



# Dialogue

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## What now??? Looking at Charlottesville from a Christian perspective

I find myself still in shock over the events that unfolded in Charlottesville a couple of weeks ago, and the president's inability to fully condemn racism, claiming that there were "good people" at a Neo Nazi rally the Friday night before the clashes happened in the streets. It is difficult to know where to begin.

I guess I'll focus on "hatred of the other." My formative years (junior high and high school) took place in Vallejo, California, which was, and continues to be, a very diverse culture. Vallejo has the fourth highest population of Filipinos in the state of California

(21%). In addition, the overall population is 33% white, 25% African American and 25% Hispanic.

In both junior and senior high, I was part of a diverse, multi-ethnic culture. Racism was definitely a part of that culture. At least once a year, I was singled out to get into a fight solely because of my skin color and blond hair. A lot of my friends were (and still are) Filipino, and I can remember being one of the only white kids at school dances and being made fun of by some of the Filipinos there. Because of these experiences, I was given many opportunities to develop "hatred of the other."

Thanks in great part to parents

who raised me to see diversity of culture as an asset and not a threat, and also due to an early faith in Christ, I didn't fully develop hatred of someone just because they had a different skin color, heritage or language.

Hatred of the other was on full display in the streets of Charlottesville a couple of weeks ago. Angry



white people, mostly young males with torches, chanted "Jew will not replace us!" and "Blood and soil!" (a Nazi chant from WW II). Some of these angry white people, especially some who marched the next

day to protest the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee, claim to follow the same God I do.

They do not. There is no room for hatred of the other in the Christian faith. God created all humankind in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Jesus reached out to Jews, Gentiles, and Samaritans and saw them as children of the God who made them. As that old hymn says, "Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in his sight..." And as the Apostle Paul wrote, "Therefore there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, no longer male or female [No longer Filipino and White, African American and Hispanic] for all are one in Christ Jesus" (a loose interpretation of

Galatians 3:28).

It is the evil one who makes us look at differences and tries to split us apart. The word *diabolon* ("devil" in Greek) literally means "to split." Theologian Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote, "Race prejudice is as thorough a denial of the Christian God as atheism, and a far more common form of apostasy." We must fight the all too common racist attitudes in the Christian faith.

As a predominantly white denomination (89.3% white) and mostly white congregation in a mostly white community, in a state that was formed as a "Whites Only" state,

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## AYC to start up again – ecumenical youth group for grades 7-12

This fall, the plan is to meet **every** Sunday from 5-7, including dinner. The first AYC meeting will be **Sunday, Sept. 10 from 5-7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church**, Calvin Hall, downstairs in the youth room. Pizza will be served. Please give us your input on how you would like AYC to be formed.

**Sept. 17- Meet at UCC church from 5-7.**

**Sept. 24- Meet at United Methodist Church from 5-7.**



Where do we want to be as a church in one year? Three years? Five?

Join us as we begin to seek a new vision of what God might be calling this church to become – at the first meeting on Friday, Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

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we must strongly denounce linking racism, hatred and bigotry with the name of Jesus Christ. I pray that somehow we as a Christian community can make a strong anti-racist statement that is visible to people outside of Ashland, and that people of all faiths will find ways to confront racist attitudes and realities, so that one day, perhaps we won't see diversity as a threat, but rather as a strength. One day, perhaps we will remember that human blood is all the same color. Until then we have work to do.

As followers of Christ, we must live as examples of Christ – spreading Christ's love, proclaiming

Christ's justice, and reconciling the world to each other.

C.S. Lewis wrote, "Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else."

Now is the time to stand up against hatred and intolerance. Now is the time to speak out and spread God's justice so that all are seen as God's children. Now is the time to stand up and march as little Christs. Now is the time to be light shining in the darkness and to work to reconcile a broken, sinful racist nation. If not now, when? God, give us strength. Amen

*Dan*

## New members class forming now

Are you interested in being a member of our church? Would you like to know more about what is involved? Pastor Dan will be presenting a class in September, four Sundays beginning on Sept. 3. You don't have to attend every class to become a member. Those who decide to join the church would do so in worship at the 10 o'clock service on Oct. 8.

