



The Pilot Light



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

June 2011

Summer Worship Hours

June 19 through September 4

9 AM - Traditional

10:30 AM - Contemporary

5:00 PM - Casual Contemporary

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THE VIEW OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

I want to begin with a couple of very important reminders:

- **June 3rd & 4th – *The Present Future All Church Gathering***

The purpose of this gathering is to take what we've learned from the *Present Future Study* and meet for Friday evening and Saturday morning to put everything together for our future. We will spend time in prayer and worship, group discussion, and brainstorming. This will enable us to give the Building Committee input regarding our space needs, but more importantly, it will help us implement our purpose as we move into God's future for us.

Times – Friday evening 6:30-9:00

Saturday morning 9:00 - Noon

- **June 18th – *Bruce Armstrong's Retirement Party***

Come prepared to have a grand time celebrating Bruce's ministry with us, as well as sending him into retirement with the memory of a wonderful day.

Values

We have explored a lot of major topics in worship over the last year: prayer, the Apostles' Creed, our purpose statement in the Ancient Future and Present Future series. This summer we will conclude

this year-long exploration with a series on Columbia's values. What do we hold as the most important emphases of our common life? It is



Fitz Neal
Pastor



our values that provide part of our direction forward as a congregation.

What do we value? We value worship. We esteem prayerfulness. We yearn to learn and live God's Word. We cherish life together in fellowship. We desire to take Christ to the world. We believe in equipping every believer for their God-given call in life.

There are other values we have that inform and guide our common life, but these are the ones we have said in the past were those we wanted to hold before our gaze and put into practice so that we can keep heading in the direction God has placed before us.

The youth will be leading us in worship on Senior Sunday, June 12th. That's an important day, too, because it gives us an opportunity to show how much we value our students and their families.

The week after, on June 19th, we will begin our Summer series as well as the Summer schedule:

Sunday Mornings – 9:00 & 10:30

Sunday Evenings – 5:00

Until then, see you at the All church Gathering and Bruce's Party!

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ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION



CPC E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN



Over the last couple of years the CPC Prayer Chain has changed from phone contact to email messages. There are currently over 30 individuals who are involved in receiving confidential requests by email and praying for individuals and situations. Susan McDougal has served as Coordinator of the E-Prayer Chain, and has done a wonderful job in this ministry. There is a need for someone to replace Susan. If this is a ministry that you would consider, please contact Pastor Armstrong (bruce@columbiapresbyterian.org) for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“Worshipping Through the Psalms”

This class will explore reading, studying, praying and meditating on the Old Testament book of Psalms. Different types of Psalms and techniques for worshipping with the Psalms will be considered, as well as how the Psalms are useful by different personality types. The class will meet at 10:30, beginning on June 19 in the Cascade Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Betty Ruth Frakes (frakes_fbr@netzero.com, 256-6359)

Continuing Adult Spiritual Formation Ministries Fall 2011

Adult Spiritual Formation ministries at CPC are led by an Adult Ministry Team of elders (Nancy Bishoprick, Doug Heitschmidt, Tom Hill, and Jeff Tatum) and others who have a mission – *“Nurturing adults toward maturity in Christ”*. This team is making plans for Sunday morning and Wednesday night classes, including an ALPHA course on Sunday morning, and the BETHEL BIBLE SERIES on Wednesday night (along with DivorceCare and a class on Spiritual Parenting, coordinated by the Children’s Ministry Team). For more information about any of these ministries, contact the elders listed above (contact information is in Pilot Light) or Viva Dennis in the church office (694-7549, ext 213, info@columbiapresbyterian.org)

RETIREMENT PARTY!!



Everyone is invited to the Retirement Celebration for Pastor Bruce on Saturday, June 18. We will start with a worship service at 4 PM in the Sanctuary followed by a party in his honor. We are asking those who are interested to write Bruce a note or letter. Please deliver these to Viva no later than June 1.

Bruce Armstrong
Associate Pastor





NEWS FOR YOU-TH

MIDDLE SCHOOL

↪ Bike Hike Parent Meeting
Wednesday, June 15 @ 6:30 pm

↪ Bike Hike July 31 - August 6



ALL YOUTH

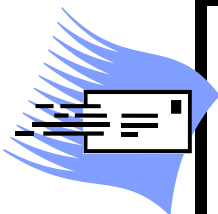
High School and Middle School Youth Group Summer Kick off – Sunday, June 26 4 - 8 PM.



