



# The Pilot Light



May 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."*



- Date: June 29 - July 3
- Time: 9 AM - Noon
- Ages: 4 yrs through 5th Grade  
*(must be 4 by 1/1/09)*
- Cost: \$20 per child  
*(Max. of \$45 per family)*

Registration forms are available online at the children's link of [www.columbiapresbyterian.org](http://www.columbiapresbyterian.org)



# THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

## Habits of the Heart

*“The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is as much for this life as it is for the next.”* If you’ve been in worship the last few weeks, you will have heard that phrase several times. The whole point of the resurrection is to settle our future in eternity so that we can set our focus on this life in the way God would like us to. The Christian life isn’t escapist – a seeking to endure or ignore the matters of this world until we can enter the bliss of heaven. The resurrection is about the bliss of heaven being given to us here and now in preparation for eternity.

One of the most important elements of our discipleship then becomes how to live the resurrection – how to let the life of Christ flow in and through our lives so that the Holy Spirit might do the work of the Kingdom through us.

Throughout May and into early June, we’re exploring the habits of the heart that create space for the resurrection life of Christ to make us and the world around us brand new.

One of the ways we can do this is to learn to practice the Christian Virtues. A virtue is: *a deeply imbedded habit that roots Biblical values into our hearts and minds until we act them out without having to think about it first.* Built on God’s holiness & grace, they move from the inside out. They aren’t natural to us – they come from God, through his word and through other Christians. They must be taught and modeled and we can only acquire them over time. The classic seven virtues are:

**Faith** - steadfastness in belief

**Hope** - expectation of good

**Love** - selfless, unconditional, and voluntary loving-kindness

**Justice** - proper judgment regarding individual human interests, rights and deserts



**Temperance** - practicing self-control, abstinence, and moderation

**Courage** - forbearance, endurance, and ability to confront fear and uncertainty, or intimidation

**Prudence** - proper judgment of reasons for action with regard to appropriateness in a context

We live in a time when the daily practice of these virtues can help change the world. Living them does require effort. Of course we know that, because of the resurrection, God’s grace and the risen life

of Jesus is what gives the power and motivation, the encouragement and forgiveness, for those virtues to take root in our daily lives. I encourage each of you to take this list of virtues and pray for God’s grace to help you grow more deeply into the Christ-likeness of which they speak.

## Living the Questions

Then this summer, we will look at the questions God asks us through the Bible. We’re fond of calling the Bible an answer book – and it is! It has *the* answer to life: a relationship of faith with God, through Christ, in the Spirit. It also has many answers for how to live and where we can find the boundaries that guide, protect, and shape life as its intended to be.

However, the Bible is also a *question* book. It is where we encounter God questioning us at every point of life. This summer we’ll take the time to sit together and listen to God’s questions so that we can let them form the answers we will give in gratitude for the Gospel and in our desire to follow Christ in every area of life.

I’ll be in Holland Michigan from May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup> for my annual study leave. I’m working on my Doctor of Ministry degree at Western Seminary in Holland. You’ll be in my prayers during my time of study and reflection. I ask that you keep Laurel and me in yours as well.

Blessings,



**Fitz Neal,  
Pastor**

# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*There are currently four adult education classes being offered on Sunday morning:*

**9:30**

## ***“Living on Purpose: Finding God’s Best for Your Life”***

- We all seem to be seeking a life that is less stressful and more satisfying. This class, using a book by Christian authors Tom and Christine Sine, will focus on slowing down and simplifying life. The class meets in the Cascade Fellowship Hall.



## ***“The Joyful Christian”***

- The books and essays of C.S. Lewis have been a source of inspiration and encouragement to many Christians in the last generation. Darren Jacobs, a published author, screenplay writer and speaker for the C.S. Lewis Society, will facilitate this class which will use essays of Lewis for the basis of discussion. This class meets in the Chapel.

**11:00**

## ***“Prayer: Does It Make A Difference?”***

- Well known Christian author Philip Yancey has produced a DVD series exploring such questions as: Why do prayers seem to go unanswered? Why does God let the world go on as it does and not intervene? How can I make prayer more satisfying? This class meets in the Cascade Fellowship Hall.

## ***“From Jerusalem to Rome: A Bible Study of the New Testament Book of Acts”***

- Pastor Bruce Armstrong is continuing this study of the early history of the Christian Church, as recounted in the Book of Acts. Although this class started in December, newcomers are welcome to join as we meet in the Chapel.



**Bruce Armstrong,  
Associate Pastor**

### **Cost of Books & Materials**

Columbia subsidizes some of the cost of books and materials through the annual budget. We ask those who are able to pay for books (usually \$10.00).

If this creates a problem, please speak with the class leader or one of the pastors.

# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## One-day Prayer Retreat: *“Discovering the Grace of God”*

A one-day prayer retreat, *“Discovering the Grace of God”* will be held at CPC on Saturday, June 20, from 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. The day of prayer is a gift that enables us to make spiritual and emotional space for an intentional encounter with Christ, through which we awaken the presence of the Spirit in our lives. As we step away from our normal routines and schedules, and choose this time of prayer, God’s Spirit will renew our energy and bring perspective to our busy lives. Save the date for a special time with God.



## *DEACON PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY*

The Deacons of Columbia invite you to partner with them in offering care to members and friends, providing practical, emotional, and spiritual support to those in need. Those who feel called to this ministry are invited to complete a Care Team Member Exploration Form (available in the church office, at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning, or on the Deacon display board in the Gathering Area) and talk with Pastor Armstrong.

## PASTORAL CARE POLICY

It is the desire of the pastors of Columbia, Fitz Neal and Bruce Armstrong, to immediately respond to emergency pastoral needs. If you are aware of or involved in an emergency situation, either Pastor Fitz or Pastor Bruce are available. However, there are times when they are not aware of needs. If you are in the hospital for instance, and wish to have a call from a pastor, please call the church office, or ask the hospital chaplain to call. The Deacons of Columbia also make calls on those who are in the hospital or homebound. The Deacons have been trained for this ministry to supplement the ministry of our pastors, not to take the place of pastoral calls.



# NEWS FOR YOU-TH



## Youth Group...

Youth group for **BOTH** Middle School and High School students **WILL CONTINUE** throughout the month of May. We would just miss it too much if it were to end!!!

Middle School: Wed. 6-8  
High School: Sun. 5:58-8:02

## Graduation Sunday



A great celebration for those who have come to a milestone in their lives... celebrating the graduation of our senior's in high school. Please join us in congratulating them **Sunday, June 14**. They will be leading worship and sharing their ministry with us all—what a gift! A reception will follow the 11 AM service in the fellowship hall.

## Starlight Parade May 30<sup>th</sup>

It is a WAY fun tradition to have an evening Parade through the streets of Downtown Portland. Let's take the opportunity to join in on this tradition!! It's an all-youth event and we'll make a day of it...the streets will get crowded with 1,000's of people and we want to stake out good spots (by Nike Town on Salmon Street). The event will begin at noon in the parking lot of Columbia where we will meet to carpool. We will return after the parade around midnight. You will want to bring a warm jacket for the cold night air and \$\$\$ for lunch and dinner. Also, if you'd like to bring spending money we will be heading to browse the Saturday Market and Powell's Books.



If it is RAINING, the event will be cancelled. Check the website if you are unsure if the event will continue or call Suzie (503-481-7189).

## BIKE HIKE IDAHO BOUND...AUGUST 2-9



This is a Middle School event you won't want to miss!! Why? Because it is a week of friend-making, tent camping, Bible study, campfire experience, biking (or walking/hiking with your bike if you tire out), playing, swimming and adventure (and, that's the short list!!).



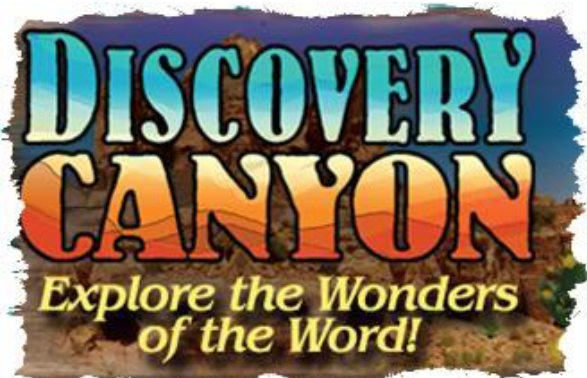
Suzie Herman,  
Interim Youth Director

**In May** we will be interviewing for summer interns—we will keep you posted on who the summer interns will be for this year.

**High School Work Day** (making good for those who generously bought our labor at the auction for the summer mission trip): June 13

**Middle School Camp:**  
Suttle Lake, June 21-27

# Children's Ministries



## Vacation Bible School

June 29-July 3 – 9:00-Noon

### TOP TEN REASONS TO BE INVOLVED IN VBS:

10. You'll meet new people and make new friends
9. You'll learn something
8. You'll get to know cool kids
7. You'll help kids learn about God
6. You'll get free snacks and drinks
5. Kids will adore you
4. You'll be energized by the music and enthusiastic children
3. You get to act like a kid
2. You'll be so blessed it'll blow you away
1. You'll be touching kids' lives for eternity!

Let me know NOW that you want to join the team. All are welcome! If you want to help, we have a place for you. Call me at the church office, 694-7549, ext. 211 or email me:

[sharonf@columbiapresbyterian.org](mailto:sharonf@columbiapresbyterian.org).



