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Assisting Bishop Announced

Praises be!

Your Standing Committee is pleased to announce that The Rt. Rev. Sanford “Sandy” Hampton will become our Assisting Bishop on April 18. His wife, Mari, will join him for his time in Oregon and accompany him on visitations. The visitation schedule will be developed during his first two weeks, and will be published as soon as we confirm with those clergy involved. Please welcome Bishop Hampton and his wife.

Bishop Hampton will be in our diocese a couple of weeks each month. He, of course, will have an office at the Close. His primary responsibilities will be for that all important “pastoral presence” with visitations, confirmations, ordinations, relationship with clergy and laity, and clergy supervision as duties.

Bishop Hampton retired from the Diocese of Olympia, where he served as the assistant bishop for seven years. He and his wife love to travel to meet clergy and laity. Before moving to the Northwest, Bishop Hampton served as Suffragan Bishop of Minnesota. He also has extensive experience with supporting the growth and development of small churches from Utah, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington state. His time in Oregon was spent in LaGrande.

In another matter, your Standing Committee has filled the vacant position of dean of Central Convocation due to the Rev. Jeremy Tyndall’s resignation. We appointed the Rev. Susan Church to fill this position. Her fellow deans have welcomed her. We look forward to her leadership.

Willamette Convocation met on April 5 at St. Hilda in Monmouth, the Rev. Anne Moore, vicar. Clergy and delegates packed the room. They welcomed me warmly, and asked questions about the transition. I answered to the best of my ability.

Please continue to keep Bishop Itty and his family, the diocesan staff and the diocese in your prayers.

—In Christ’s love, Mary M. Cramer, President,
Standing Committee, Diocese of Oregon
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Open Letter to the Diocese of Oregon

March 25, 2008

Dear Diocesan Leaders,

Monday I received a letter from Bishop Itty stating, “I am writing to inform you that I am hereby transferring Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Oregon to the Standing Committee, effective midnight March 23, 2008.”

We feel the seriousness of this responsibility, and our pledge to you is that we will maintain open communication and prayerfully consider each decision. We are blessed to have Paul Dakopolos as our Chancellor who will walk this journey with us.

Today I attended Morning Prayer [at the Bishop’s Close] and began a discussion about the day-to-day business of our diocese with [the diocesan] staff. Margaret McMurren+, vice-president of the Board of Trustees, joined us. The staff is truly faithful and dedicated to our diocese, and all of us appreciate their open willingness to work with us.

To move forward smoothly, Standing Committee will work closely with you. We know that working together is in the best interest of our diocese.

Standing Committee is negotiating an agreement for an assisting bishop [see the article on the appointment elsewhere in this newsletter]. We will complete this work as soon as possible. When it is completed, we will inform everyone via email. We also have other positions [on the diocesan staff], due to the recent retirements and a voluntary resignation, to fill on an interim basis, and will be making those announcements soon.

Please feel free to contact any one of the Standing Committee if you have questions, concerns or information you would like to share with us. Each of you is an important part of the equation as we move forward.

—In Christ’s love, Mary Cramer

Good Samaritan Choir Festival

On Sunday, April 27, the Sundays at Four Concert Series will present a concert titled "Sing to the Lord!" in honor of Bill Burger, sponsored by the Good Samaritan Foundation.

With four area choirs participating, including First Congregational Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, and our own Good Samaritan Choir, the combined ensemble of 70-plus voices will present music by Paul Manz, Jan Sweelinck, Martin Shaw, Peter Cornelius, Gabriel Fauré, Jacobus Gallus, Robert Powell, John Rutter, and other composers.

The choirs have been learning the music over the past months, and on Saturday, April 26, Gabriel Crouch, a former King's Singer (see related article in this newsletter) will present an all-day workshop with the ensemble, to unify the sound, and train the singers in new vocal techniques. The concert is free, and donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the concert series. Ask Ward for more information.

—Dr. R. Ward Scott, director of music



Who are the King's Singers?

Gabriel Crouch will lead several area choirs in a choral workshop at Good Samaritan on Saturday, April 26.

