



The Pilot Light



June 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."

NEW SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

BEGINNING JUNE 6

9:00 AM
TRADITIONAL

10:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY

5:00 PM
CASUAL CONTEMPORARY



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THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

A Simple Question

I was asked a simple question a number of times yesterday, my first day back in the office. “What do we call you now?” My answer is just as simple. “You can call me, ‘Fitz.’”

As you probably know by now, last week I attended my graduation from the Doctor of Ministry program at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. I had been working on this degree for the last four years. The first week of May, I defended my dissertation before a faculty committee and then made a presentation of my research before the faculty and students of the seminary community. Since it was so close by in the calendar, I stayed for the graduation ceremonies on May 10th. Laurel was able to be there, and some of our family members, who live nearby in Ann Arbor, were also able to attend. So, I guess this means I’ve earned a doctorate in the practice of ministry. When people have asked me what to call me now, they are wondering if they’re supposed to call me, “Dr.”

Actually, I’d rather not be referred to that way. I’ve never put much stock in titles. I understand where this question is coming from, and I appreciate those who desire to be respectful of the office of pastor, but I’ve always considered it respect for the office, not necessarily respect for me. So I would appreciate it if you keep calling me what you always have... “Fitz.”

Presbyterians have always honored the life of the mind and scholarship. That’s where the robes in worship come from—they aren’t religious robes. They are *academic* gowns, indicating that a pastor has at least a master’s degree. We believe that faith is *reasonable*. We believe that faith and reason aren’t opposed to each other, but are complimentary. So we support education and we support our students who are called into ministry. That’s why I was



interested in doing some further learning and research—it’s part of who I am as a reformed Christian.

My research was in the area of how congregations can encourage ministries that help people integrate matters of faith and matters of work. In the future, I will be offering classes and learning opportunities based on my research. I hope what I learned is helpful for the life of Columbia, but also for other congregations.

So thank you for asking the question of what to call me, and for honoring the work I was able to do with the surprise reception on Wednesday, May 12th. I was totally taken by surprise. The decorations were well-done, and the gift of NIV Application Commentaries of the New Testament and a travel voucher is much appreciated. Thank you so much.

I also want to thank Susan Murphy, Jane Malmquist, and Bruce Armstrong for making the arrangements for the reception. There are others to thank, too: to the research study group—Gerald Baugh, Dave Christel, Russ Garrow, Nancy Johns, Bob Knight, Jennifer Mears, and Bob McFarlin—for all their work and wisdom. To Jo Coila and Sally Meddaugh, who did huge amounts of typing and checking for me. To Bruce Armstrong and the rest of the staff, who made it possible for me to spend the time I needed to finish writing the final project. I sincerely appreciate the support of the Personnel Ministry Team and the Session. Above all, thanks is due to Laurel, who helped me edit and correct my writing so it made sense.

Thanks also to each one of you, our fellow travelers in the way of Christ here at Columbia, for your desire to apply faith to all of life together as a community of disciples. I look forward to the ability to focus more specifically on our path as a church now that this project is done. My learning, and yours, will go on forever. And please, once again, just call me, “Fitz.”



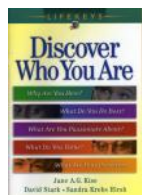
Fitz Neal,
Pastor

A handwritten signature of Fitz Neal.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION

The following classes will be offered this summer, beginning June 20.



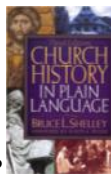
9:00 AM

LifeKeys

Using a variety of resources, LifeKeys helps individuals to discover their talents, spiritual gifts, passions, and values in order to “. . . find your place in God’s work” (CPC purpose statement). There is a cost of \$6.00 for the LifeKeys workbook. This class will meet in the Chapel.

10:30 AM

Church History in Plain Language



This class, which has been meeting since September, (but new students are welcome) is exploring the major events in the history of the Christian church from the time of Jesus. This class will meet in the Chapel **and will meet on June 6 & 13!**

Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?

Christian author Philip Yancey has produced a DVD series exploring questions such as: *What is prayer? Why do prayers seem to go unanswered? How can prayer be more meaningful?* This class will meet in the Cascade Fellowship Hall.



