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Presbytery of the Cascades

Presbytery Summer Meeting! Online Only

Friday, July 12 at 6 p.m.

Commissioners and Teaching Elders

We will:

Elect Officers

Elect a Synod Commissioner

Elect Members to our Board of Trustees

Install New Leaders

and take up items of Business

Register [Here](#)

Background Papers on Friday by 4pm [Here](#)



*Stated Clerk, Paul Belz-Templeman,
invites folks to
online presbytery meeting*

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A New Season for Bisbee Grant Applications

This year the Bisbee Grants Team will be considering applications received between June 1 and October 1, 2024. Please use the forms provided and the annual theme for guidance when applying. The theme is described below. Application forms can be found on the presbytery website: [Here](#)

In 1991, Katherine Bisbee established the fund and described its core purpose as “projects dealing with people...in gratitude for Christian nurture.” Presbytery has interpreted her original wishes further to seek projects that strengthen the bonds of community, neighborhood, and family that show interfaith and ecumenical cooperation which is in line with our Mission and Vision Statement.

Under that core purpose, and with the input of presbytery members, the committee has chosen this year’s theme. Thanks to all who submitted ideas. This year’s theme is “ministries that help alleviate hunger and improve food security.” Priority may be given to new ministries or projects that add a new element to an existing program.

Please apply before October 1 for full consideration.

“Quick Wins” Grants Help Faith Communities Application deadline is July 15.

by *Columbia Theological Seminary* |
Special to Presbyterian News Service

“The Wonder of Worship” (WOW) program at Columbia Theological Seminary is offering a second round of grants of \$1,000 to congregations nationally looking to enhance the engagement of children in their corporate workspaces.

“WOW” is funded through Lilly Endowment’s Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative. The aim of the national initiative is to support faith-based organizations as they help children grow in faith and deepen their relationships with God.

The \$1,000 “Quick Wins” grants are available to congregations in any denomination through the Lilly Endowment and are part of an allotment to Columbia to provide for the nurturing of children in their worship and prayer lives.

“Churches in the first round of these grants have proposed many creative ways of using this money, from building worship training resources to hiring consultants to aid in writing more child-friendly liturgy,” said Dr. Kathy L. Dawson, project director for the “Wonder of Worship” grant program. “Some are renovating cry rooms to enhance family participation in the service. I’ve been amazed by the creativity in our partner churches so far and look forward to what this second round of “Quick Wins” grants will bring.”

In this round, congregations looking to apply should conduct an inventory of what they are already doing in order to help ascertain where the greatest need is for the grant money. Congregations need to identify three to five areas in which they may make simple changes that can be done in the next year to engage children more fully in worship. The audit is available [here](#).

After the audit, congregations need to fill out a short registration form, including an itemized budget, to explain how the funds will be spent. That application is available [here](#). The application deadline is July 15.

Omnibus

Omnibus is published six times a year by the Presbytery of the Cascades for distribution to churches and individuals.

Omnibus welcomes news and views of all the churches of Presbytery and all its readers. Send all communications to Kathleen Waugh, *Omnibus* editor, Presbytery of the Cascades, 245 S. Bancroft St., Suite D, Portland, OR 97239-8526. Email:

kwaugh8@outlook.com

Omnibus retains permission to modify submissions for clarity and space limitations. The Presbytery “Communications and Technology Team” (CATT) is the editorial board.

HELP!

Roberta Schlechter, CCE, has been asked by WOW to put together a helpful guide for congregations covering resources for children in worship. Schlechter states, “I want to share the ideas that are most helpful to congregations. I will set aside the next two weeks to gather information from as many congregations as possible. Could you please tell me *briefly* about what you offer children and families? I’m looking for creative ideas that solve problems. Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

Tell me about your pew materials or worship resources of any kind that:

- 1) engage children in new ways
- 2) you’ve included in response to family requests
- 3) expand or deepen intergenerational fellowship
- 4) draw children deeper into a specific aspect of worship
- 5) help children learn about using the Bible
- 6) help families develop spiritual practices at home
- 7) were written/developed/assembled by your church educators/volunteers
- 8) any others

My deadline is mid-July so I hope you’ll respond ASAP. Click [here](#) to reply. Be sure to include your position and Church/city identity.”

