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Happy New Year!! Can you believe that it is 2020!! The first Sunday of January, we will be celebrating Epiphany. Come for communion and for the continuation of our Christmas Program from December. There are several surprises planned for the morning.

I love the word 'Epiphanies.' They are manifestations of divine glory. Psalm 19 says, "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork." Natural epiphanies might be less noticeable to us than to the Psalmist. The Portland landscape is choked with concrete and asphalt. Looking skyward we see buildings, signs and lights. All of which interferes with the millions of light shows in the heavens that are still proclaiming God's glories and handiwork.

In the Pacific Northwest, we don't have to go very far to see the grandeur of God. There is a poem by Gerard Manley entitled "God's Grandeur." A wildflower growing through a crack of concrete, a cat jumping from a high wall, the smile of people we pass by on the street. All of those just might qualify as epiphanies or manifestations of God's presence.

In 2020, may you look within yourself for epiphanies, manifestations of the sacred in your world. Some suggestions just might be the twinkle in your lover's eye, being free of whatever binds and constricts you from being who you are, struggles for justice when feeding the hungry, giving care to those who are sick - they all proclaim that you and I are God's handiwork too.

I pray that your 2020 will be a year that you do away with all that gets in the way of God's presence in your life.

It is my privilege to walk with you in 2020.

Grace,

Rev. David C. Dornack

*~Welcome Christ in 2020~*  
*Worship in the Winter Months*



The Northwest in January and February can be dreary and cold, but worship at Rose City Park brings Magi, stars, waters of baptism, celebrations of diversity, and warmth of community. Come celebrate the joy of “the word made flesh” as we deepen and energize our faith together in Sunday worship and move into the Season of Lent at the end of February.

**JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>—EPIPHANY:** Celebrate the end of Christmas with the arrival of the Magi and the final scene of “Joseph’s Story” as told by our youth. Bell Choir, shining stars, communion and gifts of “Star Words” start a new year with joy.

**JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup>—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY:** A river of “baptismal waters” greets worshippers.

**JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>—RACE RELATIONS DAY:** Hear the message from Desiree Ocampo on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Our new trio (Preston Weller, Rae Richen, Greg Baker) returns with special music.

**FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>— Super Worship & Communion on Super Bowl Sunday**

**FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>—WORSHIP TOGETHER before THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>—ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7:30 p.m. The Season of Lent begins**

# Spotlight on RCPPC Artists

## January through March

### January Artist – *Tommy Jane Roberts*



**Tommy Jane writes:** *I can't remember when I didn't love to create, beginning with drawing multiple articles of clothing for paper dolls. My first creative writing was in high school, but I didn't continue with that until I started working in the church as newsletter editor and office administrator. My writing, mostly poetry and liturgy, and creating bulletin cover art spanned twelve years of work at the church. I still write poetry on a regular basis (we have a poetry post in our yard), and liturgy periodically, but painting happens sporadically. Watercolor is my favorite medium, but I have done some acrylic work.*

*Another art form that I love (and am slightly addicted to) is Soul Collage. I learned this method at the spirituality retreat I attend each year, Companions on the Inner Way. Soul Collage is done on an 8 x 5 piece of card stock using magazine photos to create a piece of art inspired by scripture, poetry, or just about anything (I did one on chocolate!). The end result is so much more than the individual pictures used in the collage. Often, the piece creates itself when I use photos that "speak to me". A further step I have used in Soul Collage is using computer apps to Photoshop the image.*

*Photography, home décor, worship enhancement, food decorating, needlework, and even music composition (I am not a musician!) are additional expressions of my creativity.*

*I am not sure which items you will see in the parlor in January, but there will be quite a variety. I hope you enjoy them.*

### February Artist – *Gretchen Johnson*

Gretchen presents an exhibit of her fiber arts but you can enjoy her seasonal décor in the library throughout the year. She shares these comments:

