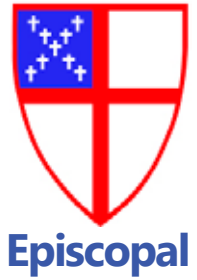


# Good News from Good Samaritan

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## From The Clergy

### 50 years of Faith and Hope



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As I said in last month's newsletter this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building and dedication of our church buildings here on the corner of Harrison and 35<sup>th</sup>. The congregation at the time was worshipping in the 'old church', which is now the City of Corvallis Arts Center near Central Park. By the late 1950's the Good Samaritan community was bursting at the seams of the old buildings; clearly something had to be done. In 1956 the church organized an extensive study as part of their search for a new site for Good Samaritan. The property that was eventually chosen was our present one on the corner of Harrison Boulevard and 35<sup>th</sup> Street. The church also bought the adjacent property, which was to become Samaritan Village. The architect firm of Mockmore was hired to help work on the design and building of a new church, parish meeting rooms and educational facilities. In 1959 the church paid off all the loans on the new site and obtained clear title.

The story will continue in next month's Newsletter...

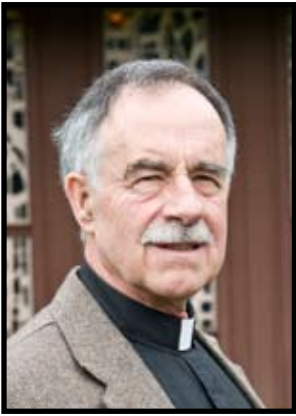
In recognition of this important moment in the life and mission of our church the vestry is in the process of pulling together a working team to coordinate our celebrations to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of our 'new' church. There are lots of ideas bubbling up as to how we might mark this important milestone. We now need to pull all of these together and begin planning for the festivities to come. If you feel called to serve on this group, please let me know. We will be publicizing our planned events as soon as the group has been formed. I can give you a hint about the first event, though. Bishop Katharine Jefferts-Schori and her husband Dick plan to be with us on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> – we are planning a special event in her honor and as the launch of our 50th Anniversary celebrations. Watch this space!

Anniversaries are important landmarks in the lives of communities as well as families and individuals. These are moments when we can think back and reflect with gratitude and thanksgiving about the past, but it is also opportunity to ponder and plan for the future. As we begin to celebrate all of the blessings and good things that have happened at Good Samaritan these last 50 years, the legacy that we have inherited, I believe that it is also a time for us to think about the kind of legacy that we would like to leave to our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We have so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to!

May God bless the work of our hands,

*Simon*

## Symbols



“... in every place incense shall be offered to my name” – Malachi 1:11

One of the oldest religious symbols in continuous use is the burning of resins from shrubs or trees. When we were serving in Alaska, the Athabascan Indians would burn resins from spruce trees as part of their graveside ceremonies for the dead. While a modern example, it represents a practice going back to prehistory. Religious rituals such as this continued in the worship practices of Israel. Reading the Old Testament we discover that inside the Temple in Jerusalem there was a stationary altar of incense on which the priest would burn incense each morning and evening. Luke’s gospel begins with the priest Zachariah putting incense on this altar when the angel announced that he and his wife Elizabeth would be parents of John the Baptist. Once a year the high priest would carry a portable censer filled with burning incense when entering the Holy of Holies – the most holy place in the Temple.

In the New Testament book of Revelation twenty-four elders/presbyters vested in white robes burn incense before the throne of God and of the Lamb. The book of Revelation presents us with two overall images: the symbolic presentation of end time, and a glimpse of the worship in Heaven. For many of us the worship of the earthly Church mirrors the worship of the heavenly Church. In this view the altar or holy table on earth represents the throne of God and the Lamb. It is interesting that in the early Christian Church only two things were allowed at the holy table: the book of the Gospels and the Eucharistic bread and wine – both of which were symbols of the presence of Christ in the midst of His people and on His heavenly throne.

