



The Pilot Light



January 2010

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



2010
the journey begins

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THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

It's the start of a New Year and one activity I highly recommend for each household at this time of year is to spend a day in prayer. Now maybe to you that sounds pretty boring. How on earth could an individual or a family sit around and pray all day long? Actually, that's not quite what I mean by 'spending a day in prayer.'

What I mean is to take at least one day a year and do some thinking about your life – about your personal vision for your life, about your work, or involvements, about your relationships, about how you intend to spend your time, when and where you'll take a vacation, what you'll read during the year, and then bring all that before God in prayer and let him be Lord of 2010 in your life.

Here's how to do it:

- **Set aside an entire day with no other obligations**, even for the evening.
- **Start with a really good, enjoyable breakfast** – enjoy an extra cup of coffee or tea and just sit for a while with each other.
- **Then have a normal devotional time** – just read the Bible and pray.
- **Then make plans for your personal and family management** of time and activities, including:

What time of day will you set aside for devotions?

What books would you like to read this year?

What places would you like to see?

When will you take a vacation, and where will you go?



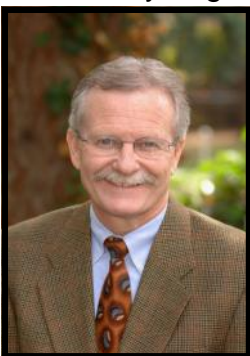
How will you organize or reorganize your daily schedule?

How will you organize or reorganize your regular weekly schedule?

- **In particular, plan a weekly 'Sabbath' day** when you will really take a day off from all chores and any kind of work, and will set aside the entire day for rest and fun and personal and family restoration.
- **Examine and discuss your family or personal budget** and make any adjustments that are necessary.
- **Write down any personal resolutions** or areas you want to work on in your life and share them with somebody who will pray for you in that area.
- **Enjoy a nice lunch.**
- **Pray over everything** you've looked over and planned for the year.
- **Take the rest of the day off** and do something fun for the evening.

This usually takes about 5-6 hours once a year. I've found it makes a tremendous difference in our lives when we take the time to do it. Give it a try and let us know how it works for you.

Blessings on your 2010...



Fitz Neal,
Pastor

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Wednesday Night Live

Our Wednesday Night Family Dinner ministry will begin again on January 6th. A delicious dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Cascade Fellowship Hall (\$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, \$18.00 for family), followed by children and youth ministries (K2 – 3rd through 5th grade, and Middle School Youth Group). There are three adult opportunities: the **Bethel Bible Series** continues, led by Pastor Fitz Neal. This comprehensive study of the scriptures will focus on the New Testament and new students are invited to join. The cost of materials is \$30.00. The second option is **Freed-up Financial Living** a six week class which provides a biblically grounded understanding of money management and financial stewardship, using a hands-on workbook. The cost of materials is \$10.00. The third option is **Men's Fraternity**. The Wednesday night dinner works because of a group of volunteers who assist Erick Anderson in the kitchen. There is a need for 8-10 volunteers each week for no more than 1.5 hours. If you can help for one or more nights, please contact Pastor Bruce.

Come for dinner . . . and stay for enrichment

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

There will be four Sunday morning adult education classes, beginning on Sunday, January 3rd.

9:30 AM

Church History in Plain Language will continue in the Chapel. New students are welcome to join this class, which is exploring the major events in the history of the Christian church from the time of Jesus. A textbook is available for purchase (\$22.00). Darren Jacobs and Eric Gilman are the teachers.

Life Keys is a guide to help uncover an individual's unique God-given talents, spiritual gifts and values. It is one of the primary ways we are helping to fulfill Columbia's mission statement, ". . . helping you find your place in God's work." This class will meet in the Cascade Fellowship Hall, and will be facilitated by Trisha Williamson.

11:00 AM

The Life and Teaching of Jesus will continue in the Chapel. This class is studying the important events and teaching in the life of Jesus. Pastor Bruce Armstrong and Bill Wheeler are the teachers.

The Will of God as a Way of Life will use Whitworth University professor Jerry Sittser's book by the same title as a resource in discovering that God's will is really a lifelong journey. This class will meet in the Cascade Fellowship Hall, and Bryan Strickland will serve as the leader.

SAVE THE DATES . . .

The Annual C.P.C. **Men's Retreat** will be held the weekend of February 26-28, 2010 at Menucha Conference Center. David Barton, former Associate Pastor of CPC, and now Pastor of a new church development in Windsor, CO, will be the speaker!

