



# The Pilot Light



September 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."*

## Sundays

**Beginning September 13**

### **Worship Services**

8:00 AM Contemplative  
9:30 AM Traditional  
11:00 AM Contemporary

### **Children's Ministries**

Nursery 9:30 & 11:00 AM  
Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 AM

### **Youth Ministries**

Sunday School 9:30 AM  
High School Youth Group  
6:00 PM

### **Adult Ministries**

Classes offered at 9:30 & 11:00 AM

## Wednesday Evenings

**Beginning September 16**

Dinner from 5:30 - 6:30  
in the  
Cascade Fellowship Hall

### **Children's Ministries**

Children's Choir  
5:00

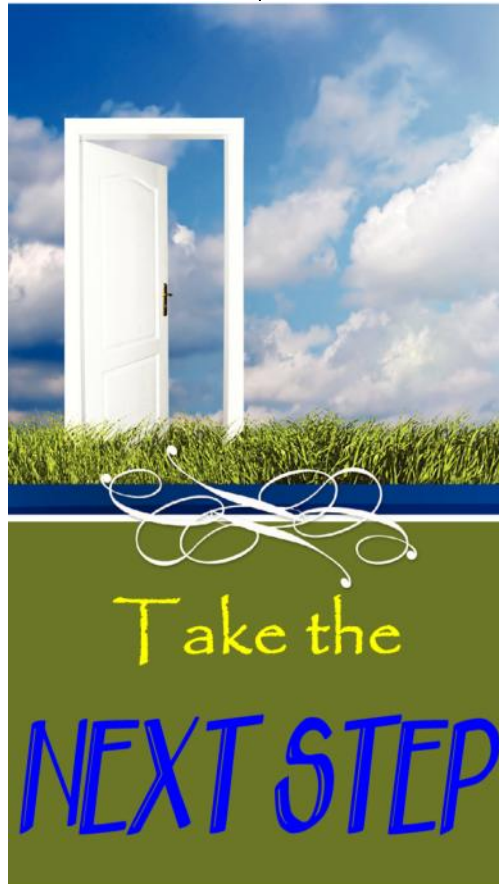
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*for children in grades 3-5*  
6:00

### **Youth Ministries**

Middle School Youth Group  
6:00

### **Adult Ministries**

Bethel Bible Study  
ALPHA  
Men's Fraternity  
Prayer for the Children



Plan to make Wednesday night at CPC a part of your Fall plans — watch for further details.

# THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

## Parables...

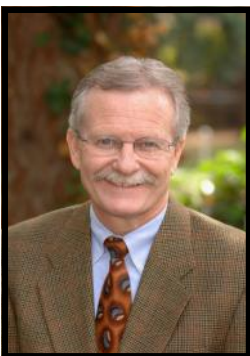
“Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear...” So said Jesus when he began teaching in parables. His point was, in part, that not everyone has ears to hear what he is saying. In his own day, some people were closed to Jesus’ message and life, and that’s still true. He wasn’t about to force anybody to listen to him, and that’s still true, too.

But Jesus was also sending a signal that his stories were designed to elicit further ponderings and questions. The powerful truth of God’s Kingdom is best understood in a journey of following, not in a classroom study. That’s why Jesus taught in stories, many of which perplex and cause us to wonder about them – sometimes for years.

The parables of Jesus are central for our discipleship. They are often treated as curiosities or good examples of his shrewdness. But as primary ways of beginning to grasp the essence of a relationship with God? Not so much. Yet that is what the parables are.

So this Fall we’ll be taking a fresh look at these timeless stories of Jesus, which are part and parcel of a life of Christian discipleship. We just spent the summer listening together to the questions of Jesus. In the process we found that Jesus’ questions have a way of penetrating our minds and souls and changing forever the way we live in the world. The parables of Jesus are similar to the questions of Jesus: they enter our life and tromp around inside us in ways that change the way we live, the way we think, the way we see the world around us.

Come prepared to lend your ears to the voice and stories of One who lived what he talked about, and who desires that we do the same.



