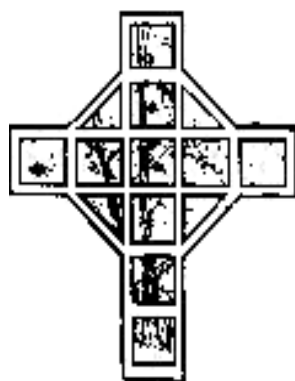


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The Triangle

November 17th, 2009



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN INVITE YOU!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Tuesday, December 1, from 10:00am – noon

Please join us for fellowship, refreshments and viewing our
Christmas display.

The "Sew Happy" Quilters will have their quilts on display and for
sale with the proceeds supporting mission.

Cookies will be for sale with the proceeds supporting the purchase
of items for our new kitchen.

Marlene Epp, for Presbyterian Women of Westminster

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Christine T. Long

In human life it seems that we are drawn to organizing and keeping track of our days. Some people follow the natural seasons of winter, spring, summer, fall to guide their activities and traditions. Families may rely on the school calendar to drive their sense of the passing of time as they coordinate with school vacations, conference weeks, and events. Some of us may keep track of the passing year by the celebrations of important days like birthdays, anniversaries, and accomplishments. In church life we have the liturgical calendar that offers another way of guiding and organizing the rhythms of our lives on a yearly basis.

The word liturgy means "form of public worship" or "ritual." It comes from the Greek word meaning "public service." The liturgical calendar, also called the Christian calendar used in Protestant churches, divides the year into seasons that have their own moods, theological emphasis, prayer modes, worship colors, and traditions or practices. The liturgical year cycle contains Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and concludes with another Ordinary Time.

On November 29th we will begin the next liturgical calendar year with Advent. Advent always begins the 4th Sunday before December 25th, the Sunday closest to November 30th. It could be easy to forget about the first Sunday of Advent this year because it falls during our American cultural, "Thanksgiving Weekend." It is honorable and enjoyable to recognize and participate in our national holidays, but perhaps we can organize our lives in other ways.

Beginning with Advent this year, consider how the rhythms and themes of the liturgical calendar can guide and expand your experience of life with God. At times the liturgical calendar will coincide with the rhythms of our cultural context and other times it will not. Giving priority to the church calendar is a good reminder that you are above all things a child of God created in God's image to enjoy the Holy One forever.

On Sunday, November 22nd you will find a helpful pamphlet in the pew racks explaining the season of Advent. For example you will learn that Advent is a season of waiting in which we cultivate our awareness of God's actions in the past, present and future. In Advent we remember Israel waiting and hoping for a savior, give thanks for Christ's birth, and anticipate the Second Coming of Christ. Information is included about Advent wreaths, ways to celebrate Advent and Advent book suggestions. We will offer an activity booklet available for families with children called "Celebrate Advent at Home."

Be blessed in your holiday season and may your spirit be renewed!

Christine

Calendar for This Week and Next

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

4:00pm K. Theine piano recital

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

2:30pm Thanksgiving Celebration
@ Temple Beth Hatfiloh

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4:00pm Presbytery Trustees (lib)

4:30pm Stephen Ministries

7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether
Kid's Club / Youth Group

7:00pm Craft Group

7:00pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving (church office closed)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving holiday (office closed)

Overflow Shelter at WPC begins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00am Worship

9:45am Advent Craft Sunday

11:15am Worship

12:30pm (no Youth Group)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12 noon Triangle articles due

7:00pm Bell Choir

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

10:00am PW Christmas Tea (see
front page)

6:00pm Praise Team

7:00pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:30am Triangle folding (lib)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

5:00pm 18th Ave Open House

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

(No Praise Team or Choir
rehearsal tonight)



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

Sunday Childcare: This is a reminder that the childcare room has moved to room 5 in the lower CE wing. Along with the childcare workers, I want to thank you for your help with the transition. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to talk with me or Jennifer Tucker, our Childcare Coordinator.

Sunday School: This past week a committee met to talk about the Youth and Children's Sunday School. Many of you took a survey by phone with Sandy Crouch. This committee was formed to make recommendations or share insights as to how we can make Sunday School more inviting. The committee went over the results of that survey and made some suggestions. In the next few weeks you will be able to read the report from the meeting. I want to thank Carie Bussey, Brooke Hare, Greg Burkhardt, Donna Burkhardt and Vonnie Diseth for their time and candid discussion.

Remember these dates:

- ◆ November 29th - we will have our annual "Advent Craft" Sunday featuring several Advent Crafts to get us ready for the Advent/Christmas Season.
- ◆ December 6th - Sunday School resumes in the sanctuary as we prepare for our annual Christmas Performance which will be held at 10am on December 13th.
- ◆ December 13th - Sunday School Christmas performance in the sanctuary @10am.
- ◆ December 20th, 27th and January 3rd there will be no Sunday School. We will resume Sunday School on Sunday, January 10th.

Cheryl Kinnamon

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL NEWS . . .

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Phewww . . . We made it! Wednesday, November 11th was a working holiday for the preschool staff and several members of the church. Buildings & Grounds Department members *Ernie Petermann, Dave Clark, Frank Sanborn, Jerry Julian* and *Jared Brandenburg* helped move 19 years worth of furniture, toys, books, craft materials and assorted detritus from the preschool area to rooms 4 and 5 of the CE wing.

Our temporary home is used daily for preschool classes, on Sundays and other times for nursery and Sunday School. We've settled in and are back to business as usual. God's many blessings continue to fall. As Thanksgiving and Christmas draw near, our hearts are filled with much gratefulness and love.



