



# THE BROADCASTER

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## **From the Pastor**

One of the joys of being a pastor is meeting with people who want to learn more about faith and become part of Christ's church. This past month I have had the privilege of meeting with two groups of people who want to become members of Broadmoor Presbyterian Church. The first was a group of adults who wanted to learn more about faith and what it means to follow Christ. We had good discussions about scripture, our traditions, and our Presbyterian heritage. Our Session members will hear their statements of faith and shortly after will present these folks to the congregation as new members.

On a recent Saturday morning I met with four of the teenagers in our congregation who are also requesting membership. I had a delightful day getting to know them as we talked about their faith and what it means to them to be the people of God. We talked about who God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are and what it means that we belong to the triune God. We also talked about Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the two sacraments we celebrate in the Reformed tradition. Two of teens were baptized as infants and two are requesting baptism. We will celebrate their baptism in worship during May.

Each time there is a baptism in our church, we are called to remember our own baptism. If we were baptized as infants, of course, we cannot remember the event itself, but perhaps our parents have told us the story of that day. Our baptism, whether we remember it or not, is about God's grace extended to us, and God choosing us, and rather than us choosing God. In baptism God claims us even before we are aware of God's love. This is what we are called to remember.

The ritual of being washed in the water is a symbol of cleansing, transformation and new life promised by God. We are called to remember that in our baptism our old self is dead and buried. We are delivered from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from sin to righteousness, and then resurrected to a new life in Christ. Baptism is the sign and seal that we are "marked as Christ's own forever". We are united with Christ, with each other and with the church of every time and place.

The water of baptism represents God hovering over the watery chaos before creation; the waters of the flood; the people of Israel crossing through the sea to freedom and Jesus' own baptism. Our Baptism reminds us of God's redemptive use of water in the history of God's people. It is in the waters of baptism that we become part of God's sacred story.

As we welcome our new members and celebrate their upcoming baptisms, let us be not only observers, but let us be rememberers. Let us remember and celebrate our own baptism. Let us remember that in our baptism God has called each of us to be members of Christ's church.

Blessings,  
Janet

## **UPDATE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

By now, I hope you're thinking about General Assembly, which meets June 21-28, 2008, in San Jose. It's time to start actively about getting involved. There are all sorts of jobs available for volunteers which require various amounts of time and different skills. Examples: serving communion at the big Sunday worship service on June 22, setting up before the event, serving as an 'ask me' person giving out information, greeting at the airport (San Francisco airport included!), working in a booth, etc.

Go to: [www.pcusa-ga-08.org](http://www.pcusa-ga-08.org) for a complete, easy-to-use list of job descriptions and for the easy signup procedure. I can make a paper form available to you, if you'd prefer.

- Most shifts are 4 hours and opportunities are available 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.
- You may sign up for multiple jobs or shifts
- There are 1,500 shifts that need to be filled. Choose something that looks right to you.

If you volunteer, you get to attend General Assembly any time (with your volunteer name tag) and not have to pay the \$20 registration fee.

A special local note: In response to GA's request for people to stitch sashes for the volunteers to wear, several Presbyterian Women have offered their assistance. The sashes, made of denim, will identify volunteers as they work at GA. Kudos to Eunice Brabec, Margie King, Ann Tognazzini (plus Yours Truly) for agreeing to help

Submitted by Marian Hardin, Local church contact for G.A.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

May is going to be a busy time for PW.

**MOTHER'S DAY CARDS.** We will again be offering Mother's Day Cards for a minimum donation of \$5.00 each to benefit the Networkers of Africa which provides mosquito nets to stop the spread of malaria in babies and their mothers. Cards will be available during coffee hour in Tweedie Hall on April 27, May 4, and May 11. We appreciate your support in the past and look forward to your continued help this year. For more information, stop by our table, read all about this project and pick up your cards to honor mothers, sisters and friends on Mother's Day.

**CIRCLES.** Circles continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Contact Judy Holden or Shirley Love for time and place.

**GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY.** Join us in worship on Sunday, May 18, 2008 as we celebrate the Gifts of Women in the world and in our church. We will be recognizing the young woman within each of us as we learn more about the women in our pews. Also, celebrate with us the twentieth birthday of Presbyterian Women.

Joan Anderson and Shirley Stone  
Co-moderators

## **NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM**

Thank you to Denise and Bobbie Fishtrom for hosting a parent get-together brunch on Sunday, April 6 at their home. Plans are to continue to gather

periodically following worship while youth group meets at church. Will Holden and Susie Armfield continue to plan activities for youth.

On Saturday, May 17 there will be a "Spring Clean-up" upstairs in the Sunday School rooms, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a list of specific jobs needed and we hope to end by noon. Please let me know if you can help out that day!

It will be summer before long and we are encouraging parents to send children and youth to camps at Westminster Woods. Since tuition is quite high for these camps, we will be planning some fundraisers to offset part of the cost.