SHARON FRANKLIN,  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES  
DIRECTOR

## **CAMP IS COMING...Which Camp Will You Choose?**

No child should miss the fun and adventure of an experience at camp! Swimming, hiking, boating, crafts, campfires – all in a spiritually nurturing environment. Different locations bring different activities, but all camps are a place apart from the daily routine to explore the outdoors, share activities with old and new friends, and hear about God and his love for you.

\*\*\* **New for this year!!!**\*\*\* **Day Camp** is an opportunity for **kindergarteners through third graders** to enjoy camping activities just for the day. Come up to Menucha and experience community building games (recreation), crafts, music, and Bible stories. Learn about God's love and enjoy God's creation for the day then return home in the evening. If we have enough kids, we'll provide transportation for a small fee.

Brochures are available now in the Gathering Area, the main office, from Sharon or Suzie, the camp office, 503-460-3024, or visit the web site [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org) for more information. *(Columbia pays \$50 of the fee, additional scholarships are available...talk to Sharon or Suzie.)*



Canoeing at  
Suttle Lake

Spider Web group  
trust game





# Circle of Friends Preschool

## IN LIKE A LION AND OUT LIKE A LAMB



In the month of April, one of the weekly themes for the three-year-old classes was weather. They learned about cloud formations, why God gives us so much rain, and how the wind helps to keep our air clean. April tends to be a rather windy month, so the children

all made designer kites. The group then went outside for a short while to see if the wind would help their kites to fly.



## JAIRUS THE ESCAPE ARTIST

This is just an example of how young children's creative juices flow. When children arrive for class, they hang up their coats and backpacks and then go to cupboard to select a manipulative activity to work on while waiting for everyone else to arrive. On this particular day, Jairus chose the connecting loops. He then proceeded to connect the loops to form a chain in order to strap himself to the chair. He impressed his friends by quickly maneuvering to regain his freedom.

## FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS FOREVER

The hardest part of growing up and getting older is that our young friends will move on and leave the safety of this dear little environment. Relationships have evolved and seeing ones treasured friends each day adds a new sense of joy to their lives. Keegan and Liam will soon depart as both will move on to different schools for kindergarten.



### Calendar of Events:

- May 7 National Day of Prayer
- May 19-20 End of the year Fun Day activities
- May 26-27 End of the year evening programs and final day of classes.



Sharon Wallenborn,  
Director  
Circle of Friends Preschool

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

# MISSIONS



## *LIFETIME CARING FOR OUR DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN*

How do we define childhood? At what point do we advance into adulthood? Age 13, 18, 21, or 30? It varies with the culture and people's abilities to care for themselves.

One of the little noted and seldom acknowledged facts of modern medical advancement is that some children who never would have lived, much less have reached age 18 and more, can now live and grow into adult bodies. Some are born disabled, and some become so due to illness or injury. They still retain childlike minds. They always will.

The joys and wonders of childhood stay with them. Finally, they age until they outlive the family that once made sure of the loving kindness that sustained them. These surviving children have done nothing to deserve being abandoned just because there is no one left to protect and care for them. Their parents don't deserve the guilt of not being able to care for them for whatever reason.

According to government statistics, the number of people who will need help is 1.45% of the population. Although 1.45% sounds small, it comes to 90,000 people just in the state of Washington - 35,000 of them are being cared for under government programs; leaving a shortfall of 55,000.

This is the need which New Hope Farms is attempting to meet, one person at a time. The care at New Hope Farms is a 24/7 commitment to these residents, by those working at the facility.

It is a community in a rural setting, born of concern for developmentally disabled persons. It is a program teaching skills for jobs, social integration, education, and self help, with a primary emphasis upon developing a sense of self-worth through small group living in a community of love, built upon the acceptance of God's unconditional love.

New Hope Farms is a tax exempt charitable organization founded in 1978 by the Walter Fenton and Larry Goehner families. It is located six miles east of Goldendale, Washington on 40 acres accommodating up to 23 residents with lodging, meals, recreation and medical care.

This program is one small step toward meeting the needs of these childlike adults and should be repeated throughout this land. The template exists. Please help us to expand the care for these precious lives and expand their horizons and become all that God would have them be.

For more information, visit their website: <http://w3.gorge.net/newhope> or speak to any of the Missions Ministry Team members.



# Good Samaritan Ministries

Int'l Headquarters - Beaverton, OR



Good Samaritan Ministries was born in Iraq in 1976 when its founder, Bettie Mitchell, was asked by God "Here are the children. Where are the teachers?" From that incident came Good Samaritan Ministries of Beaverton. It has grown over time into a worldwide organization with "Samaritans" in over 37 countries.

Their mission is to train, develop, and protect Samaritan workers worldwide, enabling them to be empowered by the gospel to reach out in compassion to help those in crisis within their communities: accomplishing this through wise counseling, fundamental education, and emergency services...regardless of race, nationality, religion, or economic status (Luke 10:25-37).

