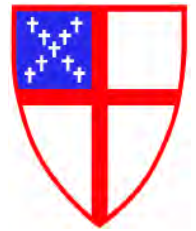


# Good News from Good Samaritan



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## From The Clergy



### Happy New Year!

Dear ones,

Well, here we are - 2016! What are your thoughts, what are your plans, what are your hopes, fears and dreams for this New Year? In some ways the New Year is a completely arbitrary thing. There is nothing stopping us from beginning the year

in May or September, for example. As a matter of fact many businesses already do this, beginning their new financial year in April, schools start their new year in September, and the Church begins the new liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent. So what is it about the start of a fresh year that is both inspiring and perhaps forbidding all at the same time? I suspect the answer to that question very much depends on what has happened during the last year and where we find ourselves standing: Perhaps we are still grieving the death of a spouse or friend, perhaps we are struggling with health issues, perhaps we are anticipating a major change in our lives – retirement, a work transition, a child moving out

of the house, care of an aging parent. We hope for the best but we fear the worst. And so it is, “life on earth,” as Mother Julia Fritts would to say.

In our Book of Common Prayer there is a petition from the evening service of Compline that calls us to pray saying, “protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness.” All things change – we change, our bodies change, the people around us change, our environment changes, technology changes, the world in which we live changes – but God’s presence, seen and unseen, God’s love, God’s care for us never changes. May this be the foundation of all that we seek to be and do this New Year.

*Simon*

## Special Events in January

**Feast of the Epiphany:** Sunday, January 3

**Bishop of Oregon’s Visitation:** Sunday, January 10 – Bishop Michael will be with us for our Sunday worship when he will confirm and receive candidates into the Episcopal Church. He will also be available to answer questions/hear your comments during coffee hour.

**Annual General Meeting:** Sunday, January 31 – we will hold our Foundation and Church AGM following the 10:30 a.m. Combined Eucharist. Nominations for election to Vestry and the Campus Ministry Advisory Team are open – please see the notice on the church announcement board outside the office.

# Treasurers Report

## Summary through November 2015

	November	November	2015	2015	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Pledge Receipts	37,595	29,584	341,571	338,519	367,716
All other DPA income	2,492	4,271	29,795	33,602	46,000
Non-DPA income	3,763	300	9,060	5,700	6,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,850</b>	<b>34,155</b>	<b>380,426</b>	<b>377,821</b>	<b>419,716</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4,697	4,697	51,667	51,662	56,359
Personnel	23,469	23,690	225,554	240,633	264,318
Administration - Operations	5,102	4,112	48,819	52,522	56,378
Property	4,664	2,052	20,775	21,418	23,470
Vestry Ministries	395	1,240	7,429	8,350	9,285
Outreach from Operations	2,333	333	7,663	5,667	8,000
Other Expenses	47	42	558	458	500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>40,707</b>	<b>36,166</b>	<b>362,465</b>	<b>380,710</b>	<b>418,310</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>-2,011</b>	<b>17,961</b>	<b>-2,889</b>	<b>1,406</b>

### Narrative

#### 1. Income:

- a) Slightly above budget through November and projected to be at budget for the year.
- b) We received the 4<sup>th</sup> and final 2015 contribution from the Foundation - \$7396 for the quarter and \$28,171 for the year. Many thanks to the Foundation contributors and the Board.

#### 2. Expenses:

- a) Expenses for November were above budget – tree trimming, and the budgeted donation to the Pastoral Counseling Center and We Care.
- b) Personnel expenses are below budget for the year because we planned for our new Assistant Rector and organist to begin in July.
- c) Administration and Property expenses are projected to be at or slightly below budget for the year.

#### 3. General notes:

- a) Finance committee proposes that the 2016 draft budget presented to Vestry in November be approved with the caveat that it will be reviewed once the 2016 pledges have been received.

#### 4. Summary: For 2016 our income is projected to be at budget and our expenses are projected to be below budget. Any surplus for the year will be kept in our operations account.

