

Good News from Good Samaritan



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From The Clergy

50 years of Faith and Hope

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On August 13th, 1961 the cornerstone of our church – the ‘new church’ was laid. In fact you can see it today. It’s located on the front of the church in the left-hand corner of the church. Take a look. A service of dedication was led by The Rt. Rev’d James Carman, 6th Bishop of Oregon, on October 1st the same year. The old church was de-consecrated on August 27th, 1961 and released for use as the City Arts Center on January 1st, 1962. This means, of course, that our beloved church buildings are now 50 years old. Indeed, this year marks the 50th anniversary year in our ‘new’ church! Good Samaritan Church has, of course, deeper roots than that. Our congregation began its life in the 1860’s and early 1870’s as a chapel attached to St. Helen’s Episcopal Girl’s School in Corvallis. The school was renamed Good Samaritan School in 1871. Our congregation became a church in its own right in 1872 and an independent parish 1886. What a legacy we have received from those who have gone before us!

The Vestry has formed a working group to look at ways in which we might **celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of our church buildings**. To give thanks for all of the ministries that have taken place here over those years. To remember all the blessings God has poured out upon us. To remember the lives that have been touched and transformed, all of the services, the weddings, baptisms and funerals, and that bread has been broken and the cup shared continuously in this place since 1961, just as the Lord asked us to do.

This is a time, however, not just to give thanks for bricks and mortar, wood and glass. Our church community is blessed by those things, but is also much more than that. Our church consists of hearts and minds and bodies. It has been a community where we have supported each other and struggled over the big questions of our life and times; a place where we have found solace and meaning, faith and hope.

The Vestry is just in the early stages of thinking about ways in which we might celebrate our legacy, so more information will be forthcoming in the months ahead. In any case, if we are to do this, it shouldn’t simply be something that only the Vestry takes charge of but a celebration that we can all be involved in and lead. In the meantime I would ask you think and pray about this. Consider ways in which you might make a contribution to these possible celebrations and how you might want to participate.

50 years of faith and hope – that’s what has taken place here on this little plot on the corner of Harrison and 35th. In the spring of 1961 it was just a field of grass, a dream, a vision in the hearts of our forebears and the Mind of God. In 2011 this dream is a reality, as it has been for many years, and has been a place where another harvest has been gathered – hearts of love. Think about this, pray about this and we will talk some more in the coming months.

Blessings, *Simon*

Lance's Corner

In May the designated offering of our parish will be supporting our Youth Group's mission trip happening this July. Our youth will be traveling to Washington state and supporting the Christian presence in the Native American Yakama Nation. It has been several years since a group from Good Samaritan has engaged in this kind of trip, however there is a member of our group who has been on two such trips in the past 3 years — Courtney Fisher. Courtney has been a supportive peer leader in our Youth Group and valuable in helping us learn about what the mission experience has been like and encouraging others to be an active participant. Throughout May, Courtney will be sharing her experience with mission at each of our Sunday services and how this has shaped her walk as a young adult Christian. For those of you who have not yet met Courtney, she is the daughter of Randy and Cindy Fisher. Currently Courtney is studying hard for her Advanced Placement History exams. She is also active as a member of the CV Golf team, National Honor Society, the Zonta Club (which supports human rights for women and children throughout the world) and is also a mentor for incoming high school freshmen. She is planning to work this summer at OSU in an engineering lab studying methods for removing oil from water. Life for teens is full of choices and Courtney



chooses to offer a large amount of her time learning about and praising God. She was baptized and confirmed at Good Samaritan and has continued to be very active serving as an acolyte for the past 9 years as well as being part of youth group, Sunday school, choir and a lector at the 10:00 a.m. traditional service. In addition, Courtney is connected to the Calvin Presbyterian Church through their youth group and various Bible studies they offer and saying that she really enjoys the community there as well. She says "being Episcopalian is pretty cool because we're a really welcoming place and have a good balance between the "traditional" and the "modern." As you might tell, Courtney's faith is very important to her and says "It's awesome to know you've got an un-

beatable God backing you up whenever you need it". Going on mission trips has been an important part of Courtney's journey challenging her faith and as she put it, "it really got me out of my comfort zone and gave me a chance to practice what I've been learning all these years. I love helping other people and honoring God at the same time." Courtney is just one of the amazing young adults that are a part of our community. Please welcome Courtney as she shares part of her journey during our Sunday Services and please support our youth as they prepare for their mission trip and seek the opportunity to help others, honor God and challenge themselves to grow in Christ. Your prayers are paramount and your financial support is welcomed for this worthy venture which reaches in as much as it reaches out to change the lives of all involved. Thank you! And thank you Courtney!

