

Good News from Good Samaritan

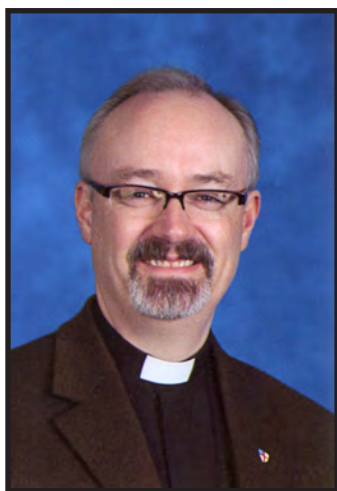
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From The Clergy



Dear ones,

We will be starting two exciting new ministries this month both as outreach and support for families with children and young adults. The first is for children between 2 and 7 called Godly Play:

WHAT IS GODLY PLAY?

The result of a lifetime of research and practice by theologian, author and educator The Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman, the Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives.

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

Godly Play has a Montessori foundation with 40+ years of research and practice.

Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships.

Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.

Godly Play allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning.

Godly Play nurtures participants to larger di-

mensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

We plan to begin a pilot program beginning on Sunday, April 3rd. Godly Play will be in the Nursery Room from 9:45 – 10:20 a.m. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this exciting new ministry. Come and join us!

The other new venture is with our church choir. We are inviting middle and high school students to sing with our adult choir. This is what our Director of Music, James Moursund, said;

“Students of middle and high school are invited to sing with the adult choir beginning after Easter.”

We'll be rehearsing from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings, and then joining adult choir for hymns and occasional anthems. On a personal note, this church's youth music program was my training in musicianship when I was growing up - I really encourage you to try it out! We don't bite.”

I appreciate everyone's forbearance as we have renovated Simpson Hall these last few weeks. We hope to complete the work sometime this month. I am deeply grateful to Harry Burrige and members of our Sacred Spaces Committee who have shepherded this complex project. And I would also like to add very special thanks to Craig Massie who acted as our 'angel' consulting engineer, and helped us obtain the necessary work permits from the City of Corvallis. It will be wonderful when it's completed!

It's fun and satisfying to be busy and have work and projects to complete. But in all of the busyness I have to continually remind myself of what our over-all vision is: to allow the Holy Spirit to create a church community where our lives can be transformed, and where we can enter and witness to the Kingdom, the Dream of God. May all that we do, both at church and at home, fulfill this purpose.

Simon+

Registration for Summer Camp is now open

Episcopal Week at Suttle Lake Camp will be July 18-23, 2016. It is for children and youth currently in grades 1-12.

Campers who have completed 3-12 grades can sign up for a full week of camp, now called **Classic Camp Week 1 at Suttle Lake** (formerly called Awesome Adventures, Outer Limits & Beyond).

Campers who have completed 1-4 grades can sign up for a few days of camp, now called **Classic Camp Week 1 (Intro Option) at Suttle Lake** (formerly called Blast Off). Camp scholarships are available for up to \$100 per camper. Information about all the camp and retreat options available to us through our partnership with the Camp and Retreat Ministries of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church is online at GoCamping.org.

For more information, please contact

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Camping scholarships are also available through Good Samaritan Church. Talk to Fr Simon.

Youth News

Diocesan Youth Mission Trip (YMT) 2016 Applications Available Now! Seattle, Washington, July 30-August 6, 2016

All youth currently in 8th-12th grades are welcome to apply to be part of YMT 2016 to Seattle, Washington. We will be working with local ministries responding to homelessness, hunger and poverty.

Participation fee is \$200 per youth. A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 is required with the application by March 30, 2016.

For questions or more information contact Carol

Sedlacek at Carols@diocese-oregon.org or 971-204-4124.

Scholarships are also available through Good Samaritan Church. See Fr. Simon.



