



Volume 4 – February 2011

From The Clergy

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori Presiding Bishop and Primate The Episcopal Church

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light - Isaiah 9:2

That's how the first lesson of Christmas Eve opens. It's familiar and comforting, as the familiar words go on to say that light has shined on those who live in deep darkness, that God has brought joy to people living under oppression, for a child has been born to us. The name of that child is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace - and God is bringing an endless peace through an heir to the throne of David. This year we were going to hear a bit we haven't heard in Episcopal churches before, in that missing verse 5. Its pretty shocking, but it helps explain why the hunger for light is so intense, and the joy so great when it comes: *"For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire."* The coming of this prince of peace will mean the end of all signs of war and violence. An occupied people will finally live in peace, without anxiety about who or what will confront them the next time they go out their front doors.

People in many parts of this world still live with the echo of tramping boots and the memory of bloody clothing. Many Episcopalians are living with that anxiety right now, particularly in Haiti and Sudan. Americans know it through the ongoing anxiety after September 11 and in the wounded soldiers returning to their families and communities, grievously changed by their experience of war. Remember the terror of war when you hear those words about light on Christmas Eve. Remember the hunger for peace and light when you hear the shocking promise that a poor child born in a stable will lead us all into

a world without war. Remember the power of light when you go out into the darkness after hearing those words - and pray that you and those around you may become instruments of peace.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! - Luke 2:14



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

The end of January/beginning of February is always a time of transition at church. Following the **Annual General Meeting** we say thank you to our outgoing Vestry, delegates and church officers and welcome those called to serve in their place. This year we bid farewell to **Gail Wells, Brian Gifford, Bob Bernhard and Paul Vecchi** as members of our Vestry. They have served as leaders for three years, helping to guide the mission of our church community – “to love one another and the world as Christ loves us.” There are always issues, problems and difficulties, but these last three years have been especially challenging. For one we have all lived through the most profound economic depression in three generations. In that time the Vestry has had to make some very hard choices – cutting staff and benefits, freezing salaries and cutting spending on key programs. These decisions are never easy or popular but have been absolutely necessary for the well-being, indeed survival of our church. I commend them all for their courage, faith and hope. I am especially grateful this year for Gail and Brian who served as Senior and Junior Warden. Among many other things, Brian oversaw the installation of our new sound system

– Jim Wohlwend providing the technical expertise
– he also negotiated the transfer of the day to day responsibilities of the Columbarium (where cremated remains are interred) from the Foundation to the Vestry. Both of these were complex projects that took a great deal of negotiation between different groups within the church. As Senior Warden, Gail helped to keep my feet firmly on the ground, providing advice and support on many issues. She was instrumental in writing the new Vestry Mission and Vision Statement, which again was a major project. I will miss the council and leadership of all four of our outgoing Vestry members. Thank you!

At the end of January the Vestry completed another major piece of work – the updating of our **church bylaws**. Not very exciting, you might think. Perhaps so. Among other things, however, the bylaws express the relationships between the various committees, groups and ministries of our church community. With so many different groups working on a variety of things – all at the same time – it is always a challenge to coordinate our efforts. Of particular concern has been the on-going relationship between the **Vestry** and the **Foundation Trustees** and the Vestry and the **School Board**. These delicate but important relationships have been greatly strengthened and clarified this last year with all three bodies working hard to find ways to support and help each other. One of the key changes in the bylaws is the way in which members of the School Board are elected. Starting in 2012 there will be seven members of the School Board. Four will be elected, in turn, at the Annual General Meeting – at the same time as we elect all of the other church leaders. The School Board retains the right to elect three non-church members to the Board at their meeting each December. Our hope is that this will reinforce the fact that our Church School is not a separate entity but a key ministry of our church. I am deeply grateful to everyone who has worked hard on these changes – the new bylaws represent over a year’s work!

