

Good News from Good Samaritan

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From The Clergy

Special Worship & Events during Lent

Shrove Tuesday

February 9

6:00 p.m. Mardi Gras
Pancake Supper and
“Follies” entertainment
(*Simpson Hall*)

Ash Wednesday

February 10

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (*chapel*)

7:00 p.m. Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (*main sanctuary*)

1st Saturday in Lent

February 13

Good Sam Lent Retreat at Mt. Angel Abbey (*see details in Lent brochure*)

1st Sunday in Lent

February 14

Great Litany at all Eucharist services

Wednesday's in Lent

Beginning Feb 17

Lent study groups at church (*see details in Lent brochure*)



Dear ones,

Easter is almost as early as it can be this year – March 27 – this means that Lent will start much sooner as well. We will celebrate Mardi Gras in our usual style – Tuesday, February 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – with our traditional Pancake Supper and Follies enter-

tainment. There is a sign-up for acts, either comic or otherwise, musical or spoken on the parish notice board outside the church office. Don't be shy! Ash Wednesday follows on the 10th; we will be offering Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 7:00 p.m. (with choir) in the Main Sanctuary. Our Spiritual Nurture Committee is still working on the details of our Wednesday evening Lenten pot-luck dinner and study groups, but needless to say that we will be hosting these again this year. Watch the announcements for details closer to the first date (February 17).

On February 14 – actually Valentine's Day this year – Good Samaritan will be hosting our annual “It's All About Love” concert.

Simon+

Treasurers Report

Summary through December 2015

	December	December	2015	2015	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Pledge Receipts	28187	29197	369,758	367,716	367,716
All other DPA income	10466	12398	40,261	46,000	46,000
Non-DPA income	711	300	9,771	6,000	6,000
Total Income	39,364	41,895	419,790	419,716	419,716
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4697	4697	56,364	56,359	56,359
Personnel	23472	23685	249,026	264,318	264,318
Administration - Operations	5796	3856	54,615	56,378	56,378
Property	2571	2052	23,346	23,470	23,470
Vestry Ministries	456	935	7,885	9,285	9,285
Outreach from Operations	333	2333	7,996	8,000	8,000
Other Expenses	44	42	602	500	500
Total Expenses	37,369	37,600	399,834	418,310	418,310
Net	1,995	4,295	19,956	1,406	1,406

Narrative

1. Income:
 - a) At budget for the year.
 - b) 2015 pledges: \$350,366. Pledge contributions for 2015: \$351,479. What a fantastic commitment to Good Sam.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Personnel expenses for the year were \$15,292 below budget primarily because we planned for our new Assistant Rector and organist to begin the first of July.
 - b) Administration and Vestry Ministry expenses were slightly below budget for the year.
3. Summary: We ended 2015 with a budget surplus of \$19,956.
4. Capital improvements paid from building reserves (mainly from Foundation and solar panels).
 - a) Painting of the exterior, interior and sign: \$18,696.
 - b) Upgrades to the Wi-Fi system: \$1,909.
 - c) Boiler rebuild: \$4,138.
5. Capital improvements paid from Capital Campaign contributions.
 - a) Simpson Hall light fixtures: \$4304
 - b) Sanctuary lighting: \$9306
6. General notes for 2015:
 - a) Budgeting was right on given that there is no way to know the exact timing of personnel hiring.
 - b) Foundation contributions: \$30,533 to the church and \$304 to the school.
 - c) Outreach contributions totaled \$9,587.
 - d) Solar panel income: \$7,112.
 - e) Good Sam School closing: carryover balance of \$23,576 is in a restricted account to pay for any additional school related expenses. Vestry will decide what to do with remaining funds.
 - f) Diocese has funded repairs to the Holy Ground Campus Ministry house and is providing monthly funding for salary and operations. The church will do all financial accounting.
 - g) Columbarium reserve fund for future niche purchase transferred from Foundation to church.
 - h) Simpson Hall renovation to be funded by capital campaign contributions and special gifts.
 - i) Surplus for the year will be kept in our operations account.

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

Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a wonderful year for music here at Good Sam. I am very grateful to the people who make this important ministry possible. There are many musicians who give their time – rehearsing most every week (and sometimes more) – in order to make our worship truly special and poignant. I also thank the clergy and staff of this church for their incredible support; their positivity and professionalism allow for so many musical opportunities in our liturgy and church life. Finally, I would like to thank you, the parish, for your support and energy. This church has much to be grateful for, and I am so pleased to be able to celebrate our blessings every week with music.