While not essential to Christian worship, incense can be a powerful aid in our corporate worship. First it can open the smell gate, the sense of smell, to the receiving of the gospel. Christianity is the religion of the Incarnation, and as such worship should be incarnational – speaking to us through all our senses. The sense of smell can also evoke memories. Incense can help us to evoke the memory of God. Not only can our individual memories be stirred, but also our corporate memory which carries us back through most of Christian worship, back to the Temple worship of the Old Testament, and even further back to our primitive ancestors who ritually burned resins to the mystery of God emerging in their consciousness.

Secondly the use of incense can help evoke a sense of the mystery of God – the mystery of the divine who dwells both within and beyond sensory experience. It helps to convey a sense of the cosmos. With much emphasis on personal salvation, it is easy to forget the cosmic aspect of salvation. Salvation involves both the individual soul and the whole of creation.

Thirdly it can help give to our worship the feel of Jerusalem – both to the earthly and heavenly Jerusalem. Christianity is rooted in Jerusalem. For many Jews and Christians Jerusalem is the center of the world. The Temple, part of the ministry of Jesus, His death and resurrection, the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the earliest apostolic tradition all happened in Jerusalem. Many religious customs can be regional and cultural, but the core is Jerusalem.

Now having said all this, there are two problems with the use of incense. The first is that too much can overwhelm the congregation. Too much can overwhelm the smell gate. Our use of incense should not smoke us out.

Secondly its use can be too elaborate and fussy. Incense is always a periphery symbol. It is not an essential or core symbol. The core and essential symbols are the Holy Book, water, bread and wine, the laying on of hands, and the cross. If used simply and moderately, incense can add a sense of mystery, link us to the worship found in the Bible and link us to the most ancient rituals of our human species which Christ fulfills and completes.

—Tom Stevenson

# Treasurers Report

## Summary through April 2011

	April	April	2011	2011	Annual
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Pledge Receipts	27219	28750	122014	118000	348000
All other DPA income	6755	4700	17477	12800	36400
Non-DPA income	1063	1024	3472	4098	12293
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35037</b>	<b>34474</b>	<b>142963</b>	<b>134898</b>	<b>396693</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	5023	5023	20092	20093	60278
Personnel	20419	20858	84673	86327	261879
Administration - Operations	4233	4194	29340	27428	60984
Property	809	1767	2338	7067	21200
Vestry Ministries	1782	1192	4862	4767	14300
Other Expenses	22	25	88	100	300
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>32288</b>	<b>33059</b>	<b>141393</b>	<b>145782</b>	<b>418941</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>2749</b>	<b>1415</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>-10884</b>	<b>-22248</b>

### 1. Income:

- a) Net income for January – April was \$8065 above budget. Fantastic!
- b) As of 5/14/11, 2011 pledges total \$353,745 compared to a budgeted total of \$345,000, plus a pledge of services valued at \$5000.

### 2. Expenses:

- a) Operating expenses for January – April were \$4389 below budget.

3. Our Net for January – April slightly positive; well above the budgeted deficit of \$10,884.

Improved budgeting and planning for property maintenance: Up until now we have budgeted for all property maintenance in the operating budget. Two problems: We have consistently over-budgeted “just in case” an unexpected major repair was required, and we have not budgeted for long-term capital improvements (costing more than \$500 and having a long-term benefit, e.g. overhaul of the boiler, a new roof).

Income used for capital improvements is not assessed DPA (Diocesan Program Assessment). This allows us to begin planning for and funding long-term capital improvements outside of our annual operating budget, i.e. through a savings account (specifically Restricted account 8980.10, Physical Plant Reserve.) This will result in a more accurate annual operating budget for property maintenance, and better planning and funding for the long-term maintenance of our beautiful building.

Please direct questions to John Shea, Treasurer, [John.Shea54@gmail.com](mailto:John.Shea54@gmail.com), 541 754-6832.

# Foundation

What's up at the Foundation?

