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OPEN HEARTS,
OPEN MINDS IN A
FAMILY OF FAITH

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Sauvie Island Morning

Osprey on quiet wings
resting on the gentle rise of air
How did they learn to trust,
relax on breeze unseen?
I envied their serenity

Swallows darting by with cheerful chirps
lunching over pond and field, and me.
More swallow-like, I cannot criticize
their inborn speed and restless energy

Redwings= songs, the geese in noisy V
each who he is, her true identity B
Not darting who should soar
nor resting who has speed
nor silent who has song to share B
A blessing on the wing

Pastor Marilyn Allen

Congregational Meeting

Sunday – May 3rd
(After Worship)

The session calls a short meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the next term. Three Elders and two Deacons have been nominated for the class of 2012. Others may be nominated from the floor if they have been asked before the meeting and have consented to serve if elected.

Karen Roldan, Clerk of Session

Bible Study: 9:20 AM
Worship: 10:30 AM

May 3 - Communion
“Life with the Good Shepherd”
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 10 “Barriers or Blessings?”
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 17 “Friends of Jesus”
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 24 “Sent into the World”
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 31 Pentecost
“A Wild Birthday Party”
Wear something Red!
Ezek. 37:1-14
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15



Session Reports

PEACE KEEPING AND MISSION

This is the message from Christ: We are to love God and one another because God loved us first. "If you see people in need and have the means to do something about it, but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love?- Friends, let's not just talk about love; true love shows itself in action. God is love and when we live in love; God lives in us." (From *The Message* – 1 John)

The Mission Commission sends blessings to all of you who have given to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is divided into 3 parts: The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36%, part of which goes to Bolivia, where Brad and Ali Kent are working. (They are our Oregon missionaries to Bolivia) The other two are the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, and Self Development of People, each receiving 32%.

Our next Special Offering will be the **Pentecost Offering** which will be taken on **Sunday May 31st**. The Pentecost Offering is for children at risk, youth and young adults. Forty percent will be used to help children at risk and the rest is divided between young adults and youth. The part for young adults is used for the purpose of helping them pursue a theological education or serve as a Young Adult Volunteers. The rest of the offering goes to help youth develop leadership skills and a deeper faith through the Presbyterian Youth Connection.

FELLOWSHIP

Thank-you: to all who provided snacks for Fellowship Hour in April, especially on Easter Sunday, your gift of hospitality is appreciated. Please consider hosting this time on Sunday morning, sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. Also, please contact Lib Hooper if you would like to join the Fellowship Commission. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th, 11:30 am at the Warren Country Inn.

CHRISTIAN ED.

Thank-you to Jan Stites, Pastor Marilyn and especially our young people who made Holy Humor Sunday a huge success.

V.B.S. – This year we have been thinking about Family V.B.S. that would meet in early evenings instead of mornings. This would allow all ages to participate in V.B.S. There will be a bulletin insert to solicit your comments on this idea. The theme would be "Families in the Bible – God's Family". This will be a great time to share your faith with those you love. And, neighbors and friends are always welcome. Please consider participating in this wonderful ministry

Thanks for all the cans and Red Apple receipts. We=d love to have anyone who would like to donate snacks or time and talent to our youth come join us on Tuesdays evenings at 6:30 pm, except on the third Tuesday. We have incredibly lively intelligent discussions with our wonderful youth.

FINANCE

March 2009:

Income:	\$7,256.02
Expenses:	\$8,017.51
Total:	(\$761.49)

Thanks to those who have paid their own per capita for this year, \$22.55 per member. Each congregation is responsible for that amount per member, so your extra contribution helps our budget. Per capita payments support the administrative costs of presbytery, synod and General Assembly meetings, so that mission contributions are not used for those administrative expenses.