2015 has seen some fantastic music – from Haydn and Mozart (at Easter and Christmas) to Contemporary Worship to our Hand Bell Ensemble. Our Sundays@3 Concert Series has been resurrected and I've been so pleased to attend our concerts. It's quite a neat service to the community to present these concerts free of charge to the public. If you haven't been to one, you simply must! We were also blessed to welcome Dr. Nancy Dunn as our organist last August, and also to offer an organ scholarship to Sarah Massie. I'm glad that we have such brilliant musicians to play such a beautiful instrument as our Casavant Organ.

Looking ahead, we are excited to collaborate with our brothers and sisters down the street at Grace Lutheran Church. The musicians of our new "Lutherpalian" project will be working together for our traditional Good Friday service, as well as the Easter Vigil held at Grace Lutheran the following day. This is a big opportunity to build relationship with other Christians, and perhaps it is fitting that we might begin these ties with the music programs. I strongly, **strongly** encourage you to attend these powerful services. The Good Samaritan Choir and Hand Bell Ensemble will be working together in preparation for Easter Sunday for the "world premier" of the *Mass of the Good Samaritan*, dedicated to our church and ye who attend it.

Finally, I encourage you to participate in our music here at Good Sam! I understand the hesitation of many to take that initial leap of faith, but perhaps

this is the year to try it out. All three of our ensembles (Contemporary, Hand Bells, and Adult Choir) would love your participation and support. Musical training is wonderful, but not required to participate. Will you rise to the call? ☺ moursundjames@gmail.com or (541) 223-1758

Blessings on your New Year,

—James Moursund, Director of Music

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 2015

Paul VanDevelder	Finance
John Wooley	Buildings and Grounds
Bob Bernhard	Outreach, Social Justice
Carol Scharfer	Youth, School Board
Bill Smoker	Newcomers
Keith Gelbrich	Spiritual Nurture
Ruth Burns	Parish Life
Harry Burrige	Worship, Music
Robert Lovelady	At Large
Pat Boyce	At Large
Beverly Durham	At Large
George Constantine	At Large

Outreach

FISH & Vina Moses

The Vina Moses Center and FISH have been helping people in need for many years: they are the recipients of the February Designated Offering.

The Vina Moses Center began with homemaker Vina Moses' concern for families having a hard time following World War I. Donated clothing and household items were given to people in need, as there was no social service system to help them. She continued to help throughout the depression and World War II, until her death in 1971.

Since that time Vina Moses Center, in a larger location, has provided clothing for adults and children, infant layettes, clothing for job applicants,

survival kits for homeless and household items for families whose homes have been destroyed.

In late summer, a school program outfits about 800 children with new shoes, socks, underwear and school supplies. The children can select two outfits from the schoolroom of used clothing. For Christmas the Center coordinates gifts (Giving Trees) and food baskets for more than a thousand families.

FISH of Benton County was organized in 1970 to provide help to low income families in times of financial crisis, when no other resources were available. The financial assistance most often is for rent, utilities, prescriptions, transportation, medical care and work-related supplies. Volunteers answer the FISH phone, assess needs, and VM Center processes the requests. If a request is approved, a check is delivered to the vendor, as FISH never provides cash to its clients.

Both FISH and the Vina Moses Center provide vital help to thousands of people in our community who are in need. Please give prayerful consideration to making a donation to these charities during February.

—Outreach & Social Justice Committee

Women's Shelter

Once again, Good Samaritan will help staff "Room at the Inn," the women's shelter, during the week of February 21 to 27. Paid staff are on site, but two evening volunteers (6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) and one overnight volunteer (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) are needed to provide additional support. Men can volunteer as long as there also is a woman on site.

Food needs are more specific this year because the shelter has been able to get food from Linn-Benton Food Share and prepare food on site. Full meals will be prepared on Wednesdays and Saturdays, so cooks are encouraged to volunteer! Other needs are small, such as salad veggies or cheese slices for sandwiches. Please see the sign-up sheet in the front hall for details of food requests.

—Outreach & Social Justice Committee

SIGN UP TODAY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TO DELIVER FLOWERS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

**FEBRUARY 11 – 14 MORNING OR
AFTERNOON, ONE DAY OR MORE**

**HELP YOUR CHURCH EARN MONEY
FOR EACH DELIVERY YOU MAKE
INVITE A SPOUSE OR FRIEND TO
HELP YOU!**

**DELIVER FLOWERS AND WATCH THE
SMILES OF RECIPIENTS!**

**REPORT TO EXPRESSIONS IN BLOOM
BEFORE AND AFTER DELIVERIES**

CORNER OF 9th STREET AND GARFIELD

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING AND HAVING
FUN!!**

Happenings

The Daughters of the King

After our initial meeting in January the following tentative schedule for the spring is as follows:

February 21 March 13

April 10 May 15

We will meet on these Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. service in room 11/12 of the Education Wing. Simple refreshments will be provided. The meetings should last around 30 minutes. Should you have questions, please call Janet Cornwall at (541) 286-4044.