Crouch is a former member of the King's Singers. Regularly performing in excess of 100 concerts every season, complemented by recording and teaching, the King's Singers delight audiences around the world with their incomparable musicianship, charm and wit.

With the recent album release "Landscape and Time" having been described as possessing "singing of rare distinction" and "stunningly high musical standards," they have maintained their place at the apex of a cappella singing, and are counted amongst the

world's elite classical performers. In 2008, the ensemble celebrates 40 years of music making. The King's Singers' repertoire is all-encompassing, from medieval music to masterpieces of the Renaissance, from lieder to folk, pop and jazz, or with a contemporary commission from a leading composer, they are constantly expanding their repertoire.

Since their debut concert in 1968, they have commissioned works from many well-known composers, including Krystof Penderecki, Luciano Berio, Peter Maxwell Davies, Richard Rodney Bennett and Gyorgy Ligeti. With a dozen such commissions since 2000, the latest works will come from John McCabe, Eric Whitacre, Michael Nyman and Jay Greenberg.

The list of venues at which they have appeared is equally diverse, including cathedrals and palaces, as well as many of the world's major concert halls. They have joined forces with many famous orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra and Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and in the last season with chamber ensembles Concordia, Sarband and L'Arpeggiata.

The group has also teamed up with distinguished soloists like Kiri te Kanawa, Emanuel Ax, George Shearing, Evelyn Glennie, and even Bruce Johnston of the Beach Boys. These collaborations have often resulted in recordings to add to the group's discography of nearly 100 albums on the Signum Classics, BMG and EMI labels.

Renowned for their commitment to blend, balance and intonation in their own performances, they are keen to pass on their knowledge through educational work.

They conduct master class courses in many countries, and have for 10 years been Prince Consort Ensemble-in-Residence at the Royal College of Music, London. But above all it is their simple enjoyment of what they do that has captured the imagination of the public all over the world. As the London Times puts it, they are "still unmatched for their musicality and sheer ability to entertain."

—Adapted from material found at <http://www.kingssingers.com/about.php?startid=2>

Attention High School Seniors!

If you are graduating this year and plan to go on to school or college next year, apply for the Helen Fabricius Scholarship through Good Samaritan.

Please send a letter of application to the Fabricius Scholarship Committee explaining your involvement in parish life at Good Samaritan, your plans for further education, and how a scholarship would help you achieve these goals. Applications are due in the parish office by Sunday, May 25. Questions? Call Sandy Potter (753.2709) or Ruth Burns (758.3551).

—Sandy Potter

Pentecost

Pentecost Planning

Sunday, May 11 is the Feast of Pentecost.

We will be celebrating everyone's birthdays that day, as Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. There will be cakes for each month, and you can find out who shares your special time (and sign). There will a sign-up sheet for those who would like to bake a cake to share. Outlandish, stylish and fancy decorations are encouraged, although flavor tops all else.

There will also be a paper crane-folding event on May 4 for all ages. Last year the middle school youth folded many, many cranes, but we did not have an opportunity to use them. They are made of red paper, and are symbols of peace. This year we hope to be able to have enough to string in the church on Pentecost to remind us that the Holy Spirit gives us life and we should use our lives to bring peace to the world.

Join us from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you sign up early, you are welcome to come for pizza at 12:30 p.m.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Youth Group Resumes

Middle school and high school students are invited to participate in the Church of the Good Samaritan's Youth Group, beginning May 7 and usually meeting in Simpson Hall!

Planned activities each week will include prayer, singing, discussion on topics of interest to youth, planning for outings and a mission trip, games and time to hang out with friends and enjoy some food! Adult volunteers are welcome to join the fun, but the intent is to have this group led by high school youth, with officers to be elected early on.

In monthly planning meetings, agendas will be created for each regular meeting and special activity. Adult advisors committed to being at church every Wednesday before 7 p.m. include Bob Bernhard and Dave Leding. Other adults are needed to perform as substitutes or assistant advisors, and eventually we expect to have an assistant priest whose job will be, in part, to be head advisor of this group.