Christina "Tina" Wagner, for Sunshine Preschool

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY

At our special service of worship on Sunday, November 15th, we celebrated “*turning our very ordinary gifts into extraordinary blessings*” and it was truly a service of blessings. We enjoyed the message of a guest pastor, heard some wonderful music, dedicated 118 pledges and shared in some good food and fellowship.

For those of you who had to miss this service and opportunity to pledge we ask that you fill out a pledge card (found in the pew racks) or request one mailed to you from the church office. We ask that you return your completed pledge card to the church as soon as possible.

Our sincere thanks to those of you who have already made your pledge.

Your Stewardship Committee:

*Carl Harris, chair; Kimberly Ellwanger, Jim Long,
Kathy Marshall, Ron Stoker and Eden Teachout*

MARRIAGE RETREAT AT CANNON BEACH

Plan to join us March 19-21, 2010

This will be a perfect chance to relax, escape, and strengthen one another through God. Enjoy fellowship with other couples, breathe in the natural beauty of the Oregon Coast and let it renew you.

Plan now to join Pastor Christine with other couples at Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center for an energizing and engaging retreat. Celebrate your strengths, identify your growth areas, and increase practical relationship skills in Communication, Conflict Resolution, Closeness, Flexibility, Financial Management and more.

Retreat includes two overnights, two breakfasts and one dinner in the Beach Front Lodge overlooking the ocean. Private rooms feature queen-size beds with bath. Rate for the Weekend Package will be around \$275. In the next few weeks, look for an informational table in the narthex where you can learn more about the retreat and pick up a brochure that includes a registration form. For more information on the retreat go to: www.wpoly.org. Visit Cannon Beach Christian Center at: www.cbcc.net. For now, mark your calendars and prepare for a wonderful time with your spouse.

Rachelle Dudley and Christine Long, Marriage Retreat Coordinators

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES



The deadline has been extended. You may still turn in your filled shoeboxes this Sunday, November 22nd. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Jennifer Crooks, 956-1142, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

CANDLES & CAROLS

Sunday, December 6, beginning at 5:00pm

Start the Christmas Season by joining us for our 21st annual Candles & Carols evening of music, which includes singing Christmas carols and a yummy finger-foods buffet. This year our very own Youth Group, under the direction of Katrina Wyman, Youth Group Coordinator, will be providing a festive evening program. Child care begins at 4:45pm. The one-hour program will begin at 5:00pm, in the sanctuary, followed by the finger-food buffet in the narthex.

For "finger-food" items to share, if your last name begins with:

A-G: bring sweets – things small and yummy

H-O: bring cheeses, meats, crackers, etc.

P-Z: bring fresh fruits and/or vegetables with dips

Beverages will be provided.

Tom Rolfs and Glen Hunter, Co-Chair, Fellowship & Outreach Department

HANGING OF THE GREENS!

Saturday, December 12th at 1:00pm

Come enjoy a time of fellowship as we gather to decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons. Cookies, hot cider and holiday music will be provided. You may wish to bring gloves, heavy snips to cut greens, and any holly or greenery you might want to share. We are usually done in less than two hours. If you have questions, please feel free to give me a call. Thanks so much.



Marj Marion, 956-1185, for Worship & Music

A STEPHEN MINISTRY RELATIONSHIP IS INTENTIONAL



This is the third article in our series “*What is the difference between a Stephen Ministry relationship and a friendship?*”

The relationship has been established for a reason – so that the Stephen Minister can walk with the care receiver through a difficult time. The Stephen Minister knows this and the care receiver knows this, so that when the Stephen Minister arrives at the care receiver’s home (perhaps after just a little bit of small talk), the two can dive right into deep emotional and spiritual issues. The Stephen Minister knows he or she “has permission” to ask questions about difficult experiences. Likewise, the care receiver knows he or she “has permission” to share painful feelings. The relationship has been established with a clear purpose in mind.

To learn more, contact *Dick Petermann* (956-3438) or *Joan Schlect* (456-4674).

HELP NEEDED WITH THE EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER

Yes! You can still get involved in serving people dealing with homelessness when Westminster Presbyterian hosts the Emergency Overflow Shelter November 27 – December 10, 2009. We are still in need of people to serve as overnight hosts for the Shelter. Be ready to say *Yes!* when you are called or you may give me a call.

We are also looking for people to help out as greeters during the hours of 7:00-10:00pm each night. This service involves helping the residents check in and making them feel at home during these evening hours. We will offer light snacks, warming drinks and friendly conversation to our guests. Please call Paul to select a date to help out during the shelter.

A moving crew is needed to transport all of the shelter supplies and equipment to the new host church on Friday, December 11, at 9:00am. If you have a truck or van or just time to help with this project please contact Paul or Ernie Petermann. We would welcome donations of light snack foods or personal care supplies to give to our guests during their stay. Just bring these to the church marked Emergency Overflow Shelter and leave on the shelves in room 7.

Finally, we need a transport team and vehicles to help transport our residents to the free breakfast at Salvation Army on Saturday and Sunday mornings November 28 & 29 and December 5 & 6 at 6:45am because the bus service does not start in time for them to get there. If you have a van or vehicle with several seats and the time to help, please contact me. Thanks for stepping up to help with these important tasks!

Paul Taylor, 438-0173, for the Mission & Ministry Department

NOTICE TO WESTMINSTER DEACONS AND ELDERS . . .

It is that time again! I'd like to get volunteers for serving communion for the months of January, February, and March. I will be in the narthex with my handy calendar after first and second services, December 13th and 20th. Thanks so much!

Dorris Hensel, 455-1019

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

November 8 – **224** (80 at 9:00am)

November 15 – **201** (10:00am)



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Sandra Hedlund and Arnie Cuddeford, November 29th

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