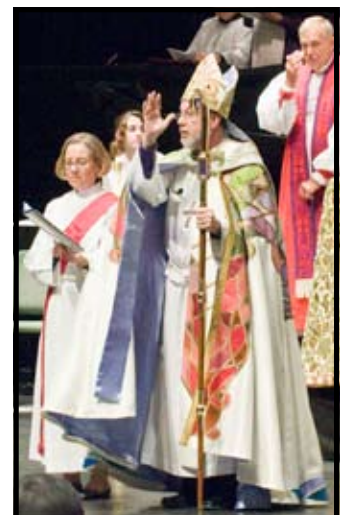




The Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop **Michael Joseph Hanley**

A Bishop in the
Church of God and
Tenth Bishop of the
Episcopal Diocese
of Oregon



From The Clergy



Simon's Corner

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Sadly, I have to acknowledge three resignations this month. The first is by our **Director of Music**, Chris Fresolone. I hope that you all received the letter which I asked him to write to you. His reasons have

nothing to do with Good Samaritan, his being welcomed or enjoying his ministry with us. Rather, he feels strongly called to return to Tucson and pursue his passion for teaching. Tucson is also where his wife's family lives. While I am disappointed that he is leaving us so soon after joining us I support his decision to follow his passion. I know that we all wish him and his family the Lord's blessing as they begin a new chapter in their lives. I am deeply grateful for everything Chris has shared with us in the short time that he has been at Good Samaritan. He has given us a vision for what is possible in our music ministry and that is his gift to us. I am in the process of calling together a discernment team to begin the process of searching for a new Director of Music. I will keep you informed of our progress. The good thing is that we have the job description ready to go and we have recent experience at the search process!

Stacy Meyer has also offered her resignation as our **Office Manager**. She will stay with us through the beginning of June. Again, this has nothing to do with Good Samaritan. Her husband, Steve, was transferred by the company that he works for to Pendleton in Easter Oregon. While I know that it has been a difficult decision for Stacy to leave Good Samaritan and Corvallis, obviously they need to be together as a family. I am deeply grateful for everything that Stacy has brought to our church community. She has been a real asset at the heat of our ministry as Office Manager. Again, I know that we wish her, Steve and Mischa every blessing as they move east of the Cascades!

And finally, the other resignation was by John Hays as a member of this **Vestry**. John is leaving the

Vestry for personal reasons. I am grateful for everything that John has contributed to our Vestry this last year and a half, especially the gift of his time and passion for ministry. I pray for the Lord's blessing for the new ministries that John is being called to.

On a happier note, I was delighted by **Bishop Michael's** visits to our parish; one parish-wide meeting, just before Easter, and another with the vestry and church leadership a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who came and participated in those gatherings. Both occasions were relaxed but informative. Our discussions underlined our need to continue to work on the mission and vision for our church community. We need a stronger sense of identity and direction. The Vestry is continuing to work on this vital discernment process!



Looking back, **Holy Week and Easter** was a very special time. I am grateful, as always for all of the countless volunteer hours that were given to make our holy celebrations possible – the altar guild, the choirs, acolytes, buildings and grounds volunteers, lay readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, Seder volunteers, clergy and so many others. Our attendance on Easter Day was the largest in many years – this was a special blessing and a wonderful affirmation of all the love and hard work that surrounds our community of faith. Thank you!

The formal dedication of the **Zimbelstern**– the new bells for our church organ – took place on Sunday April 11th. Maryanne Staton, her family and the choir were there for the blessing just before church. It was a wonderful way to honor Warren and the gift of his presence at Good Samaritan for so many years. On a similar subject, we plan to have the dedication for the narthex renovations after the flooring is installed.

Some things coming up...

- Lunch and training session for the Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors – Sunday, April 25th.
- Adult Forum on the Holy Land Pilgrimage – Sunday, May 2nd.
- May 3rd – 5th – Annual Diocesan Clergy Conference.
- Committee Night – May 11th at 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15th ECW Diocesan Women's Spirituality Day at Good Samaritan.
- Sunday, May 16th – Central Convocation meeting 2:30 p.m. at Good Samaritan.