As we look forward, the question for all of us is how to live out more deeply the mission we have set for ourselves:

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

One of the most important areas a ministry

that needs development is helping people live their daily lives – **Spiritual Nurture**. We are planning a Wednesday evening study course for Lent. More details will be forthcoming later on this month. We are also hoping to start some home groups – meeting in people’s homes, either for fellowship, prayer, bible study, support – whatever the group decides. If you are interested in joining one of the small groups please let me know: simon.justice@gmail.com. And starting **February 6th** I will be hosting a **Rector’s Forum** after the 10:00 a.m. services. We can talk about the readings for the day, a current event or other topical issues. This will be in the Lounge from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Please join me!

And lastly – I hope that those of you who receive them are finding the weekly email, **‘What’s happening in and around Good Samaritan,’** useful. If you would like to receive these weekly updates from me please send me your email address and I will put you on our list. Note: we **DO NOT** share your email address with anyone or any other group outside the church!

Blessings, *Simon*

In Blessed Memory

Please pray for those who have recently died, as well as their families:

Tom Rosser
Diane Goudriaan
Robert I. Ringo Jr.
David H. Riehl
Gay Leisman

“May the souls of the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.”

Muslims’ support makes it a quiet Coptic Christmas

by **Gerald Butt** Middle East Correspondent

CHRISTMAS for the Coptic community in Egypt passed off peacefully, amid tight security and unprecedented displays of solidarity from Muslims. The car-bombing of a church in Alexandria on New Year’s Eve, in which 23 people were killed (News, 7 January), had led to fear of attacks on 6 and 7 January when Copts celebrated Christmas.

Security around churches was increased: rows of armed police stood several ranks deep outside places of worship. Streets close to churches were blocked to prevent vehicles' getting near. Plain-clothed security men mingled with the crowds of worshippers. As one churchgoer in Cairo commented, it was "like entering a military barracks to celebrate Christmas".

The other unusual factor of Coptic Christmas this year was the presence of a large number of Muslims who wanted to express their sympathy and support for the Christians of Egypt. Thousands of Muslims across the country offered their services as human shields for worshippers arriving for midnight mass. Others held candlelit vigils outside churches.

President Mubarak's two sons were among a long list of prominent Egyptians who attended midnight mass in solidarity with the Copts. Government ministers, film stars, and television presenters did the same.

The bombing in Alexandria came as a complete shock to Christians in the city because it was the one place in Egypt which had escaped sectarian tension.

"Alexandria was chosen because it was a soft target," said a Muslim bookseller in the city, Muhammad Ayyoubi. "It was a wake-up call for all Egyptians, Muslims and well as Christians."

Ahmed al-Tayeb, the Imam of al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo, the country's leading Islamic institution, said that Muslims had an obligation to protect churches and synagogues, as well as mosques.

Prayers were said at churches around the world last Sunday for the families of the victims of the Alexandrian bombing, in response to a call from Christian Solidarity Worldwide. The Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom, Bishop Angaelos, said that prayers were being offered "for the peace of all, Christians and Muslim alike" so that "every Egyptian may enjoy freedom and security to live and practice faith without fear of violence or terror".

The previous day, a delegation from the World Council of Churches, led by its general secretary, the Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, met the leader of the Coptic Church, Pope Shenouda III, to express its condolences to Egypt's Christian community.

Music Notes



Dear members of the congregation,

The next concert in our Sundays at 4 series is on **January 30th**, and will feature a magnificent violinist, professor of violin at the University of Oregon, Fritz Gearhart. You will be able to experience the power of Beethoven, Brahms, and

Debussy violin sonatas in a live performance in our sanctuary. Victor Steinhardt, professor emeritus at the UO, will be performing the piano part of these sonatas.

Fritz Gearhart is an internationally acclaimed violinist and has appeared in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie six times since 1998. Several compact discs featuring Gearhart have been released in the last few years to rave reviews. A sampling from the press: "...a sizzling performance..."(The Wall Street Journal), "...supple and imaginative..."(The New York Times), "...a superlative evening of musicmaking..."(New York Concert Review), "Gearhart is a bold assertive player..."(Strad), and "...a magnificent young violinist..."(American Record Guide). Gearhart has been heard frequently on National Public Radio including several live broadcast performances.

To find more information about this fabulous performer please visit: fritzgearhartmusic.com

I highly encourage you to attend; it will be a memorable evening, I know!