The Foundation board has worked hard to develop and adopt a new distribution strategy for the funds entrusted to our care. With this new strategy, we are able to make quarterly distributions to the church and to the Good Samaritan School using a 13-quarter rolling average fund value. So far in 2011, the Foundation has contributed \$5,428.31 to our church and \$247.83 to Good Samaritan School. These funds can be used as needed by the vestry and the school, as long as the original donor wishes are honored.

Also in 2011, we received the final distribution for the Elinor Field Trust and a new donation of \$11,439 from another member of our parish family.

Look around the next time you walk through the courtyard and breezeway into the church. Take the time to "Smell the Flowers" and enjoy the beautiful hanging baskets and courtyard flowers provided by your Foundation in thanksgiving of our Good Samaritan Church family.

We offer our sincere thanks to all of our generous donors for making it possible for the Foundation to share in the vision of the church, and to help meet the needs of today and the dreams for tomorrow.

—Robin Powel

## Music Ministry



Dear All,

As we in the Music Ministry are wrapping up the season of choir practices and getting ready for Summer vacations, I would like to recognize an amazing group of people with whom I have had the great privilege to work with for the last nine months. It is our dedicated Adult Choir! I am so fortunate to know them and to coach them! The talent, the passion for liturgical music, and the professionalism these people have are really inspiring. Please thank them for all the time they commit to ensure that the choir sounds great every Sunday and on special occasions!

Here are the people that are always ready to take a challenge, think outside the box, experiment, and to do everything it takes to be ready to sing: Gail Wells, Stephanie Wohlwend, Mary Moursund, Gloria Rasmussen, Michele Justice, Ann Blegen, Sue Propst, Rachel McCoy, Craig Massie, James Moursund, Justin Preece, Andy Moursund, John Wells, Dave Francis, Bill Smoker, David Chaney, George Constantine.

I can only hope that these individuals continue to be a part of Good Samaritan's choir next year! We are planning a very exciting season next year, with eclectic repertoire selections. If you are interested to join, please contact Maria Dossin ([maria.dossin@gmail.com](mailto:maria.dossin@gmail.com)). We are always looking for new members!

Also, our Youth Choir grew in size and was able to demonstrate outstanding commitment and vocal progress, participating in several services over the year. Our young singers are: Pippa Justice, Elizabeth Moursund, Grace Barry, Alana Rodriguez, Jessica Wohlwend, Taylor Mortensen, Owen Preece, Sophia Dossin, Victor Dossin, Ruby Maltbie. The children are working hard to prepare for Pentecost (June 12<sup>th</sup>), which will officially begin a tradition of Youth Sundays at Good Samaritan. Our youth group will be leading all music, readings, and prayers on that day. It is going to be a very festive Pentecost celebration! It is also a combined service with the contemporary music leaders, so don't miss this unique Pentecost celebration!

The Bell Choir with Stephanie's Wohlwend leadership is also an amazing asset to our Music Ministry

and always ready to ring! It is always fascinating to me how the mood of the service can be changed with the sounds of the bells. It seems like Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, and other special occasion would not be the same without the bells. Thank you all who dedicated so much time this year for the bell choir!

—Maria Dossin, Director of Music

## **Good Samaritan School**

### **Good Samaritan School June Tea, Children's Fashion Show and Auction**

The GSS June Tea, Children's Fashion Show and Auction are scheduled for *Saturday, June 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.* The event will be held in Simpson Hall at Good Samaritan Church. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the fashion show, prepare food, and assist with setup and cleanup. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the Good Samaritan School Annual Campaign Fund. Ticket Prices are \$25 for Ladies and Gentlemen, \$15 for Little Ladies and Gents, and \$175 for a Full Table with seating for 7. Contact the GSS office for tickets or to volunteer.

### **All School "Spring Sing" – Mrs. Mary's Final Performance**

See you all at the "Spring Sing", bring your camera! *Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m.* marks our All School "Spring Sing". All the preschool students that attend school on MWF and all the Elementary students will participate. You will have the opportunity to see how our music program evolves through the years. Mrs. Mary has planned a wonderful selection of music and activities to share with you. This will be Mrs. Mary's last day leading the GSS. She is retiring and we send her off with our best wishes, love and thanks for all her years working with our students. She will be missed greatly by all. See you all at the Spring Sing! Bring your camera!

