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Annual Budget Meeting

Sunday, January 25,

-- at the end of worship, to approve the 2009 church operating budget

There have been no significant changes to the budget proposed in the Stewardship letter so new copies will not be mailed; the office has some available for pick-up.

Register now for

Winter Weekend!

Get ready for some winter fun and a unique opportunity to gather as a community in the mountains of Oregon! Our annual Winter Weekend at Suttle Lake will be *February 14-16* (Presidents' Day weekend). This multi-generational event is a great opportunity to have outdoor fun inner-tubing, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, playing in the snow, and indoor fun playing games, reading, and visiting all while enjoying the company and community of church friends in a low-key and beautiful setting. Registration begins *this Sunday, January 11*, and will continue until we reach our maximum number of 45 participants.

The cost per person is: Adults (over 18) \$61.50; Youth (13-18) \$54.50; Chil-

dren 6-12 years \$46.50; Children 2-5 years \$31.00. This covers two nights lodging, Saturday and Sunday dinner and Sunday and Monday breakfast as well as covering a new fee for tubing. Full payment is due to the church by *February 1*. If you have questions, or if you would like to register, but will not be in church this Sunday, please contact **Ryan Lambert** in the church office (757-8122), at home (754-1214), or via e-mail (ryan@ucc-corvallis.org).

THIS SUNDAY

January 11

Adult Forum: The latest issue of *The Christian Century* includes the article "Does the Promise Still Hold?: Israel and the Land," which discusses the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Excerpts from the article will form the basis of a conversation about war, justice, and our responses to this conflict. Join us!

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-5
Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: "Defining Moments"
Elizabeth Oettinger

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Ryan Lambert*

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed some recent changes in the paper stock for the worship bulletins on Sunday mornings. For some time our church has received its bulletin stock through a subscription from the United Church of Christ publishing house, but we recently decided to take a season off from our subscription to consider our options for worship bulletins. The subscription bulletins will return for Lent, but in the interim time the Worship Committee and staff are exploring our bulletin format as we seek to balance flexibility, ecological stewardship, cost, and functionality.

Our recent bulletins have been purple and white, mirroring the liturgical colors for the particular Sunday, which has been a nice option not available with the subscription. Using blank stock has also allowed us to have more printable space and necessitated fewer inserts and thus saved paper. Beginning this week we are trying a narrow format bulletin that will further reduce the paper used in the production of our bulletins. This new format comes to us from the Albany Disciples of Christ church and we believe it offers equal readability at a lower cost while consuming less paper. We will, of course, continue to produce large-print bulletins for those who need them.

The Worship Committee and the staff may continue to experiment with our bulletins as we seek better ways to present the order of worship. After a few weeks of using this new format we will have a survey form for congregational feedback so that the worship committee can make decisions that include your input. Thanks for your flexibility and your input!

Blessings,

Ryan**READ & FEED VOTES, MEETS**

The January book discussion will happen at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Bill and Susan Wickes**. This month's book is *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan.

Members should be sure to vote by **January 10** for the next group of books by e-mailing **Nancye Ballard** with your choices. Nominations can be reviewed on the group website:

<http://home.comcast.net/~wickes3/readfeed/poll-1-2009.htm>

The Rorrer family would like to thank the church family for your prayers, cards, visits, caroling, flowers and meals. Thanks so much for helping speed Kristin's recovery!



The youth groups will be gathering this *Sunday, January 11*, at 5:00 p.m.

(Middle School) and 6:30 (High School). Join us for games, community, looking ahead to a couple of service opportunities and to help build further on the Web of Life DreamCatcher that was created last weekend during CE. Questions? Contact **Ryan** at the church or via e-mail.

MOVIE SERIES ON HEALTHCARE REFORM

The films will be shown on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and repeated on the following Thursday or Monday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

- *January 11, 15*: "Health, Money and Fear" (47 min.), produced by Paul Hochfeld, shows problems of access to healthcare
- *January 18, 22*: "Unnatural Causes - In Sickness and in Health" (56 min.) A documentary by California Newsreel, this focuses on social conditions that underlie our opportunities for health and well being.
- *January. 25, 29* : "Critical Condition" (83 min.) POV series from PBS follows four uninsured Americans as they battle illness over a two-year period.

- *February 1, 2* "Sick Around the World" (56 min.) PBS Frontline: Can the U.S. learn anything from other advanced capitalist democracies - U.K., Japan, Germany, Taiwan and Switzerland - about how to run a healthcare system?
- *February 8, 9*: "The Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century" (55 min.) Kitzhaber speech in March 2008.
- *February. 15*: "Sicko" from Michael Moore

DRIVER APPRECIATION

Let's start the New Year right by thanking folks -- including those who help others get to church by providing regular transportation to those individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend Sunday worship.

These over the last few months have included: **Helen Chesbough, Marie Jennings, Kiko Kimura, Wayne and Verlyne Phillips, Pat Phillips, Tammy Skubinna, Marion Whitney, Susan Wickes and Pamela Wood-Rinkus**. If you would like your name added to our list of those willing to help with this service call **Doris Sherry** (745-5607).

Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Kim Jones'** mother, **Doris Jones**, who is undergoing treatment for lymphoma at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, January 13.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, January 9

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation overnight
- 7:30 p.m. Badminton

Sunday, January 11

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education
- 9:30 a.m. Bell Choir,
Music Room
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- (following) Soup 'n' Bread
- 5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Read & Feed, Wickes

Monday, January 12

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Board

Tuesday, January 13

- Noon Lectionary class
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, January 14

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast Group

- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- Thursday, January 15*
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Group
 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142
- Friday, January 16*
- 7:30 p.m. Badminton

LOOKING AHEAD: *February 1:* Scout Sunday; *February 14-16:* Winter Weekend; *February 25:* Ash Wednesday



... to **Jan** and **Larry Thornton,** **Nick Som, Jim Hall,** **Nancye Ballard,** **Shauna Lambert,** and

Becky Flitcroft for their work on last Sunday's intergenerational Christian Education experience.

... and to **Sarah Hoffman,** for her assistance during the children's Christmas pageant, including conducting during the performance.