

Good News from Good Samaritan



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This newsletter is being produced for the months of October and November. There will not be a newsletter sent to you in November. The December newsletter will also be for a two month period, the months of December and January, arriving in your mail box, e-mail or USPS, early December. February we will be back on our regular monthly schedule. I hope this will not cause anyone too many problems.

—David A. Francis, Editor

Please note that the Good Samaritan web site has been updated by Bob Jarvis and that the address has changed slightly reflecting that we are an Episcopal church. It looks great so please check it out.

The revised address is <http://www.goodsamchurch-episcopal.org>

From The Clergy



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

There are a number of important projects underway these next couple of months, let me give you a brief outline:

- The **2011 Stewardship Campaign**. As you know Bob Ringo has agreed to be our stewardship chair this year. So far he has recruited 8 stewardship leaders. They in turn will each recruit 4 stewardship visitors who will call on every member of the parish in October. Everyone will be receiving a Stewardship Booklet over the next few weeks. This sets out the vision for our church community for 2011. If you have any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to call me.
- **Bishop Michael's visitation** on October 24th. In addition to planning and preparing for Bishop Michael's visit to Good Samaritan Fr. Lance and I are preparing candidates for confirmation. I am preparing the adult candidates, Fr. Lance the young adult group. Please keep all of the candidates in your prayers as they take this

important step in their spiritual journeys.

- The search for a **new Head of School**. Susan Parks has been heading up the search committee as we discern the Lord's call for a new Head of School. Lots of work has been put in – we have been blessed with a number of very qualified candidates. As I write this I am happy to say that we have made significant progress with one candidate in particular and hope to make an announcement in the near future. I am also working with Mel McClave and the School Board Trustees to ensure a smooth transition between now and when Jane Edson retires. Again, a topic for prayer!
 - **Sunday's at 4 Concert series**. I am pleased to announce that Maria, our Director of Music is busily organizing the restart of our Sundays at 4 Concert Series. I don't have any details as yet other than the date of the first concert – Sunday, October 10th, followed by another on Sunday, November 14th. Make sure you mark your calendars!
 - Our **Holy Land Pilgrimage**. We have 12 pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land at the beginning of November. I am in the process of gathering the necessary information and finalizing all of the details.
- Dates to remember...*
- Saturday, October 2nd. First meeting of the

Willamette Valley Episcopal Churches Integrity Chapter at Good Samaritan. From 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Sunday, October 4th. 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals (Church Playground)
- Sunday, October 10th. First of our Sundays at Four Concert series.
- Tuesday, October 12th. Leadership Night at 5:30 p.m. in the church lounge
- Sunday, October 17th. National Episcopal School Sunday
- Sunday, October 31st. All Saint's Sunday – combined 10:00 a.m. Eucharist
- Tuesday, November 2nd. All Souls – Requiem Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 14th. 4:00 p.m. Sunday's at 4 Concert
- Wednesday, November 24th. 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist (chapel)
—Blessings, Simon



Sunday School is now in full swing at Good Samaritan. It is a blessing to join with our parents, grandparents, friends, ministry volunteers, youth and children in exploring our Christian faith and tradition.

I realize that teaching our young people about God is something that we

as parents (and a congregation) very much want to do, but we often don't feel equipped to do so. "God" questions can be a real challenge and they tend to crop up at the most unexpected times! How can we encourage our young people to become faithful, joyful and lifelong seekers of Jesus? How do we create an environment in which our kids understand that it is okay to be curious, ask questions and okay to wonder? There are many possible answers. Certainly one way is to be a regular participant in Sunday School and to be active in our community. Another way, is to keep looking for the presence of God in our lives 'outside' of church and then be curious, out loud, about what this means. I have included below, one way to go about having faith talk as part of our 'exterior' life together. It is a simple five to ten

minute activity that every family can do each day at home. Imagine what might happen if we made it a priority every day to actually talk about faith, God, Church and the world.

1. **SHARE** highs and lows of the day (*not to advise- just to listen in love!*) asking questions such as "When were you the happiest today?" and "When were you the saddest?"

2. **READ** and highlight a verse of Scripture from the daily lectionary readings or other sources for daily scripture (i.e. Daily Bread).

3. **TALK** about how the verse relates to your highs and lows.

4. **PRAY** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world. Keep it simple. God doesn't need fancy, just "real" ... and don't forget to listen!

5. **BLESS** one another. You can make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads or use the traditional "forehead, navel, shoulder/shoulder" crossing and say, "As we ... (start our day, go to sleep, etc..) may we be blessed in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit" or create your own blessing.

I pray that worship, Sunday School, daily prayer and conversation will become a regular part of your family's life and that you'll notice something significant happening within your family. This isn't meant to solve all your problems, but I believe this will help your family to ask questions and to grow stronger in love and faith as you tackle the challenges and celebrate the joys of life together.

May God richly bless all our families in learning, loving, and growing in faith!

—Fr. Lance

Volunteer Opportunities In Christian Education

Teacher:

3 week commitment teaching one rotation theme. Teachers are actively supported by the Sunday School Committee and Shepherd.

Shepherd:

No planning involved! Three month minimum commitment. Shepherds are the 'familiar face' being present with a particular group of children wherever they go

- Storyteller: on this journey through the year. 30 minute commitment. Each week we begin with a large group gathering activity.
- Snack: Bring in Healthy snacks/drinks for that day's Sunday school. Please no Peanut Butter to bless those who might have a significant allergy.
- Childcare: Volunteer in the nursery during the 10:00 a.m. services
- Special Events:
- Christmas Pageant (Dec. 24)* - assist with rehearsals beginning December 12.
- Advent Celebration (Nov. 21)* - assist with special activities/crafts and food.
- Bulletin Board: let the creative juices flow! A different board based on the current/upcoming rotation theme.
- Photography: capture and share what's happening in the lives of our children during Sunday school.