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Candid Conversations

By Rev. Dr. Brian Craker, Transitional Executive

One of the things that I love about being a Presbyterian is that we are both a confessional and connectional church. Our theology and structure are meant to help guide us in how we relate to one another and share our faith and purpose together as believers. *“In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth praying, ‘Come, Lord Jesus.’”* (From “A Brief Statement of Faith”).

Our governmental structure of elder representation, from local sessions to regional presbyteries, synods, and even General Assembly, constantly remind us that we must depend on each other not only to survive, but to discern together and thrive, making sure that everyone is heard as we seek to live out the mission and vision God has given to us.

One of the ways we are living out the reality of being the connectional church is by tackling some of the big issues facing our local churches. As a presbytery, we recognize that at times we need to work together to help study and bring clarity to challenges we may be facing. In some cases, our regular committees and teams will identify issues that need to be worked on. In other cases, special teams, taskforces, or work groups will be created to study a particular issue. In every instance, it involves fellow Presbyterians working together in community and searching for solutions that will benefit our churches and members.

What does this look like currently in Cascades? One example is our Board of Pensions/COM working group who is studying the recent benefit changes that could have a significant impact on our ministers and churches. This group is studying both short- and long-term solutions to provide clarity and equity for all those who will be impacted. (You can read more about their work in the Viewpoints article for the *Omnibus*.) Our presbytery also has a Transitional Ministry Think Tank group that has been studying the shortage of interim pastors and finding innovative solutions to help our churches in transition. In addition, we have over 100 volunteers who are working in a variety of standing committees and teams, partnering with our presbytery staff to understand the current and future needs of our churches and presbytery, providing their insights in various ministry, administrative, innovation and missional fronts, and identifying timely resources to help our churches and members.

Lastly, we will see the ultimate example of our confessional and connectional nature on display during the 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City from June 25-July 4, 2024. Our regional commissioners (elders Sharon Laddusaw and Dennis Smith, and ministers Rev. Char Mace and Rev. Joanna Dunn) will be joining 456 total commissioners from around the country to discern together God’s will for the church in the world, and our place in that plan as Presbyterians. This will be a time of listening and reflection, study and discussion, prayer and worship, as the collective voice of our denomination considers action on several issues, as well as considering the nomination of a new leader for the PCUSA in Rev. Jihyun Oh.

The most critical part of being a connectional body is the fact that we are all connected through prayer. As Presbyterians, we cannot listen for the word of the Spirit, or discern the will of God, if we are not united together in regular prayer. Our representatives, whether serving at General Assembly, at presbytery, or on our local session, need the regular prayer support of all our members. To that note, let us commit to praying for our leaders; daily during the General Assembly through July 4th, and regularly for our local session and presbytery elders.



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*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. - **Philippians 4:6-7***

Blessings! Brian

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ViewPoints

*By Rev. Heidi Bolt, chair of
Board of Pensions Work Group*

As many of you may know, the Board of Pensions is changing their benefits structure for 2025 and into the future. These changes impact all pastors and presbytery staff and their families who currently have medical coverage through the Board of Pensions. You can read more in detail from them about these changes [here](#).



Because these changes are significant and will likely impact the vast majority of the 66 pastors in Presbytery of the Cascades who are currently receiving benefits from the Board of Pensions, the Commission on Ministry (COM) created a work group to study these changes and make recommendations to the COM–Coordinating Committee. The recommendations may be included in the discussion at the July 12-13 presbytery meeting around minimum terms of compensation.