Peace,

<< Lance >>

Treasurers Report Summary Through March 2011

1. Income:
 - a) Pledge income rebounded in March. For the 1st quarter, pledge income was \$5545 above budget.
 - b) Other income, e.g. from regular givers, special giving, was \$1623 above budget for the quarter.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Operating expenses for the 1st quarter were \$3617 below budget – lower than expected expenses to maintain the facility more than offset higher than expected utility expenses.
3. Cash flow: There is sufficient operating cash in our checking account because we are operating near breakeven for 2011 (Net = -\$1179).

4. Solar panels: The solar panels have been installed and are actively generating electricity. The \$55,720 cost of the panels and installation was borrowed from our Simpson House account. Net income from electricity sales will be transferred to the Simpson House account to repay the loan. The projected annual rate of return is 7.85%. On a quarterly basis, I will report net income for the quarter and for the life of the project.

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

March	March	2011	2011	Annual	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Budget
Income					
Pledge Receipts	36884	28750	94795	89250	348000
All other DPA income	4580	3033	10722	9099	36400
Non-DPA income	625	1024	2409	3072	12293
Total Income	42089	32807	107926	101421	396693
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	5023	5023	15069	15069	60278
Personnel	22701	23755	64254	65469	261879
Administration - Operations	5185	4194	25107	23232	60984
Property	395	1767	1529	5301	21200
Vestry Ministries	1371	1192	3080	3576	14300
Other Expenses	20	25	66	75	300
Total Expenses	34695	35956	109105	112722	418941
Net	7394	-3149	-1179	-11301	-22248

Music Notes

May Sundays@4 Concert

Cyril Deakonoff - Organ, Alison Nordyke - Mezzo-Soprano

Our last Sundays@4 of this 2010-2011 season is on May 22nd and will feature a Russian-born organist, conductor and composer Cyril Deakonoff. He is currently Artistic Director of the Vallejo Choral Society, Organist and resident Composer at St. John's Presbyterian Church in San Francisco and Assistant Conductor of the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale in San Jose. I have known Cyril's work since the early 1990s. We both graduated from Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow (1990-1994) and then from Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory (1994-1999). You can learn more about Cyril's career by going to: <http://www.myspace.com/cyrildeakonoff>

Also, this concert will feature an artist from our own congregation — Alison Nordyke (mezzo-soprano, 23) is a native of Albany, Oregon and grew up in the Good Samaritan Parish. Alison will be performing some songs composed by Cyril, as well as her own vocal selections. She currently attends Portland State University and has been a part of numerous operas, opera scenes and choirs. Our church's website was updated with the info about Sundays@4. Please visit to find out more at: <http://goodsamchurch-episcopal.org/music.php>

The program for the concert will feature Cyril's pieces, performed by Alison Nordyke, who expressed enthusiasm in singing contemporary music, as well as Russian vocal music, and organ music. I invite you to

attend this musically diverse evening that will finish the year for the Sundays@4 series.

On this note, I would like to thank those who made this year's Sundays@4 possible through your generous contributions. I thank everyone who donated any amount - you made a great difference in the musical offering of your church.

Good Samaritan School

Stations of the Cross for Good Samaritan Children and Families

Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade lead "*Stations of the Cross*" for school children on Wednesday, April 20th at 9:15 a.m. and at noon on Good Friday, April 22nd. This is our fourth year leading the service for both the school families and the church parish families. The students rehearsed their collective and individual speaking and singing roles for many weeks and we are proud of their effort and performance.

Spring Student Conferences

Conferences were held for both preschool and grade school parents over the past two months. Discussions focused on the progress of the children to date and the development of final student plans for the remainder of the year. Placement recommendations for next year were also discussed.