I also encourage you to make your donation to the Sundays at 4, if you haven't done so already. The high quality of the programs is possible only through your generous donations. Thank you so much for your support!

On March 6, 2011 Sundays at 4 series will be featuring our own Good Samaritan Choir in the Evensong service. It is an opportunity to experience the beauty of the music, the prayers, and the whole ambiance of the evening worship. The richness of the Evensong tradition reflected in a beautiful service where choir plays the main leading role. You

are warmly invited to attend!

We are quickly approaching the season of Lent, which means our preparation for Easter has begun. As you know, Easter celebration is always a center of the Liturgical Year, and our choir needs you!!! If you are able to sing parts, please join us for evening rehearsals on Thursday nights 7:00-9:00 p.m. to support our efforts in providing the best musical experience for the congregation on Easter Sunday! Thank you and I hope you will consider this invitation.

—Maria Dossin, Director of Music

Good Samaritan School



New Head of School Jack Nickerson

I'd like to take this time to introduce myself and give you some insight into my educational background and the journey that led me to Good Samaritan School as the new Head of School. Eighteen years ago, I decided to move on from my careers as a Petroleum and Environmental Geologist to specifically enter the field of education. The decision was made after years of mentoring students in grades one through eight on a variety of science and environmental projects as a business partner, and science fair committee member. My desire has always been to guide and teach the current generation to have a greater impact on the future than I would have as an individual.

After earning my teaching certification in Science for grades 5-12, I served nine years as a middle school science/math instructor. In this time I sought out leadership roles leading to experiences as a Teacher Union President, District Athletic Director, Upper Grade Teacher Leader, Student Council Advisor, Site Council Chairperson, Science Curriculum Co-chair, Scheduling Coordinator, Special Education IEP Coordinator, Teacher-In-Charge, School Safety and Strategic Planning Committee Member, Natural Resources Education Chairperson, Outdoor Field

Studies Coordinator, and Science Fair Coordinator.

I received my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Supervision from the University of Phoenix, Tigard, Oregon campus. My first experience as a building administrator was in the St. Helens School District at St. Helens Middle School in St. Helens, Oregon. As Assistant Principal, I was responsible for supervising the PBS program, encore curriculum, and Science and Math Departments; assisting with master class scheduling, staff evaluations, special education IEP and 504 plans; coordinating the Site Council, facilitating staff meetings, and managing facilities and technology issues. I also served on the St. Helens School District Math Audit Team.

Seven years ago, the Lincoln County School District gave me the opportunity to become the Principal of Oceanlake Elementary in Lincoln City, Oregon. My six years leading Oceanlake allowed me to grow as an elementary building administrator and gain valuable insight into how children learn and develop academically, socially, and emotionally. I also began promoting and initiating systemic sustainability efforts at Oceanlake, with the City of Lincoln City, and throughout the Lincoln County School District.

These efforts led to an administrative position as the Sustainability Management Coordinator for the Linn Benton Lincoln Education Service District (LBL) in Albany, Oregon, where I was responsible for increasing efficiencies for all service school districts in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. Unfortunately, this position was short-lived due to budget cuts, as was my most recent position as the Principal and Special Education Teacher for Holley Elementary and District English Language Learner Coordinator for the Sweet Home School District, Sweet Home, Oregon.

This summer, I had the good fortune of being selected as the new Head of School for Good Samaritan School to help lead its continued growth into a PreK-5 Elementary School. I look forward to the challenges and rewards our collective efforts will bring to the school community and I can think of nothing better than serving my community by guiding Good Samaritan students toward a bright, spiritual and safe future.