The working group consists of five members of the presbytery. Rev. Dr. Brian Craker, Transitional Executive Presbyter will be our staff resource while Rev. Clark Scalera is on sabbatical. The five members are: Rev. Heidi Bolt, Rev. Eric Lindsey, Elder Steve Roe, Elder Eileen Sheelar, and Rev. Dr. Bob Stebe.

The working group has been meeting weekly and working through the impact of these changes. The group will also look at guiding principles that ensure pastors will not receive less compensation because of these changes. Congregations will have some flexibility in being able to offer benefits that work best for the pastor and congregation.

The working group is also focused on providing communication and support resources for congregations so that leaders will have the help they need as we all navigate this new reality around Board of Pensions benefits.

The Board of Pensions has created a [Decision Guide](#) that may be helpful for congregations to get a sense of the impact that these changes will have on their specific context. However, please be mindful that COM may have some guidance about what offerings qualify for minimum compensation in Presbytery of the Cascades moving forward.



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Building Community with Food and Love

By Pat Berger, Northeast Region Reporter

Before we get to the “what’s happening at **Smith Memorial, Fairview,**” there is a bit of cheering and congratulating that needs to happen. After June 7, the Rev. Brad Busiek will be more appropriately addressed as the Rev. **DR.** Brad Busiek! He has earned his doctoral degree from Fuller Seminary! He and his family are headed to southern California for his graduation (and for a trip to Disneyland).

Pastor Brad began his studies in 2019, in a program called, “Leading Change.” His doctoral project is titled, *Connecting Neighbors with Food and Love: Building Community at a Faith-Related Food Pantry*. He says that he had no idea when he began his studies that this would be the project with which he would fall in love . . . and it happened! Congratulations, Dr. Busiek! We are delighted with your achievement.



The food pantry at Smith Memorial began during the pandemic. (Vocabulary lesson: a food *bank* distributes food to food pantries; a food *pantry* gives food to people.) The food pantry at Smith regularly gives food to 3000 people every month. It is one of the largest food pantries on the far east side of Portland.

It is unique among many food pantries because of its approach. The pantry’s aims are food and love. They aim to let those who come for food know that they are not alone, that they are cared for. One-third of the volunteers at the pantry are from the church. The rest are from the community. (One regular volunteer is retired Pastor Tom Young.) On a recent Saturday, there were about 36 volunteers. After 3½ years, some of

those who are volunteers and some who come for food are joining the church – last year, they had 33 new members, and this year already five!

Pastor Brad spent his sabbatical in 2022 visiting churches around the country that had food pantries. He wanted to learn how other pantries were organized and how they helped build community among their neighbors. One of the many things that Pastor Brad noticed was how people felt as they waited in line to receive food.

At Smith Memorial, things are set up so that there is no waiting in lines for those who come on Saturday. When people arrive, they are given a number and directed to various centers on the campus. In the Fellowship Hall, they are greeted with coffee and bagels. There are games to play and puzzles to put together. Outdoors, there is a playground. The community celebration begins at 10:15, when there is a time for everyone who comes to share with the whole group that it is their birthday or anniversary, or any other good news that has been a part of their week. People get to know each other, and look forward to seeing their new friends in weeks to come.

In September, they will be sponsoring a fundraiser, “Walk for Your Neighbor.” They have sponsors, and will be wearing matching t-shirts. It will be a 5-K walk, from downtown Fairview to the Fairview Community Park.

Pastor Brad also mentioned another fun project that the congregation is planning for this summer. As an alternative to the short term relationships of a Vacation Bible School, they are hosting a weekly Fam-Jam every Wednesday night.

Ministry is definitely happening at Smith Memorial – blessings for all of your ministries!