Christian Education Committee: 3 year commitment. Skills necessary – asking for help from God and our neighbors, creating, doing, listening, loving, laughing, learning.

To become a ministry volunteer, please contact Fr. Lance (lvpeeler@gmail.com) or one of our Christian Education Committee members:

Kathy O'Reilly (klo@q.com),
 Claudia Benfield (Benfield@burntangel.net),
 Stacie Peeler (sdjpeeler@gmail.com)

2010 Sunday School Calendar

October

- 3 – “Creation”
- 10 – “Baby Moses”
- 17 – “Baby Moses”
- 24 - “Baby Moses”
- 31 – Halloween Party

November

- 7 – “David”
- 14 – “David”
- 21 – Stir-up Sunday/Advent Festival
- 28 – Thanksgiving Weekend – No Sunday School

Youth Group News

During the Summer of 2011, active members of our Youth Group will be going on the first mission

trip in many years. There will be several opportunities throughout this year to support our fundraising goals which helps all committed and interested youth to be able to attend the event as well as to support the ministry we will be serving. Here are some upcoming fundraising opportunities for our Youth Group;

- October 6 – Wednesday - Spaghetti Dinner / Movie Night - \$5.00 for individual and \$10.00 for families
- November 10 – Dinner / Karaoke Night - \$5.00 for individual and \$10.00 for families
- December 15 – Parent's Night Out! – Suggested donation \$20.00 for 1 child and \$30.00 for 2 or more.
- Pepsi Machine – each purchase made and each bottle/can placed in the recycling bin is an act that supports our Youth Group. Remember to keep hydrated!

Youth Group Calendar 2010

October

- ** 1 to 2 – Friday/Saturday - Overnight Camping**
- 3 – Sunday – No Youth Group
- ** 6 – Wednesday – Spaghetti Dinner and Movie Night – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
- 10 – Sunday Gathering
- 17 – Sunday Gathering
- **24 – Confirmation Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday Gathering at 5:00 p.m.**
- 31 – Sunday Gathering for Trick or Treating!

November

- 7 – Sunday Gathering
- ** 10 – Wednesday – Dinner and Karaoke**
- 14 – Sunday Gathering
- 21 – Sunday Gathering
- 28 – Sunday Gathering

Church Staff News

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a new priest to Good Samaritan Church. Mother Julia Fritts is a priest from the Diocese of Maryland. Her last position was in the Diocese of Connecticut. Julia has recently moved to Corvallis and is in the process of discerning where her next call might be. One of the possibilities is for her to join us at Good Samaritan in a part-time position to help lead adult Christian education and spiritual nurture - it

all depends on the money that our 2011 stewardship campaign raises this year! In the meantime Julia has graciously offered to serve with us on a volunteer basis this fall. Please make yourself know to her and give her a warm welcome!

— Simon

Music Program



Dear congregation of the Good Samaritan,

It is so nice to be here, as I transition to the new role of Director of Music. I appreciate your enthusiasm and continuous support within the Music Ministry.

Since the first days of September, a number of new amazing singers joined

our Adult Choir, and our Junior High Choir grew to the total of eight singers! This is so exciting for me, as we continue to find new ways to enhance worship and express our prayers through the gift of music. However, our Youth Choir (high school singers) still remains understaffed. The practice is on Thursday night at 6:15, and I sincerely invite you to give it a try.

This year we are “resurrecting” our concert series, known as “Fourth Sunday’s at 4”. We have planned an exciting season for the congregation to enjoy and to be a part of. Variety of performances, including piano and organ recitals, Choral Evensong and a blended vocal program, are designed to widen your exposure to the world of music, bringing internationally acclaimed performers to our church and giving you the opportunity to meet them and to experience the power of live performances. These concerts will be held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Here is a brief outline of what is coming up this 2010-2011 season:

October 10 — Piano music of Liszt and Chopin (UO graduate students in piano performance, class of Prof. Alexandre Dossin). Enjoy an evening of romantic music and hear your favorite pieces performed by the younger generation of brilliant performers.

November 14 — Alexandre Dossin, piano (Assoc. Professor, UO). Alexandre is an internationally acclaimed pianist and recording artist for NAXOS label. It is my pleasure to introduce my husband and his profound expertise of piano playing to your congregation in a program of Russian piano music. For more information about the performer visit: www.dossin.net

January 30 — Paul Kosower, organ (Prof. Emeritus, UW Eau Claire). Paul is a well recognized organist and cellist, who taught both instruments for nearly 40 years at UW Eau Claire.

March 11 — Choral Evensong, Good Samaritan Adult Choir.

May 22 — Cyril Deaconoff, Russian/American conductor, organist, and composer, performing organ/piano music and his own works with a singer (mezzo-soprano). Currently, Cyril lives in San Francisco and is a free-lance composer, organist at St. Jose Presbyterian church in San Francisco, and conductor at Vallejo choral society and at Symphony Silicon Valley Choir. More info at www.myspace.com/cyrildeaconoff

I hope you will consider attending these unique concerts!

Thank you again for your continuous support!

—Maria, Director of Music

Good Samaritan School

Good Samaritan School Begins Its 18th Year

It is with much joy and excitement that we welcome 3 new teachers and 11 returning teachers and support staff to our school this fall.