### **End of the Year Preschool Picnic and Grade School Field Day**

Our end of the year celebrations will be held at Walnut Barn in MLK Jr. Park on Walnut Blvd., *Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>*. The Preschool picnic will occur from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by the Grade School Field Day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come share the students' successful completion of the 2010-2011 school year.

### **Summertime Reading**

In the Children's Library (Room 15) we have many bookcases full of age appropriate books that children and parents can check out. These are available throughout the summer. See Mrs. Anna about signing out books from our library.

### **Student Testing**

Students in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade worked diligently on their annual Stanford Aptitude Tests during the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>. The tests were an excellent opportunity to measure and document the students' academic progress against national benchmarks for the year. Results from the testing will be available by the end of June or early July.

### **Enrollment Forecast for Next Year**

The enrollment response for next year continues to be extremely encouraging. All preschool classes are near capacity and an afternoon preschool class has been added to accommodate additional interest. It is also confirmed that our full-day kindergarten program will occupy two classrooms for the first time. Enrollment numbers are also solid for Grades 1-5.

—Jack Nickerson, Head of School

# Vestry and Committee Reports

## Your Vestry Representatives 2011

Richard Halter	Rectors Warden – Youth, and Finance
John Wells	People’s Warden – Buildings and Grounds
Steve Amsberry	Communication
Steve Blevans	Spiritual Nurture
Robert Moore	Stewardship
Mary Frances Campana	Technology, and Personnel
Susan Parks	Foundation, Good Sam School Board
Dennis Pitts	Christian Education
Cris Rodriguez	Newcomers
Stephanie Wohlwend	Music, and Worship
Ann Rosser	Parish Life
Jean Marie Walker	Community Outreach, and Social Justice

## Welcome to the final weeks of Spring (?)

I want to let everyone know just how thankful I am for the powerful and inspired worship that we experienced this Easter in greeting Christ the Risen King. As I sat listening to our Choir and ensemble perform in a sanctuary full of people there to welcome Jesus back from the dead - or stood at sunrise service out in the courtyard imagining Mary Magdalene finding the stone rolled back from the entrance of the tomb, I gave thanks for this special day that I was sharing with so many. I look forward to another year’s journey through the worship calendar with you.

I announce with much regret that Laura Bunsen has stepped down from the position of Clerk of the Vestry to focus on increasing job responsibilities. She will be missed greatly, and she has my prayers for continued success and that she enjoys the path ahead. I also hope that we can call a new Clerk in an expeditious manner; please suggest anyone you know who may have interest to Simon+, myself or John Wells and/or encourage them to approach us.

Our church now has the chance to state in writing what our clergy say before communion at each service; “Know that wherever you are on your path with God, you are welcome at this table”. The Vestry formed a committee to write a church welcoming statement and we now offer what they have created for you to review: this will be coming up for a vote at the June meeting.

*In our Parish family you will find a faith community that is hospitable and open, where all people are welcome regardless of age, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or marital status. We respect our traditions, strive for social justice, and seek to apply our principles to our changing world.*

*We recognize that the invitation to Christ’s table comes from our Lord himself who practiced radical and inclusive hospitality. We welcome everyone, Everyone!*

The Vestry is also working on a calendar of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our current facility. I encourage everyone to dedicate themselves to the proposition that a commemoration of our history at 333 NW 35th St. will be energizing to our congregation, help increase awareness and familiarity of our strong presence in the community, and be a lot of fun! Stay tuned.

— Blessings, Richard

## **Thank You**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your very generous gift of \$50.00 as a sponsor of the Community Soup benefit. Your continued support of Community Outreach has helped make special events like this a success. We were very pleased with the enthusiastic community response we received and are looking forward to hosting Community Soup again next year.

Community Outreach relies on our invaluable partnerships with the people of this community to help keep the many resources and programs we provide available to any and all individuals in need of help. We are part of an extraordinary community, where individuals truly care about each other. Thank you again for your donation.