Fitz Neal,  
Pastor



## Take the *NEXT STEP*

As I hope you’ve noticed in this issue of the Pilot Light, everything really gets started for the Fall on Sunday, September 13 and Wednesday, September 16. We’re calling this “*Take the Next Step*”

What we mean by this is taking the next step in our discipleship – each one of us. But it also helps us realize that God has a next step for us as a congregation. We believe that the future holds great things for Columbia Presbyterian Church. As we follow Christ together, he wants us to take the next steps involved in being faithful to God’s will for our life together.

## Friends

As we take the next step, I want to encourage each of you to take time to invite a friend or a co-worker to come be a part of things as we get underway for the year. Most people who don’t have a regular church home would love to have one. For most of them the Fall season is one of the times when they’re the most interested in adding something new to their lives. So pray about anyone you know who might need the encouragement of a friend to get started – or *re-started* – in a regular practice of faith; then invite them to come on Sunday the 13th or Wednesday the 16th of September. Perhaps the Spirit is giving them ears to hear...

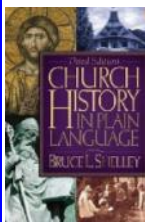
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# ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Adult Education Team will be offering the following classes for Adult Christian Education beginning September 13

**9:30**

## **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. This class will meet in the Chapel. There is a text book available for purchase, Church History in Plain Language.

## **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. This class will meet in the Cascade Fellowship Hall.

**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 in this class. This class will meet in the Chapel.



## **ALPHA : A Place for Everyone!**

**You have heard about the ALPHA course . . . You know someone who has benefited from attending an ALPHA course . . . Perhaps it is your turn to attend an ALPHA course!**

**Alpha**

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!



**Bruce Armstrong,  
Associate Pastor**



# NEWS FOR YOU-TH



## Bike Hike 2009: What Are You Living For?

This year's Bike Hike to Idaho was absolutely FANTASTIC!! We were blessed with wonderful weather, great bike trails, outstanding students and top-notch leaders!! Thx to all those who led in this way-exciting event: Bo Liebe, Marc Hartquist, Kay & Tom Ortman, Jonathan Burton, Cheri & Guy Allen, William & Anne Stewart, Bob Taylor, John Van Dinter, Jon Quesenberry, Tonya Rodriguez, Amy Hartquist, Derek Dix, Andrew Flabetich, Bethany Brewster, Sara Richards, Alasdair Stuart, Alan Hartquist, and Andrew Barton!! Your investment of time and talent is so appreciated...and so worth it.



Bike Hike



## HS Mission Trip 2009: Building Up

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity in Bellingham, WA, was a wonderful way in which our high school students made a way-positive difference for our Lord in this world! They really let Christ shine through them as they laid the foundation for a Habitat home, built a shed and raised \$800 on car wash Wednesday! A very capable, fun-loving and Christ-centered team of leaders contributed time and talent...thank you: Chris Keinath, Janine Barnett, Steve Flabetich, Sandi Babbitt, Lynne & Rich Helmke, Tonya Rodriguez, Elisa Decker, Jon Quesenberry and Derek Dix!!!! Aren't our students amazing??!!



Mission Trip

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## **All Leader Training Night...**

interested in being a small group leader, teaching a class, helping in youth group? Yes! Well, on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, from 6-8 PM in the Youth Center meet the whole youth leadership team and gather to acquire some skills to help lead in the up and coming future year 2009-2010. We will give an overview for the year and it will be a great opportunity to get on the same page. Ready, set, mark those calendars!!!!

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Back this fall on Sundays from 6-8pm!!! Come and bring ALL your friends. Awesome-tastic!

Starting September 13

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Back on Wednesdays from 6-8pm!!!! Dinner, games, bible study and small groups—all packed into one fun-derful night!!

Starting September 16



## **Summer Youth Interns**

you blessed us in so many ways we cannot even count that high...seriously. So a big, huge "thank you" to each of you!! Jon, Tonya, Derek, Amy, Andrew, Alasdair, Alan, Sara, Andrew and Bethany.