The Youth Group will also be scheduling special activities on occasional weekends. The group will participate in diocesan activities when announced, such as the Bishop's Ball, summer camp, etc. We will create our own activities for our own youth and their

friends, such as a rafting trip this summer, camping trips, hikes, service projects, visiting other churches, individual and group counseling, Bible studies, rock climbing, etc. Join the fun!

More info or questions? Call Bob Bernhard, 745.5816.

—Bob Bernhard



Need a Ride to Church?

Every Sunday, your church borrows a bus from Dial-A-Bus, and transports people from their residence to church and back home again after the service is over.

We target the 9:00 a.m. service, and of course attempt to get riders to church on time! After the service, we try to allow time for riders to enjoy the ensuing social hour or educational opportunities. As a ministry area, we are usually able to get people over for Fourth Sundays at Four concerts and other services, especially when normal Dial-A-Bus services are not available. We accommodate people needing wheelchairs, and anyone who is ambulatory.

We accommodate people of any age, so do not let your children miss church or Sunday School! Again, this service is available only on Sundays! In the summer we will target the main service of the day. Call Jane at the parish office by Friday if you need a ride on Sunday. The office number is 757.6647.

—Bob Bernhard

Evensong

Our Laudamus, Angelus and Seraphim Choirs will present a service of Evensong at 4 pm Sunday, May 4.

The traditional Episcopal liturgy will include many anthems and hymns as a prayer for peace in the world. Laura Relyea will direct the choirs, and Ward Scott will accompany. Please come and invite a friend.

—Ward Scott

Plan Ahead: Last Day of Regular Sunday School

June 8 is the last day of regular Sunday School.

Young people and teachers will gather in Simpson Hall for a Sundaes Celebration after the 9:00 a.m. service. Certificates will be awarded. After which, everyone is invited to create their own sundaes. Families are welcome to join us for the celebration of another great year in the Sunday School.

Many thanks to all who served in the Sunday School this year, and to all the parents who helped make it a success. Especially do we give thanks for our young people and their enthusiasm and energy. It has been a blast!

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins June 15.

This is a class for children from age 4 to grade 4 held during the first 25 minutes of the 10:00 service during the summer. We need two adults to facilitate the group. Ideas and snacks are provided for the story and activity.

Please sign up for one Sunday session (or more if you like), so we can offer this class for our young children who might find that staying through the whole service is a bit difficult. The nursery is open for younger children during the service.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

From Simon+

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am writing this article from Canton, Miss., where I am attending my CREDO vocational conference, so this will be more like a postcard this month: short, sweet and to the point.

First, I would like to thank you for supporting me in attending this conference. As you know, the cost is borne by the Church Pension Fund, but I greatly appreciate the gift of the time you have given me: time to think, pray and reflect not only on my vocation as a priest and as the rector of Good Sam, but also as a husband, a father and a child of God.

I am only partway into the process, but already the Spirit is showing me new and exciting things, as well as areas of my ministry and personal life that I could work on. I hope to be able to share some of my insights once I return. So far it has been a refreshing, renewing and inspiring process. Having said that, I am longing to return home!

I am also delighted to tell you that Lance Peeler has accepted my offer to come and serve as our assistant rector at Good Sam. Again, I don't have the time right now to go into as much detail as I would like. But briefly...Lance and Stacie are both from Oregon: Lance from Roseburg, and Stacie from Beaverton; their home parish is St. John's, Milwaukie.

Lance will graduate with a master's degree in divinity from the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas in mid-May. Stacie finishes term (she is a life-skills teacher) at the beginning of June. The tentative plan is for them and their two small children (ages 2 and 4) to move to Corvallis in mid-June; Lance will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at the end of June, and start ministry with us straight after that.

If all goes well, he will be ordained to the priesthood at Good Sam close to Christmas. As part of his job responsibilities, I have negotiated a part-time position for Lance at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center as the mental health chaplain.

