to attend college at UW so that I can be a veterinarian
- I collect book, movies, and wrappers from all the teas I've tried



DEREK DIX...
student at Multnomah Bible School

- I am working towards a bachelors degree in Bible/Theology, along with a bachelors degree in Youth Ministry
- I play drums, guitar, and multiple hand percussion instruments. I played the djembe (gym bay) in a Portland based Christian Rock Group called "Soul Speak"
- I love spending time with people I love my family, and their camping events



ELISA DECKER...
student at NW Nazarene

- I have lived in four states
- My priorities are God, family and friends
- I want to be a physical therapist someday
- I love cliff-jumping



JESSICA ENSING...
student at Calvin College

- I grew up in Hawaii.
- I am studying to be a teacher
- I love building relationships with younger children
- I speak Spanish

THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

The Forgiveness Factor

On Sunday May 3rd we covered the very important and challenging issue of forgiveness. I firmly believe that human forgiveness is impossible. Only *God's* power and forgiveness enable us to forgive others or ourselves for wrongdoing.

I've seen people forgive very painful and difficult things. I also know how hard it is to forgive someone when we've really been hurt. When Jesus says that our sins won't be forgiven unless we forgive other people's sins against us, what does he mean? These words can get twisted into something unhelpful and untrue, especially when they're used in a way that victimizes deeply wronged and wounded people a *second* time: having been mistreated once by the person who originally wronged us, now we must forgive that person or our own sins will be held against us. This is a strange and terrible kind of trap.

Does Jesus really mean to imply that God holds our sin against us until we forgive others? Or is he simply trying to say that our relationship with God is connected – both directly and indirectly – to our relationships with others? I believe Jesus is speaking about the latter.

Here's how I think it works. What is our *approach* to life and relationships in a broken world? What is our *attitude*? Do we approach life from a *forgiving* posture? Or do we approach life from a *pay-back* posture? If we approach life from a forgiving posture, then, in the embrace of God's total forgiveness of ourselves, we can proceed to work out all the forgiveness issues we

have against people who've harmed us.

Let's be honest. Sometimes these situations can take a lot of time and hard work to get through. I believe God doesn't hold our sins against us



as we do that work. Rather, through the risen, reigning Christ, God assists us with our forgiveness work.

On the other hand, if we approach life from a pay-back, or non-forgiveness, posture, then our attempts to make the other person pay only rebound on us. It's not that God punishes us. It's more a matter of our own bitterness eating us up inside and affecting our life and relationships in adverse ways. Furthermore, a lot of the time – perhaps especially in cases of abuse – we need help to get on, and stay on, a

forgiveness trajectory. Forgiving is hard work. We need God's gracious help to do it, and we often need the help of the church to name wrongs and walk the long road of forgiveness.

Just last week I received an email from a person in another church who was deeply sinned against many years ago. Her life was altered forever by what happened to her. As a Christian, she worked on the forgiveness process, but it took a long time for God to complete that work, only recently, after nearly 40 years. Who knows why it took so long? Perhaps because the wounds were real and deep. But what amazed and impressed me was this person's ability to receive God's reconciling work when it came. Perhaps it was because she'd been on a forgiveness trajectory through the years, nurturing a forgiveness posture toward life as a part of her discipleship. And now she's free. Thanks be to God.



Fitz Neal,
Pastor

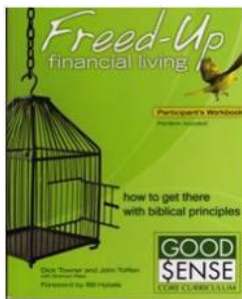
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SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following three classes will be offered this Summer, beginning June 28:

9:00 AM

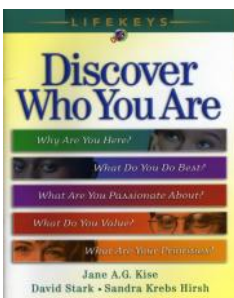
Freed-Up Financial Living



The goal of this class is to provide a biblical grounded understanding of a proper relationship to money and possessions, and to begin a biblically based spending plan (budget). This class will meet in the Chapel.