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Bethany, Grants Pass, the Supreme Court of the United States, and the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

By Mike Hubbard, South Regional Reporter

Bethany Presbyterian's Tom Berry is passionate about a lot of things, none more than the PC (USA)'s Matthew 25 Initiative. How passionate? Tom was on the docket to report on the initiative at the in-person April Stated Meeting in Portland. Days before, there had been a death in his family, and he needed to be in San Diego. Tough choice. He managed to do both by flying north to PDX, hail an Uber to **Westminster, Portland**, deliver his report, then catch a ride back to PDX with **First, Medford's** Murray Richmond. After what amounted to a 12-hour detour, he boarded his flight to San Diego. Tom's passion and enthusiasm make him a hard person to ignore. When he talks about systemic poverty and houselessness, people listen.

In a recent interview, he related how, after three years of being a Matthew 25 congregation, the initiative seemed "good, but overwhelming." He, along with **Bethany's** session, spent time discerning where to concentrate their efforts. In his words, "systemic poverty bubbled to the top and seemed a good place to focus." Once they determined to tackle poverty at a local level, they directed their efforts toward **Grants Pass's** large, unhoused population. Their decision places them, quite literally, at the center of a conflict that has much of the world watching this small southern Oregon community.

As this article is being written, the city of 39,000, and county seat of **Josephine County**, is waiting for the Supreme Court's decision on Johnson V. Grants Pass. What has been called "the most important Supreme Court case about homelessness in 40+ years" is apparently being watched by journalists throughout the world. Just four pages into a Google search of the case finds that over 25 media outlets have covered the story—some, multiple times. News outlets as varied as *The Nation*, *Louisville Public Media*, *NPR*, *The Washington Post*, and *the Atlantic* have weighed in.

Per The Marshall Project [website](#), "The case is about whether the city of Grants Pass, Oregon, violates the Constitution's Eighth Amendment when it arrests, fines, and even jails people without homes for sleeping outside. A lower federal court recently ruled that punishing people for doing something they cannot help is cruel and unusual punishment. "As long as there is no option of sleeping indoors, the government cannot criminalize indigent, homeless people for sleeping outdoors, on public property, on the false premise they had a choice in the matter," the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals wrote. Check the website for more information.

Where **Bethany** and Berry enter the scene, it is through the community partner and advocate for the unhoused, the **Mobile Integrative Navigation Team (MINT)**. MINT has taken on the task of "bridging the gap for the houseless in Josephine County." In an Associated Press article earlier this year, several members of the team were featured and quoted. While Berry and several **Bethany** members didn't make their way into the story, they are on the front lines, gathering and serving food and drink. They are reaching out to the hungry and the thirsty, the sick and the suffering in a city that continues to impose heavy burdens on those mired in poverty and who simply have nowhere to live.

The Supreme Court is expected to announce their decision sometime before June 29. Whether the Court overturns the 9th Circuit's decision or not, Grants Pass, like most cities across America, will still have unhoused people living wherever they can find a place to live. And those people's lives will be a bit more livable because **Bethany's** congregation attends to our Lord's words: "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."



Tom and Bethany Members Bob and Maureen Crumrine prepare coffee to serve at a MINT event.

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Small but Mighty Services the Community

By Dennis A. Smith., Central Region Reporter

It's Mother's Day weekend and the Saturday food crew has gathered at **Community, Waldport**. Each week they offer take-out hot breakfasts and food boxes to the community.

The food crew is remarkably diverse: some serve as a God thing, others are just being neighborly. Some volunteer to give back to the community since not long ago they were on the receiving end of this program.

Today about 25 volunteers have gathered, twice their usual number for any given Saturday, because the church is honoring them with a thank-you lunch. Rev. Wendy Olson gathers the crew into a circle. As she prays, she gives thanks that today God keeps making something – indeed, everything! – out of nothing.

As I talk to Wendy afterwards, her prayer gathers a particular poignance. I learn that Waldport is a small church with 26 members. Most Sundays they have 30 people in worship, with another half-dozen joining on Zoom. On this Saturday morning, they will serve hot breakfasts to more than 130 individuals and provide food boxes to more than 50 households.

It's a big job!

Elder Joyce Adams coordinates the kitchen crew while elder Sherri Seaman supervises food distribution. As neighbors check in, they indicate how many people are in their household. Then, they take a box and move on to tables laden with canned and baked goods, fruits and vegetables, dairy and frozen meats.

