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My daughter Kat and I started watching the TV series *Heroes* last year on DVD. In it ordinary people have extraordinary powers. What they do with them determines whether or not they are heroes. As I think about our congregation, I realize that I know a lot of heroes. But my heroes are not only ordinary

people, they do ordinary things. What makes them heroes in my book is that they offer their efforts from the heart for the work of the church. Mostly, they don't even care if their efforts are noticed. Like Jo Erler, who saw we had a need for new bathroom fixtures and donated them in memory of her beloved John. Like the Pedersons, who then installed them, and the Tates, who then painted the bathrooms. And then there are Diane Bolen and Sue Roner, who painted the entire basement hallway, and Jan Taylor, who painstakingly painted the trim on the stairs.

There are so many who give of themselves week after week -- without their efforts, the work of the church -- sharing the good news of the gospel -- would be crippled. I am thinking of all the choir folks and other musicians, who give every Thursday night from September to May so that they can offer their very best musical gift to God (and the rest of us) in worship. I am thinking of Elfie Stevenin, who organizes the pews and sets the reader boards, and Shirley Hawke, who stuffs bulletins and the worship bags for children *every week!* On Sunday we commissioned a whole slate of faithful people who, through their work, honor our pledge to teach children about the love of God, and others, who share from their own experience to encourage and support our adult brothers and sisters on their walk of faith. Of course, there are the many ushers and greeters who often are the first friendly face representing the congregation to a visitor. And there is that elite group of women who volunteer their time to assist in the main office helping the staff complete needed work and the team that gets the newsletter ready to mail. And there are the money counters who come *early* on *every* Monday morning to complete this necessary job. Over the years we have had several folks for whom maintaining and upgrading the church library has been a labor of love. I don't know if it is a labor of love or just labor, but the McNeal family has

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Youth Group and
Youth Chorale
(grades 6 - 12)

Youth Chorale

Youth Chorale (choir for grade 6 to age 21) rehearses Sundays, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Be ready to warm-up Sundays at 8:30 AM.



Flower Bulb Fundraiser for Youth Missions!

support Youth

Mission and bring some color to your yard -- or a friend's? Then you should stop by the table this Sunday to pre-purchase some of our colorful flower bulbs. We will be pre-selling six varieties this year, and each variety will be \$12 for 10 bulbs. Sales will be taken 'til Sunday, September 27, and bulbs should arrive in the middle of October. The money that we raise will help fund the Youth Mission trips of 2010. Thanks for your support.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets Sundays during the 10:15 AM Education Hour for fellowship. Small group Bible studies meet during the week.

Coming Up:

MSM: Join all of your Middle School friends at church for the Middle School Mania retreat. It will be a great time of worship and crazy games. You may also meet some great new friends from around the Northwest. The retreat is October 23-25 and will cost \$75 before October 6th. After that it will cost \$80 and you may not get a t-shirt. I hope you can go along on this great weekend.



First Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten

Supply Focus for September

To help offset rising costs, could you please provide us with this item from our list of needed supplies:

- plastic spoons and forks

A container is available in the central hallway for your generous donations. Thank you very much!

Y-Night!



Once a month the Y opens its doors to First Pres., and Sunday, October 4, 6 - 8 PM, is your chance to swim and play with your church family. Come for exercise, or just for fun!

Sunday School News

Our elementary Sunday school classes begin this year learning about baptism and communion, visiting the Temple room for games and activities, Art & Computer workshops for a craft and computer games. All before spending time with Pastor Karen in the chapel for a sacraments session for elementary kids and their parents.

The preschool classes begin with the "We Believe" curriculum learning about creation and how God cares for us through stories, songs, crafts and play.



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kept the church yard mowed and looking fine.

And there is work of the women, especially the sewing group, the men who have been quick to respond to calls for help, and so many others -- including all the committee members and Deacons who plan and oversee programs that offer hospitality and grace inside our four walls and far beyond them.

All of you are not just my heroes; your service is a witness to the transforming power of God’s love. To all of you who give of yourself to serve God and the church -- “Thank you and bless you.”



karenpollan@salemfirstpres.org

Del Burnett’s Installation Service September 27, 2 PM

Del Burnett will be officially installed as our pastor and head of staff during a worship service on Sunday afternoon, September 27, at 2 PM. Please join us for this celebration of joyful worship and commemoration of a meaningful milestone!

Planning an Event or Meeting at the Church?