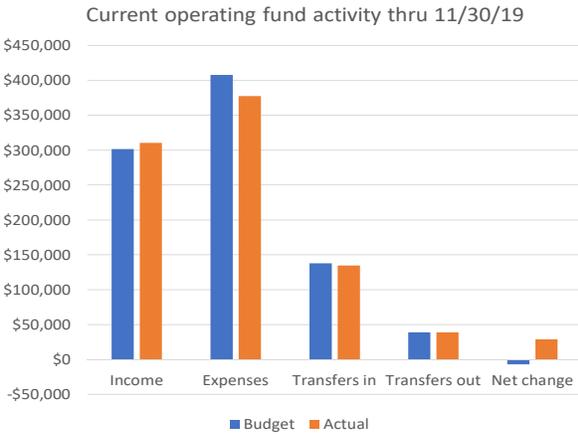
*My mom taught me needlework at an early age as she learned from her mother who learned the art at school in Germany. When our three sons were small I had the luxury of being home with them and I joined the Columbia Fiber Arts Guild. They provided many workshops along with friendships. That is where I worked with Eleanor Vanderwater, whose art is hanging in our Sanctuary Chancel and in the Upper Narthex. Eventually as the boys got older I went back to work, creating a new chapter in my life.*

### March Artists – *All AUTHORS in the Congregation*

Writers are artists, too! If you have written and published a book (children's, novel, technical, biography, graphic novel, etc), March is your month to display your book(s). Please bring them to church by February 26 and put them on the shelf outside Paulette's office. And, plan to attend Adult Education (date to be announced) to hear one of our authors, Rae Richen, talk about her *Scapegoat* novels.



## Rose City Park Presbyterian Church Summary results of YTD current operating fund through Nov. 2019



### Treasurer's notes

- Bottom line, we're ~\$36,000 better than budget.
- Income is ~\$9,000 (3.0%) better than budgeted.
- Expenses are ~\$30,000 (7.4%) less than budget.
- Transfers in primarily represent the use of our reserve funds. As discussed at the annual meeting this is not a long-term sustainable plan, but one that Session has knowingly undertaken for 2019. Transfers in are ~\$3,200 less than budgeted.
- Transfers out primarily represent amounts to the Benevolence fund for our mission giving and are tracking on budget.
- Feel free to contact John or Katrina should you have questions or like more detailed information.

## Per Capita

All Presbyterians are called to take part in the ecclesiastical and administrative work shared by the whole church through Per Capita giving. Rose City Park is assessed \$36.50 for each member of our church by the national and local Presbytery organization. Money raised from Per Capita supports a myriad of Presbyterian activities nationwide and internationally. Some examples are listed below:

- Partnering with ecumenical bodies worldwide to promote Christianity
- Per capita provides funds for ministry trainings
- Supports a portion of funding for Mission Agencies
- Supports Triennium for our youth
- Developing leadership for the Presbytery Church
- Administration costs for local and national Presbytery organizations

Thanks,

Your Stewardship Committee

## Seasons of the Heart Retreat at Menucha

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October 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2019



PIC•COLLAGE



**Thanks to all who assisted with our final HOMEpdx meal!**

## **Adult Discipleship - January and February 2020**

**Adult Bible Study** on the book of Matthew will resume January 12<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Jim Moiso will lead the sessions in January. The classes continue from 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. in Room 8. Coffee is provided. Childcare is available. Join us! It is fun and enlightening!

**After Worship Sessions** Chapel 11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Light snack provided.

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** Maura White from *Mother and Child Education* will tell us about this important organization that is just down the street from RCPPC. She will share opportunities for us to support them.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>** Watch the Presbyterian Outlook webinar, *Helping Churches Talk About Racism*, presented by Carolyn Helsel.

**Date to be Determined** Rae Richen will discuss her Scapegoat Series and the inspiration for this series of books.

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Rev David Dornack, with Leslie Munson, will lead a discussion of *There There* by Tommy Orange. The book explores the themes of Native peoples living in urban spaces, and issues of ambivalence and complexity related to Natives' struggles with identity and authenticity. *There There* was favorably received, and was a finalist for the [2019 Pulitzer Prize](#). The book is the Multnomah Reads choice for 2020. Ten copies of the book will be available for loan from the church library.



## Wifi Is Coming to RCPPC

In the December 18 Session meeting, Session voted to proceed with the ComCom (Communications Committee) proposal to have cabling installed that will make wifi available throughout the church. Right now, the church offices have wifi, but wifi accessibility is hit or miss in rooms just outside the offices. It is nonexistent in the parlor, Fellowship Hall, or the Sanctuary.

