

CHRISTchurch

A word from the Pastor

Dear Members, Partners, Active Participants and Friends of ChristChurch:

My greeting above reflects the diversity of ways that active participants in the life of ChristChurch describe themselves.

As Pattie Hart was collecting data sheets in order to update our church records, we discovered a variety of categories of participation such as: baptized member, confirmed member, communing member, voting member, member and partner. We discovered also that some parts of our by-laws added layers of confusion to our understanding of the constitution and that the constitution didn't always seem consistent with the by-laws.

Partnership, Membership and Participation

Now, in order to help minimize the confusion and uncertainty about membership/partnership at ChristChurch that many of you have expressed and in order to bring into "partnership" those who would like to become partners, we have several important dates

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30pm
Partnership Dessert and Orientation

Sunday, May 15, 12 noon
Partnership Luncheon and Orientation

Sunday, May 22
Affirmation Sunday—Welcome and affirm all new ChristChurch partners

If you wish to become a CC partner, you're invited to attend ONE of the sessions on May 11 or 15 *and* the Affirmation Sunday on May 22. These sessions will include information about ChristChurch, the opportunities for serving and for spiritual growth. If you wish to attend, you can reply by e-mail to pattie@comchristchurch.org or you can sign up at the table in the entry area.

The Church Council wished to provide this opportunity so that those who wish to be more closely identified with the mission and ministry of ChristChurch and those who wish to vote at the annual meeting on June 5 and at any meeting to call a new pastor, will be qualified to do so.

CHURCH events

- April 17
Palm Sunday /
Consecration Sunday
- April 22
Good Friday Service
- April 23
Eggstravaganza
- April 24
Easter Services
- May 6
Michael Allen Harrison
Concert
- May 22
Affirmation Sunday

Did you know?

You can listen to podcasts of our sermons? Visit www.comchristchurch.org under "Resources". You can also view calendars and send yourself a reminder of an event or send out an invitation. Click on the event and enter the information!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

-John 3:16

Consecration Sunday *and Palm Sunday*

Our congregation has selected the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving as one element of our 2011 Lenten series. Congregations that approach financial giving from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills, but rather see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who pay dues, it treats people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday

encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During our April 17 worship on Palm Sunday/Consecration Sunday, we are asking our congregation to make a financial commitment to our church's ministries in this community and around the world.

During Consecration Sunday worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, followed by the worshipers making their commitments as a confidential act of worship as they complete an Estimate of Giving Card voluntarily.

The Consecration Sunday Team along with the Church Council will be encouraging your participation. Since there

will be no home solicitation to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship on April 17, Palm Sunday.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

We will follow Jesus together as we move into a bright and hopeful future with God.

Bill Branch
Council President



April 17, One Service, 10:30 am
Followed by a Catered Brunch

Concentration Sunday Team:
Dave & Lisa Heintzman, Dennis Bonin, Michael Gross, Julie Slack, and Dawn Slifka



TAKING *the* CALL



On Monday evenings, the ChristChurch Call Team meets to continue its preparations to extend a call to a pastor to serve in ministry here. The team began meeting in November, has completed the Mission Site Profile document (MSP), submitted that document to The Oregon Synod, has developed a set of interview questions to present to pastoral candidates and recently conducted a rehearsal interview with a local pastor in preparation for the actual interview with candidates.

On Monday, March 28, the Call Team received from the bishop's office the names of potential candidates for consideration.

Because of the nature of the interview process, those names will be confidential to the Call Team in the initial interview phases of the process. The reason for this confidentiality is to honor the call that a candidate currently may have to his/her present ministry without compromising his/her standing if his/her name should become known outside of ChristChurch.

The Call Team will provide periodic updates on the status of the interview process.

I wanted also to include my own positive comments about the effort of the team—Craig Kinnie, chairman; Beth Habecker, Steve Gross, Shanti Binder, Ken Graunke, Tom Little and Paul Hamlow. Alternates are Jack Baker and Mitch Wiencken. Kathy Parker attends the call team meetings and records the proceedings. This team is doing excellent work and always reflects a huge commitment to the ministry and mission of ChristChurch. I am privileged to be working with them.

