



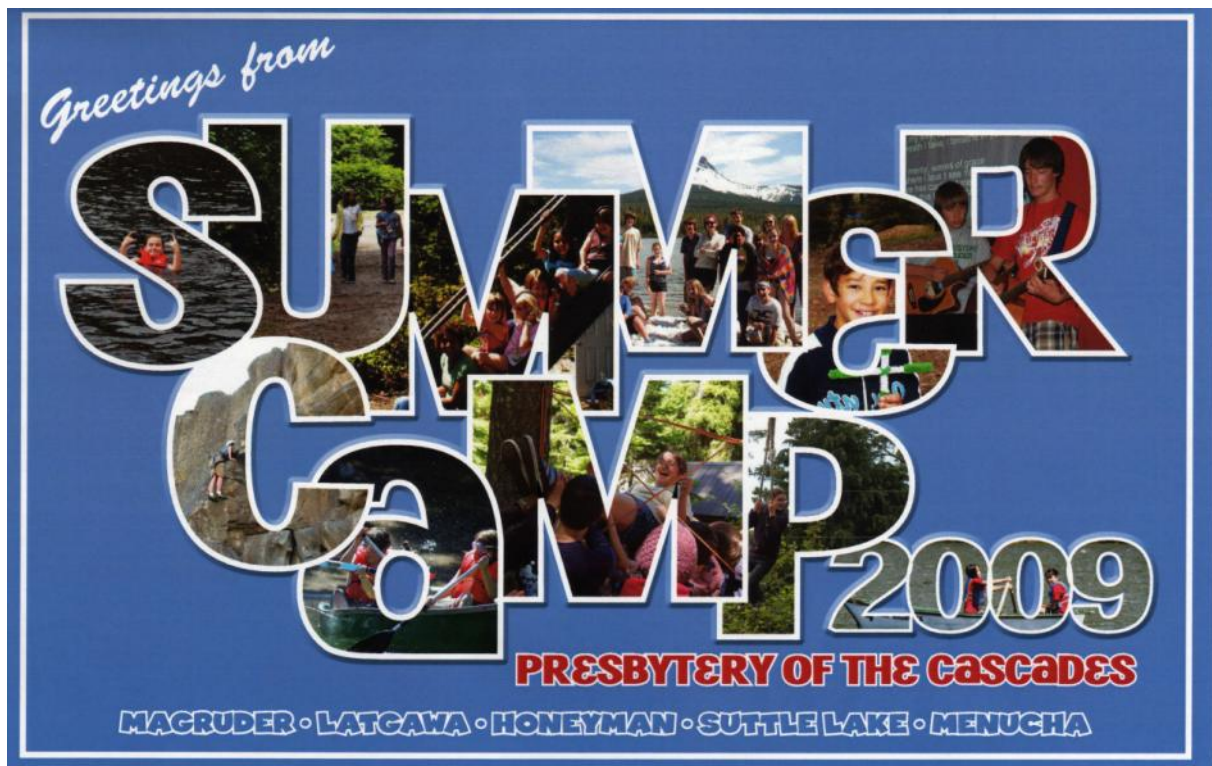
The Pilot Light



March 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."

WHAT WILL YOUR KIDS BE DOING THIS SUMMER???



Presbytery of the Cascades provides individuals of all ages the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, each other, their families and their church home through outdoor living experiences in a distinctly Christian Community.

These camps are made possible through the generous "Presbyterian Partnership Giving" of the churches of the Presbytery of the Cascades. Through these camps, which are presented by the Presbytery's Outdoor Ministry team, we minister to hundreds of youth and families from throughout the Presbytery's region and beyond.

See the back cover for a listing of this summer's camping opportunities.

THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

What To Do?

What do you do when you can't do anything? That's what a lot of people are asking in the midst of the current economic tsunami that seems to keep hitting the financial systems of the world. Every day the news seems a little worse, the questions about how it happened get harder and more complex to answer, and the solutions seem harder to figure out. If we could, we'd wave a magic wand and make it all go away. But in truth it feels like there's so little we can do.

What do you do when you're worried about your job, or see a friend or co-worker lose theirs? What do you do when you watch businesses struggle to stay afloat, when everybody seems scared, or depressed about what's going on?

