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Lent into Easter – Sacred Spaces, Sacred Art, Sacred Music

With much admiration and gratitude, I say thank you to the leaders and teachers who opened us to God in a very spatial and sensual way with mystery, harmony and artistry.

To the Rev. Dennie Carcelli who led our Ash Wednesday service of confession and forgiveness, gratitude and intention with music, liturgy, the imposition of ashes and grace.

To the Rev. Dr. Tobin Wilson who led us into sacred spaces with readings and essays, communion, stillness and intimacy.

To Cheryl Stock who taught us about sacred art using three pieces from Grunewald, Leonardo and Dali with history, interpretation and reflection.

And to Greg Sojka who brought us sacred music through the harp, chant, gospel, Kenyan folk music, and who used his position, his voice and the voices of our choir and others with stunning magnificence this Lent into Easter. Thank you.

—Melinda Mackey-O'Brien

Rummage Sale Week March 31 through April 5

We are looking forward to our Rummage Sale week of March 31 (Monday) through April 5 (Saturday). It is a special time of working together to enhance many of the diverse missions of Presbyterian Women. Your sellable rummage is welcome through Thursday morning (April 3). We welcome all volunteers to help during Rummage Week whether you signed up for a specific task or not. Please publicize this event and participate as much as you can. Remember that our clean-up time is Saturday, April 5 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. when the Union Gospel Mission truck arrives to haul away our unsold rummage. Thanks for your support!

Green Glove Garden Group

The group will be at work from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8. Bring your favorite garden tools. Green gloves and treats for all helpers will be provided. Questions? Call Nola Sparks at (206) 824-3186.



Budgeted Mission Partners – 2008

Here are our budgeted Mission Partners for 2008. Please check out their web-sites to learn more about these organizations and their mission activities.

Bread for the World

www.bread.org

Bridge Ministries

www.bridgemin.org

Covenant Network

www.covenantnetwork.org

Church Council of Greater Seattle

www.thechurchcouncil.org

Church of Mary Magdalene

www.churchofmarymagdalene.org

Earth Ministry

www.earthministry.org

General Assembly

www.pcusa.org

Multi-faith Works AIDS Care Team

www.multifaith.org

New Horizons Ministries

www.nhmin.org

Pacto de Poder

Ruth Dykeman Children's Center

www.rdcc.org

Samaritan Center of Puget Sound

www.samaritanps.org

Presbytery – Synod

www.presbytery.org

www.synodnw.org

South-West Mental Health Ministry

www.swmh.org

Theological Education Fund

www.pcusa.org/seminaries/funds.htm



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Continuing Adult Faith Enrichment

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C.A.F.E.

Sunday Mornings - In the Lounge

All Classes Are Open to Newcomers Anytime!



Ooh la la.... C'est Printemps!

I didn't know. I couldn't know the gift the Rekaates and Gansneders gave to me when they asked me to read 1 Corinthians 13 at Gil's memorial service. I do now. "If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels but did not love others I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging symbol." In contemporary language it is so striking and clear what love is and is not. "Love never gives up.... Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.... Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always 'me first,' ...Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, ...Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, ...Trusts God always. Always looks for the best, ...Love never dies." And, with more clarity for me, verses 9 and 10, "We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when Complete arrives, our incompletes will be cancelled." And verse 12, "We don't yet see things clearly...." This leads me to a favorite quote by Rainer Maria Rilke, "Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions."

So really, in the end, isn't it all about relationship? Relationship with God through each other, nature and self? "But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love."



Beyond the benediction, come to class. Come for relationship. Come to learn.

- April 6:** 200 Years of Presbyterian Women! Gail Lane and others share a video on the history of PW. Please see Gail's related story.
- April 13:** Our annual Neighborhood Potluck! Bring food to share, meet and greet your deacon and neighbors!
- April 20:** "Issues and Accomplishments" of Presbyterian women – the video continues with Gail Lane.
- April 27:** The Themes of C.S. Lewis – a four-week series with Dr. Tobin Wilson.



I love to travel. One of my favorite places to go is London and then to Oxford. I love the combination of the urban landscape, historical architecture, fashion, the diversity of languages spoken as you walk the city streets, theater, and old world charm. I just thrive in London. I usually take at least one day to visit Oxford for a most ancient – future experience. I see buildings that are dated from the 1400s and earlier, I usually buy a hand-crafted Oxford pipe (sorry but I do enjoy that sort of thing) and sip a Starbucks while reading a new book purchased from one of the Oxford bookstores. Yes, that is a thrilling day for me.