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

# Vestry and Committee Reports

## Your Vestry Personnel 2015

Paul VanDevelder	Finance
John Wooley	Buildings and Grounds
Bob Bernhard	Outreach, Social Justice
Carol Scharfer	Youth,
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

## Designated Offering

Our Designated Offering for January will go to the Jackson Street Youth Shelter. The shelter serves troubled youth from ages 10 to 17. It provides overnight shelter, family mediation in conflict situations, a street outreach program for homeless and runaway youth, an Independent Living Skills Workshop, sustainable living activities such as a vegetable garden, and other services. It also operates the Cornerstone Youth Outreach Center in Albany, an afternoon drop-in center for teenagers. JSYS opened a new center in Albany in August 2015, which provides similar services to those at the Corvallis Shelter, including a ten-bed shelter for overnight stays.

—Kathy Coleman

Thanks to all who contributed Christmas gifts in response to the requests of children under the care of Community Outreach!

Their holidays were blessed by receiving things that they needed and were requested.

Submitted by Bob Bernhard, Project Chair

Outreach & Social Justice Committee

# Homeless Shelters

## Men's Shelter

A HUGE “Thank You” goes out to the 27 volunteers who helped staff the shelter and provide food. And a special thanks to those who brought food after a change in the regulations that no longer allowed us to provide home-cooked items... some really creative ways were used to provide the food!

2015 volunteers: Synthia and Ric Bergey, Bob Bernhard, Mary Frances and Mike Campana, Cindy and Rex Cole, Kathy and Phil Coleman, Angela Garcia, Troy Garner, Bill Gazeley, Sylvia Geddes, Tharwat Ghaly, Richard Halter, Simon Justice+, John Magee, Craig Massie, Edie Orner, Steven Philpott, John and Sandy Potter, Claudia and Dave Raleigh, John Shackelton, Paul VanDevelder, Paul Vecchi. Thanks also to OSU students from fraternities Delta Upsilon, Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Nu who helped staff the shelter (mostly overnight shifts) during the week.

## Women's Shelter: Room at the Inn

Good Samaritan volunteers will staff the shelter for women from February 21 to 27. Two volunteers are needed from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. and one to spend the night as back-up to the paid staff (11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.—sleep!). Men can volunteer as long as there is at least one woman there at the same time. Since there is a commercial kitchen at the First United Methodist Church food can be prepared on site. Meals are provided on Wednesday and Saturday, with sandwiches or salads on other nights. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be available in the front hall at the end of January.

—Outreach and Social Justice Committee

## Outreach and Social Justice Committee Leadership Change

Rex and Cindy Cole are taking on the leadership of the Outreach and Social Justice Committee, sharing the positions of Chair and Secretary. Bob Bernhard is retiring as Chair after the January meeting and Sandy Potter is retiring as Secretary. Both plan to remain as active committee members. Join them and others at the next committee meeting on January 13, 7:00 p.m. in the church library.

## Healthcare Opinion Survey Results

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee thanks the 49 individuals who responded to our opinion survey about healthcare. We are especially grateful to those, on both sides of the issue, who provided thoughtful, well-reasoned comments. This rich diversity of perspectives will help shape our discussions moving forward. The results of the survey are as follows:

1) Healthcare in our society is a moral, ethical, and social justice problem that requires a response by our faith community, even though it is a politically-charged issue.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
28 (57%)	11 (22%)	2 (4%)	6 (12%)	2 (4%)

2) I would attend a Sunday morning adult forum that provides information about universal health care, and promotes active discussion about Good Sam's involvement in this issue.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
12 (24%)	17 (35%)	9 (18%)	4 (8%)	7 (14%)

3) I would like to be part of an active group of Good Samaritan parishioners working to support universal health care.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
7 (14%)	13 (27%)	15 (31%)	6 (12%)	8 (16%)

Additionally, parishioners donated \$500 during our designated offering in support for the Health Care for All Oregon educational fund. Opportunities for continued discussion and action will be coordinated by Edie Orner after the first of the year.

### Vina Moses Giving Tree:

Many thanks to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree and provided a gift to provide joy to a child. More than fifty toys were taken to the Vina Moses distribution center. There, parents were able to select appropriate toys for their children and get gift wrapping supplies. Vina Moses estimated that about 1,200 families would be involved this year. Christmas food boxes were also distributed.

