



Pastor's Page

In light of Pastor Karen's permanent move from Oregon to New York, it seemed appropriate to re-run her column from 2013 when she first began her journey. Please pray as she prepares to sell her house in OR.



I suppose I could wax eloquent about the blessings of embracing simplicity but I'm too tired from packing all my junk. Twelve years ago when I moved to Oregon from Texas I did manage to reduce the 'stuff.' I also had a 10 year daughter so the amount of stuff reduced was more of a symbolic gesture. And I've certainly more than made up for any reduction of 'stuff' over the last decade.

There are moments when I realize that I actually don't need so much stuff. In 2011, I spent 7 weeks in Scotland and Ireland as a part of my 'Clergy Rest and Renewal' (Sabbatical). Since I was not traveling with a tour group and I would be schlepping my own bags, I took only 1 small carry one suitcase with an attached tote. It think

there is a Biblical precedent of 'laying aside every weight' so we may run the race set before us - or at least be able to drag our luggage up the hill.

'Laying aside every weight' certainly sounds good as I contemplate the packing I have yet to complete. Especially the books. I already have 25 boxes of books from my office. I should be much wiser than I am. Is there a known correlation between number of books and wisdom?

I do hope to 'lay aside' the unnecessary items I have collected, but no doubt some of them will find their way into the crevices of this or that box (my sisters gave me the cute salt and pepper shakers - I wouldn't want to hurt their feelings). The church in Salem 'roasted' me recently. It was all in good fun and one of my friends gave me a hard time about my rocks. I have rocks. Another 'weight' I find difficult to 'lay aside.' But then, today, she gave me a rock from her own stash of rocks. So now I have another (!) rock to move. At least it is a small one.

Of course, the 'weights' that really weigh us down weigh nothing at all. Regrets. Worries. Sadness. Fear of change. Unreal expectations. As we face new days and a new future for Delmar Presbyterian Church, let us commit ourselves to laying aside that which prevents us from experiencing the richness and joy God has for us. So easy to say. So difficult to do. In fact, impossible without God's help and God's grace.

Well, I'll be packing for just a few more days. Then filling the pods and climbing aboard a Southwest Airline flight bound for Albany. I'll be glad to show you my rocks. And salt shakers.

Blessings, Pastor Karen

August 2019

Bells of Praise: resumes in Fall				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: resumes in Fall				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Study Group: resumes in Fall				Prez Deadline for September: August 22		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				6 pm Chicken and Corn Roast		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments			6:30 pm Movie Night "Finding Nemo"			Building Rental (all day)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10 am Worship and Hymn Sing 11:15 Refreshments			12 pm Ladies Who Care Picnic			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 am Worship and 11:15 Refreshments		7 pm Session Meeting	6 pm Christian Ed Meeting			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10 am Worship and 11:15 Refreshments						
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED						

	Liturgists	Readers	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge
4	Claiborne Walthall	Jim Finke	Judy Riopelle	Anne Crawford Cheryl Gardiner	Jan Messina
11	David Rees	Jean Somerville		Ginny Gajewski Diana Wildemann	Jan Messina
18	Tricia Hertz	TBD		Hertz Family	Jean Somerville
25	TBD	TBD		Ron and Carolyn Tweedie	Jean Somerville

ADULT EDUCATION



**DPC's Movie Night:
Wed. July 31 @ 6:30 pm**

This year instead of a summer book read we are trying something a bit different.

We are hosting some movie nights through the rest of the summer season. If you have a movie idea or wish to lead a movie night please contact Laura Scott!

Bring a friend and watch a movie with us! Afterwards we will spend 20-30 minutes discussing various themes and questions brought up from the movie! July 31st is moderated by Carol Scott.

"**Won't You Be My Neighbor?**" is a documentary on the life of Fred Rogers. As a Presbyterian, he was ordained to minister through TV. The documentary is rated PG-13 and is 1h 34m long. Discussion time will bring it to a 2 hour event total. All families, youth, and individuals are welcome, and we hope you will sign up and join us July 31 in the DPC library at 6:30 pm! Simple treats and beverages will be provided.

**Next Movie Night and discussion: Aug. 7
"Finding Nemo" with Nina Nichols!**

Submitted by Laura Scott,
Communications Chair

DEACONS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7	Beth Walthall
8	James McGinn
8	Casey Wilson
9	Packy Carroll
13	Matt Lowry
18	Sarah Hamilton
19	Chris Lowry
22	Lillian Masters
22	Jean Somerville

WORSHIP

HYMN SING

**August 11 Is
Hymn Sing Sunday!**

Turn in your requests to Carol or come prepared to request your favorite hymn. If there's a hymn you love that isn't in our hymnal, email the church or Carol at carolrscott@outlook.com, and we'll try to fit it in!