From these values have come counseling centers, medical facilities, education for children, food, agriculture, micro enterprises and training centers in North America, the Holy Land and Africa. Thousands of souls have found a reason for hope and found faith in Christ and courage to help others as they have been helped.

Columbia Presbyterian Church has partnered with Good Samaritan Ministries in direct support, prayers and mission trips. The presence of a counseling center here in Vancouver is supported by our Missions Budget and by proceeds of the Presbyterian Women's rummage sale. GSM does not charge for these services to ensure all are helped, regardless of their economic status.

As Bettie is retiring, she has made a request to GSM partners to be involved in an International Prayer Day to celebrate her retiring. It begins June 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon and ends June 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon. What an exciting thought - worldwide prayers going up from Christian followers of the Samaritan way, to a loving Father. Please join with us.

GSM Statement of Faith: We believe in a relationship with the one and only God who is the creator and father of all mankind: we believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God; and we believe in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We believe in the absolute responsibility of every Christian to act justly, to love his neighbor as himself and to walk humbly before God and his fellow man.

*"Missionary spirit comes and goes; but the Samaritan Spirit remains with the people"*



## NORTHWEST HARVEST SOUTH

Northwest Harvest South wants to thank everyone for their continued support. Food donations for February and March totaled over 600 pounds and we are particularly grateful for the generous contribution of \$565 from the youth group. This was from their efforts on Souper Bowl Sunday. I'm sure you're aware of the increased demand for food at area food banks. Remember to support our efforts the last Sunday of each month. Tuna and canned vegetables are still needed.

~Submitted by Lynne Helmke



# CPC NEWS



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

## SPRING SALE MAY 7, 8, 9

### Donation Details:

All items should be clean, wearable or in good working order. Please bring your donations on **Sunday, May 3 between 12 noon and 5 pm** or **Monday, May 4 between 9 am and 5 pm**. *No items will be accepted after that time.*

### Here is a list of items needed:

- Clothing, shoes and accessories for all ages and sizes
- Housewares and dishes
- Furniture and lamps, sporting goods, bikes and toys, tools and hardware items
- Garden equipment, plants, bulbs, and seedlings
- Linens and bedding (**except for bed pillows**)
- Books, magazines, tapes, CD's DVD's and records
- Crafts and remnants, patterns, yarn, sewing supplies and "made by you" items
- Baked goods, jams, jellies and candies (no cream filled items)
- And paper grocery bags of various sizes stacked in a sack bottom side up and going in the same direction.

***We cannot accept computers, monitors or printers.***

**Questions?** Call Donnetta Spink at 944-6716 or Eileen O'Neil at 892-4868



### Church Bulletin Bloopers

*Potluck supper Sunday at 5 PM - prayer and medication to follow.*

### Session Member Contact Information

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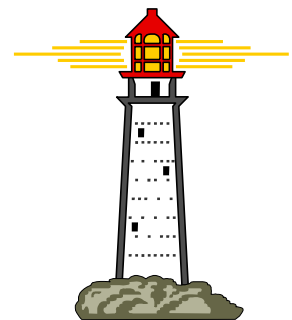
## How to Reach Us:

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

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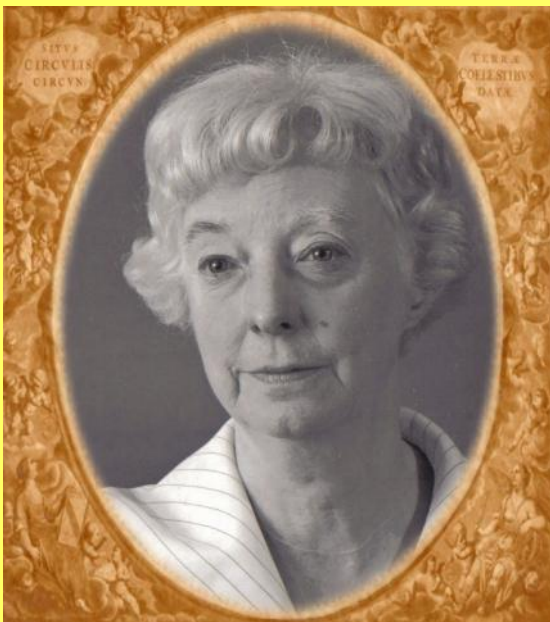


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## ELLEN TORONGO SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you a woman who needs to update her skills for the job market? Are you the child of a single parent and need money for college? Applications are now available for the two Ellen Torongo Scholarships awarded each year through the Women's Association. Scholarship #1 is for women ages 30 and older who are continuing their education. Scholarship #2 is for high school graduate children of single parents. Both, applicants and their parent, must be active members of Columbia. Applications may be picked up in the church office and are due back by Monday, May 4. If you have questions or would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, contact Margaret Eberle at 896-0546.