

Good News from Good Samaritan



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Schedule of Christmas Services

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 19th

4:00 p.m. Join us for the traditional Anglican Christmas Lessons and Carols Service as held in King's College, Cambridge, England.

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant and Holy Communion. Hear the Christmas story told by the children of our Sunday and Church School

10:30 p.m. Christmas Music, lead by the Good Samaritan Choir

11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols

From The Clergy

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Christmas? What memories does Christmas evoke? What has Christmas meant to you over the years?

Christmas is a powerful thing – it's a social phenomenon – think about it. As a child I lived a few doors down from a Jewish family who used to 'celebrate' Christmas so that their children wouldn't feel left out of the festivities. Christmas is also a huge holiday in Japan. There are Christmas parades, there are jolly Santas in many of the stores, people give 'Christmas' gifts, just as we do – and all in a country where only a tiny proportion of the popu-

lation is Christian. Closer to home, of course, we welcome many people to our church services this time of year who only attend at Christmas – which I always rejoice in. Intriguing!

So *what is it* about Christmas that draws so many people to observe this holiday – albeit, perhaps, in ways we might consider rather unorthodox? *What is it* that moves so many Christians, 'lapsed' Christians and non-Christians alike to celebrate Christmas? I have the temerity – and perhaps, I am being rather naïve or sentimental - to suggest that the answer to that question is a very simple one – **Love.**

The giving and receiving of gifts; the Christmas parties and get-togethers; sending Christmas cards to friends and loved ones; the good wishes we share with neighbors and co-workers; tipping our postal carrier; the candlelight services; Christmas caroling; the story of the Christ-child – it's all about **Love.**

We all *long* to be loved; we are *made* to love. It is in our nature as human beings to reach out, to touch, to embrace and be held – to love.

The prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures that foretold of the coming of our Lord Jesus describes his birth this way:

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, And will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

Immanuel – “God is with us”. This too is all about **Love.** **“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” (John 3:16).** *What we celebrate at Christmas, how we celebrate at Christmas and why we celebrate Christmas at all is all about and because of Love. Our love for each other, our need to love and be loved, and God's great and wonderful love for each and every one of us and the world that God created. **It's all about Love.***

As we celebrate Christmas this year, I hope that

we would each remember that Christmas is indeed a festival of Love – the great Love Feast! I pray too that the love *for* which and *by* which we were created would touch each and everyone one of us, and all those whom we love and remember and pray for this season. And may the great Love of our God, uniquely expressed in the birth of Jesus, the Christ-child, be renewed and refreshed in all of us this Christmas.

My family joins me in wishing you all a very holy and blessed Christmas,

—Simon

The Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Oregon held its annual convention at the Eugene Hilton on October 28-30. The format this year was slightly changed to make the business meeting and Eucharist more convenient for those who had to travel a distance. Thursday night was essentially a gathering time with a video shown of Bishop Hanley's 100 day trip throughout the Diocese when he hoped to visit all the churches of the Diocese. He almost made it and he shared his visits with a video made with a hand-held camera. The video was full of the celebration of having a new bishop and gave people from all over the diocese a chance to see themselves and each other. Bishop Hanley commented on the delicious food at all the potlucks although he had never known that you could have a potluck without Jell-O salad. He is, after all, from Minnesota.

His message to the churches was that he and the diocese wanted to be a resource to the congregations so that they could achieve their goals. He mentioned that theme many times over the next two days.

Friday began the business of the convention and at 11:00 a.m., we paused to celebrate the Eucharist. It was a stirring event as several hundred people sang hymns, participated in the Eucharist and listened intently to the Bishop's sermon.

The rest of the day included ballots to decide members of Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, etc. Those who missed the video were given an opportunity to see the sights of the Diocese. Friday night was a banquet...enough said.

Saturday we voted on three resolutions. As a

member of the Policy and Resolutions Committee, I participated in hearings over the three days. It was interesting to hear the opinions from the delegates as they struggled with what was being presented. Questions and comments were insightful and the attitude was one of respect for all opinions. The resolutions were passed on the floor after more discussion. One encouraged all congregations to study the problem of all forms of bullying. We are asked to present to our convocation meetings our plan to do so within six months. Another resolution requires that we adopt the National Convention position that there will be a parity of the offer of paid health insurance for clergy and lay employees who are employed for 20 hours or more a week. There had been a discrepancy that favored the clergy. The final resolution was a statement of support for the newly-formed Academy for Formation and Mission, a local option education center for postulants to the priesthood and diaconate as well as lay people.