Mr. Beck

Mr. Marcus Beck is settling into the 3rd-4th grade class in room. 11-12, Mrs. Olivia Klinkner is our new Physical Education teacher for grades K-4th and Mrs. LuAnn Ermer is joining the preschool staff as an assisting teacher in our 4 year old program. Joining Mrs. Klinkner are her 2 children T.J and Teagan in 1st and 3rd



Mrs. Klinkner

grades. LuAnn's daughter Sarah went through our preschool and kindergarten program.

We also welcome 28 new children and their families to Good Samaritan School this September. Our current total enrollment is 99 students from 68 families. Our international families come to us from as far away as Turkey, Korea, China, Uganda and Ethiopia.



Mrs. Ermer

The theme for this school year is "From Every Family, Language, People, and Nation." (See Presiding Bishop Katherine's letter). October is National Episcopal school month and we will be celebrating our school on

Sunday, October 17th at the 10:00 a.m. traditional service. The young people in our elementary grades will be Readers at this service and all our children will sing during the service. All our families have been invited to worship with us on this Sunday.

The "Open Plate Designated Offering" for October will be gathered for financial assistance for students and their families at our school. (See article by Sandy Potter). Please be as generous as you can for our families' needs are great.

Please know that everyone is welcome to visit our school. Please stop in at the School Office and register with us and let me show you our wonderful school. If you are interested in volunteering at the school please give me a call at 541-758-1255. Also, visit us often at our website www.goodsamschool-episcopal.org

In Christian love,
—Jane Edson, Head of School

Letter From the Presiding Bishop

My brothers and sisters,

I invite you and the school you serve to celebrate and proclaim your flourishing ministry by participating in the National Association of Episcopal Schools' 2010-2011 Episcopal Schools' October Celebration, the theme of which is From Every

Family, Language, People, and Nation.

I give thanks for the more than 1,200 Episcopal early childhood education programs, elementary, middle, and secondary schools, and initiatives to establish new schools. All are vital to the Episcopal Church's mission to encourage and nurture the hearts and minds of young people and their families. This year's Celebration theme is drawn from the Revelation. Together with the Celebration's other readings from Genesis and John, this is an opportunity to explore the magnificent diversity of the human family and the transformative power of the Word as it moves and is expressed through this diversity. Episcopal schools, while clear about their identities as Christian communities, are nonetheless places that welcome and treasure the significant racial, cultural, and religious diversity found in them.

This is what we are celebrating this year. We believe that the whole of creation is called to participate in God's reconciling mission—not just Episcopalians. The many families, languages, people, and nations that constitute the learners, teachers, and leaders in our schools are a sure sign of this hope.

The commitment of our schools to programs of access, inclusion, and support make this mission manifest. Such work is integral to the corporate lives and identity of each Episcopal school. Your ministry and welcome is a great blessing to the world and on behalf of the whole Church, I give abundant thanks for it.

May God bless your life and ministry.
I remain your servant in Christ,
Katharine Jefferts Schori

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

Report From The Vestry: Picking Up Momentum For 2011

At our August meeting, the vestry:

- learned that our financial situation is better than anticipated
- continued our collaboration with the Good Samaritan Church Foundation to smooth and strengthen our working relationship
- adopted a proactive mission and vision statement
- began forming goals for 2011
- finalized plans for our fall stewardship campaign

Our late-summer income and expenses are down, but not so far as in previous years. And because of faithful pledgers (as well as careful monitoring of expenses), we are set to end the year in better shape than we anticipated. In fact, we're financially healthier than we've been in years. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for your faithfulness.

Our fall stewardship campaign, headed by Bob Ringo, will include our first every-member canvass in recent memory. The personal visits from fellow parishioners, scheduled to begin in October, will give each of us a chance to talk about our hopes and dreams for Good Samaritan Church. We hope to raise \$420,000 in pledges for 2011. A stretch goal, yes. But I think we can rise to the challenge.

After nearly a year of brainstorming, we adopted a statement of mission and vision (please see below for the full statement). As we plan and budget for 2011, the vestry and Rector are continuing our step-wise refinement process to develop specific goals.

We continue to work with the Foundation board to harmonize our operations. The Foundation is developing a long-term strategic management plan that permits a regular distribution from earnings from donated funds. These earnings will be made available to the church for expenditures consistent with donors' wishes. The vestry will adopt a policy that ensures that donor-imposed restrictions on use

of funds can be tracked as the money flows through the church budget.

The post of vestry clerk is still open. Any takers? At the last meeting, your senior warden got the rotating duty of taking minutes. She was glad to help, but vestry deliberation is more thoughtful when we aren't distracted by writing down what everybody is saying. If you have good typing skills and a passion for accuracy, and if you can contribute about five hours a month, please get in touch with Father Simon+. We'll furnish a laptop computer.

—Gail Wells, Senior Warden

Mission, Vision, and Goals Statements

Since our retreat last September, a vestry subgroup has been working on a new Mission, Vision, and Goals statement for the Church of the Good Samaritan. A good mission, vision, and goals statement will clarify our purpose and help us develop practical steps for achieving it.

* Our **mission** summarizes succinctly the reason for our existence. It should answer the question: "*Why are we here?*"

* Our **vision** describes how we operate when we are fulfilling our mission. It should answer the question: "*What do we look like at our best?*"

* Our **goals** broadly set forth what we want to accomplish. They should answer the question: "*What are we doing to fulfill our mission and achieve our vision?*"

The mission, vision, and goals should cascade from general to specific, forming a coherent linked narrative of what we are about and what we are trying to do. A clear statement, we believe, will empower us to develop effective finer-level objectives and tasks.

Our Mission

To love one another and the world as Christ loves us.

Our Vision

- **Commitment.** We are a school for love within a covenant community. We worship, work, and play together, we build one another up, we grow in faith together, and we forgive one another.