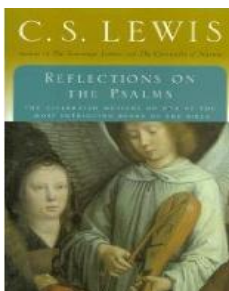
10:30 AM

LifeKeys



LifeKeys provides a powerful guide to uncovering one's talents, spiritual gifts, values, and personality – all that God gives to make each individual unique. The LifeKeys program is designed to help individuals work through life or career change, consider opportunities for ministry in or outside the church, and find deeper satisfaction in life. This class will meet in the Cascade Fellowship Hall.

Reflections on the Psalms



In one of his most enlightening books, C.S. Lewis writes about the difficulties he has met and the joys he has gained in reading the Psalms. The Psalms are poems, intended to be sung, they are not doctrinal treatises or sermons. Using Lewis' book, this class will study these much beloved passages of scripture. Darren Jacobs will facilitate this class, which will meet in the Chapel.

MEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study has changed locations, and is beginning a new study. The new location is Peach Tree, 6600 N.E. Highway 99, Hazel Dell (yes, the former location several years ago). The new study is ORIGINS: A Reformed Look at Creation, Design, and Evolution. Using biblical texts and the historic creeds of the church, this study explores what both God's Word and God's world teach about creation, evolution and design. The Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast begins at 6:30, and is finished at 7:30. Come and join us in this new study!



**Bruce Armstrong,
Associate Pastor**

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

CONNECTIONS



Are you interested in learning more about Columbia Presbyterian Church; what we believe, and what ministries we offer? Do you want to get **connected** to this congregation in ministry in a meaningful way? Then join us for a catered lunch on Sunday, May 31, from 12:30 – 2:30 in the Cascade Fellowship Hall. This is an informal time, led by Pastors Fitz Neal and Bruce Armstrong. Child care is available by reservation. For further information, contact Viva Dennis in the church office (694-7549, ext. 213) or by email (info@columbiapresbyterian.org).



Holy Land Bible Study Tour Report

Twenty three members and friends of Columbia Presbyterian Church—along with six other travelers from Lake Grove Presbyterian Church—recently returned from a wonderful Bible study tour of Israel and Egypt. Each day was a new adventure of discovery, as we were led by two wonderful guides—Julie and Osama, to the holy sites of Jewish, Christian and Muslim history. We studied the scriptures in the very places where the heroes of the Old Testament and the first disciples of Jesus walked. We visited with Christians still living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. We worshipped at a park looking out at the Sea of Galilee (remembering the Gospel of John’s telling of Peter’s restoration following his denial of Jesus—John, chapter 21). We renewed our baptismal promises in the Jordan River, and celebrated the Lord’s Supper at the Garden Tomb. Each “pilgrim” will have his or her own memories of this adventure. Details of our entire journey can be found in the blog that was written each evening of our trip, and is available on our church web page (www.columbiapresbyterian.org). I encourage you to take a look at it. Unlike followers of the Jewish and Muslim faiths, we do not have strong religious attachments to physical locations; however, there is great value in visiting the Holy Land as a pilgrimage, the Bible truly “comes alive”. It is my hope that there will be future opportunities for other trips from CPC. On Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m. I will be hosting a presentation about our trip, “*Holy Places, Holy People*”, in the Cascade Fellowship Hall. ~ Pastor Bruce

One-day Prayer

Retreat:

“Discovering the Grace of God”

Saturday, June 20,

8:30 to 1:30

The retreat will be led by Pastor Bruce Armstrong. A personal day of prayer provides a wonderful opportunity to bring focus and clarity to our lives – especially in the midst of the challenges, opportunities and perplexities we face





NEWS FOR YOU-TH



Alasdair Stuart...
Camas High '09
United States Navy Bound

Volunteer Summer Interns 2009
Wow, a fun, responsible and AMAZING group of student leaders ready to embark on an adventure of sharing the Good News of Jesus with Middle School students this summer!!! Aren't we blessed to have such leaders? YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Alan Hartquist...
Junior, Camas High



Sara Richards...
Vancouver School
of the Arts

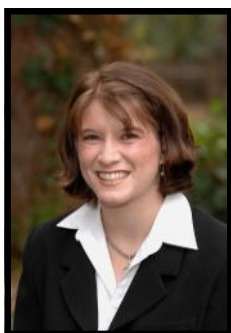


Bethany Brewster...
Junior, Evergreen High



Andrew Barton...
Junior, Camas High

Thank you to the hiring team (Janine Barnett, William Stewart, Suzie Herman, Katie Warner, Beth Burton, Sharon Franklin and Cheri Allen) who interviewed, prayed, discussed and hired...thx for coordinating!!



