



## I Asked God

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No.

It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No.

His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No.

Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No.

I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No.

Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No.

You must grow on your own! But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No.

I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

—Author Unknown

*The above poem was the conclusion to the sermon by Lance on Sunday July 25 and I think it worth printing here.*

— Dave Francis Editor



Coming Soon!

# Parish Picnic

& Ministries Fair

(& School Open House, outdoor labyrinth, & activities for all ages!)

## Sunday

## Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

11:30am – 1:30pm

outside the Education Wing

Barbecued chicken & drinks provided;  
please bring a side dish or dessert to  
share.

## How do I Love God and love my neighbor?

### From The Clergy



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer! I know that many of you have been fortunate to get away these last couple of months, so I wanted to bring you up to date with what's been happening at Good Sam since June. Here

are some of the highlights:

- Our **School Board** has appointed a Search Committee to guide the process of calling a new Head of School. Susan Parks is the chair of the committee. They will be making progress reports as they proceed. The School Board will make the final decision in calling a new head.
- Bob Ringo has agreed to be the chair of the 2011 **Stewardship Campaign Committee**. He is in the process of calling a leadership team who will take the process forward.
- The **Church Foundation** trustees are continuing to make progress in their efforts to better manage the church's long-term financial resources. They have done a great deal of work. I anticipate that they will be making a report in the next few months.
- The Vestry **church vision** working group has continued to meet and has made a number of positive steps forward in bringing greater clarity to the long-term vision and mission of our church community. Again, I expect that they will be reporting on their progress before the end of the year.
- The **church foyer and lounge** were handsomely redecorated this summer. Credit goes to Cammie Bella, Kristi Amsbury and DeeDee Larew for their efforts in leading and managing these projects. I hope you like the results!
- Robin Powel took over as our new church

bookkeeper; she is a natural fit for the position! I am deeply grateful that she has agreed to undertake this important work.

*And looking forward...*

- We need to continue to work on our vision and mission goals
- We need to fully support the 2011 Stewardship Campaign
- The Vestry will continue to work with the Foundation to bring their goals and aims into alignment
- The Vestry will continue to work with the School Board to do the same
- And remember the Church Annual Barbecue – Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>!!

In His Name,

Simon



Near the end of our Eucharistic service, when those entrusted with visiting shut-ins and who bring them the Sacraments are commissioned, I use words from 1 Corinthians 10:17 saying "We who are many, are one body because we all share one bread, one cup." Though persons

may not always be with us physically for various reasons, it is a good reminder that in Jesus we are all connected.

Summer is traditionally one of those times in which our community seems a little less connected. We are away on vacation, at reunions, playing sports, or catching up on all those tasks we won't do when it's raining. As someone mentioned "it's as if we Oregonians are in the starting blocks, waiting all the rest of the year, for these sunny summer days. Then like an Olympic sprinter we are off, and we fill every sunny day with activity because they are gone too soon!" Well, blessings to you all who have been travelling and those who have stayed home. Wel-

## Why do I Love God and love my neighbor?

come back! Please share this welcome by introducing yourself to someone you don't recognize before and after the church service. Then invite them to join us on September 12 for all the festivities!

September 12 we celebrate this community of The Good Samaritan Church with a potluck picnic and ministries fair. John Wooley will again be doing barbecue chicken (and hot dogs for the kids) – Thank you John! You are invited to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. This year in addition to our normal activities for kids (bouncy houses, face painting, playing on the playground, bubbles, etc) we will be having an outdoor labyrinth, our school will be having an open house, and we will be celebrating many of the other ministries faithfully offered by so many members of this community. Please come and join in this celebration of our Good Samaritan Community.

Sunday School Registration will happen as well on September 12. Families interested in registering early may go to - <http://goodsamchurch.sparksunday-school.org/users/register>.

This link will connect folks to our Sunday School page to get the latest info on what is happening. Sunday School classes will begin joyfully on September 19. We will be continuing our rotation model curriculum.

The Sunday School program exists because of our fantastic volunteers. There are various commitment levels to meet every busy schedule. Story tellers offer 15 – 30 minutes on a Sunday. Shepherds offer 1-2 hours per week for 3-4 months. Workshop leaders offer 2-3 hours per week for 3 weeks. There are also opportunities to be our bulletin board maker and “official photographer” among other things. Please speak to me about discovering ways to honor the commitment we make during Baptisms to support our children in their walk with Christ.