- **Worship.** We worship the triune God in a variety of expressions, with and without words. We experience God's beauty and power in liturgy, music, art, nature, action, and silence.
- **Engagement.** We reach out to one another and the world with honesty and tolerance. We welcome strangers and strive to make them friends.
- **Service.** We work for justice, freedom, and peace in the world, experiencing our service as a natural outpouring of our faith.
- **Joy.** We are positive and hopeful, trusting in God's grace and mercy.
- **Responsibility.** We cherish and share all the gifts God has given us. Because of his generosity we can afford to be generous.

Adopted by the Vestry August 24th, 2010

Our Vision For 2011

The leadership of the church has spent a great deal of time thinking and praying about our vision for the coming year. Here is a brief summary of where we believe the Lord is calling our church community in 2011:

- **To have a balanced budget.** We have been struggling with a deficit budget since 2008. Since 2008 we have used over \$75,000 of our reserve funds to meet the day to day expenses of our church. Our vision is to have a balanced budget for 2011.
- **To enhance our ministry with newcomers.** We believe one of the most important priorities of our church is to nurture new believers. We feel that we are called to place new energy into this vital ministry.
- **To increase our social programs.** "We are a school for love within a covenant community. We worship, work, and play together, we build one another up, we grow in faith together." We want to increase the opportunities for people to 'play together and build each other up.'
- **Enhance our adult education and spiritual formation ministries.** Knowing and experiencing more about our Christian faith tradition is central to our mission as a church community. We have a vision to extend and deepen this vital ministry.

Adopted by the Vestry August, 2010

Thank You's

To the Vestry of the Church of the Good Samaritan

The women of the Primary Purpose AA Group would like to express our deep appreciation for the use of the lounge every Monday evening. It is such a comfortable and convenient space! Since moving back to this church, and especially this room, our attendance has increased, and many women have commented on how safe and welcome they feel in this setting.

Please know how much we appreciate your generosity and welcoming attitude.

—Sincerely, Primary Purpose AA Group

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of toiletries. These items are greatly appreciated by our clients who, in seeking a life free from violence, may have left everything behind. Your support is a great encouragement to them. Thank you.

—Crystal Kelley, Development Director, Canter Against Rape and Domestic Violence

On August 1, local parishes gathered to celebrate your communion in faith at the 10th Annual Mid-Valley Episcopal Churches Eucharist and Picnic. At this inter-parochial celebration a special offering of \$250.96 was collected to support the mission of the Pastoral Counseling Center. This generous collection will help us to offer our compassionate and competent services to individuals, couples, and families, based on their need for care rather than their ability to pay.

On behalf of our clients and their counselors, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to your congregations for these contributions, as well as for the sponsor church covenants you keep with us in order to sustain our ecumenical ministry of hope and healing. THANK YOU!

—Anthony Terndrup, Executive Director, Pastoral Counseling Center

Members at the September general meeting of We Care heard good financial news. We Care was the recipient of proceeds from the Benton County

Sheriff's Office Chili Cook-off of over \$10,000! So far in 2010 We Care has assisted 189 cases of which 117 were families with children. Of the \$47,525 of help given to date, the major requests continue to be help with housing expenses (78%), followed by utilities (17%), with medical and transportation assistance (5%).

—Outreach Committee

News From Friends of Good Samaritan Music

Dear friends

It is with great pleasure that I announce plans to resume our Fourth Sunday at Four music programs beginning this fall. Our gifted Music Director, Maria Dossin, has organized five programs to be presented throughout the Church Year.

Performers will include her husband, internationally acclaimed pianist and University of Oregon Piano Faculty member, Alexandre Dossin. Alexandre came to the United States in 2000 as a competitor in the Van Cliburn Competition in Austin, Texas.

Our first concert will be held Sunday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m. and will feature several U of O PhD candidates playing music of Liszt and Chopin. Subsequent programs will include organists Paul Kosower and Cyril Deaconoff. Our Good Samaritan choir will sing an Evensong in March.

As you might expect, as in the past, we are asking for donors to support this series. We would also welcome your help in organizing printed materials. Please contact me at 541-758-5033 if you wish to become a supporter of this program.

—Harry Burrige, Friends of Good Samaritan Music

October Special Offerings

Good Samaritan School Financial Aid Fund

School has started and the halls of the education wing are filled with eager students! The Good Samaritan School Financial Aid Fund is the recipient of our October Designated Offering. This is most appropriate since October is the month in which the whole Church celebrates the ministry of Episcopal schools.

Under the direction of Jane Edson, Good Sa-

maritan School has grown to include children from pre-school to fourth grade. The school's mission is to nurture the children's spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical and emotional development and to affirm them as God's unique creation. Toward that end every effort is made to accommodate those who want to attend, regardless of the financial means of the family.

School fund-raisers help to provide financial aid, but these are still not enough to give help to all who need it. This year applications for financial aid come to over \$12,000. There are a variety of needs and of the 75 children in the preschool and elementary school, half or more receive some kind of financial aid assistance.

Walk down the hallway on a school day to see first hand what students and teachers are doing. Ask Jane Edson about some of the students who have received scholarships –wonderful, heart warming stories!

When you consider your designated offering in October, please be as generous as you can. Your gift will help provide a wonderful Christian school environment for many children in need.

—Sandy Potter, Outreach Committee

November Special Offerings Slated For Grace Center!

