

November 2011

the messenger

rose hill presbyterian church

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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Parson to Person

I always love a fair. They are fun, educational and you meet the nicest people. You will have the opportunity to thrill to such delights when your session hosts a Ministry Fair, Sunday, November 20th.

Members of Ministry committees will greet you in the Social Hall at different booths after worship. You will learn more about the amazing things we do for Christ. Feel free to take your coffee (coffee hour day!) and delicious snack to the tables where members will greet you.

We know much about the individuals who serve Christ as missionaries but we will learn more about how we serve Christ here at home. So come to our first annual ministry fair to learn how Rose Hill Presbyterian puts feet to our faith through local ministry.

See you at the fair!

Will

Kids Ministry

by Wendy Markham

What are your dreams for your children, your grandchildren and other children dear to your heart? To be successful in school. To enter a college of their choice. To lead a healthy productive life. To have a successful career. To live happily ever after. To love God with all their heart, all their soul and all their strength.

Life becomes busier and busier as each year passes. How do we give our kids all that they will need for their future? How do we shepherd them spiritually? How do we develop those character traits we most value for our children?

Sometimes we get lost in all that the world has to offer (substitute force feed) and slowly our spiritual growth is undernourished. I suppose I can now take the food

analogy further and say that if I want to be 'well fed' or rather 'fed well', I should not plan only one good meal a week even if that good meal is served by our awesome pastors. I should plan to be fed well each day by the Word of God and by spending time in His presence.

What does this look like for busy families today? With fast food restaurants (the world) tempting us at every corner how do we find the time to 'eat the Word' and be fed well? I don't think we need to give up on the dreams we have for our children and their future but we may need to make sure we are aware of our priorities and communicate these priorities to our family.

I remember when my daughters were in school, sports, etc. and how it seemed most of our conversations

happened in the car between places we needed to go. If this is your reality, make the most of it. Find those times and places for your family and make it a nurturing and nourishing 'meal'. Take your faith conversations on the road! Think of it as a picnic.

Many blessings in this season of thankfulness.

Wendy

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up". Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Carpenter's Workshop

Saturday, November 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM

Carpenter's Workshop is a Holiday tradition at Rose Hill. It is an opportunity for children to make their own gifts for family and friends. Aside from being an inexpensive alternative to Christmas buying, it gives children ownership and delight in gift giving.

To order your gifts, pick up a brochure and help your child decide who they need gifts for and which items they would like to make. Complete the form and return it, with payment, to the church.

One form per child, please. Turn in your order by Monday,

November 14th so we can have your order ready when you arrive. Quantities are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis. Additional items may be purchased on the day of the event if there are extras.

Invite a friend! For extra order forms call the church or check online to download one.

When you arrive on Saturday, November 19th, everything needed to make the gifts will be ready. Most gift-wrapping is also provided.

Volunteers are needed to help the children make and wrap the Christmas presents. **Tobi Ellis** will have a sign-up in the narthex for volunteers. Be sure to put this on your calendar and come out to support the kids at Rose Hill and our neighbors who always make a point of attending this event.



The "Underground" Youth

**First Wednesday
Dinner & Worship**
November 2, 6 pm

Mystery Event
November 9

Christmas Party
December 14

Winter Retreat
March 2-4

The Underground
Wednesday, 6-8 pm
(does not meet on Nov 23)

Sunday School
Sunday, 9:30 am

Is Time for a Garage Sale?

My family recently had our first garage sale in 13 years. In the months prior to the sale we had gone through every room in the house to find all those items we knew we would never use again, would not miss or just needed to clear out. A few things were broken, many were useful but had served their purpose and were no longer needed and some just did not fit who we are as a family.

We were determined to get rid of all the extras that just took up space or added clutter to our home life. We sold what we could and had a local charity come pick up what was left.

Having a garage sale is one of those events that a few people love to do but most are like us who say "never again" when it is over.

After it was all done, Mary Beth stated that the whole process was rather cathartic. To be able to let go of possessions, some once valuable to us, is freeing and reminded me of Jesus' many challenges to not be controlled by our possessions but to use them for God's glory.

It also helped me realize how important it is to have a regular "garage sale" of the heart. All of us need to examine our lives for those things that clutter our spirits and weigh us down with the cares of the world. We need to face our areas of brokenness and allow God's healing to work in us or be ready to let those things go. We need to be honest about those 2x4 planks that blind us and be ready to throw them in the junk pile.