Bless you in all that you do and are for the Lord.
—Simon

Holy Land Pilgrimage

As many of you know I will be leading a **pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from November 1st – 10th of this year. We will visit Tiberias; take a boat ride over the Sea of Galilee, see Caesarea Phillipi; go to the Jordan River; see many of the important sights in Jerusalem, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the Temple Mount, the Wailing Wall and the Mount of Olives and Bethlehem; we will spend a day around Massada and the Dead Sea, have a free day in Jerusalem and have another day visiting the Room of the Last Supper, King David's Tomb and the Israel Museum. The cost is \$2,698 with a \$350 tax and fuel surcharge, this included round-trip airfare from Portland, hotel accommodation and all meals. (*This assumes sharing a room – if you wish a single room there is a \$400 surcharge*).

I will be giving a presentation on the pilgrimage, which includes a video presentation on the trip, at the **Adult Forum on Sunday, May 2nd**. If you would like to know more, please come to the meeting after church on that morning or call or email me. This is a once in a lifetime trip, I would encourage those of you who can to join me! The closing date to sign up is Sunday, September 5th.

Simon simon.justice@gamil.com or 541-757-6647



Lance's Corner

Youth Group – *Youth Group will be shifting to a new day and time. It will now be happening on Sundays from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. We will be sharing a meal, music, worship and an abundance of fun with friends. **June 13th is the last day of regular Youth***

Group Meetings which will be a BBQ party. During the summer we will be camping, sailing, taking in a Shakespearean play, and sharing our time and talent for the benefit of others in this church and the wider community. Come join us on Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Graduates Luncheon – June 13 at 12:30p.m. Clergy, vestry, and the various youth and children's ministries leaders and volunteers will celebrate those who are graduating from High School or college by having a special luncheon to be held in the Lounge. If you or someone you know is graduating this spring please contact Fr. Lance so they can be recognized that day.

Sunday School - Immediately following our 10:00 a.m. services children gather in the Children's Library to hear a story of our Christian Faith. Afterward the children and workshop leaders go to different classrooms for different activities all focusing on a single theme. For the past several weeks the theme has been on Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. You can lend your support to these young people's walk with Christ in many ways. If you are interested in learning more please contact Fr. Lance at revlance@peak.org or by calling the church 541-757-6647.

May 23 (Pentecost) – children will have made doves and will carry these during the opening procession for the combined service celebrating Pentecost.

June 13 – *Last Day of Sunday School* – This is a day of celebration. Children receive special recognition for their participation and join in several fun activities. All are welcome to join in on the fun!

Nursery News - Please welcome Kim Fisher who is our new Nursery Coordinator. Kim and her family have been connected to Good Samaritan

church for many years and she is now studying at OSU with hopes of eventually opening her own childcare operation. Please come to our Nursery on the Education Wing and say hello to Kim as well as her various helpers. Currently Steven Philpott and Ellen Barry are our Nursery Caregivers. If you are interested in caring for our youngest members of the parish please contact Fr. Lance at revlance@peak.org or call the church and leave a message.

Safeguarding God's Children • Saturday, June 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Resurrection, Eugene

SAFE Church Trainings provides awareness in the areas of sexual conduct and sexual abuse issues for both employees and volunteers working within the congregations and organizations of the Diocese of Oregon. The Diocese currently offers three different programs that have been developed by the Church Pension Group: 1) *Safeguarding God's Children*, 2) *Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers*, and 3) *Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith*. In striving to live out our Baptismal Covenant we are called to respect the dignity of every human being. As the people of God in the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon we are committed to the safety of all God's people. This recommendation outlines who is required to attend which of the training sessions. **To register please go to the Diocesan Website http://www.diocese-oregon.org/Events/2010_Spring_SAFE.htm and submit the form online. Very easy!**

All things come from God. May we all understand the important role we each have in nurturing our young people who are such gifts in and to this church community and let us continue to encourage them (and ourselves) along this journey of faith. Amen.