Good Samaritan is represented by its active clergy and lay delegates as well as Pat Wohlwend who is a member of the Standing Committee. I encourage you to explore the possibility of becoming a delegate. Delegates are asked to attend Convocation meetings during the year (usually four times) at which time budget and resolutions that will be discussed at Convention are explored. We were represented at the Convention by Cammie Bella and Jim Wohlwend, Pat, The Revs. Lance Peeler and Peggy Bernhard. Fr. Simon was, unfortunately, not feeling well and missed it.

For more information, go to the web site diocese-oregon.org and follow directions to the information concerning the convention.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

A Request

A parishioner is looking for a group of "night owls" who would like to form a Bible study group that would be held in the evening. It has been suggested that meeting in people's home would be a possibility. If you are interested in either leading or participating, please contact Deacon Peggy (541-745-5816 or pegber@aol.com) and she will see that you find each other.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Treasurers Report

Summary Through October 2010

	June	June	2010	2010	Annual
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Budget
Income					
Pledge Receipts	28628	29396	286892	295461	354249
All other DPA income	2165	2700	29480	29000	36400
Non-DPA income	1453	1067	9754	10670	12800
Total Income	32246	33163	326126	335131	403449
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4510	5128	50073	51280	61539
Personnel	20896	21421	201479	214210	257050
Administration - Operations	2766	4417	46464	53745	62575
Property	1533	2183	12277	21830	26200
Vestry Ministries	1051	1142	9694	11420	13700
Other Expenses	16	25	299	250	300
Total Expenses	30772	34316	320286	352735	421364
Net	1474	-1153	5840	-17604	-17915

1. Income:

- a) Pledge receipts for October were slightly below budget. Receipts for the year are \$8569 (2.9%) below the January – October budgeted amount.
- b) Other income categories are at or slightly above budget.

2. Expenses:

- a) Operating expenses continue to be at or below budget for all categories.
- b) The new sound system for the sanctuary will be funded, in part, with \$9400 from the increased value of the church's investment accounts. The remainder will come from designated donations.

3. Bottom line:

- a) All indications are that we will end the year at or better than even, not the deficit projected with the 2010 budget. As a note – the budget is an estimate of the year going forward. Most of the unplanned financial events (or non-events) of the year have resulted in lower than expected expenses.

Please direct questions to John Shea, Treasurer, John.Shea54@gmail.com, 541 754-6832.

Good Samaritan School

Second National Accreditation For Good Samaritan School

Our school was informed in late November that it has once again achieved accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This national accreditation signifies that the administration, teaching staff, and families of Good Samaritan School are to be commended for earning a high mark of quality represented by the NAEYC Accreditation system. Our accreditation is valid through December 1, 2015. Good Samaritan School is one of 14 programs accredited in the state of Oregon. NAEYC's Accreditation is the mark of quality, helping parents find the very best possible early childhood experience for preschool through kindergarten.

Congratulations everyone!

—Jane Edson, Head of School



Photograph courtesy Good Samaritan School

The Reverend Daniel R. Heischman Executive Director

National Association of Episcopal Schools
Visits Good Samaritan School

It was my sincere pleasure to welcome Dan to Good Samaritan School on Monday morning, November 15th. He sat in on our Kindergarten class and then accompanied them and all our preschoolers to chapel with Fr. Simon. After children's chapel Simon and I had the opportunity to show

Dan around our exceptional facilities and to share our beautiful stained glass windows. We visited a while together, relating how Good Samaritan School came into being and how we've grown over the past 18 years and what the vision for the school is today. Dan shared what is happening at the national level and what all our Episcopal schools are doing to enable them to get through these trying financial times. After the "photo op" we visited all our classrooms and met staff and some students. The NAES Board of Trustees will be holding their monthly meeting at Oregon Episcopal School in Portland in April 2010 and Dan invited Simon and me and our new Head of School to attend. Before leaving, we of course told him to say "Hi" to our favorite Presiding Bishop.

—Jane Edson, Head of School

Music Program

Thank you for your generous support of the Sunday at Four events. We had a great attendance for the last two recitals and were able to raise a total of \$1,900 for future funding of the series. If you think that Sunday at Four enriches your personality and helps to deepen your understanding of music, please support this program by donating directly to our Music Program. We need your support in order to provide high quality of performances. Thank you!