Find us on Facebook keywords: Columbia Presbyterian Youth, under "groups"

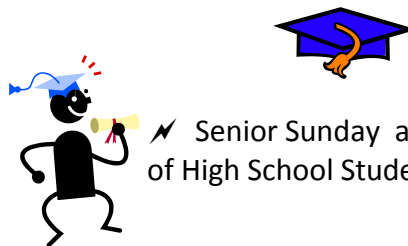


Matt Overton
Associate Pastor
Youth & Family Ministries



HIGH SCHOOL

- ↪ Work Day – All Work Camp leaders and students- Saturday, June 4 Noon-5 PM
- ↪ Final Date for forms and Fundraising – June 5
- ↪ Work Camp Final Meeting – Sunday, July 10
- ↪ Work Camp Trip to New Orleans – July 16-23
- ↪ Commissioning of Work Camp Participants in Sunday Service - Sunday, July 10 during the 11 AM worship service.



↪ Senior Sunday and Confirmation of High School Students – June 12

PARENTS

Feel like you're out of the loop on the upcoming youth events? Join our parent email list today to stay informed!

Email Jennifer (Jennifer@columbiapresbyterian.org) with the following information:
Your name, Name(s) and grade(s) of kid(s) &
Your email address



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Summer Worship for All...

We are offering a wonderful new opportunity this summer for our Columbia family. This involves having children and middle schoolers in worship on a weekly basis. It also involves more active participation of children and youth in the service. In thinking about this important experience, we asked Pastor Fitz to review for us the answers to some basic questions:

1. What is the purpose of corporate worship and why do we need to participate in it?

The purpose of corporate worship is to center our lives around God, rather than anything or anyone else. When we neglect worship, we will tend to focus our lives around activities, or worries, or ourselves. The reason we are called by God to worship together is because God designed us for relationships. It is when we gather with others that we experience God most deeply. By ourselves, it just isn't as powerful.

2. Why is worship important to our faith?

Faith without worship will always become cluttered with the cares and concerns of the world, rather than the cares and concerns of God. Worship is NOT important to our faith – it is crucial to our faith. Children who are in worship regularly with their parents practice their faith as adults up to three times more frequently than those who aren't in worship with mom and dad.

3. What scriptural references inform us to worship as a body of believers?

There are too many to recount here: one of the best is Revelation 4:1-11. This is a picture of how worship takes place in the heavens, and is a model for how we should approach God here.

4. Why is it important for children to be a part of our corporate worship?

Because, again, children who grow up worshipping regularly are also much more prone to practice their faith as adults. But it's also true that we learn from them when we see what they see and hear in worship. It also gives moms and dads a chance to disciple their children by discussing what they are learning in worship. Studies show that children are more likely to imitate their parents than anyone else.

Specifics: Children who have been to Kindergarten - 5th grade will be in worship at all services (9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 5:00 PM) this summer. Younger children will have our regular summer Sunday school experience taught by our interns at the 9:00 & 10:30 AM worship hours. Nursery will be available for ages 0 - 24 months at all services.

Families will be provided with some resources to assist in helping your child during the service, making you feel comfortable with them there and activities you can do later at home to connect the experiences together.

Let's all welcome this part of our church family to worship this summer!



Sharon Franklin
Director of Children's
Ministries



Circle of Friends Preschool



Sports Attire

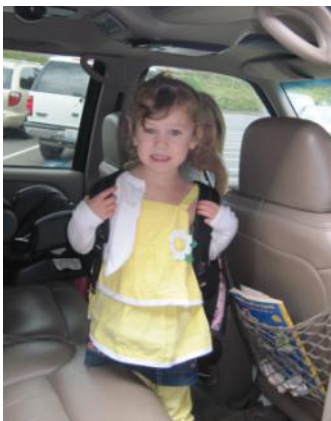
Each month we celebrate a special theme based event. The month of May was “wear sports attire.” We saw many soccer and T-ball players. Portland Trail Blazer wear is often a hit. Even after they lost in the play-offs.

And all God’s children say “AMEN”

To honor National Day of Prayer, the children are taken to the sanctuary and we talk about being in God’s house. They get to peek into the two secret rooms (the music room and Deacon’s closet). Then it is a trip up the stairs to the choir loft where we sing “Jesus Loves Me”. One child asked if God was home that day. Just as we were finishing this activity, another one commented that God has a beautiful house.