This will mean that Lance will serve a third of the time at the hospital, and two-thirds time at Good Sam. That will help us financially, and, hopefully, give Lance a wider experience as he begins his ordained ministry. At Good Sam, Lance will be primarily responsible for ministry with children, youth and families, as well as newcomer ministry.

I know they are both very excited to be joining us, and delighted to be able to return to Oregon. Please keep them in your prayers through this time of transition.

And, last but not least...you all received the worship questionnaire results in last month's newsletter. I hope you have all had an opportunity to take a look at them. With the Worship Committee's help and support, we can begin discussion about some future possibilities. I don't want to go into detail now, but I do want you to know that this has not been forgotten.

It's back to the conference for me, so that's all I have time for now. Know that I am keeping you all in my prayers, and am ever more deeply grateful to serve you and the Lord at Good Sam!

—With love and prayers, Simon

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

On Sunday, May 18, the Fourth Sundays at Four Concert Series will present a service of Evensong that will be in honor of those who have gone before us.

Participants will include our parish and local musicians. More information will follow in the coming weeks' bulletins. A reception will follow in Simpson Hall. Donations will be accepted at the door.

—Dr. R. Ward Scott

Graduation BANQUET

Graduation Breakfast

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to honor our graduates (high school and college) and their families at a breakfast at 8 a.m. June 15.

Please call the parish office and make reservations now. If you are unable to attend, please let the office know you are graduating so we can add your name to our prayers of thanksgiving. When one celebrates, we all celebrate.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Ushers Needed

Yes, we always welcome more ushers!

Ushers are needed every Sunday for the scheduled services, currently 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. and at special services, such as those happening at Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, etc. Training is provided. Being an usher is fun! Ushers become greeters, and welcome people to the church, answer questions about the church, and help to facilitate the church service. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please call Bob Bernhard, 745.5816.

We welcome all ages, middle school youth and above!

—Bob Bernhard

Triangle Lake Camp

Making plans for the summer?

The Diocese of Oregon has made arrangements with the Methodist camp system to welcome our youth and families to their camps. With five different camp sites (mountains and coast), the Methodist camps offer a variety of experiences for youth, young children and adults. Information about the camps is available on the diocesan website, and also on the bulletin board in the Education Wing. Camperships are also available: Talk to Deacon Bernhard for more information.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

News from Aboard the Ark!

What's New in First Grade

- Cali – We are going to pick up trash at OSU for a special “Earth Cleanup Day.” We planted new trees with Mrs. Henry’s class, and we will plant flowers with Mrs. Carla’s kindergarten class.
- Rio – We are learning about finding solutions for pollution.
- Gracie – We are learning about the importance of our five senses. We did two experiments: one taste test and one smelling test.
- Emma – We are learning what the planet is made up of. There are volcanoes, mountains, jungles, oceans and islands. Our earth is made out of rocks, minerals and metals.
- Carrson – We are learning how to multiply. We are studying geometry. We’ve done many projects using tear art and mirror imaging. We had two guest visitors. They are from Eugene and in second grade.

Greetings from Kindergarten

Welcome spring!

Our class will celebrate Earth Day by planting flowers around the church and school and by doing a cleanup walk along with first grade. We are learning that there is one earth, a very special gift to us from God, and it is up to us to take care of it.

Our theme this month is foods and nutrition. We are learning about the four food groups, and how important it is for us to make wise and healthful choices. Next week we will have one of our moms come in and grind wheat into flour. We will then make bread. We will also make butter and peanut butter to have with our homemade bread. We like the eating part best!

We hope you are having a good spring! Love from the Kinders.

Happy spring wishes from Mrs. Anna’s 3-year-old class

Last month in our 3s class, we did lots of painting.

We finger-painted, and found out that red and blue make purple. We each painted a big paper tooth with a toothbrush. Clifford the Big Red Dog showed us how toothpaste is made.

At the sensory table we played with colored rice, cornstarch and water. It’s fun watching the cornstarch and water melt in our hands and slip through our fingers. During March we began learning about spring weather, and made kites to fly in the wind. We’ve been learning about the letters L, M, N, O and P, and the numbers 6 and 7.