Here is the format for the class, which will be held in the Fireside Room after the 10 a.m. service and some fellowship time:

**Sunday, Sept. 3, 11:15-12:15** – Connect: explain the mission, vision,

purpose and basic beliefs of the church. Share the importance of relationships, fellowship possibilities, adult education, etc.

**Sunday, Sept. 10, 11:15-12:15** – What do we believe?

**Sunday, Sept. 17, 11:15-12:15** – Church history

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 11:15-12:15** – Places to plug in for ministry, meet with session.

**Sunday, Oct. 8** – Join at the 10 a.m. service

For more information please contact Dan: 541-482-3536, [revfowler@yahoo.com](mailto:revfowler@yahoo.com)

## The Dialogue

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Dialogue. Articles are welcome for the October issue. Please submit by Thursday, Sept. 21. Email (preferred) to [huntermarcia@gmail.com](mailto:huntermarcia@gmail.com).

Marcia Hunter, editor



The next church work day is Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9-12. Many hands make for light work!

## Fall team planning Evangelism Sunday

*By Linda Purdom, Fall Team Coordinator*

Evangelism Sunday is Sept. 24, according to the church liturgical calendar. The fall team and Pastor Dan would like to encourage all members of our congregation to invite one or more friends to join with us in church on that day.

Let's fill the chapel, sanctuary and balcony for Evangelism Sunday services!

If the folks you invite would like more information about First Pres-

byterian, please encourage them to look at our website ([www.firstpresashland.org](http://www.firstpresashland.org)), where they'll find photos, news about our congregation, a map and our street address.

The fall team, consisting of Adele Hiles, Ilse Forney, Pat Alvord, Rick Herst, Darlene Saunders, Virginia King, Caroline Kirkman, Marilyn MacLean, and leader Linda Purdom, recently began planning for the months of September, October and November.



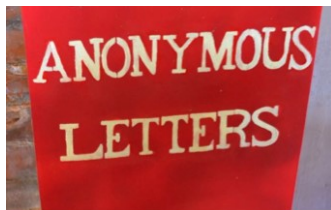
## World Communion Sunday to feature ethnic bread selection

*By Linda Purdom*

World Communion Sunday will be on Oct. 1. This year, as in the past, we will place baskets on the communion table filled with loaves made by members of our congregation. If you have an ethnically traditional bread, or just a favorite family recipe for a nice crusty loaf, please think about making bread to be placed on the table and later shared with the congregation at coffee hour.

Adele Hiles would love to know where your bread's recipe originated, so she can place a sign by your loaf to let everyone know the country the bread represents. If you can bring bread, please bring it to Calvin Hall a bit before the service, with a note about its origins attached, so we can place your loaf in a basket.

Thank you for helping to make our World Communion Sunday service a special event in our church.



## Regarding anonymous letters. . .

It has recently come to my attention that a member of our church received a mean spirit-ed anonymous letter. Let me just say that there is **NO PLACE** for such letters to be sent

from anyone in this body of Christ to anyone in this body of Christ. Such letters are in direct opposition to the teachings and purposes of scripture, are hurtful and will not be tolerated.

- As Paul says in Ephesians 4:3, we are to lead a life worthy of our calling, "making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
- We as Christians are called to value relationships, and to work out differences in person. An anonymous letter accomplishes none of that. Paul says in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, "All this is from God, who has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to **US**." (2 Corinthians 5:19)

If you have concerns with or conflicts with someone in this church, please speak directly with them. There is a list on how to speak the truth in love available in our church office and also on the back of our current church directory, provided by Rev. Dr. Karen McClintock. It is an excellent resource. As Karen wrote, "Keep your words sweet and soft, in case you will have to eat them later!"

I am also available to work with those in disagreement, as I have been trained in conflict resolution. It is my sincere hope that this matter has now been addressed, and will **not** happen again.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Dan*

Good news on the relighting project in Calvin Hall and other areas on our property. The final bill came in UNDER the grant of \$8,000! The final charge from the electric contractor was \$7640. God is good!

*Pastor Dan*

## Official denominational statement on the protests in Virginia

In the aftermath of the events of August 11 and 12 in Charlottesville, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaffirms its condemnation of white supremacy and racism, names them as sin, and renews its commitment to disrupting them and working for justice and equity.