Our next event in the Sunday at Four series is the traditional Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 19th. It is an opportunity for you to share the spirit of the season by singing traditional carols, listening to beautiful Nativity readings and enjoying several choral Christmas anthems, with many being all-times favorites. Please bring your family and friends and we hope to see you on the 19th!

It is also the time of year when we are looking forward to see many seasonal singers joining the choir, so we can celebrate the Christmas services in the best possible way. If you are able to share your musical talent, even if for only a couple of weeks, we would be very happy to welcome you to choir during the Christmas season. Simply show up on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. or contact me directly with any questions (my e-mail: maria.dossin@gmail.com).

Children ages 5-8 are invited to take part in the Christmas pageant, performed on Christmas Eve during the 5:00 p.m. service. We are looking for children who would be interested to sing and be a part of the play. The songs will be rehearsed on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m., beginning Thursday, December 2nd.

Youth Choir (ages 10-15) is always looking for new members. We rehearse on Sundays 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Please join us!

—Maria Dossin, Music Director

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel

Gail Wells Senior Warden – Finance

Brian Gifford Junior Warden – Buildings and Grounds

Bob Bernhard – Communication, Evangelism, Parish Life

Steve Blevins – St Anshelms of Canterbury

Mary Frances Campana – Technology

Richard Halter – Worship, Sunday School and Youth

Robert Moore – Stewardship

Susan Parks – Foundation

Theresa Valentine – Spiritual Nurture

Paul Vecchi – Community Outreach and Social Ministry

John Wells – Good Samaritan School

Stephanie Wohlwend – Music

Nothing Much Ever Happens Around Here

In 1925, the New York World celebrated Abraham Lincoln's 100th birthday with a now-classic cartoon. Two Kentucky farmers are talking over a picket fence. One asks, "Anything new happen lately?" The other responds, "Nothing much. A new baby was born over at Tom Lincoln's place, but nothing much ever happens around here."

I'm sure there were folks who said the same thing in Bethlehem [on Christmas Eve]. I can picture them, can't you? Standing on the corner, just outside the inn. "Anything new happen around here? Naw, just a baby born down in the stable. Nothing much ever happens around here."

—James A. Harnish

Senior Warden's November Vestry Report

Energy, In More Ways Than One

Energy was a major theme at the vestry's November 16 meeting:

(1) We took significant steps toward capturing some of **the sun's golden energy**, and

(2) We discussed the best way to organize our **charitable energy** toward Good Samaritan's outreach mission—a conversation that is still in progress.

Solar Energy

Good Samaritan was selected to participate in Phase 2 of the Oregon Solar Incentive Program, created by the Oregon Legislature in 2009. The program offers a payback of almost 60 cents per kilowatt-hour per year for 15 years.

To earn that payback, the vestry voted to partner with the company Abundant Solar to install a 10-kilowatt solar-electric system. The system will consist of solar panels on the south-facing roof of the church's education wing. It will cost \$54,000. The vestry voted to make this investment from certain unrestricted donor funds.

The yearly return on this investment should be about \$6,300, or around 7.5 percent. Good Samaritan will continue to pay for electricity at the normal rate until the program expires in 2026. After that, the church keeps all the solar energy and pays only for power over and above what the system generates.

The solar-electric system should be in place early next spring. Many thanks to Bill Becker, Bill Gazeley, and others working with E.G.G.S. (Environmental Group at Good Sam), who spent many hours analyzing the costs and benefits of this initiative and gave us a proposal that's good for our finances and good for the environment.

Outreach Energy

Our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, has called on parishes to devote 0.7 percent of their operating money for outreach projects connected with the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These are: eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education,

improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS and malaria, ensuring environmental sustainability, and forging a global partnership for development.

At our October meeting the vestry talked about establishing a new Outreach line item in the 2011-12 budget. The money would go to local causes consistent with the MDGs, as determined by the Outreach Committee. This system would have replaced the current monthly designated-offering system, but the donations would have gone to many of the same local organizations, such as H2O, the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence, Community Outreach, and others.

Over the past month, the Outreach Committee wrestled with this idea and came back with a different one: Keep the monthly designated offerings for local causes, and, if it seemed prudent, include a 0.7-percent budget line item for the international Episcopal Relief and Development agency. The Outreach Committee felt that local donations, while they are all commendable, did not fall within the spirit of MDG outreach, which is targeted chiefly at developing countries.

