

the messenger

Rose Hill Presbyterian Church

February 2012

Parson
to
Person

The Mission of Rose Hill Presbyterian Church is to invite, inspire, and ignite all who will come to Christ by holding fast to our core beliefs and by building up the body of believers in reliance on the Word of God and His Holy Spirit. Our Vision is to be salt and light in our community and in the world by sharing the Good News of salvation in Christ and by reaching out to help in His Name.

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"My command is this: 'Love each other as I have loved you.'"

John 15:12.

Valentine's Day is filled with romance, cards and love. Christ sets the bar quite high when he issues this new commandment to his Church. If you love someone, you must love them the same way Christ loves you. Wow !!

The mind doesn't have to wander far to understand the implications of a sacrificial love. Think of all the folks you would not sacrifice for, much less love, and you understand the importance of this new law of Christ. The question is will you love this way anyway? Or will you love only those you know, like and love?

Remember that Jesus said this to all the disciples as part of his good bye speeches. The love that goes to each other does not exclude the members of the church you don't like. And if you believe that all those who count themselves Christians are part of this number, including people you haven't met, well now you are talking serious love.

I can't think of a better way to define love than with this scripture. Memorize it, then apply it especially on February 14. See what response you get when you say, "I love you," to those who have never heard you say that. What a way to live into this new law of our loving Lord.

Be mine!

Will

Kids Ministry

by Wendy Markham

"God is forcing us on, or up, to a higher level, putting us into situations where we will have to be very much braver, or more patient, or more loving, than we ever dreamed of being before. It seems to us all unnecessary; but that is because we have not the slightest notion of the tremendous thing He means to make of us."

C. S. Lewis

I find these words of C. S. Lewis challenging personally and professionally. God is at work in our lives and in our church, in our community and in our world. Often we get so focused on our day-to-day lives that we miss seeing or even misinterpret where God is at work in those events and circumstances.

Lord, as we work together to bring hope to a hurting world, let us remember that children also experience the cares and concerns of this world and often don't voice those concerns unless they have a willing listener. Teachers, shepherds, youth leaders and others who spend time with children can be the quiet listening ear a small voice needs in a fast paced world.

Lord, we lift up to You our volunteers working with children and youth. Guide them through their ministry. Direct their words and actions and make their work a beacon of love and hope for the children they serve.

Wendy

You're Invited!

A Valentine
Fiesta!

Sunday, February 12th

1:00pm



This event is for the entire church family and has become a treasured tradition. It is a gift from our youth and it is their way of expressing their appreciation for all of you!

Please come and enjoy a great meal, spend time with others from the church family. This is for everyone, come alone or come with friends

Watch for sign-ups in the Narthex. The cost is Free!

Children's Ministry

9:30 am Sunday School

Elementary meet in Room 207. Nursery & Preschool require pre-registration.

11:00 am children in worship

All children are welcome to worship with us in the sanctuary. In addition, the following are offered:

A cry room is located by the entrance to the sanctuary for parents needing a quiet, private place to be with their infants.

Nursery for birth - 3

is downstairs in room B8. Pagers are available. Please sign in/out.

Preschool and Elementary children begin worship with their families and at a designated time, mid-service, are invited forward for a blessing then to follow the candle to the children's worship center upstairs for **Godly Play**.

Please pick up your children in room 211 after the service.

King's Kids (4th-6th Grade)

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm:
This Year we're Learning the Beatitudes.

The Fellowship of Presbyterians

In January, Pam Risinger-Hurte, Brad Hurte and I attended a conference for the Fellowship of Presbyterians. It was a worship filled time of learning and discussion about the serious issues that face the PC (USA). There were 2150 participants from more than 500 churches. The three of us learned much and invite you to join the discussion with us. Please do this by beginning with prayer and then plan on attending a question and answer time on Sunday, February 5 right after church. Here is some perspective (written by Pam) on the conference to help you understand what took place. You may also find much more at <http://www.fellowship-pres.org/>

First, as with Minneapolis, the focus of this Conference, indeed the focus of the Fellowship, is to encourage churches to find a new way to revitalize their mission of spreading the gospel in their neighborhoods, communities, and the world. It is not about reacting to or being angry about changes in the PCUSA. The leaders of this "movement" are urging us to address our own witness to the world and leave behind the bickering and infighting that characterizes our past with the PCUSA.

