

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Worship

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship

10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship

5:30 p.m.

Sunday Evening  
Gathering

#### Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Contemplative Service

Child care provided at all  
worship times

#### Next Faith Notes

##### Deadline

January 26 at Noon

##### Next Publication:

February 4, 2009

### Pastor's Column

I keep hearing people say, "I'm not very optimistic." The good news is that OPTIMISM and HOPE are radically different attitudes and approaches to the challenges we face. A meditation from the Henri Nouwen Society this week wrote,

"Optimism is the expectation that things – the weather, human relationships, the economy, the unrest in the Middle East, and so on – will get better.

Hope is the trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads to true freedom.

The optimist speaks about concrete changes in the future. The person of hope lives in the moment with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands.

People of hope live with a promise in their hearts that guides them toward the future without the need to know exactly what it will look like. Let's live with hope." (Jan. 16, 2009 – Henri Nouwen Society daily meditation).

I do see many reasons for hope. I have a basic trust that God is always "doing something new."

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up: do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43.19)

The Rev. Ann Howard shared an email from her son, who is in China this month attending a January term course in public health policy. Her son described his visit to the Great Wall:

"The wall is stunningly strung along the ridges north of town, which in the cold wind and unusually clear late afternoon light we had nearly to ourselves, and was made all the more magical by the soft jazz of Kenny G piped in through the inescapable speaker system . . . pretty surreal really . . . especially when some Chinese wall trekkers on a remote stretch found out we were from the U.S. and started chanting for Obama . . . started chanting, "Yes, we can!"

How extraordinary! Strangers meeting on the Great Wall in communist China with the Chinese breaking into a song for a new American president might suggest that something new is happening. This might suggest we are all ready for change. This isn't about Barack Obama. My hope does not lie in him or his pledge for change.

My hope lies in the evidence that something new is possible. My hope lies in the record number of people who came together to be the change that we seek. In this past election there was a record number of voters, debate-watchers,

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bloggers, readers, rally-goers, door-knockers, telephoners and so many more who were all more engaged in the public arena and the world around us in ways they hadn't been before. My hope lies in our readiness to take this engagement into 2009 and begin to change our ways of relating to one another, change our patterns of consuming, change our ways of relating to the world around us, and change our hope and belief that something new is possible.

My hope lies in the inauguration of the first African American President the day after we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dream.

My hope lies in the call sent out to people of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities – cleaning up parks, giving blood, volunteering at homeless shelters, mentoring youth, visiting nursing homes, caring for your neighbors.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said,

“If you want to be important -- wonderful,

If you want to be recognized – wonderful,

If you want to be great – wonderful. But, recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That's a new definition of greatness.”

We may not be very optimistic. But, we can be people who live with hope. We can be people who live with God's dream in our hearts and walk toward the future doing our part to make that dream a reality.

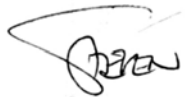
Remember, we can choose!

Choose to love!

Choose to laugh!

Choose to care!

Choose to make a difference!



## Inquirer's Class

The next Inquirer's class series will be offered Sundays, February 1, 8, and 15 from 10:45 to 12 noon. We will explore what it means to be Called to Faith, to be Called to be a Christian, and to be Called to be Presbyterian.

Those who wish to continue into membership with First

Presbyterian Church of Bend will meet with the Church's governing board on Sunday, February 22, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

Child care is provided for all gatherings. Although this class series is geared for those interested in membership, anyone is welcome to attend. If

you would like to participate in this class series, please call Jane in the church office (382-4401). If you have any questions about this class series, please contact Deb Klotz (385-3109 or [dklotz@bendtel.net](mailto:dklotz@bendtel.net)) or Mary Anna Swinnerton (383-3588 [luvmaps2@bendcable.com](mailto:luvmaps2@bendcable.com)).

## Alternative Christmas Update

During the Alternative Christmas sale in December, \$2,075 was donated to the Heifer Project and \$790 was donated to Bend Habitat for Humanity. Many thanks for your generosity.

## Dear Congregation

Thank you for your wonderful Christmas gift to the Christmas Joy Offering. Despite the uncertain times, together you donated \$5,788.60. Hence, we continue to support the emergency and extra medical needs of Presbyterian staff members as well as the colleges and schools founded by PCUSA supporting the education of minority and ethnic people.

