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## From The Clergy



Dear ones,

We have had some changes in our church staff this last month. Justin Adsit, our former custodian, moved to Portland to be closer to family and to resume college studies. Many of you have probably never seen Justin, but he has been a real asset to our church, not only because

of his stellar work in keeping the church buildings clean and tidy but also by his friendly and kind demeanor. He has always been willing to help and/or go the extra mile, we will miss him. The good news is that we have hired a new custodian, her name is Jenna Hart. She has lots of experience in this field of work and we are very grateful to have found a great replacement for Justin. We welcome her as a member of our staff.

We have also hired Ella Jones to lead and teach our Sunday School. Those of you who attend the 10:30 a.m. traditional Eucharist will recognize Ella, she and her husband Kyle have two small children, Autumn and Tristan. She will be leading our new curriculum, “Godly Play,” and comes with good experience having taught this before at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church. If you would like to volunteer and help with Sunday School let Ella know – Godly Play is a lot of fun!

Changing the subject, I hope that you are happy with the renovations to Simpson Hall, I can hardly believe that it is the same space as before! What was once a functional but tired looking room has been

transformed into a welcoming and elegant space. As you know the project took much longer to accomplish than we anticipated, but I think that the result was well worth the wait. I know that I can speak on behalf of the entire congregation when I say that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all of the volunteers who have worked on this renovation. With the risk of missing someone important I would like to mention in particular: Dick Badham, Dee Yarnell and Beverley Beckley who worked on the original plan and design, the members of our Buildings and Grounds Committee, our ECW ladies who paid for the new blinds, Craig Massie who provided technical expertise, Lou Nagy who scraped and painted and many others who will forgive me for not mentioning by name. But our special thanks has to go to Harry Burrige. Harry was involved from the beginning to the end of this project. He has spent countless hours working with the contractors, negotiating the details and making sure that everything proceeded as needed. He also put in many hours of sweat equity, painting, cleaning, tidying, fixing... we could not have done this without him. Simpson Hall served us well for over 50 years, the hall is now ready for the next 50!

This summer we will again be offering Vacation Bible School in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church. Details about this can be found in a separate article, but encourage those of you with children or grandchildren or neighbors and friends with children to join us in August!

And finally... for those of you able to travel this summer, I wish you Godspeed, safe journeys and restful vacation days. For those who are staying at home, the Willamette Valley is spectacular in the summer!

With much prayer, Simon+

## Summer Vacation Bible School/Day Camp

Planning out summer activities for your kids?

Camp Lutherwood Day Camp and Mini-Camp invites all kids to a week of music, games, Bible Adventures, and crafts.

Camp Dates: August 8-12,

Registration for this summer's Lutherwood Day Camp at Grace Lutheran/Good Samaritan Episcopal is now OPEN!

Campers are entering 1st-6th grades (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.); Mini-Campers are 3-5 years old (9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

We'll have lots of **Fun** as we *Follow the Leader* through each day.

Youth Leader positions are available for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders and above. Please complete the Youth Application and email to me at [sdlundahl@comcast.net](mailto:sdlundahl@comcast.net). It'll help us find the best role for each volunteer.

More information and Registration forms are available at <https://lutherwooddaycampcorv.word-press.com/>

You also have the option to pay online now.

Please invite friends and we hope to see you this summer!

Blessings,

Shelly Lundahl

Day Camp Coordinator

[541-760-2460](tel:541-760-2460)

## Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Independence Day.

## New In-Reach Ministry

Perhaps you noticed in our new membership picture directory that we have a large number of "mature" family members living alone. Too often we lose contact with our friends and neighbors. Even if most of these church members attend services on a regular basis, accidents do happen in our homes. We would like to have an "In-Reach Program" in our church were our members receive a telephone hello from time to time. The volunteers

in the office will be part of this program but we are also looking for individuals in the parish who would like to call another member from time to time. Phyllis Mix will be trying to coordinate the individuals and telephone calls. She is available in the church office on Wednesday mornings, [541-757-6647](tel:541-757-6647), or home telephone, [541-207-3473](tel:541-207-3473). Please reach out and be involved.

—Phyllis Mix

## Fr. Simon's summer schedule

I will be away the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> – once again I have the privilege of being camp chaplain at Ascension School. Ascension School is the camp and conference center for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. I will have the pleasure of helping to lead 40 – 50 middle school kids.

I will be away on annual vacation from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>. My family and I are planning trips to the Cascades and the Oregon Coast – mountains and the ocean, what could be better!