Come visit us sometime! You’ll be glad you did. Don’t forget to check in at the school office first and get a visitor tag.

A note from the School Board

We are developing a DVD of our program.

A professional crew will be here taking photos during the week of April 22 through 25. A preview of the DVD will be available for our church community in Room 9/10 on Sunday morning, April 27. Please come in and give us your thoughts.

—Debbie Origer



Calling All Cooks!

In 1979, the Episcopal Churchwomen at Good Samaritan had “The Stained Glass Cookbook” published.

This was followed in 1991 by “The Stained Glass Cookbook II.” Now, 17 years later, eating habits have changed, and it’s felt the time has arrived to launch “The Stained Glass Cookbook III.” We are hoping that *all* parishioners at Good Samaritan will submit several recipes, including recipes from family and friends. Recipes “in memory of” will be part of the cookbook, as well as those from parishioners who have moved away.

We hope to make a small profit for the church, but the main reason for another cookbook is to promote camaraderie within the church family. Just think, your name will be in print for years to come!

The procedure is simple – blank recipe forms can be found outside the parish office. A basket is on the glass display case for the collection of the completed recipe forms, or they can be submitted online following the directions on the form.

Please participate in this fun project. Remember, a cookbook can’t be published without recipes. Questions? Please call 757.0037, or talk to one of the committee members. Thank you.

—The Cookbook Committee: Judy Burrige, Joan Dunlap, Wendy Francis, Maureen Jardine, Andrea Taylor, Alicia Zook and Nancy Zook

Health Tips

Strained Muscles

How can you tell if you’ve torn a muscle?

Usually, a “torn” or “pulled” muscle is accompanied by quite severe pain. You might experience a popping sensation at the time of injury, but at the very least, the muscle feels very sore. The area may turn black and blue after awhile. Muscle soreness resulting from athletic activity usually resolves on its own. When a muscle is forcefully contracted and stretched at the same time, tiny fibers can tear, resulting in a muscle strain.

Almost any physical activity can cause a strain, so it’s smart to perform warm-up exercises. When a muscle strain occurs, stop the activity immediately and rest. To control pain and swelling, apply ice to the elevated limb. Over-the-counter pain medication may help the discomfort. Don’t hesitate to consult your physician if you are in doubt as to the severity of the strain. The physician may recommend physical therapy for gentle stretching and massage.

A major muscle strain can take weeks or even months to heal. Do not perform vigorous exercise until the injured muscle has regained 90 percent of its strength and is pain-free. Always remember to participate in activities appropriate for your age, skill and level of conditioning.

—Maureen Jardine, RN, Parish Nurse



First Aid Team

First Aid Workshop

With the summer and more outdoor activities just ahead of us, we might consider a First Aid workshop at the church. If you are interested, phone 753.4823 and leave a message. If there is enough interest to make up a class, I’ll post a sign-up sheet.

—Maureen Jardine

Stewardship Committee News

At our first meeting of this year's Stewardship Committee, we determined our theme for the year would be relationships. We also decided we would be biblically based.

So what is stewardship? The Episcopal Network for Stewardship states that "Stewardship is not a program. It's not about raising money, It's not here today and gone tomorrow. Stewardship is a journey. It's about life. In fact, stewardship is a way of life..." So what does that mean for us?

The Best Dictionary for Students defines a steward as *one who watches over something*. And it defines relationship as *1) the association between things, the affect that one thing has on another; 2) kinship*. The question is, how is each of us doing with our stewardship journey and our relationships?

Jesus talked about the Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-34): *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There are no other commandments greater than these.*

Jesus talks about many examples of stewardship in the parables. We have examples of stewardship in our church.

The Buildings and Grounds volunteers take care of our property. The Ministry of Transition volunteers help parishioners when they are making life transitions, and they raise money at the same time. Good Samaritan School nurtures and educates the next generation. The vestry has the responsibility for oversight of the business of the parish. There are many other examples of relationship and stewardship in our parish.