CHURCH NEWS

Happy Birthday!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Twenty-two adults plus baby Fynn attended Priscilla Circle on April 8th. Lorna Bradley and Fran Pickering were the hostesses and served Pineapple Lush for dessert. Lorna read a "Minute for Mission" about the poor nutrition in Kenya and what the Makindu Children's Centre is doing to address the problem. As reported in the previous newsletter, Priscilla Circle is supporting the Centre this year as its mission project. To-date, \$575 has been collected and will be mailed to the Centre by the end of April. The second and final check will be mailed in November. Anyone interested in helping us with this project can contact Helen Purkerson or Fran Pickering or leave a contribution with the church office.

Al Sinner gave an interesting talk on his faith journey for our Person of Faith. Please take time to read his bio in this newsletter. Becky Frazier closed the meeting with two reflections from *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*. Remember that God has His fingerprints on everything and Look for the extraordinary in the ordinary.

The next Priscilla Circle meeting is May 13th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bill Eagle will be the Person of Faith. Helen Purkerson and Yvonne Schoonover are hosting and Polly Rice will provide the devotions. Hope to see you there!
Fran Pickering

DEACONS

The Deacons met on April 7th. There had been one disbursement from the Emergency Fund. There were 8 prayer chain requests April. Ruth Cox has volunteered to coordinate "The Buddy List". Look for additional information in an upcoming newsletter.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It is time to update the Church Directory. A draft copy of the Directory will be in the Fellowship Hall during May. Please take a moment to verify your information and write-in any corrections, or omissions.

May Birthdays

Ruth	Cox	5	6
Betty	Grady	5	6
Jennifer	Daly	5	7
Shirley	Chulufas	5	9
Karen	Roldan	5	11
Doris	Perry	5	16
Rick	Kemp	5	19
Alex	Kramer	5	23
Shirley	Eaton	5	24
Linda	Gaskill	5	28

Welcome Back!

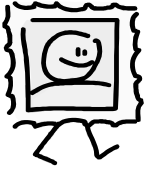
We welcome back to active membership Wally and Aline Gainer. Due to health problems they are unable to attend worship, but they have been keeping up with us from their home in Warren. Welcome home, Wally and Aline!

ATTENDANCE

March 22	50
March 29	49
April 5	51
April 12	82
April 19	67

RECEIVE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

Please contact Linda Dunn (red40@opusnet.com) if you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail rather than a paper copy. You must be able to open a Microsoft Word document to view the newsletter



If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Out of our Re-visioning process, the congregation elected to pursue developing a volunteer work group to lend a helping hand to those within the congregation who need assistance around the home, such as cleaning or minor repairs. The program is targeted at people who are unable to do these chores on their own due to physical challenges. We want to start this program with Church attendees then venture into the community. We are looking for volunteers who will be willing to help in this effort. Please contact Ron Stites or any member of Session if you are willing to volunteer some time to this project.



From Linda Gaskill:

I am so overwhelmed with the gift of the prayer quilt. It is such a blessing to know that so many are praying for my well being as I move forward with treatment. The quilt keeps me warm; and it is a constant reminder of the loving presence of God through your outreach.

Thank-you! Thank-you!

From John Ferrise:

Thank-you all for the wonderful prayer quilt. Shirlee and I are enjoying it very much. Shirlee has it draped over her lap at this very moment. Your prayers mean so much to us. Thank-you and God bless you.

From Gary & Shirely Eaton:

We want to thank-you for the support you have given us through this very difficult time. Thank-you for the prayers, telephone calls and beautiful cards. The prayer quilt is so beautiful and comforting. Our deacon, Les Christie has been wonderful bringing so many good meals. Thanks Les!