Student Testing

Students in Kindergarten through 4th Grade will be completing their annual Stanford Aptitude Test the week of May 9th through May 13th. The test is an excellent opportunity to measure and document the students' academic progress against national benchmarks for the year. Results from the testing will be available in early summer.

The staff is considering the addition of a fall testing window for next year to use as an additional diagnostic tools to help assess students' incoming skill levels and revise curricular plans where necessary.

Enrollment Forecast for Next Year

The response to the spring opening of enrollment for next year has been extremely encouraging. Our Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning preschool classes are at capacity with additional families on our "Wait-List". Thought is being given to offering additional afternoon classes to meet interest. Tuesday-Thursday preschool enrollment is over half full, which is high for this early in the spring and our new full-day Pre-Kindergarten class is also near capacity.

Burgeoning interest in our Full-Day kindergarten program will require us to offer two sections for the first time, a great indication the community is aware of the success of the program in preparing students for grade school. Enrollment numbers are also solid for grades 1-5.

Good Samaritan School High Tea and Fashion Show

Our spring fundraiser to support the school will be a "*High Tea & Fashion Show*" scheduled for Saturday, June 4th at 4:00 p.m. in Simpson Hall. The goal for the event is to raise \$3,000. All parish and school families and friends are invited. Good Samaritan staff will be conducting a "Cake Auction" in conjunction with the show, which will also feature student artwork for purchase. Look for future detail on this event in the next week or two.

—Jack Nickerson, Head of School

Important Notice

Good Samaritan Church has changed e-mail provider. Therefore for any e-mail contact with the church you will need to change your address book to reflect this change. For any church address that finished with @peak.org the new address will finish in @goodsamchurch-episcopal.org everything before the @ will be the same as before. For example the newsletter e-mail address was [newslettergs@](mailto:newslettergs@peak.org)

peak.org and for next month's and future newsletters this will change to newslettergs@goodsam-church-episcopal.org

If anyone has sent newsletter articles to the new e-mail address for this month it will not be found in this newsletter as I have not had a chance to update while working on this newsletter and I am very sorry.

—Dave Francis, Editor

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 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, and Good Samaritan School Board

Stephanie Wohlwend – Music, and Worship,

Dennis Pitts – Christian Education

Cris Rodriguez – Newcomers,

Ann Rosser – Parish Life

Jean Marie Walker – Community Outreach, and Social Justice

From The Rector's Warden

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Our 2011 operational budget finances look better and better with each Treasurer's report. The actions of the last Vestry and this year's Vestry in clearly presenting our budget issues to the Congregation, and your response, have done wonderful things. Thank you.

Vestry Member Bob Moore and the Finance Committee are also rapidly catching the church up on audits. Bob has completed the 2010 audit and the Finance Committee is busily grinding through the questions, and back-checking where required, to bring the 2009 audit to a finish.

The Spiritual Nurture Committee and the Vestry ask for your discernment in what I consider a rather special matter. In the process of deliberations over some new interior signage for the building (what lettering to use and the like), it was pointed out that our lounge is just "the Lounge". This gives us the opportunity to honor our most distinguished former Good Samaritan parishioner and cleric, Presiding Bishop Katharine. Please leave your suggestions at the office for the SNC. I am partial to "The ++Katharine Lounge"

We have had much to give thanks for in this past month and I wish I could review them all, but here are a few items:

Deacon Peg and The Mid-Valley Convocation for their well-attended Mission and Ministries Fair.

The Technology Committee, Mary Frances, Richard Halter, Jr., Bob Jarvis, John Shea, Robin Powel and everyone who helped make the changeover from Peak Internet and Integra Telephone services to Comcast Internet and Telephone a reality.

The Lenten Potlucks were also very well attended and provided excellent fellowship, food, worship and educational activities. Much thanks to Cammie Bella and the SNC for their organizational efforts. Gina Halter for hosting sessions on creating Anglican prayer beads, Deacon Peg for her series on the study of the Passion of Christ as presented in each of the Gospels, and Father Simon, Mother Fritts, and Cammie Bella for their series on spiritual meditation and prayer.

