

**College Place  
Presbyterian  
Church**

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- Valentine's Day - Children's Ministry Party Feb. 14th from 5-8 pm. (pg. 4)
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**NEW YEARS GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CPPC!**

As I write this, I am being hospitalized at U of W Medical Center as part of my transplant recovery. I came in almost a week ago with a rising temperature of 103.6. My medical team just came and left with great news. My fever has been stable for a couple of days and now if I can get control over my digestive system we will be doing really well. The best news is that it appears, but may only be temporary, that my blood counts are doing their resurrection appearance much earlier than they ever imagined they would. My lead Dr. exclaimed that I was doing "Fantastic" which is not a phrase lightly given. God is in the Resurrection business! We are the Easter People and God is faithful to answer all of your fervent prayers. As we prepare for 2011 as a congregation, God will continue to amaze us with His loving guidance. CPPC is not Robin's church! I am just the Shepherd who has been privileged to care for this portion of God's flock. Together, we are The Body of Christ, and God chooses to do wonderful things through us all.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will already have begun to host our second family at the Wasser House. Thanks again to all of you who have helped and continue to help with that joyous ministry. In response to our 2010 Year End financial appeal, you were faithful to share God's abundance in your own lives to help us finish the year with a much smaller deficit than anyone could have imagined. Thank you for your financial blessings. In spite of my temporary absence, I know that everything is not only going to continue on smoothly, but God will surprise us all with new blessings in 2011. I am going to do everything I humanly can to recover and return to you. My goal is to somehow break all of the previous timelines and share in the miracle of Holy Week and Easter with all of you. We all know how fast time flies and it will be here in a blink of an eye.

Enjoy the spiritual gifts of those who will be preaching in my absence. Your presence in worship is as uplifting to them as it is to me. In fact, I just might find myself being obsolete when I return, but I know God has much, much more for us to do together. Keep praying for us and we will stay in touch with you.

God's blessings,  
Robin and Kriss

## A Note from Skip

I had a great cup of coffee last week! Enjoying it at the Walla Walla Roastery certainly contributed to it however, it was not the coffee itself that made it such a nice moment. Rachel Broughton was in town visiting with her folks and she was kind enough to share some of her precious time with me. I met Rachel 11 years ago when she was in middle school. She was active in our youth programs and it was my privilege to walk with and know her during this time. Back in 2004 Rachel graduated from Wa-Hi and took off for Creighton University to learn and discern what it was she was going to do with her life.

Today Rachel is a registered cardiac nurse. She works with individuals who have had heart attacks and major heart surgeries. Understandably I have great interest in this area. It was as with great energy and enthusiasm she shared the joy of what she does. As I listened to Rachel share what life is like serving others through her vocation I thought back to conversations during her college days about faith, schooling, vocation, and life in general. Where she thought she would be back then and where she is today are quite different. I asked her if she ever saw herself doing what she is doing now back then. What we think we want to do when we set off for school and what we end up doing are so often quite divergent.

I was also reminded of the nurse who sat by my bedside through the night following my heart attack, never leaving the monitor for the heart pump that was inside me, offering me physical comfort when I needed it, words of encouragement, and prayer. I shared with Rachel how vitally important that nurse's care and touch were to my living through that night. I am so thankful for what Rachel is doing. She will be Christ's compassionate touch and presence to those with whom she works.

Rachel shared that it was the encouragement of her community of faith that played a key role in where she is today. The foundation laid by her time with our family here at CPPC is what sustains and guides her in what she does today. She exudes gratitude regarding the nurturing received through all of you. A key part of this was the scholarship assistance she received through the Ed Freepons Scholarship.

Rachel is one of many who benefited by the generosity and encouragement this church extends through the Ed Freepons Scholarship ministry. She is a great example of why this scholarship ministry is so important. The annual Potato Bar Dessert Auction to benefit the Ed Freepons Scholarship Fund will be held Sunday January 30. I hope you'll come and join us for a night of fun and celebration on behalf of our young adults and their educational futures. There are a lot of Rachels wondering what they are going to be when they grow up.

Blessings, Skip

## In Robin's Absence

We as the staff and Elders of College Place Presbyterian, want to thank all of you for your love, prayers, and support as our church family navigates through the uncharted waters that Robin's stem cell transplant has brought about. Just as Robin and Kriss can feel the power of your prayers while they are over in Seattle, we at the church are greatly encouraged by your prayers and support as well. It truly is a blessing to see our community of faith in action.