And speaking of our baptismal promises... September 12<sup>th</sup> is also the day that I will begin offering Confirmation Classes for youth. Confirmation is for youth who are ready to explore their faith at a deeper level and to begin to more fully claim the promises that were made on their behalf at their baptism. These classes are not about getting the answers

right but about asking better and tougher questions. Please speak to me for more information.

Can September 12 get any more exciting??? Well, yes... it is also our kick off day for our regular Youth Group meetings which are from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sundays. We gather for fellowship, fun and a good meal. All those in 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome. This year we will be working toward a mission trip to happen during the Summer of 2011. Please contact me for more information about our Youth Group or Mission Trip.

—Blessings, Lance+

## Music



Dear members of the Good Samaritan congregation,

As we quickly approach the fall season, I would like to invite you to join our music ministry activities. If you love music and always wanted to sing in a choir, this is your chance to start a new season with Good

Sam's singing groups!

It doesn't matter how old you are, there is an opportunity for you to join one of the ensembles (no experience necessary)! The rehearsal times are as follows:

Adult Choir - Thursdays **7:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.** - starts **September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Youth Choir (high school age) – Thursdays **6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.** – starts **September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Junior High Choir (middle school age) – Sundays **8:45 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.** – starts **September 12<sup>th</sup>**

The adult Choir will be singing at the 10:00 a.m. service most Sundays. Youth and Junior High choirs will be participating in a 10:00 a.m. service once a month.

Please let me know if you have any questions at

[mdossin@oregonmba.com](mailto:mdossin@oregonmba.com) I am looking forward to start making joyful sounds with you soon!

—Maria Dossin Music Director

## Vestry and Committee Reports

### Your Vestry Personnel

Gail Wells Senior Warden – Finance

Brian Gifford Junior Warden – Buildings and Grounds

Bob Bernhard – Communication, Evangelism, Parish Life

Steve Blevans – 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

### **4,000 Jars of Jam!**

*(on a wall, 4,000 jars of jam)*

“Jamming for the Hungry” is now in its third year of making jams and jellies to help out the South Corvallis and Philomath Food Banks, and has just made its **4,000<sup>th</sup>** jar!! This is a joint ecumenical effort of That’s My Farmer, local churches, and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

You can participate by picking and donating local fruit, canning jars (half-pint and pint), regular and wide-mouth lids, sugar, Splenda, apple or white grape juice, and/or no sugar needed pectin. Fruit washed and frozen in one quart bags is preferred, but windfall fruit is also welcome.

Contact Sara Power (541-929-7034 or 541-231-6772) or Sandy Potter (541-753-2709).

—Sandy Potter, Outreach committee

### **Meals On Wheels Is Beneficiary Of September Special Offerings**

Locally, Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels is the beneficiary of our special offerings for September. Cynthia Janes is the Corvallis Senior Meals Manager. Meals are available to anyone who is at least 60 years old and to those who are disabled. A very small fee is charged. Volunteers deliver meals to those who are unable to easily leave their residence or who cannot cook for themselves. For those who are ambulatory, meals are served at the noon hour Monday through Friday at the Corvallis Senior Center on Tyler Street. Volunteers serve at that kitchen.

Meals are prepared at a central kitchen on Hyacinth Street in Salem and from there are trucked to about 60 sites in the Mid-Willamette Valley. Bob Bernhard served as an interim manager there back in the 90’s. Action begins each working day at 5:00 a.m. and all food for the day is out the door and on its way to the sites by 9:00 a.m.! Some of the challenges include sending only that which is needed for the day, no more, no less (in the interest of cost control and customer satisfaction); making sure that products such as broccoli are cooked and a nice bright color at the time of serving; and having a product such as mashed potatoes nice and fluffy at serving time!

Please give as generously as you can to support this important community program!

—Bob Bernhard Outreach Committee

### **News from St. Anselm of Canterbury**

Fr. Jon, the chaplain at St. Anselm, has just returned from a seven week tussle with summer school at the St. John’s School of Theology in Collegeville, Minnesota. The school is part of the largest Roman Catholic Benedictine monastery in North America, which has been a leader for decades in scholarship about and the reform of worship. That’s what he studied – graduate classes on the history and theology of the Eucharist and on hymnology. Rumor has it that the purpose of the latter was to enable him to communicate with his wife, Lucy, who is an expert

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on 20<sup>th</sup> century hymns.