EGGS – the solar panels have been online for over 1 month! Even with this dreary, cloudy spring and extremely limited sunshine, they have generated almost \$600 in electricity. I am anticipating much better results when the sun of the long summer days arrives.

Blessings,

—Rich

Change and Life –

One thing is certain in this life. It will change.

There are aspects of our lives that we seek to keep from changing and depending on a variety of factors we may appear to succeed for a while. Some things appear unchangeable or only to change on a very large scale. For instance, our climate. It appears, regardless of the cause, that the climates of the world are changing.

One of the large cyclical oceanic currents is the ENSO (El Nino-Southern Oscillation) which we know as La Nina or El Nino depending whether the cycle is exhibiting the warmer or the cooler side. There is another cycle, the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO), which is observed in the western, northern Pacific Ocean and whose effect is mainly on the northern Hemisphere. These large, cyclical currents are fluid. They change with changing conditions. The frequency at which they change is long by human measure and it can appear to be non-changing, or un-changing. Many now recognize that the years between the early 1940's and the late 1970's were a period of apparent unprecedented lack of change in the PDO which resulted in a relatively stable North American climate.

We prune trees to control their growth, but sometimes other factors beyond our control result in a tree being diseased. An expensive organ is built and the finished product is lovely, but time takes a toll and the need for repair increases. Pianos, boilers, roofs, paint on the wall, and carpet on the floor all with time wear and need maintenance or replacement. My hat is ever off to the folks who built the beautiful facility in which I have the privilege of worshipping.

The past few months have been full of rather extreme turmoil for me. I will not elaborate. I am asking for your understanding. I know that the challenges which have arisen in my life do not qualify me for any special treatment however I feel I have been neglectful of my duties as your Junior Warden. The good men and women of the Building and Grounds committee have soldiered on in my absence as have the members of the school board.

The Finance committee has proposed a change in the way we budget funds for the use of Building and Grounds which appears to be a good approach and I endorse the change. Their proposal follows.

Proposal: Use account 5205.10, Maintenance - Building in the operating budget only for non-capital maintenance expenses, and fund all capital maintenance and building improvements through Restricted account 8980.10, Physical Plant Reserve, that is funded by long-term donations, earnings on church investments and earnings transferred from the Foundation. A similar approach can be taken for account 5220.10, Maintenance - Boiler.

Purposes:

1. Better align budgeted building maintenance expenses to actual spending.
2. Increase funding for capital improvement projects to the building.
3. Not pay DPA on capital improvement spending.

Background

1. Aligning budget to actual: The annual budget for Maintenance - Building has been \$11,000. The actual annual expenditures have been; 2008: \$6462, 2009: \$4397, 2010: \$6336
Average budget to actual = \$5268 under budget

We are over budgeting maintenance expenses for the possibility of something bad happening. While we must be prepared, during this time of tight budgets we need a more accurate operating budget while having

reserve funds available. Transferring unspent maintenance funds to the Physical Plant Reserve account has been considered but not implemented because of our recent budget deficits.

2. Increase funding: Two capital improvement projects for 2010 were funded with earnings on church investments - \$10,304 for sidewalk repair and \$9883 for the sound system. The church has other funds, e.g. S.D. Lu donation, that could be allocated to capital improvements and the Foundation is transferring earnings on unrestricted, not for operations, donations of about \$3000 per year. The money is there but is currently being allocated on a project basis - why not plan for capital improvements?

3. The instructions for the Parochial Report state that capital expenses are not included in the income calculation for determining DPA. From a review of spending from the Maintenance - Building account, we have been spending about \$1000 per year that could have been capitalized. The easiest way to separate the two is to have two separate accounts - expenses from the operating budget and capital improvements from the Restricted account. This would change our annual funding discussions - separating expenses and capital improvements instead of treating them as one amount.

Our organ is in need of extensive work if we are going to maintain it at peak performance levels. Work is underway to assess the work. We have received bids for repair and are convening another meeting in which to discuss how to proceed. We may want to consider changes to accommodate the abilities of all. Availability of resources is changing and may require us to consider more closely how we are using what we are given.

Lastly to me it is comforting to know that in the midst of this sea of change and choice God remains unchanging and the same.