Hello, wonderful people! I bring you good news from the land of youth, family and campus ministries! But, first, I thank you all for adventuring with me through all the changes and experiments in different ways to do youth and family ministries! For those who are new, it was decided last summer to

try a non-traditional way of doing Christian education for the children. We launched a website for families to use to bring Christian education into the homes with the recognition that sometimes the best learning happens in all the car rides, dinners, bed-times, and little moments. So we want to encourage and equip parents to teach their kids about their faith in those moments. Secondly, folks desired time to be with other families and get to know one another. So, we're doing bi-monthly gatherings of families to relax, chat, play games, and spend time together. We hope to transition to a monthly gathering in time. Finally, families wanted to be able to work on a service project together. Our hope is to get a garden going at Good Samaritan for the families to create, plant and harvest together. The crop would go to Stone Soup to feed the hungry. In the realm of youth group, we've joined up with six other churches to start a joint youth group called the Corvallis Youth Collective. This is for middle and high school youth and we've had 3 events so far and all have been loved by those in attendance! Our next CYC gathering will be on April 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Other coming attractions include the invitation to children in middle and high school to join in with the adult choir beginning in the Easter season. Also beginning in the Easter season is Godly Play, an interactive way of exploring the Scriptures and Sacraments through storytelling for children ages 2-7,

every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Things at Holy Ground Episcopal Campus Ministry are moving along, too. For those of you who are new, the campus ministry meets at the house on the corner of 26th and Arnold, and just re-started this school year. We've got a weekly pub theology on Wednesday nights at Cloud and Kelly's, which will be transitioning to a bi-monthly event after Spring Break. We're also hoping to kick off some movie/game nights after Spring Break, too. During Lent, we've had noonday prayer and "monastic-style" lunch every Monday to Friday. It's been a wonderful way to relax for a half hour in the middle of the day. We had an open house this past Sunday which was well-attended. I've been in conversation with other OSU chaplains, and other Episcopal chaplains in Oregon to plan some joint events. A big thank you to all the good work that's been happening behind the scenes to get things off to a good start by the HGECM advisory committee!!!! More to come!

—Abigail

Treasurers Report

Narrative

1. Income:
 - a) 2016 budgeted pledges shown above are as of the end of February.
 - b) There was a large drop in donations from regular givers. Time will tell.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Expenses somewhat below budget for February.
3. Summary: Pledges for 2016 are projected to reach \$342,000, which would result in a deficit of \$25,390. Finance Committee recommends funding the deficit with the 2015 surplus (\$19,950) and savings. The committee also recommends that Vestry begin immediately to plan for a balanced 2017 budget.

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

Summary through February 2016

	February	February	2016	2016	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Pledges	30,775	29,395	62,105	56,672	334,085
Other pledge related income	510	423	1,253	1,423	18,961
All other DPA income	1,117	3,029	3,559	5,758	42,850
Non-DPA income	1,230	500	2,188	1,000	8,400
Total Income	33,632	33,346	69,105	64,853	404,296
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4,641	4,641	9,282	9,282	55,692
Personnel	21,555	22,462	43,487	45,024	267,643
Administration - Operations	4,757	4,266	9,821	8,992	60,230
Property	2,622	2,556	4,160	5,112	30,672
Vestry Ministries	276	901	835	1,802	11,614
Outreach from Operations	333	333	667	667	11,200
Other Expenses	21	46	30	92	550
Total Expenses	34,205	35,205	68,282	70,971	437,601

Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you got the chance to attend the March Sundays@3 Concert. Dr. Julia Brown and our very own Sarah Massie performed works of J. S. Bach (and sons) on our Casavant pipe organ. If you haven't joined us for any concerts this season, I can't recommend it enough – our church is very lucky to be able to provide free concerts of this quality to our community.

In other news, preparation for Holy Week and Easter is just about at its zenith of business. Or, to put it in layman's terms, it's "crunch time". I'm so pleased with the work our musicians have put in (including outside of rehearsal) – we hope you join us for these holy celebrations this season.

If you're interested in participating in music at Good Sam, you can email me:

moursundjames@gmail.com

I can direct you to whichever kind of music in which you have interest. Notably, I hope you check out our Adult Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, and Hand-bell Choir.

Music Lesson: J. S. Bach once challenged fellow harpsichord wizard Louis Marchand to a keyboard duel in 1717. However, Marchand proved unworthy of the challenge and fled on the day of the duel. It was said that Bach was too modest to speak of the event in his later life, and was perhaps a little ashamed to have embarrassed the young man. Perhaps this is where the modern slang, "You got played" comes from.

