



# REDMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- Seeking to be Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ in the 21st Century -

October 2011

## Pray About It

Rev. Dr. Larry Grounds

*“But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret...” Matthew 6:6*

Most prayers are basically “help me” or “thank you.” In Egypt people don’t ask, “Where do you go to church?”, but rather, they ask “Where do you pray?”

Where do **you** pray? —and when do you pray? My most frequent prayers are spontaneous and silent. I call out from within the sanctums of my mind and heart most often 1) when I see or contemplate a dilemma or problem 2) when I feel especially impacted upon hearing a bit of good news or bad news 3) when the beauty of creation stabs my eyes—like a starry night or a humming bird feeding on my fuschias 4) when I sense a nudge of God’s Spirit within (this is how I understand this ‘still, small’ impulse) urging me to intercede for particular people—like a desperate stranger I see on the street or a familiar parishioner in the congregation who I am lead to lift to God on Sunday morning. So I pray anywhere and everywhere. Nevertheless, I would like to practice prayer more regularly. I also want our church to pray more often.

What about you? Where do you pray? Now, the last thing I want you to do is to feel guilty about your prayer life. So let’s consider some incentives for us to pray. Why is prayer so important for us? Clearly prayer was central for Jesus and his followers. He taught about

it, he commended it, he demonstrated it all the time—both in public and private settings, and Jesus showed us that prayer was his own lifeline to an intimate relationship with his heavenly Father.

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I want to pray more. I want you, members and friends of our church community, to pray more. We have so much to be thankful for. We often have too much that can overwhelm us with fear or reactivity. We have so many decisions which call for God’s wisdom. We often are in need of God’s assurance and guidance in our daily challenges. We need intimacy with God. Let’s pray about it.

### Highlights

- Family Communion Sunday Oct 2nd
- Peacemaking Offering Sunday, Oct 2nd
- WAM—Worship and Music for children between services, see p. 2
- New Member Orientation Classes Oct. 16th and 23rd, see p. 3
- Youth Fall Retreat!! See p. 4
- Family Day at Remlinger Farms Oct. 8, see p. 6
- Harvest Dinner Sunday, Oct. 30th



# Harvest Dinner

October 30th

5:00PM

Upper Room

*See Page 6 for More Details!*

Kids—wear your favorite costume!

Adults—bring coins for UNICEF Trick-or-Treating!

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# Children's Ministry News

This month we are beginning our child's programming between services!

Check out the details and calendar below.



This year one of our goals is to help students build a road map of the Bible. As we explore the stories in God's word we will strive to develop at least a small understanding of how to navigate the Bible. We will begin this tremendous task, by learning the books of the New Testament. Do you know the books of the new testament? How did you learn them? Do you have a great resource to suggest? Let us know and we'll keep you posted on this Fall 2011 goal!

## October 2nd - Family Communion Sunday

Elementary students will worship with their families and activity packets and children's Bibles will be provided to help students engage in the service. I encourage you to help your student look up the Bible verses and songs ahead of time so that they are prepared for those portions of the service.

## WAM—Worship and Music

Children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades are invited to come between services to learn about worship and the role music plays in how we praise God. Through music, Bible stories & games, students will explore their faith and prepare pieces to share in the services.

## Puppet Ministry

Children in 4th-6th grades are invited to come between services to be a part of the puppet ministry! Whether it is their third or first year, students will have a fun time working to write, prepare and rehearse puppet plays to be performed at various times throughout the year.

- October 2 Family Communion Sunday  
Programs Begin 10:15-11:00AM  
WAM & Puppets
- October 8 Family Event at Remlinger Farm
- October 9 WAM & Puppets
- October 16 Operation Christmas Child  
Puppets meet  
NO WAM (packing boxes)
- October 23 NO Puppets  
WAM meets
- October 29 Saturday Puppet Rehearsal
- October 30 Puppets @ Both Services  
WAM meets  
Harvest Dinner with  
Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

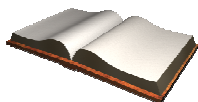
# Adult Spiritual Formation

## Weekly Opportunities for Adult Education

Small Group at the Wickert's - Sundays 6:30PM  
*Book of Daniel (Jane or Dave 425-898-9721)*  
Tuesdays 6:30AM Men's Bible Study - Tully's Bella Bottega  
*Gospel of John (Jim Glass/Jeff Anderson)*  
Tuesdays 10:00AM Bible Study - Prayer Library at RPC  
*Gospel of John (Pastor Larry 425-885-2811)*  
Wednesday 7:30 PM Women's Bible Study - Rm. 14 CE Bldg  
*Philippians and Galatians (Pat Prophet 425-861-6746)*