Mission Ministry Team

## Adult Education

**January 25 –  
"Medical Ethics 101"**  
10:45 – Adult Center  
Facilitated by Dr. Ron  
Carver

In times of urgent need, how can we draw upon the moral wisdom needed to help us and those we care about face complex decisions? The complexities of medical care these days can be staggering. And much of the time decisions about medical treatment carry an inescapable sense of urgency. All kinds of potentially troubling situations arise regularly.

When facing a potentially lethal illness or injury, should we always leave no stone of treatment unturned? How much detailed information should a patient expect to receive from a physician? How do we decide whether a patient should participate in a medical-research effort? How should we decide who should receive scarce organ transplants?

Who should be making decisions about treatment when the

patient is elderly and depressed? Who should be making decisions when a baby is born prematurely with severe and multiple defects? The list could go on and on.

Biomedical ethics is a growth industry, riding the coattails of astonishing technological advances in medical care. The literature is enormous and growing; no one except a full-time professional in the field can possibly keep up with it. *So what's a thoughtful Christian to do?*

How can we sort through difficult ethical decisions about treatment? In times of urgent need, how can we draw upon the moral wisdom needed to help us and those we care about face complex decisions? Four basic ethical principles have emerged as particularly helpful in understanding the tough moral questions arising in contemporary medicine and health care. This study reviews those principles and provides a

framework in which to focus many of today's common health care dilemmas.

**February 1, 8, 15, 22 –  
"How Green is  
Genesis?"**

9:00 a.m. – Adult  
Center Facilitated by  
Dr. W Daniel Klingler

This is a four-week class taught on the four Sunday mornings of February. It is a study of the first eleven chapters of Genesis to see how the Bible relates the subjects of humans and nature.

Dr. Klingler will be drawing upon the sources of several authors who ask the twofold question: "Is there bias in the writers of scripture towards humans (anthropocentrism) at the expense of nature?" And "Is it possible that the Bible is more friendly to nature than we give credit because of our own anthropocentrism?"

A booklet developed by Dan will be available. (He will be by the Bethlehem Inn sign-up after services. The cost

of the booklet is \$1.)

**February 1, 8, 15 "Understanding Iran"**

10:45 a.m.—Adult Center  
Facilitated by Stan  
Hanna.

The 1979 hostage crisis marked the end of diplomatic relations between the United States and Iran. Currently, relationships between the two countries are quite hostile. Iran is accused of working to develop nuclear weapons despite sanctions placed by the United Nations. The U.S. accuses Iran of supporting terrorist groups. Occasionally, one hears that the U.S. government may take military action against Iran, possibly to knock out their nuclear capabilities.

*February 1* – An overview of the history and culture of Iran.

*February 8* – Religion in Iran: Muslim and Christian.

*February 15* – Politics in Iran: bridging the gap.

## The Church Family Is Going Camping!

Get your 2009 calendar out and mark the weekend of August 28-30. We have reserved two group campsites for an all-church family campout at Crescent Lake. Brenda Simpson and Nancy

Merrick are committed to leading a fun and relaxing weekend.

If you are excited about this opportunity, contact Brenda (383-3769) or Nancy (389-9009). They are looking for people to

round out their planning team. Space will be limited and planning team members get first choice of campsites.

## February Anniversaries

- 5 Will and Jean Nagel
- 7 Chuck and Bonnie Clausen
- 11 Jim and Linda Norton
- 12 Fred and Joy Holdren
- 17 Frank and Corle Hull
- 17 Bill and Barbara Pack
- 17 Steven and Hilary Rothert
- 19 Harold and Marilyn Knutson
- 20 Doug and Shelly Gillespie
- 22 Nancy and Bruce McDonald
- 24 Jill and David Anderson