Suzie Herman,
Interim Youth Director

Children's Ministries



Summer is coming very soon!

That means Summer Sundays, VBS, Terrific Tuesdays and all kinds of special times for kids and their friends. It also means SUMMER INTERNS!!! In addition to our paid interns on the front page, Children's Ministries will have the leadership of three great volunteer interns...Hannah Van Dinter, Megan Husko & Katie Mack! With the energy and excitement of all our interns, it promises to be a SUPER summer.



Hannah



Megan



Katie

KIDS NEED CAMP...Which Camp Will You Choose?

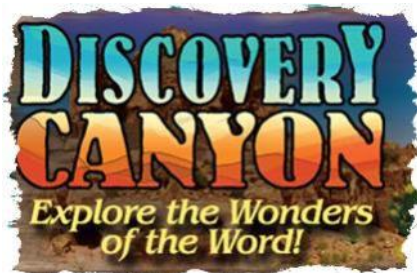
Presbytery camps offer options for all ages and interests. Brochures available now in the Gathering Area, the main office, from Sharon or Suzie, camp office, 503-460-3024, or visit the web site www.campcascades.org for more information. Camping experiences change kids' lives...we want to help get kids to camp. Columbia pays \$50 of the fee ...if you need more, talk to Sharon Franklin!

Vacation Bible School

June 29 - July 3
9:00-Noon

Join us as we explore canyons and have great adventures, hiking into God's word. Let me know NOW that you want to join the leadership team. All are welcome! If you want to help, we have a place for you. Check out the table in the narthex, call me at the church office, 694-7549, ext. 211 or email me:

sharonf@columbiapresbyterian.org.



SHARON FRANKLIN,

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR



Circle of Friends Preschool



NOW IT'S TIME TO SAY GOOD BYE FOR JUST A WHILE

Our school year has come to an end and several of our young friends will move on to start a new adventure in the school systems for the next 13 years. In May of 1996 we sent our first group of students out into the world and those children will be graduating from high school this year. They grow up so fast.

EVERYBODY WAS KUNG FU FIGHTING

Each month the preschool has some form of special activity That encourages group participation. This month's theme was "wear your favorite sport attire". Kaden's sport just happens to be karate.



TAKE ME TO THE ZOO

One of the highlights of the year for the older 4/5's Jellybean class is the annual field trip to the zoo. They had a great time throughout the on and off rain showers.

Thank you for all of your love and support throughout this school year. Please continue to pray for these children and their families as some are experiencing some rather challenging situations during this time of high unemployment.



Sharon Wallenborn,
Director
Circle of Friends Preschool

Life is what we are alive to. It is not length but breathe...Be alive to...goodness, kindness, purity, love, history, poetry, music, flowers, stars, God and eternal hope.

~ Maltbie Babcock

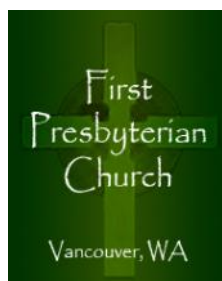
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SENEGAL - THE WAY AHEAD

If you have additional questions or were unable to attend the Senegal Feedback Session or hear Pastor Adama Diouf speak about the new partnership opportunity with the Serer people in Senegal, you are invited to present your questions and participate in a group discussion on May 31 at 7 PM. The gathering will be held at the home of Lee and Sondra Powell at 615 NE 117th Ave in Vancouver. Dessert will be provided. Please contact Bob/Barbara McFarlin at 834-7169 or Nancy Johns at 624-6598 by May 27 if you plan to attend.