David felt the same way in Psalm 139. As he marveled at God's amazing creation of the human body and God's embracing presence in our lives, he knew he needed God's help with his "garage sale." He said:

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Has it been a while since your last "garage sale"? Are you ready for another one? God is ready to help each of us see beyond our own blindness and lead us into the joy and peace He has promised. This is the freedom that comes through Christ. So take the challenge and have a garage sale with God and know His love in a new way.

Doug

Angel Tree 2011

All too often the forgotten victims of crime are the little children of inmates who are left without a mother or father through no fault of their own. Statistics show that these children are "high risk" for ending up in prison themselves. Angel Tree ministry is a way you can help to break the cycle of crime by sharing the love of JESUS with children of inmates. HE says, "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:5

This is how Angel Tree works. The parent, who is an inmate, submits

an application to Prison Fellowship asking for gifts to be delivered to his/her children at Christmas. The gifts are bought and wrapped by us and given to the children in the name of the absent parent and Jesus. Age-appropriate Gospel materials will be attached to each gift also. The most important thing we can do is to tell these children that Jesus loves them.

On Sunday, December 4th, twenty five little paper angels will adorn a tree in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider choosing an ANGEL, which will contain all the

information you need to purchase 2 gifts (a toy and an article of clothing with a suggested total cost of \$40). One week later, December 11th, you will be asked to bring the gifts, wrapped separately, to church. A delivery team will be prepared to deliver the gifts but if you choose to do so, you can also deliver the gifts in time for Christmas. "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me". Matthew 26:40

If you have questions please call Ron Lince 425-883-0740



Rose Hill Christian Preschool

a ministry of Rose Hill Presbyterian Church

Autumn is definitely in the air! Flashes of yellow, red, orange and gold greet us everyday. The changing of the seasons is an exciting time. Autumn is the time of year I most often dwell on God's steadfast care. For our preschoolers this may be the first time they really become aware of the changes around them. It is such a privilege to introduce these little ones to such basic things as seasons, why we have them and how they work and most importantly, WHO makes the seasons come and go. Opening the eyes and hearts of these children to God's presence is a deep joy for me. I watch their eyes light up as God's truth becomes real for them

and I wish you could all be here for those precious moments.

In October I visited Session to give an annual report regarding the preschool and it's mission. This year again, we have families that literally have come from all over the world and speak a wonderful variety of languages. It is so fun to watch these families and children come together and grow together.

I shared with Session the importance of relationship building as a major part of our ministry. We intentionally work to get to know our students and their families in ways that reflects Christ's love, mercy and grace in our own lives.

This year we have the privilege of having families with us who have some pretty amazing challenges they are dealing with daily. Some have health concerns, drug abuse issues, financial crisis and parenting issues. I love that these families are able to share their lives with us and we are then able to pray and love them in the midst.

Preschool is about so much more than coloring, singing, building with blocks and playing. We are engaged in a family ministry! Please remember the staff and preschool families in your prayers. Our hearts desire is to be a place of safety, love and acceptance in Christ.

God at work beyond our doors...

Tara Cox, formerly with Middle East Media, is now in multiple ministries making use of her background of having been raised in more than one culture (Iceland, Egypt and The USA) and her work with Middle East Media for several years, which has included writing grant proposals.

Now she has become Development Director for Operation Equip India (OEI) and as such, must travel to and from India. She also writes grant proposals as a part of Keystone Consulting. These include Middle East Media, Operation Equip India and other Christian ministries. Operation Equip India partners with the following ministries: Joni and Friends, Missions to Unreached Peoples, the American Leprosy Mission and India Missions Association.

Rose Hill continues its relationship with Middle East Media. Again check out www.keystone-consulting.com and www.equipindia.org on the Web to see what they do.

New In the Library



Valenti-Scinto, Cindy

B Val

A Heart Like Mine

This autobiography tells the story of a woman who suffered a heart attack and lived through many operations and several brushes with death to finally receive a heart transplant. Through all her struggles, she tells about the trials and the pain and how her relationship with the Lord helped her through these difficult times. Her story will hopefully give you encouragement regardless of what turmoil you might be experiencing. An inspiring story.