—Jack Nickerson, Head of School

Treasurers Report

2010 Treasurer's Annual Report

	December	December	2010	2010
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income				
Pledge Receipts	31059	29396	340135	354252
All other DPA income	8230	4700	40649	36400
Non-DPA income	1660	1067	12450	12804
Total Income	40949	35163	393234	403456
Expenses				
Cash and Diocese Expenses	3642	5128	58491	61536
Personnel	20370	21421	242306	257052
Administration - Operations	4930	4417	54613	62579
Property	1490	2183	16051	26196
Vestry Ministries	1029	1142	11866	13704
Other Expenses	24	25	339	300
Total Expenses	31485	34316	383666	421367
Net	9464	847	9568	-17911

1. Income:
 - a) Total income for 2010 was approximately \$10,000 below budget, primarily due to pledge income being \$14,000 below budget and offset by contributions from regular givers that was \$4000 more than budget.
 - b) Other income categories were at or near budget.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Total expenses for 2010 were \$37,700 less than budget.
 - b) Cash and Diocese Expenses: Less income resulted in less Diocese Program Expense (DPA).
 - c) Personnel: \$14,700 less than budget – time without a Music Director and less nursery staff salaries.
 - d) Administration – Operations: \$8000 less than budgeted – natural gas, copier and general cost savings.
 - e) Property: \$10,000 less than budgeted – building maintenance and donated maintenance of our grounds.
 - f) Vestry Ministries: \$2000 less than budgeted – Mid-Valley area ministries among others.
3. Capital improvements (not included in the financial report):
 - a) Sanctuary Sound System: The total cost will be \$14,400, funded by \$1000 (designated donation), \$2600 (ECW) and \$10,800 (investment earnings).
 - b) Sidewalk repair was funded by \$6000 from investment earnings.
4. Bottom line: The budget is a projection, an estimate, for the year. For 2010 our below budget income was offset by a larger reduction in expenses, resulting in a surplus of \$9568, which is \$27,479 better than expected.

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

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Representatives

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

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is looking for parishioners to help supervise the Homeless Men's Shelter. We have committed to supervise the Shelter from February 13 to the 19. There are two shifts from 6:30 p.m to 11:00 p.m. and from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Also healthy snacks are needed for every evening. Sign up sheets will be available by the Church Office. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding work. You will find many of these homeless men have very interesting stories to tell and they are very appreciative of what we do for them.

—Paul Vecchi, Chairman Outreach Committee

Thanks and Progress Report on Partner's Place

“Thank you for your support of Partner's Place, the facility being built for chronically homeless persons. Construction has begun, we are recruiting for the case manager and are meeting with the Linn-Benton Housing Authority to work out operational details. The building will provide permanent, supported housing for some of our community's most vulnerable citizens.

“Thanks to the generosity of you and others like you, fundraising has been successful. We now have

matching funds needed to qualify for our grants. Between grants and contributions, we have raised \$1,098,000 including an operating subsidy for the first four years. We have also completed a memorandum of understanding with the Benton County Health Department agreeing to provide ongoing consultation to our case manager on mental and physical health issues.

“Early next year we will be holding community meetings to inform agencies and individuals about the opportunity for homeless persons to apply for apartments. We expect to open for operation in May, 2011.

“The board of the Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition expresses sincere gratitude for your contributions and your moral support.

Please call me at 541-752-3605 if you have questions.

—Sincerely, Barbara Ross

The ECW and Outreach committees add our **sincere thanks** for the interest and support you have shown through contributions to our project, furnishing the seven kitchens at Partner's Place. We have nearly all the needed items and will use the monetary contributions to purchase remaining items. If anyone has a small microwave oven they could donate, we could use 3 or 4 more! Contact us with questions:

—Sandy Potter and Maryanne Staton

FISH and Vina Moses Center for February

Vina Moses and FISH are recipients of our February designated offerings. Over their long existence both of these organizations have served thousands of people in need.

The Vina Moses Center began with homemaker Vina Moses' concern for families having a hard time following World War I. She asked friends and family to donate clothing and household items to give to people in need, as there was no social service system to help them. Using space in her basement as a distribution center, she and her husband Victor devoted their lives to this project. She continued to help throughout the depression and World War II,

until her death in 1971.

Since then Vina Moses Center, in a larger location, has provided clothing for adults and children, infant layettes and household basics. In addition, the Center provides clothing for job applicants, survival kits for the homeless and a full range of household items for families whose homes have been destroyed.