## Seekers

### Women's Book Discussion Group



Date: Monday, October 10th  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Selection Leader: Patricia Tsybulnik  
Host: Lori Dorn (her home) and Shari Tumey

**October Selection:** The book for October is *The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson. Wilson presents her personal experience as a young American Muslim woman coming to terms with an understanding of herself as she navigates evolving concepts of religion, cross-cultural dynamics, and womanhood while she pursues a romantic relationship. Wilson explores both the negative and positive aspects of a conversion to Islam and ensuing efforts to reconcile Eastern and Western beliefs, the inaccurate portrayals of Muslims in the media and public discourse, the role of women in Islamic society, and cultivating a healthy, romantic relationship in an Islamic context. In portraying both positive and negative aspects throughout her memoir, Wilson presents an affirmative appraisal of an American Muslim woman's relationship with Islam.

**Next Month's Selection:** *The Forgotten Garden*  
by Kate Morton

**Women's Wednesday night Bible Study** continues its study of Philippians and Galatians through October and November. All women of the church are welcome to join us in this study. We meet at 7:30PM in Room 14 of the CE Building. Please call Pat Prophet 425-861-6746 if you would like further information.

## Sunday Morning Classes in October

Pastor Larry Grounds will present the first of three small group presentations on The Holy Land: Exploring Where Jesus Walked. Although this will be especially meaningful to all interested in traveling to Israel in February, all will benefit from this study.

Small "Callings" groups will follow God-given passions for exploring such topics as Parenting, Injustice, The Arts, Education, Practical Help, or many others.

Concurrently with the small groups listed above, an in-depth 13-week "Precept Bible Study on Free from Bondage God's Way" will begin October 2nd. Discover the only way to the freedom given by Christ from hypocrisy, bad motives and habits, and things we do or don't do, through knowing God's truth. The first 6 weeks will be a study of Galatians followed by 7 weeks of Ephesians. Lew and Carlos Conerly, who have been trained in the Precepts series of inductive Bible Studies, will be the facilitators. This study will require weekly commitment for study outside of class.

The Adult Spiritual Formation Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the Conference Room (off the Sanctuary) at 7:00PM. If you have questions or comments, or would like to join our group, please contact Katie Schmidt at 425-968-8753. Current members include, Nancy and Jeff Anderson, Bertie and Jim Glass, Ruth Jeson, Marjorie Gates, and Claudia Grauf-Grounds.

## New Member Orientation Classes

On October 16<sup>th</sup> (at the pastor's home) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (at RPC), Pastor Grounds and our Outreach Commission will be hosting a brief lunch and presentation (following the 11:15AM service) detailing our church, its ministry and mission, and inviting people who are not members to join. Please consider attending these classes next month. Call the office or mark the attendance form if you are interested in coming.

## Session Accepts the Request from Congregational Life Surveys

Our church has been identified as a "part of a small—and very important—group: growing Presbyterian churches!" We have accepted their request from our denomination to survey our Sunday morning worshippers on October 16th in order to find out the factors that are contributing to our growth. Our Session discussed whether it was warranted to contribute 10 minutes of out of each worship service so that each attendee could be given time to fill out the survey. Our Session felt honored to be recognized and included in this study of focusing on the minority of "growing Presbyterian churches," and we also knew that our congregation's information could help the denomination as a whole. We hope you will attend on that Sunday in October—first and foremost, to worship—and also, to participate in the survey.

Greetings RPC!

Summer has escaped us all too soon it seems, and although I am going to miss those few weeks of Seattle sunshine, there is much to look forward to this Fall with our youth program! As we head into October, we are in the midst of our Sr. High series on the book of James, in which we cover topics including *patience through troubles and temptations, faith without works, taming the tongue, and drawing close to God.* We are also beginning a series on *Who God Is* with the Jr. High. We will use scripture to help

us better define the living God with words like *Creator, Father, Love, Wisdom, Justice, etc.*

Other than that, I would like all of you to add a very important date to your calendars! (Drum roll please) . . . Fall Retreat 2011!!! November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading to a ranch house at Warm Beach in Stanwood, WA, with all of our 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students! Maybe I am not using enough exclamation points, but just so you know, I am excited for this!!!! We will be going through daily devotions and small groups at the retreat, worshiping God, being well fed both by scripture and delicious food, as well as having a number of recreational activities to enjoy on the beautiful Warm Beach campus! So please save the date! More information on signing up will arrive soon.