Each person points to the products they need; volunteers place the food in the boxes. The crew pays close attention to sanitary regulations while still maintaining a gracious and welcoming atmosphere.

The activity is not scheduled to begin until 10 a.m., but by 9:30 dozens are lined up at the entrance to the church's fellowship hall. They come early because they know that Nedra Baxter, known to everyone as "Cookie", will be handing out treats. "Coffee? Juice? Hot chocolate? How about a donut?", she inquires. Cookie imbues this gathering with a special aura of hospitality.

As I talk to the volunteers, I'm surprised at how ecumenical the group is. Linda Nendel attends the Foursquare Church just down the road: "I love that we are welcomed to volunteer here even if we attend other churches. We're all just one family. I think our churches sometimes still use COVID as an excuse to keep hiding out in our silos, but that excuse is getting old! We used to do more things together as



Cookie Baxter has treats for

churches, and we need to get back to that."

Waldport is a small town of 2,200 on the Central Oregon coast. The coastline is breathtaking, folks are friendly, but employment and social services are limited. Like many small towns in this region, the undercurrent of fierce individualism runs deep. Some folks prefer to live off the grid. Others, due to lack of health care, unemployment, or difficult family situations, live in very precarious circumstances. For them, food insecurity is often a symptom of deeper social challenges.

Wendy and her husband Mark are a clergy couple living in Lincoln City where they also pastor Chapel by the Sea. This weekend it was Wendy's turn to worship with the Waldport congregation.

Reflecting on the morning, Wendy says: "I celebrate this tiny church. On paper, it shouldn't work, but God makes it happen. Our presence in the community as a church allows us to assist and accompany this community in many ways. In an environment where some people are suspicious of authority, we can provide needed services with only a minimal invasion of their privacy. It means something to folks here that we are a community of faith, not just another social organization. What this congregation does on Saturday morning part of our worship. Mark and my task as pastors is to empower them to minister to the community."



Linda Nendel and Joyce Adams prepare to distribute hot breakfasts



Revs Mark and Wendy is

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News Briefs

July 8—July 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Emmanuel, West Linn has cleared out their nursery and wants to offer the opportunity to presbytery churches to stop by and “shop” for a variety of items they are passing on to new homes. Churches are invited to come and see what is available.

August 10 Salmon Bake: You and your church family are invited to the August Warm Springs Presbyterian Church Celebration Sunday Salmon Bake and Program. Cost is \$25; kids 12 and under are free. RSVP by call or text to JoAnn at 541-480-8016 by August 1.

August 8 - 11: Meet Me in St. Louis – 2024 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is convening in St. Louis. Rebecca Jewel will represent the Cascades Presbytery as a Voting Representative during its triennial business meeting. Some six to seven other women have also registered from our presbytery. The gathering will feature engaging speakers and more than 30 workshops with the theme “Do Everything in Love,” based on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. **Registration is still open.** Click [here](#) for more information.

August 18: Mt. Scott Park, Portland celebrates their 120th Anniversary as well as the 100th anniversary of their building. All are invited to join the celebration. Coffee and fellowship will begin a 9 a.m. Children are invited to take turns ringing the bell at 9:45 a.m., and worship will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow.



Installations

- The Rev. Char Mace was renewed for another two-year term at **St. John's, Camas.**

Pastoral Changes

- The Rev. Kent Meads has transferred his membership to Nevada Presbytery.
- Pastor Bruce Cameron was granted Pastor Emeritus status by **Peace, Eugene**
- Maggie Lewis is now serving at **John Knox, Keizer**
- The Rev. David Jewel was granted Pastor Emeritus status by **Kenilworth, Portland**

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Resources help Ministry and Mission



Digital Guides from PC(USA) Store

With these guides, you can easily compare products, click through directly to product pages, and read excerpts. You can also email or print these to use for personal research or with committees. Except as noted, all have been updated May, 2024

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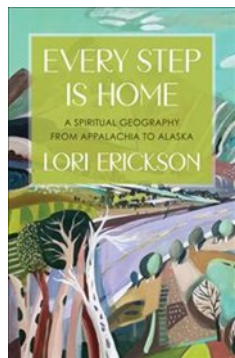
Download Our Group Study Resource Guide!