In late summer 2010, a school program outfitted 1,040 children with new shoes, socks, underwear and school supplies. The children were able to select two outfits from the schoolroom of used clothing. For Christmas 2010, the Center coordinated food and gift baskets for over 1,200 families.

Stop in at Vina Moses Center and meet Christine Duffney who can give you a tour. She can tell you about volunteering and about the training available, with hours to fit your schedule! And remember Vina Moses when you clean out a closet, because donations are always welcome.

FISH of Benton County was organized in 1970 and helps low income families in times of financial crisis. In 1998, Vina Moses Center took over administration of FISH as the programs were complementary. FISH provides financial assistance for such needs as rent, utilities, prescriptions, medical care, occupational supplies and so on. Calls for help are made to the FISH request line where a volunteer assesses the need and contacts the Center. If a request is approved, a check is delivered to the appropriate place; cash is never given out. Sometimes clients are helped with long-range budgeting, to reduce the chance of future emergencies. In the past year, FISH assisted nearly 1,200 families.

Telephone volunteers are always needed and you can do it in your own home. Just call the Center at 753-1420 and ask Christine for more information.

Vina Moses Center and FISH cooperate with other social service groups in Benton County to make their dollars help as many people as possible. As illustrated by the service numbers given above both FISH and the Vina Moses Center provide vital help to people of our community who are in need. Please give prayerful consideration to making a donation to these charities during February.

— Sandy Potter, Outreach Committee

Food Basket Reminder:

February's theme will be "Packaged Food." This encompasses a wide variety of things from packages of pasta to cereals, baking mixes, crackers, rice....

—Sandy Potter, Outreach Committee

Spirituality Committee

"And the Spirit of God Moved Upon the Face of the Waters" (Genesis 1:2 KJV)

Holy Water in Our Narthex and Elsewhere

While waiting in the narthex to start the liturgy, I bumped into a stand holding a basin, and I wondered what it was for. It turned out to be a water basin. Since then I was asked by the Sacred Spaces Committee to write something about water in sacred space. So here it goes.

Water in basins or containers in the back of churches are foremost a reminder of our baptism. In many churches, baptismal fonts are located near the door as a reminder that baptism is the doorway into the Church. It is our entry into the Body of Christ. While it tends to be the forgotten sacrament, Holy Baptism is the primary sacrament. Everything else in the Christian life and spirituality flows from this sacrament. Even the Eucharistic table rests upon the ocean of the baptismal waters.

In many places when people enter the church, they dip their thumb or fingers into the water and make the sign of the cross. The most ancient way to make the sign of the cross is just to mark it on one's forehead – as in the post-baptismal ceremony. But the later medieval form of touching one's forehead, then heart, and then each shoulder is the most common form. Water with the sign of the cross is a reminder of baptism because by this primary sacrament we are initiated into the death and resurrection of Christ – initiated into the paschal mystery.

Besides being a reminder of baptism, water in a sacred space is a reminder of wider water issues facing our planet. Pollution of drinking water, drought in many places, depletion of ocean fisheries, the challenges of global climate change, water shortages, and so forth make water both a global and spiritual issue. Having a bowl of water in a space by the entry into the church reminds us of the importance

of water for our planet. In the mind of Scripture, water is the symbol of primordial matter from which all creation emerges through the divine Word.

So as we enter the church we can splash a little water on ourselves or at least be aware of its presence not only as a reminder of our baptism, but also as a reminder of the waters which cover seventy percent of planet Earth without which there would be no life.

In closing, I would like to remind ourselves that sacred spaces are not limited to church buildings. At this point of time in human history we need to develop outdoor spiritualities alongside our church rituals. Whenever I am by a lake or stream, or water fall, or tidal pool, I bend down and splash water three times on my forehead and make the sign of the cross also on my forehead to link myself both to my baptism and to my elder sister, Mother Earth. If one does this kind of outdoor/Celtic spirituality, care should be taken that he/she does not fall into a river or be hit by some falling rock, or be swept away by some sneaker wave. AMEN.

—The Rev. Tom Stevenson

Addendum: Our beautiful water basin and stand were crafted by our own Dixie Nelson.