Saying Good-Bye



This is always an emotionally trying time. It is when we must say good-bye to our little friends. Some are leaving the safety of our little corner of the world as they move forward into the next step, life as a kindergartener. We will miss their precious faces and quirky little personalities. These are families we have come to love and cherish. Therefore, it is with saddened hearts that we say good-bye, and wishing everyone the very best.

**Our 2011-2012 school year activities
begin the week of August 29.**



Sharon Wallenborn
Circle of Friends Preschool
Director

*God makes our lives a medley of joy and tears,
hope and help, love and encouragement.*



MISSIONS



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. Keep in prayer:

- **Major Mark Grunsky**, USAF 6th Special Ops Squadron at Hurlburt Field, Mary Ester, Florida (grandson of Hazel Grunsky).
- **Marine Reservist Sgt. Kyle Heike**, recently completed active training in San Diego (son of Keith & Gail Heike).
- **Captain Hank Hansen & Captain Lindsay Hansen**, currently serving in Afghanistan (relatives of Keith & Gail Heike).
- **Chaplain (Capt.) Nathan Whitham**, US Army, currently serving in Afghanistan (brother-in-law of Julie Mauer).
- **Lt. Steven Whitham**, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA., recently returned from Iraq (cousin of Julie Mauer).
- **Pvt. Andrew Kunigisky**, currently in San Antonio for advanced training to be a medic. His wife Valerie and son Noah reside in Vancouver. Andrew is the step-grandson of Bob and Barbara McFarlin.
- **Scott Matthews**, US Army, serving in Afghanistan. His wife Amanda and two children Mattea, age 4, and Sawyer, age 1, are staying in their house on base at Ft. Benning, GA. while he is deployed (son-in-law of Pauline Wolfe).
- **Capt. Ryan C. Laughton**, US Air Force, Vandenburg AFB, CA (son of Gary & Sherry Laughton).
- **MIDN Matthew VanEerden**, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD (son of Ted & Sharon VanEerden).
- **Alasdair Stuart**, finished Naval basic training; followed up with training in Pensacola, FL; continued with SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) training in San Diego, CA; has been home-ported in Virginia Beach since August 2010. Is assigned to a Seal Team currently deployed and will join them upon their return (son of Robert and Geri Stuart).
- **Major William F. Byrd IV**, and family, deployed in Iraq (grandson of William and Catharine Byrd).
- **1st Lt. James V. Elieff**, US Army (son of Jim and Helen Elieff).
- **Navy Seal Jake Roberts**, and family, now stationed in Guam (son of Dean and Annmarie Roberts).
- **David Michael Murray**; Michael is making very good progress in his recovery. Although he has lost the vision in one eye he is doing very well. He has been discharged from active duty but continues with medical care to complete his healing from combat injuries. Please pray for his continued recovery and re-entry into the civilian world (great nephew of Terry and Marilyn Robertson).
- **MST SGT Geoff T. Robertson** and family, currently serving in Okinawa (son of Terry and Marilyn Robertson).
- **David Weddel, Ass't Deputy Chief of Naval Operations**, Pentagon (son of Marge Weddel).
- **Lt. Drew Ziccardi, U.S. Army**, deploying to Afghanistan this summer (godson of Pastor Fitz Neal).

If you know of a service person who is not listed here, please contact Viva Dennis in the church office, 694-7549 ext. 213.





MISSIONS

How Can I Get Involved With Our Local Missions?

Columbia supports a number of local missions through donations from pledges and offerings. Our donations aid in day-to-day operations and programs these missions provide to the community. There is an ongoing need for the time and talents of others to help spread God's Word to those being served by local missions.

What can YOU do?

- ✓ Provide childcare during a teen mothers mentoring meeting
- ✓ Work with a local pregnancy clinic during their annual walk-a-thon to raise awareness
- ✓ Cook or serve a meal at a homeless shelter
- ✓ Attend an open house to find out more about a local mission and how you can get involved

These are just a few of the things going on locally where your involvement is needed. Most of these opportunities are one-time events with a commitment of a couple of hours of time. There is no need for you to coordinate, organize or recruit others. Simply contact the mission directly or the CPC mission team for more information. You might find that you receive so much by giving.

Don't wait for someone to approach you personally, asking for your help. Please volunteer today and find your place in God's work.

Missions Ministry Team members – Jerry Hofer, Geo Plumberg, Curt Loewen, Jerry Allin, Rich Vohs, Mary Lou Williams, Florence Monfore, Donnetta Spink, Carol Van Zytveld, and Joan Cram & Dave Cram.

(Matthew 25:40) And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."



