



Where we share what's happening in the Rose City Park Pres community...and beyond!



LISTENING TO OUR YOUTH

As we continue our focus on listening, we will periodically use this space to bring forward some other voices from our church body. Up this week is Diego Ocampo who many of you know took off this summer for an intensive ballet training at the Joffrey Academy of Dance in Chicago, IL. He had a great time, worked hard, and really appreciated all the support from the church. But his true expression of thanks comes in movements more than words. He's asked me to pass along the video from their final showcase so you can see the fruits of these labors. Please call or email the church office for

access.: https://vimeo.com/734151380?embed_email_provider=gmail

(If you're interested to see Diego particularly, you can jump to his group--Red--at these timestamps: 8:58, 40:31, and 1:00:52.) We're grateful to have this creative soul among us and join in a collective "Yay! Diego!" for all that is ahead for this bright spirit.

THIS SUNDAY

September 18, 2022

10:00 am **Worship: Hybrid (In-person and YouTube).** This week the Rev. Liz Leavitt will offer the first in her series of sermons on Listening, this one on 1 Kings 19:4-13 entitled "What Where Why."

Beginning at 9:50 am, use this [link](#) to watch the Worship Service live-streamed on YouTube.

Directly after the service, we invite you to join us on Zoom for our Social Time (see link below)

The full Worship Bulletin can be found [HERE](#).

For those following along online, the liturgy & music are [HERE](#).

Church School for grades 1-5 will gather in the children's library after the Time with the Young Church.

Childcare will be available for infants through age 5 in Kinder Space.

Directly following the end of service, please join us....

In Person: Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor

Online: Social Time on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847037580>.

11:30 AM: Deacon's Meeting- Library and Zoom

12:00 PM: Adult Discipleship Mission Study Discussion with Pastor Liz- Part Two

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP- MISSION STUDY DISCUSSION WITH PASTOR LIZ- PART 2

- September 18 at Noon (Zoom)
- Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522>

We hope you join us for Part Two of our Mission Study discussion with Pastor Liz as we explore what might be next for our church in its mission and ministry. You can find a copy of the RCPPC mission study report [here](#) and a link to a recording of the first session [HERE](#) in case you missed it (Click the triangle play button if necessary).. This discussion will be offered both in person (in the church library) and on Zoom. So, gather your affirmations, observations, questions and enthusiasm and join us!

COMPLINE: PRAYER, DISCUSSION & CONNECTION ON MONDAY EVENINGS

We continue our devotional time on Mondays 8-8:45 pm on Zoom. Tracking with our theme, "Listen: Hearing that Still Small Voice and Finding Your Own" we'll be reading selections from Parker Palmer's *Let Your Life Speak*. (Copies may be available in the church library for pick up.) We'll also have time for prayer, sharing and practicing some contemplative spirituality. Enjoy this time of spiritual enrichment and connection. Zoom

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WY'EAST HOME COOKED FOOD URGENTLY NEEDED FOR FRIDAY, SEPT 23

Many of the regular Wy'East cooking crew is on vacation or attending the Men's Retreat. This means without your help, we will have to cancel our home cooked meals for the veterans. Can you cook something for 8 or more people? We are hoping more will assist us this time for this important need. Please let Leslye Johnson know no later than 1 pm, Sunday, 9/18. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Leslye or the office.

TABLES FELLOWSHIP: JOIN NOW!

We are launching a new round of Tables beginning in October going through the end of January. With groups of 6-8 adults, singles or couples, folks gather to enjoy good food, laughter and conversation. Each group will determine where and when to meet for three or four times in a four-month period. Sign up now to rcptables@gmail.com. Deadline is Thursday, September 29th. Questions to Gail Black, coordinator.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A LLAMA FUN DAY!

Stop by the Portland ReStore on Friday, September 16 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm for a llama fun day to benefit Habitat for Humanity! There'll be an appearance and photos with Caesar the No-Drama-Llama, raffles, bonus discounts, and a lot of shopping fun! The Portland ReStore is located at 10445 SE Cherry Blossom Drive in Portland. Click [here](#) to learn more.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE- Thank you and please help!

We would like to thank the volunteers for this past week that helped with evening support of Family Promise at Community of Christ Church: *Terry and Thad Langford, Jim and Bobbi Munson, Leslye and George Johnson, Kris and Ray Amling, Katie Zalin, Rebecca Bauer and Linda Reinhardt.* Another thank you needs to go out to Karen LaBonte for the delicious brownies and muffins that she provided for the week! The next rotation we have committed to help with is **November 13th through the 20th.** This past week we assisted 3 families: one family from our first rotation (2 parents and one young child), a new family of mother and daughter, and another new family, recently moved from Texas, with 2 parents and 4 grade school children. They all were a lively bunch but got along well with each other making the evenings a lot of fun. A card game originally taught by our own Bobbi Munson has become a big hit as it is enjoyed by kids and adults alike. You too can come play with us in November! There are many other games that the kids enjoyed playing as well. On Friday night we even had a movie and popcorn!