God Bless us all, everyone

—Respectfully submitted, John Wells

On Line

Yes the Good Samaritan Church solar system is on line in more ways than one. We are connected and online to the grid, supplying electricity to it and also online to the Web. Checkout the following Web page and see just what we are doing on a daily, weekly and total basis here at Your Church.

<http://enlighten.enphaseenergy.com/public/systems/3xt515289>

—Bill Gazeley and Brian Gifford



“Stewardship means giving back to God a little of the abundance He has given you” Anon.

Stewardship

Although the 2012 pledge drive is months away, the time to plan for it is almost upon us. The years when a stewardship campaign within the Episcopal church was almost a desultory affair have faded away. We need new ideas and new approaches because the competition for discretionary giving is fierce. Just look at the size of the OSU foundation down the street.

We hope to convene a brainstorming group or more this coming spring [if indeed Spring ever comes] hoping to come up with some innovative ideas that fit our parish. If you or any other member of our parish have ideas, inspirations, insights or notions, please share them with us. We are all familiar with stewardship campaigns of the recent past and some of them surely leave room for improvement. We are open to any idea or any suggestion. I would greatly appreciate a call at 541-757-4365 or an e-mail at robertmooreart@q.com.

Thanking you in advance for your willingness to share,

—Bob Moore, Stewardship Ministry

Communications Committee Report,

As a “rookie” vestry member I will be the liaison to the communications committee. I will be attending their next meeting and be included in their e-mail communications to learn more about what they do. I will keep parishioners informed of their “happenings”. Current members on the committee are Cammie Bella, Dave Francis, Richard Halter, Bob Jarvis, Rosemary Magee, Karen Wohlwend and Laura Pfeifer.

Shalom,

—Steve Amsberry

Technology at Church

Let’s face it, data and communications management is not an exciting topic. And often, it is not an exciting activity—lots of detail and double-checking. However, it’s somewhat analogous to having children—you can’t leave it alone and expect it to survive. Fortunately, many people at Good Samaritan are willing to take the time and make the effort to ensure that our communications and computing resources are used efficiently and effectively. Over the past few months a number of projects have been undertaken by volunteers to give Good Samaritan the communications support it needs and to reduce costs:

—Richard J. Halter and Richard C. Halter led the upgrade project for the desktop computers used at the church. The operating systems, security controls, backup mechanisms and hardware configurations were brought up-to-date. Also, wi-fi internet access was installed.

—John Shea, Robin Powel, Tony and Dawn Denyer and Laura Pfeifer worked with ACS, the online church financial and organizational software company, to upgrade Good Samaritan’s version of its management software and, importantly, to transition to a remotely-hosted option (bottom line, we don’t keep the information on our machines, it is safely stored at ACS).

—John Shea, Richard J. Halter and Richard C. Halter transitioned Good Samaritan from Peak internet service to Comcast internet and telephone service. This move consolidated our communications and reduced our monthly telecom bill substantially, while providing the level of internet support we need to carry out a myriad of tasks for the church.

—Tony and Dawn Denyer have labored for months to bring clarity and order to the list of congregants. Patiently and carefully they have sorted out who’s who (here and gone, as it were) and are in the last stage of archiving former congregant names so that the working lists are current and therefore accessible and correct for mailing and other purposes.

All of these projects took substantial amounts of time and effort, attention to detail, follow up and coordination. The people who have accomplished this transformation for Good Samaritan have demonstrated their love and caring through often tedious and unglamorous work...when you see them, say thanks!

—Mary Frances Campana, Vestry Technology Representative

Go and Do Likewise

The Outreach and Social Justice Ministry Committee seeks to implement the words with which Jesus ends the story of the good Samaritan: “Go and do likewise.” As our mission statement says we strive “to show Christ’s love by reaching out to help those in need.” We do this at the local, national, and international levels. For example: the designated offering in April will go to Episcopal Relief and Development for the support of their national and international programs and in May it will go to the Good Samaritan Youth Group Mission Trip. We have had other fund raising activities ranging from dinners to craft sales.

New members to help us with this ministry are always welcome. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the library. The need is so great that it may seem overwhelming but we know our efforts, no matter how small, make a difference for someone.

