

Spring 2011

## *We're Celebrating Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

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Providing high quality, faith-integrative, affordable counseling for individuals, couples and families throughout Puget Sound since 1960, as well as consultation, mediation and educational services for churches and organizations.

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### ***Looking Back . . . Being Present . . . Seeing Ahead***

How do we go about understanding what half a century means—to a city and a region, to a congregation or a social service agency, to individuals and families?



How well are we able to reflect on the past while fully engaging in the complicated present and positioning ourselves for the future? No matter what our age, each of us has a way of remembering “the good old days.” We tell one another the stories of change -- about the things we count as blessings and others that we shake our heads over. And we continue to dream.

Consider what the Puget Sound region was like when, in 1960, the Presbytery of Seattle gave the Rev. Neal Kuyper the responsibility of developing a counseling service that would come alongside pastors who had neither the time nor training to effectively minister to those who were experiencing psychological brokenness in their lives.

That year, the tallest building in Seattle was the Smith Tower; the Space Needle wouldn't appear until the World's Fair two years later. Seattle and a much-smaller Bellevue were linked only by what we called “the floating bridge.” In 1960, the population of King County was under a million. Today, it has doubled to nearly two million, and in the Seattle-Bellevue-Tacoma metropolitan area there are an estimated three and a half million people.

Presbyterian Counseling Service/Samaritan Center began in the heart of one man who believed that we were meant to “be the arms and legs of Christ -- the gospel in action.” Over the past 50 years, hundreds of people have dedicated themselves to that simple imperative. They've served on our board, on our staff, and supported this work with their financial gifts and their prayers. We're an example of how one person's vision can become a shared, sustainable and responsive mission. That progression -- from one to many over half a century -- can be seen on page two of this newsletter where the names of those who currently count themselves as part of “The Samaritan Community” can be found.

-- Peggy Hansen

# The Samaritan Community

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West Seattle

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**The main office of Samaritan Center of Puget Sound is located at 564 NE Ravenna Blvd, Seattle WA 98115. We can be reached from different areas by calling 206-527-2266, 425-732-2678 or 253-981-6575. You can find more information about Samaritan therapists, counseling office locations and programs on our website at [www.samaritanps.org](http://www.samaritanps.org).**

## *President's Message*

Our 50 years of ministry is a narrative about God's faithfulness. Committed, prayerful board members, supporters and staff, in their respective ways, have been participants in an inexorable healing grace, and hundreds have had the opportunity to see the face of the Counselor.



I have been the Executive Director/President of PCS/Samaritan for just over 10 years. As such, I've participated in several strategic planning processes and challenging budgetary conversations. I watch for our monthly financial statements with anticipation...and agitation when we are running deficit. Year after year, I have had bouts of anxiety and sleepless nights, fearing that our ministry would surely go under in the next year. And then we don't. And it's complicated: we have a long waiting list, for the first time in our agency's history, of people who are requesting service and can pay only a minimal amount for their counseling.

I worried as I became our administrator that I would lose connection to my inner life, well supported in my practice as a psychotherapist, inclusive of praying for my clients. Now as I reflect on the past, I think that being our administrator has shaped my listening for Wisdom's voice at profoundly deep levels, knowing I may have direction from within or, as so often occurs, through the voice of another who has a heart for our work. I hope you know, with me, that my colleagues are courageous people. We all are deeply appreciative of your prayers for this ministry.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly Shrum".

Among the things that sustain me are the prayers of Walter Brueggemann. I'd like to share one of these with you. It appears in his book, *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*.

### The God who yearns and waits for us

We are strange conundrums of faithfulness and fickleness.  
We cleave to you in all the ways that we are able.  
We count on you and intend our lives to be lived for you,  
and then we find ourselves among your people  
who are always seeking elsewhere and otherwise.  
So we give thanks that you are the God  
who yearns and waits for us,  
and that our connection to you is always from your side,  
and that it is because of your goodness  
that neither life nor death  
nor angels nor principalities  
nor heights nor depths  
nor anything in creation  
can separate us from you.  
We give you thanks for your faithfulness,  
so much more durable than ours. Amen.

# *Celebrating Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: A Golden Opportunity to Trust*



The Psalmist's words, "Be still and know that I am God" have gotten me through many a night lately. Nights when I wake up with my heart pounding, my mind racing, and/or my spirit fretting, I let these words echo in my head until I feel myself surrendering to what I know God wants from and *for* all of us: faith in God's merciful goodness and provision.

This has been a time where I've needed the comfort of those words more than usual. **It's early in March as I write this and our Samaritan Fund, which provides financial assistance to those who cannot afford the full cost of counseling, has been empty for more than a month.** When this voicemail announcement went out to our staff, I felt a catch in my breath and a literal heart ache. At our weekly staff meeting, one of our therapists voiced the tension she feels between serving her clients, regardless of their ability to pay, and helping to financially sustain her own family and Samaritan Center as an agency. She, like so many of our staff, feels called to serve her Samaritan Fund clients—people who are engaged heart and soul in the hard work of living and growing—and when the Samaritan Fund runs dry, both she and they suffer.

**Last May, you helped us raise \$50,000 for the Samaritan Fund—more than ever before! Not surprisingly, given the times we are in, the *need* has been greater than we've ever experienced before.** Since last May, we have served 134 individuals and families, providing them with 781 counseling sessions. Remarkable! And did I mention the Samaritan Fund is now bare?