—Outreach and Social Justice Committee

## Happenings

### Adult Forum Thoughts

To those of you who would like to see the Adult Forum re-visited and to all of you who might become interested. When we met together last month to talk about possibilities, there was interest from

quite a number of folks. Unfortunately, what seems to be missing is someone with the time and energy to see the ideas through. When I sent out the notes following our initial get-together, I included the names of the folks who had participated. As things became busier and we headed into the holiday season, it became more difficult to see the way forward. In addition, there seem at this time to be plenty of activities taking place during the times available between and after services. After the holidays, I am hoping that someone will feel called to pursue the possibilities. I am sorry to say that it is not going to be me. The health care movement is picking up steam and my advancing years are cutting back on my steam, so much as I would like to, I can't see my way clear to undertake this project. But I'll help anyone who might be willing to pick up the job. Blessings on you all.

—Edie Orner

## View From The Village

It is a brand new year here at the Village. The construction people are gone and we can celebrate new residents coming in. We have long looked forward to the joy seeing the last truck going out of the alley and headed back to wherever they came from. We now have our parking spots back. The guys who worked on this long project are to be commended for doing an excellent job. Every one of the workers was also kind and courteous whenever we residents encountered them.

Our kitchen has also now been renovated. Chefs Raul Flores and Angie Nelson and the kitchen staff did a marvelous job getting us good lunches while the appliances and hoods were being replaced. The grill out back has been working overtime, but nothing is finer than Raul's way of grilling salmon. The whole team has done wonderfully during a difficult time when the employees had access to only about half the kitchen. Many kudos to everyone on our kitchen staff!

Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration has been postponed from January to possibly April. Date is pending right now.

Even in this time of cold rain and wind, we see the promise of spring already. I have seen daffodil shoots coming up in the neighborhood. I hope they are hardy!

See you at the Village!

Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

## Good Samaritan Theatre Group

We are fortunate at Good Samaritan to be close to OSU and to have in our midst Dr. Charlotte Headrick, a professor of Theatre Arts. I have had the pleasure of attending plays at OSU which Charlotte has directed and starred in. Therefore, I would like to start "the Good Samaritan Theatre Group" for theatre lovers and for good fellowship. I am proposing that we attend the following plays:

DESDEMONA: A Play About A Handkerchief – Sunday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m.

KISS ME KATE – Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.

ROSENKRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN

ARE DEAD – Sunday, May 22 at 2:00 p.m.

SPRING ONE-ACT FESTIVAL 2016 – Sunday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m.

If interested please let me know at [haysj@com-cast.net](mailto:haysj@com-cast.net) or 541-745-5692

—Judy Hays

## Other Activities

### Daughters of the King

Our first meeting of Daughters of the King will be Sunday January 17 following the 10:30 a.m. services. Please call Janet Cornwall (541) 286-4044 if you are planning to join the group and if you can or cannot attend this meeting. Your reply is needed so the necessary materials can be obtained prior to the meeting. Location in the church facilities will be announced in the bulletin and during services

### Casserole Connection

Even in the dark rainy days of winter, Casserole Connection is here for anyone in the parish who could use the support of a main dish casserole. Our many excellent cooks are on call to respond to someone who will benefit from our service. Maybe they have just returned from a hospital stay or there has been a death in the family. These and other situations are appropriate for our chefs. Please call me during the month of January. I will be most happy to help you.

—Bobbie Beck 541-757-7219

### Abiding with God, Day by Day

Advent began our New Year in the church. We celebrate the New Year again beginning January 1st, and for some these both mark times to reflect and refocus on how we are called to live our lives as followers of Christ.

Reading *Forward Day by Day*, is one of the ways to help us refocus. Forward Movement also publishes a daily book of reflections for the year to support our journey as Christians. Linda Gelbrich is one of more than 30 contributing writers for the 2016 book, *Abiding with God, Day by Day*. The

book is a rich resource featuring ways to engage in spiritual practices such as intercessory prayer, meditation, and service, and how to allow daily activity, such as time in nature, to become a spiritual practice.