Fr. Jon and Lucy will be returning to Colleville for the next three summers while he completes a graduate degree in liturgics. After some trepidation about his abilities (frequent among older students returning to higher education) he's delighted to report a 4.2 grade point for the term and the award of a scholarship to cover 40% of subsequent tuition costs. There's no ageism at St. John's, 40% is the highest tuition scholarship they give and it's to their credit that they awarded one to a 63 year old student.

He reports that among the challenges was learning how to eat in a college cafeteria again, the last time had been in 1975; learning how to follow the Roman Catholic service in chapel; and not having access to the library at St. Anselm, which has a number of sources not found in the library at St. John's.

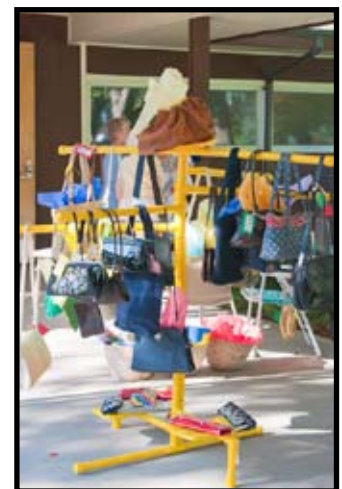
It was a great summer. He's looking forward to returning even if he will have to take reading exams in German and Greek for the second time! If you have any questions about his experience, feel free to contact him.

—The Rev. Jon Goman

## **ECW News**

### **Annual Treasure Sale**

Your generous donations to ECW's Annual Treasure Sale added \$2,000 to the special fund for updating and upgrading the sound system in the Sanctuary. Thanks to all of you who contributed treasures you no longer needed and to all who enjoyed browsing and buying at the sale! We had a wonderful array of antiques, china, crystal, silver, linens, furniture, artwork and other "treasures" for sale. We didn't sell the hot tub so, if you missed the sale and want a really nice hot tub at a bargain price, contact Pam Mayfield. We also still have a lovely set of Bavarian china with a mallard duck motif and some beautiful table linens. Mary Christensen's "Purses on the Patio" was a great success. Dick



showed his artistic and technical skills by creating a unique trees to display the 110 purses Mary had collected – from vintage beaded evening bags to utilitarian carry-alls. Her patio display also included over 80 vintage embroidered and printed handkerchiefs.

An added feature this year was Patricia Jagels (Antique Clock Shop in Eugene) who set up shop in the lounge evaluating antiques and collectibles and buying scrap gold and silver. Many of us who brought in broken gold and silver jewelry, even old gold dental work, were pleasantly surprised to get several hundred dollars in exchange.

A special thank you to the tireless ECW ladies who worked so hard to make this event a success. Also to the men who are always there to lend us a hand when their help is needed.

—Ruth Burns

## Happenings



### Special Celebration

Everyone is invited to Simpson Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 29, to share in a 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Father Shep Crim and his wife JoAnn.

### Building Our Village Well

Contributions continue to come in and, whether you can give \$100 or just your pocket change, it all helps toward reaching our goal of \$5,000 to build a village well in one of the 47 countries served by ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development).

As of August 15, we have received a total of \$3,346.54 in contributions. This leaves only \$1,753.46 needed for the community well we hope to fund. As you fill a glass of water from one of the many faucets in your home, never having to worry about whether it's safe to drink, think of the millions of people in the undeveloped countries of the world who walk miles for a pitcher or bucket of uncontaminated water and those suffering from disease because they have no source of safe drinking water.

We know many of you contribute directly to ERD on a regular basis. Please consider giving a special contribution through Good Samaritan's Village Well project which we have extended through August 31. Look for the ERD collection jar in the lobby on Sundays or in the office during the week.

—Ruth Burns

## Other Activities

### Casserole Connection

Summer is just about over with school starting soon. We hope you were able to enjoy some time with family and friends and maybe lucky enough for a small vacation. This is just a reminder that Casserole Connection has remained on duty for any one in the parish who might need a bit of extra support

during an illness or possibly a death in the family or even the happy occasion of a new baby. For the month of September please call Judy Burridge at 541 758-5033.

