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"FOR THE NEXT GENERATION"
14th ANNUAL MENUCHA FUNDRAISING DINNER
presented by the Friends of Menucha Foundation
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2016 • 5:30 pm in WRIGHT HALL
Tickets: \$100 per person or \$700 for a table of 8
Honorary Chairs: Walt and Jean Meihoff • Special Guest Speaker: Bruce Lawson

Menucha is a sacred sanctuary held in stewardship as an ecumenical, community-based mission of First Presbyterian Church – Portland. Our mission is to enrich lives through hospitality, learning, reflection and renewal.

We invite you to join us as we gather together to celebrate Menucha. The evening begins with wine, hors d'oeuvres, champagne and live music on the terrace overlooking the beautiful Columbia River Gorge. Gather with old friends and new friends in the elegant Great Hall to enjoy an amazing three-course dinner prepared by Menucha's talented kitchen staff. The highlight of the evening centers around Menucha and why individuals, families and communities need to experience this wonderful place and the services we provide. The monies raised will benefit our "For the Next Generation" campaign to help ensure that our beloved property is updated and maintained not only for the present, but preserved for generations to come.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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Walt and Jean have deep roots at First Presbyterian Church and at Menucha. They were married at FPC by Dr. Paul S. Wright in 1958. They have three sons: Erich, married to Deb; John, married to Darcie; and Bill. Both Jean and Walt have served as Elders and Deacons at FPC. Jean served on the Board of Trustees. Walt chaired the Friendly House Board. Jean chaired the FPC Building and Renovation committee, one of the early committees responsible for the Parking Garage and the Plaza. Walt chaired the Menucha Commission during the hiring of Merritt and Carolyn McCall and he has served on the Commission several times since. They both remember happy times at Menucha: all-church picnics, family camps, Women's and Men's Retreats, Session Retreats, Menucha Balls, and projects, such as sanding chairs and pulling weeds. Currently, Walt and Jean are on the Membership Committee at FPC and Walt is serving on the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Bruce Lawson has been a supporter of Menucha for as far back as he can remember. His first visit to Menucha was when his parents, the late Gwenn and Ed Lawson, brought him as a two month old baby to First Presbyterian Church's annual Menucha Ball. He continues to attend FPC's Labor Day retreat regularly and volunteer at Menucha when he can. He has split wood, cleared trails, created a fundraising video and photographed our croquet tournament. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Bruce has worked for 34 years in film and television production, many of them alongside his brothers, Brent and Brian. Currently he is working as the Key Grip on NBC's GRIMM, now in its 6th season. Bruce is also an actor, performing most recently in Lakewood Theatre's Man of LaMancha. Bruce and his wife Sherilyn have two children, Taylor, who is following his parents into the film industry and Aryn, a high school student.



Tickets for table sponsorships and individual seats will go on sale Sunday, July 24th. Come and celebrate with us! We would love to have you join us on September 11th for this special evening in support of Menucha.

PLANNED GIVING: SECURING MENUCHA'S FUTURE

Remembering Menucha in your estate planning can have positive consequences for both Menucha and you. By setting up a Charitable Trust, you provide Menucha with a source of income in the future while guaranteeing yourself and/or your loved ones a steady income stream now. You may even avoid costly capital gain taxes. It's a wonderful way to support the mission of Menucha for years to come. We have excellent representatives who can speak with you and your financial planner to answer any questions you might have about planned giving or estate planning. Please call our office at 503-695-2243 for more details.

DONATE ONLINE

Now, it's easier than ever to support Menucha. You can donate using your credit card with our secure on-line form. Simply go to www.friendsofmenuchafoundation.org and click on the "Donate Today" link. You may also print out a Donor Form and mail it to Menucha.

We are grateful for all gifts, large or small. Your gifts help us expand our programs, improve our facility and reach out to groups and individuals from around the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Please contact our office if you would like to remember someone special with your gift. Thank for your continued support.



JOURNEY WITH US

Rev. Spencer Parks, Executive Director

Early on I decided that camp, conference and retreat ministries would be my life's work. Menucha is the third facility where I've been the director. Each position has offered its own set of unique challenges and opportunities. With each new position I've always started with an idea of where things were headed and what my end goal might be. That's not to say that I had everything mapped out ahead of time, but rather I had a broad vision of what could take place. I have served Menucha longer than I have served any other camp, conference or retreat center. I have lived in Corbett longer than I have ever lived in any other community. I have been hanging around these parts for 12 years. After a rather nomadic past life, it's been good to settle down in one place. It's not that I've moved every couple of years or traded positions willy-nilly (I was in my last position for 10 years).