—James Moursund, Director of Music

Dear person or persons who left the envelope dated 3/15/16 in my mailbox,

THANK YOU!!!

I enjoy my work and being with the people of Good Samaritan. I am very fortunate to be at a place that people appreciate the beauty of sacred music and the effort that goes into making it.

May we share much more beautiful music and laughter together.

Sincerely,

—Nancy Dunn

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 2016

Paul VanDevelder	At Large
Bill Smoker	Outreach Committee Chair, Rex Cole
Keith Gelbrich	Spiritual Nurture Committee Chair, Cammie Bella
Ruth Burns	Parish Life Committee Chair, Michele Justice
Harry Burridge	Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, John Magee
Robert Lovelady	At Large
Ric Bergey	Finance Committee Chair, John Shea
Mike Propst	Worship Committee Chair, Simon Justice
Stephanie Wohlwend	Music Committee Chair, James Moursund
Beverley Beckley	Environmental Ministries Committee Chair, Bill Becker
Michelle Millar	Stewardship Committee Chair,
Pat Boyce	Children and Family Committee Chair, Mo. Abigail

Update on the Church's Casavant Pipe Organ

As you may know from our presentations in January, the Organ Committee has been actively addressing the significant repairs needed to maintain our pipe organ. Some may recall these improve-

ments were identified as the third phase of our Capital Campaign begun several years ago. We are fortunate to have inherited a fine instrument, but it is showing signs of age, as well as suffering from a manufacturing problem common to organs of our vintage.

Some background:

- 1) Our organ was built in 1964 by Casavant Frères in Canada. It has 38 ranks of 66 pipes each for a total of approximately 2300 pipes, the largest pipe organ in Corvallis
- 2) The Zinc used to make the façade pipes, those visible from the nave, and literally hundreds of pipes not visible are slowly “melting” due to a Zinc alloy shortage that affected pipes made in the 1960s to 1980s. Repair quotes we have received from two organ builders note they have replaced similar vintage pipes failing for the same reasons.
- 3) Our console has electrical and mechanical components that are both obsolete and out of compliance with current electrical codes.

Path forward:

The committee plans to propose a project to the Vestry at its April meeting consisting of two phases as follows:

Phase 1 will include the refurbishment of our organ in its location in the loft at the rear of the church. The planned refurbishment includes the following elements:

1. The blower room and blower
2. The refurbishment of perishable materials including the reservoirs, schwimmers, swell expression shade motor, and wind-chest leather deemed needing repair
3. Replacement of the zinc facade pipes
4. Replacement of zinc interior pipes
5. Upgrade of the console electronics, replacing a combination of electrical and mechanical components that are obsolete and don't meet current electrical codes. This upgrade will further accommodate (a) moving the console within the confines of the loft, at the present loft level at which the console sits, and (b) accommodating the future potential to interface with a future chancel organ located at the front of the church. No structural modifications are needed for this change.

6. Tonal improvements to balance the new and existing pipes

Phase 2 would be the addition of a chancel organ to support choir singing from the front of the church and organ concerts. The committee recognizes that this is part of a much larger discussion about the planning of our worship space, and that discussion is beyond the scope of the organ committee. That said, Phase 1 console improvements will be done such that they can accommodate control from an organ console located at the front of the church.

The current quote for the work described for Phase 1 is approximately \$150,000.

An organ Fundraising committee has preliminary been formed and currently consists of 4 members.

Representative photos of the interior and façade pipes:

EGGS – Fried

Fried – as in using electricity, perhaps with Pacific Power's “Blue Sky” renewable energy program? Yes, it's time for the annual report on Blue Sky.

Here is a very local example, for two of our fellow parishioners enrolled in Blue Sky: Together they supported 17,100 kilowatt hours of renewable energy. That reduced their combined CO₂ output by 22,000 pounds, which is comparable to 23,500 miles not driven or 260 trees planted. Each individual **can** make a difference! The overall participation rate in Corvallis, by the way, is 18.5%. And, as you may know, our church subscribes to Blue Sky.