This conversation is still ongoing. Your vestry knows there's some confusion and upset feelings out there as we work these matters out. People feel strongly about their donations—not only to whom and how much, but how it gets there. Some have expressed a concern that Good Samaritan's fundraising efforts lack coordination and potentially undermine systematic stewardship. Others feel that a too-centralized system will dampen people's charitable spirit.

All these thoughts are in the hopper as we figure out how to clarify our policy. For the moment, we still have the designated offerings, and we don't yet have the 0.7-percent MDG line item in the budget. Pray for us.

Wishing you the **bright energy** of Christ in your life,

—Gail Wells, Senior Warden

The Christmas Spirit of Giving

Your **Outreach Committee is again promoting the Christmas spirit of giving.**

A tree will soon be on our scene to promote the

giving of toys and other things to families who seek help through Vina Moses. Also, as is our tradition, we ask for your support for Families in Transition, an arm of Community Outreach. Look soon for the wish list from these families for whom there will be no Christmas presents without our help. This program benefits every family member. For those who prefer not to shop, monetary contributions are appreciated! Note on the memo line of a check payable to Church of the Good Samaritan "Families in Transition".

—Paul Vecchi, Chairman Outreach Committee

Something NEW for the Food Baskets!

The Outreach Committee is trying something new with the Food Baskets – a monthly theme for your donations. The theme for January will be "Canned Food" — anything in a can - fruit, vegetables, sauces, coffee, meats. February's theme will be "Packaged Food." This encompasses a wide variety of things from packages of pasta to cereals, baking mixes, crackers, rice — you get the idea. March's theme will be "Paper Products" – paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissues, paper napkins for example. April's theme will be "Cleaning Supplies" – dish soap, laundry soap, bath soap, tooth paste and tooth brushes, sponges. Use your imagination in finding useful items to fit each "theme."

—Outreach Committee

PEP/Jackson Street Youth Shelter

The January Designated offering is shared between two non-profits that help children. The first, Parent Enhancement Program (PEP) supports teen and young parents and their children by providing parenting classes and support for parents when times are tough. PEP's goals are to prevent child abuse, delay second pregnancies until after teen years and improve parenting skills. In 2010 there were 240 wonderful families and 350 playful children that benefitted from the classes and special events, and from bus tickets that provide transportation for appointments, doctor visits and events.

The second beneficiary is Jackson Street Youth Shelter (JSYS) which furnishes emergency shelter for youths from 10 to 17. JSYS also provides crisis

stabilization and support for families and helps link them to other community services. And it is a safe place for youth who need a “time out” while working out their problems. The counseling, help with goal setting and finding safe, permanent housing are critical for the youth, enabling them to make positive changes in their lives.

Both PEP and JSYS are valuable parts of our community and deserve your prayerful consideration of support through the Designated Offering for January.

—Outreach Committee

Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition

The Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition was established to alleviate the problem of Homelessness in Corvallis. Many men were sleeping in doorways in the downtown area or in city parks, many without food or access to showers. Through the intervention of the Coalition some of this problem was alleviated. Currently West Side Community Church provides Shelter for these men. They can accommodate 40 men each night. They have a warm place to stay, a bed, they can shower, and nutritious food is available for them to eat. The Shelter is available for them starting in November until March. Community Churches sign up to supervise the men and to provide the food. Good Samaritan has participated in this program for several years now. We could use more volunteers. A Woman’s Shelter was started last year. Knollbrook Christian Reformed Church has provide the space for 10 women to avail themselves of shelter for the night. Similar provisions are available for the woman as the men. The Woman’s Shelter also begins in November and ends in March. Good Samaritan also participates in supervising the Woman’s Shelter. Volunteers to help are always needed.

Homeless School Children Project

Homeless School Children Project is coordinated by Carolyn Hinds. She works at keeping homeless school children in the same school. In the past because these children would move around so much with their families they would go from one school to another. Keeping them in the same school would provide consistency and the ability to relate to the

same children. One project Carolyn is currently working on is helping these families find rent. This would help stabilize their lives and no longer have to wonder where they will be. Please think about giving to these two organizations. You may be making some family real happy.

