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Maundy Thursday, April 5

6:30 p.m. – Service starts with a festival meal in Gatton Hall. Worship continues with a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary and the stripping of the church. Cellist Nancy Sowdon will play.

Good Friday, April 6

8:00 p.m. – Service is based on the Stations of the Cross, an ancient Christian tradition of meditation and prayer. The Sanctuary Choir will sing.

The Easter Vigil

Between 9:00 on Good Friday and 6:00 Easter morning, take one hour to attend, to meditate, to be present in the sanctuary in silence.

Easter Sunday, April 8

8:30 a.m. – Be a part of the dramatic transformation of the sanctuary from darkness to light as the Vigil ends and we first hear the good news of the Resurrection. Communion will be served and youth will act as worship leaders. Music is provided by the Sanctuary Choir with brass and timpani, and Pink Salmon (Chris Rorrer, Gavin Milligan, and Steve Milligan).

9:15 -10:30 a.m. -- Easter Breakfast is served in Gatton Hall (\$2/person) NO coffee hour Sunday.

11:00 a.m. – Celebration service, with music by the Sanctuary Choir with brass, timpani and bells.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



(L to R): Shauna Lambert (hidden, sponsor for) Nick and Anna Som; Wayne & Verlyne Phillips (sponsors for) Ed and Nancy Henderlite; Charles Helsabeck, with sponsor Joan Caldwell; Paul & Julia Westerberg, with sponsors Karen and Ed Miller. Pat Phillips was not present.

Charles Helsabeck

Corvallis, OR 97330

Many of us remember Charles from his time with us as Associate Minister from 1976 - 1979. Charles has four adult children: Nathan, Spencer, Christopher, and Danielle. He is also married to our Parish Nurse and ordained UCC minister, Caroline Zaworski. He was attracted to our church because of its friendliness, our Open and Affirming status, the clergy, and our music program.

Ed & Nancy Henderlite

Corvallis, OR 97330

Nancy and Ed have two adult children, Stephen and Christopher. Nancy is a retired counselor and continues to listen to people with problems and issues, searches for resolution, and engages in meditation. Her hobbies and interests include cross stitch, needlework, reading, some gardening, and walking. She was attracted to our church by the good preaching, the music, the warmth which

permeates the fellowship, and the opportunity to belong.

Ed is a retired UCC minister, who served the First Congregational UCC church in Salem for 20 years. Ed is a big-time reader and enjoys traveling and exploring new things. As a UCC minister, he probably wasn't going anywhere else! So with their move to Corvallis, our church was a natural fit; he has known Liz and our church for many years. The quality of worship is very important to Ed, and the preaching and music that he finds here make that experience happen for him.

Pat Phillips

Corvallis, OR 97333

Pat is now retired but previously taught, did secretarial tasks, and was an assistant administrator in the health field. She enjoys reading, writing, computer work, and walking. Pat says she was attracted to our church because "it's widely recognized as all-inclusive, the music program, proximity to Stoneybrook, strong preaching, and wide mission outreach."

Nick & Anna Som

Albany, OR 97321

Nick is a graduate student at OSU and Anna teaches math at North Albany Middle School. They enjoy outdoor activities, but are currently busy preparing for the birth of their baby, due May 15.

They came to our church because of our celebration of diversity and commitment to social environmental issues.

Paul & Julia Westerberg

Albany, OR 97321

Paul is employed by Time Warner Cable and works in information systems. His hobbies are reading and gardening. He was attracted to our church because of its friendliness, particularly the members.

Julia is retired, after having previously been employed in the field of social work. Her hobbies and interests include reading, history, traveling, and walking. She was attracted to our church because of the music of the choir, "which is outstanding."

TOWARD ENDING VIOLENCE IN COLOMBIA

On *April 12*, the Just Peace Committee will be sponsoring a film and discussion about Colombia. This educational event is part of our preparation for taking part in a Witness for Peace event called "Colombia Days of Prayer and Action." In May, our church will be one of 500 congregations invited to participate in raising awareness and voice to end the violence in Colombia. This film will be the first step in helping us prepare. Please mark your calendars and come *Wednesday evening, April 12* at 7:00 p.m. for the showing of "Colombians Speak Out about Violence and U.S. Policy."



There will be no youth groups this week due to Easter. However, many of you have signed up to help with the 8:30 worship service or to help at the Easter breakfast; please remember what you signed up for and contact **Ryan** if you have forgotten what you volunteered for!

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS APPROACHING

The 3rd Annual **Spring Fling Craft Faire** will take place on *April 21* in Gattton Hall from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. This event features local artists, including Libby Ankarberg, Bart Eleveld, Jody Eleveld, Karen French, Jim Hall and Christine Storm. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the youth mission fund which allows our youth to go on mission trips and to General Synod. Along with booths featuring local artists there will be home-made soup, home-baked snacks and free children's activities. Plan now to attend!