PRAYER RETREAT

SATURDAY, JULY 17

8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

As a part of our summer church wide focus on prayer, Pastor Armstrong will lead a prayer retreat on July 17, 8:30 – 1:30, which will focus on “*Praying With Jesus*”, using the Old Testament Psalms – the prayer book of Jesus’ day. The Psalms speak to every human emotion and can be a very helpful guide to a life of vital and vibrant prayer.



**Bruce Armstrong,
Associate Pastor**

If you are aware of individuals who are in need of care (shut in, hospitalized, in nursing care, or other kinds of distress) please call the CPC Deacon line, 694-7549, ext 250 . The deacons are prepared to respond to these situations. Phone messages will be checked regularly.



NEWS FOR YOU-TH



Celebrate with high school seniors as they lead worship services on **Sunday, June 13**. Don't miss this chance to congratulate the graduates! A reception will follow each service in the fellowship hall.

High School Work Camp! July 17-24 at Flying H

Registrations due **June 6**. Forms are available in the youth center and the main office.



Suttle Lake
MS Summer Camp
June 20-25

Our Volunteer Interns...

Patrick Allen, Andrew Barton, Bethany Brewster, Johnna Gurgel, Alan Hartquist, Megan Husko, Katie Mack, Hannah Nutter, Genny Roberts, Sean Taylor, Hannah Van Dinter, Jackson Wiley

Introducing the Summer Interns!!!



HS Intern - Kelsey Atwood

Kelsey Atwood is a graduating senior at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA. Kelsey is looking forward to being an intern because she loves youth and believes it is a great privilege and responsibility to encourage them in their faith.

CM Intern - Kailyn Babbit

Kailyn Babbit is a student at Central Washington University, majoring in education. Kailyn loves children and sees the importance of helping kids grow in their faith from an early age.



MS Intern - Andrew Flabetich



Andrew Flabetich is finishing up his sophomore year at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. Andrew is looking forward to being an intern to further explore his call to Youth Ministry. He is very passionate about Youth Ministry at CPC because it has put so much into his own life.

CM Intern - Jordan Miller

Jordan Miller is a 2010 graduate of Fort Vancouver High School. Jordan has volunteered with students at King Elementary this year. He loves to use his skills and talents to relate to kids and show them the love God has for us and how he has experienced Jesus in his life.



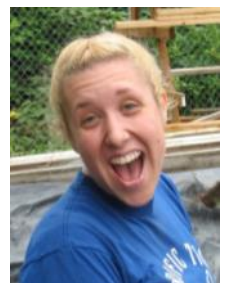
MS Intern - Sara Richards



Sara Richards is a graduating senior at Vancouver School of Arts & Academics in Vancouver, WA. Sara is looking forward to being an intern because she has been influenced greatly by other interns while growing up at CPC, and she wants to help the current middle school students in their walk with Christ.

MS Intern - Tonya Rodriguez

Tonya Rodriguez is a student at Warner Pacific who has been a past intern, a middle school leader at CPC and also involved in Young Life in Portland this year. Tonya is looking forward to another summer of sharing the love of Christ and investing in the lives of middle schoolers.



Children's Ministries



June 28-July 2, 9:00 AM—Noon
4 yr. olds-5th grade

Our children and grandchildren can see, hear, touch and even taste what it was like to live in Pharaoh's empire. They'll explore marketplace shops, visit Joseph's palace, play fun new games, dance to lively music and have tasty snacks. Our Sanctuary will be transformed into Joseph's palace and the gym will be changed into an old time marketplace. To make this all happen we need YOUR help.

Here are some things we need to borrow:

- Tent canopies
- Large urns, pots
- Large baskets
- Plant stands
- Large cement blocks

If you can help provide any of these "props", please email
sharonf@columbiapresbyterian.org.

We also need your **empty cereal boxes**. Please put cereal boxes in the Resource Room at any time. Thanks!!!!

We also need many LEADERS; check the sign up sheets in the Gathering Area or call Sharon Franklin in the church office, 694-7549, ext. 211.