Churches in Partnership

On February 7, 2009, representatives from five area Presbyterian churches met at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Vancouver. The purpose of this meeting was to explore the possibility of joining together to build a Habitat for Humanity home. On May 2nd, at another meeting and after much prayer and deliberation, First Presbyterian, St. John's in Camas and Columbia Presbyterian churches decided they would join together and build a home for Kelly Coleman & her children, Dakota and Broddie. The "kick-off" for this mission project will be Sunday, May 31st. Kelly and her family will be worshipping with us that day along with representatives from First Presbyterian, St. John's and Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. This is a wonderful local mission project that grandparents, parents and children (16 & older) can work on together. There will be many opportunities for everyone to participate. Join us on the 31st and learn more about how working together, neighbors can help a fellow neighbor. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Lynne Helmke at 883-5661.



MISSIONS

A HISTORY OF NEW HOPE FARMS

A Lutheran clergyman name Larry Goehner teamed up with an ex farmer named Wally Fenton to “give birth” to New Hope Farms in 1978. Both had years of experience working with the mentally challenged. However, their vision was a “ministry” to bring a “rejected” and “oppressed” type of person into a transformed life by the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The result would be a setting free to reach the highest possible potential spiritually, socially, and physically. The key would be God’s love by the example of a dedicated staff. Some would be resident managers in each foster home located on the grounds at 40 New Hope Farms Road, six miles east of the town of Goldendale, Washington. Others would provide the daily program teaching Christian values, and focusing on social, educational, and self help skills that result in a sense of dignity, respect and self worth.

At first the goal was to train persons for employment in agriculture, hand crafts, and food processing giving conventional meaning to the word “farm.” As time went on and staff changed, the farm “crop” became the changed life of each resident who live out their lives in community.

In the year 1997 the board voted to submit to the rules and regulations of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) of the State of Washington. This sets high standards for facilities and managers of each adult foster home and links New Hope Farms to DSHS funding that aids in the costs per resident.

The vision of the founders of New Hope Farms is alive and well today. Residents live in several Adult Family Homes. Daily programs, Monday through Friday, at the “Activity Center” include reading, spelling, computers games, arts and crafts and a daily exercise program. This and more enable residents to learn and relate to each other in ways that impart a wholeness to their lives. It is “hoped” that truly this place is where love grows.

NEW HOPE FARMS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**You are cordially invited to our barbecue
Joyous Open House for our 30+ years
Of caring for our children here at
New Hope Farms
June 13th**

**40 New Hope Farms Road
Goldendale, WA**

**Contact Jerry Allin for directions and details
360-546-3379 or allin0915@comcast.net**



MANY THANKS VOLUNTEERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SPRING SALE!!



The year 2009 has become another banner year for the semi-annual church sale with the just completed spring sale netting the largest amount for a spring sale — just over \$14,000. This will enable us to provide our pledged amount to the missions we support, provide camper ships and mission trips for the youth and continue the Ellen Torongo Scholarship program where both single women and the children of single parents are helped with scholarships for higher education.

We have been especially encouraged by the support and assistance of the staff. Pastor Fitz and Pastor Bruce have been very supportive with encouraging words both to us and to the staff who also helped in many ways. Sharon Wallenborn, Preschool Director, worked in the Boutique. Viva Dennis has been especially helpful by preparing and printing the material needed for publicity and managing the sale. We extend our many thanks and appreciation to each of you.

For those who had to make other arrangements for their meetings or programs we especially thank you. You indirectly have contributed to the mission programs the sale helps fund. We were able to help out a number of hard working men from the Veterans Administration by hiring them to help set up and take down the equipment needed to put on the sale. Many of our usual shoppers were there to greet us and to thank us for the best sale in Vancouver. There were also more than usual new shoppers who we believe found the sale helpful in meeting their needs at this time of economic troubles.

And to you members of the congregation who came to work what a blessing you were. You had smiles for each other and the customers. And we had some new workers who pitched in and were a great help with their ideas. People commented on how friendly everyone was. We don't have space to individually thank each volunteer but know that you were very much appreciated.

In conjunction with the sale we had a beautiful California King Size quilt to raffle. The proceeds are to go to help the students at the school in Baba Garage, Senegal. The raffle will close on June 1. So there is still time to buy tickets which are \$2.00 for one ticket or five for \$5.00. See Donnetta Spink at the welcome center.