Grace and peace,

Daniel

### Youth Events in October

#### Junior High Events

Ascent - Wed 7-8:30PM

Jr. High Fellowship - Sun 10:20AM, Youth Room

#### Senior High Events

The Hall - Sun 7-8:45PM (will not meet Oct. 30)

## Beyond These Walls

Jeffrey Kuebler and Polo the Guide Dog

About the time you think there is no humanity or kindness in this world something happens that changes your mind. As you may or may not know, Polo was injured and went to guide dog school in Boring OR August 10th, returning home on September 12<sup>th</sup>. While he was away I had to use a white cane in order to go to and from work and to get around. People on the bus would ask me what happened to Polo and when I would tell them, they would ask if I needed help. There were only a couple times that I needed help and people were eager to help me. But the rest of the time I would say 'no thank you' if I didn't need help. In this world today of going here and there with all the hustling and busting, there doesn't seem to be much kindness or thoughtfulness . . . a simple "please", "thank you" or "hello" makes people feel good. If you see a person in your community that you would like to help, reach out a loving hand and say, "Can I help you?" This will make you feel good. Until next time . . . Jeffrey and Polo

## Session Update Notes From September 13th

### Session Voted To:

- To hold a Fall Retreat for Jr. and Sr. High students on Friday, Nov. 4th - Sunday, Nov 6, 2011 at Warm Beach Camp.
- To donate RPCs' portion of the Peacemaking offering to East-side Domestic Violence Program.

### Other news:

- A congregational survey will take place during worship Oct 16th.
- Gylah Davis' last day as Nursery Coordinator is September 18th.
- Corner sign landscaping is planned for late Sep/early Oct. This is an Eagle Scout project.
- A wish-list for 2012 for new kitchen cabinets, a kitchen serving window and installation of a dividing curtain in the Upper Room was noted.
- There is a need for ushers, liturgists and greeters.
- The American Red Cross would like to have RPC listed as an emergency facility.

## The Results are In— the RPC Newsletter Survey

We received 31 responses to our recent newsletter survey. What you said—68% of you read the paper copy vs. email because it is easy to refer to anywhere, any time. Paper copy readers tend to like the length and format, make use of the calendar, read the long articles, and feel this is an important way to stay informed about church life. Those who read the email version focus primarily on upcoming events, and are somewhat less likely to read long articles. Almost all members read weekly announcements, but very few members visit our website. What we conclude—The newsletter works "as is" for most members. We will, however, look at how to enhance it based on your feedback, and how to make the RPC website more useful to members. Thank you for your feedback!

# Missions and Social Concerns

## *This Month's Requests for Mary's Place and Hopelink:*

**Mary's Place:** socks (new and used), \$1.25-\$2.25 bus tickets, diapers, baby wipes, pacifiers, coffee, shampoo, conditioner, soap (travel size), \$5 gift cards places who fill prescriptions

**Hopelink:** Canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, canned meals, diapers size 4,5,6, tomato sauce, pasta

## **Ministry Fair Recap**

For all those who visited the Missions and Social Concerns table at the Ministry Fair and took part in adding to the Missions Train—thank you for your participation in the project and thank you for your good works in the community and the world!

Copies of the 2011-2012 Missions Calendars are still available. This is a terrific resource for anyone wanting to get involved in Missions. The calendar is available in the sanctuary. If anyone is interested in attending a Mission Commission meeting, the October meeting is scheduled to take place at RPC Monday, October 24th, at 7:30PM.



**Please remember to save your loose change throughout October to give to our trick-or-treaters who will be collecting for UNICEF at the Harvest Dinner on Oct. 30th.**

## **Operation Christmas Child Packing Day October 16**

The last day to donate items for Operation Christmas Child is October 16th. So, please keep your donations coming in! We need toys, school supplies, small clothes, and items for personal hygiene (soap, dental floss, shampoo, etc.) that are appropriate for children from ages two to fourteen. Please see the bulletin insert for full details on acceptable items. Let's fill as many shoe boxes as we can to send to children around the world!



## **Peacemaking Offering**

On October 2nd, World Communion Sunday, Presbyterian Congregations all across the country will receive the 2011 Peacemaking Offering. This offering is crucial to the ongoing success of the Peacemaking program of the Greater Presbyterian Church. Some of the things included in this work are:

- Training and resources for congregations to deal with conflict.
- Children learn how they can make a difference in building peace.
- Thousands benefit from Bible studies that teach peacemaking skills.

With such a great need for peace in our world today, it is good to know we can actually DO something to make a difference. Seventy-five percent of this offering goes to the greater church programs and 25 percent remains at RPC and will be donated to the Eastside Domestic Violence Program to promote peacemaking in the greater Redmond area.