Sincerely, Kari Whitacre, Executive Director of Community Outreach

### **Food Basket Reminder:**

The June Food basket theme is “Packaged Food.” This encompasses a wide variety of things from packages of pasta to cereals, baking mixes, crackers, rice — you get the idea. And please remember that there are pets in need, so donations of food, kitty litter, etc. are also welcome. They are taken to Heartland Humane Society.

### **June Designated Offering:**

Our recipient of the designated offering for June is Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers (VIC), celebrating Twenty-five Years of Loving Service!

VIC is a ministry of eight Corvallis churches, and Good Samaritan has been a part of the Caregivers ministry since it began in 1986. Volunteers help elderly and disabled younger people to remain living independently in their homes by assisting with transportation, indoor and outdoor chores, shopping and by providing much-needed respite for family caregivers. Friendly visiting by volunteers helps home-bound people stay in touch with the world around them. In the past year, dedicated VIC volunteers have helped **229** elderly and younger disabled persons, some for many years! The Ramp Crew built **56** wheelchair ramps and office volunteers and board members combined with hands-on volunteers to contribute a total **5,874** hours of help.

VIC is a totally volunteer ministry; there is no paid staff. Contributions from the churches help pay the phone bills and print informational brochures. Contributions also provide materials for building wheelchair ramps for those unable to pay the entire cost of building materials.

Please give prayerful consideration to a donation to Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers during the month of June, to help elderly persons and younger disabled persons continue to live independently in their own homes.

—Sandy Potter, Outreach Committee

### **Gourmet Dining at St. Anselm**

This month at St. Anselm of Canterbury, Friday the thirteenth was a lucky day for about thirty people. This was St. Anselm’s first foray into the area of fund-raising evenings and a good time was had by all. A gourmet meal whose main course included chicken pepperonata, a sauté of spring vegetables, and two pasta dishes was accompanied by fine wines. Afterwards, a concert featuring Handel’s chamber music was played on period musical instruments. If you’re sorry you missed this, there will be a similar event in the fall. A

big thank you to all who came and to Good Samaritan for its help. About \$1,100 was raised to help support campus ministry in Corvallis.

—Jean Marie Walker

## **Everyone is Welcome here!**

Each Sunday at Good Sam, we offer newcomers a welcoming gift of bread and information about our parish family and our community.

In our service bulletin, we welcome everyone in the congregation to join us at the communion rail to share Christ's Holy Eucharist.

But how do we invite and encourage newcomers to join our Christian community and become members of our parish family?

The vestry has formed a committee to create a welcoming statement to remind ourselves and the community that everyone is welcome to worship with us here at Good Samaritan.

We offer the following draft and ask for your comments and suggestions:

*In our Parish family you will find a faith community that is hospitable and open, where all people are welcome regardless of age, religious background, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or marital status.*

*We respect our traditions, strive for social justice, and seek to apply our principles to our changing world.*

*We recognize that the invitation to Christ's table comes from our Lord himself who practiced radical and inclusive hospitality. We welcome everyone, Everyone!*

Please contact Simon+ or any member of the vestry with your comments.

—Robin Powel

## **Minister then Celebrate**

The Outreach and Social Justice Ministry Committee held its annual Celebration of Ministries Dinner on May 4. Since it was the day before Cinco de Mayo, it had a Mexican theme complete with a piñata. The program was a presentation on the youth group's mission trip to the Yakima Indian Reservation this summer (7/24 to 7/29). A ministry called YouthWorks (<http://www.youthworks.com>) is handling all the details of the time on the reservation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to live out the love of Christ. Donations of approximately \$125 were collected at the dinner for the mission trip.

—Jean Marie Walker

## **ECW News**

**ECW Spring Luncheon**, Tuesday, June 7, 12:00 p.m. in Simpson Hall. A salad potluck luncheon, with "Helper Dogs" followed by a program by Wendy McCoy. Please call Ruth Burns at 541-758-3551 with any questions.