—Paul Vecchi, Chairman Outreach Committee

Spiritual Nurture Committee Re-forming:

The Spiritual Nurture Committee which has been on hiatus, is now re-forming. (Ha! Does that mean a “Reformation”?!?) Anyone is welcome and we encourage anyone to come brain-storm with us on ways we might lift ourselves and others to God. We will have an initial “organizational” meeting and decide then how often to meet, etc. Contact: Cammie Bella bellacd@peak.org , 542-753-0020.

—Cammie Bella

ECW News

Visit Greece via The December ECW Luncheon

The ECW luncheon at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 7, will feature a Greek menu. Luncheon will be followed by a program presented by Patricia Wickman and Cammie Bella. Patricia lived in Greece for two years and recently returned from her third visit. Cammie and Dave Bella enjoyed a recent sailing trip around the islands on their first visit to Greece. The combined presentation promises to be interesting and informative. Since the menu is a special one, the suggested donation is \$7.00 per person. Men as well as ECW members and guests are welcome. Please make a reservation at the church office or by contacting Ruth Burns (541-758-3551 or email ketchr@msn.com).

Ornament Exchange,

If you would like to participate in our traditional Christmas ornament exchange, please bring a gift-wrapped ornament with your name inside the package. The recipient of your ornament will pray for you during Advent and the coming year.

Gifts For Life

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) "Gifts for Life" catalogs are available at the Outreach bulletin board. Consider giving a gift of clean water, immunizations, nets to control malaria, seeds or tools for a garden, a flock of chickens, money for micro loans for small businesses or one of the many other "gifts for life" to those on your Christmas list.

A Special Thank You to those of you who made special gifts to Episcopal Relief & Development during November when funds were matched by a group of generous donors. Over \$1,000 had been donated in the first three weeks of the month through the ERD collection jar at the Welcome Window and, in addition, many of you contributed directly to ERD to take advantage of the matching funds. Together We Can Make A Difference By Continuing To Support The Millennium Goals!

ECW January Meeting

The ECW Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, in the lounge. The agenda will include the annual report for 2010, reports of the budget committee, the reception committee, election of officers for 2011 and projected plans for 2011.

All women of the church are automatically members of ECW and are welcome to attend the board meetings.

We are once again being asked to assist with wedding reception as well as memorial receptions. If you would like to participate in the receptions on a regular or occasional basis, please contact Patricia Wickman (541-752-4602). The ECW cooking committee prepares luncheons held the first Tuesday every other month, October through June. We have fun working together but additional volunteers would be very welcome.

Current officers of Good Samaritan ECW are Helen Dickason, president, Beryl Smith, recording secretary, Diana Logsdon, corresponding secretary, Dale Barnecott and Ruth Burns, co-treasurers, Patricia Wickman, reception chairman and Ruth Burns, program chairman. Susan Parks is a newly-elected member-at-large on the Diocesan ECW Board.

Happenings

Sunday October 24

Bishop Hanley Confirms seven Good Samaritan Parishioners.



Photographs courtesy Keith Dunlap

Labyrinth Guild News

The time for a change of Schedule

Sometimes I cannot believe that we are coming up on our 7th year of Labyrinth ministry here at Good Samaritan. We would again like to invite you to walk out the old year and in the new year with us. On Friday, December 31st from 5:00 p.m. – midnight, we will be providing multiple labyrinths, featuring the Butterfly Children's Labyrinth, Chartres Style and a Treble Clef made from local sheep's fiber. There are always places for walkers to rest along the way and/or in the Labyrinth's Center and chairs on the edge for those wishing to experience a seated quiet time.

We would like to thank all those that have support and participated in our 3rd Monday of the month walks during the past year. We hope that your schedules can accommodate the upcoming schedule

change. We also hope that this gives others the opportunity (for whom Monday may not have been the best day) to join us. So please remember there will be no Monday walk in December, and mark your calendars for the last Tuesday of the month (January thru November) to join us between 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting January 25th.

We will still continue to offer our annual Good Friday Walk (April 22, 2011) from Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Be Herrera & Gina Halter

Other Activities and Information

Good Samaritan Men's Breakfast Group

Consider this an open invitation to all male members of the church. The men's breakfast group meets twice a month (2nd and 4th Tuesday) for a meal and discussion at 7:00 a.m. and usually finish by 8:15 a.m. Members volunteer to provide the breakfast or a topic for discussion on an informal rotation. The menu ranges from simple fare (coffee, juice, cereal) to prepared dishes (casseroles, pancakes, etc.) Discussion topics are up to the presenter and have ranged from church issues (local, national or worldwide,) religious/spiritual/philosophical matters, health, local issues/elections to societal issues such as global warming and the Northwest earthquake threat.