Pray

I say the first thing we can do when we feel like we can't do anything is pray. Pray hard. Pray specifically. Pray. What kind of prayer? I agree with Philip Yancey who just wrote about how to pray in the current downturn. He says to pray honestly and simply:

"During one of the most volatile periods, a week in which global stock markets declined by \$7 trillion, I received a call from an editor at *Time*. "You wrote a book on prayer, right?" he said. "Tell me, how should a person pray during a crisis like this?" The first stage is simple, an instinctive cry: "Help!" For someone who faces a job cut or health crisis or watches retirement savings wither away, prayer offers a way to voice fear and anxiety. I have learned to resist the tendency to edit my prayers so that they sound sophisticated and mature. I believe God wants us to come exactly as we are, no matter how childlike we may feel. A God aware of every sparrow that falls surely knows the impact of scary financial times on frail human beings. *In-deed, prayer provides the best possible place to take our fears.* (From Christianity today, January, 2009.)



Fitz Neal,
Pastor

I don't usually quote someone at length in this column, but that's just really a good one. Prayer doesn't just make us *feel* better – it is where

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Him in his work of making all things and all people new again. Pray.

Look Back

One very important habit I use when things are challenging is to look back and remember how God has guided, loved, and protected me through difficulties in the past. Sometimes when you're in the middle of a challenge, it's hard to see where God is! But I've been through a thing or two in the past, and I've noticed that, as I looked back, (and sometimes it took a little time before I was ready to do that) I could see that God was working all the time.

God *does* work things out, according to His purposes. Right now, things are pretty bad out there. Leaders and decision-makers have done some bad things in some cases, and dumb things in others. Many people took out loans they should never have even considered. Trust levels are low. But if people will turn to God and get right with the Lord of life, a lot of good can come out of this. Sometimes it's good to look back and remember how God has never abandoned his people. Ever.

Look Ahead

Another thing to do when you feel that you can't do anything is to look ahead – look ahead in the sense that we live in the assurance that God takes all things and bends them to the Father's ultimate good will for the whole creation. Bad things do happen. But none of the bad things that happen get in the way of God turning them into something redemptive *over time*. The plain truth is that, no matter how protracted this downturn gets, no matter how it may look or feel at the moment – it is NOT eternal! It will end. One day things will pick up again. It could take some time, but in the meantime, God has a future in front of every one of us and that future is good. Look ahead.

Help

Last, but not least, I say...help someone. If somebody you know is frightened, or discouraged, help them. Send a note. Help them network. Tell them you'll pray for them every day – and then *follow through on it*. Don't assume that it's not a part of your call from God to help the person you are in contact with. It absolutely is a part of the every believer's job description to help the person whose need they see. Go read the parable of the Good Samaritan again, (Luke 10:25-37) and you'll be renewed in your commitment to deal with things as they come up, rather than pass them by.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Fitz'.

ADULT MINISTRIES

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION – SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

The Adult Spiritual Formation Team has planned four classes for the *Spring* Session (April 19 – the Sunday after Easter – through June 14):

9:30 AM

- *Living on Purpose: Finding God’s Best for Your Life*
- *God in the Dock – Essays in Theology and Ethics*

11:00 AM

- *Prayer: Does It Make A Difference?*
- *From Jerusalem to Rome: A Bible Study of the New Testament Book of Acts*

Registration for these classes will begin on Sunday, March 22

Class descriptions will be available in the upcoming announcements, web page and the next Pilot Light.

The CPC Board of Deacons: A “Shared” Ministry

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people in need. Practice hospitality.”

~ Romans 12:10-13

The ministry of the Board of Deacons at CPC is to provide care and assistance to members and friends in need, especially those who are hospitalized or home bound.

The Deacons invite you to partner with them in this ministry by offering your gifts of mercy and friendship with those in need. If you feel called to assist the Deacons in their effort to be the “hands and feet” of Jesus, please contact Pastor Bruce Armstrong, or call the Deacon phone line at 694-7549, ext. 250.

Please assist the Deacons by providing information about individuals who may be in need of Deacon care. Please don’t assume that we know. Contact may be made in one of two ways: call the Deacon phone line (694-7549, ext. 250), or email: Deacons@columbiapresbyterian.org.



**Bruce Armstrong,
Associate Pastor**

The Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study group has started a new study on the life and theology of John Calvin. This study uses the writings of Calvin along with the biblical basis for Calvin’s beliefs, which have had great influence on Protestant Christianity (this year is the 500th anniversary of Calvin’s birth). The T.M.M.B.S. is always open to newcomers, and meets at the Peach Tree Restaurant (corner of Fourth Plain Blvd and Caples Road), 6:30 to 7:30 AM. Come and join us for a good breakfast, good fellowship and study.



NEWS FOR YOU-TH



YOUTH AUCTION



The annual Youth Auction is back!! Come enjoy a delicious meal, good fellowship and bid on a treasure or two to take home with you. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Bring a friend! Proceeds go to the annual High School mission trip. We need your help!!