The Annual C.P.C. **Women's Retreat** will be held the weekend of April 16-18 at Menucha Conference Center.



**Bruce Armstrong,
Associate Pastor**

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study meets at 6:30 am at the Peach Tree Restaurant in Hazel Dell. A new study on the life of Abraham will begin on January 5. Men, come and join this time of study and fellowship.

Small Groups @ CPC

If you are interested in being part of a small group at Columbia, email www.smallgroups@columbiapresbyterian.org and someone from the Small Group Ministry Team will contact you.



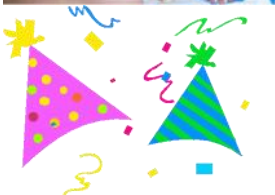
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What great memories we made..Let's make more



Happy New Year!



Suzie Gilmore,
Interim Youth Director



Children's Ministries



WISHING YOU THE WONDER AND JOY OF
CHILDLIKE FAITH AT CHRISTMAS



SHARON FRANKLIN,
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR





Circle of Friends Preschool

Sound the Trumpet

Jesus Christ is born. Nathanael and his family joined the church Advent festivities. It is always a joy to see a new preschool family enjoying some of our church activities.



First, create and then beam with pride.



The children learned about the long journey of the Wiseman and the special gifts they brought for the newborn Christ child. Each then recreated their version of the three kings. Connor chose to add little yarn goatee's to two of his Wiseman.



The Spirit of Giving

Thank you to all of our preschool families for their overwhelming generosity. The classrooms and hall were overflowing with wonderful donations for those in need. Circle of Friends was able to assist four different charities this holiday season because of such gracious giving.

Fall of 2010

Registration for 2010- 2011 begins mid-January. Please log on to our website, cof-preschool.org or call the school for information, 696-9926. Open House Orientation is Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM.



Sharon Wallenborn, Director
Circle of Friends Preschool



Factoid:

The "5-second rule" when picking food or a pacifier up off the floor.

Five seconds could be enough time for bacteria to latch onto something you drop on the floor, according to Clemson University, which used pieces of bologna in a recent study on the topic. So no matter how fast you are, toss the food or wash the pacifier (at least in water) and dry it thoroughly with a paper towel before giving it back to your child. "Consumer Reports Shop Smart November 09"



The Precept Bible Study class will resume on January 5, 2010. We will continue to study the Book of Isaiah. All are invited to join us as we learn in more depth the messages God gave to his prophet Isaiah.

Building Requirements Task Force

Greetings. A couple of months ago the Session authorized the formation of a task force to assess the needs and building requirements of Columbia Presbyterian Church as we move into the future. This article is to inform the congregation of our progress and the process we are using to complete the project. Our goal is simple. We wanted to reach as many of the congregation as possible — including staff and outside users of our facilities. Our process was equally as simple — to make it convenient and easy for people to share their thoughts and passions with us. The process we used was a survey form asking just two questions: 1. What are you passionate about at Columbia and 2. What modifications, adjustments or additions to Columbia facilities are needed.....(abridged). Next we established 3 ways in which people could respond through the survey. "Survey Sunday", Open Houses, individual meetings with special groups such as Staff, Ministry Teams, Deacons, Circle of Friends, etc. We have completed the survey and open house phase of the project, and we are greatly pleased with the results! To date we have received more than 300 surveys, many of which showed that you have a deep care for the future of CPC. There are some wonderful ideas and suggestions that show you care very much for CPC and the spiritual environment we enjoy here. Without going into detail, I will share one popular statistic with you. Nearly 2/3 of the comments related to facility changes strongly asked for an ELEVATOR!! So, God willing there will be an elevator in our future. We still have some special groups to meet with. Once we have completed our meetings with special groups, we will then coordinate all of the results into a report that summarizes the results without seriously diluting the meaning and importance of each individual survey response. We are anticipating completion of this phase between January 31 and February 15, at which time the report will be passed on to the next task force, most likely Design and Architecture. Please feel free to call Dave Nacke with questions, or catch him in the Gathering Area Sunday mornings. Dave's phone number is: 360-607-4033.