We open each meeting with a prayer that says it all.

O Heavenly Father
We thank thee for food and remember the hungry
We thank thee for health and remember the sick
We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless
We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen

—Jean Marie Walker

Did you know that all the funds that are given for birthday and thanksgiving offerings go to Episcopal Relief & Development. Episcopal Relief & Development are our voice throughout the world. They respond quickly and effectively to all disasters and need. They represent you and me as the Episcopal response to these events. So when the celebrant announces are there any birthdays or anniversaries, don't be shy, go up to the front. Receive your blessing and put whatever you can in the offering plate. It goes to Episcopal Relief & Development.

—Paul Vecchi, Outreach Committee

Celebration of Ministries Dinner

A Celebration of Ministries Dinner will be held on May 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have a Mexican theme this year and the Youth Group will talk about their up coming mission trip. The Outreach Committee is putting on their yearly celebration of all the different ministries that are part of Good Samaritan Church. Everyone has a ministry whether in the Church or outside of it. It is your turn to get recognized and enjoy a meal. Make your own burrito, enjoy ice cream with toppings and good conversation. Don't be shy, it's time to party and have some fun. Sign up is by the Church office. A free will offering will be requested to cover some of the costs.

—Paul Vecchi, Outreach Committee

“No Place to Call Home”

Save the date, May 16, for this special program, 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Road. This program tells about the lives of Corvallis persons who live on our streets, in our woods and under our bridges, about their struggle to survive and our community's efforts to reach out to these homeless persons. The event is free, but contributions are welcome.

Partners Place is a Housing First project that will provide permanent housing for chronically homeless persons. It began in 2009 and has gone from hope to reality, with move-in time set for July. ECW and the Outreach Committee have led a drive for kitchen items to furnish seven kitchens at Partners Place, and are ready to put the things in place, awaiting the new residents!

Partners Place is currently applying for a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, and this requires some matching funds. Those attending “No Place to Call Home” will be invited to make a contribution, either financial or by baking a pie for the refreshments. The Corvallis Homeless Shelter Coalition is truly grateful for whatever you can share, whether it is \$10.00 or \$10,000. Make checks payable to “CHSC - Housing First” and mail to 316 SW Washington, Corvallis 97330. If you would like to contribute a pie for the May 16 program please call Sandy Potter (541-753-2709) or Maryanne Staton (542 753-7154).

In order to reserve a seat for the program RSVP to Gina at 541-754-7380 or gina.umble@yahoo.com.

Thank You

From We Care:

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for your on-going support of We Care, which last year was

\$2,000. With your dollars, we make it possible for families or individuals to obtain or remain in adequate living accommodations, to have heat, water, medical attention or provide for other emergency needs as they arise. We are not able to provide assistance to all those in need, but continue to help as many as we can. In 2010 we assisted 262 of 363 cases brought to us and 63% of those were families with children.

We have three meetings a year to meet with faith groups that support We Care. At these meetings we provide information about the operation and progress of We Care.

Sincerely, Lyn Martin, Treasurer, We Care Board

From Parent Enhancement Program:

We wish to thank you for your donation of \$106.88. This will enable our staff and volunteers to continue toward our community goal of prevention. With support such as yours we are able to carry on our services to a growing number of Benton County teenage and young parents.

Since 1990 we have been offering a variety of services, developed to prevent child abuse and maltreatment, to young parents and their children. At year-end 2010, we provided outreach services, free of charge, to more than 250 families, headed by parents age 13 to 25.

Our staff and volunteers are committed to what we do and with your support we are able to make a real difference, helping young parents become stable, skilled adults...and assisting families to become positive community members. It is great to see them learn and grow.

Nancy E, Klahn, Executive Director, Parent Enhancement Program and Marc Vomocil, Board President

From Homeless Education Program

Thank you so much for your donation to the Homeless Education Program. Your support truly makes a difference so families do not have to experience living in a car or some other unsatisfactory situation. Also, I greatly appreciate your willingness to set up a way that donated funds can be accessed in an easy way to make sure families can stay in safe, decent housing.

Sincerely, Carolyn Hinds, Homeless education Program.