On a much larger scale, Pacific Power has over 106,000 customers participating in Blue Sky, supporting almost 720,000,000 kilowatt-hours of renewable energy. That is a reduction of over 458,000 TONS of CO₂ as compared to conventional power generation, which in turn is equivalent to taking over 87,000 cars off the road, or planting over 10,000,000 trees!

Are you a Blue Sky participant? If yes, thank you so much. If not, you can sign up at www.pacificpower.net/blueskykit. For an increase in your electric bill of 10% you can have a great impact on

the environment, certainly on global warming.

Will this save planet earth as a home for us mortals? Perhaps not, certainly not by itself, but we must do what we must do, yes?

As it is written:

Blessed by the Lord be the land,
with the precious gifts of heaven,
with the dew, and the deep that lies beneath,
with the precious fruits brought forth by the sun,
and the riches brought forth by the moon,
with the greatness of the ancient mountains,
with the abundance of the everlasting hills,
and with all the treasures of the earth in its
perfection.

(Deuteronomy 33:13-16)

Thanks be to God!

—Bill Becker

Happenings

Progress In Health Care Reform

Another piece in the puzzle of providing health care for all Oregonians has been found and is almost ready to be added to our picture. The Basic Health Program was passed by both houses of the Oregon Legislature in the short session which just recently ended and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. State Senator Sara Gelser stated at a recent Legislative Forum that she was comfortable in thinking it would be signed. This bill addresses several of the current gaps in health insurance coverage for residents of Oregon. It applies to those whose incomes fall between 138% and 200% of the current poverty level. Federal dollars that would otherwise pay for marketplace subsidies will help pay for the Basic Health Program. This takes care of one of the many gaps in the Affordable Care Act otherwise known as Obamacare.

Unfortunately other gaps are surfacing, not least among them is the fact that many folks who now have insurance under Obamacare can't afford to use it because of high deductibles and co-pays. What we are learning is that health care insurance is NOT the same as health care. And so we need to continue the march to universal, affordable, accessible, comprehensive, health care for all – under the

name of Single Payer or Improved Medicare for All – publically funded and privately delivered. These efforts are spearheaded by the group Health Care for All Oregon of which Good Samaritan is a coalition member; the local affiliates are Mid-Valley Health Care in Corvallis and Albany Chapter-HCAO in Albany.

If you pay any attention to all the hoop-la surrounding the upcoming presidential election, you have probably discovered that single payer health care is in the mix. And of course, its opponents are wasting no time in sending out many arguments, many of them highly questionable, trying to scare folks with their talk of, gasp, "Socialism." Well, they would have to include Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's health care, and this new Basic Health Care Bill in the same category if they were truly being honest. So don't let yourselves be sucked in by these scare tactics! One of their biggest arguments is that Single Payer would be funded by a, gasp, TAX! What they forget to add is that this TAX will REPLACE all premiums, deductibles, co-pays...we won't have to pay those any more. And the tax is a progressive tax, based on ability to pay! Try this: add up all your premiums, deductibles, co-pays – all the health care costs - that you listed as deductions on your income tax statement and compare it to 3% of your taxable income and see which is more. For most of us, the 3% tax is way less – I'd trade any day – I had a several thousand dollar discrepancy on mine. Nuff said – I rest my case. And everybody would have health care – not just those who can afford it!

If you have comments or questions, talk to Carol Scharfer, Pat Wickman, or Edie Orner – all of whom are involved in this issue – both in Corvallis and Albany.

—Edie Orner

Library Listings

April, 2016

Happy Spring – and we'll hope for a bit of blue in the sky to make up for all the gray of March. I'm calling to your attention this month a selection of books aimed at helping you take a look at deepening/broadening your spiritual life. Take a look – These books will be on display on the shelf to the right as you enter the library.

THROUGH THE NARROW GATE – A Memoir of Spiritual Discovery – by Karen Armstrong — This book “is both a deeply personal story and a moving argument that the spirit cannot be freed by constraining the body, that mortification of the flesh and emotional deprivation are not keys to spiritual enlightenment, but to a constriction of the soul.”