Dates for Vacation Bible School this year are August 11 – 15. Theme is: BEACH PARTY – SURFIN' THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES. As usual, we need volunteers to teach, help with snacks and recreation, and make props. Three Saturdays have been set aside for prop-making: July 12, July 19, and July 26. Come to Tweedie Hall at 9:30 a.m. and join in the fun of painting backdrops and making signs. We also need help from the congregation in donating supplies. Here is a list so you can start saving:

- 50 square Kleenex tissue boxes
- 200 small cardboard toilet paper holders
- 50 small water bottles with labels removed
- seashells
- To loan for the week...beach balls, fish netting, and boogie board
- Or surfboard

If you have any question about VBS please contact Aileen Snodgrass, Director. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in Tweedie Hall or call Aileen.

Many thanks!  
Judy Burnham, Co-Chair

## **WHAT'S NEW WITH BROADMOOR ACTION MINISTRY???**

In response to your feed-back about the need for better transportation for seniors, BAM members have been conducting research action interviews. We visited Alan Yosef with the TRIP program, administered by the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County which reimburses \$.32 a mile for volunteer drivers to assist seniors who can no longer drive and face hardship in using public transportation. We then interviewed Betty Burr at the Peninsula Jewish Community Center which sponsors a GET UP AND GO program, providing van service two Wednesdays each month for medical appointments, shopping and errands. The most recent interview was with Corinne Goodrich, SamTrans

Manager of Special Projects about the San Mateo County Senior Mobility Action Plan. We plan to focus in on an area which we think is crucial and attainable in the near future.

I attended a Peninsula Interfaith Action assembly run entirely by young people who gather together with the help of PIA to share experiences and work on issues in their communities such as gangs, violence, racism, etc. It was very inspiring to hear their stories and work and they seek to promote an atmosphere of hope in often dangerous settings.

Six of us, including Pastor Janet Ewart will be attending the Community Heroes Luncheon on Friday, May 2 to honor public and private heroes as well as local heroes. This year BAM is honoring Judith Christensen, from the Daly City Council for her work on the inclusionary housing ordinance in particular and her support of BAM in general.

Next meeting of BAM is Tuesday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Geneva Room. New members are very welcome!

Judy Burnham

**GETTING TO KNOW YOUR ELDERS**  
**MARIAN HARDIN, Class of 2008**  
**First of a series**

How does one make a short paragraph out of a long lifetime? Well, it's done all the time in the obituary column, so here goes.

Childhood. Born on sheep ranch/farm in northern Montana. Rode horseback to one-room school (honest) for the first five grades. From then on, walked ½ mile (in all weather!) on dirt roads to catch bus to attend school in Chinook, 9 miles away. After high school graduation, attended business college to improve secretarial skills.

Career. Moved to Seattle, worked at Boeing Field for Air Transport Command. Moved again to Los Angeles to work for War Assets Administration which sold new and used equipment to WWII veterans. Worked for Atomic Energy Commission which procured materials for Los Alamos Atomic Lab. Moved to San Francisco to work for Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory at Hunter's Point, engaged in atomic research.

Marriage/family. Met my beloved Ned Hardin in Methodist church choir. Shortly after our wedding, he became choir director at Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church, and we thus became Presbyterians. Blessed with two wonderful sons, Mark and Gregg. Ned died of congestive heart failure in 1973 at Stanford Hospital, where he'd received an unsuccessful heart transplant.

College-related stage. Attended Skyline College on part-time basis, but, with then ill husband, returned to full-time employment. Pursued studies, earned A.A. degree, with honors. Worked at Skyline College for 20 years, retiring in 1992. Sang in Skyline Choir for more than 20 years.

Church. Joined Broadmoor PC in Feb. 1973, and you know the rest. Choir, ordained elder, active in Presbyterian Women. Am currently Vice-Moderator/Historian, PW, Synod of Pacific. Currently serving on BPC's Session, chairing Personnel Ministry Team. Have served on three pastoral search committees.

Special interests: My sons and family, music, art, gardening, walking, reading.

Guiding Scripture: "And what does the Lord require of you? To seek justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Marian Hardin

## **PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Terrie A'Logann, Rich Blackburn, Judy Burnham, Margaret Dietrich, Dolly Gensel, Mert and Cathy Jones, Bill King, Herbie and Nancy McKay, Clayton Patterson (Penny Ferguson's Great-Nephew), Robert Pender, Earl Pero.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2	Nicholas Hartanto	13	Alice Letcavage
6	Will Holden	16	Marjie Tweedie
7	Helen Hayes	17	Sarah Fishtrom
8	Francesca Gravem	17	Ollie Anderson
9	Margie King	25	Tabitha Soriano
9	Perky Ramroth	27	Mary Lee Hennings
12	Judy Stone	27	Christine Jordan
		30	Shirley Love

## **WANT TO REDUCE JUNK MAIL?**

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log onto [www.StopJunkMail.org](http://www.StopJunkMail.org)

It's that easy. You'll receive a 'kit' stating five easy ways to reduce junk mail.

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## **CONCERT**

Broadmoor Presbyterian Church presents Jonathan Haddox, violin in concert with Yueh-Yin Liao, Ulysses Loken, piano. They will be performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Grieg and Wieniawski in the Broadmoor Sanctuary at 7:30 pm on May 2, 2008. A reception will follow.