"The Underground" Youth

**Sunday School
Sundays, 9:30 am**

**The Underground
Wednesdays, 6-8 pm**

**1st Wednesday Dinner & Worship
February 1, 6 pm**

**Valentine Fiesta
February 12, 1pm**

**Winter Retreat
March 2-4**

They are doing this through an "order" called "The Fellowship of Presbyterians" and through the creation of a new reformed denominational body called "Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians" or ECO. The Fellowship is a grouping of like-minded churches that exist within the PCUSA and work together to find new ways to spread the gospel and be in accountable relationship with each other. ECO exists outside the PCUSA, but exists much like the Fellowship and in close alignment to it (e.g., meeting together with it annually), but has it's own constitution. Both the Fellowship and ECO will follow a set of reformed Theological Essentials that are very much in line with what we would expect from a faithful, reformed body. The vision expressed throughout the conference says much: "Building flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ."

There were 4 "options" discussed with regard to alignment and participation with these organizations:

For each option the primary emphasis is on becoming more missional - focused on spreading the gospel.

1) Do nothing. Stay within the PCUSA as now.

2) Join the Fellowship. Members of the Fellowship will be linked together formally in groups of 4-5 churches so they can do missional work together and hold each other accountable. There are some formalities in how this will be done that will be further addressed in the Q&A (thinking about the narrative - very exciting).

3) Join ECO. This requires formal dismissal from the PCUSA. Beyond that, churches in ECO have roughly the same responsibilities and expectations of them as the Fellowship. They will belong to an ECO Presbytery, but as envisioned in the ECO draft constitution, it is much less prescriptive about church business than the PCUSA constitution.

4) Become a Union Church (Joint Worshipping Congregation in NFOG). This is belonging to both ECO and PCUSA, and subject to both constitutions (with rules on how they're reconciled).

There are advantages, disadvantages, rights, responsibilities, and differing costs associated with each option that will be more fully dealt with in the Q&A. Pray for Session, for the Fellowship, for ECO, and indeed for the PCUSA, and bring lots of questions to the Q&A session on February 5!

Doug

God at Work Beyond Our Doors

It has been such a joy and honor to be back with you these past few weeks worshipping with you as the body of Christ.

For the last 14 months I have been working in the country of Mozambique in Southern Africa with an organization called Destiny Rescue that is devoted to bringing children, specifically girls, out of situations of human trafficking and prostitution. Accepting a position to work as a part of their rescue project I was sent to grow and expand their existing project. However, when I arrived it was quickly discovered that the situation on the ground was not what had been reported to our international office. Subsequently much of my work centered around assessing the current situation, working to help improve the situation on the ground and working to restart their rescue operations. At the end of 2011 a former employee started creating problems and a perceived security risk so great which unfortunately necessitated the immediate evacuation of our foreign staff from the project.

Change is always challenging, yet the experiences I encountered fostered one incredible learning experience after another. While I could talk for hours about the life lessons I have learned the three that have really stuck with me are: that everyone has something to teach us, to look for the joy in each moment and the reminder that life is precious and can change within an instant. My time in Mozambique was not what I expected it to be, but I am thankful for all the ways in which God used my time there to grow and stretch me. I am continually amazed at how the situations and experiences He allows us to pass through prepare us for the work He is calling us to. That has been true with the experiences leading up to this time and I know He is using this most recent situation as well to prepare me for what He has next. Presently we are looking forward with hopeful expectancy that a door will open allowing us to return to our project in Mozambique. Please continue to keep the situation, our national staff and the children there in your prayers.

Blessings,
Christina Hunt

Deacon's Doings

January Minutes:

The Board of Deacons has not met in January as of this writing due date and December activities were reported in the last Messenger. Needless to say, Deacons have stayed busy with visitations, memorial services, cards, flowers and rosebuds. Pray for our year end transition of the leaving, returning and new classes of Deacons as well as new leadership. Expect an update next month on the Teacup Ministries. The needs of many still are to be served by your Deacons.