Blessings,
◊◊ Lance ◊◊

Foundation

Spring Stirrings from the Foundation

2010 started with a bang at the annual meeting, as the congregation elected two trustees to serve on the Foundation Board. Diana Logsdon (a new member), and Robin Powel (a returning member) will

each serve 3 year terms beginning in February. We all thought we were off and running.....

Then, at our February meeting, Board President Father Al Lafon submitted his resignation from the board for health reasons. We quickly invited Wendy Francis to join our board and happily she accepted. Welcome Wendy! We will miss you Father Al!

At our March meeting Susan Richardson, our longtime secretary also submitted her resignation. Frequent trips to daughter Amy's house in Germany and the excitement of twin grandchildren due in April, not to mention a full time job just didn't leave her enough time to do it all. We miss you already Susan, and thank both you and Father Al for the years of friendships, guidance and dedicated service.

At this month's meeting, we finally elected our officers for 2010: President-John Shea, Vice Pres.-Lyle Jack, Secretary-Beverley Beckley, Corresponding Secretary Diana Logsdon, and Treasurer-Robin Powel. We also welcome Susan Parks as our Vestry representative. Susan you will be a wonderful addition to our meetings.

As we watch the Investment Market finally begin to recover, we have renewed our dedication to make sure all of the funds entrusted in the Foundation's care are invested wisely and appropriately. We are forming a committee to look at our investment objectives for the funds we currently manage. We will also explore all of the options available to us now under the Diocesan Investment Fund as well as other options yet to be identified. Ideally, this committee will be made up of members of our board, the church finance committee and members of the congregation. We invite you, especially those with experience in investing and managing investments, to join us in this undertaking. You don't have to be a member of our board, just a parishioner interested in helping us achieve our goal of providing financial support for the future needs of Good Samaritan Church. Please speak to any board member if you are interested, or drop us a note in the Foundation mailbox in the church office.

Respectfully, Robin Powel, Treasurer Church of the Good Samaritan Foundation

Vestry

Vestry Ministries

A review of responsibilities and expectations

Continuing from last month three more of the vestry members have provided descriptions of their responsibilities and expectations for the coming year.

Brian Gifford. Junior Warden



I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve as the Junior Warden with the responsibility for the buildings and grounds of our parish. I have always appreciated having the opportunity to be a steward of the physical church, and hope that I can help to pass on a better

facility to the next generation of Episcopalians in Corvallis.

Theresa Valentine. Spiritual Nurture



The spiritual nurture groups at Good Samaritan include Sacred Spaces, EGGs (the environmental-advocacy group), Episcopal Church Women, and the parish nurse program. I am interested in spiritual nurture because I believe it is important for each of us to grow as Chris-

tians and to help others with their growth. I have been blessed to work with some remarkable members of this congregation in finding ways to make a meaningful difference in the world we live in.

John Wells. Good Samaritan School Board



I hope to forge a closer relationship with Good Samaritan School during this year by attending the board meetings and being available to answer questions and to assist with whatever challenges arise.

Good Samaritan School

A paper from one of our 3rd graders at Good Samaritan School

My School

I go to Good Samaritan School. I am new here. But, I like it! We have Korean class and cooking class. Sometimes it smells like crayons and chalk. We have social studies, science, and P.E.

In P.E. sometimes we do swimming and in Mass you receive communion if you want to. We also study states. We have free time on Fridays, and we have math. We do Spanish and have birthdays, too. Music and art.

Now we are doing a play. We have a good playground with a play structure, swings, slides, monkey bars, tetherball, basketball hoops, soccer balls, and jump ropes. We type in writer's workshop. We look at vinegar and rubbing alcohol bubbles and look at Lemurs in a book. We read about hypotheses, we cook, we eat. We swim and play with friends (Cali, Emma and Anjali) on the playground. We clean our baskets, read, study fractions, recite poems, sing and play recorders. We eat cupcakes on birthdays and go to Mass.