Download Our 2024 Lent Resource Guide!

(Updated December 2023)

Download Our 2023 Advent Resource Guide!

(Updated September 2023)



Every Step Is Home: A Spiritual Geography from Appalachia to Alaska By Lori Erickson

Embark on a transformative journey from Ohio's Serpent Mound to Hawaii's wonders, discovering profound connections to spirituality in every corner of the United States.

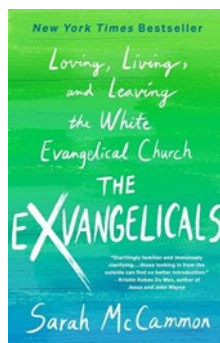
Globetrotting travel writer Lori Erickson has long searched for the sacred in locations and cultures far from home as well as in her beloved Iowa. But when the pandemic put both air travel and in-person worship off-limits, Lori and her husband hit the road with a camper in tow to discover spiritual sites and experiences in their own home country.

From the Serpent Mound of Ohio to the Redwoods of California—and, ultimately, by air to see natural wonders in Alaska and Hawaii—Erickson uncovers deep connections both to the lands that now

make up the United States and to the elements that have had sacred meaning to people throughout history and across the globe.

Click [here](#) for more information.

The Exvangelicals: Loving, Living, and Leaving the White Evangelical Church By Sarah McCammon (Author)



INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER: "An intimate window into the world of American evangelicalism. Fellow exvangelicals will find McCammon's story both startlingly familiar and

immensely clarifying, while those looking in from the outside can find no better introduction to the subculture that has shaped the hopes and fears of millions of Americans." --Kristin Kobes Du Mez, New York Times bestselling author of *Jesus and John Wayne*.

Rigorously reported and deeply personal, *The Exvangelicals* is the story of the people who make up this generational tipping point, including Sarah herself. Part memoir, part investigative journalism, this is the first definitive book that names and describes the post-evangelical movement: identifying its origins, telling the stories of its members, and examining its vast cultural, social, and political impact.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Do you have a book, a Bible Study, a resource that has helped you in your ministry? Please share. Send to editor, Kathleen Waugh at kwaugh8@outlook.com

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**Monday, July 1**

Ann Bowersox, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2010
David Morelli, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2014
Lawrence Porter, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2011

Tuesday, July 2

David Mote, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2004

Wednesday, July 3

Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk -- Presbytery of the Cascades, ordained July, 2004

Thursday, July 4

Pray for our country, its leaders and people

Friday, July 5

First Presbyterian Church, Central Point - chartered this day in 1908
First Presbyterian Church, Cottage Grove -- chartered this day, 1855

Saturday, July 6

John Neal, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2004

Sunday, July 7

Donald Gibbs, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 1991

Monday, July 8

Cascades Presbyterian Church, Vancouver -- chartered this day, 1979

Tuesday, July 9

Michael McCall, Ordained this day in 1978 & now Honorably Retired
Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Portland -- chartered this day, 1909

Wednesday, July 10

McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church, Waltherville -- chartered this day, 1988
Vancouver Korean Presbyterian Church -- chartered this day, 1988

Thursday, July 11

John A. Hubbard, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2012

Friday, July 12

Community Presbyterian Church, Moro -- chartered this day, 1887
First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville -- chartered this day, 1851
Judy Marshall, ordained this day, 1981

Saturday, July 13

Mike Hubbard, CRE at Medford, First

Sunday, July 14

John Weisinger, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2008

Monday, July 15

Thomas Young Retired this month in 2019

Tuesday, July 16

Springwater Presbyterian Church, Estacada -- chartered this day, 1889

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Wednesday, July 17

Mark Duntley, ordained this day, 1983, Honorably Retired August, 2021

Paul Davidson started this day at Astoria, First in 2023

Thursday, July 18

Mark & Wendy Olson, serving in Lincoln City and Waldport

Friday, July 19

Warm Springs Presbyterian Church -- chartered this day, 1874

Saturday, July 20

First Presbyterian Church, Bend -- chartered this day, 1903

Steven Mabry, ordained this day, 1980, now Honorably Retired.

