



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



## ***CELEBRATING WOMEN WHO TELL OUR STORIES***

The National Women's History Alliance has announced the women's history theme for 2023, "*Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories.*" In addition to March being Women's History Month, International Women's Day was celebrated globally on March 8th.

The NWA website states "Throughout 2023, the NWA will encourage recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade. From the earliest storytellers through pioneering journalists, our experiences have been captured by a wide variety of artists and teachers."

Perhaps we could think of all the women in the history of our Christian tradition who have kept the story of God's goodness alive, sang its songs, remembered its names and told it to their children. Women have played such a critical role in the stewardship of the church over time, this is a wonderful month to reflect on those contributions and celebrate them as well!

Here are some local ideas for celebrating out in the community:

- Click [here](#) to see the Portland proclamation. (worth a read!)
- Learn about women who changed Portland- click [here](#).
- Listen to women composers, conductors, and musicians on All Classical Portland [here](#).
- Celebrate with the Portland Trailblazers [here](#).
- Support a women's nonprofit or store. [Here](#) are some ideas.
- And most importantly, write a thank you note to a woman whose story inspires you!

Together we pray (with words from the Presbyterian Mission Agency): Generous and loving God, we thank you for your gift of Christ and for his ministry of abundant compassion and generosity. We ask that you bless each of us, female and male, so that we "may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Amen.

## THIS SUNDAY

### March 12, 2023 - Daylight Saving Time Begins!

#### 8:30 am **Gospel Bible Study**

Use this link to attend <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86797227527>

To join by telephone, call 253-215-8782 and enter Meeting ID 867 9722 7527

10:00 am **Worship: Hybrid (In-person and YouTube)**. It's the third Sunday of Lent and Pastor Liz will continue our Lenten series on "*Seeking: Honest Questions for a Deeper Faith*" with a sermon on Exodus 17:1-17 and John 4:5-42 entitled "Will you give me a drink?".

Beginning at 9:55 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.

**Please join us for Social Time after the Worship Service.**

**In Person:** Fellowship Hall

**Online:** Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847037580>.

## CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY NEWS

### CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS THIS WEEKEND!

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023, when the clocks skip ahead an hour at 2 a.m. local time. The clocks will fall back again on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 at 2 a.m. local time, when daylight saving time ends for the year. These fall and spring time changes continue a tradition started during World War I. So don't forget to set yours...or you'll miss church!

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### HEALTH AND SPIRIT CONVERSATIONS

Tim Winslea, Nurse Theologian of the Presbyterian Urban Network will continue the time of sharing our health journeys and bringing them into conversation with our faith. You are welcome and encouraged to come into this safe space to share what's on your heart.

**Dates:** March 14

**Time:** 7 pm on Zoom

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81327678965>

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### MONDAY EVENING COMPLINE CONTINUES

Our group of RCPPC contemplatives still meets on Monday evenings at 8 pm.

We are exploring Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* together. Here is the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84275785844>

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## **PHOTOS ANYONE?**

It's time to update our website and we would appreciate your help. Do you have any church photos to share? We would love to see them! Please note that we do need to get permission from everyone in the photo before we can post them. You can send your photos to [office@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:office@rosecityparkpres.org), or call the office for any questions.

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## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

The season of Lent is our opportunity to give to One Great Hour of Sharing. For more than 70 years, OGHS has connected us in God's healing, tending and growing to create a world where all needs are met. Thanks to your gifts, OGHS supports projects in more than 100 countries. This offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

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## **2023 CHARITABLE TAX GIVING GUIDE**

The IRA Charitable Rollover provision has become permanent tax law; it allows individuals who have reached 72 to donate up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA, 401k, 403b to eligible charitable organizations (including Rose City Park Presbyterian Church) without treating the distribution as taxable income. Dispersal from IRA account can take place monthly, quarterly or at a time of your choice. When you use this method your money must go directly from your IRA account to Rose City Park Presbyterian church. It cannot go to you personally then to the church because you will not be able pass it on tax free.

Stocks or Mutual Fund Transfers may be gifted to RCPPC by directly transferring shares through electronically transfer to the church's investment account at New Covenant Transfer Company (NCTC). The value of the stock at the time is recorded by NCTC becomes the value of the stock. Depending on the length of time you have held the stock, this form of giving may protect you from paying capital gain taxes on the stock. Mutual Fund shares may be gifted, but the process is slightly more complicated.

Please be sure to consult your tax advisor, as tax situations vary widely. If you have any questions please contact Peter Bilotta.

## **SOCIAL ACTION AND MISSION PARTNERS**

### **GREEN BAG & BOTTLE/CAN PICK-UP SATURDAY**

**Date:** Saturday, March 18th, Noon - 1:00 pm

**Location:** RCPPC Parking lot

Due to scheduling issues, we will be collecting Blue and Green Bags this month on the third Saturday in March from Noon to 1 pm in the parking lot at the church. Blue and Green bags are available in the lower narthex. Blue bags are for RINSED recyclable bottles and cans. Green Bags are for food for the Portland Food Project. Thank you for helping your neighbors and others in need!