Our system for managing the church’s calendar is changing. The church staff is now reviewing all event details to ensure harmonious scheduling and to avoid conflicts in facility usage.

What this means for you: Just as before, to schedule an event you give the details to the church office by Monday. The staff will review all new events and the calendar as a whole at Tuesday’s weekly staff meeting, and, if a new event fits into the life of the church and the schedule for building use, it is “officially” scheduled.

Didn’t get your event details in by Monday?

Not to worry -- there’s another staff meeting next week! For more info, contact the church office.



• **George & JoAnn Burt’s** son-in-law, Ryan Warren is hospitalized in Portland following heart surgery. **Sue**

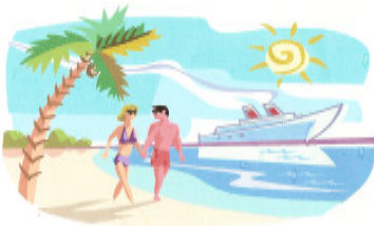
Zimmerman’s mother, Marion Bakke, is in Salem Hospital after a heart attack.

- **Claire Reed** is recovering at home after hip replacement. **Verla Woods**, Rick Pollan (**Kat Pollan’s** father) and Vivian Wood (**James Hendon’s** grandmother) are home from their hospital stays.
- **Katherine Schwabauer** is at Avamere.
- **Jeff Bodenweiser** is in hospice care.
- **Joan Watts-Widmer** died September 4, and we extend our sympathy to her family and friends.
- We extend our sympathy to **Irene Sexton**, whose sister, Loraine, died September 6 in Colorado
- **Barbara Knudson** died September 10, and we extend our sympathy to her family and friends.
- We extend our sympathy to **Jessica Bunten**, whose stepfather, John Hibbs, died September 13.
- Congratulations to **Shirley Price Greenwood**, whose great-granddaughter, McKenzie Heather Hawkins was born on September 10.
- Please continue to keep in prayer: the **Stephen Ministry leaders, care givers, and care receivers, those affected by the downturn in the economy, especially those looking for work**, and all of our church leaders, members, and programs.



Freezer Leisure

Please join us for our next cooking session at 8 AM, Saturday, October 3 at the church kitchen. We always have a good time and bring away lots of good meals for you and your family! If you are interested in cooking this time (or would just like more info) please call **Sue DeVore**. She must have your response by noon on Saturday, September 26, if you’d like to join us. **(For contact info, please contact the church office.)**



Panama Cruise Update: February, 2010

There is still time to sign up for this trip of a lifetime.

Prices on many of the cabins have just been reduced. For more information contact **Doug & Michele Smith, Jerry & Lola Morrison**, or, better yet, come to a pre-cruise informational meeting to be held at the home of **Doug & Michele Smith**, Sunday, September 27, at 7 PM. **(For contact info, please contact the church office.)** We hope to be sailing with you soon,

-- Doug, Michele, Lola & Jerry

Harvesters

The next Harvesters (for retired persons or persons not working on Fridays) is Friday, October 9, at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Anyone interested in coming to our potluck lunch and program is invited to wear their nametag and bring healthy food to share as well as their own eating utensils. Blood pressure testing is available beforehand. For more info, please call **Marie Madson**. **(For phone #, contact the office.)**



Harvest Party October 31

Mark your calendar -- the annual Harvest Party is on for Saturday,

October 31, 4-6 PM. (The time has been moved up this year to accommodate other activities planned for the evening.) Wear your costumes (nothing scary or inappropriate, please) and bring your friends!

Games, prizes, candy, and, of course, lots of fun are in store! A Taco Bar dinner will be offered for \$3/person or \$10/family. Want to help? Contact **Deanna Dyer** to volunteer, and/or drop off wrapped candy and prizes to the church office. **(For phone #, contact the office.)**



...Marge Caldwell, who will turn 91 on October 4!

Sunday, September 27

Ushers - 9 AM: Ted Envela, Jean Kunkle, Gail Boesch, Garry & Penny Moyer, Janis Hoekstra, Joe & Jeanne Green



Greeters - 9 AM: (front)Thelma Nissen, Jan Taylor, (back)Jim & Carolyn Keehner

Sunday, October 4

Ushers - 9 AM: Day Westine, Debra Dawes, Don & Jan Taylor, Marsha Kerr, Jim Keehner, Peter Harding

Greeters - 9 AM: (front) Julie Hylton, Margaret Hopkins, (back) Bob & Betty Knoll, (side) Jim & Carolyn Keehner

Give Bells a Try

Try out bell choir this Thursday, from 5:30-6:45 PM. Rehearsals are downstairs in the bell room (adjacent to the Social Hall). No previous ringing experience required!