**How will we respond to this crisis in a way that trusts in God's process and care, so clearly evident over the 50-year history of this ministry?** With a fantastic team of volunteers (*see below*) we're putting together a special event to culminate the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year. Not our traditional weekday hotel luncheon—this is not a typical year.

**Sunday, May 15, will be a festive evening—a dinner celebration and fundraiser** that will include a small, high-quality auction of "unique experiences." This evening will take place in real time: where we're mindful of the daunting circumstances of our lives together and, at the same time, full of gratitude. Whether or not you will be joining us on May 15, **I'm asking you to prayerfully consider helping us replenish the Samaritan Fund** (an envelope is enclosed in this newsletter). **Every dollar we receive through the mail and at the dinner goes directly to serving those who are in need financially, emotionally and spiritually.** It is because of your faithfulness and generosity in the past and in this complicated present time that Samaritan is able to make a difference in people's lives.

-- Emily Kelly-Peterson, M.Div.  
Director of Development



Peter and Susan

## **Samaritan's "Team 50"**

Words are not sufficient to express the importance of the work these men and women do on behalf of Samaritan's mission year around and, in particular, in the planning and delivery of the events during this year of celebration and challenge.

*Peter Benson, Co-Chair   Susan Stockdale, Co-Chair  
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# We couldn't do it without you—thank you for your many gifts!

*Your gifts to us make such a difference, and we want to acknowledge this more frequently!  
Rather than doing so once a year in our Annual Report, we will be noting your support with each publication of our newsletter.  
Gifts acknowledged here were received between April 1, 2010 and February 28, 2011.  
We regret any errors or omissions. Please call them to our attention at 206.527.2266, x109.*

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# Fifty Years Ago Something Entirely New Was Created

## A CALL

“The Presbytery of Seattle through its Presbyterian Counseling Services Committee, being, on sufficient grounds, well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, The Rev. Neal A. Kuyper, and having good hopes from our knowledge of you, that your ministrations in the gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interest, do earnestly call and desire you to undertake the office of Minister of Counseling and Director of the Presbyterian Counseling Service, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord. And that you may be free from worldly care and avocations, we, on our part, promise and oblige ourselves to pay you in the sum of \$7,200.00 yearly in regular payments during the time of your being and continuing the Minister of Counseling and Director of the Presbyterian Counseling Service....”

*Signed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 1961 by James G. Bennett, Chairman, Committee on Personnel of Counseling Service, L. David Cowie, Chairman, Presbyterian Counseling Service and George H. McCleave, Executive, Presbytery of Seattle.*

## . . . and the story has continued to unfold. . .



**1960** Presbyterian Counseling Service's first home was in "The Wee Kirk" -- office space donated by **University Presbyterian Church**. **Neal Kuyper** met with clients two days a week. **Lois Bell** was hired as part-time administrative assistant, then stayed on for 30 years -- an integral part of PCS until her retirement in 1991. Neal was instrumental in establishing the innovative programs of **Crisis Clinic** and **Divorce Lifeline**.

**1970** PCS moved from the University District into space provided by **Seattle First Presbyterian** in downtown Seattle. The first field offices, in **Bellevue First Presbyterian** and **Lake Burien Presbyterian** churches, brought counseling to local communities.

**1972** **The Marriage and Family Therapy Training Program**, which began as a pastoral counseling program at PCS, was created and, in 1979, was joined with **Seattle Pacific University**. More than 400 therapists have received their professional training in this program.

**1980** **Ravenna Boulevard Presbyterian Church** invited PCS to share their space near Green Lake.

**1983** **Dr. Douglas Anderson** became the executive director as founding director **Neal Kuyper** retired.

**1992** **Rev. Terry Steig** was named director as **Doug Anderson** returned to clinical practice and teaching.

**1994** **The Low Income Clinic** was established, overseen by **Dr. Bill Collins**. Master's level externs provide counseling in exchange for clinical supervision as they work toward meeting state licensure requirements.

**1997** **The Samaritan Campaign for Women** was the first of the agency's fundraising efforts - reflecting the need to continue to live out our mission in challenging economic times.

**2000** **Beverley Shrumm** became executive director, the fourth person to lead the counseling service in its 40-year history.

**2005** **The Presbytery of Seattle**, with the blessing of the Ravenna Boulevard Presbyterian Church congregation, **made a gift of the Ravenna building and property to the counseling service**. Also in 2005, after a multi-year study by Board and staff members, the name of the agency was changed from Presbyterian Counseling Service to Samaritan Center of Puget Sound.

**2006** A program that provides mental health counseling for **At-Risk and Homeless Youth** was created.

**2009 and going forward . . .**

A long-overdue interior remodeling project was undertaken by board and staff members at our Ravenna office. This has allowed for three large counseling offices suitable for family counseling and mediation, a more comfortable reception and administrative area, and upgraded bathrooms and kitchen.

A grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound will allow us to paint the exterior of this building that we've chosen to share with a Russian Orthodox congregation, the Seattle staff of Children of the Nations and a number of support groups.

Our intention is to continue to live into the vision of those who started PCS/Samaritan 50 years ago -- actively discerning how to be "the gospel in action" in the years ahead.



**We Couldn't Do It Without You - Thanks for Your Many Gifts!** *(continued from page 5)*

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