SPECIAL thanks

I wanted to express to all of you at ChristChurch how much I'm enjoying serving as interim pastor here. I get to work with dedicated colleagues on the church staff as well as eager and hard-working members on various ministry teams.

As many of you know, this is my first interim ministry assignment and because I'm having such a good experience, I may not do one of these again, for fear of not being able to have so much fun, meet such wonderful people of faith and build enduring relationships.

Whether it's the church council, the consecration Sunday team, the call team, the worship team or any other group of people at ChristChurch, the constant is their love of God, their relationship to Jesus and everyone's readiness to live faithfully according to The Promise.

Barry G. Rogge, Interim Pastor

DEVOTIONAL *for Lent*



Its not too late to get your hands on our weekly study guides as we experience *THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF GOD*.

The guides follow our weekly Sunday sermons and explore the following topics:

An Extravagant Relationship
Extravagant Demands
Unrecognized Extravagance
A Covenant of Extravagance
A Consecrated Extravagance

If you are interested in receiving the weekly study guides via email, please send your request to Pattie: pattie@comchristchurch or call 503.617.9526

MISSIONARY *update*

It's our 10th year sending a mission team to Lotrioara, Romania through Heart of Hope International to work with orphans and children at risk.

Team members this year are:
Leader *Jill Quiner*, 10th mission
Corinne Gross, 4th mission
Di Huey, 3rd mission
Tom Little, 2nd mission
Pattie Hart, 1st mission
Camille King, who has lived with her husband in Romania the past five years volunteering for HHMI.



Many of the children served rarely experience the great outdoors in a safe and nurturing environment. Your compassion offers children in desperate need an opportunity to be embraced with the love of Christ and develop a life long relationship with Him. This relationship will sustain them in their darkest hours and through eternity.

Your *support* is greatly appreciated and we have several ways for you to be involved:

Keep our team members and the children they serve in your prayers on a daily basis.

Support a child to attend camp. It costs \$50 for each child to spend one week in God's creation at *Camp of the Good Shepherd*. We hope to be blessed with the opportunity to send 100 children to camp.

Help in providing needed supplies for crafts, hygiene items and basic clothing necessities.

Support a volunteer with air travel. All volunteers are responsible for their own round-trip air fare.

To find out additional information or to sponsor our mission trip, please visit : heartofhope.org and click on *Camp of the Good Shepherd* on the left hand side of the screen. You may also contact Jill Quiner, 503.645.0254



**Michael Allen Harrison
Benefit Concert**

Friday, May 6

**5:30 pm Hors d' oeuvres at CC
7:00 pm Concert at Liberty High
School Auditorium**

Tickets are available at the church or at heartofhope.org
Cost: \$25 with 100% of proceeds benefiting the mission trip.



Council nominations

The Church Council of Community of ChristChurch includes seven elected members and two pastors. The Council serves as the governing board of the congregation, establishes policy and procedures and leads the way in spiritual formation. The constitution and by-laws of ChristChurch provides for council members to serve up to four one-year terms. The Church Council has determined that seven names will be placed before the congregation at the annual meeting on June 5, 2011. The Nominating Team will interview all candidates and recommend seven to the church council. Current Church Council members may self-declare their nomination and will also be interviewed.

The Nominating Team (Cindy Kinnie, Tom Roach, Ginny Baynes and Pastor Barry Rogge) will soon be receiving nominations from the ChristChurch community to serve as council members beginning July 1, 2011. Criteria for nomination include:

- Partner of ChristChurch (one who is age 14 or above, has been baptized, has contributed financially to ChristChurch in the previous year and has received Holy Communion)
- A nomination made by another person (no self-nominations)
- Submission of a "Nomination Form" signed by the nominee

Nomination forms will be available online (www.comchristchurch.org) and at the church April 3--May 1. Additional criteria for serving will be attached to the nomination forms.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the church office no later than 12 noon, Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Interviews with all nominees will be held during the week of May 8 or at other mutually agreeable times. After interviews are completed, a slate of seven nominees will be submitted to the Church Council on May 18 and nominees will be notified no later than May 20 of the proposed slate.