HOW, THEN, SHALL WE LIVE? Four Simple Questions That Reveal the Beauty and Meaning of Our Lives – by Wayne Muller — “Who am I? What do I love? – How Shall Live, Knowing I will Die? – What is my Gift to the Family of the Earth? – We all long to experience a sense of inner wholeness and guidance, to live a life of meaning, purpose, and grace. But how can we live up to this ideal? ...By exploring these four simple questions – we can grow beyond our confusions and limitations and find the wise and ready spiritual guide that is alive in all of us...”

A TREE FULL OF ANGELS – Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary - by Macrina Wiederkehr - “A personalized invitation to stop, look, and listen for God in the here and now...She wants us to gather up the crumbs, the little things in our lives, and realize they have the makings of a banquet.”

CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE – The Path to Spiritual Growth - by Richard J. Foster - “Like a child exploring the attic of an old house on a rainy day, discovering a trunk full of treasure and then calling all his brothers and sisters to share the find, Richard J. Foster had ‘found’ the spiritual disciplines that the modern world stored away and forgot, and has excitedly called us to celebrate them. For they are, as he shows us, the instruments of joy, the way into mature Christian spirituality and abundant life.”

ABBA’S CHILD – The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging – by Brennan Manning - “With prophetic zeal, Brennan speaks to our heart’s deepest longing and manages to keep the focus on the One who meets it. Hearing, really hearing, this message – that we ‘belong’ – has and will continue to revolutionize lives.

ORDERING YOUR PRIVATE WORLD - by Gordon MacDonald - “Is there a genuine inner life, a private, inner world that each of us possesses? The Scriptures, the experiences of the great saints, and the writings of more contemporary sages say there

is – and that inner life can be ordered and regulated. Where people live with disorder within, there is anxiety and little growth. But where the private world is constantly realigned and regulated, there is remarkable personal development and Christian witness.”

PERELANDRA – (2nd in the celebrated Space Trilogy that begins with *Out of the Silent Planet* and ends with *That Hideous Strength*) - by C. Lewis — this book “continues the adventures of the extraordinary Dr. Ransom. Pitted against that greatest of human weaknesses, temptation, the great man must battle evil on a new world – Perelandra – when it is invaded by the Devil’s agent. Will Perelandra succumb to the Devil’s influence, or will it throw off the yoke of corruption and achieve a spiritual perfection as yet unknown to man? The outcome of Dr. Ransom’s mighty struggle will alone determine its fate.”

LEFT TO TELL – Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust - by Immaculee Ilibagiza – “Although the details of Immaculee’s story are unique, what is profoundly universal is the way her belief in goodness is tested over and over. As unspeakable evil spreads around her, and she has to dig deeper and deeper to find compassion, hope, and ultimately the kind of genuine forgiveness that offers redemption. *LEFT TO TELL* will leave you breathless and falling to your knees with renewed faith.”

—Browse — Borrow — Bring Back —

—Edie Orner, Parish Librarian for the Adult

Library

Other Activities

Casserole Connection

For the month of April, Tania Ross will be our Casserole Connector. She can be reached at 541 754-4249. Please call her if you know of someone or maybe a family who could use the support of a main-dish casserole. An illness, a return from a hospital stay or maybe the happy occasion of a new baby in the family. These give you an idea of our services.

—Bobbie Beck

View From The Village

Don't forget - our 50th Anniversary party is Saturday, April 16th at 3:00 p.m. If you were here when Samaritan Village was built and remember that time, feel free to share your stories and photos with us. We welcome all to our celebration and look forward to seeing you. The festivities will be in our dining room and lounge.

While you are here, enjoy a walk around in our back garden. Engage in conversation with a resident and get to know us better. We look forward to your presence at our celebration.