In 1998, I took a study tour with John Stott and Earl Palmer emphasizing the life and writings of C.S. Lewis. It was a trip that would have marked his 100th birthday had he been alive. During the first week, our morning lectures were in the BBC theater in London. I sat next to an elderly woman who talked about the fall of socialism in her lifetime and the hope of Christianity for the future, all in her proper British accent. Yes, I was in a different place and loving every minute of it. The second week we stayed at University College in Oxford. Yes,

the infamous College where Bill Clinton puffed but did not inhale. What a wonderful experience. I sat through outdoor plays of Shakespeare’s Hamlet and Midsummer Night’s Dream the second week at Oxford. Seriously, it was the trip of a lifetime.

I have always been a fan of C.S. “Jack” Lewis. What an imagination, as a writer, an apologist, humanitarian, full of mercy and compassion with wit and great charm. He was a man who was deeply touched at every season in his life by pain, loss and struggle. This is what connected him with people so authentically. He was very disliked by fellow Oxford Professors because he was deeply loved by his students and because he published outside of his main area of expertise—Medieval Literature.

On Friday, May 16, the movie Prince Caspian will be released in theaters. I thought that it would be interesting and fun to spend some time in the life and writings of Lewis leading up to the movie release. Lewis wrote, in his Reflections on the Psalms, “A person can’t be always defending the truth; There must be a time to feed on it.” It is that phrase, spending time feeding on the truth, according to Lewis, that I would personally invite you to be part of. We have created a CAFÉ venue that will take us into an anthology of his life, featuring some of his major themes and a reading at the end of each class session from one of Lewis’ many classical works. We will explore his childhood life from “Little Lea” in Belfast and the imaginary world of Boxen, to the world of Narnia at his adult home, in Oxford called “the Kilns.”

Let me attempt to entice you to attend the class with a bit of Aslan’s wisdom from the book Prince Caspian:

“Welcome, child,” Aslan said.

“Aslan,” said Lucy, “you’re bigger.”

“That is because you are older, little one,” answered he.

“Not because you are?”

“I am not. But every year you grow, you will find me bigger.” PC 141

I risk drawing these two anecdotes together. When we feed on the truth, savor the truth, and digest the truth we find that we will grow in spiritual maturity and God, therefore, becomes bigger to us. This notion of feeding on the truth according to Lewis and letting grace grow us deeper into a God who seems bigger will be the great telos or end of these four CAFÉ sessions together.

I personally invite you to stop by during CAFÉ time Sunday mornings from 11:15 to noon. The class on Lewis will be offered on April 27, and May 4, 11, and 18. The Wilson family will also be seeing an afternoon matinee’ of the new movie release Prince Caspian on May 18. For all those interested in meeting us at the theater to see it—consider yourself as having been invited. Information regarding the exact show time and place will be forthcoming, so stay tuned!

From the Pastor’s Desk

HELP! Volunteers Needed for April New Horizons Dinner

LBPC'S mission partnership with New Horizons involves a commitment to serve dinner to Seattle's street youth on the fifth Wednesdays in 2008. Volunteers are needed for the April 30 dinner. Volunteers coordinate, prepare, and serve each dinner. At least one member of the group must have a valid Washington Food and Beverage Worker Card. It is preferable that the individuals cooking the dinner have a current card. Food servers do not need a Washington Food and Beverage Worker Card. As few as four people can handle each dinner, but with more people you can divide the tasks. The group plans the menu, purchases, prepares, and serves the food. After dinner the dishes need to be put through the sanitizer. Arrival time at New Horizons is 6 p.m.; dinner is served from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.; cleanup takes approximately 30 minutes.

The group will prepare food for 50 people. A fund is available to help defray the cost of the meal – check with Tricia for specifics. This is an opportunity to give the youth who are living on Seattle's streets a home-cooked meal and the message that people care. Recruit your family and friends. Volunteer Today! Contact Tricia Kallio by phone at 206 244-0328 or email at rlkallio@comcast.net.

(New Horizons is a nondenominational Christian organization that ministers to Seattle's street youth.)



Abdallah Family

We're so grateful that Kristi Lonheim and Jonathan Acker were able to visit with the Abdallahs last month. Her story and picture(s) are in the March Piper and on the Fellowship Hall entry bulletin board. As Kristi says "we were able to put a face" on the church in the United States that helps with financial support each month. In turn her story and pictures give us an updated report of the family.