ECW will be selling their popular **RADA knives** on Sunday, June 12. They are highly valued for their quality and reasonable prices. Tomato season will eventually be here and no household should be without a tomato slicing knife. Knives will be on display and orders taken at the ECW luncheon on June 7, and on

Sunday, June 12, after the 8:00 a.m. service and before and after the 10:00 a.m. services. Payment is not due until the knives arrive in about 2 weeks.

—Maryanne Staton

## Happenings

### Episcopal Public Policy Network

I want to introduce you to EPPN - the Episcopal Public Policy Network whose goal is to help fulfill our Baptismal Covenant to “*strive for justice and peace.*”

You, too, can be involved in this effort of bringing the voices of Episcopalians to Washington by joining EPPN. Contact them at [www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn). You will receive Policy Alerts about current legislation affecting issues on which there is policy from General Convention and Executive Council. Each Alert will include information about a particular issue, the Church’s position, and what you can do to get involved.

**You can take action at whatever level is comfortable to you**, whether that is phoning, writing a letter, e-mailing, or visiting a Member in their office either in Washington, DC or at home. EPPN also encourages those who are interested to write letters to the editor, attend community forums, or call in when elected officials are on the radio.

In addition to print resources, you can also check the website listed above which includes much appropriate material including:

Information on pending legislation, action alerts and letters to congress

Policy for Action downloads, which summarize the social policies of the church

Resources for use in the parish such as bulletin inserts and special prayers

Information about advocacy opportunities and events nationwide

The Episcopal Church noted that this year Earth Day 2011 fell on Good Friday— a profound coincidence. On the day we marked the crucifixion of Christ, we remembered that when Earth is degraded and species go extinct, a part of God’s body experiences a different type of crucifixion, and another way of seeing and experiencing God is diminished. To fully honor Earth Day, we needed then and now to reclaim the theology that knows Earth is “very good” and holy. When we fully recognize this, our actions will create a more sustainable, compassionate economy and way of life.

To continue to recognize Earth Day we can reaffirm our commitment to protecting the environment by volunteering, letting our representatives in Washington know that we support sound environmental policies or by making small lifestyle changes to reduce our negative impact on the environment. Recently there have been efforts in Congress to reduce the strength of the EPA to enforce clean air and water standards. EPPN supports the role of the EPA.

E-mail contacts for our Congressmen:

<http://merkely.senate.gov/contact/> <http://wyden.senate.gov/contact/>  
<https://forms.house/defazio/IMA/contact.html>

—Edie Orner

### Grief Support Group for Men

Benton Hospice Service is offering a **Men’s Coffee Hour Grief Group** the first Tuesday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at New Morning Bakery, 219 SW Second, Corvallis. This informal, drop-in group is for adult males who are grieving the death of a person. It will be facilitated by male hospice staff

and trained volunteers and is open to any member of the community. For more information about the group or to talk with a bereavement counselor, please call Benton Hospice Service at 541-757-9616.

## Other Activities

### Casserole Connection

Is there someone in the parish that you know could use the support of a main dish casserole? Maybe they have recently come home from a stay in the hospital or possibly they are ill with the flu. There are many times in life when some good home cooked “comfort” food is most welcome. In the month of June you may call Maryanne Staton at 541 753-7154. She will be most happy to see that this need is met.

—Bobbie Beck

### Library Listings

June 2011

I don't think anyone questions the idea that there have been major societal changes in the past 25 or so years. How has the institution of the church adjusted to those changes? How have our expectations for the church as an institution changed, or have they? Why not explore some of the titles in our “Church Today” section of our parish library. These books are shelved on the left, closest to the window in our library. Listed here are a few of the titles from that collection:

**Congregational Paths To Holiness** by Peter A.R. Stebinger The first two chapters are entitled, “Congregational Growth and Decline” and “Background: Why Some Churches Grow and Others Do Not”. This book “details the clear and demonstrable conviction that where and when those of us who are the Body of Christ gather and open ourselves to the lively presence of the Spirit of God, we are blessed with growth and new life.”