Tell Your Story



Share your...

...*stories*: childhood events, student activities, family tales, trips.

...*place in history*: military experience, college life, professional accomplishments.

...*family life*: new babies, new jobs, moving, graduations, weddings, vacations.

Everyone has a story to tell. Your children and grandchildren will be glad you wrote yours. Join a 'Write Your Life' class on Thursdays, 10:30 AM or 1 PM, at the church. Call the church office to sign up, or show up! For more information, call **Becky Tallman**. **(For phone #, contact the office.)**



Jerry Bull Leads Alabanza Worship Team

Jerry Bull is now leader for the Alabanza Worship Team. He recently returned to Salem First Presbyterian Church as accompanist for Youth Chorale and Alabanza

pianist. Previously, he was Youth Chorale accompanist from 1999 to 2003, then moved to Tacoma. Jerry has played piano since age 8 and has a Theater Education degree from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. In addition to playing piano at church, Jerry has played for numerous musical theater productions, most recently "Seussical" and "My Fair Lady" at Pentacle Theater. Jerry also acts, directs, and has written music for four stage musicals. He lives in Keizer with his wife, Jessica, and their children, Dylan & Gwen. Welcome, Jerry!

Preparation for Worship

(20 minutes before worship begins)

September 27: Organ prelude

October 4: Organ prelude



Jim Regin to Perform with Male Ensemble Northwest

Our Director of Music Ministries, Jim Regin, will be playing and singing with Male Ensemble Northwest (M.E.N.) on Saturday, Sept. 26, at 3:30 PM in Willamette University's Hudson Hall. M.E.N. is a group of 13 school, community, and church choir conductors from all over the Northwest that perform and give workshops to encourage male singing. This will be part of Willamette University's 23rd Annual Choral Leadership Workshop with nearly 200 young male vocalists from around the Willamette Valley, who will also perform in the concert. Senior and adult tickets are \$10, and student tickets (with ID) are \$5 (tickets available only at the door, starting at 2:30 PM on Saturday, Sept. 26).



Chancel Choir Upcoming Dates

- Chancel Choir will be singing for Del Burnett's installation service this Sunday, September 27, at 2 PM. Warm-up will be at 1:15 PM in the choir room.
- The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will be having a combined potluck on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 - 6:45 PM.

• The Chancel Choir will begin its longer rehearsals (7 - 9 PM) for the Advent/Christmas season, and will begin work on the major work of the season. This year, the Chancel Choir will be singing the magnificent Mass in D minor ("Nelson" Mass) on Sunday morning, December 20, in a special musical worship service at 9 AM. Franz Josef Haydn passed away on May 31, 1809, so singing one of his finest masses this season will help commemorate the 200th anniversary of his passing. If you would like to sing the major work with Chancel Choir, we will always rehearse it first on Thursday nights from about 7-7:30 PM (or 7:45 PM). Please let **Jim Regin** know if you would like to be involved in this way (jimregin@salemfpc.org).

• Chancel Choir Retreat is on Saturday, October 17, from 9 AM - 4 PM at the Lincoln City Episcopal Church. We will be working on the Haydn "Nelson" Mass and other Advent/Christmas music, so please hold that date!



In August, the Stephen Leader Team met with Del Burnett, our new pastor. Stephen Leader Candace Lufkin talked with Pastor Burnett about his experience with Stephen Ministry. The following is the third and final installment in

a multi-part interview with Rev. Dr. Del Burnett on Stephen Ministry.

The Future...

How does Stephen Ministry fit into your vision for our church?

I think this ministry of quality Christian care-giving can provide our congregation the opportunity to claim, more deeply, its ministry of pastoral/congregational care. The church is called to be a place of healing and wholeness, a place where ordinary disciples come along side one another in times of struggle.

All congregations long to do this, but Stephen Ministry empowers churches to move from desire to action, from aspiration to implementation. I anticipate that Stephen Ministry, along with our Board of Deacons, will become key "players" in the development and expansion of the ministry of healing and wholeness at Salem First.

What is the Scriptural basis for lay pastoral care?