Thank you Kristi and Jonathan for your gifts of time, school supplies, games, soccer ball, computer skills and presence on our behalf. In turn may we continue with our gifts to the Abdallah Fund (\$5, \$10, \$25 whatever you could add weekly, monthly or other to your check to LBPC marking your gift on memo line) as we remain committed to this family of four growing boys, a devoted mother and a very ill father.

Give the Gift of Mobility

Senior Services' Transportation Program is seeking dedicated and caring volunteers to drive seniors in King County to their medical appointments. Use your own vehicle, choose the days, times and areas you wish to drive and receive reimbursement for mileage and parking, plus supplemental liability insurance. For more information call (206) 448-5740 or visit our website www.seniorservices.org.

Thanks

To all who helped with Hospitality House meals March 4 through 9, our grateful thanks for your quick response. We'll be asking for help again from other participants June 10 through 15 and will appreciate your help at that time.

--Natalie and Dee

Thank You

A big thank you from the ReKate family for all your cards, your prayers, your love and support in our loss of Gil. We all felt such strength and comfort from our LBPC family and that feeling continues as we travel this difficult road together. Our grateful thanks, too, for those serving at the reception - it was perfect and so appreciated.

--Jan and family.

Alice Winters Auction Thanks

Our Alice Winters Circle is grateful for your support of our Annual Silent Auction. Over \$650 was raised on March 2. This year these funds will be sent to our Presbyterian World Missions for the direct support of Alice Winters missionary work at the Reformed University of Colombia in Barranquilla, Colombia. Thank you for your creative donations and contributions.

NEIGHBORHOOD POT LUCK

"ROOTS AND SHOOTS"

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. BRING A DISH OF FINGERFOOD TO SHARE, SUCH AS A FRUIT OR VEGETABLE PLATE, DEVILED EGGS, SANDWICHES, CRACKERS AND CHEESE, HORS D'OEUVRES OR COOKIES.

A SHORT PROGRAM WILL FOLLOW.

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HOPE YOU CAN COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP.





The purpose of the “Living Stones” conference is to support Christians in the Holy Land by increasing knowledge about them among congregations and ministries in Western Washington, resulting in stronger connections and new partnerships.

The timing is critical.

The “Living Stones” conference evolved out of a sense of urgency to support the alarming decline in the number of Christians in the land of Christ’s birth. In the cradle of our faith, there is a living, faithful community whose existence is threatened and who feel forgotten. The number of Anglican Christians has plummeted from four percent of the population to two percent in recent years.

This conference will focus on encouraging a thriving Christian community and a just peace.

Time is running out. The Christian presence and witness in the place of Christ’s birth is at stake.

Date	From April 18, 9 a.m. Until April 19, 5:30 p.m.	Fees	Full Conference - \$40-50 One day only - \$35 Friday dinner only - \$20 Students - \$10/day
Location	University Christian Church 4731 - 15th Ave NE University Presbyterian 4540 - 15th Ave NE	Website	www.livingstonesconference.org
Info Line	(425) 747-4051	Contact	Shannon Parks Beck (425) 747-4051

Presbyterian Women News

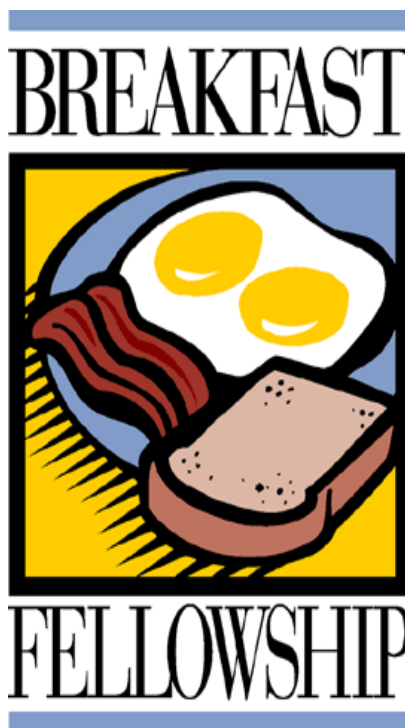
Please note this change. In the March Piper, it was announced that a celebration of the history of Presbyterian Women was scheduled to occur on May 3 at 10 a.m. That event has now been rescheduled. We will now meet at the CAFÉ class on April 6 and April 20 following worship. On April 6, we will watch the beginning of a video entitled “200 Years of Presbyterian Women.” This segment tells the personal stories of Presbyterian Women who have been active during the last 200 years. We also will tell the story of the women who began Lake Burien Presbyterian Church, as they felt called to begin a Sunday school for the children in Burien who had no church to attend.