You are welcome to come, break bread, meet the guys and see what we are all about. We will meet only once in December (12/14) and resume our normal schedule in January.

—Louis Nagy GSMB Coordinator,

Coffee Hour

We will be Hosting Kitchen Tours on the 1st Sunday of each month following the 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. Find out where things are located, how the dishwasher, oven, stove and coffee maker work. Bring a friend or pass on the invitation. Nothing feels better than being empowered without being obligated. There are no strings attached. Once a month we are offering a snack of Knowledge.

Information is also posted in Simpson Hall

about how you can help support the coffee hour. Many hands make light work and yours can share the load. Please consider adding your name to the interest sheet or taking a handout to look over.

If you have any questions please see or contact Gina Halter: cell 541-908-2874, email: stilledennie@conncast.net subject coffee hour.

—Gina Halter

Library Listings December/January

As we come to the end of a year and the beginning of a new one, maybe it is time to do a bit of re-evaluating on the direction our lives are taking to see if we are still moving in the direction we desire

Why Not Be A Mystic? - by Frank X. Tuoti —” In this book, the author presents the traditional teachings of mysticism in a fresh way so that each of us can open ourselves to an experience of the presence of God — here and now.”

Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment - by Joyce Rupp “—is a handbook for spiritual growth structured for reading and praying the scriptures throughout the year. The author looks at events, places, and objects common to our lives and finds the touch of God - a rainbow, a letter from a friend, a fallen leaf. These become focal points for sensitive, upbeat themes that help us communicate with the Lord.”

Healing The Purpose Of Your Life - by Dennis, Sheila, and Matthew Linn — “If the search for your unique identity and life's purpose has seemed agonizing and unfocused, this gem of a book is for you. The authors are wise spiritual guides.”—”For anyone facing a crisis of meaning in today's world of controversy and contention, this book returns us to a solid foundation that is grounded in love.”

Listening To The Music Of The Spirit - The Art of Discernment” by David Lonsdale, S.J.

“Living a spiritual life is a matter of making choices. In our everyday circumstances as well as at crucial turning points, the choices we make shape our lives. ...Explaining that the Holy Spirit is present in a wide variety of ways - in our experiences, gifts, desires, feelings, ideas, and ‘inspirations’ - Lonsdale shows how the regular practice of discernment can place us more

in harmony with God and one another.”

A World Waiting To Be Born - Civility Rediscovered by M. Scott Peck, M.D. — The author “has created an invaluable guide to a deeper and richer understanding of our lives - within our families, our workplaces, and our communities. He gives us powerful new reasons for hope and confidence in our personal ability to change ourselves and our world.”

Praying Our Goodbyes by Joyce Rupp. “It is a book for anyone who has experienced loss, whether it be a job change, the end of a friendship, the death of a loved one, a financial struggle, a mid-life crisis or an extended illness. It is designed to help readers reflect, ritualize, and re-orient themselves — to help heal the hurts caused by goodbyes and the anxieties encountered by change.”

—These books and more will be available on the two display shelves on the right as you enter the library. Do look them over!!! Many of them were in a recent gift to the library from Cammie Bella. Thank you Cammie!!!

Our small collection of books appropriate to the Advent and Christmas seasons will be available on the table in the hall across from the chapel. They are all available for check-out. Please remember to put the date of check-out on the card along with your name.

May the blessings of the holiday season be with you all. Edie Orner 541-926-5989

(All material in quotes is taken from book jackets/introductions.)

EGGS – Hard Boiled

Yes, it is getting cold. “Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat ... “And it’s time to think about Christmas gifts that may support human life on “this fragile earth, our island home.”

Once again, consider gifts that do not damage the environment, or may enhance it. Do you really need to buy over packaged products, which leave a residue of Styrofoam and other plastics that will take thousands of years to biodegrade?

Once again, consider memberships in environmental organizations as potential Christmas gifts. For your friends and relations in California, “Save the Redwoods” is a very visible and meritorious

organization that has saved thousands of acres of splendid coast redwood and sequoia habitat. For your friends and relations across the country, and indeed the world, the Nature Conservancy similarly has saved vast stretches of land from the real estate developer and the logger. Have you walked out Cascade Head at the coast, or visited the Table Rocks near Medford? More locally, consider a gift membership in the Greenbelt Land Trust, which has given us Chip Ross and Bald Hill Parks. You can find out more about all three organizations and order gift memberships at their websites.