Linda was able to order *Abiding with God* at half price one time. Thank you to those who ordered and those who purchased the extras. We ran out so another order has been placed. The cost will be \$15 (including shipping), which is about a 20% saving per book. If you would like one or more, please sign up on the list in the office, email Linda at lind-[agelbrich4@gmail.com](mailto:agelbrich4@gmail.com), or call her at 541-740-2003. Happy New Year!

## EGGS – Hard Boiled and Cold

Here we are, in dark December, as the solstice approaches along with Christmas day. The days grow shorter, darker, rainier, and gloom descends upon the earth. And we may think of the environmental disaster in the making. We are consuming the earth's resources at an increasing pace, and global population continues to climb to unsustainable levels. Vast numbers of species become extinct, the planet becomes warmer, and ocean levels rise as polar ice melts.

Can we prevent an ecological apocalypse? What to do, what to do? We know, don't we? Big things, little things . . . we all know, don't we? We are responsible, individually and collectively, for right intentions, right actions. But even in the face of all that, we cannot hold ourselves responsible for right outcomes. All we can do is all we can do; the rest is in the hands of the Almighty. Let us not despair, but comfort ourselves that God's will be done.

Here are two thoughts that may provide us some comfort in these dark days.

First, from Diane Levertov's *The Avowal*:

As swimmers dare to lie face to the sky and  
water bears them,  
As hawks rest upon air and air sustains them,  
So would I learn to attain freefall, and float  
into Creator Spirit's deep embrace,  
knowing no effort earns that all-surrounding  
grace.

And perhaps equally to the point, from Wendell

Berry:

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's  
lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great  
heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief.  
I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

May the Peace of the Lord be with us all in the  
coming year.

—Bill Becker

## Library Listings January, 2016

Here is a suggestion for a New Year Resolution: Read at least 3 books during 2016 which will help strengthen you in your life in the Church. And to help you out, here are some books, new to our collection, for you to consider:

***IN SEARCH OF BELIEF*** by Joan Chittister — “This book is dangerous. once you have read it, you can never again mumble the Creed complacently, without thought. Joan Chittister kindles fire in the dry formulations, setting them ablaze with renewed meanings, making each phrase light the way to profound meditation. Read it at your peril.”

***SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE – How to Be an Assertive Christian*** by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth C. Haug — This book “invites you to experience the freedom and joy of Christian assertiveness. You'll discover how a scriptural understanding of assertive living helps you build healthy relationships with others, one to one, in groups, and in congregations.”

***EVERYTHING MATTERS – NOTHING MATTERS*** by Gina Mazza Hillier — “A woman's guide to finding balance and rediscovering her creative spirit – by reassessing what's essential and

what's not...for women who dare to live with exquisite calm, euphoric creativity and divine clarity..."

***WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING – A Year-long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*** by Brian D. McLaren — “Brian has given us a clear and compelling guide to walking the Jesus path together, around the table, in the living room, discussing and learning and growing. This book is going to help so many people.”

***PRAYER NOTES TO A FRIEND*** by Edward Hays — “There is no one (more than Edward Hays) writing in Christendom today who has so consistently, zealously and creatively wed spiritual practice with imagination in ways that deepen and enrich our devotional life and everyday activities.”