November special offerings are scheduled by our Outreach Committee to benefit Grace Center for Adult Day Services. The Center, located at 980 NW Spruce Avenue, is headed by John Hogan, Executive Director. The mission is to promote health, dignity and independence for frail elders, disabled adults and their families. Donations help the Center staff to better serve the participants through scholarships which allow staff to provide care for many adults who otherwise could not afford adult day services, and by giving their caregivers much needed respite and support. Donations also allow Grace Center to offer an array of services and activities including health monitoring by a Registered Nurse, a range of exercise programs, arts and crafts, music therapy, field trips, guest entertainers and nutritious lunches served daily. In addition to monetary contributions, Grace Center needs your help! Reap the rewards of making a difference in the lives of others by

volunteering your time and talents to Grace Center. Contact Rene Knight at 541-754-8417 or email gracecenter@comcast.net.

—Bob Bernhard, Outreach Committee

Outreach

The outreach committee is putting on a Spaghetti Dinner on November 6, 2010 in Simpson Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We are raising money for the flood victims in Pakistan. Suggested donations are \$5.00 person or \$10.00 per family. Come enjoy a real Italian meal prepared by Paul Vecchi using his grandma's famous recipe. Sign up will be by the Church office.

—Paul Vecchi, Outreach Chairman

Join The Staff Of Ushers At Good Samaritan!

Opportunities exist for parishioners to volunteer time as ushers on Sunday morning services! This is a great way to facilitate the services as well as to greet and assist newcomers and fellow church members. Training is available! Contact Bob Bernhard, 541-745-5816.

—Bob Bernhard, Parish Life

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers

Do you know how state budget shortfalls will affect our senior population? Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers has invited State Representative Sarah Gelser to give Caregivers volunteers and other interested persons her insights into the budget situation facing Oregon in the next year. The program will be Wednesday, October 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Samaritan. Please join us for an informative talk and discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Clothing for The Homeless

Over the past 3 years, the people at Good Samaritan have been extremely generous in their donations of clothing for the homeless, particularly for the men who take refuge during the Fall and Winter months at the temporary shelter established for them. This year I have been asked to request that

donations of clothing be taken to the Vina Moses Center, at 968 NW Garfield Ave.

The Vina Moses Center distributes clothing and other donations to the homeless and families in need, and has been in operation since Vina Moses founded the center during WWI. Here is a link to their programs and services. <http://www.vinamoses.org/donate.htm>

All items donated are distributed free of charge, and it is perhaps the single best way to help those in Corvallis who would benefit in all ways from your donations. The Center's phone number is 541-753-1420, and I am more than willing to assist people in getting clothing for men, women and children to the Center as I have been to the shelters over the years. This winter has the potential for being one of the most severe in many years, and as they have in the past, anything that you can give would be most welcome.

—Richard Halter

Buildings and Grounds Report

We all see the value of Good Samaritan in our lives and for our families and our community.

We all support our church with our attendance, worship and financial donations. Many of us also find other ways to contribute to the work of the church. I have over the years found I seem to be best suited working with the Buildings & Grounds Committee, a standing committee of the Vestry. Membership is voluntary and is open to any member, male or female, of the parish. The chair person is appointed by the rector. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. At the meetings we review project requests, discuss new building needs, review building use and cost needs etc. The junior warden is always a member of the committee and is the communication route to the vestry.

A work party is usually held on the following Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The work party efforts include items like painting, garden maintenance, moss control, window cleaning, general upkeep etc. Much work is also done at other times as we each have the time and inclination.

It is important financially for the committee to function effectively because their work provides "no cost" solutions and efforts that otherwise would need to be done by paid outside contractors.

Last but not least the committee permits the members to enjoy one another's company and provides satisfaction for the results of their efforts. We would gratefully welcome newcomers of all ages particularly young agile help for us old timers.

—Dick Christensen, committee chairman

Worship Committee Report

Good Sam Welcomes Back A Joyful Noise!

At the latest Worship Committee Meeting, new Music Director Maria Dossin joined the committee via teleconference. I and the rest of the Committee are very excited to welcome her talent, energy and dynamic presence to the music programs at Good Samaritan. From the expansion of the Choir to the return of the Fourth Sundays at 4 concert series and all other notes in-between, we are very pleased to have her here at Good Samaritan.

Acolyte training is on October 10th after church (lunch provided), the Blessing of the Animals is at 4:00 p.m. on October 3rd, and Good Samaritan has been selected to participate in an online survey by Church Publications, regarding their initial steps to create an updated Hymnal scheduled for release in 2018. Father Simon will be leading over a dozen people on a November pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the last Sunday in November is Stir-up Sunday.

Blessings To You All,

—Richard Halter, Worship Committee Chairman

Spiritual Nurture Committee

A potluck was held September 6th at Cammie and Dave's to brainstorm ideas.

This committee has not met for a year due to lack of a chairperson and the desire of the group to not schedule regular meetings. We have held several varied events (retreats, book studies, classes, etc.) however. If there is a desire to re-form a committee which meets regularly, please step forward if you're willing to provide leadership. In the event no one is called to do this, we will continue to provide spiritually nurturing opportunities on an event-by-event basis.

—Cammie Bella, ex-officio SNC Chair

Sacred Spaces Committee

SSC is currently engaged in some long-term planning since we are currently out of funds. We're now looking at updating the office hallway and ideas for Simpson Hall. The display boards for the closet doors in the Lobby are "in progress" as the fabric is back-ordered. They will hopefully be up by the end of October. This will add some display space just as folks enter and will include "Upcoming Events". Please ask Laura or one of the SSC members to initial and date any materials you wish to place on any of the bulletin boards. We will be purging them periodically to de-clutter. Typically things would remain up 30 days at a maximum. Susan Leding has resigned from the SSC. Dee Yarnell has graciously joined us.

—Kristi Amsberry and Cammie Bella, SSC Co-Chairs

Partners Place: New Homes for the Homeless

Partners Place is on its way. As Barbara Ross, Project Manager, told an Adult Forum group, it is a project of the Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition which will feature seven apartments for 14 to 18 chronically homeless persons: men, women and couples.