This has had a significant negative impact on committee work, Adult Ed programming, youth activities, training opportunities, etc. Imagine hosting a presbytery-wide Triennium meeting only to find that the main activity cannot take place because there's no internet access. No internet access, no video. Imagine gathering for a special training on racism that screeches to a halt because the webinar (an online web seminar) can't be accessed. And there's nothing like holding a committee meeting where internet files are accessible only by connecting through the data plan of a member's cell phone.

The scope of the project is significant. Our old building has additions that are formed with concrete walls, hallways that zig and zag, and a furnace room tucked into an obscure corner (Building and Grounds will be able to access the furnace controls via wifi). Progressive Telephone System and Communications offers the expertise to take on this uniquely challenging building. This does not come without a cost. The bid of \$10,000 will be paid through a combination of sources: a \$4,000 technology grant from Presbytery, and monies drawn from budgets of Communications Committee and Office Equipment.

We see wifi as a conduit for expanding our connections to each other, our community, and the world. We envision wifi as a tool to make building operations more efficient. We believe wifi will make our facilities even more attractive to building partners. We are excited about the new possibilities for ministry that wifi affords. We look forward to sharing the journey together.

Karen LaBonte, Chair of Communications Committee



*Books are many things: lullabies for the weary, ointment for the wounded, armor for the fearful and nests for those in need of a home." Glenda Millard*

### Reading in the Afternoon

The new year is on its way. Read a book to start the year. It may change your life. And if you talk about it with a friend or a neighbor, the conversation may transform both of you. Join the afternoon book group in the chapel on...

**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm to discuss *The Overstory* by Richard Powers**

**Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 1 pm to discuss *My Antonia* by Willa Cather**

# *Desiree Ocampo Begins the Path to Ordination*

As we all know, the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. At the December Session meeting, Session took a big step with one of our own, Desiree Ocampo, voting to take Desiree “under care” as she prepares to become ordained as a Presbyterian minister.

The process is a rigorous one. The candidate makes her desire known to the Presbytery, seeks the formal support of her Session, and is appointed a liaison. Desiree’s liaison to the RCPPC Session is Karen LaBonte. The next steps for an applicant: a psychological evaluation, followed by acceptance by Presbytery and the award of the formal designation of “inquirer.”

Prior to eligibility for ordination, a candidate must be certified by her presbytery. This requires an examination, including a personal statement of Christian experience and inward call. The inquirer must also pass exams in Biblical knowledge, Greek and Hebrew, the history and practice of the reformation, the Presbyterian Book of Order, and other areas. Desiree’s theological education at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, from which she earned a Master’s degree, will help her here, but Desiree fears Greek and Hebrew are going to take some intense review.

In addition to certification, a candidate must do a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in a care setting like a hospital. This unit is done full-time for 10 weeks.

While the target timeline for the process is three years, each individual’s process is unique. Desiree adds these requirements to a life filled with three children, a husband, and a full-time job. That is the nature of a calling, though - one leaps into the unknown, certain only that in saying “Yes,” a path will make itself known.

We are excited to be supporting Desiree as she makes her path. We especially look forward to hearing her preach in the coming months.

## Tower Youth Group

Events for January:

January 5<sup>th</sup>: Take down Christmas decorations

January 12<sup>th</sup>: Vision and plan for our Youth Group going forward and lunch

January 19<sup>th</sup>: No Youth Group

January 26<sup>th</sup>: Dollars for Donuts

Paulette and I are thrilled to be your Youth Group Leaders beginning in the new year! We have some pretty big shoes to fill but are excited for what the future holds for this amazing group of kids. During our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be talking with the youth as to what they would like their Youth Group to look like going forward, traditions that they would like to continue and events they would like to add. Parents can always reach out to me at [slmiller\\_24@msn.com](mailto:slmiller_24@msn.com) or to Paulette at [paulette@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:paulette@rosecityparkpres.org).

- Shannon Miller & Paulette Mixon-Weller, Youth Ministries Directors



## Working with Do Good Multnomah – Developing a Relationship



RCPPC members have been active at the Do Good Multnomah veterans' sites. Two meals were served as well as providing a large pot of vegetable/ham soup for another meal at the Wy'East

shelter. Also, the Sandy Studio's office was decorated for the holidays. Below is a thank you response.