All nominees will be affirmed by ChristChurch partners at the annual meeting on June 5, 2011. Please prayerfully consider individuals in our community that you may wish to nominate to the Church Council.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA event

April 23 is the date to mark on your calendar for our 3rd annual Eggstravaganza community event. Pancake breakfast will be served starting at 9am followed by the egg hunt at 10 am for children ages 1yr - 3rd grade. This event is for all ages! A great time to get to meet families from Lenox Elementary (event location) and our own congregation members. Don't have young kids? No worries, we have lots to entertain you as they take part in finding numerous eggs hidden in the school yard. Hope you can hop on by!

Collecting candy donations for the Easter egg hunt. Bring your individually wrapped candy into the church ~ deposit by the Easter egg tree! THANK YOU!



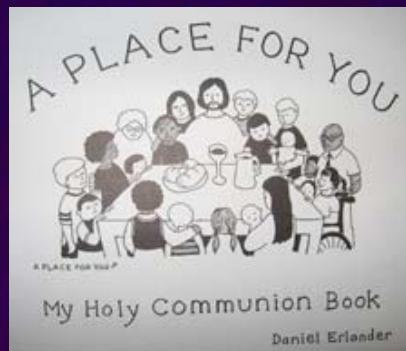
CHRISTkids news

The Spring Break *Craft Camp* for ChristKids was a wonderful success! Twenty kids, led by Joanne Hauseman, took part in expanding their artistry and craftsmanship constructing chick keepsake boxes, assembling accordion journals and exploring watercolors as they painted floral masterpieces. We give special thanks to Joanne Hauseman and her student volunteers for their *crafty* ways of teaching with art.

Matthew 19:14



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



FAITH milestones

ChristKids Spring
Communion Preparation
Sunday, April 10

12pm – 130pm
(bring a brown bag lunch)

An afternoon for parents and children to spend time with the pastors learning more about communion, enjoying a couple of songs, joining in a craft, and sharing a snack. For those who are interested, please see Joanne to coordinate receiving your communion instruction book, *A Place For You, My Holy Communion Book*.

An Eggstra-Special Sunday is coming soon...

Sunday, April 24 ~ Easter Day at both the 9:45 and 11 am services. *What's In a Number?* We will be learning about the numbers of Easter. Event located in the Activity Center.



Pandamania Vacation Bible School registration is now available through our website.

Sign up your kids, friends and yourself– as a volunteer!!

PandaMania VBS
Sunday, June 26th
thru
Thursday, June 30.

Interested in YWAM? (Youth With A Mission)

Plans are underway for our summer mission trip, July 23-30, to San Francisco. We will be working with youth at a day camp in Hunter's Point. Those interested can contact Chris Lyons for a digital application which is due by April 17.

"For I am confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

-Philippians 1:6

Student *ministry*

Our SN-OPUS winter retreat took us to the mountain! Eight high school students dug deeper in their friendships and faith and connections with each other. Everyone had a blast in the beautiful fresh snow on Mt. Hood. Lots of fun and laughter and many snowball fights!

Fifteen middle school students attended the spring CREW beach retreat at Camp Magruder and explored what its like to have a "Faith Extreme Makeover." Each student shared how they felt others viewed them and wrote the words down on a mirror.

Those words were then erased and replaced with words describing how God sees them... as His beloved and precious child.

Another highlight was making commercials for God and the creation of "Jesus Dew" the new drink that renews and refreshes you... quench your thirst with "Jesus Dew" !



JOIN THE DEW CREW

The COFFEE CART will be up and running again THIS Sunday. We are still looking for one or two more parents who would be able to help out once a month supporting the students running the cart! We are doing a training on Sunday, April 3rd. If you are interested in assisting, contact Chris Lyons.