—Bobbie Beck

### Health Care Reform - Public Hearing

On September 1, 2010, in our own parish hall, representatives from the Oregon Health Policy Board will be asking for public input on the plans they are developing to provide health care for all Oregonians by 2015. This Board was mandated by the last state legislature and its members and the members of its various committees and work groups have been working diligently. Their report and recommendations to the legislature are due in December. Now it is YOUR turn. They will be taking testimony from the public about their overall plans and specifically about their plan for the Insurance Exchange and the Public Plan. The Insurance Exchange will be a marketplace where insurance companies can present their plans to meet a specified set of health coverages; having them all listed in one marketplace will greatly simplify the decision making about which health care plan to purchase. The Public Plan will be a publically owned insurance plan - similar to Medicare only it will be available to all purchasers, not just those over 65. It will be just one of the many options which will be available through the Insurance Exchange. Plan to attend, learn more, and share your thinking with the Board. Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Simpson Hall at Good Samaritan. Direct any questions to Edie Orner 541 926-5989

—Edie Orner

### EGGS – Sunny Side Up

As the tune goes, “Stay on the sunny side, always on the sunny side, stay on the sunny side of life. . .” Ring any bells?

It isn't always easy to stay on the sunny side of life when facing the looming environmental catastrophe. Did you see the piece in a recent issue of the Oregonian that presented a population forecast of

9 billion souls by the year 2050? We're at 6 billion now, by the way. In the US alone, population will increase by 100 million over the next 40 or 50 years.

One of the consequences of human population growth is a depletion of biodiversity on the planet, with unknowable consequences. Did you know that 2010 has been declared as "UN International Biodiversity Year"? A conference begins in New York on 22 September, and to mark that date, all Anglican cathedrals and churches in the UK have been encouraged to ring their bells between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. Should we do the same? Will ringing bells protect the environment? At least raise some consciousness?

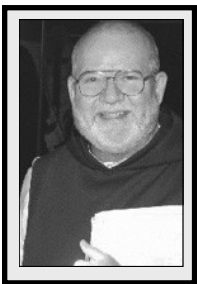
Another event on 22 September: "World Car Free Day." The upshot is to use alternative means of transportation on that day. Several events are planned, and you can get more information by going to: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Car\\_Free\\_Day\\_Pledge](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Car_Free_Day_Pledge)

What can one do? At the very least, we can attempt to do less harm to the natural environment. We can direct our thoughts and prayers to protect all beings, all God's creatures. The planet, our island home, will go on. Whether it will remain hospitable to human life is the question.

But remember, "Stay on the sunny side." Let us be grateful for this moment, this piece of the infinite that mystics call "The Eternal Now." Let us delight in Creation, take joy that we exist, take joy with all our senses at the presence of the Holy – the smell of a peach, the taste of a blackberry, the feeling of the sun on our pale, Oregon skins. Delight!

—Bill Becker

### **Enneagram Presentation by Fr. William Meninger**



Fr William Meninger, co-founder of Centering Prayer, will offer a presentation entitled The Enneagram: Tool for Spiritual Transformation in Corvallis on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Social Hall at St Mary's Church.

During the week of September 24 to 30 he will also be making presentations in Eugene, Salem and Port-

land on other topics related to prayer and Christian spirituality. The cost of the Corvallis presentation is \$15.00. Tickets are available online at <http://meningerevents.eventbrite.com>, or at the door. Contact Norman Carlson at 541-754-9945 for additional information.

Fr. Meninger is a Trappist monk from St. Benedict's Monastery in Colorado. In 1974 he originated the workshop on Contemplative Meditation (later known as Centering Prayer) which he now teaches worldwide along with workshops on Forgiveness, the Enneagram, Sacred Scriptures, and Prayer. He leaves the monastery only 4 times each year to do this lest he lose his own monastic orientation while sharing it with others. His books include The Loving Search for God, The Process of Forgiveness, and Julian of Norwich: A Mystic for Today.

—Norman Carlson

### **Only Today**

There are two days in every week about which we shouldn't worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day — today. Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that contentment will escape us.

### **For All Sunday School Teachers**

Mary Christensen has made available a set of 10 copies of the booklet about our stained glass windows. These are to be checked out as a class set for use by Sunday school classes who are learning about our beautiful windows. To check the set out, contact Edie Orner, librarian, at 541-926-5989. The set will be kept in the library, but not on the regular shelves, so that they can be kept intact as a set. Other church groups could also arrange to use them so that more individuals can learn to appreciate this marvelous part of our church home.

—Edie Orner

# Mid-Valley Service and Picnic Bryant Park, Albany



Seven baptisms and Eucharist followed by a picnic with great food shared with our friends, all enjoyed with fantastic weather



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Good Samaritan adult and youth choirs, and bell ensemble are restarting in September. Come join us, no experience is required.



**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*
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