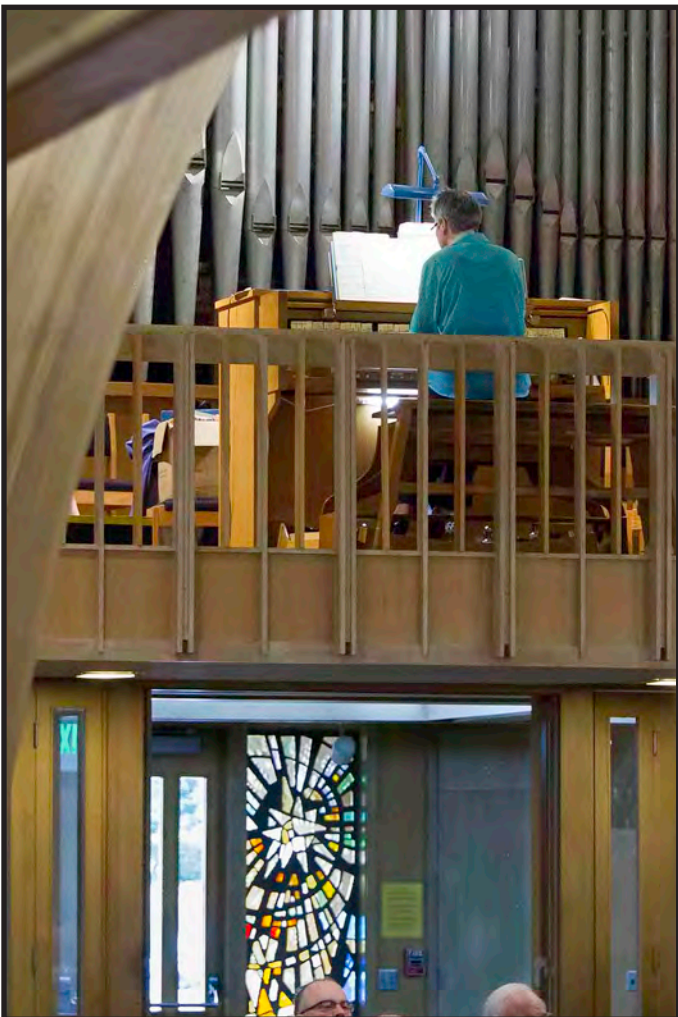
See you at the Village!

Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Pictures from the Past Month

March Sundays@3 Concert

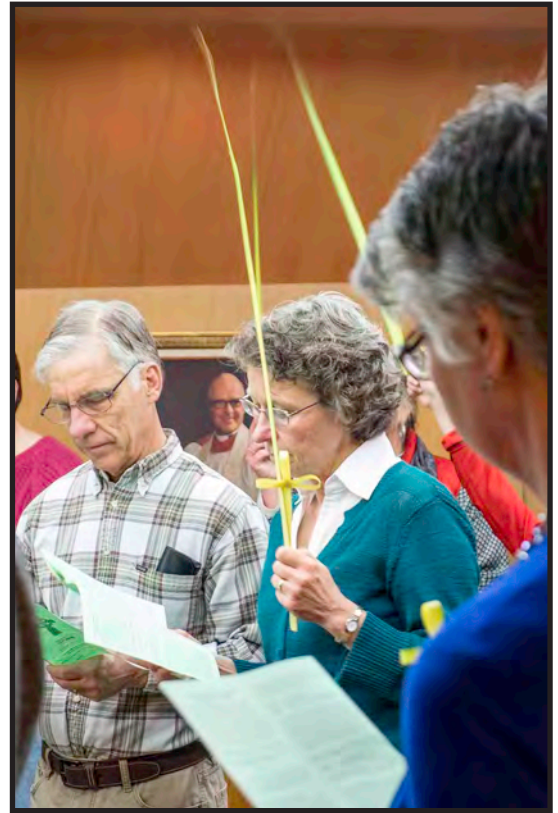
Dr. Julia Brown and Sarah Massie performed works of J. S. Bach (and sons) in celebration of Bach's birthday March 21



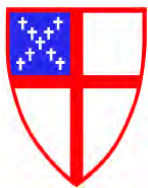
ECW Bake Sale



Palm Sunday



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Priest Assisting	*The Rev. Tom Stevenson
Rector Emeritus	*The Rev. William R. McCarthy

The Officers of the Parish

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Junior Warden	Harry Burridge
Clerk of the Vestry	Andrew Moursund
Treasurer	John Shea
Assistant Treasurer	Ric Bergey

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