We give thanks for the presence and faithful witness of church members who stand against white supremacy and racism. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, stood against hate in Charlottesville. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, works to disrupt racism and to build racial equity in places across the country. We grieve for Heather Heyer, who was killed while standing witness; we grieve for state police officers H. Jay Cullen and Berke Bates, who died in a helicopter crash while monitoring events in Charlottesville; we pray for the recovery of all who were injured.

We acknowledge that Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy and racism. However, we proclaim that the Bible's message presents a far more consistent and insistent witness to God's love for diversity and justice. This may be observed in God's delight in the varied creation; heard in the words of prophets who reject oppression and commend justice as true worship; seen in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who values all persons regardless of any aspect of their identity; and experienced through

the work of the Holy Spirit, who consistently blows through all the divisions we create, to reveal God's love for all humanity.

White supremacy and racism stand in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God's intention for humanity. They reject part of the human family and are utterly contrary to God's Word made incarnate in Jesus. They are idolatries that elevate human-created hierarchies over God's freely given grace and love. They are lies about the human family, for they seek to say that some people are less than other people. They are lies about God because they falsely claim that God favors some people over the entirety of creation.

But as we give thanks, we acknowledge the church's complicity in the creation of white supremacy and racism. We confess the church's failure in challenging and disrupting white supremacy and racism. Too often we have accepted the status quo. Too often we have stood silent in the face of injustice and oppression.

By God's grace may we remember the events in Charlottesville, repent of our acquiescence and failures, and renew our commitment to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ. May that commitment lead us to stand against, speak against and work against racism and white supremacy, this day and every day.



May it be so. Amen.

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II  
Stated Clerk of the General  
Assembly

## A prayer for Charlottesville

*August 12, 2017 by Jill Duffield*

Sweet Jesus, what has happened to your beloved world? What darkness is on the loose when those who hate their neighbors pray in your name and ask for your blessing?

You have told us, O Lord, what is good: to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with you, and yet there are those among us who wield machine guns to intimidate and chant vitriolic

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## Session news for August

By Marcia Hunter, Clerk of Session

At the regular session meeting on Aug. 9, Dan shared an article called "Buckle up, hold on tight, and pray like crazy" – the story of the resurrection of a church in Tacoma, WA. At our church some folks already said yes to being on a long-term planning team. See article on page 9 for more information.

New treasurer Trish Styer was introduced and welcomed. The good news is that we have a positive balance of \$15,500. There is no bad news!

Some of the issues bubbling up to the top of the priority list after the recent session retreat are: forming a mission task force, membership, long-range planning, and the Ashland housing crisis.

Bill Sager will head up the mission team, and Jill Turner will be in charge of the membership group.

Session voted to repair the stained glass windows in the chapel using a combination of memorial funds and private donations and spending up to \$5000. This repair is critical to saving the historic windows. Other projects that need work

are leaks, dry rot, and roots in the sewer system.

Lori Freed is requesting funds for her Jamaica trip, and the congregation is encouraged to give supplies and donations.

Thanks to the Barnabus Grant and Brian McQuade's installation of new LED lights in Calvin Hall (upstairs and down) and the administration building, we will experience a savings in the expenses for electricity. We have also installed motion detectors on bathroom lights. We plan to do the sanctuary at a later time when we have the funds. The next project is eradication of carpenter ants on the balcony stairs.

Session adopted a new harassment and sexual harassment policy. All new employees and officers will be asked to become familiar with the policies.

Tiffany Norris has been hired as our new bookkeeper, working in our office from 10 to 15 hours per month.

Session approved Dan's request to switch his day off from Friday to Monday due to a change in his family schedule.