"Churches in Partnership" Update:



Calling all gardeners! Is this cold weather getting you down? Do you long to go into your garden to pick peppers or squash? Then join us (Churches in Partnership team) at 9 AM on Saturday, January 9th at First Presbyterian Church to discuss how a community garden can help our neighbors and area food banks next fall. If you have any community garden experience we particularly would like to hear from you. In addition to Columbia, St. John's & First Presbyterian, invitations are being extended to East Woods and Cascades Presbyterian churches to join us in this endeavor.

The Habitat for Humanity/Churches in Partnership mission project was such a wonderful experience that we want this partnership to continue and grow. The community garden idea is another way for us to continue the mission of **working together, praising God, helping our neighbor.**

Kelly, Brody & Dakota Coleman enjoyed worshipping with us on Thanksgiving eve...and what a wonderful service it was! They also enjoyed moving into their home the same day. A photo from the home dedication on December 13th will appear in next months' Pilot Light.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Helmke at 883-5661





Foundation News

The CPC Foundation has regretfully accepted President Bill Wheeler's resignation for personal reasons. The Foundation achieved recognition as an IRS approved foundation during his tenure. The Board wishes him well and will miss his dynamic leadership.

Many church members have asked; why a foundation and what function does it perform?

IRS approved foundations exist to allow individuals and organizations to support, tax free, charitable activities. Frequently, individual contributions over 10 percent are scrutinized and disallowed by the IRS.

There are other reasons why approved Christian Foundations, specifically Presbyterian, make sense. Presbyterian church property is owned by the Presbytery. Financing, acquiring property, expanding the local building footprint require approval of the Presbytery which adds "red tape", time and frustration to the process of growing and expanding the church's ministry. Approved Foundations can by-pass this process by soliciting tax free funds, gifts and donations. These assets can pass through the foundation directly to the church without Presbytery approval, allowing the Session to decide how the funds will be used and for what purpose. The major reason for an approved church foundation is to help committed Christians spread the gospel to future generations. With proper guidance you can gift and leave your estate, tax-free, to the foundation to the full extent of the law allowed. To us, your Board, this makes more sense than paying tax on your hard earned assets. Your gifts can provide a lasting income stream to support the ministries of Columbia and supplement the annual budget.

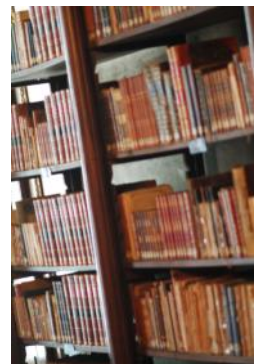
If you have any questions about the foundation; please contact the church office for a directory of those who can discuss this exciting opportunity with you.

Your CPC Foundation

C.P.C. Library News

The Columbia Presbyterian Church Library, supervised by Linda Thompson, has added a number of new great books, including these titles:

- *What Do Our Neighbors Believe: Questions and Answers on Judaism, Christianity and Islam*
- *Presbyterian Questions – Presbyterian Answers*
- *Sacred Parenting*
- *Boundaries With Kids*



Come and check out the CPC Library (and special thanks to librarian Linda Thompson!)

MISSIONS

W.H.O. IS COMING! ARE YOU ?



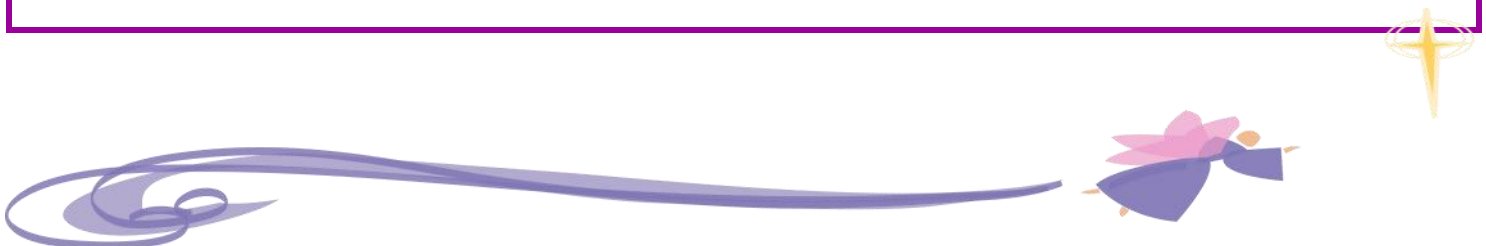
The **WHO** (Winter Homeless Overflow) is now in operation. The WHO starts November 1 and runs until March 31, 2010. Once again Columbia has signed up for two weeks and our first week starts January 17, 2010 at 5:45 PM and runs until 9:00 AM on Sunday the 24th of January. The homeless shelter can serve 50 individuals. This shelter serves homeless families, couples and women.