**Suzie Herman,  
Interim Youth Director**

# Children's Ministries



## 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  
**10:30** – Summer Sunday School  
Preschool – Orange Room  
*Elementary children attend worship at both hours until Sept. 13.*

**Regular Fall classes resume on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**

## A GREAT SUMMER!!

Led by our wonderful interns, Jess Ensing, Hannah VanDinter, Megan Husko and Katie Mack, our kids made new friends and deepened relationships in the midst of great fun! Check out the great evidence:



Camp Out



Park Fun



Camp Out



Camp Out



Camp Out



Squishy, Gooey Games



Costume Party



Fountain Fun



Fountain Fun



SHARON FRANKLIN,  
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES  
DIRECTOR

# FALL 2009 CHURCH SALE

## OCTOBER 8 ~ 10



Can we do it again? Last May we were challenged to meet the needs of the community during this time of economic downturn. We still have economic problems and family needs. At the spring sale you came forward with many contributions of time and items that people need. We were also able to fully fund the missions and ministries we help support. There were many more shoppers than usual. We still have our goal of making it easier for our friends and neighbors to find what they need and for a reasonable price. So, YES, we can do it again!!

One of the benefits of the sale has always been to be an outreach to our community. We have given people in our community an opportunity to shop at bargain prices. We will pledge to continue that practice and will not be raising any prices on the items donated. We know that many of the families outfit their children for school and summer at our sales. They are often heard to say that this is the best sale in town. We hope to keep it that way.

If you are new to CPC (either a member or non-member) and would like to meet some new friends the sale is the place to do just that during this week of fellowship, mission and fun. Each day workers are provided with a delicious lunch prepared by our capable kitchen crew.

Another benefit of working at the sale is the fellowship that takes place as we work together. CPC has been blessed with wonderful people who love the Lord and love each other. **We thank the staff for the support they give us. We also thank those who may be displaced or inconvenienced for the week. You are contributing to missions in a big way.**

**Last but not least, we are able to use the proceeds from the sales to give to missions both here in Vancouver and in the far reaches of the world. This is what makes our effort most worthwhile.**

You will be hearing more about the sale as it draws closer. You will have the opportunity to sign up during September. Do plan to come and spend some time (and money) with the nice people of Columbia.

If you are willing to help with setup before, use your pick-up truck to collect items, sort items, cashier and do general oversight during the sale, or cleanup after, or call workers from home to remind them when they are scheduled, **please take a moment to stop by the sign up table after services beginning with the kick-off on September 13 and the following Sundays through September 27.**

### Donation Details:

All items should be clean, wearable or in good working order. Please bring your donations on **Sunday, October 4** between 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. or **Monday, October 5** between **9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** **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 or monitors.**

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



## Women of CPC: Come Join Us

Columbia's Presbyterian Women is growing and we're making room for more! Starting in September we are adding another evening circle which will be meeting the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Cedar Conference Room, located in the church office building. Circles provide a great way to meet other women of the church in a small group setting and join together in mission work.

In addition to the Bible study, CPW has four Gatherings a year, a prayer shawl ministry, two church rummage sales for missions, and a pew cleaning party the Saturday before Holy Week. But a circle is so much more. It's about building relationships that last a lifetime, relationships with each other and with our Lord and Savior.

This year we are studying Horizons' "Joshua, A Journey of Faith", written by Mary Mikhael. Mary Mikhael is an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Beirut, Lebanon, and an associate professor of Christian education at the Near East School of Theology. The Horizons study not only studies the book of Joshua, it includes a great history of the Middle East, and helps direct us in finding an answer to the question, "What meaning can we find today in the book of Joshua?"