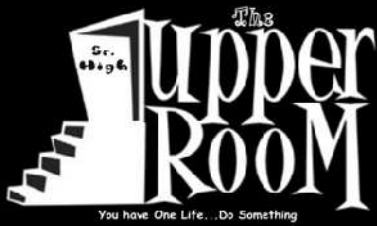
I (Doug) have greatly enjoyed getting to preach for the past month, and especially the chance to walk through the early life of Christ with all of you. Over the next few months, we have a schedule for preaching that includes Skip, myself, and some very gifted members of our congregation who have agreed to share their hearts with you. Please continue to pray for Robin and Kriss, and for the strength of our congregation in their absences.

Also, please know that both Skip and I are available and happy to support, pray for, or visit with any of you if something should come up. Please do not hesitate to call.

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**Church - 529-3210**



# Youth Ministry Report

## Studying for the Ords...

In the next couple of weeks I get to experience the "joy" of taking 5 huge tests. As part of my ordination process I have to take the Ordination exams of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. While these tests are a little bit intimidating, I have found myself really enjoying the studying. For some strange reason I like digging into theology, the Bible, and even church polity (church government), and I like internally struggling with the intellectual implications of different ideas. I wonder, "Does it make me a theology nerd if I stay up till 2:00 am reading the Book of Order (part of the constitution of the Presbyterian Church), not because I have to, but because I want to?"

Okay, now that I have admitted to being a theology nerd, let me make my case to you. I find in my own life, one of the best ways to beat the tendency of becoming complacent is to encounter ideas that are new and different. It is easy to turn on the TV and allow my mind to be "entertained", but entertainment only distracts it doesn't "stimulate". As I have been forced by reality to study for these exams, I have found a sense of joy in the stimulation of my mind. As I read and think about God, Christianity, theology, etc. I find myself processing all of life differently. And, as I encounter how other people perceive or understand God, I find myself desiring to know Him more.

This month my prayer for myself and for all of you is that God would continue to stimulate our minds through, books, the sermons that others share, and the Word of God. And even more, that the intellectual stimulation would lead us to a desire and a heart to know God more and more and more...  
Just my thoughts ~Doug

## Sr. High Winter Retreat March 10th - 13th

Join us for a weekend of skiing, boarding, learning and playing. Talk to Doug to get a form and more information.

## Youth

### Ministry Dates

Sr. High Bible Study 8-9pm:

- Jan. 31
- Feb. 7, 21

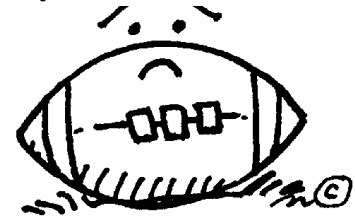
Sr. High Super Bowl Party

- Feb. 6th @ Doug

No Sr. High or Mid High Sunday School

- Feb. 27th

## Sr. High Super Bowl Party



Feb. 6th @ 2:30

@ Doug

3100 Brisbane



Mid High  
Lock In

Feb. 16th

7:00 PM - 7:30 AM

# Kids Club!

## A Note From Cheryl

### *Do you answer?*

Recently I was given a new cell phone. Many of you may know that I am not the most patient person. So although it is about 100 times better than my old cell phone, and it has all those “cool” new apps, it has required that I take time (something I do not like to sacrifice) to sit down and figure out how to use it. Honestly? It has made me feel a little old!

My cell phone and I have quite the love/hate relationship. It’s very handy to have around, to be able to send or receive a “hello” text from a friend. I now have the ability to check my email wherever and whenever I want. Funny thing is, it sure doesn’t make me feel all that “free”. In fact, it often makes me feel like a prisoner. Wherever I go, people can find me. I do have to admit, sometimes I “accidentally” leave my phone in my car or at home.

Another problem with my phone is the fact that it has caller ID. Oh, now don’t get me wrong, caller ID is AWESOME, but how many of us have looked at the caller ID to see who is calling, and, if it is someone we don’t wish to talk to, you have pressed the “ignore” button. I have to admit that I have done that myself, and not just in the cell phone sense either.

Lately God has really been speaking to me about “taking action”. I was reading in Proverbs the other day and came across this verse, “All hard work brings profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty”. It got me thinking of all the times I know that God is “calling” on me to do something, and instead of taking action I feel like I push the “ignore” button on God, hoping maybe he will just “call” the next person on the list. One of my favorite songs right now is “I Refuse” by Josh Wilson.

I am challenging myself, and extending the challenge to you, to not push the “ignore” button on God and the plans he has for each of us.