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## **Reflections from the Deacons**

Jeffrey Kuebler, Deacon

I'm reflecting back on being a Deacon for the last year and a half and it has been most interesting. Last Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> I ran my first Deacon meeting as co-moderator and I think I did ok. As the congregation may or may not know, one of our deacons resigned so the Deacons decided to absorb the families in from person's care unit list. I do not want the congregation to fear that they will not have a Deacon. Can you imagine how people will react when they get a phone call from me and I tell them that this is Jeffrey and Polo and we are your new deacons? I think they will be very excited.

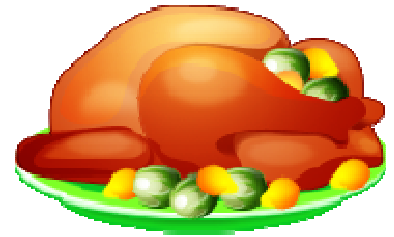
Being a deacon has many rewarding features. All you have to do is reach out and be kind and loving to people. As the blind person at Redmond Presbyterian Church, I have found the congregation and Pastor Larry to be very compassionate towards me and I know that Deacon Polo is the first Deacon dog here. I'm sure people in my Care Unit are eager to have him as their deacon. I look forward to serving you on the Deacon board. If you have any questions, you can seek me out as I'm usually always at church at the 11:15AM service.

# Fellowship News

## HARVEST DINNER

**Sunday, October 30th at 5:00PM**

The Harvest Dinner is a time for members and friends of RPC to gather together for mouth-watering food, wonderful company, and great fun. Also a time for the children to come in costume and Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.



This year's Harvest Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th at 5:00PM. Check on the Conference Room window in October to sign up for what you would like to bring and how you can help. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Price 425-885-5773.

### Calling All Families to a fun day at Remlinger Farms!

Please save Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM—1:00PM (or whenever everyone has had their fun) for an exciting day at Remlinger Farms! We will meet at 10:15AM at the Puppet Barn for a quick meet-and-greet and devotion time. This will be a fun chance to meet and play with other families from RPC! There is a restaurant at the park or you can bring your own lunch (must be eaten outside at the picnic tables). If you have any questions about the park, check out their web site at [www.remlingerfarms.com](http://www.remlingerfarms.com). Please RSVP to Rachel Foldvik [foldvik@frontier.com](mailto:foldvik@frontier.com) Hope to see you there!



### October Birthdays

Oct 4 - Mary Moorehead  
Oct 4 - Kris McGaw  
Oct 7 - Sam Linsky  
Oct 8 - Dion Yahoudy  
Oct 9 - Yvonne Dines  
Oct 10 - Devin Wulff  
Oct 13 - Thomas Rich  
Oct 14 - Ralph Dines  
Oct 15 - Dave Merrill

Oct 15 - Frances Byrne  
Oct 19 - Caroline Rich  
Oct 19 - Glen Strachan  
Oct 19 - Scott Stahr  
Oct 21 - Dick Pryne  
Oct 25 - Mark Eisenmann  
Oct 29 - Janet Hockenbery  
Oct 31 - Barbara Taylor  
Oct 31 - Jan Stahr

### Weekenders

(Fellowship for Empty Nesters & Retirees)

Fellowship and Pie Tasting

Saturday October 22nd, 6:30PM

Join us at the Taylor home for an evening of fellowship and pie tasting. Bring your favorite pie to share and your appetite, maybe even skip supper. Beverages, ice cream and a fruit and cheese plate will be provided. Enjoy trying everyone's pie and sharing favorite dessert memories.

Host: Del & Barbara Taylor  
425-885-6059  
14316 NE 77th Ave, Redmond  
RSVP by noon Oct. 22nd



Knit one ~ Pray too



Do you knit? Crochet? Would you like to learn? Knit one ~ Pray too is a Ministry of Yarn and Prayer at RPC. We meet once a month to knit, crochet, talk, and pray together. Last year we knit hats and scarves, prayer shawls, prayer pumpkins, and eye glass cords. Join us on Saturday, Octo-

ber 1st from 10:00AM—noon in the Prayer Library. Contact Juliann Phillips for more information 206-419-1050 or [juliannph@gmail.com](mailto:juliannph@gmail.com).



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**Mark Your Calendars**

**New Member Orientation Classes**  
**Oct. 16th and 23rd, 12:30PM**  
**Harvest Dinner**  
**Oct. 30th 5:00PM**

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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:00 AM Traditional Service & Children's Church  
10:15AM Education for All Ages & Special Events  
11:15AM Contemporary Service & Children's Church