Fund Reports:

Please see the annual report for year-end balances.

Verse:

Haggai 1:6-7 "Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe yourselves, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; consider your ways."

Session News

Session met in January to conduct the business of the church.

Following an unexpected increase in pledges during December, Finance Committee provided an amended budget for the 2012 operations of Rose Hill Church. This amended budget was approved and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Elder Brad Hurte will be nominated at Presbytery as a potential Commissioner for the 220th General Assembly to be held in Pittsburgh, PA June 29 to July 7.

An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for Saturday March 31st (one week prior to Easter).

An ad hoc committee was formed to analyze the current standing committee structure and make recommendations for reorganization to better align with our new Church Mission Statement.

A Core Christian course, 'Christ and Culture' to be team taught by Rev Mason and Brian Hackwith was approved. The class will commence on Jan 29th.

| General Fund | December | YTD | YTD Budget |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pledges | \$42,260.47 | \$362,949.25 | \$359,808.00 |
| Loose Offerings | 4,792.77 | 63,361.03 | 65,209.26 |
| Misc. Income | 597.07 | 10,237.04 | 0.00 |
| Parking Lot Lease | 0.00 | 12,295.37 | 0.00 |
| Total Revenues | 47,650.31 | 448,842.69 | 425,017.26 |
| Total Expenses | 36,841.75 | 423,479.52 | 425,017.26 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | 10,808.56 | 25,353.17 | |

Praise God for our Pastor Nominating Committee! Lift them to the Lord for strength, encouragement and close leading from the Holy Spirit as they are now in the process of reviewing the numerous applicants to become our new Senior Pastor.

DEACON DONATION BOXES FOR FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY - Basic Food Staples and Crackers: such as sugar, flour, salt, pepper, baking soda, saltines, rye crisps, grahams, etc., will help those in need to cook and compliment their meals. Warm Clothing: new or in good shape, will help those for the winter during these final cold weeks.

Women's Ministry

February: A month of love

Anyone who has a woman that means the world to them has, no doubt, cast about once in a while for ways to tangibly express their love. What better way to encourage and support her than by strengthening her walk with the Lord?

Sending her to this year's Women's Retreat is the answer! The theme of this year's retreat is "In Tune With God", and we will be exploring different approaches to achieving intimacy, honesty, and depth in our relationship with our Heavenly Father, as well as hearing personal testimonies from our speakers.

In addition, the retreat is an ideal opportunity to forge and/or strengthen bonds with our sisters in Christ. These are the ladies who are walking alongside us in our Christian walk; they encourage us, they exhort us, they set examples for us – in short, they are God's hands and feet for us while we deal with all of life's events.

Gift certificates are available, and will show your support for her/their attending.

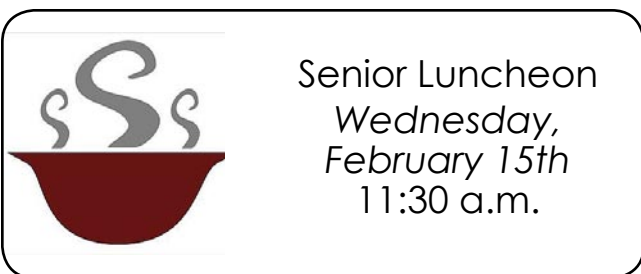
Remarkably, God's providence has the retreat occurring on a weekend which coincides with spring break for most colleges and universities in the area. All ladies age eighteen and over are welcome, invited, and encouraged to make this event a priority. Whether your mom, daughter, neighbor, friend, or co-worker is a member of church or not, please invite them. This message and the time away are relevant and important for women in all seasons of life.

The retreat will be held Friday, March 16 – Sunday March 18th at beautiful Rainbow Lodge in North Bend. Just think – no cooking, no cleaning, time for activities of your choice, AND great inspiration. It doesn't get much better than this :^)

Signups begin on Sunday, February 5th. Reserve your spot early! For information, stop by the table in the narthex following worship, contact Charlotte Grant at (425) 481-5181, or talk to any retreat planning committee member. They are Judi Byrne, Kathy Chaussee, Charlotte Grant, Jeanne Harshbarger, and Chris Seifert.