## February Birthdays

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| 1 Beth Ibenthal<br>Pamela Keyes Lyle                                     | 12 Don Krug<br>Kevin Kyger<br>Judy Osgood<br>Heidi Weaver                | 19 Ann Kelly   |
| 2 Rianna Aylward<br>Amber Knapp<br>Marilyn Knutson                       | 13 Ray Campbell<br>Cassie Fish<br>Emily Gardner<br>Joyce Purcell         | 20 Colton Burch  |
| 3 Craig Holtzclaw  | 14 Polly Gervais<br>Claire Mastrangelo<br>Carrie Ramoz                   | 21 Dale Svendsen   |
| 4 Ann Hamilton<br>Alexander Hummel<br>Nancy McCormick<br>Barbara Munster | 15 Fred Sias   | 22 Katherine Gardner<br>Jean Nagel<br>Mike Shay<br>Kurt Svendsen<br>Corinne Wilkinson            |
| 5 Greg Bolt<br>Georgann Emerson  | 16 Julia Erickson<br>Julie Geveshausen<br>Jerry Hartman<br>Lynda Hathorn | 23 Tom Achterman<br>Marlene Alexander<br>Douglas McKinley  |
| 7 Lyle Potter<br>Janice Schock   | 18 Sherie Browning<br>Arden Gage   | 24 Joyce Ownby   |
| 9 Judy Allstott<br>Don Wyatt   | 19 Fred Karstedt   | 26 Ann Aines<br>Davis Dudley<br>Kacy Hjeresen<br>Cole Paltzer<br>Dick Swinnerton<br>Eldon Wilson |
| 11 Paul Fox<br>Alice Holtzclaw<br>Reilly Noble<br>Kathryn Simpson        |  | 28 Todd Williver   |
| 12 Doug Keeler   |  |  |

## Singers Wanted for New Choir

The Contemplative Service, which is held on Wednesday nights, is creating a choir. If you are interested in using your gift of voice in this prayerful, reflective service, please contact Katrina Starkweather (678-0613).

## Bethlehem Inn Responsibility

Our church will be providing meals for a two-week period, January 24 to February 6. Four weekend breakfasts are needed with cooks and servers. Twelve evening meals for every night except Sunday, January 25, and Monday, January 26, need cooks and servers. We also need a food coordinator to make sure our menus don't overlap too much. About 60-80 people will be in attendance by then. Sign up now in The Commons to serve.

## Compassionate Listening in the Heart of Winter

A Circle of Trust retreat with leaders Caryl & Jay Casbon, colleagues of Parker Palmer, meets January 22-24! Brochures are available in the Commons or church office.

Registrations are due right away with registrar Joyce Purcell. Please bring or send your registration and payment to the church office. Partial scholarships are available!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for spiritual and personal growth with retreat companions. For more information, please call Elizabeth Stephan (382-4401) or Lorraine Stuart (381-0384).

## Children's Ministry

To volunteer or register or for more information, contact Janet Pearson, Director of Children and Family Ministry (382-4401 or [jpearson@bendcable.com](mailto:jpearson@bendcable.com)).

### Feeding the Five Thousand

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." – John 6:35*

The story of the feeding of the 5,000 is present in all four gospels. It reminds us that all things are possible through God. Jesus saw the need of the people around him and felt compassion for them. The disciples were in a state of panic at being expected to feed this large crowd. A small child provided the base for the miracle. Jesus took what was offered, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the people. Jesus' love transforms our small amount to abundance.

During January the students in Treasure Quest are focusing on hunger issues. They are learning about how Presbyterians respond to the needs of the hungry through Cents-ability offerings, volunteering at the Family Kitchen, donating food to the deacons, and serving at Bethlehem Inn.

### Shepherding Opportunity

**Who:**  
*Adults who love God and love Kids.*

**What:**  
*Greet children and get to know their names and prayer concerns. Assist workshop leaders in class activities.*

**When:**  
*Sunday mornings during first service Treasure Quest.*

**Where:**  
*Downstairs where the action is.*

**How long:**  
*February thru May*

Both our second and third grade class and fourth and fifth grade class are in need of Shepherds. Ideally teams of two adults for each class can serve together and have a flexible schedule. Shepherds do not need to prepare lesson material. Their function is to be a friend to the students in their class and a consistent presence.

## Youth Ministry

To volunteer or register or for more information, contact Greg Bolt, Director of Youth and Family Ministry (382-4401 or [gbolt@bendfp.org](mailto:gbolt@bendfp.org)).

**WELCOME TO THE FOLD!** The Senior High Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades), formerly called TYG, has now become **THE FOLD**. Come and join our community seeking to connect high school students to the unconditional love and compassion of Jesus Christ. We meet Wednesday nights, 5:30-8:00 p.m.; and it includes worship, dinner, lots of fun, and fellowship. To sign up, contact Charlotte Brady (541-330-6500).

