WANTED: Stephen Leaders

For over twenty years Stephen Ministry has been an integral part of Christian care giving at MPC. We have a trained a talented group of Stephen Ministers, obeying God's commandment to love and care for one another.

Our Leadership Team plans and administers this program and works to select and train new Stephen Ministers, links Stephen Ministers to care receivers, and coordinates small peer group supervision.

Now the Leadership Team is looking for people with the gifts and abilities of an effective Stephen Leader to help keep the MPC Stephen Ministry vibrant and meeting the needs of our congregation.

Are you interested in: Actively developing your faith and turning faith into action? Do you desire to respectfully relate to others in helpful ways? Are you willing to grow and learn? Do you appreciate the distinctive approaches and goals of Stephen Ministry, and have the gifts and abilities of an effective Stephen Leader?

People who possess the gifts and abilities listed below will make effective Stephen Leaders.

- Administrative and organizational abilities
- Relationship skills, such as insight and empathy
- Communication skills: speaking, writing, listening
- Teaching skills or an aptitude for teaching from prepared materials
- Supervision and leadership skill

For more information contact Susan Hoover or Holly Schoenbeck. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling YOU to the exciting ministry of being a Stephen Leader!
October 6
World Communion
Peacemaking
Guest Preacher
Rev. Michael O’Brien
Romans 12:9-21
Luke 17:1-5

October 13
“Gratitude”
Jeremiah 29:1 and 4-7
Luke 17:11-19

October 20
“Lessons from the Nagging Widow”
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Luke 18:1-8

October 27
Reformation Sunday

Getaway
October 4-6
Twin Rocks Retreat Center

Unbinding
Tuesday Evenings @ 7
Sept 24th, Oct 1,8,15

Thursdays @ noon
Sept 26, Oct 3,10,17,
24, 31st

Cindy Force’s
Retirement Farewell September 29th

Join the congregation as we wish Cindy Force a happy retirement and thank her for 16+ years of ministry to MPC! We are taking up a collection of funds for Cindy as well as well wishes. Your cards and gifts can be mailed to the church or added to the offering plate. If you have questions please call Connie in the office.
MORELAND-SUPPORTED GROUP RETURNS TO GUATEMALA!

A group of 14 seniors, several of whom are members of Moreland Presbyterian Church, will be returning to Guatemala in November to continue our work in improving the education of the children there. We represent a Portland-based charity group - Child-Aid - that is doing a remarkable job of improving literacy for Guatemala children. Child-Aid uses its financial resources to ship children's books that are discarded by US publishers to Guatemala, where they are placed in the libraries of schools. In the last 10 years, Child-Aid has fully-equipped 20 libraries in the area near Lake Atitlan in the highlands of Guatemala!

We asked Child-Aid if they'd be interested in having a group go to Guatemala to do a volunteer project. They said 'YES!' four years ago, so a group of 16 of us will again be going on our fourth-trip. We will be leaving on October 31 for this year's trip, and will spend a week painting a school in the small village of Cerro de Oro, right on the shores of Lake Atitlan. We will be working there at a time that is 'school vacation' for the teachers and children, so many of them – along with other towns-people – will be coming to the school to help us with our project.

Guatemala is a very poor country – average salary is under $3,000 per-year, and the teachers are paid the equivalent of about $300 per month. But the people are very loving, generous and most appreciative. The adults in the villages speak their native Mayan language – the children are learning Spanish, and a very few speak English – so we have an interesting time going back and forth between English/Spanish with the children, then Spanish/Mayan with the children and their parents.

We want to thank our church for the generous contribution of over $2,000 from our church's Mission Funds to help with this project. This is a wonderful way for our to express our love to our neighbors in a distant land, and to lend them a huge 'helping hand'. Team-members pay their own expenses for travel, food and lodging – the funds that we receive from our church are used exclusively to pay for paint, brushes, cleaning supplies and other things that we need to do this project. We look forward to telling you about this year's adventure after we return from Guatemala in mid-November!