I firmly believe pastoral care is a congregation calling - not simply a clergy responsibility. Congregations that are growing, expanding ministry and having a positive impact on the lives of people, are congregations that "get" the biblical call to be the community of faith - a community of quality Christian care giving. The New Testament is filled with calls to be a caring Christian commu-

nity. Acts 6:1-7 offers an example of expanding the ministry beyond the apostles so the mission of the church might go forward and the base of spiritual leadership might expand. Eph. 4:11-13 lifts up the notion of spiritual giftedness as a birthright of every believer, a birthright that carries a commission to serve one another. 1 Peter 2:4-10 casts an image of a church made up of living stones (individuals) who view their lives through the lens of being a priesthood of believers, not simply a gathering of observers.












The message is clear. Pastoral care is a congregational mission and a calling to be fulfilled by lay persons who are trained, nurtured and encouraged by clergy. Together we implement and embody what it means to be a caring Christian community.

I believe my role as a pastor is to nurture, empower and partner with lay persons who are gifted with compassion to be gracious and effective care givers. Working together we fulfill our biblical calling of caring for one another. While my role as clergy care provider does not change, partnering with others expands the ministry of care. It offers others the joy of knowing what it feels like to be a glove of the hand of God, as God touches others through our caring.

What is the one thing you would like people to know about Stephen Ministry?

This is a quality program with a solid theological foundation, a proven ministry structure and excellent training and support components. Stephen Ministers are very loving, caring and sensitive individuals who have the support of an accountable and organized ministry that guides, nurtures and supervises their efforts. The goal is to develop healthy caring relationships that bring about healing.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>9 Worship 10:15 Education Hour 10:15 Youth Grp. 11:30-12:30 Youth Chorale Rehearsal 2 Del Burnett Installation Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:45 Wom. Bible Study-McGrath's</p>  <p>6 Men's BSF 6:30 Working Women</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10 Staff / Prayer</p> <p>Youth Bible Study</p>  <p>6:30-7:30 HS Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10 Quilts & More 12 Women's Study Group</p> <p>5:30 P/K Advisory 6-8:30 Stephen Ministry Sup. & Training 7-8 Worship Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>Oct. 1</p> <p>10 Write Your Life 1:30 Write Your Life 5:30-6:45 Bell Choir 6:30-7:30 MS Bib. St. 7-8:30 Chancel Choir 7-8:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>Newsletter & Calendar Deadline (events to 10-31) 2</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study - Annette's</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Men's Fellowship Odell Lake Retreat</p> </div>	<p>3</p> <p>6-9 Men's BSF Leaders 8-1 Freezer Leisure Cooking</p> <p>2 Women's Fellowship: Riverfront Park</p>
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← Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network here all week →



A 40-Day Season of Prayer

Has this season of prayer been good for you? Share your stories about how God's been working in your life with

Pastor Del: delburnett@salemfpc.org.

For guidance in daily prayer, visit these websites:

<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/>

<http://sacredspace.ie/>



Next Newsletter and Calendar Deadline

The next newsletter deadline is **Friday, October 2**.

2. Event details (date, time, location, etc., *already vetted by church*

staff -- see article on p. 3) for the calendar through October 31 should be given to the church office (or email to **Amber Hiebert:**

mainoffice@salemfpc.org), and information for the newsletter of October 11 (which covers events through October 24) should also be left in the church office (or email it to **Rebekah Borah:** publications@salemfpc.org).



Women's Fellowship Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 3, 2 PM: Gather a Riverfront

Park for a walk across the new footbridge to West Salem. Meet by the Carousel. Participants will decide coffee, late lunch/early dinner.

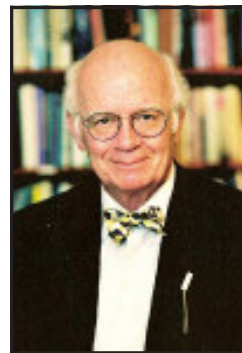
Saturday, November 14, 10 AM-noon: Arts and Crafts at the church — Make cards for upcoming holidays and bring your scrapbooking or other projects. Contact Barbara Hopkins for more info.

Saturday, December 5, 10 AM: White Elephant Exchange at Sandi Frey's home. Bring: your "white elephant" to exchange and something chocolate to share. **(For all contact info, please contact the church office.)**

Extra Mile for September: First Presbyterian Preschool & Kindergarten

This month your funds will go to help support our weekday preschool, which is a mission of our church. It continues as a community outreach with an excellent reputation in Salem. We accommodate a diverse group of families including those with disabilities. Several in our own congregation have attended our weekday program with great success. Your donations will help defer the cost associated with classroom supplies, food, water, and other necessary needs. If your effort made a difference in the life of only one child, would it be worth the investment? Remember the seeds you plant today, may not come to harvest when we are expecting them to blossom.