 
**Sign Up for
Church Camp**



SHARON FRANKLIN,
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
DIRECTOR

**CAMP CAMP CAMP CAMP CAMP
CAMP CAMP**

Make sure your child/grandchild/niece/nephew/neighbor/friend gets to church camp this summer! Camp brochures are in the Gathering Area, education wing and main office. CPC provides a \$50 scholarship for every kid going from our church. Talk to Sharon Franklin or Justin Klump in the church office if more help is needed.





Circle of Friends Preschool



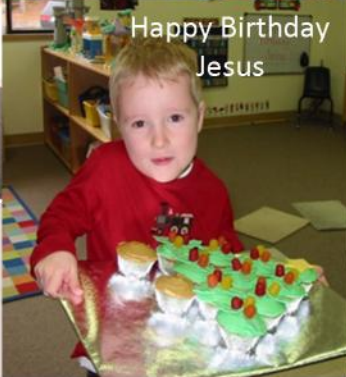
First Day of School



Harvest Party



Donuts with Dad



Happy Birthday Jesus



Weather Girl



A Learning Process



Large Motor Play



Thanksgiving Feast



Field Trip



Choosing Time



Just being 3



Look, my name is on the wall!



Thank you for your loving support and prayers throughout the school year. We will see you in the fall.

Sharon Wallenborn, Director
Circle of Friends Preschool



2009-2010 Staff



MISSIONS

Looking for somewhere or someone to help and don't have anywhere to turn for information? The Missions team at Columbia Presbyterian provides a monthly calendar of events and opportunities from which you can choose in answering God's call to action. Would you like to hang with a baby for an hour or so, or walk a couple miles for a good cause? Those are just some of the opportunities awaiting your participation. Do you know of an opportunity and would like to engage others from the congregation in it? Let us know about it. Share the need. Pick up a brochure from the Missions brochure rack or ask someone at the Welcome Center for a copy. You may contact any of the members of the Missions Ministry team, or call or email Rich Vohs at 450-6889; richvohs@crmmechanics.com.



April Calendar of Events
Missions and Ministry
supported by
Columbia Presbyterian Church

Thank You for Your Mission Support

Thank you to those who supported the 2010 Mother's Day Project by donating to the *Healthy Women, Healthy Families* mission activity. Members of Columbia, plus a few Presbyterian Women from the Presbytery and the Synod, contributed \$665 to this International Health project of the Presbyterian Church (USA). These donations will support a variety of health programs in Africa including malaria prevention and treatment, obstetrical care, fistula surgery, cervical cancer screening and family health education for women, and immunizations, health screenings, nutritional rehabilitation and primary care for children.

Churches in Partnership update...

The community garden was "officially" blessed...members from all three churches were on hand when Pastor Ken Campbell led the blessings on Sunday, May 2nd. Our potato, tomato & squash plants are all doing well! Volunteers of all ages can help with the garden on Saturdays & Wednesdays (beginning June 2nd) from 9 AM to 12 noon. The garden is located at 1919 NE 78th Street in Vancouver. It's great fun & exercise...plus we'll be helping area food banks with our harvest. Call Lynne Helmke 883-5661 or Jerry Hofer 521-5567 for additional information or to volunteer.



MISSIONS



COME CELEBRATE WITH NEW HOPE FARMS

New Hope Farms is an adult family home for the developmentally disabled located in Goldendale, Washington. The vision of the founders of New Hope Farms is alive and growing today as we offer activities for the residents so they can learn and relate to each other in ways that achieve a wholeness of life. They find things to celebrate even in these difficult times. This is truly a place "Where Love Grows".