It seems each of us needs to determine where we are on our journey. How is our relationship with God, with ourselves, our church, our neighbors and our community?

We want to involve the entire parish in our stewardship journey. This summer we will be recruiting volunteers to help. We hope you will say yes and join us on the journey.

—The Stewardship Committee: Judy Burridge, Chair; Beverley Beckley; Robert Bernhard; Simon Justice+; and Ann Rosser

EGGS – Eyes Opening

Spring is coming, albeit slowly, to the mid-Willamette Valley. The flowering fruit trees have come on, magnolias are in bloom, and life resurrects itself as the days gradually lengthen.

And spring housecleaning may be a time to clean out some practices that do harm to creation, and replace them with more beneficial practices.

Here is the "tip of the month," a simple practice that can save you time and effort, a little money, and benefit creation. Have you signed up for e-payment of all your bills, most readily your utility and credit card bills? Doing so can save on paper, postage, checks and the energy to produce all that paper and carry the mail.

Even better, have you signed up for "paperless billing," as it is called? You can get most of your bills by e-mail, and pay them either by electronic funds transfer from your bank or set up automatic payments.

We're going to start a new "of the month" with this issue – recognizing a parishioner each month who is doing something special. You may be amazed – and delighted – to see how much is happening. This month's "Creation Caretaker of the Month" is Bill Gazeley.

Bill has installed solar panels on the roof of his home, and is taking the lead in investigating the possibility of our church's doing the same. If you're interested in going solar, Bill is the man to see.

Bear in mind that all the actions we take can have a positive, or negative, effect on creation. Reduce – reuse – recycle. And may God's grace shine upon you and yours.

—Bill Becker for the Environmental Group of Good Samaritan

Episcopal Relief and Development

The Outreach Committee wants to thank all those who contributed to Episcopal Relief and Development during the month of January.

ERD was recipient of our designated offering for the month of January. Your response was tremendous, and I am sure Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori is well pleased that her former parish has responded so well to her plea to support ERD. See the thank-you note from ERD elsewhere in this newsletter.

Do you realize that in just over one year, we have given \$6,000 to ERD? All I can say is bravo, and keep up the good work! Remember, keep purchasing Bishop's Blend Coffee; a good percentage of the costs goes to ERD. Thanks again for your contribution.

—Paul Vecchi, Chairman, Outreach Committee

Dear Father Justice,

Thank you for once again allowing the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence to hold our annual spaghetti dinner at your church on March 11.

Our community came together in celebration, and raised over \$4,000 to help families fleeing domestic and sexual violence. Your support of our efforts is always appreciated.

—With heartfelt thanks, Nancy J. O'Mara, Executive Director, CARDV

Parish Labyrinth News

Spring flowers will again circle our parish family labyrinth on May 19 during the regular third- Monday walk, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Simpson Hall.

Please bring flowers between 8 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday, May 18. You may place flowers on the table marked Labyrinth Guild in the hallway, and we'll put them around the labyrinth. Work on the Good Samaritan Labyrinth designed by Gina Halter in progressing. It will be registered with the Labyrinth Society, an international non-profit organization whose annual conference will take place in the Pacific Northwest next year.

Come walk with us!

—Be Davison Herrera

You're Invited

The children of Robert and Barbara Higinbotham extend a cordial invitation to a reception honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10 in Simpson Hall.

Bob and Barbara were married in historic St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in their hometown of Port Angeles, Wash. They moved from the Seattle area to Corvallis in 1964.

The family looks forward to greeting old and new Good Samaritan friends at the golden wedding celebration.

—Alan, Jeanie and Larry Higinbotham

Linn Benton Food Share

To Our Friends at Church of the Good Samaritan On behalf of Linn Benton Food Share, our member agencies, and the individuals and families we serve — thank you for the \$100 donation to the Food Share program.

Cuts in government commodities and a decrease in donations from food manufacturers have made your support more important than ever. People are eating because you care.

—Sincerely, Mike Gibson, LBFS Director

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers Seeks New Director and Service Supervisor

The board of directors of Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers is looking for two volunteers who like satisfying and challenging leadership roles...an executive director and a service supervisor.