## Treasurers Report

### Summary through May 2016

#### Narrative

1. Income:
  - a) Received an additional \$4115 in 2016 pledges.
  - b) Income through May slightly below budget.
2. Expenses:
  - a) Expenses somewhat below budget for May and for the year.
3. Summary: May was a quiet month but the projection for 2016 remains basically the same – 2016 pledges are below our original expectation and reduced contributions from regular givers results in a projected 2016 budget deficit in the \$25,000 to \$35,000 range.

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

	May	May	2016	2016	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	30,073	32,606	142,741	143,467	339,100
Other pledge related income	654	650	14,420	17,586	18,961
All other DPA income	1,891	3,029	13,647	17,746	42,850
Non-DPA income	148	500	3,187	3,100	8,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32,766</b>	<b>36,785</b>	<b>173,995</b>	<b>181,899</b>	<b>409,311</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4,641	4,641	23,205	23,205	55,692
Personnel	22,967	22,162	109,373	111,710	267,643
Administration - Operations	2,822	3,846	32,297	31,921	60,230
Property	2,086	2,556	10,056	12,780	30,672
Vestry Ministries	146	901	2,180	4,506	11,614
Outreach from Operations	533	533	5,067	5,067	11,200
Other Expenses	32	46	135	229	550
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>33,227</b>	<b>34,686</b>	<b>182,313</b>	<b>189,417</b>	<b>437,601</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-461</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>-8,318</b>	<b>-7,518</b>	<b>-28,290</b>

## Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

I was so pleased with the end of our choral season and school year this week. The musicians worked so hard all year to prepare their beautiful music for our liturgy, and I am very thankful for their efforts and time. It is a great privilege to serve God and the church in this way, and I applaud all participants who have taken the leap to do so. Great job!

The summer is often our “down time”, and I wish you all a restful break. Yet, I really petition you to consider involvement in Good Sam’s music program – especially the adult choir. Allow me to refute two common arguments I hear. ☺

1. I can’t sing. **A. Perfect! We will teach you how to sing. That’s one of the MANY benefits to joining a choir.**
2. I’m not good enough for the choir. **A. Our adult choir is made up of primarily parishioners who are not professional musicians. Many have been singing together in this ensemble for quite some time, so they’ve improved their skills. Our chorus is fortunate**

**enough to be able to hire students from the university who have advanced musical and vocal training – they add so much to the ensemble with their leadership, and I believe they help their section to learn music quicker, and sing more effectively. Furthermore, the repertoire we do varies in difficulty – much of it is very accessible, and much of it is a healthy challenge for the singers. In essence, you CAN sing in this ensemble, and it will help you to build your skills as a musician, while participating in our liturgy in this special way.**

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

[moursundjames@gmail.com](mailto: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:** John Cage (famous for his 4’33” and other works) gave a lecture at Oregon State University many years ago. Legend has it that he lectured the entire time, pacing back and forth, not

looking at the audience once. He took no questions at the end, and subsequently joined the OSU professor of mycology to search for mushrooms when he finished his talk.

—James Moursund, Director of Music

## Vestry and Committee Reports

### Notes from the Vestry

Our May vestry meeting was very productive. After some discussion, it was decided that we would not be able to make our building available to the COI preschool. This was a difficult decision, but it led to the wonderful idea of forming a Facilities Use Committee. This group will create guidelines for building usage, always keeping in mind that we wish to use our facilities in a way that is a blessing to us and to the Corvallis community. We are also excited to be forming another new committee that will help us take a big-picture look at how we manage our financial resources. The most important resources these committees will have at their disposal are your ideas and input. You will be hearing more about where and when meetings will take place and we encourage you to join and to share your thoughts. We are also continuing the work of strategic planning and discovering ways to be organized, efficient, and purposeful as we move forward. Our next meeting will be in the lounge on Tuesday, June 28th at 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

### Your Vestry Personnel 2016

Paul VanDevelder	Senior Warden
Bill Smoker	Outreach Committee Chair, Rex Cole

### Designated Offering for July

In addition to direct service to others, our church community also contributes funds, through monthly designated offerings, to support programs that serve our neighbors in need. The designated offering in July is being donated equally to two outstanding programs: Community Outreach, Inc. (COI) and Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV). COI services focus on low-income,

uninsured, and/or underinsured men, women, and families. Services include outpatient mental health counseling, outpatient alcohol and drug treatment, domestic abuse intervention classes, a shelter for homeless families, and a state-certified childcare center. In 2015, COI served over 7000 people, impacted 350 people experiencing homelessness, provided 13,000 meals to children living at their shelter, and served 2052 in medical and dental clinics. Good Sam has a long history of providing Christmas presents and Easter Baskets to the COI Shelter.