*To the fine people of Rose City Park Presbyterian Church:*

*My sincere thanks goes out to all of you for all you have done to help the veterans at Sandy Studios. We are a small "supportive services" staff who help Veterans, many who are struggling with various challenges, live independently. Because we are such a small staff always extremely busy trying to make a difference in the lives of our veterans, the volunteer work and support which your congregation has offered has been invaluable.*

*From being a positive presence in our supportive services office, to holiday decorating (Fall and Winter), to donations and food offered, for the service and attention provided, we are truly grateful. For many of the Veterans who live here, we are like their only family. And for them to walk in surprised by holiday decorations is a huge morale booster, and one that we would have been hard pressed to offer ourselves. Thanks so much for all you have done. This has truly been a godsend for both the residents and staff at Do Good Multnomah Sandy Studios. We hope you all have a great holiday season.*

*Sincerely,  
James and the Do Good Staff*

Submitted by Social Action Committee

## American Guild of Organists Concert

All are invited to a free organ concert here at RCPPC on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The concert is being presented by the Portland chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Heidi will be one of the chapter members performing works that are slightly off the beaten path, but can definitely be used for church.

## Nursery Update

Thank you to the nursery volunteers for November and December! They included Preston Weller, Emily Weller, Tory Norton, Danger Ocampo, Peggy Irvine-Page, Terry Langford, Karin Novitsky, Shannon Miller and Finlee Seaton. Thank you to Tommy Jane Roberts for the bulletin board. Your volunteer time is critical to welcoming children to the nursery. Plus, you will leave with a smile on your face!



*Contact Gail Black or Leslie Munson if you would like to volunteer in the nursery.*

## Martha Service

Welcome in the New Year and join the women of Martha Service sewing quilts and other items for those in our community and church family.

Next meetings are Jan 8th and Feb 5th, 9:30 a.m. in room 8.

## E-BLAST

Each Thursday, RCPPC administrative assistant Carolee sends out an E-blast detailing announcements and other general information regarding current and upcoming events at Rose City Park Presbyterian. If you are not currently receiving the E-blast, please email [carolee@rosecityparkpres.org](mailto:carolee@rosecityparkpres.org) and she will add you to the mailing list.

# RCPPC Schedule January 2020

**Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day**

*RCPPC Office Closed*

**Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

10 a.m. Gentle Moves  
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Epiphany Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship and Communion  
11:15 a.m. Tower Youth Group  
11:30 Deacons Meeting

**Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
12 p.m. Interfaith Alliance

**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m. Martha Service  
1 p.m. Personnel Meeting  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults  
7 p.m. Communications Meeting

**Thur. 9<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Gentle Moves  
10:30 a.m. Building and Grounds  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Tower Youth Group  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

**Tues. 14<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
7 p.m. Sarah Circle

**Wed. 15<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Worship and Arts Committee  
1 p.m. Reading in the Afternoon  
6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

**Thur. 16<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Gentle Moves  
1:30 p.m. Social Action Committee  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Adult Music

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

*RCPPC Office Closed*

**Tues. 21<sup>st</sup>**

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality  
7 p.m. Session meeting

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

**Thur. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

10 a.m. Gentle Moves  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 a.m. Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

**Mon. 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 a.m. Women's Coffee

**Tues. 28<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality

**Wed. 29<sup>th</sup>**

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults  
7 p.m. Reading in the Evening

**Thur. 30<sup>th</sup>**

10 a.m. Gentle Moves  
7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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# RCPPC Schedule February 2020

## Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

## Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Bags Due

*Annual Report Available*

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship and Communion

2 p.m. Bach Cantata Choir Concert

## Tues. 4<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality

## Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. Martha Service

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

## Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Lunch

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

## Tues. 11<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality

7 p.m. Sarah Circle

## Wed. 12<sup>th</sup>

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

## Thur. 13<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

10:30 a.m. Building and Grounds

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Adult Ed Music

## Mon 17<sup>th</sup> President's Day

*RCPPC Office Closed*

## Tues. 18<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemp. Spirituality

7 p.m. Session Meeting

## Wed. 19<sup>th</sup>

1 p.m. Reading in the Afternoon

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

## Thur. 20<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

1:30 p.m. Social Action Committee

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

## Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Youth Group Pancake

Brunch

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

## Mon 24<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. Women's Coffee

## Tues. 25<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Contemplative Spirituality

## Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

6 p.m. Free Yoga for Adults

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

## Thur. 27<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Gentle Moves

7 p.m. Chancel Choir

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