This ministry serves elderly and younger persons with physical disabilities in our community. In 2007, 220 seniors and disabled persons in our community received assistance from volunteers representing eight churches in Corvallis. No activity is more fulfilling of the challenge of our faith. These volunteers take requests five days a week for tasks ranging from transportation to shopping and simple household chores, plus building many wheelchair ramps, resulting in 6,055 hours of service in 2007.

The board is seeking two people who work well in a team effort, like to work with people, are experienced in organizing projects and people, are able to communicate effectively to stimulate interest in volunteer services, and who appreciate a flexible schedule. Each position would require about five hours per week; these hours are flexible, and much of the work could be done from home.

Does this sound like something you would enjoy? Want more details? Please call Sandy Potter (753.2709) for more information and a complete job description.

—Sandy Potter



Bishop's Blend Coffee

For about nine months, Bishop's Blend coffee has been served at Sunday morning coffee hours, receptions and dinners.

The Outreach Committee, in consultation with Fr. Justice, felt this was an appropriate step because this coffee is organically and shade grown, provides the farmers with a fair price (fair-trade product) and because a portion of the cost goes to Episcopal Relief and Development to help those in need around the world. However, these good things make Bishop's Blend coffee more expensive than grocery store coffee.

We would ask that those who enjoy a cup of coffee help defray the cost by putting a quarter (or more if you can) in the coffee can on Sundays. After all, where else can you get a good cup of coffee *and* do good for a quarter? And remember that individuals can order packages of coffee on the form posted on the bulletin board outside the parish office.

—Outreach Committee

Thank You

This is to thank everyone who helped out with preparing the Easter letter and our Holy Week and Easter bulletins!

Dawn Denyer, Tony Denyer, Keith Dunlap, Dixie Nelson and Dennis Pitts are the names on my list. However, I suspect several other people helped. If I've left out your name, please call me and I'll make sure I thank you properly.

I'm so grateful to have so many willing helpers! Thank you.

—Jane Stoltz, parish secretary

Casserole Connection

Spring is well under way, and summer is just around the corner.

We in the Casserole Connection are here for those in need in every season. As the year goes by, our parishioners continue to face illness, hospitalization and yes, new life and even death. All of these circumstances might call for the support of a main-dish casserole from one of our excellent cooks. Please call Judy Burrige at 758.5033 if you know of someone who could use our help.

—Bobbie Beck

Episcopal Churchwomen Spring Luncheon

The ECW is very pleased to present Dianna Pelletier Hanson as our speaker for the June 3 spring luncheon.

Dianna will bring her fascinating collection of hats for display. Her primary interest, and the focus of the collection, is women's fashion hats. However, there are a few bonnets, boudoir caps, children's hats, and more than a dozen men's hats, including a perfect example of a 1920s silk plush top hat with leather carrying case. In the collection are hats from around the world, including a 3-foot long headdress from the Uzbek tribal people of Central Asia.

Also in the collection are a gondolier's hat, Madeira, Portugal folk hats, and hats from India, Afghanistan, the Cook Islands, Mexico, Bolivia, Africa, Thailand, China and Austria. Dianna exhibits nearly 50 women's fashion hats by decade and discusses the styles, construction and labels. Her full collection has grown to more than 700 examples from the mid-1800s to contemporary.

She has independently studied the history of hats and hat making, and has learned to restore hats using traditional methods. Dianna is a sought-after speaker at antique and collector clubs.

Traditionally, the spring luncheon has been a salad potluck. Please make a reservation for the luncheon by calling Dale Barnecott (754.1495), Helen Dickason (753.5348) or Ruth Burns (758.3551). Luncheon will be served at noon, with the hour-long program to follow. Ladies are encouraged to wear hats, if they wish. Guests are welcome.

—Ruth Burns



Library Listings

We have several new, exciting-looking books, thanks in part to a donation of books from Dr. Ward Scott.