Labyrinth news - Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan

Wonderful! we felt all of your loving presences at our annual Labyrinth New Year's Eve Event-(5:00 p.m. to midnight)—each year more people come—one person said “I always come here on New Year's Eve to walk and this year brought friends”—we were delighted of course AND several people said how much they enjoyed the special feeling of the Treble Clef form which we debuted at the Diocesan Women's Spirituality Day last May at Good Samaritan—it really worked to have the 2 smaller labyrinths in the lounge where we could light the fire (when it works) and children can enjoy responding with laughter without disturbing more cerebral walkers, so we had 4 this year: the Chartres style and the Treble Clef in the fellowship Hall with twinkle lights and tall candles—all the curtains were open so the outdoors was visible in rich darkness illuminated by the reflection of tiny lights and the candles to enrich the walk experience by access-

ing the outer world in the safety of the inner warmer room—it was REALLY cold outside as well as the Listening Ear dedicated to all children and the Sunday School and Good Samaritan School's special Butterfly Labyrinth (used on rainy days and for the butterfly ceremony each May) with the comfortable sofas in the lounge providing ease for use of the hand labyrinths or just enjoying the big labyrinth history and art book

Gina Halter as Guild Chair did a fantastic job of planning and execution and members of Friends of the Good Samaritan Parish Labyrinth Guild came to help staff the event—a good time was had by all . many thanks.

—Be Herrera

Happenings

Flower Notes

Thanks to all of you who donated to the Flower Fund at Christmas. You make it possible for us to praise God with flowers every week.

Have you seen the new YEAR (2011) CHART on the bulletin board by the office? Sign up for the Sunday(s) you want, take an instruction sheet from those hanging below the chart, fill it out, and give it along with your donation to our Office Manager at least a week before your date. If you have questions or instructions, call Beryl at 541-753-5600.

—Beryl Smith

Take The Plunge

A team from Good Samaritan will be participating in the Polar Plunge to raise money for the Special Olympics. Father Simon, Tim and Claudia Benfield, and Michelle Millar will be jumping in the Willamette on February 12th at 11:00 a.m. We would love to have your support! Please join us on the “Good Samaritans” team or come out and cheer us on at the Crystal Lake Sports Park and Boat Ramp.

For more information, please contact Michelle Millar at grizzly.sd@gmail.com or 541-602-1376, or check out the “Good Samaritans” web page at: goodsamchurch-episcopal.org

—Michelle Millar

Sign Up For Valentine Flower Deliveries, A Church Fund-Raiser!

Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14, and the three preceding days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) are busy days for florists everywhere. For the past several years we have partnered with Expressions in Bloom on 9th Street to deliver flowers in Corvallis and nearby cities. Good Samaritan is paid by the florist for our efforts! We are seeking your help on February 11, 12, 13 and 14, with activity beginning each day at 8:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway near the office. You serve either as a driver or as a spotter, using the driver's vehicle. Work as long as you want and as long as there are flowers to deliver! You report to the florist who assigns you a route and directs you which flowers to deliver. After the deliveries, you return to the florist to report what happened, paperwork is turned in and you can go out again to make more deliveries, repeating the procedure. Last year, flower deliveries helped the church budget about \$ 2,500. With your support, we can do better! Think about the ease and fun of this project when you light up the face of the recipient lucky enough to have sent a thoughtful gift.

Questions? Contact Bob Bernhard, (541) 745-5816.

Library Listings - February, 2011

For the start of a new year - here are some books that are new to our collection - and some of them are also new!! As usual, they will be shelved on the right as you enter the library.

The Works of Josephus, Complete and Unabridged - New Updated Edition. This is an exciting addition to our library for anyone with an interest in the life and times of Jesus. Josephus is the Jewish historian who was born in AD37 and is the main source other than the Scriptures for a first hand account of those times. This was a gift from Lucy Ferries.

Love To Water My Soul - by Jane Kirkpatrick - "a remarkable story of God's constancy and provision that will satisfy lovers of history, romance, and faith." This novel is set during the time of the Oregon Trail - when a young girl is lost by her white family and taken in by Paiute people.