I love it here!
Maggie

Our Wildlife Safari Field Trip Written by the 1st grade class

We went on a field trip to the Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon. It was far away. We saw many animals. We saw a black bear. A big emu pecked at the safari bus window! We saw two sleeping rhinos and a 10 foot long snake. We saw the enormous elephants and two swinging monkeys.

It was so much fun!



Vestry and Committee Reports

“That’s My Farmer”

“That’s My Farmer” — Sixth Season Underway!
The popular coupon project linking congregations and small farms in Benton County is beginning its sixth season. The Church of the Good Samaritan will join with eight other faith communities and 15 farms in the “That’s My Farmer” program in 2010. Participants will work together to raise awareness about buying locally grown products and making nutritious food accessible to people of all economic circumstances.

How it works: Colorful coupon booklets are available for sale after services at Good Samaritan, or at the office other times. Coupons can be redeemed anywhere participating farmers sell their products — namely farm stands and markets. Included in the cost of each booklet is a 10 percent donation toward the sponsorship of coupon booklets for low-income families. Some individuals may also donate directly to this low-income fund. The free coupons are distributed through several local emergency food and aid agencies. Last year members of eight congregations purchased over \$10,000 worth of coupons and generated \$2,000 in funds to purchase coupons for low-income families. We will have some opportunities to “shop” here at Good Samaritan and you will be able to redeem coupons on the spot!

Why coupons? The coupon program is designed to raise awareness in the faith community about the importance of supporting local farmers and building justice and equity in the food system. It is designed to build relationships between faith communities and farmers, giving producers and consumers an opportunity to understand each other’s circumstances. The program also facilitates low-income residents “participation” in farmers’ markets and farm stands, and increases their consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. Finally, it offers new economic opportunities to small farmers by building the customer base.

Other ways to Help:

**Support “That’s My Farmer!” in Benton County by purchasing greeting cards by local artist Jan Roberts-Dominguez. The cards feature vibrant watercolor paintings of fruits and vegetables typical

of Oregon’s agricultural bounty. Each box contains eight cards - two each of four images - and costs \$10 per box.

**“Jammin’ for the Hungry” will also be operating this year, to make jams and jellies available to local food banks. If you have extra 8 ounce or pint jars, lids or extra fruit to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Sara Power (929-7034 or 231-6772) or Sandy Potter (541-753-2109). Outreach Committee

Special Offering

Special Offering In May Designated For Boys And Girls Club!

The Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis has been designated by your Outreach Committee as the beneficiary of May special offerings. The club is “the positive place for kids”! Visit the clubhouse at 1112 NW Circle Blvd. and meet Executive Director Helen Higgins. Volunteers are always welcomed! The club offers supervised facility based programs for school age children and young adults (grades K-12). Youth can become club members for a \$ 25 fee. For more information about the club, visit the club on the web at www.bgccorvallis.org. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The club phone is 541-757-1909. The club includes a games room, technology center, gyms, outdoor recreation, an elementary learning center, art center, leadership clubs, and teen areas including a teen center, high school coffee shop, and middle school study lounge. Learn about the new audio mixing lab and digital photography classes! Free lunch is provided in the summer at noon, and supper is provided on school days at 4:00 p.m.

The club features the Ken & Dot Johnson Dental Clinic offering free dental services to children who do not otherwise have access to dental care.

The Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis was started by a group of parents as a summer baseball program in 1971. It was referred to as “The Boys Club”. The name of the organization was changed to “The Boys and Girls Club” in 1983. The Club held its grand opening at its most recent location in 1998. The Club has undergone many changes in its 39 years of service, and it continues to grow as it addresses the best ways to serve our youth and maintain a positive place for kids.