Do take a minute to look them over – as usual, they are displayed on the table in the hall. Check one out!

Simple Prayers: A Daybook of Conversations with God by Kenneth and Karen Boa. "You've always wanted to grow in your relationship with God. To know Him more intimately. To become more like Him. To pray with confidence, and to experience His presence in your life. Now you can – *Simple Prayers* shows you how!"

Living A Life That Matters: Resolving the Conflict Between Conscience and Success by Harold Kushner. "Living a Life That Matters" is a wonderful, much-needed primer on the truly important things in life. Many thanks to Harold Kushner for reminding us what we should never forget: that success is not in the bulk of your wallet, but in the weight of your character."

The Little Christianity Book by Robert Mix – yes, our own Robert Mix, husband of Phyllis Mix. He writes in his introduction, "*The Little Christianity Book* seeks to provide information basic to an understanding of Christianity. The world in which Jesus lived, its influence on him, the life and teachings of the mortal Jesus who dwelled on earth for about 30 years, are examined. The several Biblical ideas of God: the Gospels and their authorship; the conflicts between the teachings of Jesus and those of Paul..." One of the Lenten groups from last year (which has continued) is planning to read and discuss this book.

The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth that Could Change Everything by Brian D. McLaren. “Brian McLaren insists gently that we recognize the message of Jesus as an ongoing revolution that may never come to an end in time. The Law of God doesn’t change, no, but our perception of it is never static; it does and must change as the centuries pass. New study, new insights, new metaphors, and new acknowledgements of past limitations can bring us closer and closer to the living, breathing, and dynamic nature of Scripture as we seek to meet its radical demands...”

Colonies of Heaven: Celtic Christian Communities by Ian Bradley. “The quest for Celtic spirituality is a sign of the current hunger to revive the ancient roots of faith and practice. To delve deeper. To live beyond the superficial...Here Bradley strips away romanticized notions to reveal the essence of this unique form of Christianity. The book not only explores such distinctive themes as monasticism, worship, the communion of saints and pilgrimage, but goes on to consider the building of ‘colonies of heaven’ today...communities of prayer, artistic and creative activity, hospitality and team ministry...”

We also have a CD donated by Benton Hospice Service that explains the ministry of Hospice, *Skilled Hands and Warm Hearts at the End of Life*, that is available for checkout. Browse – borrow – bring back!

—Eddie Orner

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Thank you for Church of the Good Samaritan’s generous contribution of \$1,008.44 to Episcopal Relief and Development.

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—Faithfully, Robert W. Radtke, President, ERD



Spring: Sing!

By Eileen Spinelli

The robin chirps,
The crocus blooms,
The scent of green
Spills through old rooms.

Oh, we have known
These things before –
The breeze against
The back screen door,

The golden sun,
The sky of blue,
Again...again...
Yet somehow new.

The grass grows tall,
Spring hums along –
Our hearts can hardly
Hold the song.

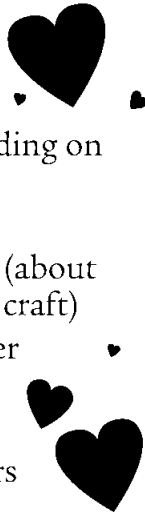
—Submitted by Dixie Nelson

A HEART FOR Mom

Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

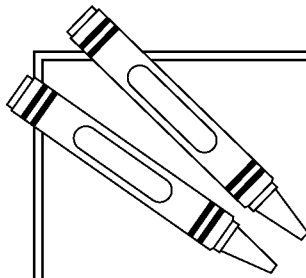
What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.



Just for KIDS

A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1** "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2** "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3** "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4** "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5** "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6** "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7** "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

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| ___ Caring | ___ Godly | ___ Prepared |
| ___ Hardworking | ___ Hearty | ___ Priceless |
| | ___ Kind | |

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

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Warren Staton a Longtime Member of Good Samaritan



Photograph courtesy of Clare Staton

Yes heaven is like being in a tree house spending quality time with a fine young grandson, Adam, and listening to great music.

The Bishop of Oregon:
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