Clark County Fair Food Booth Coordinators Needed

CPC staffs a food booth annually at the Clark County Fair to raise funds to support short term mission activities of CPC members.

The Fair Committee is looking for 3 volunteer coordinators to help at this year's fair (Aug 5-13)

- Carnival Worker's Dinner Coordinator (Aug 3)
- Pre/Post Clean Up/ Set Up Coordinator (before/after the fair)
- Volunteer Coordinator (beginning early June –Aug 7)

Job descriptions can be picked up at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area. For more info, please contact Missions Elder/Jerry Hofer at (360) 521-7944 or jerryhofer@comcast.net.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Ellen Torongo Scholarship Recipients

The Presbyterian Women's Ellen Torongo Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce they have awarded scholarships to the following:

Scholarship #1 for women 30 or older - Rhonda Walton, Leslie Poole, and Debbie Edwards-Wu. Rhonda is working towards an ESL certification. Leslie is working toward an accounting certificate. Debbie is taking classes to increase her massage business offerings.

Scholarship #2 for children of a single parent - Sara Richards is attending Western Washington University and wants to teach high school math.

Scholarship #3 for a student who is a first generation college student - Eli Nichols is attending Concordia University and wants to pursue working with at risk youth, special needs youth and/or family counseling as a social worker.

If you are interested in helping us with these scholarships, please contact Judy Falk, 574-1252. Tax deductible donations are always welcome to help this program.



Join us at the Portland Rose Garden on October 7-8 for a one-of-a-kind weekend event filled with laughter, music, drama, heart-tugging stories and more. Admission tickets are \$89 and include two full days (including lunch on both days). Contact Gina Nie at 903-2871 or gina@concept-integrators.com for more information. Registration deadline is June 15.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MANY THANKS VOLUNTEERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL Spring SALE!!

We can report another very successful spring sale. Even though the donations were down we believe that we sold more of what was received and so our net receipts will allow us to continue supporting the missions and programs we have pledged to help. The total net profit from this sale is \$10,820.05. We will also be able to continue to help provide camperships and mission trips for the youth and continue the Ellen Torongo Scholarship program where both single women and the children of single parents are helped with scholarships for higher education.

We have been especially encouraged by the support and assistance of the staff. Pastors Fitz and Bruce have been very supportive with encouraging words both to us, the congregation and to the staff who also helped in many ways. Sharon Wallenborn, Preschool Director, helped out in the Boutique. Viva Dennis has been most helpful by preparing and printing the material needed for publicity and managing the sale. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of you.

For those who had to make other arrangements for their meetings or programs we want to thank you too. You indirectly have contributed to the mission programs the sale helps fund. We were able to help out a number of hard working men and women from the Veterans Center by hiring them to help set up, take down the equipment needed to put on the sale and taking the donated items to the various sale areas.

Many of our usual shoppers were there to greet us and to thank us for the best sale in Vancouver. There were also more new shoppers than usual who we believe found the sale helpful in meeting their needs, during the continuing troubled economy. Our friend of many sales, Angel, was there with her youngest (number ten) child. She and her family have been shopping with us for many years. One woman, with her twenty dollars worth of purchases, told one of the workers how much this helped her.

Members of the congregation who came to work and contribute items for the sale were a real blessing. We had approximately 90+ volunteers. Our volunteers had smiles for each other and the customers. And we had some new workers who pitched in and were a great help with their ideas. They helped fill the vacancies left by a number of our regular workers who are not able to help anymore. **We can, however always use more help.** It was a good place for new people to meet one another. People commented on how friendly everyone was. We don't have space to individually thank each volunteer but know that you were very much appreciated. We will be looking for volunteers again for the fall sale (which will be October 6, 7 and 8) who can help in specific areas of the sale and in sorting and pricing.

Once again, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Donnetta Spink, Eileen O'Neil and Linda Mohn Sale Coordinators

CPC NEWS

How are we doing?



We're doing very well, thank you dear Lord. We continue to be blessed by the Lord as He provides for us each Sunday. We are \$34,814 ahead in giving compared to the same time period last year. Please remember that prayer still is very important. Please continue to keep our church, ministries and staff upheld to our Lord and Savior in prayer.

~Submitted by Dave Nacke, Trustee.

Congratulations go out to former Interim Pastor, Cynthia Reyes-Fillmore on receiving her Doctorate of Ministry Degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary on May 21.

The Good Friday Service was most impressive and meaningful. My thanks to each person who participated in it.