Last year the WHO welcomed a newborn baby whose mom went from delivery to St. Andrews for three nights until room could be found at the family shelter. Gee does that sound familiar, no room at the inn for a pregnant women? No I am not saying that this young baby was a holy infant just that how difficult it would be to have a new baby and be homeless. I am sure that I am not the only one who couldn't imagine being in that situation.

The church is responsible for staffing the shelter from 5:45 PM every day until about 9:00AM the following morning. The first shift is from 5:45 to 9:30 PM. This is the shift when the guests check in and they can get snacks and take a shower and relax. This is a great shift for folks who want to interact with the guests. Children supervised by their parents can come and play with the homeless children if they are there. The next shift is from 9:00PM to 1:00AM and those folks see the guests put to bed and then they do safety checks and do the dirty towels. The third shift is from 1:00AM to 6:00AM. This one is where people do safety checks and they fix the lunches for the guests to take with them. They also wake up guests who need to leave before or by 6:00 AM. **All the shifts are important and the 1:00AM to 6:00 doesn't really get much interaction with the guests but it is critical for guest safety. It is traditionally the hardest shift to fill.** The last shift is from 6:00AM to 9:00 and they gather the items to serve for breakfast (cold cereal, coffee, toast, instant oatmeal, hot chocolate, hot tea and juice). After the guests leave, they tidy up the church and go.

Think about how you can share a little time to show God's love and compassion to someone who is struggling and who feels that people really don't care what happens to them. The homeless can be anyone. This is the seventh year for the WHO and I can guarantee that your help is needed and will be appreciated. Several folks have reported that even on the late shifts a guest has gotten up and felt a need to talk for a while and the volunteer has felt needed.

Signups are in the Gathering Area every Sunday or call Shirley Waltz at 921-3289 to volunteer.





MISSIONS

Go Team Prepares for Trip to Senegal

It's that time of year again when our Senegal Go-Team goes into its intense preparation mode for their upcoming trip to Senegal. The team this year is composed of Bob McFarlin (Leader), Nancy Johns, Lori Brown, Linda Newton-Fong, Tricia Williamson, Alan Garcia, and Connie Warner. The trip is scheduled for January 28 through February 7.

During the 2010 Go Team visit to Senegal, CPC will take the first steps toward building trust and our witness among the Serer around the town of Diakhao, southeast of Dakar, Senegal's capital. World Vision has been active in Diakhao since 2000 working on education, health, economic development, and safe water projects. Their work has helped forge a strong relationship with the local church in this predominantly Muslim area. A key goal of this trip will be to begin to understand the needs and opportunities to support World Vision and the local church.

The team has been in training since September learning about Islam and Senegal, as well as a bit of the Serer language. While each team member contributes one third of the cost of the trip, they are also raising money to cover the remaining expenses and signing up partners to pray for the mission. Please stop by the Senegal table in the Gathering Area where you can sign up to be a prayer partner and contribute to the trip.

GO Team Members

Alan Garcia

This will be Alan's fifth visit to Senegal. "I am excited to have the opportunity to visit the Diakhao area development project and to meet our new partners in Christ among the Serer people," Alan said. "Having seen firsthand how God can use these trips to foster trust and openness to the Gospel, I am anxious to see how he will use the 2010 team."

Alan is married to Lyn and has three daughters, Hope (14), Annie (12), and Catherine (8). The Garcia's have been members of Columbia since 1997, and Alan has served as an Elder for the past three years.

Nancy Johns

This will be Nancy's sixth trip to Senegal and second to Diakhao. "I'm excited about the new friendships that might come out of our visiting with the villages of the Diakhao ADP and looking forward to visiting with old friends in Kollore Gui", says Nancy. Nancy's been a member at Columbia for 9 years and has served on Session having been involved with new members and as a Trustee. In Vancouver, Nancy works helping people buy or sell homes. She has three adult children – a son in Houston; a daughter in Chattanooga, and a daughter finishing her teacher training in Portland.