**COME JOIN THE FLOCK!** The Middle School Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades), formerly known as SALT Teens, has morphed into **THE FLOCK**. We meet Wednesdays, 5:30-8:00 p.m.; and it includes worship, dinner, Bible study, and recreation. Come to meet friends, to have fun, to share a laugh, and to get connected to the unconditional love and compassion of Jesus Christ. To sign up, contact Charlotte Brady (541-330-6500).

**THE FLOCK (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> Grade) SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING SECOND SERVICE!** Come down to the Youth Center and enjoy the feeling of finishing a project. We have opportunities for middle school youth to do woodworking projects or some simple craft projects. These will take some time and some energy, but in the end you will have something that you can keep or give to a friend or family member. Come down and see what the new Sunday School is all about!

**THE FOLD (9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> Grade) SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING SECOND SERVICE!** Come join us on the couches in Heritage Hall as we talk about contemporary issues and how we as children of God can respond to them faithfully.

**As the snow covers the ground** and the temperature drops, thoughts come to our minds of "how am I going to shovel all that snow?" Well, we (the Fold of First Presbyterian Church) have an answer to that question. We can do it!

Do you need your gutters cleaned out, your driveway shoveled? Even if you need some help cleaning up the house or you have a project that you just haven't had time to finish, we are here to help. Contact Greg by e-mail at [gbolt@bendfp.org](mailto:gbolt@bendfp.org), and he will set up a team and a time to get your project done.

The Fold (9th-12th graders) are going to West Virginia for our mission trip in June 2009, but we need to start fund raising now. We thought this would be a great way to raise money and help out neighbors. All that we ask is that you contribute to our mission trip fund. A suggested donation for each worker is \$10/hour for light work (i.e. dusting, trash pickup, house cleaning, etc.), \$12/hour for medium work (i.e. raking, mowing, scrubbing bathrooms, etc.), and \$15/hour for heavy work (gutter clean-out, building, painting, etc.) If you have any questions, feel free to contact Greg ([gbolt@bendfp.org](mailto:gbolt@bendfp.org)) and we can work something out.

Thanks for your help, and we look forward to the opportunity to help.

Blessings,  
Greg

## Prayer Ministry

Write your prayer requests on the blue cards found in the pews or on the shelf under the prayer request box at the back of the sanctuary. The confidential requests intended for the pastors only should be placed in the prayer box and all others placed in the offering plate during worship.

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to place a member or attendee of the congregation or an immediate family member on our church's prayer chain, please contact Elizabeth Stephan in the church office. If you would like to join this prayer ministry and be added to the e-mail or call list in order to pray for others, Elizabeth will see that your name is added to the prayer chain list.

## Elder and Deacon Nominees Sought

The Nominating Committee seeks nominees from the membership of the congregation to serve as elders on Session and to serve as deacons on the Board of Deacons. Forms to nominate individuals are available in the church office.

Elders serve for a three-year term and are responsible for the spiritual life of the congregation and carrying out the vision of the church. Deacons serve for a three-year term and oversee the compassion ministry and care of the congregation in coordination with the

Care Ministry coordinator.

For more information, contact Dr. Ron Carver, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at [recarver@bendcable.com](mailto:recarver@bendcable.com) or 389-4226.

## Help FPC Reduce Expenses!

Receive your Faith Notes by email and cut down on paper and postage. If you'd like to receive the newsletter via email, email Janice (jemerson@bendfp.org) to sign up!

## Poverty in Our Midst

By Lori S. Brizee, Deacon

As of this writing, there are 650 homeless children within Deschutes County. **One in five** children goes to bed hungry every night in Deschutes County.

### What are we at First Pres doing?

- First Presbyterian Church of Bend gave out over 100 "food baskets," providing one month's worth of groceries to needy families in December.
- Our "Deacon's On Call" ministry gives out \$400 per month in rent and utility assistance to needy families. The need is far greater, but our giving helps many families each year.
- Our "Deacons Children's Medicine Fund" helps many school-age children get the prescription medications and

eyeglasses they need.