The Life And Tales ——of G. Louis

Freeark, M.D. - a gift from the Freeark family, this volume takes us to a remembrance of one of our beloved parishioners, now gone from us. It is a collection of memoirs written by and about Dr. Freeark's life experiences.

Soulmaking - The Desert Way of Spirituality by Alan Jones — "Enables us to grasp in a way appropriate to our present circumstances the permanent truths by which the Christian tradition is sustained and nourished..." — "Jones's message - the applicable means of attaining both psychological and spiritual wholeness (integrity) — is too important to be overlooked and deserves our fullest attention."

The First Paul - Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon — by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan — "....a new understanding of early Christianity — this time to reveal a radical Paul who has been suppressed by the church. Paul is second only to Jesus as the most important person in the birth of Christianity and yet he continues to be controversial, even among Christians. How could the letters of Paul be used both to inspire radical grace and to endorse systems of oppression - condoning slavery, subordinating women, condemning homosexual behavior?....." — A gift from Mary Frances Campana

God Stories - Inspiring Encounters with the Divine - edited by Jennifer Skiff — "A collection of inspiring stories describing the moment when people received personal proof that God exists."

— also - on the table outside the door to the library are some books culled from the library because we have multiple copies - or — help yourself if any of these appeal to you.

Otherwise — BROWSE—BORROW—BRING BACK —

—Edie Orner - Parish Librarian

Other Activities

Lecture Series

In 2011, Benton Hospice Service is offering "End of Life Matters", a free lecture series on a variety of topics related to decisions and care at the end of life. The first lecture is about Advance Directives and will be presented by Jeanne Smith, a local attorney with estate planning experience and Dr.

Shawn Foley, a family practice physician at Philomath Family Medicine on January 20 at 12:00 pm at the Corvallis Benton County Public Library.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send an email. 541 757-9616 or www.bentonhospice.org
See full schedule on page 13 of this newsletter

—Karen Nousen, Outreach Coordinator Benton Hospice Service

Casserole Connection

Even in winters unpredictable weather Casserole Connection is here for anyone in the parish who could use the support of a main dish casserole. Over 20 good cooks wait for a phone call to respond to some one who might benefit from our service. Maybe they have just returned from a hospital stay or there has been a death in the family.

These and other situations are appropriate for our women chefs. Please call Pam Mayfield at 541 928-0564 during the month of February. She will be most happy to take your call.

—Bobbie Beck

Fun, Fellowship and...Good Food

Many of our best times and memories are found around a dinner table. Such an atmosphere lends itself to expressing ideas and feelings and especially, getting to know one another. Our Good Samaritan community is formed in many ways and one way is our luncheon and dinner groups. If you would like to have people over and enjoy going to other's homes then the dinner group is a must. The luncheon group explores different restaurants in the area seeking the best food in the Willamette Valley. Please just call Marilyn Moore at 541-757-4365 if you would like to be a part of either group

—Marilyn Moore

Cleo's One-Hundred Birthday

Cleo deMeules will be 100 years old on February 22. She would be thrilled if she received a "shower of cards." If you would like to wish her a Happy Birthday, please send a card to her daughter, Susan (Cleo deMeules, c/o Susan deMeules, 8765 W. 80th Drive, Avada, Colorado, 80005). Please

remind Cleo of how you know her or add a special memory you have of her.

Susan will be in Corvallis to help Cleo celebrate her birthday. She would like to have your card by February 10. Questions or information: Call Susan at 303-424-0465 or susandemeules@comcast.net.

—Beryl Smith

People of The Parish

It has been said that June Carter is the community communications center for Good Samaritan Church. She knows every ones name and what she / he does at our church.

June is always there to help cook, bake, and do chores and errands. This smiling, perky woman is a cradle Episcopalian and a member of Good Samaritan since 1943

She has more energy than anyone I've ever known. June did student teaching in Albany and Graduated from OSU with a liberal arts degree and works with her sorority group producing a semi-annual newsletter.



She has been a member of the Interfaith Caregivers and the Friday folding group for the weekly Good Samaritan Church Sunday bulletin.

June attends the Monday Bible study class and Wednesday morning service.