Lori Brown

Lori and her family came to Columbia Presbyterian in late 1999 and instantly felt the passion for the mission work CPC was doing in Senegal. While she has been active volunteering in the children's ministry program, as an elder, and even on a Senegal Send Team, she is excited that she is now able to serve in Senegal. Lori states "I pray that I will be able to spread the love of Jesus Christ to the Serer. As a naturopathic physician, I'm also hoping to learn how I may be able to assist in their health care needs."

Linda Newton-Fong

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to travel to Senegal. I've always been fascinated by the stories and pictures of previous travelers to CPC Land. I am excited about making connections with the Serer people and sharing my faith through my interactions with others. I am excited about experiencing new cultures with customs, beliefs and music different from my own. It's a great privilege to be part of 2010 Go Team."

Linda is employed as a physical therapist. Linda is also married and has two sons, one of whom is a UW student, the other is having fun as a student at Evergreen High School.

Tricia Williamson

Before joining Columbia in 2006, Tricia was already aware of CPC's involvement in Senegal. After several years of prayer, God helped Tricia discern that now is the time for her to go to Senegal for the first time with the 2010 Go Team. She considers it an honor and a privilege to be representing her church family on this initial visit with the Serer in Diakhao.

Tricia currently serves on the Personnel Team and helps facilitate the Life Keys classes. She has served on session, the Equipping and Assimilation Team, the Nominating Committee and been actively involved in several mission projects. "I've been told the Senegal trip will be a life-changing experience for me. My prayer is that our visit will be the start of a life-changing relationship for the Serer."

Bob McFarlin

Bob has been involved with Columbia's Senegal ministry for ten years and is currently serving as the leader of the Senegal Strategy Team. This will be his sixth trip to Senegal and his second as team leader. His hopes for this year's trip are to reconnect with and encourage the leadership of the Wolof federation of Kollore Gui, encourage the missionaries working with the Wolof and Serer people, and to begin the establishment of a new Columbia partnership with World Vision, the Serer people and the Senegalese Christian community working with the Serer.

Bob and his wife Barbara (also a Senegal trip veteran) have been members of Columbia for fourteen years. Bob is currently serving on Session as an elder/trustee.

Connie Warner

This will be Connie's second trip to Senegal, having served on the 2009 team. She says "Hearing the school children sing thank you and seeing God at work in Kollore Gui was life changing. She looks forward to meeting the Serer in Diakhao and discovering their needs."

Connie is a registered pediatric dietitian and is excited to communicate the importance of good nutrition to old and new Senegalese friends. A member of Columbia for 15 years, she is a member of a small group and has served in the Pathfinder Sunday School program and on the Small Group Ministry team. She and her husband, David, have three children, Katie and husband Corey, Kyle and Ally.



CPC NEWS

How are we doing



The church's budget for 2009 is \$1,157,191.00. Because of the economic uncertainty facing us all session decided to use \$67,191.00 from reserves meaning we would need \$1,062,584 in pledges and offerings. As of the end of November we have given \$966,855. Expenses have not been quite as much as planned so it appears that we will not have to use as much from reserves as we had initially planned. December is typically a big month for giving as people remember their church in year end gifts and people who are behind in their pledges catch up. We hope and pray that this December will be no exception so that we may finish the year without using much from our reserves. Pledging is about on track at the same level as last year but the church is called to do more. Among the needs for 2010 will be bringing a new leader onto staff for our youth program. Moving expenses and help in obtaining a house will compete for funding with other areas of the church's ministries. So, if you are able and have not pledged for 2010, please do so quickly. If you are able to remember the church with additional gifts at the end of the year please consider that as well. You have been very faithful in your giving this year and session and trustees thank you for your gifts to God's work through Columbia.



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Save the Dates:

Men's Retreat
February 26-28, 2010

Women's Retreat
April 16-18, 2010

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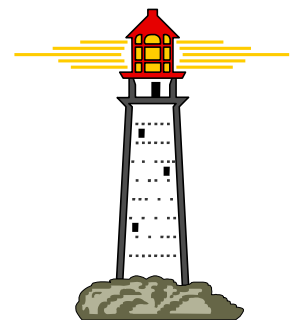
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Please call the church office at 694-7549 to reach any of the church staff. Staff can also be reached via e-mail by using the person's first name followed by @columbiapresbyterian.org. *Example: bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org.* The only exceptions 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.

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Jennifer Neal	Interim Children/Youth Admin. Asst.	x 204
Viva Dennis	Communications Specialist	x 213
Marilyn Roberts	Bookkeeper	x 222
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








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