Eileen O'Neil and Donnetta Spink, Sale Coordinators



ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

Kick off summer Worship on June 28 by heading down to the Cascade Fellowship Hall for a delicious home-cooked buffet-style breakfast. The coffee will be hot and the juice will be cold. We will be serving from 8:15 - 10:30 AM. The menu will be announced at a later date. Bring the kids, grandma and anyone else you can think of. This is a great time of fellowship before worship. The meal is a fund-raising event for Good Samaritan Ministries Zambia Satellite and the proceeds from the free-will offering will go towards teacher's wages, feeding programs for HIV/AIDs orphans and much needed medical supplies.





**GET YOUR SMILE READY -
COLUMBIA'S NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
IS COMING SOON**

A ministry team has been formed to begin work on the information sheets to be used with the new directory. You will be seeing more about this in the weeks to come, so watch your weekly bulletin for details. We will also have a sign-up table in the Gathering Area beginning in June. Photos will be taken in the fall and the directories should be available before Christmas. If you feel the directory is long past due, we'd love to hear from you. Contacts are:

Linda Whitworth
lindy49@comcast.net
597-4022

Loraine Hofer
JandLHofer@comcast.net
521-5567



The JoyBell Ringers

&

Columbia Presbyterian Church

Cordially invite you to our

6th Annual Handball Concert and Tea

Come and listen to the JoyBell Ringers of Columbia Presbyterian Church as they present a concert of music they have performed throughout the year.

Sacred, secular, Christmas and Easter music will be played.

Tea, coffee and tasty treats will be available during the concert.

June 6, 2009

10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Columbia Presbyterian Church
805 Columbia Ridge Drive
Vancouver, WA

Please RSVP by June 3rd to
Paula Knapp, Director
360-834-6690

Assistance available for unloading vans



CPC NEWS

How are we doing?



Through April pledges and offerings have exceeded budget by about \$16,000 and are nearly equal to last year's levels. At the same time, expenses are running slightly lower than budget, yielding a small surplus through the first four months of the year. Details are as follows:

	Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges & Offerings	\$ 378,000	\$ 362,000
Expenses:		
Programs	\$ 9,000	\$ 22,000
Mission Ministries	\$ 50,000	\$ 46,000
Personnel	\$ 237,000	\$ 248,000
Operations	\$ <u>70,000</u>	\$ <u>72,000</u>
Total expenses	\$ 366,000	\$ 388,000
Net Surplus (deficit)	\$ 12,000	(\$ 26,000)

With the uncertain economy, we are thankful for our current financial position. But we recognize that individual circumstances may change over the next months that will affect overall giving. If you need to modify your pledge, please contact Marilyn Roberts in the church office (694-7549 x222).

Thank you for your prayers and faithful giving to Columbia.

Bruce W Farnsworth, Treasurer

We would like to express our appreciation for the prayers for recovery and healing throughout my recent convalescence from surgery. Tom and I are truly blessed with being part of the CPC family of faith. In addition, a special thanks to all who generously sent us cards, calls, meals and visits. What a blessing you all have been to us.

Tom, Kay and family

Session Member Contact Information

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 Bob McFarlin 834-7169
 Dave Nacke 254-8136

Personnel Ministry Team:

John Van Dinter 891-0804

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

Worship & Music:

Sheena Brooke 571-4170
 Dennis Gish 891-7443

Missions Ministry Team:

Geo Plumberg 260-8096

Clerk of Session:

Donnetta Spink 944-6716

Pastor:

Fitz Neal 597-4298

Associate Pastor:

Bruce Armstrong 887-2573

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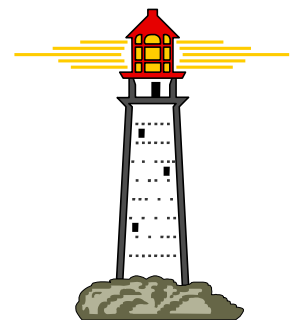
How to Reach Us:

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*. 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
Diana Gage	Nursery - 833 -1017	
Anna Haagenson	Kingdom Kids - 891-1494	
Sharon Wallenborn	Director, Circle of Friends Preschool - 696-9926	x 212