Bunn, Davis

F Bun

Full Circle

If you enjoy reading about stories that take place in small English towns, this might be the book for you. This story tells the fictional romantic tale of two people who after losing everything that they know to be stable in their lives must find a way to relearn a new way of life. As their paths cross, they find themselves having to work together to solve a mystery and right a wrong. If you enjoy Davis Bunn's other works, you may just want to check this one out and sit a spell with it.

Session News

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

Karin Darragh presented the annual Rose Hill Christian report. The school has near maximum enrollment (currently 52 children) and enjoys a great diversity of families from our surrounding community.

Finance Committee presented a preliminary budget for 2012 – you will be hearing more details shortly.

A 'Committee Fair' of your Session's working committees will be held Nov 20th at the social hour following our worship service – come learn about the organization and become involved!

General Fund	August	YTD	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$29,808.44	\$257,280.81	\$ 269,856.00
Loose Offerings	2,827.66	44,970.97	48,906.90
Misc. Income	343.75	8,337.04	0.00
Parking Lot Lease	0.00	6,147.68	0.00
Total Revenues	32,979.85	316,736.50	318,762.90
Total Expenses	32,726.83	311,579.29	318,762.90
Surplus/(Shortfall)	253.02	5,157.21	

PNC Update

Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues to make progress towards the task of finding the pastor that God has already prepared for us.

In addition to making progress on the wording of our Church Information Form (CIF), we met with Session and with our Presbytery Liaison in September and October to finalize several key areas. As of the time of this writing (October 16th), we are close to our final wording. Once we have the CIF completed, it will be reviewed by Session and Presbytery and then published to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website.

Our goal is to complete the CIF and publish it sometime in November or sooner. We are also working with Session committees on our budgetary needs for 2012 activities.

Once the CIF is published, we will begin to receive and review Pastor Information Forms, or PIF's. Each member of the PNC appreciates your continued prayers.

In His Service -- Sue Eddy, Brian Hackwith, John Hart, Mary Lovett, Leah Nelson, Jim Peterson, and Steve Roetcisoender.

An ad hoc committee was formed to study the summary of PCUSA's New Form of Government to determine if adjustments to our bylaws need to be made.

Presbytery is recognizing that their meetings tend to be 'just business' and will be changing the format of some meetings to allow for more spiritual and relational aspects. 'Presbyfest' will be the first of these meetings scheduled for Jan 28, 2012 held at Mercer Island.

Praise God for our Pastor Nominating Committee! Please talk to any of them if you have questions about this final phase in calling a new Senior Pastor. Encourage them and especially keep them surrounded with your prayers!

Nominating Committee News

Every year, a nominating committee is formed to nominate members to serve in the offices of Elder and Deacon, and on the Nominating and Scholarship Committees. This year, the Nominating Committee had the additional task of bringing nominees to the Pastor search committee that you, the Congregation, elected.

Your Nominating Committee is well into the task of nominating next year's slate of officers, but we need your help. If you get a call asking you to serve, we ask that you pray and seriously consider whether God is calling you to an office during this exciting time of transition. The next slate of Elders and Deacons will likely get the privilege of working with our new Senior Pastor.

It's hard to believe, but our time is running short. We ask that you take the time you need to pray, consult family, etc., but move deliberately through your decision process so a complete slate can be presented to the Congregation at our 2012 Annual Meeting in January.

If you are feeling called to serve in a particular office, don't hesitate to contact Clay Lanum, Linda McIntosh, Wendy Markham, Tobi Ellis, Nancy Hartnell, Bob Harshbarger, Peggy Perry, Jane Peterson, or Brad Hurte and let us know.

Deacon's Doings

September Minutes

September events were to include Teacup Ministries, Eastside Day of Concern and Baergen Memorial Service. Your Board of Deacons reached out to over 30 members or relations of the church by sending cards, making calls, or delivering flowers. Communion is to be served at home to two members. Kings Kids will be working with us on November Holiday Baskets.

September Reports:

Through September 30, 2011, both the Deacons Fund and the Teacup Ministries Fund funds maintain positive balances.

Verse:

"12If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are Mine. 13Shall I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? 14Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High, 15And call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor and glorify me." Psalms 50 AB

Deacon's Collection Boxes

NOVEMBER - Thanksgiving Baskets Holiday Meals for our local needy families are a church tradition before the holiday and your early contributions will go with the Deacons provided turkey, pie, butter, carrots, and fruit. We can use seasonal canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes/yams, canned or dry cranberries, boxed/bagged potato flakes, canned /bag mixes of pork or meat gravy, prepared turkey, apple, or chicken stuffing/dressing, apple/cranberry juice, pickles, canned pears, and corn bread mix. Deacons are thankful for any clothing donations at this time that we can pass on to Union Gospel Mission. We thank you, too, for sharing your bounty.