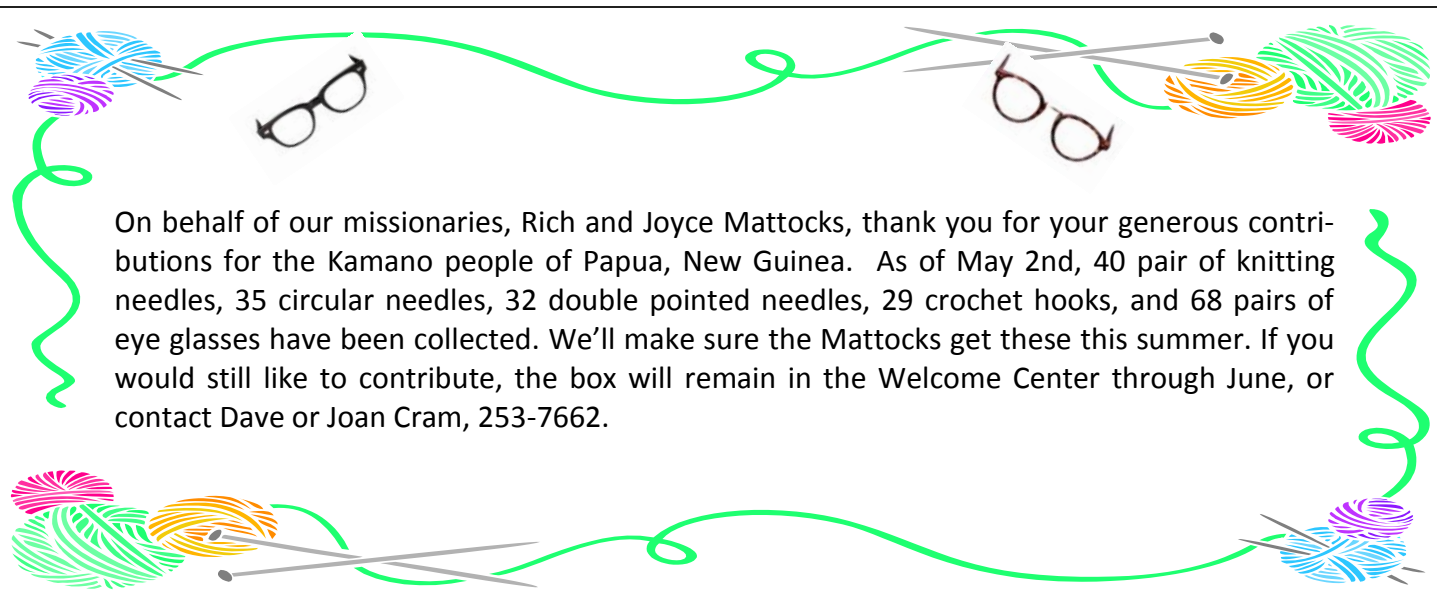


The staff and residents cordially invite you to an open house to share with you the love and joy they feel. We celebrate another year of having God surround us with His love, caring and beauty.

There will be Visiting, Tours, Food, Singing & Laughter
Please come and join with us in the festivities and food
Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 11:30AM - 3:00PM

Columbia Presbyterian Church has generously made transportation available for those who may need it. For information and/or details please contact Jerry Allin by phone 546-3379 or email allin0915@comcast.net.

*Mat. 25:40 ...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of these least of these brothers of mine, you did it to Me.
1Peter 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care...not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be.*



On behalf of our missionaries, Rich and Joyce Mattocks, thank you for your generous contributions for the Kamano people of Papua, New Guinea. As of May 2nd, 40 pair of knitting needles, 35 circular needles, 32 double pointed needles, 29 crochet hooks, and 68 pairs of eye glasses have been collected. We'll make sure the Mattocks get these this summer. If you would still like to contribute, the box will remain in the Welcome Center through June, or contact Dave or Joan Cram, 253-7662.



Thanks for those who have served our country through the years, and for continued prayer for those in our church family currently on active duty.

Here is the latest information that we have:

Prayers of thanks for the safe return of Matt White, husband of Kelly, from Afghanistan!

Keep in prayer:

- Alasdair Stuart, finished Naval basic training, now in Pensacola, FL. waiting for continued training in the Information Technological field (son of Robert and Geri Stuart).
- Major William F. Byrd IV, and family, now assigned to the 8th Corps, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina (grandson of William and Catharine Byrd).
- 1st Lt. James V. Elieff, US Army. (son of Jim and Helen Elieff).
- Robert Thomsen, Oregon National Guard (son-in-law of James Christian).
- Navy Seal Jake Roberts, and family, now stationed in Pacific Grove, CA (son of Dean and Annmarie Roberts).
- David Michael Murray, Army Paratrooper, doing well, but recovering at Madigan Army Hospital from wounds received in combat (great nephew of Marilyn and Terry Robertson).
- MST SGT Geoff T. Robertson and family, currently serving in Okinawa (son of Terry and Marilyn Robertson).
- 1st Lt. David Lysovich, US Army (step son-in-law of Bob and Susan Randolph).
- David Weddel, Ass't Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon (son of Marge Weddel).