—Bob Bernhard for Your Outreach Committee

ECW News

Did You Know

ECW needs to sell the remaining Stained Glass III Cookbooks in order to help with projects for our church. This is a great-looking 3 ring bound cookbook, featuring one of our beautiful stained glass windows on the front cover, contains hundreds of delicious recipes submitted by present and former parishioners, and many helpful hints. And as we all know, Episcopalians are superb cooks! If you are new to the church this is a good way to identify your fellow parishioners, as well as a fine conversation topic. If you are an “old” member it will bring back memories of forever church friends. These cookbooks make excellent gifts (birthdays, weddings, Christmas, Easter, Mother’s Day, etc). During the week, the cookbook may be purchased through the church office. The cookbook will also be available to purchase on May 2nd between services in Simpson Hall as well as at Spirituality Day on May 15th.

The price is right – one cookbook for \$15.00 or two for \$25.00.

Happy Eating!

The Stained Glass III Cookbook Committee

Happenings

Have Fun and Help Others, Too

The Second annual Festival of Hope will be Saturday, May 22, at Linn-Benton Community College. The festival includes a 5K run/walk, a 2K run/walk and a 500m dash for the children. There is free entertainment all day long. From 7:30 - 10 pm, the Misty River Band will perform. Tickets for the show are \$18.00 for general seating and \$25.00 for center front stage and back stage pass. Contact albanyfestivalofhope.net

That’s the fun, but how do we help. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Pastoral Counseling Center as well as other agencies helping people in Benton and Linn counties. For more information, contact Deacon Peggy at 541-745-5816.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Episcopal Church 101

Once again we are meeting to learn a bit about the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments, the history and governance of the church, as well as try to answer whatever questions you have about the Episcopal Church.

We will meet in the Adult Library after the ten o’clock services for about an hour, starting Sunday April 25 and continuing to May 16. On May 23, we will tour the church and develop our Episcopalian vocabulary. Everyone is welcome for any or all of the classes. Newcomers, as well as old-timers who would like a brush-up, may find the series a benefit to enriching their experience in the pews.

—Deacon Peggy Bernhard

Gregorian Chant, Compline

We have come a long way in communicating the scriptures, from the 10th century monastery where monks celebrated the ‘Divine Office’ eight times a day at the proper hours using Gregorian chant to the 21st century YouTube, where many choirs can be seen and heard performing these chanted offices, in the comfort of our own home. A 4 minute 49 second video of portions of the Good Samaritan Sunday evening compline service has been made by Andrew Elliot a student at OSU and posted on YouTube at the following link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xatkWcow3c> We highly recommend that you check out this interesting and very well done video.

Sung Compline at Good Samaritan is every Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. (except the 1st Sunday of the month when it is replaced by a Taize service).

—Cammie Bella

A Special Dedication

As mentioned in Simon’s message, prior to the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday April 11 the Staton family, Maryanne, her two daughters Laurie and Clare along with her family members gathered together in the choir loft with Simon, Chris and the choir to formally dedicate the zimbelstern. This beautiful extension to the organs capability is known lovingly by the family as the Statonstern,

and consists of bells, similar to the smallest bells played by the hand bell ensemble, but modified to be mounted on a structure, behind the organ pipes, a flapper rotates making them ring. A switch and control knob on the organ console turns the zimmelstern on and sets the speed at which the flappers rotate and therefore the rate the bells ring, which is determined by the organists for the piece he is playing. The zimmelstern was donated by the family in memory of Warren Staton a fifty year member of the Good Samaritan choir who would have been celebrating his 93rd birthday April 4, Easter Sunday. A plaque with a picture of Warren and the control panel was blessed and is now hanging on the side of the organ casing at the second landing level as you go up the stairs to the choir loft at the narthex entry door. You are all welcome to take time to climb the few steps to the first landing from where you can see the plaque. As the inscription says Warren is “now singing joyously forever” Sometimes on a Sunday during a particularly moving part of an anthem I am sure we can hear his beautiful baritone voice singing along with the choir.