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Wendy McAninch
- 3 – Stella Schaaf
- 4 – Sharon Laskos
- 5 – Raoul Maddox
- 6 – John Wren
- 7 – Carolyn Johnson
- 8 – Paula Fowler
- 16 – Jocelyn Henderson
- 16 – Robb Grover
- 21 – Liz Jones
- 22 – Sam Alvord
- 22 – Rick Herst
- 25 – Jane Ann Henderson
- 26 – Judy Sockman
- 27 – Nona Hoadley
- 27 – Kathryn Slyt

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Bill and Judy Quiett
- 3 – Ed and Sharon Laskos
- 8 – Barbie and John Breneiser
- 12 – Susan and Jim Coghill
- 14 – David and Laurel Dryland
- 22 – Glenn and Barb Street

## New books added to church library

By Virginia King

It is with thanks to the July noisy offering that I have been able to add two books to the library. We now have *My Father's Closet* by Karen McClintock and *Jesus, First Century Rabbi* by Ashland Rabbi David Zaslow. You may have to get in line for these books. Just let me know you are interested and I'll let you know when one is available. More new books

will follow in the next few months.

Not a new book, but interesting is *St. Paul at the Movies* by Robert Jewett. He takes on 11 movies and links them to Paul's sayings, especially his letter to the Romans. Included are "Star Wars," "Tootsie," "Amadeus," and "Tender Mercies." He calls it the apostle's dialogue with American culture. If you have not seen the movies, it makes you want to do so.



We're still looking for people who are willing to tell their personal stories for the *Dialogue*. Contact Marcia Hunter if you have a story to share.

## Presbyterian Women program year to resume in September

By Shirley Patton

Presbyterian Women begin their new program year on Sept. 7 as they gather in Calvin Hall from 1-3 p.m. for dessert, prepared by Marilyn Mobley, Judi Quiett and Darlene Saunders, and program.

Back by popular demand Eleanor Robison will introduce the new Horizons Bible Study, *Cloud of Witnesses—the Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of

community.

Topics for our Horizon Bible Studies are selected by a committee of the Churchwide Coordinating Team of PW. In 2013 the book of Hebrews was chosen for the 2017-2018 study. In 2014 the author was selected. The committee directed Melissa to write a study that approached Hebrews through the lenses of peace, peacemaking, and hope. She was asked to feature in each lesson stories about women who have been witnesses to faith. Hebrews chapters 1, 12 and 13 are highlighted. Melissa responded to this assignment by writing nine

lessons which will be at the heart of our circle meetings held once a month. Elsie Nelson Circle meets on the second Monday at 1 p.m. and Westminster Circle gathers the third Thursday from 10 -12 noon.

Melissa writes, "My prayer is that our study of community in Hebrews will help us strengthen our own communities." She has served as a pastor for over 23 years and since 2015 has left the pastorate to focus on her ministry of writing and photography.

We hope women of the church family will join PW for an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration.

### Elsie Nelson Circle

By Marilyn Mobley

Elsie Nelson Circle will meet at the home of Linda Purdom on Monday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. We will gather at the Talent Elementary School parking lot at 12:30 and carpool from there.

We will be studying Lesson 1 of our new study guide *Cloud of Witnesses – The Community of Christ in Hebrews*. Booklets will be available to purchase at the meeting. Any visitors are welcome to join us; the view from Linda's deck is beautiful.

### Westminster Circle

By Barbara Marsh

Westminster Circle will meet at the home of Shirley Patton on Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. to study the first chapter of our new study guide, *Cloud of Witnesses*.

The first meeting of the program year is a good time for new members to join. All are welcome!

## Women's Book Club reading *Galápagos* in September

By Marcia Hunter

The Women's Book Club is reading *Galápagos* by Kurt Vonnegut for the September selection. The club will meet on Monday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at a place to be announced.

According to Barnes and Noble, "*Galápagos* takes the reader back one million years, to A.D. 1986. A simple vacation cruise suddenly becomes an evolutionary journey. Thanks to an apocalypse, a small group of survivors stranded on the