MARCH 15th @12:30

MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

Looking for a student who is already making a positive difference in this world? Looking for a student who has embraced the concept of what it means to love others? Looking for a student who reached out to others with grace like Jesus did?

Look no farther than to the picture at the bottom of the page and you will find the face of a remarkable seventh grade student, Parker Liebe. Parker shared with the middle school youth group and Sunday school class last month about his friendship with Austin. Austin and Parker were best of friends and when Austin died at a very young age last month of Leukemia, Parker was thanked by Austin's parents for being such a wonderful friend to this young person with Down Syndrome. Parker was different for the friendship, love and grace he offered Austin. He holds a picture of he and Austin together in second grade...a picture Austin's mother wanted Parker to have because his friendship was so valuable to her son.

May God continue to bless our students and may they (like Parker) continue to be a blessing to God and one another!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2009

Seize the opportunity to make a difference, high school students...

Join us on this year's High School mission trip (July 12-19) to Bellingham, WA, where we will work with Habitat for Humanity.

What?! You've never built a house before?? Well, this is the year to do so. Help someone in need receive a house and not just any house but a home that was made with love!

A mission trip meeting is scheduled for March 14th @ 11am. Details will be distributed then...

Plan Now....

HS Ski Retreat: March 6-8

MS SPRING EXPLOSION RETREAT: APRIL 24-26

MS SUTTLE LAKE CAMP: JUNE 21-26



**Suzie Herman,
Interim Youth Director**



Children's Ministries



COMMUNION TRAINING

Has your child asked about communion? Have you wondered if your child is ready to participate in communion? To assist you in this determination, we will have our annual communion training on Sunday, March 8, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Led by Sharon Franklin, CM Director, and Pastor Fitz, this session is designed to acquaint children with what communion means, how it's done, the symbols and their meaning. If your child hasn't taken this class, it is very helpful to understanding communion even if he or she is already participating.

At least one parent must accompany the child to the training as it is family-centered and the learning experiences are interactive with the parents. Lunch will be part of this event so reservations are required. Please contact me if you have questions or to reserve your space or leave your name and number of your family members participating with Dana in the church office, 694-7549 ext. 204.

DID YOU KNOW?



- ⇒ The number of stay-at-home dads has tripled in the last decade. (Newsweek)
- ⇒ 31% of parents say their discipline strategies are ineffective all or most of the time. (Child magazine)



June 29-July 3rd

Mark your calendars!

CAMP IS COMING!

Camp brochures are here and now is the time to start thinking about registering. Save money by registering early. Columbia contributes to the cost for each of our kids, also additional scholarships are available. Look for brochures in the Gathering Area, office or children and youth areas. There is no better investment in the life of a kid than camp! Talk to Sharon or Suzie...



SHARON FRANKLIN,
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR

Circle of Friends Preschool



We Love Party Days

Children love the Valentine's Day party not only because of the games and yummy treats, but also because they find great joy in giving a special card to everyone of their classmates. Jacob is eager to place his special valentines in his friends bags. At the end of the day they cannot wait to get in the car and empty out their special bag to see all of the cards and to gather up the little treats.



It's My Share Day

Spencer was thrilled to share this soft and snuggly blue scarf and matching hat. His wrist is adorned by a beautiful blue bracelet. It is a replica of a diamond ring only on a far grander scale. This was a priceless moment.

Is There A Doctor In The School?

One of our theme based weekly units is all about Community Helpers. Throughout the week the children learn about how certain professions service our community. One of those professions is a medical doctor. Emma and friends enjoyed the hands-on experience of working with the doctor kit and additional tools.



Presidents Day Celebration

Little Miss Emma is a dedicated American. She was absolutely adorable in her little fashion ensemble.

Each month the preschool has a spirit day. In February we invited the children to wear red, white and blue on a designated day. This is during our President's week.



One of the best safeguards of our hopes...is to be able to mark off the area of hopelessness and to acknowledge them, to face them directly, not with despair but with creative intent of keeping them from polluting all the areas of possibility.

William Lynch



Sharon Wallenborn,
Director
Circle of Friends Preschool



MISSIONS

What Does God Have Planned For Your Life?

Watching TV, shopping, laying on the couch or snuggling up to a good book? Sounds inviting, but is it what God has planned for your life? Is he calling but you aren't answering?

There's lots to be done to share the Word of God and minister to those in need. The opportunities are endless. To help you find your place in God's work, the Missions Committee 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. Columbia Presbyterian Church's mission is: "encouraging you to enter into a life-changing relationship with Jesus, and helping you find your place in God's work."