- Quilters: Our quilters' group makes beautiful quilts for all of the pregnant girls and their babies at Grandma's House (a home for pregnant teenagers and new teenage moms who have are homeless or are abused in their own homes).
- Presbyterian Women: Kits for Kids. Last summer we collected toiletries, laundry soap, dish soap and toilet paper and made over 500 kits for homeless children in our community. These were much appreciated. Having these meant that families could spend more money on food and other needs. Toiletries and toilet paper cannot be purchased with food stamp dollars, so they

are much needed supplies. This program is ongoing. Talk with Jim and Helen Smith for more information on how you can continue to help.

### What can WE do as individuals or families?

Pray! Ask God for direction in how we can best be His hands and feet! A few possibilities in our community:

- Donate food and or money to local food banks. You can bring food to First Pres and it will be taken to the St. Vincent De Paul food bank.
- Donate time preparing or serving food at the "Community Kitchen" on Sunday afternoons/evenings at the Bend Community Center (phone: 541-312-2069) or to the Family Kitchen on the fourth

Thursday of each month at the downtown Episcopal church; (phone: 541-389-4242).

- We can donate time, food, money and/or clothing to one of the many other agencies that serve disadvantaged families in our community: Neighbor Impact, Saving Grace, Family Access Network, Housing Works, Bethlehem Inn, and Shepherd's House are just a few of these Look them up on the internet to discover how you can help.
- We can reach out to the people around us and be true friends, and *we can ask for help when we need it. The true family of Christ both gives and receives.*

## The Kent's in Bolivia

[This is the first letter from Brad and Ali Kent, who are interim missionaries to UMAVIDA in Bolivia. They left for Bolivia in early January. Eli, the coordinator of UMAVIDA mentioned below visited our church last summer.]

We arrived in Bolivia January 6, which is known by many names. In the U.S. we call it Epiphany or Twelfth Night. Here, as in most of Latin America, it is El Dia de los Reyes Magos or more simply los Reyes. The day celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men at the manger and their offering precious gifts to the Christ Child. It used to be a more important festival than Christmas.

Well, we are not kings nor very wise but if we stretch it a bit, there are some similarities. According to tradition, the Wise Men's journey was long and arduous.

We did cross four time zones in 20 hour of air travel. While uncomfortable, it certainly can't compare to twelve days on the back of camels crossing the desert.

The Wise Men found the house where Joseph and Mary were staying. We were greeted by Ely and Jose Miguel who took us to our home for the next few months – a spacious apartment a quarter way up the deep valley where La Paz is located. We have an excellent view of the skyline and the other side of the city. Its spaciousness is amplified by its scarcity of furniture, but it does have a comfortable bed -- the only furniture we were needing after our travels. We will wallow in luxury compared to the vast number of people in this second poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Ely, the Coordinator of UMAVIDA – the organization with whom we will work, and her assistant, Cleo, had made outstanding provision for our arrival and have already proved to be gracious hosts. We're saturating ourselves with the national beverage. (No, that beverage was when we lived in Scotland.) The beverage here is coca tea. Supposedly, it helps one adapt to the high altitude. We think

it works along with maca and acetazolamide

Just to make sure I got off on the right foot, I managed to break three toes in my left foot. I did this in Eugene but hoped I'd just stubbed the toes. Walking from one gate to another at the airport was "dancing with the stars" if seeing stars is a symbol of pain. I got superlative attention here at a local clinic at a price you wouldn't believe. (Maybe I should come here for all medical care. Oh, darn, there is that flight!) Fortunately, I avoided plaster – just tape, and can now hobble around far more comfortably than before. Since the apartment is three flights up, this is no small blessing.

Blessings big and small surround us. We are grateful to God for all the traveling mercies we received and to each of you for the prayers that are supporting us while we're here.

Please keep them up.

Our work has yet to begin. Abundant grace, abiding peace!

Brad and Ali

## Gathered Together

All are invited to gather together for prayer, silent and spoken, for our church, community, and God's world. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday mornings, 11:15-12:00 noon in the Prayer Room.

## Support Groups

### Care Givers Support Group - For those currently providing care for a loved one

Scheduled Meeting  
Dates: The 1st and 3rd Monday of the month  
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 PM  
Meeting Place: Prayer Room  
Facilitator - Elizabeth Stephan - Care Ministry Coordinator  
For questions regarding this group contact Elizabeth Stephan 382-4401 or [estephan@bendfp.org](mailto:estephan@bendfp.org)

You do not need to sign up to attend.