Love to you all through Him, ~ Cheryl



## Attention Parents!! Valentine's Party

Where: CPPC in the Fellowship Hall

When; Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

From 5:00-8:00

More information to come!

## “I Refuse” by Josh Wilson

Sometimes I,  
I just want to close my eyes  
And act like everyone’s alright  
When I know they’re not.  
This world needs God  
But it’s easier to stand and watch.  
I could pray a prayer and just move on  
Like nothing’s wrong.

But I refuse.

### *Chorus*

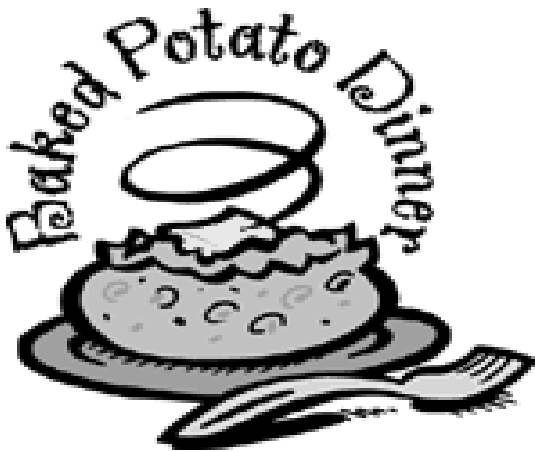
‘Cause I don’t want to live like I don’t care.  
I don’t want to say another empty prayer.  
Oh, I refuse to  
Sit around and wait for someone else  
To do what God has called me to do myself.  
Oh, I could choose  
Not to move but I refuse.

I can hear the least of these  
Crying out so desperately,  
And I know we are the hands and feet  
Of you, oh God.  
So, if you say move,  
Then it’s time for me to follow through,  
And do what I was made to do.  
Show them who you are.

### *Chorus*

To stand and watch  
The weary and lost  
Cry out for help.  
I refuse  
To turn my back  
And try and act like all is well.  
I refuse  
To stay unchanged,  
To wait another day,  
To die to myself.  
I refuse  
To make one more excuse.

### *Chorus*



**Sunday, Jan. 30**

**5:00 PM**

**Annual Scholarship Baked Potato Dinner,  
Dessert Auction & Annual Meeting**

**Let's get those baking pans out &  
dust 'em off!**

Please join us for a great evening of fellowship, fun, and fundraising. Childcare will be provided for this dinner and auction. We would also love to have you prepare a delicious goody for the auction. Not a baker? No Problem, put together a gift basket or a make a hand craft. With the Super Bowl, Valentines Day and Spring Gardening just around the corner, let your imagination go wild! Questions-contact the church 529 -3210 or email: [cppc@bmi.net](mailto:cppc@bmi.net). Sign up in the foyer so we can have an idea of how many are coming, but still feel free to join us if you forget to sign up. - Thanks



***13<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat***

***Sing to the Lord***

*"Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world" Isaiah 12:5*

**February 25-27 at The Campbell Farm – Wapato, WA**

The main objective for our Women's Retreat are to get a spiritual boost – reflecting on God's work and presence in our lives and to be challenged and refreshed with His Word. To create an opportunity to fellowship with other women in our church and enjoy a special time of relaxation and fun. This year our speaker will be Janna Scudder. A sign up sheet is available in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, please call Deborah Prior 525-1774 or the church 529-3210.

*Here are some details:*

- **The cost is \$40** (scholarships are available), please pay by Sunday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> if possible make your checks to CPPC with Women's retreat in the memo line.
- **The Location is The Campbell Farm near Wapato, WA**
- **we will meet at the church around 6:00 PM on Friday so we can carpool.**
- Sign up and get more information in the Church Foyer.

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## Silvers

Tuesday, February 8  
Noon at Coffee Connections

## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 19  
8:00 AM @church - Spouses Welcome

## Retired or Wish You Were Potluck

Friday, February 18  
Noon @ the church

## Session Meeting

Monday, February 28  
7:00 PM @ church



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There are copies of the blog in the foyer if you do not have access to a computer.



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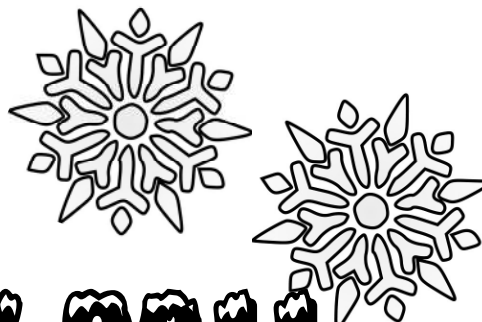
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