Holiday Schedules

If your Bible Study, Fellowship Group or other regularly scheduled meetings will be changing their schedule for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, please let us know. We can make the changes on Rose Hill's calendar and website. Be sure to send reminders of special events and cancellations by Wednesdays for the weekly Fellowship Matters and by Tuesday, November 15th for December's Messenger. Call the church office or email office@rosehillpc.org

Women's Ministries

Sunday, December 4th is our Christmas Candlelight Dessert. A wonderful time to reflect on The Miracle of Christmas and The Blessings of God's Love will be our focus. It's from 6:30 - 9:30 pm and the cost is \$5.00

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Please come join us for the Women's Retreat on March 16th - 18th, 2012 at the beautiful Rainbow Lodge. **Invite** your friends, be **Inspired**, and **Ignite** our passion for God. For more information contact Charlotte Grant.

Giving as Worship

Each year, Rose Hill conducts a stewardship drive as a way of providing funds to support the staff, programs and activities of the church. Proposals are made, budgets are developed and pledges are received. While a solid annual financial plan is important to the church I wonder whether this process might not overshadow the real reason for giving.

The late Jason Mitchener, Christian author, artist, and songwriter, shared these thoughts about giving as an expression of worship:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops." - Proverbs 3:9

In the Old Testament, believers did not come to the temple to worship without an offering to give God. Indeed, their offerings were integral, or essential, to their worship of God. While we do not worship

in the temple and are no longer required to offer sheep, doves, or grain, we should still regard giving as a wonderful way to worship God.

When I think of all that God has given me, I find that giving back to Him is my blessed obligation. Not only did God breathe life into me and give me a beautiful place in which to live, He also gave His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. And by believing in Christ, God also gave His Holy Spirit to teach me, guide me, and comfort me. With all God has given me, how could I not give back to Him. As I write in my song If I Gave You Everything, "If I gave you everything It would never be enough but I'll give it anyway to thank you for Your love."

In considering our pledge or giving for the coming year, let us consider how we may worship God above all else. If we do this, God will be honored and our plans for 2012 blessed.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

Birthdays

- 2 Quenten Pippel
- 4 Cade Eichner
- 8 Mike Lobb
- 9 Wayne Jones
- 11 Katie Weiss
- 12 Robert Bozorth
Julie Craig
- 13 Tobi Ellis
- 16 Stefanie Bozorth
Geneva Hutchison
- 17 Janet Hargett
Rozlyn Patterson
Robert Patterson
- 20 Kathryn Byrne
- 21 Charles Emery
- 23 Loretta Campbell
Gemma Gibbons
Richard Grant
- 24 Donald Gillie
- 25 Jennifer Eddy
- 26 Polly Coyner
- 28 Alexander Shipman
- 30 Michael Roetcisoender

Anniversaries

- 3 Russell & Barbara Patrick
- 25 Webster & Linnie Byrd
- 26 Warren & Telly Roderick

November

1	7:00 pm	Children's Ministry, Membership, Personnel,
	7:15 pm	Missions, Worship & Music Cmtes.
	7:30 pm	Building & Grounds Cmte.
2	6:00 pm	1st Wednesday Dinner & Worship with The Underground Youth & King's Kids
4	7:00 pm	Gideon's Posse - Antioch Bible
7	7:00 pm	Youth & Finance Cmtes
8	7:00 pm	Session
	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
12	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 am	Work Party
	11:00 am	Thanksgiving Decorating
13	12:00 pm	TIPS
15	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts
16	11:30 am	Senior Luncheon
18	5:00 pm	Carpenter's Workshop Set-Up
19	10:00 am	Carpenter's Workshop
20	12:00 pm	Social Hour & Ministry Fair
24	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Service
25		Office Closed
26	10:00 am	Christmas Decorating
27	2:00 pm	Cascade Plaza

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



Senior Luncheon
Wednesday, Nov. 16th
11:30 a.m.

Other Scheduled Buiding Use

Mondays	6:30 pm AA
Wednesdays	7:00 pm AA
Thursdays	7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Fridays	12:00 pm OA
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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