The youth group is also in the process of scheduling a **garage sale** for later in the spring. As you begin to sort through your treasures during spring cleaning please remember that the youth groups could use your donated goods for their sale. Contact **Ryan** at the church to arrange to have your items picked up.



INTERESTED IN TEACHING CHURCH SCHOOL?

Our Christian Education program continues through until *June 3*, but now is the time when the Christian Education Board is beginning to put together our teaching roster for next fall. Perhaps you have considered teaching, but aren't sure about what happens in our classes. During the remainder of our church school year we are offering people the chance to observe or even help in classrooms as a "preview" opportunity for those who might like to volunteer for teaching next year. Please contact **Ryan** if you would like to schedule a time to observe in a church school class; we have a great core group of teachers, but more are always welcome!



MISSION OFFERING FOR CLEAN WATER

Water ... worth more than gold and necessary for survival above all other resources on earth..... And yet, over one billion men, women, and children (more than four times the population of the United States and Canada combined) do not have safe water to drink and therefore cannot live a healthy life. Sixty percent of woman's time is spent carrying water. This is time that could be spent growing food or on other projects.

Please give generously for the April Mission Offering to support the work of **Engineers Without Borders.**

*Workshops for parents***SHARING STRENGTHS: SUPPORT AND SKILLS FOR FAMILY LIFE.**

Esther Schiedel, MS., Certified Family Life Educator, will facilitate parenting workshop at our church. There is a discount for church members.

“Nourishing Us while Nurturing Them”—Interactive workshop for couples with children and expectant parents: The focus is on the couple relationship. Group discussions, fun exercises, and time to talk to each other. *Thursday April 12, 7:00 p.m.– 8:15 p.m.* \$15 per family (\$12 for church members). Supervised playroom for children.

“Siblings Without Rivalry™”—Have two or more children? Expecting a second child? Learn how to reduce family friction, treat children fairly while meeting individual needs, and promote an atmosphere of cooperation. Based on the best selling book by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. Discussion, role-play, and workbook.

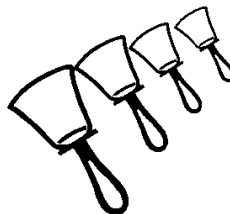
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.– 8:15 p.m.

- *April 19:* Dealing with Feelings about Each Other;
- *April 26:* Keeping Children Separate and Unequal;
- *May 3:* Siblings in Roles;
- *May 10:* When the Kids Fight;
- *May 17:* Problem Solving & Review

Supervised playroom provided for children. One workshop \$20, Series of 5 \$45 per family (\$40 for church mem-

bers).

For more information call Esther at 753-6889 or email: sharingstrengths@aol.com



**GUEST BELL
CHOIR COMING
NEXT SUNDAY**

The **Carillon
Revelry Handbell
Choir**, which re-

hearses at First Presbyterian Church, will participate in worship at our church on *April 15*. The group, ringing four and one-half octave of bells is comprised of eleven members from the Corvallis/Albany area. One of the performers, **Kim Thackray**, is a member of our church.

As the prelude, the group will play “Virginia Highlands Suite” by Cynthia Dobrinski. During the service “We Praise thee, O God, Our Redeemer” also by Dobrinski and “Gymnopedie” by Erik Satie, arranged by Karen Roth, will be rung. For the postlude, Carillon Revelry will play an arrangement of “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The pieces are part of a larger concert that Carillon Revelry will ring on *April 22* at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Two additional pieces, accompanied by instruments, will be on the program as well as the Chancel Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, singing Bradley Ellingboe’s *Requiem*, accompanied by an instrumental sextet and directed by Laurie Bates.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Good Friday, April 6

- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. Worship**
- 9:00 p.m. Vigil begins**

Saturday, April 7

- 10:00 a.m. Flower arranging

Easter Sunday, April 8

- 7:30 a.m. Brass rehearsal
- 7:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir, brass
- 8:30 a.m. Worship**
NO C E classes
- 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast**
- 9:30 a.m. Bell Choir
- 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir,
brass, bells
- 11:00 a.m. Worship**
NO Coffee Hour

Monday, April 9

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- 5:30 p.m. Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Tuesday, April 10

- Noon Lectionary class

Wednesday, April 11

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
NO Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 12

- 7:00 p.m. Film on Colombia
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- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

LOOKING AHEAD July 15-19: Vacation Bible School

EASTER VIGIL PARTICIPANTS:

When arriving for your vigil shift, park near the front (sanctuary) door and use that more convenient entrance.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO START

Next *Sunday, April 15*, rehearsals begin for a Children's Choir, which will sing during worship on Mother's Day. The choir will meet immediately following worship in the Music Room and is open to third through fifth graders.