### Depression Support Group - For those experiencing depression themselves or close to someone who is experiencing depression

Scheduled Meeting  
Dates: 8 weeks beginning on Wednesday January 21st  
Time: 1:30 - 3:00 PM  
Meeting Place: Prayer Room  
Facilitator - Laurie

Koski - Clinical Social Worker

For questions regarding this group contact Elizabeth Stephan 382-4401 or [estephan@bendfp.org](mailto:estephan@bendfp.org)

You do not need to sign up to attend.

### Grief Support Group- For those experiencing grief or loss

Scheduled Meeting  
Dates: 6 weeks beginning on Thursday January 15th  
Time: 2:00 - 3:00

Meeting Place: Adult Education Room - the last room on the right across from Heritage Hall

Facilitator - Elizabeth Stephan - Care Ministry Coordinator

For questions regarding this group contact Elizabeth Stephan 382-4401 or [estephan@bendfp.org](mailto:estephan@bendfp.org)

You do not need to sign up to attend.

## INVITATION

### First Presbyterian 2009 Lenten Devotional

The Spiritual Formation Team hopes to publish a 2009 Lenten Devotional incorporating a theme of "Unconditional Love: Appreciating His Journey to the Cross." This simple booklet will be made available to all at First Presbyterian as a gift to inspire deeper prayer and reflection during Lent.

Your written contributions are needed! Everyone is encouraged to submit,

individually or collectively, written "pages" so that in 2009 we will have an original expression of insight to serve as one day's reminder, lesson, observation, or reflection for each of the Forty Days of Lent. Your story from the heart on the above subject will be a wonderful addition to the final product! Simple complementary artwork can be included as well.

Susie and David Burns and Bill Dittler will edit, lay out and publish this offering. Please let the Burnses know by January 12 if you intend to submit material for the booklet. Their email address: [davidandsusie@bendbroadband.com](mailto:davidandsusie@bendbroadband.com); their phone number: 541-312-2195.

The final deadline for all written submissions to the Burnses is February 2.

You may wish to cite a

scriptural reference, followed by a message, and summarized with a prayer. Other styles are also welcome. Perhaps God would have you just relate a story from your heart about the theme or subject. You can submit your contribution in handwritten, typed, or e-mailed versions to the Church Office or to David, Susie or Bill. Suggested entry length is 650 words or less.

## COCC presents: King, Gandhi, Chavez

### SEASON OF NONVIOLENCE 2009

All events are free and open to the public. This series of events honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mahatma Gandhi; and Cesar Chavez and their work to advocate for human rights using non-violent methods of resistance. Their work has inspired countless others across the globe to use the power of non-violence to overturn brutal regimes and inhumane treatment.

The films and speakers listed below show how we can create a better world

for all without promoting violence and physical harm.

David Bacon, Author of [Illegal People: How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigration](#)

Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m., Hitchcock Auditorium, COCC Bend Campus

[Creating the World In Which You Want to Live](#)

Dr. Larry Roper, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, OSU  
Monday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., Hitchcock

Auditorium  
Dr. Roper will share his thoughts on how we on campus and in the community can continue in the tradition of King's legacy and work to create the kind of community we all want to live in.

Agnes Baker Pilgrim, Takelma Siletz and Spokesperson for the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers  
Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 p.m., Hitchcock Auditorium

### Remember in Prayer

Pauline Wade.

### 2009 Kits for Kids

The Board of Presbyterian Women has unanimously agreed that our mission this year (and in the foreseeable future) will be to coordinate with the Family Access Network (FAN) to once again provide hygiene bags to homeless school students in the Bend-LaPine School District.

Last year First Presbyterian provided almost 550 kits; this year the number of homeless students has already exceeded 600 and is still growing.

It is our vision to invite other faith groups to join this effort and make it truly a community project.

This year we plan to tackle this project in phases. Phase I will begin in January and February and is to inform and get commitments from other churches and faith groups in Bend.

Phase II (which will run from now until mid-June) will be to gather material for the bags and get them assembled for the last phase.

Phase III in August is when the bags will be filled and given to FAN.

Your enthusiastic support last year insured its success. We again ask your support by:

- financial contributions
- donating material for bags
- sewing bags and/or filling a bag (or bags) with hygiene items

Because of storage problems, we will not be actively seeking items for the kits until the latter part of July. If individuals

want to fill the bags earlier and store them in your homes, that is certainly welcomed.