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Chicken and Corn Roast -
Thursday, August 1 at 6 pm**



Plan to join us for the
Chicken and Corn Roast
Music by Warren Sieme
Corn from Kleinke's
Chicken, hotdogs, veggie burgers,
salads, desserts
Games (indoor games if rain)
Come along for some fun!
Signup sheets are in the narthex -
Bring a Friend!

Ladies Who Care Host Picnic for Ladies and Gents



Women and Men are invited to a summer gathering at the Henry Hudson Park by the Hudson River in Bethlehem.

Date: Wednesday, August 14th

Time: Noon

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or RSVP to either

Pam Taft (439-9281)

pamtaft73@gmail.com or

Judy Riopelle (439-3075)

jjriopelle@gmail.com

Please bring: A bag lunch. (Dessert and beverages will be provided)

Take Wemple Road to Rt 144 South. Turn left on Barent Winne Rd which will become Lyons Rd as it proceeds south along the river.

OUTREACH

Pazapa Update

Dear Friends,



I'm pleased to bring you news from Pazapa, where 36 students in the School for Deaf Education recently sat for national exams. That's notable in any year since most children

with disabilities in Haiti don't have access to an education. But now it's especially remarkable, as a general strike denied many children the chance to matriculate. It's because of supporters like you that students like Saraldina (pictured) have that opportunity.

Meanwhile, the vocational programs for women and teens with disabilities are going strong. A *dégustation* tasting event was held this week to showcase the work of the culinary trainees. The community also enjoyed a fashion show featuring two new suit designs made by Pazapa's sewing class, which will be sold locally to help the budding seamstresses lift their families out of poverty.



Thanks to our community, we're close to our goal of funding another year of medical care, special education and vocational training for vulnerable families in Haiti.

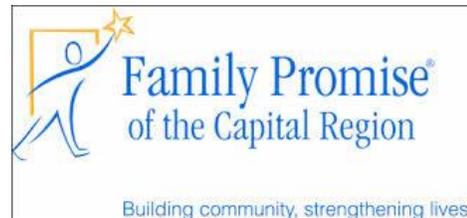
If you're looking for a way to get more impact out of your gift, today is the day. Pazapa is in the running for \$5,000 of urgently needed matching funds via GlobalGiving.

From all of us at Pazapa, mèsì anpil!

Sincerely,

Charles Scholes, PhD
Board President,
The Siloé Project/Pazapa USA
www.pazapa.org

For further info contact Charles Scholes at ncscholes@verizon.net



Family Promise in August

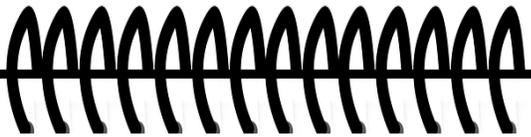
Our next Family Promise week is August 25-31. This may be an awkward time for volunteers...last week in August...prime vacation week for many of us.

We have put the signup sheet for volunteers on the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway. As you make summer plans, please consider helping us with hosting duties.

Submitted by Irene Harbison, Outreach Chair

Looking Ahead with Outreach

On the fifth Sunday of September, Sept. 29th, we will be gathering after worship to assemble toiletries kits for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. The IPH welcomes newcomers with what we call "Love Kits" – a zip lock bag containing essential toiletries. We will make up toiletries kits for men and for women. We welcome donations for these toiletries kits. We'll need small/travel-size items which you may find in hotels as you travel, or which can be purchased at local stores. Please put your donations of toiletries in the basket in the donations room.



Items needed:

- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes (regular size)
- Toothpastes
- Combs
- Bath soaps (regular size or single-use size)
- Body Lotions/Dry Skin Creams/Tubes of Vaseline
- Shampoos
- Deodorants (men's and women's)
- Shaving Creams
- Razors (men's and women's)
- Chap sticks



DPC Coffee House Returns!

Friends, we are now planning our second (annual?) DPC Coffee House!

When: September 22, 7 p.m.

Where: DPC Fellowship Hall

Why: To raise money for the 'extras' needed for the baby grand piano-- bench, cover, humidifier, etc.

Who: YOU! Members and friends of DPC are invited to perform (music, storytelling, comedy-- be creative!)

This is not an "open mic" event, but if you know someone you think should be invited, pass information on to Carol (carolrscott@outlook.com).

And if you don't wish to perform, please mark your calendar and plan to be in the audience for a delightful evening of entertainment and fellowship!

Submitted by Carol Scott, Music Minister



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Join us after church on September 8th for
Ice Cream!

Chocolate sauce!

Caramel Sauce!

Sprinkles!

Whipped Cream!

Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee

We're getting ready to launch a brand new year!
And we want to include YOU!

**Join us for our
CORNERSTONE CAMPUS MINSITRY
Congregational Partners
Open House and Breakfast
Saturday, August 24
10:00 - noon**

See Our Space!
Meet Our Student
Leaders!

Learn What
We Have
Planned!

Sign Up for "Food and Faith"
Enjoy Breakfast

RSVP Today and we'll send you a free parking token.

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