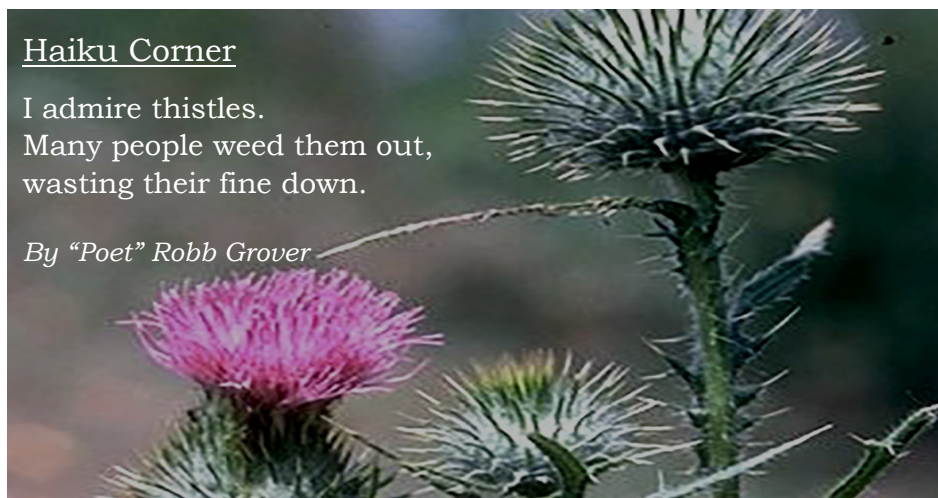
Galápagos Islands are about to become the progenitors of a brave, new, and totally different human race. In this inimitable novel, America's master satirist looks at our world and shows us all that is sadly, madly awry—and all that is worth saving."

Readers have compared Vonnegut to a modern Mark Twain – can't lose with that in mind! Come join us for an interesting discussion – and snacks.

### Haiku Corner

I admire thistles.  
Many people weed them out,  
wasting their fine down.

By "Poet" Robb Grover



## Bible verses

*James 3:1-12*

### **The Tongue**

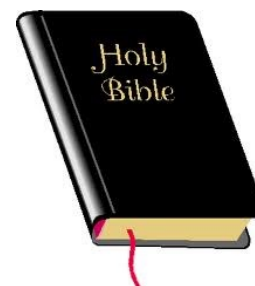
My friends, not many of you should become teachers. As you know, we teachers will be judged with greater strictness than others. All of us often make mistakes. But if a person never makes a mistake in what he says, he is perfect and is also able to control his whole being.

We put a bit into the mouth of a horse to make it obey us, and we are able to make it go where we want. Or think of a ship: big as it is and driven by such strong winds, it can be steered by a very small rudder, and it goes wherever the pilot wants it to go. So it is with the tongue:

small as it is, it can boast about great things.

Just think how large a forest can be set on fire by a tiny flame! And the tongue is like a fire. It is a world of wrong, occupying its place in our bodies and spreading evil through our whole being. It sets on fire the entire course of our existence with the fire that comes to it from hell itself.

We humans are able to tame and have tamed all other creatures—wild animals and birds, reptiles and fish. But no one has ever been able to tame the tongue. It is evil and uncontrollable, full of deadly poison. We use it to give thanks to our Lord and Father and also to curse



other people, who are created in the likeness of God. Words of thanksgiving and cursing pour out from the same mouth.

My friends, this should not happen! No spring of water pours out sweet water and bitter water from the same opening. A fig tree, my friends, cannot bear olives; a grapevine cannot bear figs, nor can a salty spring produce sweet water.

## Prayer . . . .

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rhetoric to terrorize, and ram cars intentionally into crowds to kill.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

We have no hope save in you. We have no hope to stop the violence and stem the racism and cease the destruction, save in you. Save us now.

Prince of peace, you tell us to pray for those who persecute us and love our enemies, but right now, in this moment, those prayers are not readily on our lips. Help us. Intercede for us.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you even if, in this moment, they are colored with anger and weariness and questions about your presence during the storm.

What next, Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, when we are

right in the middle of the chaos and the killing and the carnage? We know that justice will roll down like water and that crying and death will be no more someday, but we need to know what to do this very day.

This very day you have made.

Creator God, Living God, God of the new thing, the very good thing, show us where to be and what do to and how to be the light and the salt and the leaven and the love you call us to be.

Precious Lord, take our hands, lead us home to the place you prepared for us and give us rest. Put us beside still waters and overflow our cups with grace upon grace until it spills into the streets and washes away the evil in our land. Wash us

and we will be clean. Made new. Clothed and in our right minds. Together.