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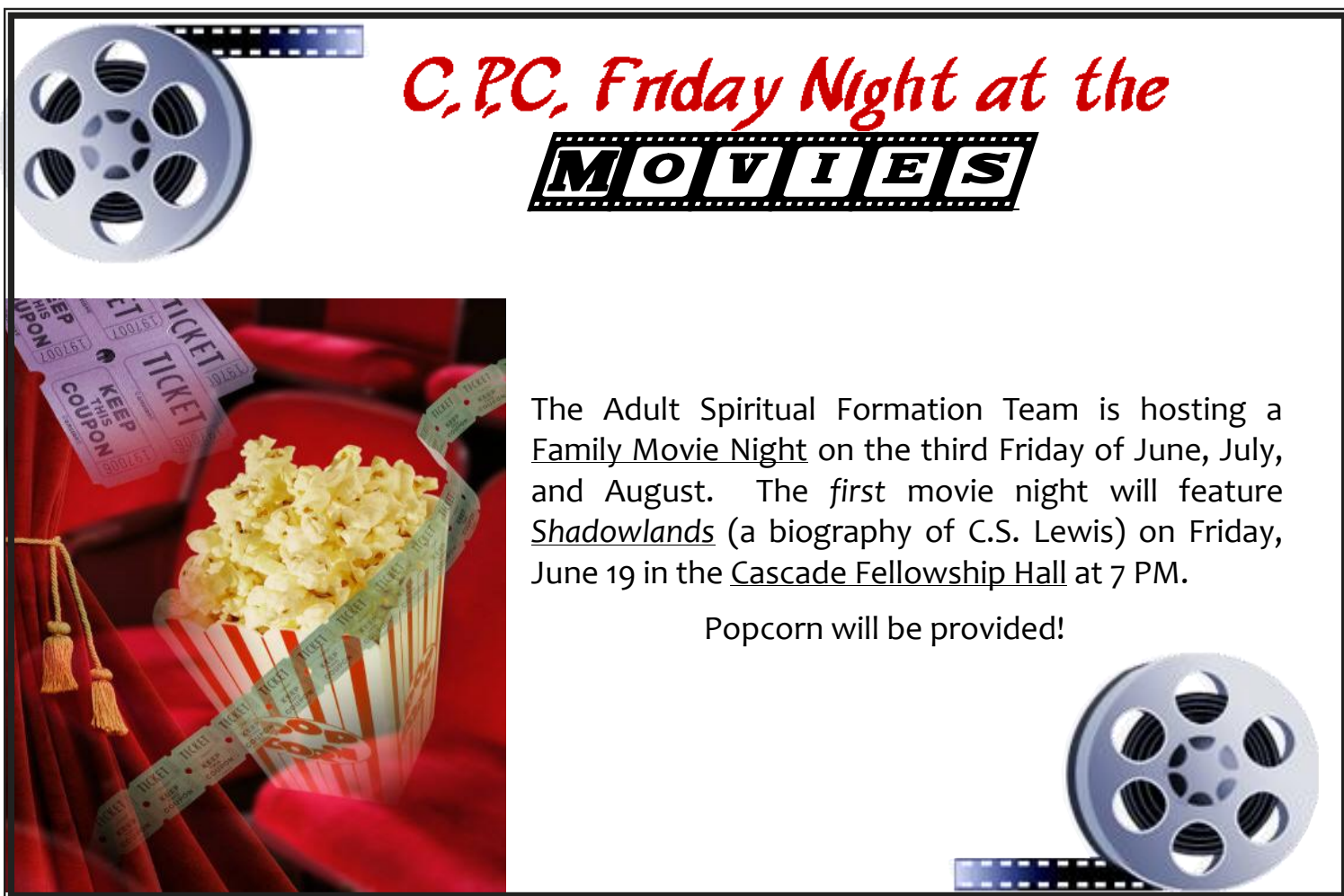


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C.P.C. Friday Night at the
MOVIES

The Adult Spiritual Formation Team is hosting a Family Movie Night on the third Friday of June, July, and August. The *first* movie night will feature Shadowlands (a biography of C.S. Lewis) on Friday, June 19 in the Cascade Fellowship Hall at 7 PM.

Popcorn will be provided!