Sunday, July 21

Terri Sutton, ordained this day, 1991

Monday, July 22

Donald Krug, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 1986

Tuesday, July 23

David Hampton, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2016

Wednesday, July 24

John Harland, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 1986

Thursday, July 25

Cynthia King-Guffey, ordained this day, 1993

Friday, July 26

Montee Kennedy, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2013

Sunday, July 28

First Presbyterian Church, Gold Beach -- chartered this day, 1912

Mark Smith, ordained this day, 1982 and HR in November, 2021

Monday, July 29

Michael Rinkin, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2005

Tuesday, July 30

Kenneth Campbell, Honorably Retired from St. John's PC, Camas

Wednesday, July 31

Jeff Sievert, Honorably Retired this day in 2022

Zane Buxton, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2012

Thursday, August 1

John Ailstock, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2012

Friday, August 2

Barry Heath, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2009

Saturday, August 3

First Presbyterian Church, Roseburg -- chartered this day, 1873

Sunday, August 4

Ken Henry, ordained this month in 1988 and serving at Tualatin PC as Interim Pastor

Monday, August 5

The Rev. Stephen Dietrich, Cascades Minister serving as a chaplain in Springfield, OR

Tuesday, August 6

Cherie Elliott - Administrative Manager, Presbytery of the Cascades

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Wednesday, August 7

Jay Dee Conrad, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2003

Thursday, August 8

A. Michael Brown, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2012

Friday, August 9

Aleida Jernigan, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2017

Saturday, August 10

Carol Swanson, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2010

Sunday, August 11

John Pierce, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2007

Monday, August 12

Del Burnett, Honorably Retired from Salem First in 2020

Tuesday, August 13

Derek Richman, Serving as Pastor at Clatskanie PC

Wednesday, August 14

Rachel Guevara, Brighten Hospice Chaplain

Thursday, August 15

Beverly Crow, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2007

Friday, August 16

Bradley Busiek, installed as Pastor, Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairview, this day, 2015

Saturday, August 17

Kathy Waugh, Omnibus editor

Sunday, August 18

Bruce Cameron, Pastor Emeritus at Peace, Eugene

Monday, August 19

Spencer Parks, installed as Associate Pastor of Conference Ministries/Menucha Executive Director, First Presbyterian Church, Portland, this month, 2004

Tuesday, August 20

Ainsley Herrick, Member at Large

Wednesday, August 21

Geordie Ziegler, Ordained in 1999, Serving at Novo Mission/Imago Christi

Thursday, August 22

Commission on Ministry -- Central Region, Chair and members

Friday, August 23

Susan Grewe, ordained this day, 1987, now Honorably Retired and granted Pastor Emerita Status

Saturday, August 24

Lorraine Stuart, granted Honorably Retired status this month, 2011

Sunday, August 25

Joan Miller, Pastor at Calvary PC, Portland

Monday, August 26

Scott Dalgarno, Pastor at Southminster PC, Beaverton, OR

Tuesday, August 27

LaVonne Alexander began ministry at Mill City PC this month in 2023

Wednesday, August 28

First Presbyterian Church, Ashland -- chartered this day, 1875

Thursday, August 29

First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix -- chartered this day, 1875

Friday, August 30

Gordon McClellan, ordained this day, 1998

Saturday, August 31

Richard Christensen, granted Honorably Retired status this day, 2011

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