Muchas gracias!
Roger Capps, Team Leader

An anonymous donor has presented us with a $5,000 challenge match - this is a way for everybody to support the church, whether attending the auction or not, in whatever capacity they can give. This is actually independent of the Auction, though donations of any amount to help us reach this goal can be made during the auction or at any time up to September 30, 2013 by calling Connie at the church with your donation. With your support we can rise to this 5000.00 challenge.
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Children’s Ministry News

A New Look for Sunday School

If you take a peak through the doorway into room 125 you will notice that it looks markedly different than it did last year. While it is still a work-in-progress, it now functions as a Godly Play class room. On one side of the room are shelves with story materials—notice the Ark for the story “The Ark and the Flood”, the 7 wooden plaques of the Creation story— and the other materials for the core fall stories. On the other side of the room you’ll see a long shelf filled with art supplies enticingly arranged for the children to choose for their work time. If you’re curious about Godly Play, and I hope you are, there will be opportunities to experience a Godly Play session as part of the Adult Education program. Another way to experience Godly Play and observe the community of children is to become a Door Keeper on a Sunday. Children ages pre-school-2nd will meet in the Godly Play class room through December.

Our 3rd--5th graders, who meet in room 131, are ready to learn more about how to be active participants in Sunday worship. Using Feasting on the Word as our core curriculum, many of the lessons will focus on the same scripture passages that are being read and taught in the church service. We will be tapping the many and varied gifts of members of our congregation who will visit the class as guests. They will talk about their own study of scripture, share their insights and help the students develop skills as readers and acolytes. This class will also be invited from time to time to be present in the worship service to hear the sermon or participate in communion. The class had their first experience as active participants on Sept. 15 when they composed a prayer about our neighborhood food drive during class time and then prayed that prayer at the close of the worship service.

Please contact me if you can share your gifts (and just your time is a gift) with either of these classrooms.—Sarah Gibson, Director of Children’s Ministries, sarah@morelandpresbyterian.com

Upcoming meetings:

**Sept. 20**  Introduction of this year’s theme, “Beautiful Mess” and fun games

**Oct. 4**  “Control your Financial Mess”

**Oct. 18**  “From Mess to Beauty” Art for kids and fall craft for moms

***Special Fundraising Event:***

**Oct 9**  MOPs Day at Laughing Planet Restaurant on Woodstock. Laughing Planet will donate a % of sales that day to Moreland MOPS.

Moreland

Mothers of Preschoolers

Give yourself a little “me time and share your joys and concerns with other moms. Childcare for ages birth--preschool provided!
LOGOS Registration – GROW!

With the new school year comes the opportunity for your kids to participate further in the life of Moreland Presbyterian by joining LOGOS. We have some exciting things in store for LOGOS kids this year as we explore the many ways in which we can GROW in our faith!

LOGOS is Moreland Presbyterian’s Tuesday Night program for kids in 1st through 5th grade. LOGOS engages kids in worship through song and bells, deepens their understanding of the Bible through study, strengthens their relationships with other kids and adults in the congregation through a shared mealtime and, above all, does so in a fun and engaging way! LOGOS meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 5pm to 7:15pm beginning October 8, 2013 and ending March 18, 2014.

This year, we will continue our Bible Study by exploring parables from the New Testament in order to GROW in our understanding of how to live out our faith. We will also have special units for Advent and Lent/Easter.

Registration forms were emailed to eligible families - but if we missed you, please let us know and we will send you a form! Registration ends October 1st. Please don’t hesitate to contact either of us if you have questions or would like more information.

Your LOGOS Co-Coordinators,

Jen Bamer (jabamer@comcast.net; (503) 238-0200)
Carri McBride (donandcarri@comcast.net; (503) 704-6305)

MOMSnext/Mothers of Moreland

MomsNext will run informally this year, with participants volunteering to host, plan and lead a session (held at the church, your home or elsewhere). Our first two events are:

Thursday, September 26 – 6-8:30 pm - Oregon Food Bank—Moms and children (ages six and older) work at the Portland Volunteer Action Center of the Oregon Food Bank. Remember to wear closed toed shoes, and arrive a bit early to fill out youth release forms if you have not filled one out prior. We have reserved 20 slots, but can add more if we know ahead of time.