Come One, Come All!

February 26th will be the first annual "Praise-a-thon," formerly known as the Hymn Sing. We look forward to including music from the Worship Band and Children's Sunday School as well as singing familiar hymns and praise choruses. A light luncheon will be provided after the 11:00 worship service and the event will serve as our Social Hour for February. See you there!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Will meet Wednesday, February 8th from 2:00 - 3:30 at Linda Holbrook's home. New members and new knitters welcome. Contact Linda Holbrook at 425.969.2579

February Birthdays

1 Robert Kenney
Kerry Patterson
2 John Bailey
Robert Lovett
Paula Renfrow
Erin Rossman
3 Wib Franklin
Randy Muilenburg
4 Andy Padvorac
6 Doug Ranney
David France
8 Erin Zacharda
9 Becky Chinchon
Carole Smith
10 Cynthia Aalami
Madeline Hartnell
12 Clay Lanum

12 Bethany Padvorac
14 Ron Lindh
16 Pam Risinger-Hurte
Nate Odom
17 Allister Gibbons
Wendy Odom
Laura Seifert
Matthew Roetcisoender
21 Judy Dahlberg
Bob Brichoux
Jennifer Nelson
22 Sara Eddy
Derek Hargett
26 Tina Wheeler
Dena Hunt
28 Carol Buckingham

Library News

Hello fellow readers! Rose Hill Presbyterian Church has some fellow authors that have written various books. As these authors come to my attention, my hope is to highlight their writings. Though, I can't guarantee that our library currently has a copy of these writings, as they are tracked down, they will be added. If you are curious, you can always check our database. I would start by putting in their name (last then first) to see if anything comes up.

This month I would like to memorialize a member of our church family, Jack Cassidy. As many of you may or may not know, Jack was not only a veteran, husband, father, and friend; he was also an author. He wrote a book called From Bilge to Bridge. This book tells about his years serving in the Navy. Jack worked his way up to become a captain of the destroyer the Compton and retired from the military in 1968. If you want to find out more about this part of his life, you may want to check this book out.

Anniversaries

1st
Bud & Sue VanDerAa

16th
Tim & Elaine Weltz

25th
Ron & Susan Lindh

February

2 6:00 pm BSF Seminar
 3 7:00 pm Gideon's Posse
 4 9:30 am Altrusa
 11:30 am Women's Ministry Mission Day
 6 7:00 pm Youth and Finance Cmte
 7 Committee Meetings
 7:00 pm Children's Ministry
 Membership, Personnel
 7:15 pm Missions, Worship & Music
 7:30 pm Building & Grounds
 11 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
 9:00 am Work Party
 12 12:00 pm TIPS
 1:00 pm Valentine Fiesta
 14 5:00 pm Antioch Bible Church Event
 7:00 pm Session
 15 11:30 am Senior Lunch
 18 2:00 pm Memorial for Web Byrd
 20 President's Day - Office Closed
 21 6:00 pm Cub Scouts
 25 1:00 pm Memorial for
 Annabelle Jacobsen

26 12:15 pm Praise-a-Thon (Hymn Sing)
 28 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

Weekly

M 10:00 am Piecemakers
 5:30 pm BSF
 T 9:30 am L.O.L. Bible Study
 6:30 pm Bell Tones
 W 5:30 am Men's Prayer
 6:00 pm King's Kids
 The Underground (Youth)
 8:00 pm Praise Ringers
 TH 10:00 am Men's Coffee
 2:30 pm Emeritus Ministry
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 Chancel Choir
 F 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
 6:00 pm Reckless Faith
 S 6:15 am BSF Leadership
 SUN 9:30 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service

Other Scheduled Building Use

Mondays
 12:00 pm OA
 5:30 pm BSF
 6:30 pm AA
 Wednesdays
 7:00 pm AA
 Thursdays
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
 Saturdays
 10:00 am AA
 7:00 pm AA
 1st Saturday
 9:30 am Altrusa
 3rd Tuesday
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

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