Now, for your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, consider gift subscriptions to the splendid children’s magazines produced by the National Wildlife Federation: *Ranger Rick*, *Your Big Backyard*, and *Wild Animal Baby*. Check out the NWF website.

A final suggestion, for the person who “has everything”: consider a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development. Example: Since our daughter is a U of O alumna, in her honor we donate enough to ERD to buy a duck for a family in some corner of the world.

As a final note, the Solar Power group, headed by Bill Gazeley, is still pushing ahead with solar electrical generation for Good Samaritan. By the time you read this, the vestry will have been informed of the details and financial requirements of the project. If you would like to be informed, or even involved, in this effort, send me an e-mail: bwjfbecker@hotmail.com, and you will be added to the EGGS e-mail list.

May you be blessed in the coming year, and may your presence be a blessing to those around you.

—Bill Becker

Hummus

To All Israel Pilgrims - and anyone else interested - I don’t guarantee that my recipe meets the quality of what we enjoyed in Israel - but at least it is a start.

4 garlic cloves, peeled
1 large lemon
1 can (15-19 oz) garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained

2 T. tahini (sesame seed paste - available in health food stores and many supermarkets)

3 T. olive oil

2 T. water

1/2 t. salt

1/8 t. cayenne pepper

1/2 t. paprika

2 T. chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

pita bread

1. In 1 qt. saucepan, heat 2 cups water to boiling over high heat; add garlic and cook 3 minutes to blanch; drain.

2. From lemon, grate 1 t. peel and squeeze 3 T juice. In food processor with knife blade attached, combine beans, tahini, garlic, lemon peel and juice, oil, water, salt and ground red pepper. Puree until smooth. Transfer to platter; cover and refrigerate up to 4 hours. To serve, sprinkle with paprika and cilantro, if using. Serve with pita bread wedges. Makes 2 cups.

MEZE - little savory dishes to be nibbled before a meal or with drinks, are a tradition in Greece, Turkey, and the Middle East. Try any of the following with pita, along with feta cheese chunks, olives, radishes, chopped cucumbers and/or tomatoes: roasted red pepper dip, tzatziki, hummus, roasted eggplant dip with herbs, or baba ganoush. (I have recipes for these, too.)

—Eddie Orner 926-5989

People of The Parish

This is a new article topic which will appear hopefully on a monthly basis about various people of the parish. It is being written by Marge Mackin who will interview the highlighted person for the month and write the article. So maybe some day you may get a tap on the shoulder and find Marge with note pad and pen in hand saying “this is your life” or an opportunity to tell us a little about your life experience. Thank you Marge on behalf our readers for volunteering to work this project, I think it will be very interesting. If you have suggestions or knowledge of an interesting person for this project please direct names to me at newsletters@peak.org

—Dave Francis, Editor

A Women of World War II — Virginia Dean

In his book *Women of World War II*, Clarence E. Mershon describes Virginia Dean as “...a spirited, independent lady whom one might describe as feisty.” She is a well-known resident of Samaritan Village and a member of the Church of the Good Samaritan. As a veteran World War II WASP, Virginia and her WASP cohorts have recently been honored in Washington, DC at a Women’s Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. The honor has been long overdue - by 33 years!

Virginia has moved quite a bit in her lifetime, starting out in Tucson, Arizona and after a short time at the University of Texas - volunteered in 1943 as a WASP, putting her previous Civil Air Patrol training to good use. Her service as a WASP was not easy - not only because she was a women pilot - but also because the WASPS in her unit were tasked with towing targets for the men who were practicing anti-aircraft fire. She also flew damaged and old aircraft to the “bone yard” where they were mothballed from service.

The WASP program was disbanded in late 1944, and after returning to California, Virginia married. After some years in New Mexico, she remarried and returned to the University of Texas for her under graduate and Master’s degrees in nutrition. She eventually became head of the Department of Nutrition for the health department in Texas.

Virginia began to do more overseas travel after the passing of her second husband and now has been settled in Corvallis for about twenty years. She has overcome obstacles that many would have considered a great burden. Virginia and her WASP cohorts have well-earned the overdue honours that finally came their way.

—Marge Mackin



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A Change In Choir Vestment

Sunday October 31, Halloween Celebration at
 Good Samaritan



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The Bishop of Oregon:

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