Wednesday, October 23 – 7-9pm – Moms/Women’s Relaxation Night – Moreland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Anastasia Gambill, a yoga/pilates instructor, will lead an hour of very gentle stretching and yoga (no prior experience required), followed by Christian-based reflective readings and ending with light refreshments and visiting. The cost is $15, with space for 15 people. Wear comfortable clothes, and bring an exercise mat if you have one, as well as a light blanket.

Please RSVP to Kristin Krueger kristin@ekrueger.com, for either or both opportunities.

If you would to be on the email list for MOMSnext/Mothers of Moreland, or are interested in hosting an activity, please contact Sarah Gibson sarah@morelandpresbyterian.com or kristin@ekrueger.com.
Thank You to Laura Kinnaman-Spears, our Summer Intern – I am quite thankful for being able to hire a Summer Intern for Youth this year and I am so thankful that it was Laura. She was an amazing support for our group and I feel she added such depth and strength that it greatly enhanced the experience for all the youth involved. Also I saw her grow through the experience and thanks to this internship she has a clearer vision for what she wants her career path to be. So thank you Laura for your service, and thank you to this congregation for giving her the chance to serve us! – Joshua Dunham

October 2013 Calendar:

(All events are at Moreland Pres unless otherwise noted)

Tues 10/1 – 6:30-7pm – Middle School EXP
Tues 10/1 – 7-8:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
Fri 10/4 – Sun 10/6 – Getaway All-Church Retreat @ Rockaway Beach, OR
Sun 10/13 – 11am-12pm – Youth Committee Meeting
Sun 10/13 – 12-3pm – Outdoor Sanctuary Service Project @ Milwaukie Pres
Sun 10/20 – 4:30-6pm – Middle School Youth Group @ Milwaukie Pres
Sun 10/20 – 6:15-7pm – High School EXP
Sun 10/20 – 7-9pm – High School Youth Group
Tues 10/22 – 6:30-7pm – Middle School EXP
Tues 10/22 – 7-8:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
Sun 10/27 – 4:30-6pm – Middle School Youth Group @ Milwaukie Pres
Sun 10/27 – 6:15-7pm – High School EXP
Sun 10/27 – 7-9pm – High School Youth Group
Tues 10/29 – 6:30-7pm – Middle School EXP
Tues 10/29 – 7-8:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

Twice the Youth Group, Twice the Fun – Since we have had such amazing success combining our High School youth group with Milwaukie Pres we are going to do the same thing this year with our Middle School youth group. You now have the option to attend Middle School Youth Group twice a week. If you can’t make Tuesdays then you can try Sundays at Milwaukie Pres. It’s a win, win! See you at Youth Group this year.

Moreland Getaway All-Church Retreat – Friday October 4th to Sunday October 6th – Twin Rocks Retreat Center in Rockaway Beach, OR – Moreland Pres’ annual retreat to the coast for all ages. It’s a great adventure for the whole family and there will be some youth specific activities. I hope you all signed up!

Outdoor Sanctuary Service Project – Sunday October 13th from 12 to 3 p.m. – Milwaukie Presbyterian Church – Milwaukie Pres is working to restore the native wetlands that are behind their church. We have the opportunity to help them with the restoration. In the past we have helped by pulling weeds, planting flowers, clearing trails, putting down wood chips, or taking field samples. We could be asked to do any one of these tasks or something new. I hope you can be there for this awesome service project.

Joshua Dunham
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The defibrillator

Save the Date: The Deacons of Moreland Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 24th. It will be held the dining room immediately following that morning's service. There is no charge for this wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and good fellowship. Please mark your calendars and join us!” There will be a second run of the church van, so everyone who rides the van is encouraged to join in the festivities!

The defibrillator

The defibrillator is now located in a cabinet on the wall as you leave the Narthex and walk down the steps to the Fellowship Hall. The defibrillator unit and the emergency CPR kit are located inside. The first aid kit will stay under the first pew at the back of the Sanctuary.

If you have been trained in the use of the AED, please make a mental note of the location and/or locate it prior to needing it!

This unit has "how to" instructions included and there is a short 'comic book' in the cabinet as well, telling how to use it.
DEADLINE for the next Moreland Newsletter October 14 2013