**UNITED
PRAYER & WORSHIP NIGHT
April 6
Hosted at Sunrise Church**

We'll meet at ChristChurch at 7pm and meet back at CC at 9pm. This is an event where several churches are joining together with their youth to worship and pray.
AND...
Plans are in the works for a big youth outreach event to be held at Hilhi on Saturday, April 16. Watch for more information coming soon. Mark the date on your calendar so you can join in on the fun and fellowship!

Upcoming events!

Front Porch invites you to...

July 17

Picnic in the Park, Rood Bridge Park, Hillsboro

Church service at 10:30 among all of God's creations with music and fellowship. This is followed by a potluck and fun for the kids. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.



August 26-28

Camp Hallelujah Kumbaya, Nehalem Bay State Park

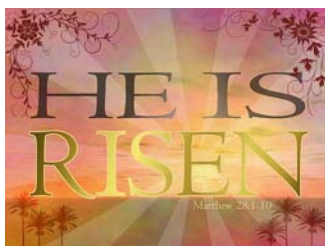
It's the All Church Camp Out. Reservations are NOW being taken. Pay your \$55 to secure your camp spot. Songs, campfires, games, fellowship, worship service Saturday and Sunday morning. Can't make it for the weekend? Come down Saturday for the day. We would love to have you join us!



Holy week

- **April 22**
Good Friday Service
7 pm
- **April 23**
Eggstravaganza
Breakfast at 9 am
Egg Hunt at 10 am
- **April 24**
Easter
8:00 am Service
9:30 am Service
11:00 am Service

Nursery care provided for all services.



In Closing from Pastor Barry

I'm looking forward to these coming weeks—important weeks—in the life of ChristChurch. We've got an exciting Consecration Sunday on April 17 and then we enter Holy Week with Good Friday worship, the Easter Saturday Eggstravaganza and a magnificent worship on Easter Sunday.

With all best wishes and God's richest blessings in this Lenten season,

Barry G. Rogge, Interim Pastor

Summary of Council Meetings

March 1, 2011

In attendance: President Bill Branch, Secretary Jane Pahlmeyer, Bill Cameron, Chris Moore, Pastor Chris Lyons, Pastor Barry Rogge, Pattie Hart, Recorder

Excused: Cindy Kinnie

- Opened with devotions by Bill Cameron
- Approved minutes of previous meetings
- M/S/C that the membership of the lay council for 2011-2012 shall be seven elected members plus the two pastors.
- Heard report from Pattie Hart re: updating of membership records
- Reviewed a report from the pastors summarizing a proposal for 2 partnership orientation sessions and affirmation Sunday of May 22.
- Discussed various methods of strengthening communications to the congregation .

March 16

In attendance: President Bill Branch, Chris Lyons, Chris Moore, Barry Rogge,
Jane Pahlmeyer, Bill Cameron, Cindy Kinnie
Pattie Hart, Recorder

- Opened with devotions by Cindy Kinnie
- Approved minutes of previous meeting
- M/S/C that The Church Council shall submit to the congregation at the June 5, 2011 Congregational Annual Meeting a "slate" of seven (7) nominees for the seven lay council positions, according to the constitution and by-laws of ChristChurch (BL 12.01.5)
- M/S/C that The Church Council will establish the following procedure through June 2011, for Partnership status at ChristChurch:
Partnership orientation sessions will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30pm and Sunday, May 15 at 12pm for the purpose of preparing ChristChurch participants to be received as Partners on May 22, 2011
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is the fundamental requirement for Partnership at ChristChurch (C8.01) and will be offered to potential Partners who have not been baptized.
Those who wish to become Partners are expected to attend one of these sessions and attend on May 22 for purpose of affirmation.
Exceptions to these procedures (except re: Baptism) may be made by the Pastors.
- The nominating committee will consist of Chair- Cindy Kinnie, Pastor Barry Rogge, Ginny Baynes and Tom Roach.

- Heard presentation by Pastor Barry Rogge re: summary of history and ministry of ChristChurch.
- M/S/C to extend the meeting time to 9:00 pm from 8:30 pm.
- Directed the church administrator to provide a summary of membership statistics at the next council meeting
- Received from Pastor Barry Rogge a list of proposed “council objectives.”