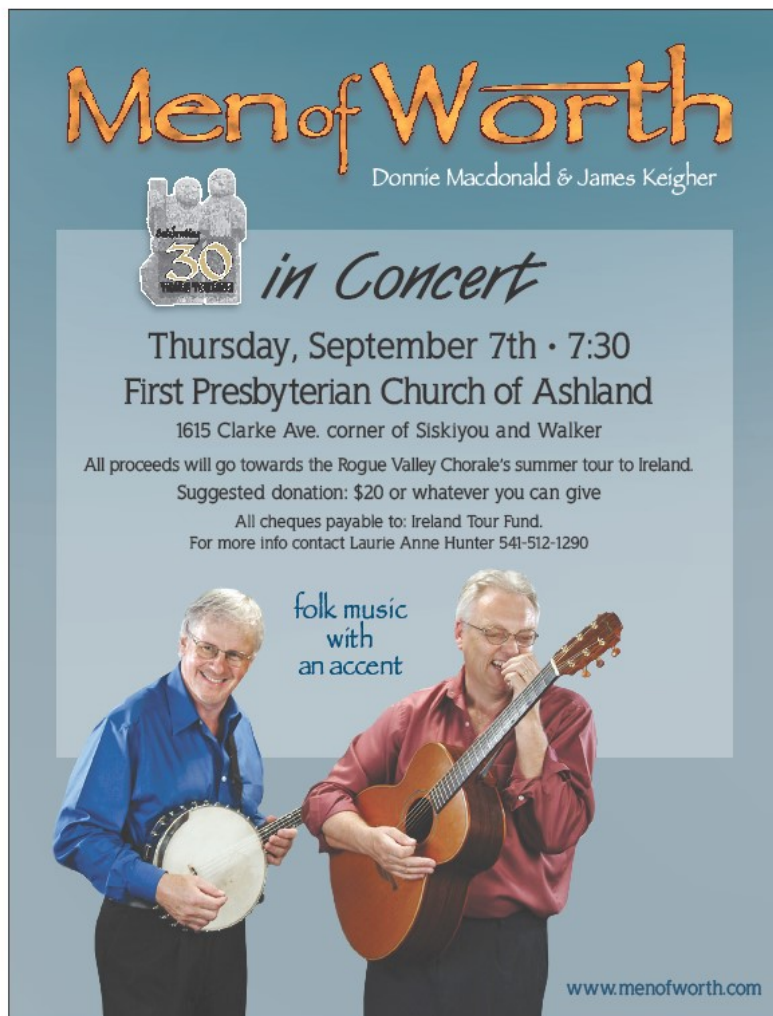
All powerful and promise keeping God, make it so. Sweet Jesus, make us so.

No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

Nelson Mandela







**Men of Worth**  
Donnie Macdonald & James Keigher

**30th Anniversary**  
*in Concert*

Thursday, September 7th • 7:30  
First Presbyterian Church of Ashland  
1615 Clarke Ave. corner of Siskiyou and Walker

All proceeds will go towards the Rogue Valley Chorale's summer tour to Ireland.  
Suggested donation: \$20 or whatever you can give  
All cheques payable to: Ireland Tour Fund.  
For more info contact Laurie Anne Hunter 541-512-1290

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## "Men of Worth" duo concert on Sept. 7

By Laurie Anne Hunter

The fabulous Celtic Duo "Men of Worth" (James Keigher and Donnie Macdonald) usually perform all over the world but rarely here at home.

BUT they will be performing here with the Rogue Valley Chorale in March and are also presenting a concert on their own at the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 pm. – to benefit the Rogue Valley Chorale's June 2018 trip to Ireland

Suggested donation is \$20, but you may pay what you can. If you cannot attend but still wish to donate, checks can be made out to "Ireland Tour Fund."

Hope to see you there!

## Red Cross to offer Disaster Symposium and Prepare Out Loud program

The American Red Cross in partnership with local faith and community leaders from the Rogue Valley as well as the City of Medford Emergency Management facilitated a Faith & Civic Leader Disaster Summit last October. Over 100 people attended representing 30 different faith denominations and associations. We reviewed surveys and recommendations from last fall's program, and again this fall we are offering several afternoon sessions specific to the faith and civic community.

Faith communities play an

important role in times of disaster from serving as shelter sites, points of distribution of disaster supplies, and volunteer service; your role is critical when local disasters occur. We encourage faith communities and their members to learn more about disaster preparedness, earthquakes and the Cascadia Subduction Zone, how to keep your faith communities safe and ready for disasters, and ways to engage locally with the Red Cross.