—Janet Cornwall

Other Activities

Casserole Connection

“Through rain and snow and ice etc. I believe is the Post Office’s motto it can almost be ours, except we have been known to be a day late during amazing winter weather! But the idea is ours also, we are truly always available to those in the parish who are in need of our services. So if any of you know of some one who could use the support of a main dish casserole please give us a call. We have over a dozen excellent cooks who wait to answer this need. For the month of February please call — Pam Mayfield at 541 928-0564 She will be most happy to take your call.

—Bobbie Beck

EGGS – Poached?

It does feel as if we are floating, what with all the rain we have had this rainy season. Ah, but the daylight hours are lengthening, and soon the daffodils and crocuses will make their annual appearance. Every winter I think of our distant ancestors, and how fearful they must have been as the days grew shorter and shorter, darker and darker. Would the sun vanish entirely from the sky? Hardly any wonder that they viewed the sun as a manifestation of deity, the source of life.

And let us also honor the Source, by right intentions and right actions in this year of 2016. Here are a few suggestions, or reminders, in that regard. Did you receive as Christmas gifts any “equipment” that came packed in Styrofoam? If so, please do not dispose of the styrofoam in the regular garbage container. You can take large blocks of Styrofoam to the St. Vincent de Paul thrift shop in Albany, which is at 2220 Pacific Blvd. You can’t miss the store; it is on the right as you head towards I-5, and the donation site is on the east side of the building. If you have a quantity of Styrofoam “peanuts” you can take those to the UPS store in the Circle-9th Street shopping center or to PakMail in the Timberhill shopping center.

Are you planning to escape the rain? Going somewhere warm and dry for a week or two? Please turn your thermostat down, way down, such as

somewhere in the high 50’s; you will do well by doing good. Same is true of all the electronics in your home; as I have said before, they draw power even when they are supposedly switched off. If you have your TV or computer on a power strip, turn the power strip off. Of course, you also can unplug the strip or the individual machine.

A final suggestion: You can be on the receiving end of re-use by patronizing the Friends of the Library Big Book Sale; this year it is on the 19th through the 21st of February, at the County Fairgrounds. The hours are: Friday 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. On Sunday all remaining books (along with CDs and DVDs) are sold by the box-full, \$6.00 as I recall. The Big Book Sale is a chance to buy *amazingly* inexpensive gifts for family and friends – and for yourself as well.

And may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you in this year 2016.

—Bill Becker

View From The Village

After our recent ice and cold weather we are eagerly awaiting the first signs of spring. We are ready! My neighbors who walk daily are seeing hopeful signs of budding trees and green shoots on the ground. My ears are a little less cold as I pedal my three-wheeler in the neighborhood.

Our 50th anniversary open house will be scheduled for some time in April, we hope. We had originally planned on January after the construction people went away and our new residents moved in, but we will wait until it is spring and the weather is a bit better. If you were at Good Samaritan Church when Samaritan Village was conceived and built, and have photos and/or stories, we would love to hear from you. Marcia Olsen, our House Committee chair person, lives in Apt. 52. You can put a note in her in-house box here at the Village, or give it to me and I will be sure she gets it.

I have noticed over the time I have been writing this “View from the Village,” that Samaritan Village and “the Village people” seem to be more connected with the congregation of Church of the Good Samaritan. Several of us attend regularly and are familiar faces at Sunday morning service.

Furthermore, when I volunteer in the church office on Tuesday afternoons I am getting more questions about how we are doing over here. It is really good that our connection is getting much stronger. Any time you have any questions or concerns about the Village, feel free to ask or leave a note with me.

Meanwhile, see you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Pictures from the Past Month



Bishop of Oregon, Michael Hanley visits Good Samaritan



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The Right Reverend Michael J. Hanley

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Rector	The Rev. Simon C. Justice
Assistant Rector	The Rev. Abigail Buckley
Priest Assisting	*The Rev. Alvin P. Lafon
Priest Assisting	*The Rev. Tom Stevenson
Rector Emeritus	*The Rev. William R. McCarthy

The Officers of the Parish

Senior Warden	Paul VanDevelder
Junior Warden	John Wooley
Clerk of the Vestry	Andrew Moursund
Treasurer	John Shea
Assistant Treasurer	Robert Bernhard

The Parish Staff

Director of Music	James Moursund
Organist	Dr Nancy Dunn
Contemporary Music	*Trudy Jones
Bell Choir Director	*Stephanie Wohlwend
Office Manager	Laura Pfeifer
Part-time Custodian	Justin Adsit
Youth Minister-Sunday School	The Rev. Abigail Buckley
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