The philosophy of Housing First, a national initiative, is to put homeless persons into housing as the first step in helping them. When the tenants have a safe place to live, they no longer have to focus on finding a place to camp and protecting their belongings. If they are sick or in pain it is hard to get to the Stone Soup meals. An on-site manager will supervise and a case manager will help tenants form their own personal plans. Residents will pay one-third of whatever income they have and stay as long as they wish and abide by the terms of their lease.

ECW and the Outreach Committee are accepting the challenge to supply the seven apartments with basic kitchen equipment. Items do not need to be new and can be surplus from your own kitchen or from thrift shops. They can be placed in labeled boxes under the coat racks across from the office. Please include a list of items with your contributions. Cash donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to Church of the Good Samaritan, with

Outreach-Kitchen” in the memo line and placed in the Outreach mailbox in the office. Although occupancy is scheduled for January, we would like to complete our drive as soon as possible.

What the research shows:

Studies of Housing First projects show that it is much less expensive to provide apartments to chronically homeless persons than it is to leave them on the streets. Providing housing reduces emergency room visits, hospital costs, jail stays and criminal justice system expenses. When homeless persons are moved into permanent housing their health improves and their involvement with law enforcement goes down.

Questions: Call Maryanne Staton (541-753-7154) or Sandy Potter (541-753-2709)

Items needed:

4 each of dinner plates, salad plates, bowls (soup/cereal), 8-12 ounce glasses, knives, forks, teaspoons, tablespoons, placemats, cups and saucers or mugs, 1 or 2 serving spoons; measuring cup and spoons, mixing spoon(s), spatula (plastic, for teflon), knives (2 sizes), can opener, scraper type spatula, pot holder(s), dish towels (2), dish cloths (2), dish pan/drainage, S&P shakers, mixing bowls (2 - small and medium), baking pan (8x8 or 9x13), casserole dish (perhaps w/cover), frying pan/lid, sauce pans/lids (2 sizes), toaster, coffee maker (small or large OK). Copies of the list are available on the ECW bulletin board.

—ECW and Outreach Committee

A Good Movie and Popcorn Can Make a Great Ministry

An idea that was brought up at the Spiritual Nurture Potluck, hosted by Cammie and Dave Bella, was to take advantage of the new projector and screen in Simpson Hall and have a monthly Movie night at Good Samaritan. We have had such a program in the past, and it would be a wonderful addition to the church social calendar.

If there is a person (or two or three people) enthusiastic about organizing the event and selecting films of significance, spirituality and/or just plain fun (imagine trying to explain all the jokes from the movie “Airplane” to your children or grandchildren,

for example), please contact Cammie Bella or Richard Halter. The Communications Committee would be there to help you publicize and advertise.

Hot popcorn and a good movie with friends, a capital idea!

—Rich Halter

ECW News

ECW Will Offer A New Class:

“Yoga and Christian Compassion”

Angie Greenwood, one of the most popular workshop leaders at ECW Spirituality Day last May, will be giving a series of four Christian Heart Yoga classes on Thursday mornings in October. The class will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Singing, physical poses (as gentle as needed), deep relaxation and guided meditation are involved. No previous instruction in yoga is necessary. Cost: \$10.00 per person per session. We need a minimum of ten people. Although it is preferable, it is not necessary that you be able to attend all four sessions. Childcare will be available if requested.

Please contact Ruth Burns (541-758-3551 or ketchr@msn.com) for more information or to make a reservation for the classes.

ECW October Luncheon

ECW will meet for luncheon at noon on Tuesday, October 5. A program entitled “My Journey in Search of My Native American Heritage” will be presented by Lorna Avery Scott following the luncheon. Lorna will briefly cover the history of the Siletz Tribe and its presence here in the Willamette Valley. She will also discuss the spirituality of the Native American culture. This promises to be a very interesting program and we hope you’ll be able to attend. Guests are welcome.

Please make a reservation in the church office or by calling Ruth Burns at 541-758-3551 or email ketchr@msn.com. Suggested donation: \$5.00.

If you would like to help with planning, preparing or serving the luncheon please call Helen Dickason (541-753-5348) or Ruth Burns.

ECW To Present “Dessert Theater” In November

We are fortunate to have a number of very talented women among our members. One of these has graciously agreed to share her time as well as her talents by presenting a special evening program for us on Tuesday, November 16th. Charlotte Headrick, Theater Director at Oregon State University, will be directing “The Coming of Rain” by Richard Marius in November. OSU’s production will be the West Coast Premiere of Marius’ play, adapted from his award-winning novel of the same name. The story is set during the reconstruction period following the Civil War and centers around a group of Union and Confederate Civil War veterans in East Tennessee. At the heart of the play is a murder mystery coupled with a love story. We are hoping that some members of the cast will be able to join Charlotte in her presentation. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to be a part of this very special evening. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program.

This event will be held in the Lounge. Seating will be limited to 50 people so reservations are absolutely necessary. Please sign up on the reservation list in the office. There is no charge for the evening but donations will be gratefully accepted to cover the cost of refreshments.

Richard Marius was Charlotte’s teacher and undergraduate adviser at the University of Tennessee. He was a graduate of UT, later earning a PhD in history from Yale University. He was on the history faculty at the University of Tennessee for many years then later headed the Expository Writing program at Harvard University. After retiring from Harvard, he continued to write until his untimely death in 1999. Richard Marius was a finalist for the National Book Award for his biography of Sir Thomas More.

