



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



## **KICK OFF SUNDAY & POTLUCK!**

We're returning from summer and it's time to start our new program year with a bang! On Sunday, we'll begin a **new series in worship**, *Come to the Table*, which will invite us to explore our identity as individuals and as a church. Our **chancel choir will be back** with us with new Director Zachary Aldana at the helm! And **regular Sunday School will begin** again.

**After worship we'll share a Potluck lunch. If you can contribute (homemade or purchased are both great!), please:**

- **Bring a main dish or salad to share!**
- **No dessert is needed. Ice cream will be provided by the Mariners!**

**Most importantly, we hope to see YOU and invite everyone to participate whether they can bring something or not.**

After our meal, **Pastor Liz will offer a presentation on her doctoral research** on Religious Nones (those who don't identify with any religious tradition) and how this new and growing group might inform our future ministry. Check with Kris Amling if you need to access childcare for the after-church presentation, which will go until about 1:30pm. Hope to see you there!

## THIS SUNDAY

**September 10, 2023**

**10:00 am Worship: Hybrid (In-person and YouTube).** It's Communion Sunday and Pastor Liz will begin a new Worship series entitled "*Come to the Table: An Exploration of Hospitality and Identity*". This week sermon will be on Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:24-25 entitled "A Welcome Table".

Beginning at 9:55 am, use this [link](#) to watch the Worship Service live-streamed on YouTube.

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 a potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service.**

- **Bring a main dish or salad to share!**
- **Ice cream will be provided by the Mariners.**

Following our meal, **Pastor Liz will have a presentation on her doctoral research** on religious *Nones*.

## CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY NEWS

### NEW SEASON OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School (grades K-5) starts a new season on Sunday and a new curriculum, Joyful Path from Progressive Christianity. Kids will begin in worship and depart after "Time with the Young Church" to meet in the Children's Library and engage in a curriculum which explores Christian wisdom, values and spiritual practices. Kids will meet their parents in the parlor afterward (11:30am).

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## **SARAH CIRCLE BEGINS AGAIN**

Sarah Circle, a bible study program following the Presbyterian Women's Horizon curriculum but open to all genders, will meet the second Tuesday of the month beginning September 12, 7-8:30pm on Zoom. This year's curriculum is Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Pick up your copy of the study guide from Lea Lawrence-Moiso.

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## **ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM**

**Dates:** September 20, September 27, October 4, October 11,

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81702783669>

Curious about the enneagram? Ennea what? Just generally interested in understanding yourself or others better? The Bible tells us we are "fearfully and wonderfully made". Our founding theological forebear, Jean Calvin, links knowledge of the self to knowledge of God. The Enneagram is a tool that helps us tap into our created essence and overcome the fixations that distance us from who we were created to be. Our explorations of the enneagram will be steeped in prayer as we bravely seek to know ourselves and our creator more deeply.

Join Sarah Sanderson-Doughty, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Conflict Team leader for the Presbytery of the Cascades, and Enneagram Enthusiast, for four consecutive Wednesday evening zoom classes from 7-8:15 pm on September 20, September 27, October 4, and October 11, for an introduction to a powerful tool for spiritual growth and relational health. Sarah invites you to read or skim either *The Enneagram Made Easy: Discover the 9 Types of People* (by Elizabeth Wagele and Renee Baron) or *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery* (by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile) prior to the first gathering. Ten copies of the books will be available in the church library. If more are needed, more will be ordered. Don't want to read in advance? Just come! All are welcome.

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## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING**

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades will be hosting an in-person Fall Gathering, September 29, at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Keizer, Oregon. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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## **PRESBYTERIAN URBAN NETWORK**

**Time:** Wednesdays 12-12:30 pm on Zoom.

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

All are invited to attend Wednesday prayer with the Presbyterian Urban Network, facilitated by Tim Winslea. As September is Suicide Prevention Month, each week will focus on a particular attribute that make the Church such an important resource for people who are contemplating suicide. Meeting ID: 813 2767 8965

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## **BOTTLE DROP & GREEN BAG THIS SATURDAY**

**Date:** Saturday, September 9th, Noon - 1:00 pm

**Location:** RCPPC Parking lot

We will be collecting Blue and Green Bags on the second Saturday in September 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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## **WHAT COMES NEXT? THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION GROUP TO LAUNCH IN FALL (REPEAT)**

Every day, the scientific world is presenting us with new discoveries about the nature of reality. Old understandings about the world are passing away and new concepts are emerging to shape our cosmology. But is theology keeping up? We still talk about God as one who "dwells up there," "comes down here" and "exists as three persons" when we could just as easily talk about God as One Who Evolves or One Who Exists In the Complexity of the Atom OR One Who Is Both Wave and Particle. How can science in conversation with faith help us deepen our understanding of the sacred? Deepen understanding of our spirituality? Inform our need to find meaning and to strengthen our connection with God? George Johnson and Pastor Liz Leavitt are inviting all folks who might be interested in these profound questions to join in a discussion group this fall that will loosely follow the video series "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and Evolving Faith." (Learn more [HERE](#).) If this sounds

like something you might want to participate in, drop Liz a line by the end of August and she'll include you on the list as we seek to identify a date, time and location for our interchange.