Time: 11:00 AM Sunday mornings

Place: The Chapel

Upcoming Schedule:

March 1, 2009: Christian Missions Charitable Trust. Dr. Colleen M. Redit works with the poor in India to uplift and train them in an occupation which would give them a measure of independence and self-esteem.

March 8, 2009: Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship. PFF works with congregations to help them get involved in establishing indigenous churches among unreached people groups.

March 15, 2009: Jose Oliveira/Interdev/Partners International: Jose helped form Mission Inter-Senegal which offers medical care, religious education and child sponsorship, as well as sponsoring a radio ministry that targets the Wolof people.

March 22, 2009: Kairos. Kairos Prison Ministry addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men and women. Our congregation provides cookies for spiritual retreats held in prisons.

March 29, 2009: Unreached People Groups: Geo Plumberg will be sharing about new opportunities among other unreached people groups "to share God's Word."

Coming in April: visits from two of our missionary families, the Nagelkirks and the Van Zwols. More about them later.

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, Jerry Kavanagh, Lynne Libby, Glenn Livingston, Curt Loewen, Florence Monfore, Susan Randolph, Donnetta Spink, Carol Van Zytveld, and Rich Vohs. Please join us to see what God is doing locally and around the world, and to find out how you can become involved!



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

MISSIONS

Senegal Presentation

Members of the Senegal Go Team, who visited the new Kollore Gui federation of villages in Senegal in February, will share their photos, insights and experiences at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14, in the Sanctuary. Come and hear the latest about what's going on in the villages and learn about the future direction of this partnership.

New Hope Farms

New Hope is a place where developmentally disabled adults live, learn, work and play with loving, caring staff and resident managers who share their lives in a very special way. Up to six residents (all male or all female) live in a family setting of individual homes where self-discipline, responsibility and respect are learned in a faith-based environment. Residents must show the ability to manage their own basic personal grooming with minimal assistance and the ability to communicate their basic needs. New Hope provides long term homes for its residents since 1978.

New Hope has openings for 2 women in the Patience home and by March 1 a co-ed home will be able to receive 4 residents. If you know of anyone who fits the above description and is looking for a residence, spread the word about New Hope.

Residents are transported to weekend worship services of their choosing. Daily reading, spelling, computer games, arts and crafts, and exercise programs occur Monday through Friday at the activity center. Since 1997 Washington State Department of Social and Health Services has set standards for foster home care.

Because New Hope Farms thinks of itself as a place "Where Love Grows", parents and guardians are pleased at the wholesome relationships that replaces isolation and disrespect. Learn more by going to the website newhope@gorge.net or phone 509-773-3929.



Kairos Cookies

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ". (NRSV)

Thank you for your faithfulness in baking cookies and prayers for those who will receive them. You provided 68 dozen cookies to this ministry. To hear more about the Kairos Prison Ministry, come to the Chapel on March 11 at 11 AM. Furlton Burns, a retired correctional officer who has served on Kairos teams will be speaking.

MISSIONS

World Vision recently submitted a written report to Columbia, "Faithfully Helping to Transform Lives in Kollore Gui, Senegal," which describes community improvements that Columbia's help has made possible in the villages of the Kollore Gui federation in fiscal year 2008 (October 2007 through September 2008).

"You have shared your treasures with this community so that its members might experience a better quality of life and have encouraged them with your visits," says the report from LuAnn Yocky, senior area director for World Vision. "Columbia Presbyterian has supported a holistic response to the physical, social, and spiritual needs of a struggling population. World Vision is privileged to join with your congregation in fostering transformation among Senegal's children and families."

Among the highlights of the report:

In the Baba Garage project, which seeks to provide new resources for the local population and strengthen relationships in the community:

- A multi-purpose center has been built in Thiagal.
- The Baba Garage ministry center was completed.
- 20 students received scholarships enabling them to attend school
- 16 parent-teacher association members received training in management of school projects and operation of canteens.
- Canteens were maintained in three elementary schools to provide children with lunches.
- 35 women took part in training at a girls center, which is a venue for skills development and social interaction.
- 186 children received information about HIV and AIDS to raise their awareness and ultimately protect them from the virus.

Microenterprise development:

- 23 individual groups received financing for microenterprise activities, mainly in agriculture. A total of 450 households benefited from the microloans, which ensured that these households had food security for 10 months of the year.

Emergency food relief:

- Crop yields were extremely poor last year because of unseasonal and inadequate rainfall. Columbia's giving helped make possible a distribution of rice and other food to all families in Kollore Gui.