On April 20, join us again during the CAFÉ class as we continue watching the next segment of the video on the “Issues and Accomplishments” of Presbyterian Women from 1900-1988. This part describes the issues that women cared enough about to advocate for even though most were housewives in the home. We also will tell the story of our own Lake Burien Presbyterian Women and their accomplishments and the mission projects they have supported. We invite everyone to join us in the Northwest Lounge at 11 a.m. on April 6 and April 20 for these two CAFÉ classes.

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Seattle invite you to attend the Spring Gathering for all women from all our churches. The Gathering will take place at White River Presbyterian Church in Auburn from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. The theme is “PW in Action.” Come for an inspirational day of music, devotion, fellowship and mission. Lunch is \$5. “Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:12 from The Message. Contact Gail Lane or Lucille Wheeler to carpool.

Change for Breakfast and Bible Bunch

The Breakfast and Bible Bunch will no longer meet on the second Sunday of each month. Instead, we will meet on the second Monday of April, May and June. Our next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on April 14 in the Pacific Room. We will discuss the second chapter of the book of Ruth. The Bible Study entitles this chapter, “Back from the Brink.” The key idea is that God’s call and care both come through people and “coincidences.” The theme is that God’s activity in our lives is not always clear. When we listen for God’s call and attempt to respond faithfully, we become more aware of God’s presence in “divine coincidences.” Join us in the Pacific Room at 9 a.m. on April 14 for this Horizon Bible study.



What I Have Learned About Prostate Cancer, part two

By Phil Mathison

WHAT TO DO? LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

When you get news that cancer is in the prostate it is a shock and a complete sock to the gut even though I should have expected it. My dad, brother, uncle, and cousin had been diagnosed. I was still on crutches from hip replacement surgery and was looking forward to nothing medical for a long time. The roller coaster of the next few months was difficult and extraordinary, a time that I won't forget!

My education started with a friend referring me to one of his friends that was undergoing prostate cancer treatment at Loma Linda, CA. Dave talked to me for an hour and sent me much information and a terrific book (*You Can Beat Prostate Cancer* by Robert J. Marckini, copyright 2006). The author highlighted all of the known treatments and did numerous after-treatment interviews with patients. Many of my conversations with some of our congregation's seven PC veterans plus LBPC nurses and others gave me much to think about and got my analytical mind working.

EARLY DETECTION OF PROSTATE CANCER - DRE, PSA, AND BIOPSY

DRE is a digital rectal exam. Abnormalities of the prostate can sometimes be felt but only a limited surface area can be reached. More testing is necessary.

PSA refers to Prostate Specific Antigen, which is a protein secreted by the prostate gland and "leaks" into the bloodstream. A small sample of blood is taken from the arm and tested. Zero to 4 is considered normal, 4 to 10 is borderline, and over 10 is "high". You would like it to be under 2 but the actual value is not as important as if it starts rising. If it goes up .75 per year and ruling out infection or lab error should lead you to a referral to an urologist to do a biopsy.

A biopsy is not a pleasant test but is necessary to determine if and what level of cancer is there. Twelve to 20 samples should be taken from the prostate and anesthesia would be helpful for pain. If the urologist doesn't offer this on request maybe a different urologist is needed. Also, the doctor should have an assistant to collect the samples, which expedites the procedure. These are important details. The hard part now is waiting for the result. Each sample is graded one through five with five being the worst. The two most common grades are then added together to give you a Gleason Score. Two to four is very early stage and eight to 10 is later stage. Four of my 12 samples had cancer cells with grades of three and three for a Gleason score of six. This "Gleason Score" really tells you the level of the cancer.

THERE ARE THREE COMMON DISEASES OF THE PROSTATE:

- ① *Prostatitis* could be a combination of several infections or diseases and often is treated with antibiotics. An infection or any "disturbance" of the prostate can inflate the PSA. Mine was measured to be 23 (very scary) but was found to be only 8.2 after curing an infection.
- ② *BPH (Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia)* is the most common non-cancer cause of prostate enlargement. Medications or surgery are ways to relieve the symptoms.
- ③ *Prostate cancer* develops from cells in the prostate gland. Little is known about its cause. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in men. (Lung cancer is first.) However, only three percent of those with this cancer die of it.

With early detection the cancer will be contained in the prostate gland and is highly curable. Knowing this, quality of life issues such as incontinence, impotence, rectal damage, bladder and/or urethra strictures, infection, recovery time, etc., become a very high priority!