We invite you to visit the circle that best works in your schedule:

- **Elizabeth Circle** meets the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. (contact Linda Whitworth: 597-4022)
- **Lydia Circle** meets the third Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (contact Mary Lou Williams: 576-5364)
- **Marian Circle** meets the fourth Thursday at 1:00 p.m. (contact Judi Trist: 833-2689)
- **Naomi Circle** meets the fourth Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. (contact Sheena Brooke: 571-4170)
- **Rebecca Circle** meets the fourth Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. (contact Jean Behrends: 693-3405)
- **New Circle** (yet to be named) meets the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m. (contact Julie Wilcox: 210-7073 or Mary Lange: 882-0551)

Join us, bring a friend, and watch us grow in love for our Lord, each other, and the world he has given us.



Do you knit or crochet?  
Want to learn? Would you like  
to bless others with your handi-  
work?

If you answered 'yes' to  
any or all of the above then please become a part of  
Columbia's Presbyterian Women's Prayer Shawl  
Ministry.

We meet on the third Wednesdays of the  
month in the Willamette Room at 9:30 a.m. Our  
next meeting will be Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Call Julie Wilcox 210-7073 for questions or further  
information.

If God is your Co-Pilot, swap seats!

## COLUMBIA'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Pictorial Photos are still being  
taken. If you have not scheduled  
your appointment, do so now!

Photography dates are:

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

# MISSIONS

## “Churches in Partnership” Habitat for Humanity Update



As you can see from these photos, Kelly Coleman’s home is

really taking shape...thanks to everyone who has been a part of this wonderful mission project! Don’t forget to check out the CPC website for more photos and the names of all the participants. Two other important announcements: first, a very special “thank you” to the youth group for their “Dinner and a Concert” event on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This event raised \$665.00 for the Habitat project! To date, we have raised a little over \$2,300 towards Columbia’s \$20,000 goal. This brings me to the second item. Save the date... September 20<sup>th</sup>! On this date all three churches will be participating in a fund raising concert at First Presbyterian Church. In addition to the choirs from CPC, First and St. Johns, Jim Fischer will also be performing. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian at 3:00 PM. Tickets will be available soon. All money raised at the concert will go towards this project...we hope you can attend.

Any questions about this project, contact Lynne Helmke at 883-5661.



## GO Team News



The Senegal mission team is now accepting applications for the 2010 Go Team. Columbia’s first trip to meet the Serer villagers and World Vision teams is tentatively scheduled for January.

The 2010 Go Team will need to consist of 5-6 very hardy souls willing to let go and let God do his work through them and our World Vision partners. Our new Serer village partners have not had church partners before, so the itinerary will likely be very, very fluid and difficult for those of us who like to know what is happening in advance – especially when in a foreign country!

Additionally, the traveling conditions on this trip will likely be very different from those of past trips to the Köllore Gui Federation: accommodations will be very “rustic” with a high likelihood of bugs and other critters sharing sleeping quarters, lavatory facilities may be no better than latrines, etc.

Last, Go Team members will need to make a firm commitment to devote the year following the trip to very actively helping publicize the effort, to developing the mission strategy, and to being real advocates for the Serer.

Please pray about this opportunity and if you believe God is calling you to be part of this mission, please send an application to Bob McFarlin ([rpmcfarlin@comcast.net](mailto:rpmcfarlin@comcast.net)) or send a hardcopy to the Senegal Strategy Team in care of the church office. **Applications are due no later than September 15th** and can be obtained on the CPC website.

# MISSIONS



## Go Team Orientation

An orientation for those with questions, those contemplating going on the 2010 Go Team to Senegal and those who have decided already to submit their applications will be held on August 30 at noon in the reception room and September 2 in the North Campus conference room at 7:00 PM. Participation in one of these orientations is *mandatory* for anyone considering becoming a member of the Senegal 2010 Go Team. Applications (available on church web site) are due on September 12 and the selections are planned by October 1. The trip to Senegal to visit the Serer people is tentatively scheduled for January 2010. Applicants should be mature Christians who can devote a considerable amount of time following their trip helping the church formulate plans for our new relationship with the Serer and advocating for this ministry. Conditions for the trip are expected to be relatively primitive by comparison with recent trips. Please let Nancy Johns(624-6598) or Geo Plumberg (260-8096) know which of these sessions you will attend.