The mission of CARDV is two-fold: to provide services and support to those affected by sexual and domestic violence, and to change societal conditions that cultivate these forms of violence. In a typical year, CARDV responds to over 7000 calls on their 24 hour crisis line, shelters 115 adults and 104 children for a total of 3,510 bed nights at their two local shelters, helps 725 navigate the legal system, and facilitates more than 40 support group meetings. You can help insure that valuable work of COI and CARDV continues by placing your tax-deductible contribution (checks made out to Church of Good Samaritan) in the designated offering envelope found in the church pews on Sundays. Contributions are combined into a single check given from the church to each organization.

**The Outreach and Social Justice Committee** has been:

- exploring ways to respond to the world-wide refugee crisis, especially refugees coming to Oregon;
- deciphering how to best support the controversial approaches to homelessness in our community;
- investigating ways to build trust and understanding with our Muslim neighbors;
- planning an August ice cream social to raise funds for micro-financing in impoverished areas of the world (the 2016 Diocesan Outreach project: Pennies to Prosperity).
- and more ...



If God is calling you to such a ministry, please join us. We meet the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in one of the classrooms (lately Room 3) at church. For questions, or sharing of ideas, contact Rex or Cindy Cole: (541)753-6713; email: rexcindy\_cole@comcast.net.

—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 Ric Bergey	At Large 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

### EGGS – Over Easy

Is it Spring, or is it Summer? After several very warm and sunny days it has turned quite cold and rainy. But those earlier warm days have brought the berries on earlier this year. Be sure, this summer, to enjoy the bounty of God’s Creation. Let’s not get too serious, but rather always make room for joy.

You may recall a recent column which identified a serious gap in our recycling efforts: food waste and table scraps. Yes, things like banana peels, leftover mashed potatoes, moldy fruit and so on — in the organic recycling container they go. Hey, remember to toss the greasy pizza boxes in there as well! Another domain that often is overlooked is the bathroom and its contents. Did you know that metal spray cans – once the hair spray or shaving foam has been used up – are recyclable? Also recyclable

are toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, toothpaste boxes and such. Into the “commingled” recyclables they all go.

So, I am thinking . . . why don’t I suggest more heroic measures for you to try out? Why do I focus on small acts: Reduce, reuse, recycle? I suspect you know the answer to that (rhetorical) question: Because I hope to remind you of things you already know you can and should be doing, or to inform you of some new ideas that have come my way. I bicycled to and from work at OSU for almost 34 years, in weather good and bad. But now that I am pushing 80 rather hard, I am reluctant to do that any more. And I am reluctant to encourage my fellow elders to do things which might be dangerous or ill-advised for people our age and above. Yes, I love solar and wind power (as in “Blue Sky”) but I really cannot urge you to dump that Exxon or BP stock which is providing you a substantial dividend for your retirement income. Nor can I urge you to refrain from using Exxon or BP gasoline to take a ride and enjoy the beauty of nature, or of your grandchildren.

I do not mind being viewed as an environmental nag; I have been that for much of my life. But I also hope that I don’t come across as excessively self-righteous. Each of us must find some middle way, to coin a phrase, between hedonism (apres moi le deluge) and ascetism (self-flagellation does not appeal to me). So there it is, with the environment as with all of life, may God give us the wisdom and strength to be neither too easy nor too hard on ourselves.

And may each of you enjoy the blessings of God’s Creation this summer and all the summers that remain to you.

—Bill Becker

Michelle Millar	Stewardship Committee Chair,
Pat Boyce	Children and Family Committee Chair, Mo. Abigail

## Happenings

### Astoria Camping Trip

Our first camping trip was a smashing success! Sixteen of us headed up to the Astoria area for the weekend, where we explored Fort Clatsop, the shipwrecked Peter Iredale, and the battlements at Fort Stevens. We also spent a lovely morning worshipping with the wonderful folks at Grace Episcopal and sharing lunch with the Peeler family. Many hamburgers were eaten, many mosquitos were fed, and many wonderful memories were made! We are looking forward to another camping trip this summer and would absolutely love to have everyone come along for the fun.

—Michelle Millar

### OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

to a Catholic exchange student from Spain or  
Germany  
for the coming 2016-2017 school year

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single parents are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud now at [1-800-467-8363](tel:1-800-467-8363) or visit our web site at [www.emfusa.org](http://www.emfusa.org)

Thank you very much for your help! They are eager to learn that a home has been found for them. Your contribution to this cause is most appreciated.