Mbakhe village water project:

- The last phase of water-piping from the water tower at Koure Gol was completed.
- A key lesson learned from the project is that lack of water contributed to the migration of people toward urban areas. The strain of limited water and the difficulty in gathering it led to conflict among villagers. Today, because there is sufficient water, relationships among villagers have been restored and the conflict has been reduced.

Tree regeneration:

- 11 tree nurseries were established, with 22,500 seedlings distributed within the communities.
- Six villages and one individual field benefited from windbreaks composed of jatropha shrubs.
- Nearly 5 acres of jatropha have been planted in three villages.
- More than 370 acres have been restored with help from iron cages, which keep animals away from tree seedlings.
- 388 farmers were trained in techniques for protecting land and maintaining its fertility.
- More than 4,400 acres of land were regenerated.
- Trained facilitators have increased awareness of consequences of brush fires, the importance of protecting trees, and the effect of burning grass before sowing fields.
- 16 regeneration committees have been created to combat deforestation.

The fiscal year 2009 budget need for ongoing project work is \$74,628. World Vision is asking Columbia Presbyterian and Lake Grove Presbyterian to each provide half the money. The most Columbia gave, through various means, in one year was about \$95,000. The smaller amount requested for fiscal year 2009 is evidence of more infrastructure and improvements in the villages.

CPC NEWS

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Your newly elected Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has begun to meet & we are joyfully & prayerfully working together, embracing Columbia's purpose, & attempting to discern the Lord's direction for the position of Director / Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries. Your APNC members are: Nicolle Ableidinger, Jim Dillon, Marc Hartquist, Jerry Hofer, Chris Keinath, Ken Neal, Will Pollard, Cindy VanDinter, Rhonda Walton & Pastor Fitz Neal. We ask for your prayers & thank you for this opportunity to serve. Our desire is to keep you up-to-date as we move forward in this process, so keep an eye on the bulletins & Pilot Light. Additionally, please feel free to speak with any of us in the hall and/or send us an email with your questions/concerns/suggestions: apnc-team@columbiapresbyterian.org.

Thought of the Month:



Try not to become a person of success, but rather a person of value!

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Associate Pastor:

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Zambia Plant Sale

Spring is coming and so is the Zambia plant sale. Come by the table in the Gathering Area after services on March 22,29 and April 19 to place your order for hardy annuals, perennials, herbs, planters, hanging baskets, geraniums and organic vegetable plants. You may view the plants at www.newleafgreenhouse.com. Plants will be delivered on Sunday, April 26 and will need to be picked up between 3 - 5 PM. For more information contact Mary White, 258-5673 or mh.white@comcast.net.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 and Sharon Wallenborn. In those cases, use their first name with the first initial of their last name.

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SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

#	Camp Description	Location	Date	Early-Bird Fee before May 5	Fee after May 5
S101	CIT Leadership Weekend	Suttle Lake	March 6-8	\$80	\$105
M241	K- 2nd Mom and Me	Magruder	June 12-14	\$205	\$250
M261	6-8 MAD Camp	Magruder	June 21-27	\$355	\$405
S262	6-8 Middle School	Suttle Lake	June 21-26	\$300	\$350
S271	3-6 Youth	Suttle Lake	June 28-July 3	\$300	\$350
D281	K-3 Day Camp	Menucha	July 6-10	\$95	\$110
M291	3-4 Youth	Magruder	July 12-17	\$300	\$350
M292	5-6 Youth	Magruder	July 12-17	\$300	\$350
M293	6-8 Middle School	Magruder	July 12-17	\$300	\$350
M294	K- 2nd Mom and Me 2	Magruder	July 17-19	\$205	\$250
M301	9-12 Senior High	Magruder	July 19-24	\$300	\$350
S311	K- 2nd Dad and Me	Suttle Lake	July 31-Aug 2	\$205	\$250
H321	Family Camp	Honeyman	August 8-15	Please refer to website	
A341	Sr. High Adventure	Trout Lake	August 16-22	\$365	\$415
In addition to our Presbytery camps, we are pleased to offer registration in the United Methodist Camps					
200	3rd-12th Discover It Camp	Latgawa	July 12-18	Go to www.gocamping.org for pricing	
201	9th-12th Discover It Camp	Latgawa	July 26- Aug 1		
202	9th-12th Music, Art, Dance, & Drama Camp	Magruder	Jun 21-Jun 27		

* Grade level indicates grade the camper has completed in June 2009; ** Price includes parent and one child.