Sacred Spaces Wanting Ideas for Simpson Hall

The Sacred Spaces Committee hopes to paint and update our office hallway this summer when school's out. In the long term, we'd like your ideas for updating Simpson Hall. Please let one of our committee members know if you have thoughts along that line. SSC: Tom and Gwen Stevenson, Beverley Beckley, Dee Yarnell, Kristi Amsberry, and Cammie Bella. You can leave them in our mailbox in the church office or give us a call or email. All ideas are welcome!

—Cammie Bella.

ECW News

E.C.W. Board Meeting. The E.C.W. Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3, in the Lounge. This will be the last regular business meeting until September. E.C.W. membership includes all women of the Episcopal Church and board meetings are open to all members.

June Luncheon. A salad potluck luncheon is scheduled at noon on Tuesday, June 7. Please bring your favorite salad and the recipe if it was not published in the Stained Glass Cookbook. If you prefer to bring a dessert instead of a salad, please contact June Carter (541-753-7185). Guests are welcome.



A Very Special Program.

E.C.W. will host a very special presentation by Dr. Alan Sandler, OHSU Knight Cancer Center, on Tuesday, June 28, at 1:00 p.m. in Simpson Hall. Dr. Sandler will cover recent developments in cancer research and treatment options and will discuss some very compelling research about lung cancer which is his specialty. Dr. Sandler is a Professor of Medicine and the Division Chief of the Division of Hematology & Medical Oncology, Department of Medicine, at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

We feel very fortunate to be able to bring such a distinguished speaker to our community. Please extend an invitation to friends – the event will be open to anyone in the community who is interested in cancer research and treatment. Oregonians are blessed to have the OHSU Knight Cancer Center with its outstanding research and treatment so close at hand. Be sure to put the date on your calendar.

E.C.W. Annual Spirituality Day

Remember the very successful Spirituality Day at Good Samaritan last spring? This year's ECW Spirituality Day will be hosted by St. Bartholomew's in Beaverton, May 14, with the theme, "Celebrating the Ministry of Episcopal Women." The day begins with worship at 9:30 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m., with a choice of workshops during the day. The cost, \$20.00 if paid by May 7, includes luncheon. Details of the day's program and a registration form can be found on the Diocesan E.C.W. website. If you do not have a computer and wish to have a registration form, please contact the church office. Carpooling is encouraged.

E.R.D. Micro Loans for Women

E.C.W. is sponsoring Episcopal Relief & Development's Micro Loans for Women as its special project for 2011. Funding our first sponsored loan of \$200 was made possible by selling 41 copies of Presiding Bishop Katharine's new book, "Heartbeat of God." Additional funds are being collected through "Small Change for Real Change" collection jars distributed to parishioners interested in helping. Our goal is to involve as many parishioners as possible for this ongoing project which will continue with ingathering the first Sunday of each month throughout the year. Hot cross buns were made under the supervision of Mary Stone Moursund and sold singly or by the dozen on Palm Sunday with the proceeds of \$195.61 earmarked for E.R.D. Micro Loans.



—Ruth Burns

Happenings

Backpack Collection

Do you have old or unused backpacks that you've been trying to get rid of? The high schoolers at Good Samaritan are collecting these backpacks for the benefit of the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. The collection will take place on Sunday, May 22 here at the Church. Just drop them off at the back of the church in the Narthex before the service starts

Gospel (Music) Potluck

Please come and enjoy an evening of musical fun and fellowship singing old-time gospel hymns. On Friday, May 6th, a Gospel Potluck will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Simpson Hall. A potluck meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by a sing-along. We will project words and music on a screen. Talia and Matt Neely will provide piano and guitar accompaniment. A trained voice is

not necessary to join in. All are welcome to take part in this inter-denominational event. These traditional hymns, many of which you will find familiar, are taken from the Broadman and the Stamps-Baxter hymnals. Good Samaritan parishioners are especially invited.

—Karen Stevens

WANTED:- More Recipes.