Harriet Langmas ([langmas@bendcable.com](mailto:langmas@bendcable.com)) has invited any/all who would like to come to her home (she has five sewing machines) on Thursdays anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for bag sewing parties.

For additional information/questions, contact Helen/Jim Smith at 382-8502 or [hsmith@bendcable.com](mailto:hsmith@bendcable.com).

## Study and Fellowship

**CPR Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Clara Smith (186 NW Phil's Loop, 312-5333) for a baked potato dinner followed by an evening of fellowship and prayer. This is an open circle; all women of the church are invited. Please bring a potato topping to share. Co-hostesses are Gretchen Williver and Martha Klingler.

**CIRCLE 3** will meet on Monday, February 9, at 1:15 p.m. in the Adult Center. Join us for our enlightening study of the books of Ruth and Jonah. Call Ginny Boone (389-3128) if you would like additional information.

**CIRCLE 2** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, in the Adult Center continuing with the fourth lesson of the Gospel of Luke, led by Ann Aines. All women in the church are invited. For more information, call Betty Armer (388-2347).

**MEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP** meets in the Library every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Come join us.

**MEN'S DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday mornings, 9:45 - 11:00 a.m. at the home of Chuck Piersee in the Touchmark Community. It's an open discussion based on ideas and texts from the Bible. As the name suggests, we try to discover what the Bible is saying to us. This year we are studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome. Call 312-1628 for directions.

**THURSDAY CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meets on Thursdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. For more information, please call Linda, (318-0407).

**LISTENING HEARTS** is a contemplative prayer group practicing centering prayer together and reflecting on the spiritual journey. We meet Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m., in the Prayer Room (we don't meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month). For more information, please call Lorraine (318-0384).

**EARLY BIRD BIBLE STUDY** - Wednesday mornings 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the ADULT CENTER. - "Who Do You Say That

I Am?" This was the question that Jesus asked his disciples. We too may ask that question, or it may be asked of us. What answer would we give? The study is focusing on this question as we look at the answer through the different lenses of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. How do these gospels tell the same story, but each from their own unique perspective?

**THE TILTERS** is a group of women who meet to read and discuss books related to faith. We are now reading The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by Phyllis Tickle. Join us on Thursday mornings, 8:00-9:15 a.m. in the library. Call Cheryl Shay at 526-0964 with questions.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** meets from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Youth Center on the first and third Tuesday of the month. We invite you to join us as we study the book of James and grow as friends in Christ. For more information, contact Leslie at 330-6932.

**THE TRAVELER'S BIBLE STUDY** Women, as you plan your winter activities, consider The Traveler's Bible Study, which meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. For more information, call Carol Piersee (312-1628).

**February First Friday** Save Friday, February 6, for a program on "Changing Attitudes on Aging." Betty Fairham will use humor and dance to entertain us.

Soup and salad will be served in Heritage Hall at 11:30 a.m. We welcome visitors, guests, and new members. Invite a friend and join in our fellowship.

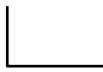
Don't forget: Sign up on the easel in the Commons or call Ray and Joyce Ownby (388-1334) or Jean and Harold Hull (385-6557).

- Every day men, women and children in our community go to bed hungry.
- Our church takes your non-perishable food donations to local food banks for distribution year-round.
- Thank you for continuing to keep our shopping cart in the Commons full!

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## Community Bulletin Board

*Faith Notes* will include a community bulletin board section for the listing of events not related to church activities. The bulletin board will contain a disclaimer that these activities do not necessarily represent the theology of the church and that they are not necessarily endorsed by the church. The listings will be brief and will be informational only; they will not contain position statements of the party submitting them.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Adult Ed. Room.

**COCC is again offering tutor training.** Current tutors consistently share experiences regarding the satisfaction they receive while helping Adult Education students work towards their goals. The students may be improving their literacy or math skills, working towards getting a GED, or attempting to learn or improve their English. The next series of training sessions for tutors will begin in Boyle Education Center, Room 226. To inquire about registration, call 504-2950. The schedule for the upcoming classes is as follows: Wednesday, January 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, January 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday, January 23, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m.--3 p.m.