There are other ways that you can participate in helping our preschool succeed, like bringing in the item of the month or donating to the scholarship fund, which helps families in need of assistance with their tuition. This can be done either by a simple donation or in a bequest.



Dr. Martin Marty at St. Mark's Lutheran

Dr. Martin Marty, noted theologian and author, is coming to Salem September 25-27 as part of Saint Mark Lutheran Church's Visiting Theologian Program. Please come to these lectures, which are free and open to the public:

- Friday, September 25, 7:30 PM, Smith Auditorium, Willamette University: "The Rules of Fundamentalism and the Rule of Law"
- Saturday, September 26, 10 AM, Saint Mark Lutheran Church, 790 Marion St. NE: "Modern American Religion", with a Question and Answer period following lunch break

More information is available on our church website.



Chris Dazey -- Organist, No Longer Interim!

Christopher Dazey has already been playing regularly at First Presbyterian since January of 2008. He was born in Canton, Ohio and began playing the organ there professionally as a teenager. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in sacred music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, where he studied choral and instrumental conducting, vocal technique, music theory and composition, the structure and history of liturgy and, of course, the organ. As a member of the Westminster Symphonic Choir for three years, he regularly performed major works in concerts with the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

As a professional church musician for 20 years, Chris has played the organ, as well as accompanied and conducted choirs, in dozens of different churches of all denominations in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Oregon. Before coming to First Presbyterian, he was the organist at Christ Church in Lake Oswego where he worked with Jim Regin, and where he also helped plan and oversee the renovation of their Casavant organ.

In concert, Chris has performed with the Princeton Pro Musica, the Novum Chamber Singers, the Marylhurst Chamber Singers, and members of the Oregon Symphony and the Portland Baroque Orchestra.

As a pianist, Chris has accompanied many amateur and professional choirs, vocalists and instrumentalists in both the concert and studio setting. He has also played in pit orchestras for productions of *Hansel and Gretel* and *Bye Bye Birdie*.

Chris moved to Portland from the east coast in 1998, and looks forward to spending many more years in the beautiful state of Oregon.

Church Snapshot August 2009

August 2009		Attendance	Offering (Pledges 08-09)	Offering (Pledges 09-10)	Offering (Contributions)
8/2/2009	10 AM	341	\$265	\$18,599	\$1,082
8/9/2009	10 AM	261	\$765	\$13,079	\$920
8/16/2009	10 AM	297	\$100	\$3,566	\$513
8/23/2009	10 AM	302	\$300	\$4,966	\$661
8/30/2009	10 AM	309	\$0	\$5,480	\$520
Additional offerings received on weekdays or by automatic withdrawal:			\$700	\$16,498	\$95
Totals			\$2,130	\$62,188	\$3,791

There is a serger sewing machine missing from the sewing room in the church basement. The ladies of the Quilts and More group would very much like for the borrower to return it. No questions asked.

Working Women's Fellowship

Working Women's Fellowship meets in the library Monday, September 28, 6:30 PM. Come for sharing, fellowship and prayer!

Kirkin of the Tartans ~ October 25 Celebrating our Presbyterian History

On Reformation Sunday, a special second worship service will be offered at 11:15 AM in addition to the scheduled 9 AM service, the focus of which will be how Presbyterianism developed out of the Reformation movement in Scotland in the 16th century.

If your family has Scottish lineage, we invite you to sign up to order a tartan banner to represent that lineage to be part of this special service! The banner and pole (shipped from the supplier in Virginia) cost \$90. It can be taken home after the service, however all the banners are 'on loan' to the church and stored in a locked room. These include: Anderson, Armstrong, Bruce, Campbell, Craig, Farquharson, Graham, Innes, Johnston, Kerr, Lamont, McDougall, MacDonald, Morrison, Robertson, Rattray, Ross, Scott, Shaw, Shaw-Inglis, Stewart, and the U.S. Air Force. We're still looking for a donor for a State of Oregon tartan, or of the armed forces (Navy, Army, Marines, Coast Guard).