See the event flyer (on page 9) for the Disaster Symposium Sept.

26 and 27 (**the faith-based sessions will be held from 1-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26**). The Red Cross Prepare Out Loud program is on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. Attendees are welcome at any of the Disaster Symposium sessions that you have an interest in.

Both events are free and we recommend both faith leaders and members of the congregation attend.

Contact [Carisa.hettich@red-cross.org](mailto:Carisa.hettich@red-cross.org) or 541-285-2337 for more information.



## Buckle up, hold on tight, and pray like crazy

JULY 17, 2017

EVA STIMSON *Office of the General Assembly Communications*

In the mid-1980s, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington, was on life support, and Olympia Presbytery had begun nudging the session to consider pulling the plug.

Drugs, crime, and gangs had infested the church's deteriorating neighborhood. A handful of loyal members attended worship and struggled to maintain the church building.

"But something surprising happened," says the church's current pastor, Matt Robbins-Ghormley. "Resurrection happened." As he describes it, the congregation went from being "on the brink of extinction" to becoming energized through mission in the community.



Last year, Trinity reported 375 "total adherents" (including active members, baptized members, and other regular attendees) and a gain of 19 new members. The number of children in the congregation has grown over the past decade from 30 to 130, and 70 adults are involved in Trinity's ministries with children and youth.

"The people who have been here a while just shake their heads in amazement," Robbins-Ghormley says. . .

**\*\*Editor's note:** Dan brought this article to Session at its last meeting. It's a great success story. To find out how this happened, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/news/8673/3/73/buckle-hold-tight-and-pray-crazy/> or find the link on our church website.

*The City of Medford cordially invites you to attend the*

## **Southern Cascadia Earthquake Symposium**

An educational event for emergency responders, emergency managers, civic leadership, disaster service volunteers, NGOs, and other partners essential to successful preparedness, response and recovery


**Tuesday-  
Wednesday,  
September 26-  
27, 2017 at the  
Asante Smullin  
Education Center**



Regular Sunday Schedule  
8am Chapel Worship  
9am Pony Espresso  
10am Sanctuary Worship  
11:15am Fellowship  
11:15am New Member Class



# September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 11:15am-2pm Jane Ann Henderson's 95th Birthday Party  11:15am New Member Class	4 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	5 10am Back Porch Bible Study  1-2:30pm OLLI Knitters (FR)  Church carpets cleaned	6   Preschool starts	7 1pm Presbyterian Women  <b>7:30pm Men of Worth in concert</b>	8	9   Church floors waxed
10 Birthday Sunday 11:15am New Member Class  5pm AYC @ FPC	11  1pm Elsie Nelson Circle 4:30pm B & G	12 10am Back Porch Bible Study  4pm Admin & Finance	13 2:30pm Deacons 4:30pm Session	14	15	16
17  11:15am New Member Class  5pm AYC @ UCC	18	19 10am Back Porch Bible Study  1-2:30pm OLLI Knitters (FR)	20	21 Dialogue Entries Due  10am Wesminster Circle	22  5:30pm Long Term Planning	23 9am-12pm Work Day  3pm Choral Concert
24 <b>Evangelism Sunday</b>  11:15am New Member Class  5pm AYC @ UMC	25  7pm Women's Book Club	26 10am Back Porch Bible Study	27  5:30pm Personnel	28 10am Dialogue Folding	29	30
Weekly Building Schedule						
AA	Fireside Room	7am-8am	M-Sat	Preschool	Lower Calvin Hall	9:00am - 12:00pm M - F
AA	Fireside Room	9am-10am	M-Fri	Realtors	Calvin Hall	8:30am - 9:30am Thurs
AA	Fireside Room	9am-10:30am	Sat	OLLI Knitters	Fireside Room	1pm-2:30pm 1st & 3rd Tues
Alanon	Fireside Room	7pm-8:15pm	Mon			
Alanon	Fireside Room	7pm-8:30pm	Fri			



## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



**Give today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance bring hope & healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in touch with presbyteries affected areas of Texas to offer assistance. We are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so.

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Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Kraus

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