~Marge Weddel

Session Member Contact Information

Doug Heitschmidt	835-3141
Dave Nacke	254-8136
Nancy Bishoprick	695-8589
Jan Kennedy	335-1193
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Tom Hill	954-5621
Julie Mauer	521-0945
Bruce Farnsworth	833-0463
Jerry Hofer	521-7944
Dale Johnson	253-2206
Chris Keinath	750-1234
Ron Peterson	883-5310
Mary Lou Williams	576-5364
Linda Markee	735-7663
Katie Morehouse	433-5094
Jeff Tatum	953-4903
Julie Wilcox	210-7073

Clerk of Session:

Donnetta Spink 944-6716

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NIGHT



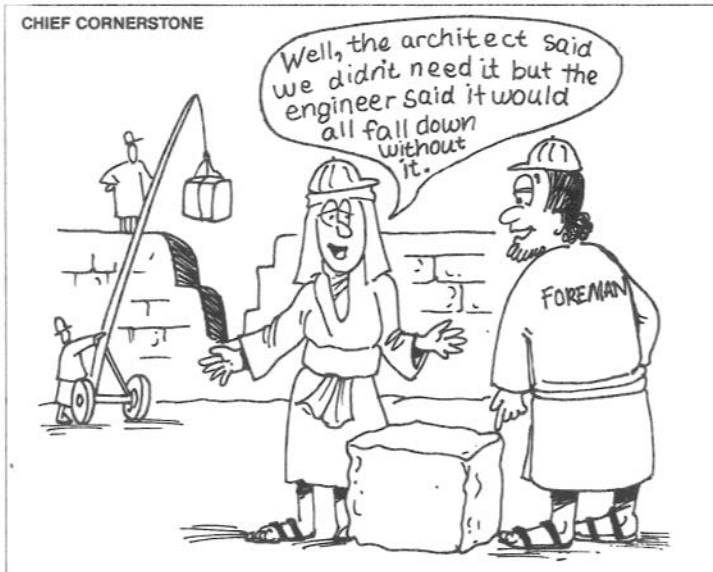
Friday, June 17 in the Chapel
Showing "Chariots of Fire"

6:00 PM - (BYOBBD) Bring your own brown bag dinner

7:00 PM - Movie starts

CPC NEWS

Church Bulletin Bloopers



- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

The JoyBell Ringers
and
Columbia Presbyterian Church
Cordially invite you to our



8th Annual Handbell Concert

Saturday, June 4, 2011
10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Columbia Presbyterian Church
805 Columbia Ridge Drive
Vancouver, WA

Come and listen to the JoyBell Ringers of Columbia Presbyterian Church as they present a concert of music they have performed throughout the year. Sacred, secular, Christmas and Easter music will be played.

Coffee, tea, punch, and tasty treats will be available during the concert.

Assistance is available
for unloading vans.

Please RSVP by May 30th to Paula Knapp, Director, 360-834-6690

All-Church Breakfast Sunday, June 19 Serving from: 8:15 a.m. ~ 10:30 a.m.



Scrambled Eggs
Bacon ~ Sausage
Pancakes



Orange and Apple Juice
Coffee

Join us as we switch over to the
Summer Worship Schedule.
Families, Fun, Food, Fellowship!

Free-will donations will cover the costs of the breakfast with all other proceeds going to Good Samaritan Ministries Zambia Satellite to help with feeding programs, HIV/AIDS orphans and widows, schools, and much need medical supplies in Zambia, Africa.

CONTACT INFORMATION



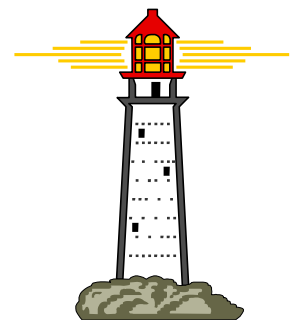
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How to Reach Us:

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*. 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
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	<i>Direct Youth Line</i>	823-0220
Jeff Haagenson	Minister of Worship & Music	x 210
Sharon Franklin	Children's Ministries Director	x 211
Terry Robertson	Church Administrator	x 207
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Jennifer Neal	Children/Youth Admin. Asst.	x 204
Viva Dennis	Communications Specialist	x 213
Marilyn Roberts	Bookkeeper	x 222
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Sharon Wallenborn	Director, Circle of Friends Preschool - 696-9926	x 212
	Deacon Line	x 250

The next Pilot Light deadline is **June 14, 2011**. *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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