As with the other facilities, I came to Menucha with a definite vision of what Menucha could become. Over the years I have worked with some really creative and dedicated people, both staff and board members, to help shape and refine that vision. So, after a dozen years, I think it's appropriate to sit back and take stock of things. Just where have we been and what still needs to be done?

First, I'm happy to report that we've made great strides in improving the facility. "Deferred maintenance" is the term often used when something really needs fixing but the money isn't available to address it. Over the past 12 years we have cut the amount of deferred maintenance in half. We still have a long way to go to catch up but we have a good plan in place and our record indicates that we're making progress. It's important that we take really good care of Menucha so that Menucha can in turn take really good care of all the people who come here.

Second, we have begun to provide our own programs. We started this about 10 years back and today we plan and host between 15 and 20 events a year. They generally fall into the areas of music, art and faith. We have made a commitment to offer quality events featuring excellent instructors and speakers. It's been affirming to see that aspect of who we are grow and develop. People from all over our country now have an opportunity to experience how special Menucha is and how this space can be transformative personally, creatively, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

There are many areas in which we've grown and matured. I'm especially proud of the one area in which we've remained the same. Throughout it all we have maintained a culture that offers each of our guests the gift of hospitality. I think I'm safe to say that most of the staff here see that gift of hospitality as their own personal ministry to the broader community. It is an outward expression of who they are and the faith that they hold dear.

I know there are still a lot of changes that will be made as we define the future of Menucha. I'm not entirely sure what they will be or how they will be carried out but I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead just as much as I was when I arrived 12 years ago. Menucha is still a wonderful place to be and there is still a lot of untapped potential here.

We hope that you will continue to grow with us. We invite you to journey with us as we continue to provide a sacred space for purposeful work. We hope to see you here soon.



THE GREENING OF MENUCHA UPDATE

Tim Kurkinen, Facilities Manager

We are eagerly awaiting the beginning of the next stage of window installation in Wright Hall. This will include replacing the remaining first floor windows throughout the building and the entire second floor.

We are thrilled to announce that the work will be done by local and well respected contractor Brian Aho of Aho Custom Building and Remodel LLC. Our plan is to begin the work this summer.

Next on the horizon will be the exterior painting of Wright Hall. In addition, we will finish the painting and staining of the newly installed dining hall windows.



SOME RECENT COMMENTS FROM OUR GUESTS

"Amazing staff: accommodating, pleasant, attentive and welcoming."

"We have had a great time and plan to return for other church events."

"I love the hospitable feel of the coffee/tea/cocoa stations and the social opportunities that come up there."

"Coming here for our annual retreat for the last 15 years is always a special time for me."



"The natural beauty really intensified the power of our retreat."

"Beam House was just right for our group again! Roomy, comfortable, clean with plenty of supplies."

"Lovely grounds—I so loved it here! What an amazing place!"

"The staff had a great attitude that exceeded our expectations!"

"Had a wonderful time; well run facility and beautiful grounds. Great retreat!"



THE COOKTOP—a favorite recipe from the Menucha Kitchen Martin Kukich, Food Service Manager

COCONUT MACAROONS—Makes 26

Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Cook Time: 25 Minutes
Total Time: 45 Minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 5- $\frac{1}{3}$ cups (one 14-ounce bag) sweetened shredded coconut (such as Baker's Angel Flake)
- $\frac{7}{8}$ cup sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated milk; see note below on measurement)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs whites
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, best quality such as Ghirardelli, chopped (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Set two oven racks near the center of the oven. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, mix together the shredded coconut, sweetened condensed milk and vanilla extract. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the egg whites and salt until stiff peaks form. Use a large rubber spatula to fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture.

Using two spoons, form heaping tablespoons of the mixture into mounds on the prepared baking sheets, spacing about 1 inch apart. Bake for about 25 minutes, until the tops are lightly golden and the bottoms and edges are deeply golden.

If dipping the macaroons in chocolate, melt the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl at medium power, stopping and stirring at 30 second intervals, until just smooth and creamy. You can also melt the chocolate in a double boiler over simmering water. Dip the bottoms of the macaroons in the chocolate, letting any excess drip back into the bowl, and return to the lined baking sheets. Place the macaroons in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes to allow the chocolate to set. The cookies keep well in an airtight container at room temperature for about a week.