More help is needed as there are not enough host or support congregations/organizations signed up yet. If you would like to help in between our committed support weeks OR have not been trained but are interesting in help with this important mission work please reach out to Rebecca Bauer or Linda Reinhardt. In addition to evening support there are ongoing needs of donations and help at the Day Center. Please visit the Family Promise Metro East website at <https://www.familypromisemetroeast.org> to learn more about the organization, provide donations or help at the Day Center located at Community of Christ.

There is an urgent need for DRIVERS right now for transportation between the host locations and the Day Center. Please contact Michele Veenker, the executive director, at 503-349-7627 if you would like to help with driving during September. Currently they are allowing volunteers to use their own cars for transportation, but they are also trying to get more drivers certified to drive the minibus. Note: A commercial driver's license is NOT needed to drive the minibus, but the certification process does take some time.

The good news is this program is being successful! One family was helped prior to even completing enrollment in the program and a second family found the support they needed by returning to Hawaii, and one of the families will likely have housing by the end of

September. Another family is completing the enrollment process this week. Please note that currently the board has limited total enrollment at one time to 14 people. 6-8 volunteers are needed each evening with an additional 2 for overnight/breakfast support. We are looking forward to seeing you in November, if not before!

NEW DIRECTORY TIME!

The new church directories will be soon available in two formats- a digital PDF and a printed booklet version. Please contact the office to make sure your contact and family information is correct. Let the office (office@rosecityparkpres.org) know if there are any edits we need to make. Also, please let us know if you would like to update your photo. Once all the edits are made, we will have printed directory booklets available.

CHURCH PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR PAINTING PROJECT

Effective Dates: Monday 9/19 - Friday 9/23

Due to maintenance of the church's bell tower, including painting and cleaning, the church parking lot will be blocked off with work equipment. As you know, street parking is limited, so please plan ahead if you are going to come by the church that week.

UPCOMING JAZZ CONCERT AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- Date: September 18, 2 pm
- Location: 1200 SW Alder St., Portland OR
- Price: Free, Parking in FPC's garage. Some lawn seating available. Bring a blanket!

Jacob Zimmerman, alto saxophone/clarinet, Cole Schuster, guitar, and Matt Weiner, bass, will grace FPC's outdoor plaza with a concert of jazz music exploring their expansive repertoire of beloved and rare songs from the 1920s-50s.. More information on the FPC concert series is available on the concert series at <https://www.firstpresportland.org/music-arts/celebration-works/>

UPPER ROOM- DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

If you like reading the Upper Room magazine that you find at church but would like the convenience of having it come to your inbox at home look no further! Anyone can order an individual digital subscription on the website, \$14.99 for a year or \$1.99 a month. <https://www.upperroom.org> or you can call them at 800-972-0433.

MEN'S RETREAT- THIS COMING WEEKEND!

"FALLING UPWARD: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life."

You are invited to join the men of RCPPC and Southminster Church as they gather for fellowship and retreat at the Menucha Conference Center. This will be a chance to share, relax and find inspiration amidst beautiful surroundings. The retreat dates are September 23- 25, so hope to see you there! Please call the office for more information.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT MENUCHA- October 21 – 23

Please join the women of RCPPC Women's Retreat on October 21 – 23 as we explore the theme "In the Sanctuary of Women". The Rev. Liz Leavitt will be the presenter, and include such topics as *How do stories of "community" encourage women?* We will discuss stories from the Bible and from mystics through the ages up to the current time. The theme of *In the Sanctuary of Women* became our theme as we do not live in solitude, but in community and sanctuary with other women. Please call the office for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to be mindful of continuing personal needs and community concerns in your prayers this week: we pray for Laura G and her family as they continue to mourn the death of Laura's sister Julia; for Johanna N's dear friends Robert and Deirdre facing several family emergencies and losses, for their peace and strength in this very difficult time; for Barry husband of Barbara L, who has been in the hospital struggling with an infection, we pray for his healing; for those in our statewide community being impacted by fires, particularly those under

evacuation orders, those whose homes are at risk and the first responders working around the clock to contain the blazes.

WHAT'S NEXT

Monday, September 19

8:00 pm: Compline: Prayer, Discussion & Connection

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522>

Tuesday, September 20

1:30 pm: Afternoon Book Club

7:00 pm: Session

Thursday, September 22

2:00 pm: Tech Meeting

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 23

Wy'East Food Ministry

Men's Retreat Begins- Menucha Conference Center & Resort

Saturday, September 24

8:00 am - 1 pm Hollywood Farmers Market

DID YOU MISS IT?

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