Orders will be taken now through September 28 on Sunday mornings, or call **Joan Carter**. Donors are asked to take part in the processional on Reformation Sunday, and everyone is invited to hear the Piping on the Green (front lawn) preceding the service. **(For contact info, please contact the church office.)**



Special Reformation Adult Sunday School Class October 11-18

Come and learn how ordinary believers took great risks to follow their conscience in the 16th century! On October 11, the Rev. John Neal will give an overview of the Reformation as it developed over continental Europe and Britain. Then, on October 18th, Rev. Neal will focus on Scotland, emphasizing John Knox (The Thundering Scot), who led the faithful into the practice of the new denomination of Presbyterianism.

Classes will meet in the Pioneer Room following worship. And on October 25, members of the congregation and the community are invited to the Kirkin' of the Tartans at 11:15 AM. (Come early to hear the Piping on the Green at 10:50.)

Looking for a Few Good Stephen Leaders!

The Stephen Leader Training Conference will be held Portland Oregon February 7-13, 2010. Stephen Ministry can send two people to the weeklong training. We are looking for candidates that relate to others with respect, are action and detail-oriented, comfortable working as part of a team, responsible, dependable and, willing to learn and grow. If you think you might be interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve the Lord, contact **Karen Pollan**, Associate Pastor.



Deacons' Cupboard

Ever feel like you're called to DO something to help folks in need? Try this: When you go grocery shopping, add a few extra things to your cart: non-perishables such as canned fruits and veggies, canned soups & stews, packaged dinners like mac-n-cheese, cereal, peanut butter, or tuna. It doesn't have to be a lot, because if we work together it will all add up. Bring these "extras" to the Deacons' Cupboard, the white collection box in the hallway by the office. We'll make sure these food donations get to Marion-Polk Food Share for distribution. You are showing God's love to folks in need when you obey Jesus' command to feed the hungry! Thank you!



Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network: October 11-18

There is still lots of room for volunteers to serve at the October 11-18th hosting of the Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network families who will live at our church that week.

The moving in of beds and setting up a home-like place for dining, living and sleeping will take several people to move furniture on Sundays before or after church. Contact **Jane Lamb** for more details. **(For phone numbers, please contact the church office.)**

We welcome "people persons" who can be available for quality time to visit with guests and help where needed. Sometimes it is sharing a game or watching a toddler; mainly it's being a warm friendly presence.

Dinner preparers, usually teams of two, are needed for Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. They share in fixing a simple meal that can be stretched to feed up to 15 guests and all the volunteers. Please contact **Doris Sanders** for more information.

Overnight hosts who sleep at the church are needed for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30 PM to 6:00 AM. Some stay and serve a simple breakfast before the guest leave by 7:15 AM. If there is someone who would like to come in to cook and serve a hot breakfast, please let us know.

The volunteer sign up sheet will be available after church on the next two Sundays. Those who like to donate food or supplies, please sign up on the donation sheet. Mark donations for SIHN and your name when leaving them at the church. For more information call **Evelyn Hopkins**. Your service is a much appreciated blessing!

Men's Fellowship Event Details

If you plan to attend one or both of the events please sign-up. The sign-up is at the Men's Fellowship display.



October 2-4: Men's Retreat at Odell Lake

Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. Scheduled activities include: Sunday morning worship service, fishing, hiking, biking,

kayaking, and just plain relaxing. Cost is \$70 per person, which includes 2 nights' lodging, and all meals. There is a Saturday-only option which includes all meals for \$20. Scholarships are available for this trip. For scholarship details please contact **Pastor Karen Pollan** at 503-363-9234. Sign-up for this trip at the Men's Fellowship display, and make your check payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with a memo on the check that the money is for the "Men's 09 Odell Lake Retreat"

Saturday, October 24, 2009: Men's Fall Breakfast, 9-11 AM Fellowship Hall. Pastor Del Burnett will be speaking at the breakfast.

Don't forget to check the "Men's Fellowship Website" at: <http://menatsalemfirstpres.org/> for other scheduled events.

Habitat for Humanity



First Pres. will be sponsoring a new home for Habitat starting in October 2009. **Sign ups** will be in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Work on the house will begin in October 2009, and our scheduled work day will be on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8-12 AM. Even if you can't work at the building site, there are other ways to volunteer for Habitat. The ReStore is always looking for volunteers Tuesday-Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM.