Note: $\frac{7}{8}$ cup = $\frac{3}{4}$ cup plus 2 tablespoons



9th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CROQUET TOURNAMENT and LAWN PARTY AT MENUCHA

Saturday, July 16th • 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Ticket price: \$40 participants, \$20 spectators



We invite you to Menucha for our 9th Annual Croquet Tournament on Saturday, July 16th. Whether you like to play croquet, or simply enjoy watching the game, it will be a day of fun for all. Our 2014 champions will return to defend their titles. Will this be the year we engrave your name on the winner's trophy?

We'll begin the morning with pastries, coffee and juice on the Wright Hall terrace—a terrific way to start off the day! Your ticket price also includes a delicious lunch served by the pool overlooking the spectacular Columbia River Gorge.

The tournament is fun for all ages, with friendly competition, live bluegrass music by The Loafers, lawn games, and door prizes awarded throughout the day. Again this year we'll have

a silent auction silent auction with a variety of items and experiences to bid on.

There are two ways you can play, solo or in pairs. You may also come and join in as a spectator cheering on your favorite players. If you'd like, wear your croquet whites and fancy hats and compete for the highly coveted Best Dressed for Croquet award!

Tickets are on sale now. You can go to our website, www.menucha.org or call the Menucha office at 503-695-2243. We hope to see you at Menucha on July 16th. Bring a friend—it's a great way to introduce Menucha to someone for the first time!



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UPCOMING MENUCHA FALL PROGRAMS

Registration is open for all events at www.menucha.org/programs



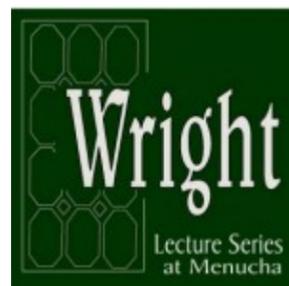
PRACTICAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP—“Dealing with Congregational Conflict” led by Rev. Dr. Heidi Husted Armstrong
September 10, 2016
\$35 includes all materials and lunch

- Types of conflict
- Biblical guidelines for fighting fair
- Why is it so hard to talk together
- Conversation as a spiritual discipline

MENUCHA RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER PRESENTS
BLUES
IN THE GORGE
SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 2, 2016

BLUES IN THE GORGE
ACOUSTIC BLUES GUITAR CAMP
September 28 - October 2, 2016
Instructors: Ernie Hawkins, Mary Flower, Steve James and Suzy Thompson

Immerse yourself in acoustic blues for a long weekend with some of the best blues and fingerstyle guitarists around. During your stay, you choose 12 classes with up to 6 from any one instructor/style you wish to concentrate on. There is at least one beginning level class each day. Space is limited.



WRIGHT LECTURES “THE CHURCHES AT THE FOUR CORNERS” with REV. DR. TOM LONG:
October 9-11, 2016

In these talks, Rev. Dr. Long will imagine an intersection of thoroughfares with a church at each corner: the churches of St. Mark, St. Matthew, St. Luke and St. John. In each presentation you will spend a few minutes in the pews of each of these churches, experiencing their different understandings of Jesus and of the Christian life.



PRACTICAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: “Unique Challenges for the 21st Century Church” led by Rev. Dr. Heidi Husted Armstrong
October 22, 2016
\$35 includes all materials and lunch

- Motivating congregational members for active ministry
- Old buildings...new hopes?
- But we’re not a mega church! Smaller church advantages
- Congregational life cycle



FALL WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
October 30-November 3, 2016
“Dynamic Portraits with the Duo”
Rene Eisenbart and Chris Stubbs

Rene Eisenbart and Chris Stubbs team up for an exquisite learning experience: four days of instruction by two seasoned instructors. Plan to come to this innovative, jam-packed, fun-filled workshop and learn how to paint dynamic, award winning portraits...you might even be inspired in a way that will change how you paint your world.



SCRAP AND SEW RETREAT
November 4-6
Host: Laurie White

Join fellow scrapbookers, quilters, knitters, crocheters, finger weavers, or whatever your creative endeavor is for a great weekend away to be together. You may opt to come for either one or two nights. Relax and let Menucha’s staff take care of the cooking and cleaning while you focus on doing something you love!