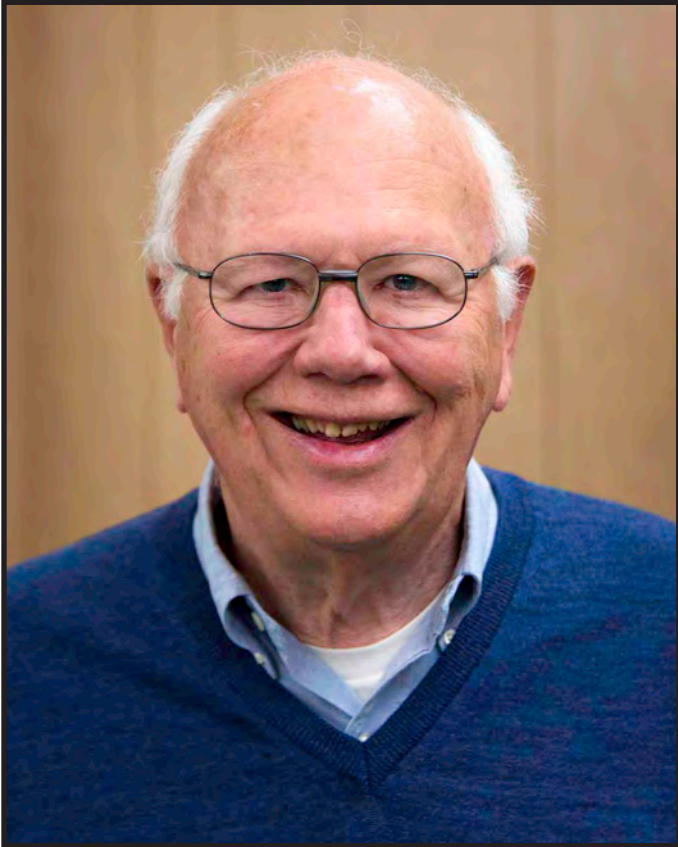
***PRAYING WITH THOMAS MERTON*** by Wayne Simsic — “This is the most accessible and reader-friendly book yet written on Thomas Merton and prayer. Reflections, exercises, and selections from God’s word place us firmly in our own experience, allowing us to pray ‘with’ Merton. He emerges as a friendly, helpful, often joyful ‘companion’ – sharing with us, making suggestions, coaching us perhaps, but never presenting himself as a model for our prayer life.”

—These and others will be available early in January on the display shelves to the right as you enter the Library.

—BROWSE — BORROW — BRING  
BACK—

—Eddie Orner, parish librarian

## Nominees For 2016 Vestry



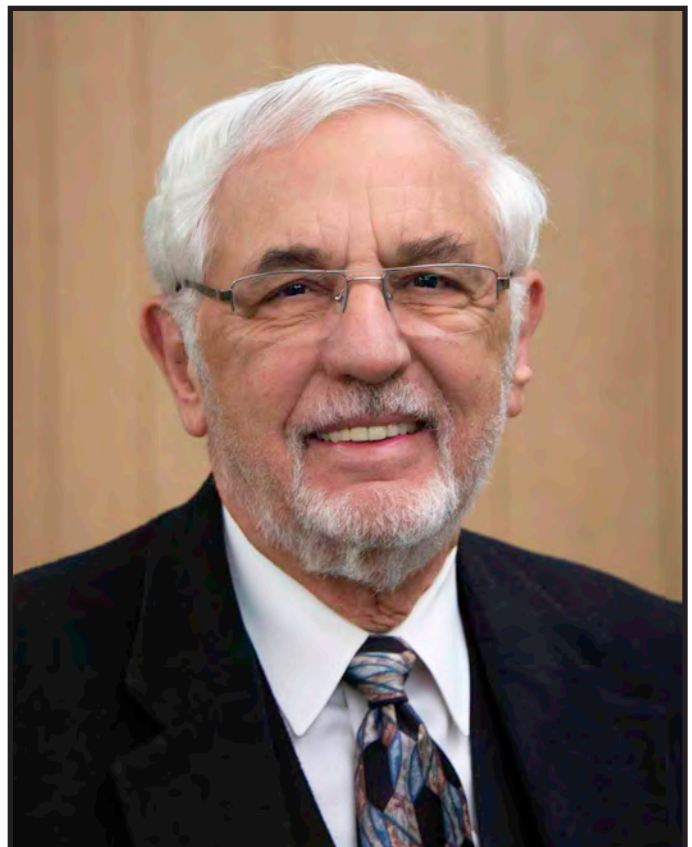
Mike Propst



Ric Bergey



Bill Gazeley



George Constantine





Beverley Beckley

The following People have volunteered to run for the vestry positions coming vacant in 2016

- Beverley Beckley
- Ric Bergey
- George Constantine
- Bill Gazeley
- Mike Propst

Information about each of the candidates will be found on a notice board outside the church office by the first of the New Year.

## Pictures From the Past Month



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**The Clergy of the Parish**

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
Pastoral Care	*Pat Wohlwend
Licensed Lay Preacher	*Cammie Bella
Bookkeeper	Robin Powel
Webmaster	Bob Jarvis
Newsletter Editor	*David Francis

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