—Dave Francis, Newsletter Editor

Farms Feed Everyone

RSVP now for “Farms Feed Everyone,” a benefit dinner organized by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon to support local faith-based projects linking farmers, fresh food and low-income families, including the Westside Community Garden; the Community Kitchen and Micro-enterprise Program of Corvallis First United Methodist Church; “La Fresa Feliz” Buying Cooperative of St. Mary’s; and “That’s My Farmer!” Sunday, May 16, 6-8 p.m. at Church of the Good Samaritan. To register call 541-757-1988, ext. 307 or email thatsmyfarmer@gmail.com.

—Liv Nevin Gifford
Interfaith Food & Farms Partnership
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Other News/Activities

Mother’s Day Flower Deliveries!

Volunteers are once again being sought to deliver Mother’s Day flowers from Expressions

in Bloom florist on 9th Street. The fun begins the Wednesday before, with the greatest activity scheduled for Friday and Saturday before Mother’s Day. The florist sends a check to the Church of the Good Samaritan in exchange for the work provided by parishioners. The church received over \$1,200. for the delivery of Valentine’s Day flowers! A sign-up sheet for volunteering is located in the hall adjacent to the church office. Volunteers provide their own vehicle. The florist provides containers which accommodate the flowers. Deliveries go to Corvallis, Albany, Philomath, Lebanon, Tangent and other nearby points of interest. Volunteers usually help out for a shift of four hours; any help is appreciated! Volunteers check in with the florist when the load is ready to go, and then again when the deliveries have been completed. Thanks to all who volunteer for this project! If you do not drive or prefer to ride with a driver and function as an address spotter, that help is welcome, too! Questions? Contact Bob Bernhard at 541-745-5816.

Volunteers Needed!

Every week it is a pleasure for ushers and others to welcome newcomers and visitors to our church! One of our ways to welcome these people is to give them a bag with a loaf of bread and information about the church. We are looking for one or more persons who on Saturday would pick up loaves of bread from Great Harvest on 1st Street and deliver them to the church office for use on Sundays. For most Sundays we need 4 loaves.

We are also looking for volunteers to staff the church office on Sunday mornings. As much as possible, we have tried to make this a function of the vestry, but a number of vestry members are regularly engaged with other Sunday morning activities. Let us know if you would be willing to help out! We are trying to staff the office from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ideally, two people share the responsibility to allow each to attend a church service. Duties are very simple and outlined in a notebook headed “vestry representative” in the church office.

Each church service on Sunday morning is staffed by ushers (and others). Ushers perform an important ministry in facilitating each church service. Training is available! Ushers perform at least one Sunday per month and as scheduled. Ushers are

needed at the 8:00 a.m. service and at each of the 10:00 a.m. services. Ushers also perform as greeters, welcoming everyone to church and answering questions as necessary to make everyone feel a sense of welcome and caring!

To volunteer for any of the above, please contact Bob Bernhard, 541-745-5816.

Adult Forum in May

May 2

Holy Land Pilgrimage, 2010. Come and learn more about the pilgrimage that Father Simon is leading to Israel this fall. Presentation and Q & A.

May 9, 16, 23

Compassion as a Path to Healing. This 3-week series will explore the relationship between emotions and thinking, our individual and collective response to life's challenges, and the effect on our physical and spiritual well-being. Topics to be covered include the concept of the ego, emotional and self-awareness, mindfulness and prayer, and creating gracious and accepting spaces in our lives. Discussion will be grounded in scripture, studies of human systems, ecumenical insights from current authors, and personal experience. Discussion leaders: Dave Bella, Cammie Bella, and others.

—David Chaney

Icons

“Jesus is the image [icon] of the invisible God”
Colossians 1:15

As we enter the narthex of the church one cannot but notice two new icons on the north wall. One is of Jesus the “Pantocrator” or ruler of all; the other of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Him who is God. In our ecumenical age Christians from many



different traditions are discovering the spiritual tradition of the Eastern Orthodox Church. Icons are

a large part of this tradition. As we glance at these, we immediately see that icons are different from the religious art we are more familiar with in Western Christianity.