## Senegal: God's Call on Columbia Presbyterian

Believing that God has called Columbia to continued service in Senegal, the Session has voted unanimously to begin a long-term relationship through World Vision with a new people group, the Serer. The mission of this new effort will be identical to that of the continuing mission among the Wolof: through aid in addressing water, health, education, food security, and micro-enterprise needs, build relationships of trust among the Serer people that will open doors for the Gospel to be proclaimed.

Additionally, the session voted unanimously to continue our relationship with the Köllore Gui village federation through the Capro Mission agency. The mission will be to continue fostering conditions for the development of an indigenous Christian church among the Wolof people.

God has been tremendously faithful to the Senegal mission, building strong relationships, changing lives (here as well as in Senegal), and in creating open doors for the Gospel to be heard. We rejoice in taking on new opportunities to serve God among the people of Senegal.

# CPC NEWS

## Session Member Contact Information

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Bruce Armstrong	887-2573
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# CPC NEWS

Dear Columbia Friends,

We are blessed to have a wonderful church family such as you. You were there for us.

You were there for Cal and me during his long battle with cancer. You were there for us throughout many hospital stays, fearful and painful times. You were there to celebrate the good times. You were there to comfort and feed us both physically and spiritually. You wept with us and rejoiced with us. You showed us your love and demonstrated how much God loves each of us. You are grieving with us now and will be with us as we adjust to life on earth without our beloved husband, father, grandpa, uncle and friend.

Thank you for all you are and continue to be to us. "The cancer didn't win, Cal did."

~Jane Malmquist and the family of Calvin Malmquist

## 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.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

## Notes from the Joybell Ringers



At the beginning of June as the culmination of our ringing year, the Joybell Ringers hosted approximately 60 seniors from area Senior Centers and Retirement Homes at our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Concert and Tea. It was a rousing success which would not have been possible without the amazing help of 14 volunteers from our church family. Thanks to all that assisted us that day.

With the help of a donation from Dorothy Smith we were able to order new handbell tables this summer. Our existing tables are 20 – 25 years old and were in need of extensive repair. After doing the math, it was more cost effective to order new and improved tables. The new tables are a little different design that will make transporting them up to the choir loft a bit easier. We hope to have the new tables by Sept. or Oct. We thank Dorothy for her continued support of the Bell Choir.

After a summer of rest and rejuvenation we will resume rehearsals on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 in the Multnomah Room. We are always looking for new prospective ringers or substitute ringers. If you are interested and would like to check us out please contact Paula Knapp at 834-6690 or via the church office. We'll see you in the fall.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

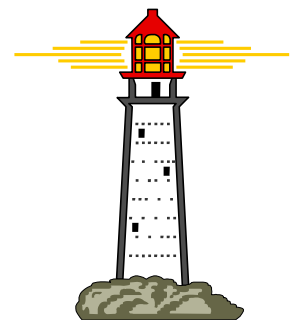
## How to Reach Us:

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](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.

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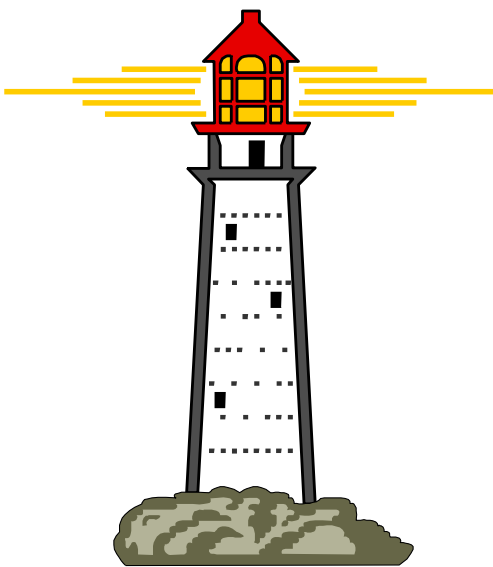
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