The HopeBuilder Breakfast will be November 3rd this year. Please come to this very important fund raising breakfast and learn more about Habitat. You can give Habitat extra support by becoming a Table Host and filling a 10 person table for this breakfast -- or volunteer in other ways. Please contact **Julie Hylton** for more information. **(For contact info, please contact the church office.)**

— *Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian continues from p. 7:*

What observation about Stephen Ministry would you offer to men?

I am convinced, in American culture, the loneliest individuals are men. In a culture that lifts up autonomy, self-reliance and courage as primary male virtues, it is challenging for men to build meaningful relationships or seek help when they struggle with a personal crisis. In contrast to this, Stephen Ministry offers men the opportunity to catch a glimpse of a new way of viewing themselves. It provides the training and support needed to help a brother in faith experience authentic Christian care giving rather than lonely isolation.

I do not know of many more profound ways to be the presence of Christ than to come along side a brother who is experiencing a crisis than with compassion, sensitivity and respect. Stephen Ministry makes it possible for ordinary guys to be agents of grace in the lives of possibly the loneliest people in our corner of the world.

Closing Thoughts

Although Stephen Ministry has been launched well, there is much more to be done to solidify and enhance its viability. New ministries require 3-5 years to become a part of a congregational culture. Over the coming years we will need to expand our investments in this ministry for it to thrive. I invite every attendee of Salem First to join me, Pastor Karen, and a dedicated group of Stephen Leaders and Ministers, in developing this ministry of quality Christian care giving. Wouldn't it be fantastic if our church was known in the Greater Salem Area as a place of healing and wholeness!



The next Presbyterian sponsored blood drive is coming soon. The blood drive will be on Tue. October 20 between 1:30 - 6:30 PM. Please consider being a blood donor, but if you are unable to do so, there are still ways in which you can help. We are looking for volunteers to help in the canteen, escort blood donors to the canteen area, and to help with unloading and set-up. If you are able to help with any of these assignments, please contact the church office at 503-363-9234. Thank you for your help, and prayers of support for this wonderful life giving ministry.



**Adult Classes
10:15 - 11:15 AM**

— **September 27** —

• **Fireside Room: Bible Study.**

Our team of Bible study leaders take it in turns to prepare the lesson each week, and each Bible study lesson is self-contained. Discuss with us, or just listen -- no pressure! Books available to use during class. This week: "Nehemiah: A Motivator for the People", Nehemiah 2:5, 11-20.

• **Social Hall: With Open Hands: Exploring Key Spiritual Habits** -- Pastor Del Burnett. This adult formation opportunity is a journey into the contemplative prayer life available to every Christian. We will focus on the discovery and practice of a few "classic" spiritual disciplines in light of our individual personalities. The goal of the class is to expand our understanding of the meaning and function of daily spirituality and prayer. The added value of the class will be determined by your covenant to experiment with the spiritual disciplines of: silence, solitude, meditation, journaling, prayer, fasting and retreat.

— **October 4** —

• **Fireside Room: Bible Study.** This week: "Looking for Jesus," Mark 1:35-45.

• **Social Hall: With Open Hands: Exploring Key Spiritual Habits** -- Pastor Del Burnett. Class continues through October 11.

Just a reminder -- please silence your cell phones in worship and in class!

Blood Drive October 20

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Sunday Schedule

Preparation for Worship - 8:40 AM
Sunday Worship - 9 AM
Education Hour - 10:15 AM

September 27: Pastor Del Burnett preaching "Seeing Relationships as God Sees Them" on John 13:1-5, 15, third in the series, *Viewing Life Through God's Eyes*

October 4, World Communion Sunday: Pastor Karen Pollan preaching "The One Who Upholds the Universe by His Word and Power" on Heb. 1:1-4.

What about kids? Nursery care for kids through age 3 is available if desired in Room 106. Children in grades K - 5 are dismissed to Children's Choir rehearsal after the children's sermon. All children are welcome in the sanctuary with us.

Education Hour (10:15 - 11:15 AM)

Infants and toddlers are welcome in the Nursery (Room 106).

Preschool: Age 3 through Kindergarten, go to Room 110 for Bible Buddies class.

Elementary: 1st through 5th graders, go upstairs for Art, Drama, Temple, Computer, or A/V exploration of our current theme.

Middle School & Senior High: 6th -12th graders enjoy fellowship in Youth rooms (downstairs).

Adults have two class choices: Come for *With Open Hands: Exploring Key Spiritual Habits* in the Social Hall or for the weekly Bible study in the Fireside Room (both downstairs). More details inside on page 12.