**The Frog In The Kettle** by George Barna — “Place a frog in a kettle of boiling water and it will quickly jump out, aware that the environment is dangerous. Place a frog in a kettle of room temperature water and slowly increase the temperature of the water until it is boiling. The frog will stay in the water until it boils to death. **Will the Christian community be like the frog?**”

**Call To Commitment** by Elizabeth O'Connor - “The thrilling account of how the famous Church of the Saviour in Washington D.C. makes the Christian life a vital experience for its members and its community.”

**Dying Church - Living God - A Call to Begin Again** - by Chuck Meyer “his book is not an academic treatise; it is a statement of the obvious. The institutional Church we know so well is dying. ...Its structure and theology make no sense today, and haven't for decades. More importantly, the Church has ceased to be an adequate instrument for the **Living God** who refuses to be bound by it, to it, or in it. “ —from the introduction—

**The Once And Future Church** - Reinventing the Congregation For a New Mission Frontier by Loren B. Mead — “I would be hard pressed to name an American religious leader who has been as persistent an advocate of the importance of the local congregation to the future of American religion as Loren Mead.... if you have dealt with a congregational conflict, if you have asked questions about clergy authority or lay ministry, then you need to read *The Once and Future Church*. This is a book that will challenge everything you are doing, but will also give you clues for the future.”

**Wild Hope** by Tom Sine - This book provides -

—”Concise analysis of trends in the environment, technology, economics, politics, demographics, and the church

—”Incisive assessment of attitudes and assumptions that affect Christians’ ability to anticipate and respond to the future

—”Practical suggestions for building more responsiveness and creativity into Christian planning and outreach

—”A stirring reminder of both our biblical responsibility and the basis for our Christian hope”

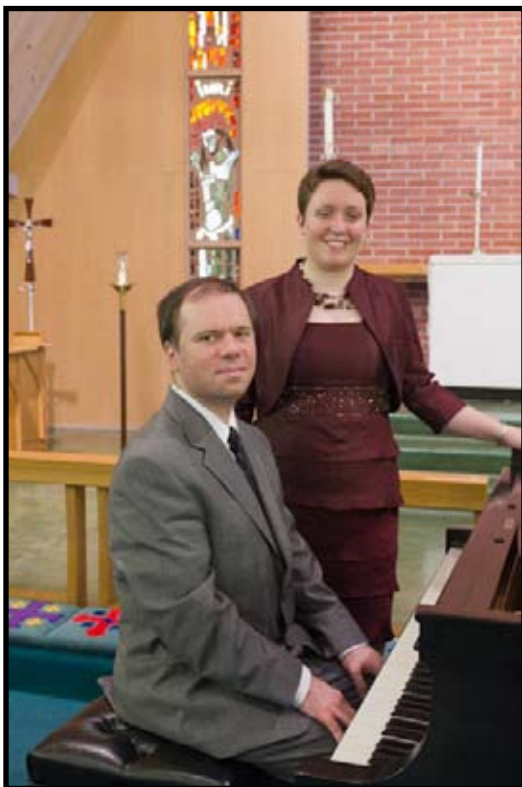
**The Arrogance Of Piety** - Religion in America by Chandler W. Sterling - This book “is a worried churchman’s searching examination of ‘captive Israel,’ the Church in America today, a nineteenth-century organization struggling with the problems of modern society. The Church is encumbered with the accretion of a muddled folk faith and hindered by well-meant efforts of loyal churchmen who want to preserve the outmoded external forms of a religion that must adapt and change if it is to survive.... “

There are lots more on the shelf - take a look - be brave - don’t be fearful of a bit of controversy.

—BROWSE—BORROW—BRING BACK—

—Eddie Orner, Parish Librarian

### May 22 — Sundays at Four Concert Cyril Deaconoff, Organ and Piano, Alison Nordyke, Mezzo-Soprano



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“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

**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
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Priest Assisting	*The Rev. Tom Stevenson
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