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### **NEWS FROM FAMILY PROMISE**

We have recently welcomed one new family of four and we will help a family move into an apartment on Thursday, 3/9. Thanks to the Sechrist family for a generous donation of household items to help this family get settled into their home. We also have a family in the process of moving soon, but with no firm date yet.

For those of you interested in becoming volunteers with us, there will be a Volunteer Training on Tuesday, 3/14, from 6:00-8:30. It will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (147 NW 19th Ave). There is also the option to take the training online if this date does not work for you. If you are interested in attending on 3/14 please contact Rebecca Bauer or Linda Reinhardt for registration details. Thanks.

For those of you who are already trained volunteers, our next Support Week will be April 2-8. Please access the [sign-up sheet](#) and choose some time slots to help with this important community service.

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## **PCEF CLIMATE PLAN OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY**

The Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) is hosting an open house on the Climate Investment Plan on Saturday, March 18. It will be a fun and family-friendly event with food, environmentally conscious crafts, and an opportunity to provide feedback on the preliminary draft of the plan (available starting March 13). CORE food hall on Powell and SE 82<sup>nd</sup>. Drop-in any time between 1 and 4 pm. This event is designed for community members to have a say on the draft goals and strategies to address climate change. It is also an opportunity to connect with others while creating environmentally conscious crafts and enjoying some food. Hang out with you friends or make it a play date! [Register for the event to get reminders](#). You can see the flyer for the event [here](#).

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## **IN SEARCH OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY**

A Book Study on "*How To Be An Antiracist*". The Cascades Presbytery Committee on Representation (COR) is offering a book discussion for three upcoming Saturdays via Zoom from 10 am-noon March 11, 25 and April 1, 2023. The discussions will be facilitated by Sid Bert and Linda Jackson-Shaw. Sid was a previous Presbytery Moderator, national anti-racism and cultural proficiency trainer and facilitator for PC(USA). Linda Jackson-Shaw is a trained facilitator for the PC(USA) on anti-racism and cultural proficiency and has provided training to presbytery staff, committees, and congregations in the San Francisco Presbytery as well as facilitated workshops at Ghost Ranch and Presbyterian Women. Pre-Registration is not required for this study. To join the conversation THIS Saturday, March 11 or March 25 and April 1, click the Zoom link [here](#). For more information, click [here](#).

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & BUILDING PARTNERS**

### **ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH CAMPERS**

The church is experiencing ongoing issues with campers in our area. We are committed to acting with compassion, but it cannot not be at the expense of safety. The church office is asking for volunteers willing to file reports with PDX reporter or to call non-emergency police during times of crisis.

This is a burden that falls to the office, and during those times severely impacts our ability to function effectively. Hold times for these services can be quite long, and our experience proves that agencies respond faster if there are more people who call. If you are willing to assist with this, or would like more information about what it would entail, please contact the office. Thank you!

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## COMMUNITY VACCINE CLINIC - MARCH 16

**Time:** March 16th, 11am - 1pm

**Location:** Community for Positive Aging, 1820 NE 40th Avenue

The Community for Positive Aging is hosting a free Covid vaccine clinic on March 16th. Vaccines are provided by Lecare Pharmacy for children aged 5 years and up. Walk-ins welcome! For more information, call (503) 288-8303, or visit [communityfpa.org](http://communityfpa.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to be mindful of continuing personal needs and community concerns in your prayers this week: You are invited to be mindful of continuing personal needs and community concerns in your prayers this week: *for Desiree O who has been experiencing some health problems, we pray for healing and further information and treatment; for those experiencing seasonal depression we pray for hope and strength; we celebrate Greg B's successful shoulder surgery earlier this week and continue to pray for his recovery; Nancy F's brother, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, had a mild stroke this week and we pray for his recovery.*

## WHAT'S NEXT

### Monday, March 13

7:00 pm: Worship & Arts

8:00 pm: Compline, Zoom

**Tuesday, March 14**

12:00 pm: Personnel Committee

7:00 pm: Health & Spirit conversations, Zoom

**Wednesday, March 15**

12:00 pm: Lenten Book Study, hybrid (Library and Zoom)

7:00 pm: Sarah Circle

**Thursday, March 16**

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, March 18**

12:00 Green Bag and Can/Bottle pickup

9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Hollywood Farmer's Market

**DID YOU MISS IT?**

Catch a video of last week's worship on our [YouTube channel](#).

Read the most recent [Broadcaster Newsletter](#).

Check our [Events Calendar](#) for upcoming events.

If you have additional questions, please contact us: [office@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:office@rosecityparkpres.org)

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