FREE CPR CLASS

Larry and Angie Meres will be offering a “free” CPR class at PPC on Saturday, June 13 at 1:00 pm. The class will be about 3 hours and open to any church member age 14 and up. Wear comfortable clothing as there will be a lot of practicing! The class size is limited to 16 participants. There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Or, you may contact Larry or Angie directly: e-mail: Angie.Meres@providence.org or telephone: 503-

PRAYERS & SQUARES

2009 has been a busy time for the Prayers & Squares group. Prayer Quilts have been given to the following:

Deloris Paterson, John & Shirlee Ferrise (parents of Jack Ferrise), Gary Eaton, Bob Cox (son of Ruth Cox), Linda Gaskill, and Micah Schoonover. A dedicated group of women meet monthly at the church to work on prayer quilts. Please contact Audrey Sinner if you would like to be involved with this ministry.

DEDICATION OF NEW LIGHTS

Sunday May 17th we will dedicate the new lights in the sanctuary during worship. Families of those whose memorial money helped to pay for the lights are especially encouraged to be present. Those who served on the selection committee and who helped install the lights will also be recognized.

The Lord is my light and my salvation... The Lord is the stronghold of my life... Psalm 27:1



Sharing Our Faith

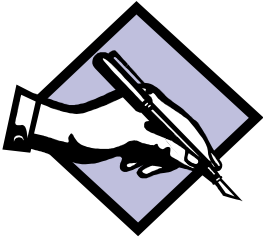
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SINNER

It all began July 1928. My parents were living in the parsonage of the Ebenezer Congregational Church located in Portland on the corner of NE 7th and Stanton St. We were living with my mother's uncle (we called him Grampa) who was the minister of the church. My mother was the pianist/organist at the time. Thus began my faith journey. After Grampa retired from the ministry, we moved to a 10 acre farm near Troutdale, OR. Almost every weekend we drove the 15 miles into Portland and stayed with my Aunt Molly so we could walk to church on Sunday. We attended a "sister" church at NE 9th and Fremont St. In 1942 my parents moved to Portland where I attended high school and later the University of Portland.

After school it was time to go to work. I was working at a tire shop when a cute little gal had a flat tire on her car. About 10 or 11 months later Audrey and I were married at the First Congregational Church in downtown Portland. After several years the tire shop closed and I was out of work. My parents owned a motel at the time and put us in as managers. While there, we became acquainted with a factory salesman from California who sold body shop supplies. Selling new products at that time was difficult for him; he was not having any success so he asked me if I might be interested in sales. Why not! I had time and this seemed like a good opportunity. Several years later, with our family growing, we decided we needed a larger place to live. We bought our first home and lived there for 25 years until ODOT forced us to move. We then moved to St. Helens where we currently reside.

Through the years – growing up, going to school and working, I have made many decisions. Most of them were easy; relying on my faith helped me to follow the correct path. For instance, Audrey and I looked for years for a home to buy – one large enough for us and our five boys and one that we could afford. A friend told us of a house that might fit the bill. We were a block away from home when a feeling came over me that our search was over. We bought that home. This is just one example of a strong faith in God giving me the confidence to make the right decisions. There are a thousand stories I could share that would show that working hard and having faith in the Almighty will reap many rewards.

DATE	COMMUNION SET UP		COMMUNION SERVERS	
3-May	Ron & Jan Stites		Helen Purkerson and Lorna Bradley	
7-June	Gina Harrington		Judy Gilbert and Yvonne Karreman	
5-July	Lorna Bradley		Gina Harrington and Kathleen Dinwiddie	
*GREETERS/USHERS Arrive at 10:00 am	DATE	SNACKS	FLOWERS	LAY LEADER
Rose, Jessica & Josie Galloway	10-May	Men's Brunch	Shirley Eaton	Linda Dunn
	17-May			
Lorna Bradley & Corrine Humbird	24-May			
	31-May			
Richard & Shirley Chulufas	7-June		Juanita Shearer	
	14-June			
	21-June	Father's Day – Fellowship		
Jan & Ron Stites	28-June			



Newsletter Deadline: April 22nd

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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2009

Wear something “red” to church as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Word Search

The 12 Minor Prophets

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Zephaniah	Zechariah	Haggi	Jonah
Habakkuk	Nahum	Hosea	Joel
Malachi	Obadiah	Amos	Micah



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