ECW December Luncheon

ECW’s December luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 7, in Simpson Hall. Patricia Wickman and Cammie Bella will have both returned from trips to Greece and will present a program relating their experiences. Patricia lived in Greece for several years and this is Cammie’s first visit

so their perspectives will be quite different. Table decorations and the menu will also have a Greek theme so this promises to be a very festive event! Although that’s a couple of months away, be sure to put the date on your calendar. You won’t want to miss this event. Guests are welcome. Suggested donation: \$5.00. Please make a reservation on the list in the church office.

Susan Parks Appointed To Diocesan ECW Board

We are pleased to announce that Susan Parks has been appointed to serve as a member-at-large on the Diocesan ECW Board. The ECW Board includes representatives from the Diocesan Altar Guild, United Thank Offering, Church Periodical Club and Daughters of the King as well as Episcopal Church Women. The Rev. Deacon Nancy Crawford, St. Mary’s, Eugene, is the current president of Diocesan ECW.

All women of the church are automatically members of ECW. The Diocesan ECW meets annually for a luncheon at Convention and for ECW Spirituality Day hosted by a different Episcopal church or group of churches each spring. Good Samaritan hosted 147 women for Spirituality Day in May 2010.

Diocesan ECW Luncheon Friday, October 29

The Rev. Irene Radcliff, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio, National ECW Member at Large Social Justice, will be the guest speaker at the Diocesan ECW luncheon on Friday, October 29, at the Hilton Hotel, Eugene. New executive officers will be elected and new board members will be introduced. The luncheon will follow the eleven o’clock Eucharist at the Diocesan Convention. Registration and payment for the luncheon (\$22.00) can be made on line or by contacting Nancy Crawford (541-543-1122) or nancy@saint-marys.org. If you wish to make arrangements for carpooling, please contact Helen Dickason (541-753-5348).

Our Village Well Will Become A Reality

Thanks to the generosity of members of the parish, we received donations totaling \$4,000 to finance building a community well in a village in one of the 47 countries served by Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). The Outreach Committee will donate the balance from the Birthday and Thank Offering to reach our goal of \$5,000.

Please continue to fill your HOPE boxes and be as generous to ERD as possible. Our ERD collection jar will be kept in the office for your convenience. Checks intended for ERD should be made out to the church but with “ERD donation” on the memo line. If you wish to donate directly, special ERD contribution envelopes are available in the office. Donations may also be made online. The need for funds does not end with our special village well project.

Thanks Again To All Of You Who Contributed!!

ECW Bake Sale

Once again ECW will be featuring its annual pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale. This will be on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will be selling coffee cakes, cookies, dinner rolls, candy and jams and jellies. We are hoping you men and women of the parish will once again donate your specialty. Please bring your donations on Saturday November 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Of course, we will happily accept items on Sunday Sale Day if that fits in with your schedule. Please bring items prepared and wrapped to sell. And if you don't bake, come and buy.

—June Carter and Cathy Coleman

Happenings

Got peace? A new offering for Spiritual Nourishment!

Autumn is often a hectic time of change and challenge. But it's also a season that quietly pulls us inward to a deeper connection with the Divine. Here at Good Samaritan we will be offering an innovative approach to deepening our prayer life and “getting peace”: body prayer and moving meditation in the

form of Tai Chi. This ancient art is well known for its many physical benefits for all ages - increasing strength, balance, bone density, flexibility, and lowering blood pressure, to name a few. It is also known to increase mental focus and clarity, and to enhance our spiritual growth: it is meditation for those who love – or need – to move. Body prayer is yet another way we can offer our attention and our devotion to God. Come bring a friend and join in this six week course of Tai Chi led by Mother Julia Fritts, an Episcopal priest, physical therapist, acupuncturist, and Tai Chi teacher. Register early at motherjuliags@peak.org to learn this form of body prayer and moving meditation for all ages that strengthens body, mind, and spirit! *Tuesday evenings, October 12 - November 16, 7:00 p.m. in Simpson Hall. \$50.00 for the six week course, or \$9.00 per class.*

Other Activities

It's Official!

Like everyone else, I am pleased when my efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Many people have been very kind in complimenting me on the cleanliness of our church facility. From parishioners, clergy, visitors, our many outside users, to the mail carriers, FedX, and bus drivers that often make a brief stop.

Thanks to all.

Good Samaritan's ECW recently hosted a spirituality day for all of their members throughout the Diocese. At the conclusion of the event I was told we have “one of the cleanest churches in the diocese,” and that we received an A times 2.

So now it IS official.

—Dee Dee Larew

Sign Up For Altar Flowers

Would you like to remember someone with flowers on a memorable Sunday? To reserve ANY SUNDAY THIS SCHOOL YEAR, just take a sheet entitled “Altar Flower Offering” from the bulletin board by the church office, fill it out, then return it

to the Flower Ministry Box in the office. That way I'll save your date and check with you closer to the Sunday.

The cost for flowers is \$60.00 each Sunday. However, any amount you contribute is most welcome. Payment is due the Monday before your flowers are to appear on the altar. Remember to put "Flower Fund" on the memo line. I am extremely proud that our weekly offering of flowers is a volunteer gift and not a part of Good Samaritan's budget.

—Beryl Smith, Call me anytime 541-753-5600

Casserole Connection

October — colorful trees and shrubs, fields of pumpkins, and the cooler nights tell us fall is here. And Casserole Connection is here too! As always we are available to help anyone in the parish who could use the support of a main dish because of any special need. For this month (October) please call Alice Jack at 541 752-2920. She will be most happy to make the necessary arrangements.