## **SOCIAL ACTION AND MISSION PARTNERS**

### **FAMILY PROMISE - IMPORTANT NEWS!**

We are scheduled for our support week, 9/10-9/16, with Community of Christ. Many slots are still open so please check out this [link](#) and sign up to help if you can.

Please join the one year anniversary celebration of Family Promise Metro East and our support role on Saturday 9/16 from noon to 4pm at Mt Tabor Methodist Church. All are welcome! See the [attached flyer](#) for more details. Need any more information on these events or have any questions regarding Family Promise please contact Linda Reinhardt or Rebecca Bauer.

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### **TODDLER CLOTHES NEEDED (REPEAT)**

Per Director, Maura White, the Mother and Child Education Center desperately NEEDS gently used toddler clothes (2T-5T) for the upcoming season. Social Action will have a large, labeled (Mother and Child) plastic container in the Narthex from August 17th - September 9th for your donations. Leslye Johnso

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & BUILDING PARTNERS**

### **SISTERS OF THE ROAD BLOCK PARTY**

**Date:** September 9, 5-8 pm

**Location:** NW Davis between NW 3rd and NW 4th Ave.

The Sisters of the Road invites you to celebrate their new building by having a block party and hope you join them. There will be complimentary food courtesy of Meals on Us, and entertainment featuring the one and only Poison Waters. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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## **BOOK GIVEAWAY & EXCHANGE - HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 12, 12-1pm, **Location:** 1820 NE 40th Ave.

Looking to expand your library or trade out books? Stop by the Center to pick up, exchange, or donate books with Book Mobile Babes, a non-profit connecting communities with books to encourage reading and book sustainability at all ages.

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## **ANTIRACISM LEARNING CIRCLES- FIRST UNITARIAN IN PORTLAND**

You are invited to join Antiracism Learning Circles this fall. It's on zoom, so you can join from anywhere! **Full descriptions, schedules & registration information** is [HERE](#).

This fall we are offering:

- **Seeing White** - our real history in the US - the one none of us were taught in school (podcast)
  - **This Land** - the legal structure defending Native American rights, and the threats to that structure (podcast)
  - **The Repair** - how we have gone wrong in our relationship with earth and its uneven impacts (podcast)
  - **Caste: The Origins of our Discontents** - how we have been shaped by a hidden caste system (book)
  - **For The Wild** - highlighting conversations with guests of color about hard truths in dark times (podcast)
  - **The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story** - a profoundly reveling vision of American past and present (book)
  - **Barred: Why the Innocent Can't Get Out of Prison** - what is wrong with our criminal justice system (book)
  - **The Land That Has Never Been Yet** - an examination of whether we have ever had a real democracy (podcast)
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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*You are invited to be mindful of the following personal needs and community concerns in your prayers this week: we pray with Dennie C for her sister, Aladene, who is receiving hospice care and at the end of life, that she may feel God's comforting embrace in this transition as that those who sit vigil with her may also.*

## **WHAT'S NEXT**

### **Tuesday, September 12th**

10:00 am- Educational Ministries

7:00 pm: Sarah Circle

### **Wednesday, September 13th**

12:00 noon: Presbyterian Urban Network (Zoom link below)

### **Thursday, September 14th**

10:30 am: Building & Grounds

7:00 pm: Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, September 15th**

Wy' East Food Ministry

### **Saturday, September 16th**

9:00 am - 1 pm: Hollywood Farmers Market

## **COMMON ZOOM LINKS**

Sunday Morning Gospel Bible Study: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86797227527>

Sunday Social Time: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89847037580>

Adult Discipleship Sunday Noon Classes: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978968522>

Monday Evening Compline: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84275785844>

Midweek Prayer Session with Rev. Joshua Dunham (and Rev. Tim Winslea)

<https://www.covenantgresham.org/midweekprayer>

Enneagram Workshop: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81702783669>

## **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)

The deadline for submissions for the E-Blast is 2:00 pm every Wednesday.

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