The first difference is that they seem unearthly. They do not look realistic. The purpose of the icon is not to reproduce earthly or physical realities, but to draw the viewer into the Kingdom of God. They are meant to be windows into Heaven. Through the wood and paint of the icon, matter is transfigured or filled with divine light so we can encounter Christ who is both within and beyond all physical realities. God who prohibited graven images in the second commandment, provides a living image of Himself in the flesh and blood of Jesus. As in baptism and the Eucharist, themselves transfigured or spiritualized matter, icons provide a means of encounter with the living God.

Traditional icons are never sentimental or meant to reveal the soul or emotions of the artist. Icons are always theological. They are expressions of the Christian faith. While there may be some variations, they always follow a certain theological form which has been consistent for almost two thousand years. To change the basic form of an icon would be akin to changing the words or story of the Bible to suit the whims or emotions of the translator. Technically the icon painter does not “paint” an icon. Instead he “writes” it. Because of the unchanged symbolism, there can be heretical icons. As with the gospels and creeds, icons are expressions of the Christian faith.

Having icons in the church is much like having pictures of our families in our homes. Images of Jesus, Mary and the saints are much like having pictures of mom and dad, our brothers and sisters and even crazy old uncles and aunts. They draw us closer to family and loved ones. So icons help to draw the Christian family to Christ and His saints. Icons are the Bible in pictures, only with a more theological bent.

One feature of icons, which can be unnerving, is that Jesus or Mary, or the saint depicted is frequently looking directly at the viewer. This is to engage or draw the viewer into the window of the Kingdom of God. It is a reminder that as we pray, God is also viewing or looking at us. Another feature is that icons are never three dimensional. They are not graven images so do not confuse them with earthly realities.

One question I have been asked is “Are icons really part of the Episcopalian/Anglican tradition?” After thinking about it, I would say that the answer is yes and no – the typical Anglican escape. While the use of Greek or Russian icons have not been specifically part of our tradition, we do have a rich tradition of religious art as found in stained glass windows and in illustrated Bible and Prayer Books. The Celtic Book of Kells comes to mind. We also seem to be an eclectic Church, borrowing from other Christian traditions when it suits us. For example, the traditional American Eucharistic prayer found in Rote One and older American Prayer Books is based not on the traditional Latin Eucharistic Prayer, but rather on more traditional Greek Orthodox Prayers. All this was mediated to us after the revolutionary War through the Scottish Church. The Great Litany and the Epiphany season are other examples of borrowing from Eastern Christianity. So while icons are not a direct Episcopal tradition, we do have a habit of borrowing and adding to our already pictorial traditions of stained glass and book illustrations. Icons are just more theological and ancient. They represent a rich tradition we can use in our present ecumenical age.

—Tom Stevenson

Library Listings April - May 2010

We have several new additions to our fiction shelf thanks to donations from several folk — Among them are these which are parts of series you may already be familiar with —

Books by Jane Kirkpatrick — All Together In One Place; No Eye Can See; Love To Water My Soul; The Gathering Of Finches; What Once We Love; and A Sweetness To The Soul.

And then there are two by Alexander McCall Smith in his #1 Women’s Detective Agency series: Tears Of The Giraffe and The Kalahari Typing School For Men.

Or what about these by Jan Karon: Shepherds Abiding; At Home In Mitford; and A Light In The Window.

We even have a copy of The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

or in a more serious vein - a couple of additions in the area of Devotional and/or Prayer and Meditation guides:

The Helper by Catherine Marshall or Secret Strength by Joni Eareckson Tada

Look for these and other titles on the display shelves on the right as you enter the Library.