Bravery.
Sacrifice.
Honor.

CPC NEWS

How are we doing



With four months of the year past, we remain ahead of our projections for income and behind our projections for expenses. Expenses normally pick up during the summer months while contributions decrease because people often forget to make their regular contributions during vacation periods. April contributions were unusually high coming in at \$100,554. Year to date expenses are \$353,245 and pledges and offering income is \$379,063. The Trustees thank God for the generosity of the congregation. Please keep giving; our expenses will go up later this month as we bring a new Associate Pastor on board as well as interns during the summer.

~Submitted by Bob McFarlin, Trustee

Session Member Contact Information

Glen Baunsgard	834-7991
Bob McFarlin	834-7169
Dave Nacke	254-8136
John Van Dinter	891-0804
Alan Garcia	369-6382
Nancy Bishoprick	695-8589
Jennifer Mears	737-7952
Susan Murphy	882-1370
Marc Hartquist	834-4098
Sheena Brooke	571-4170
Dennis Gish	891-7443
Geo Plumberg	260-8096
Jan Kennedy	335-1193
Jim Dillon	225-1162
Tom Hill	954-5621
Julie Mauer	687-9842

Clerk of Session:

Donnetta Spink 944-6716



Columbia has a full-time job opening for a Children & Youth Ministries Assistant. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Terry Robertson, 694-7549 ext. 207.



"Technically, you're correct, but it should say 'First Church Youth Van.'"

CONTACT INFORMATION

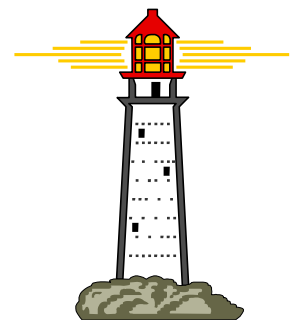
How to Reach Us:

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

		Phone Extension
Fitz Neal	Pastor	x 206
Bruce Armstrong	Associate Pastor	x 209
Jeff Haagenson	Minister of Worship & Music	x 210
Sharon Franklin	Children's Ministries Director	x 211
Justin Klump	Temporary Youth Director	x 208
	<i>Direct Youth Line</i>	823-0220
Terry Robertson	Church Administrator	x 207
Jo Coila	Head of Staff Admin. Asst.	x 201
Jennifer Neal	Children/Youth Admin. Asst.	x 204
Viva Dennis	Communications Specialist	x 213
Marilyn Roberts	Bookkeeper	x 222
John Ignoffo	Media Ministry Specialist	x 205
Rich Raitano	Facilities Manager	x 216
Katie Phelan	Nursery - 833 -0634	
Anna Haagenson	Kingdom Kids - 891-1494	
Sharon Wallenborn	Director, Circle of Friends Preschool - 696-9926	x 212
	Deacon Line	x 250

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The next Pilot Light deadline is June 8, 2010. *Articles turned in after the deadline will not be published and all articles are subject to editing.* Whenever possible, announcements and articles for publication should be sent via email to: info@columbiapresbyterian.org.



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Deacon Connection – May 29, 2010

*Looking for a “Done-in-a-Day” Way to Serve?
Put feet to your prayers by participating in
the CPC Cares Connection.*



Who: Families, youth, singles, anyone and everyone.

What: Team up with the Deacons to reach out to fellow members of the Columbia Presbyterian family and friends to offer fellowship, help with little fix up tasks, yard work, and/or other practical help.

When: Saturday May 29th. Choose the morning session: 9 AM –noon, the Afternoon session 1-4 PM, or both. We’ll all meet together at noon for a soup, salad, and bread lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Where: Meet in the chapel to choose your assignment (we’ll provide lots of options that will be suitable for all ability levels, including children) and partner up with others.

Why: Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. The believers began meeting together and shared what they had with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. (From Acts 2:44-47) Here’s an opportunity to do just that.

How: Just show up, although an RSVP to Pastor Bruce would be helpful in planning.

Questions? Contact Pastor Bruce.