Kind regards,

Marie-Claude Dijoud

Program Director

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## Other Activities

### Casserole Connection

Summer is here with mostly warmer weather, vacations and all that goes with this season. But our lives go on, with births, illness and even deaths. One thing you can count on is that your Casserole Connection is here for you in every season. So if you know of someone in the parish who could use the support of a main dish casserole during a time of need please call Judy Burrige in the month of July. She can be reached at 541 758-5033.

—Bobbie Beck

### View From The Village

The Village residents who have moved in since our year-long renovation have brought a fresh diversity to our community. They come from several states, have a variety of diverse backgrounds and are interesting to have conversation with in the laundry room or at the lunch table or just about anywhere at the Village.

One of my favorite places to chat with my neighbors – new or not – is on the concrete deck outside our front doors. Each person on our level has a patio chair, some have plants, and one even has a dog bed for her aging pooch when she likes to sit outside. Recently two of us sat outside after the day began to cool. She had a glass of wine and I had a pint of ice cream. We didn't watch the clock but chatted with the leisure pace of many retired people. I learned more about her life there than I ever would have otherwise.

The folks who planned Samaritan Village surely must have been thinking the community concept when this place was born. Many places on the property encourage residents to gather and chat with each other as they walk their dogs, plant in their gardens or dead-head the roses.

I think this is one main reason people love to move here. To be in a community means to be surrounded by neighbors who care about each other. Pretty nice, I would say.

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

## Library Listings – July 2016

Plenty of interesting books in our parish library, do take a look at the featured books on the shelves to the right as you enter. Also, last month's featured books are on the table outside the door.

**TRAVELING LIGHT** by Max Lucado – “Weary travelers – staggering through terminals and hotel lobbies with overstuffed suitcases, duffels and backpacks – At times we are people like that – if not with our physical luggage, then at least with our spiritual load – fear, worry, discontent – wouldn't it be nice to lose some of that load? That's the invitation of Mac Lucado. With the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm as our guide, let's release some of the burdens we were never intended to bear.”

**THE GREAT HOUSE OF GOD** by Max Lucado – “using the Lord's Prayer as a floor plan for the Great House of God, Max Lucado introduces us to a God who desires his children to draw close to him, indeed, to live with him.”

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CREED** by Anthony E. Gilles — The Story Behind the Early Church - “After 95AD, the Apostles are gone: the Church is in the hands of people who never knew Jesus personally. How can an the 'apostolic' Church function without Apostles? How will the gospel survive confrontations with pagan thinkers as well as with opponents who call themselves Christian?...”

**EVERYTHING MATTERS - NOTHING MATTERS** by Gina Mazza Hillier ...”for the woman who finds herself overworked, under-inspired and lost amid the demands of spouse, house, kids and kin and/or long hours at an unfulfilling job with zero time for herself. Written by a woman who has been there and found the courage to change the soul-numbing scenario, this book offers a practical inspirational 7-step plan for others to do the same...”

**GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE**  
**A Devotional Companion** by Kathe Wunnenberg  
“The bottom has dropped out of your life...how can you go on in the face of a grief so profound?” ... This book...”is a collection of devotions especially for you, especially for now. You will find this book to be a wise, understanding, and comforting companion to help you grieve in the ways you must, and to encourage you that God has not forsaken you.”

**HOW WE DIE – Reflections on Life's Final Chapter** by Sherwin B. Nuland. “In an age when death occurs in sterile seclusion and is cloaked in euphemism and taboo, *HOW WE DIE* is a vital revelation. Clearly, frankly, yet compassionately, it tells us how most of us are likely to die, and, in doing so, suggests how we may live more fully and meaningfully.”

And maybe, in a lighter vein an addition to our fiction shelf, especially for those who like ‘futuristic’ stuff.

**LEFT BEHIND – A Novel of the Earth's Last days** by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins “In one cataclysmic moment, millions around the globe disappear... Vehicles, suddenly unmanned, careen out of control. People are terror stricken as loved ones vanish before their eyes...”

And really lighter.

**WHAT'S SO FUNNY ABOUT GETTING OLD?** by Ed Fischer and Jane Thomas Noland and **SUNDAY FUNNIES** by Jay Sidebotham - both are small paperback collections of comics and jokes – good laughs!

And for those who prefer large print books we've added 5 new titles in that format – look for them on the display shelves to the right as you enter the library.

—BROWSE — BORROW — BRING BACK —

—Edie Orner, parish librarian

## Picture from the Past Month



Women of the parish initiated into the Good Samaritan Chapter of The Daughters of the King on Sunday June 5, 2016 between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

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

**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	Jenna Hart
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	Dr. Sheldon Greaves
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