Happy Reading. - Browse, - Borrow, - Bring - Back-
—Edie Orner 541-926-5989

Update on Health care Reform

From Day One: Immediate Benefits Of Health Reform

—Immediately effective upon signing (March 23, 2010)—

BENEFIT	HELP FOR	WHAT THIS MEANS FOR AMERICANS
Small Business Tax Credits	Small Businesses	Provides tax credits to small businesses to make employee coverage more affordable. Tax credits of up to 35% of premiums will be immediately available to firms that choose to offer coverage. (Beginning in 2014, the small business tax credits will cover 50% of premiums.)
Closing Medicare Part D”Donut Hole.”	Seniors	Provides a \$250 rebate to Medicare beneficiaries who hit the “donut hole” in 2010. (Beginning in 2011, institutes a 50% discount on brand-name drugs in the donut hole; also completely closes the donut hole by 2020.)

—Effective 90 days after enactment - March 23, 2010—

Immediate Help For The Uninsured Until Exchange Is Available	Families	Provides immediate access to insurance for Americans who are uninsured because of a pre-existing condition — through a temporary high-risk pool.
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—Look for information on benefits available 6 months after enactment in the next newsletter —

—Edie Orner 541-926-5989

Treasurers Report

SUMMARY through March 2010

	March Actual	March Budget	2010 Actual	2010 Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
Pledge Receipts	24864	29396	80986	88315	354249
All other DPA income	3221	2700	8171	8100	36400
Non-DPA income	1210	1067	3030	3201	12800
Total Income	29295	33163	92187	99616	403449
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4807	5128	14850	15384	61539
Personnel	20129	21421	61550	64263	257050
Administration - Operations	5375	4417	24310	22826	62575
Property	-25	2183	1711	6549	26200
Vestry Ministries	1236	1142	2585	3426	13700
Other Expenses	28	25	113	75	300
Total Expenses	31550	34316	105119	112523	421364
Net	-2255	-1153	-12932	-12907	-17915

1. Income:

- a) 2010 pledge income for January –March is 10% below the 2010 budget.
- b) Early Easter Envelop offerings totaled \$2352. I'll let you know the total next month.
- c) Vestry coordinated delivery of Easter flowers raised \$1216.
- d) Total income for 2010 is 7.5% below the 2010 budget.

2. Expenses:

- a) Our Property expenses for March were offset by the insurance payment for the repair of the Sacristy.
- b) Total expenses for 2010 are 6.6% below budget.

3. Bottom line:

- a) Our Net (Income – Expenses) for January – March matches our 2010 budget for the same time period.
- b) We currently have sufficient cash in our operations checking account. However, that may change as the year progresses.

4. What is DPA? A percentage (20%) of the income the Church receives for operations is given to the Diocese through the Diocesan Program Assessment (DPA). Non-DPA income is the income that we receive for the use of our facilities by other groups and offsets the direct expenses, e.g. heating and cleaning, that the Church incurs. DPA is not paid on this income.

Please direct questions to John Shea, Treasurer, John.Shea@oregonstate.edu, 541 754-6832.

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Casserole Connection

Spring is well underway and summer is just around the corner. We in Casserole Connection are here for those in need in every season. As the year goes by our parishioners continue to face illness, hospitalizations 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 Ann Blegan at 541 753- 7622 in May if you know of someone who could use our help.

—Bobbie Beck

Missing a DVD??

Someone from Good Samaritan donated a DVD player to the Habitat ReStore...with a DVD inside labeled "Olivia Bannister." The manager said he would hold it for the owner.

—Sandy Potter

The Assisting Bishop of Oregon:

The Right Reverend Sandy Hampton

The Clergy of the Parish

Rector	The Rev. Simon C. Justice
Assistant Rector	The Rev. Lance V. Peeler
Deacon of the Parish	The Rev. Margaret M. Bernhard*
Chaplain, Samaritan Village	The Rev. B. Shepard Crim
Priest Assisting	The Rev. Alvin P. Lafon*
Priest Assisting	The Rev. Tom Stevenson*
Rector Emeritus	The Rev. William R. McCarthy*

The Officers of the Parish

Senior Warden	Gail Wells
Junior Warden	Brian Gifford
Clerk of the Vestry	TBA
Treasurer	John Shea
Assistant Treasurer	Robert Bernhard

The Parish Staff

Director of Music	Chris Fresolone
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Office Manager	Stacy Meyer
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