—Bobbie Beck

November —Do you know of someone in the parish who is ill or maybe there is a serious illness in the family? Or possibly someone who has had surgery or the happiness of a new baby? These and other occasions might call for the support of a main dish casserole. Please call Patty Fry at 541 753-6252 during the month of November. She will be most happy to have one of our willing and most able cooks see that this need is met.

—Bobbie Beck

The Newsletter Mailing Group

Thanks to the generosity of family and friends of Frank Gessford, last month's mailed Newsletter contained a special COLOR insert. Frank, a long-time faithful member of our mailing group, passed away in June. Since we joined the Newsletter mailing crew in 2001, we have been saddened to lose others of our group – Alan Anderson, Beth Strong, Betty-Ann & Louis Freark. Our numbers are dwindling, and we would welcome anyone who would like a once-a-month job folding and labeling newsletters,

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

—Tony Denyer (541-758-0196) tonydenyer@aol.com

Announcing Convocation-Wide Integrity Meeting at Church of the Good Samaritan

Prospective members and interested persons will gather in the Lounge at Good Samaritan at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2nd for an organizational meeting of Integrity, the national outreach and advocacy organization for LGBT people and their allies within the Episcopal church. It will be an opportunity to learn about the work of Integrity in the diocese and especially discover more about the Believe Out Loud program. We expect participants from throughout the Central Convocation as well as the Corvallis area. We hope to begin quarterly Integrity meetings at Good Samaritan. We will seek ideas from those in attendance and plan activities for the coming year.

—Karen Stevens

Library Listings

September-October, 2010

Since we have elections coming up in the near future, it seems appropriate that we take a look at some of the social policies of our own church as well as what other thinkers have to say about the social implications of Christianity in general. Social policies more and more influence the politics of our nation.

To begin with, it seems like a good idea to start with the social policy statement of our own Episcopal Church of America:

ENGAGE GOD'S MISSION - Policy for Action — we have two copies available for check-out; I think there is a more recent statement of these policies and if so, I will try to get copies - but these can suffice for now —

and of course, from our own Bishop Katherine +

Gospel In The Global Village — which "takes readers along on a spiritual journey from Canterbury to Kansas, from the Bronx to Brazil, as Bishop Katharine reaches out to communities of faith around

the world with a message of justice and peace.”

And Others—

Christianity And The World Order by Edward Norman — “....an attempt to isolate and identify the political and social ideas employed by contemporary Christians....a wide ranging discussion of present tendencies.....”

The Naked Public Square - Religion and Democracy in America by Richard John Neuhaus —

“This important book will change the way sophisticated people use the words ‘right’ and ‘left,’ ‘public’ and ‘private,’ ‘religion’It is also an excellent survey of American religious currents during the past twenty years.....”

Faith And Politics - How the ‘Moral Values’ Debate Divides America and How to Move Forward Together - by Senator John Danforth —”Danforth’s is a welcome voice of reason and moderation during a time of divisive and polarizing rhetoric. As priest and politician he ably sets forth the deeper truths of the Christian tradition with clarity and compassion and applies them to the issues of our time.”

War - A Primer for Christians - by Joseph L. Allen —”...a succinct, fair-minded, wonderfully reasoned, and accessible account of the major Christian traditions on war — Just War, Holy War, and the Pacifist renunciation of violence. His book is also a primer in the further sense, that it will prime the pump for further discussion and debate as to when wars are just and how a nation might keep the means employed under restraint.....” (only 72 pages)

The Wisdom Of Serpents - Reflections on Religion and Foreign Policy - by Roland S. Homet, Jr.

—“Written before 9/11, and before talk of war with Iraq, (this book) has a powerful message for today: that our foreign policy needs to be informed not by religion that aims at coercing others to accept our values but by religion that shows the way to long-term shared interests.”

Prospects For Growth - A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future - by E. Calvin Beisner — “...what do the scriptures say about population, freedom/civil government, natural resources, management of the environment? Is man meant to be servant, master, or steward of the earth?”

Man And Nature - The Spiritual Crisis in Mod-

ern Man - by Seyyed Hossein Nasr — “This seminal and provocative book from one of the world’s leading Islamic thinkers was written long before ‘ecology’ became a fashionable word. It is a spiritual tour de force which explores the relationship between Man and Nature as found in Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.....(The author) analyzes the ecological crisis of the 20th century as symptomatic of a spiritual crisis.....”

Belonging To The Universe - Explorations on the Frontiers of Science and Spirituality - by Fritjof Capra and David Steindl-Rast with Thomas Matus.

—these books and others will be on display in the library on shelves to the right as you enter - around October 1.

—BROWSE — BORROW — BRING BACK—

—Edie Orner, librarian

Cookbook III

Everyone appreciates a good cookbook, and we have a hundred or so Stained Glass III cookbooks still remaining. This is a chance for you to purchase a little part of the history of our church. All the money goes to ECW and is funneled into worthwhile projects within the Good Samaritan church. There have been rave reviews about many of the recipes in the book and best of all; the tried and true recipes are from people you know. The price has dropped to \$10.00 a book - think what a useful gift this would make for Christmas, a wedding, a birthday or for yourself. You’ll be able to purchase a cookbook in Simpson Hall following the Sunday services, during October and November. Hope to see you there!!

—Stained Glass III Cookbook Committee

Shep and JoAnn Crim celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary



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Kevin Fisher lounging on a bench he made for his Eagle Scout Project



The benches, located outside the church entrances and in the playground were made by Kevin Fisher as part of his Boy Scout Eagle project. A book detailing Kevin's entire service project is located in the Narthex for viewing. Kevin is a member of the church and an alumnus of Good Samaritan school. The benches were dedicated September 12.

The Bishop of Oregon:

The Right Reverend Michael J. Hanley

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
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Assistant Treasurer	Robert Bernhard

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