She was married to William Woodcock and they had three sons, William, Roland and Richard. After being widowed June married Ralph Carter, a teacher of social studies and english at Highland View

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Pictures Around The Parish From The Past Months



Jane Edson retires as Head of School



Jane with replacement Head of School, Jack Nickerson



Christmas Eve Pageant



Sunday School and youth group participants



Cast of Good Samaritans Christmas Eve Pageant



Presentation to Bishop Michael after confirmation service

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Vestry Members — Elected at AGM January 23, 2011 and Appointed



Chris Rodriguez



Dennis Pitts



Ann Rosser



Jean Marie Walker



Stave Amsberry
(Appointed, 1 year term)



Laura Bunsen
Clerk of the vestry

Members Elected to Convocation at AGM January 23, 2011



Cammie Bella



Joan Dunlap



Edie Orner



Stephen Blevans

We the members of the parish of the Good Samaritan wish to thank all those who volunteered and were elected or appointed to the various positions on both the vestry and convocation delegation for acceptance of these responsibilities. Thank you all very much

BENTON HOSPICE SERVICE OFFERS LECTURE SERIES

2011 “End of Life Matters” Lecture Series Kicks Off at the Library

January—Corvallis: Benton Hospice Service pleased to present “End of Life Matters: Conversations to Help You Plan and Prepare,” a free lecture series for the entire community. The series kicks off on Thursday, January 20 with a talk on Advance Directives by attorney Jeanne Smith and Shawn Foley, MD in the Community Room at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

All remaining lectures will take place the second Tuesday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Benton Hospice Service conference room at Benton Hospice Service 2350 Northwest Professional Drive.

Here’s the complete lecture schedule:

- Thursday, January 20 at Corvallis Public Library “Advance Directives: Life and Death on Your Own Terms” presented by Shawn Foley, M.D. and attorney Jeanne Smith.
- Tuesday, February 8 “Caring Choices: What to Do When My Aging Loved One Needs Care” presented by social worker Angela Fendley and Bob Daley, Transitions Coordinator at Benton Hospice Service.
- Tuesday, March 8 “Dying Across Cultures” presented by Reverend Gretchen Woods of the Corvallis Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.
- Tuesday, April 12 “Caring Conversations: Talking Frankly about End of Life Matters” presented by Marsha Gulick, chaplain at BHS.
- Tuesday, May 10 “Death, Dying, and Religion” will be a panel discussion presented by local religious leaders.
- Tuesday, June 14 “Indestructible: One Man’s Journey Through ALS” will include a screening and discussion of the film by Kevin Riley, a friend of the filmmaker’s, and hospice volunteer Penny Brassfield.
- Tuesday, July 12 “Getting What You Came For: A Guide to a Good Physician-Patient Relationship” presented by David Grube, MD of Philomath Family Medicine.
- Tuesday, August 9 “The Memory Loss Tapes,” part of HBO’s Alzheimer’s Project, will be shown; a question and answer session about Alzheimer’s will be led by BHS Nurse Reenie Schwallie.
- Tuesday, September 13 “Tips From the Trenches: Avoiding Caregiver Burnout” presented by BHS Nurse Karen Daley.
- Tuesday, October 11 “Defining the Line Between Life and Death” a look at the ethical and philosophical considerations at the end of life, presented by OSU professor Courtney Campbell, PhD.
- Tuesday, November 8 “Understanding Hospice” presented by Micky Shields, the new Executive Director of BHS.
- Tuesday, December 13 “Good Grief? Growth and Transformation through Loss” presented by Joelle Osterhaus, BHS Bereavement Coordinator.

Benton Hospice Service is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide compassionate, professional care while striving to ease suffering, protect dignity, respect choices and support grieving. BHS has provided end-of-life care in Linn and Benton counties since 1980.

For more information, please contact Benton Hospice Service at 541-757-9616.

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school.

We are lucky to have this cheerful hard working good Samaritan woman, the epitome of our ECW. She never says no when asked for help and wishes more young women in the church would participate in ECW programs.

—Marge Mackin

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

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Newsletter Editor	*David Francis

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