The Story of the Peace Candle

(The little candle that has “appeared” on the altar)

In September of 2007, I had occasion to visit my “home church” in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. The original St. Paul’s United Church (where I had joined the church, been married and where our son was baptized) had been destroyed by a lightning strike caused fire in 1986. The church I visited last year is Central United—it had been built on the “old site” and dedicated Sept., 1988. The Peace Candle is from Central United. In their Sunday bulletin, there is a routine ongoing invitation to visitors to take a Peace Candle from the table in the Narthex and take it to their own place of worship. The story of the Peace Candle is in a card that comes with the candle:

“In 1985, a group of Christians touring the Soviet Union visited a small Orthodox Church in Voronez, Russia. After the service, an American Presbyterian minister, Rev. Blair R. Monie, was approached by an elderly woman. She pressed three rubles into his hand and asked that he do something meaningful for peace when he returned to his home congregation. Rev. Monie meditated on how three rubles could represent peace. His idea was to purchase a small votive candle to burn during the service. He then told his congregation of First Presbyterian Church in York, Pennsylvania, of the Russian woman’s wish to symbolize peace. His congregation was so moved they agreed a candle be burned as a symbol of peace each Sunday. In the fall of that year, they passed 100 candles as a Light of Peace to other churches.

The first three rubles have produced Lights of Peace that have multiplied in Canada, USA, England, Australia, Ireland, Kuwait, South Africa, Germany, and Denmark.

We at Central United Church invite you to take a candle to your place of worship and light it for Peace. Please send us a note telling where the light has spread.”

I placed the Peace Candle on our altar on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007—World Wide Communion/World Peace Sunday—and it is (to be) lit every Sun. Later, I did send a note to their Pastor, Rev. Karen Holmes, and included one of our new LBPC Pamphlets, and a copy of our bulletin for that Sunday (in which I made the initial announcement of where the candle came from, and I had Jeanie make copies of the “story” and used them as inserts).

—Jan Cox

Many Voices, One Song

Friday, April 18, 2008, 7:00 PM

A Musical Celebration of Diversity
to benefit Multifaith Works programs

This year’s performers:

Seattle Kokon Taiko

Japanese American Drum Performance Group

Captain Smartypants

an ensemble of the Seattle Men’s Chorus

Sankofa

A six-member African American women’s ensemble

Center for Spiritual Living

Choir of Light

EsoTerics

Seattle’s most innovative chorus

Aedonis

an a cappella men’s ensemble

Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle, WA
Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Reserve your tickets today! Order online - www.multifaith.org or call James at (206) 324-1520 x 221.

We are planning to take the church van from the parking lot at 6:10 p.m. There is parking at no charge in the lot behind the church.

Tickets are available from Linda Maza-Sparks or Sally Mackey, only \$15.

Gifts of Women Celebrated on March 2

On March 2, Lake Burien’s Presbyterian Women honored Sandy Lievero and Wendy Hall by presenting them with Honorary Lifetime Memberships to Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA. A donation was made in their name to help fund leadership opportunities for Presbyterian Women. This fund contributes towards scholarships to those in need.

We are grateful to Sandy and Wendy for their many years of service to our church. We want to thank Sandy for her time spent as a volunteer in the church office. Sandy also has put in hours of service to our Annual Rummage Sale each year by leading and coordinating the cashiers for the sale. She and Helen Anderson spent hours on surveying our congregation to set up dividing our congregation into neighborhoods. Sandy has always given us joyful service with a smile. Wendy has spent hours as a storyteller for our Children and Worship program. She helped chair Vacation Bible School one year and has helped other years in several different capacities. She also spent many hours as a member of our Pastor Nominating Committee. We are grateful to her willingness to donate her time as a mother with young children. We thank you both.

April 6

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 13

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

April 20

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14



April 27

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalms 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Remember in prayer: 1) Francis Near; 2) Nancy, Wendy and Amelia; 3) Bill, Jim Bastian and Dianna Hall, Al and Bonnie Course, Gwen Gray; 4) Nick, Jesse Anderson, Deane Burnside, Jim Carpenter, Dominic Case, Leanne Durham, Sharon Herman, Arthur Hess, Barbara Hodel, Betty Krogstadt, Kevin O'Boyle, Gerry Oas, Amanda Potter, Ben Towne, the youth of LBPC and New Horizons, Boy Scout Troop 360, residents of Hospitality House, and our military troops everywhere.

And our homebound: Armilda Dillon, Betty Fairman, Mary Giboney, Betty Hamilton, Grace Haynes, Joyce Kobela, Ike Nelson, Evert Plackard, Venice Stampalia, Virginia Vaupel, Doris Wright.

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