Several people have expressed a desire to add recipes to our Stained Glass III cookbook, (published in the late Fall of 2008). Plus, there have been requests from parishioners for certain recipes belonging to fellow parishioners, e.g.:- Betty Stoddard's shortbread, lemon cake and special icing; Sharon Kavanagh's sunshine muffins. So, please share more of your favorite recipes with us and we'll work on an addendum for the present cookbook. A "recipe" box will be available in the office. It is our goal to have this completed by October 2011, but, we can't accomplish anything without YOUR help. A variety of recipes would be appreciated. Thank you.

—Nancy Zook (541-757-0037).

Other Activities

Casserole Connection

Spring is well underway and summer is just around the corner. We in Casserole Connection are here for those in need in every season. As the year goes by our parishioners continue to face illness, hospitalizations and yes new life and even death. All of these circumstances might call for the support of a main dish casserole from one of our excellent cooks.

Please call Joyce Skogen at 541 753-1112 if you know of someone who could use our help.

—Bobbie Beck

Library Listings

May, 2011

—I have recently begun (with help from Karen Stevens) the job of culling books from the Adult Library which seem to be outdated or duplicated. In the process we started with the section "Pastoral Care." (It was the smallest collection.) Since I feel strongly that we are all called to care for one another and since so few of the books have been ever checked out, we decided to divide and rename the collection - "Grief and Loss" and "Self-Help." Those books that seemed to be really "Pastor" oriented, I offered to our clergy and eventually will be offered to the members of the congregation before selling or donating them. Listed below are some of the titles in this category - they will be on display on the table outside the library for check-out - others will be shelved on the right in the second section.

Escape From Loneliness - by Paul Tournier - translated by John S. Gilmour

"This powerful book has helped thousands face the suffering of loneliness. Dr. Tournier, the distinguished Swiss physician/author, believes people are lonely because of their spirit of competition, which leads them to use each other as *things* in the race for personal success."

The Good Listener by James E. Sullivan "A brilliant and convincing confirmation of the therapeutic value of listening."

When Someone You Love Is Dying by Ruth Kipp, M.D. - Handbook for Counselors and Those Who Care. "The shadow of death brings with it a sense of helplessness. With such a handbook as this, we need no longer feel that there is nothing we can do. Dr. Kopp is able to equip those who are dealing with terminal illness to understand and respond, using the resources God has given..."

Chicken Soup For The Surviving Soul - 101 Stories of Courage and Inspiration from Those Who Have

Survived Cancer by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Aubery, Nancy Mitchell, R.N. This book..”is a great pick-me-up book. We all go through tough times in our lives. The inspiring stories in this book show us all that we can get through these events and even learn from them — that is the secret of surviving.”

It Must Have Been Moonglow - Reflections on the First Years of Widowhood by Phyllis Greene. This book “chronicles the emotional roller-coaster of her experiences in a collection of brief essays - like diary entries - that capture the sadness, the humor, and the triumphs all widows encounter.....”

Teach Only Love - The Seven Principles of Attitudinal Healing by Gerald G. Jampolsky, M.D. The author teaches that” Love is the very essence of our being, our natural birthright which we can use to transform our lives”

Our Many Selves - A Handbook of Self-Discovery by Elizabeth O’Connor “Out of her individual and group experiences, (the author) has developed a series of practical exercises to help the reader understand his or her own life and evolve a program of continuing personal growth.”

When Helping You Is Hurting Me - Escaping the Messiah Trap by Carmen Renee Berry “I can recall a time when I took care of everybody but myself.....My life revolved around meeting the needs of othersI felt so compelled to help others that, at times, I felt like a ‘helpaholic.’ I had fallen into the Messiah Trap...”

Up From Grief - Patterns of Recovery by Bernadine Kreis and Alice Pattie “Directly and unsentimentally, this remarkable book explores what happens to all of us when a close friend or relative dies. Realistic and workable ways of dealing with one’s own grief or the grief of others are presented in full.”

Caring - How Can We Love One Another? by Morton T. Kelsey”offers concrete answers to the question, ‘How can we love one another?’ He gives practical suggestions on how we can learn to love ourselves, to listen to each other, to understand our sexuality, to face anger creatively, and to find greater intimacy in relationships with family and friends.”

—BROWSE, — BORROW, — AND BRING BACK —
—Eddie Orner, - Adult Library

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