

Love one another and the world as Christ loves us

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Special Events in June

- Sunday, June 5th – Black Swan Jazz will lead our music at the 10:30 a.m. Combined Eucharist and offer a concert at 3:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary.
- Sunday, June 12th – Graduation Sunday.
- Tuesday, June 14th – 12 noon Episcopal Church Women's luncheon.
- Sunday, June 19th – Father's Day.
- Monday, July 4th – Independence Day, the church office will be closed.

that learning can tell us about ourselves. For example, what does my love of history tell me about myself and how I see the world? We don't stop learning after we graduate from High School or College – well, hopefully not. At best our student days prepare us for a lifetime of learning.

And what is the point of all this learning? To become human beings, to better understand our place in Creation and to participate in the Dream, the Kingdom of God.

—Simon+

From The Clergy



Dear ones,

As you well know June is the time of graduations and the ending of the academic year. This fact is especially important living in a college town! At Good Samaritan we will recognize our graduates this year on Sunday, June 12th both during the 10:30 a.m. Traditional

Eucharist and afterwards at our graduate's luncheon.

Graduating from High School, University or Graduate School is a time to celebrate. It's a time to celebrate the achievement of study, learning and hard work, it's also a time to celebrate the loving support of parents, grandparent, teachers and educators. When it comes to education it is important, of course, to learn facts and information - how various mathematical formulas work, the way in which language and societies function and so on. But what is of equal importance, at least in my mind, is what

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Alana Rodriguez graduating from Crescent Valley High School.

Kevin Massie and Elizabeth Moursund graduating from Corvallis High School.

Mason Cooper, Jenna Skarphol, Austin Webster graduating from Oregon State University.

Piper Gazeley graduating from the University of Puget Sound.

Community Outreach Inc. daycare – Mari's Place

From May's edition of the Newsletter:

As some of you know the Vestry has been in conversation with Community Outreach about the possibility of utilizing some of the classrooms in the education wing to house their daycare for low income families. COI is in desperate need to expand this program but they are constrained by space at their facility just off 9th street. They also would like to expand their outreach with our residents who are chronically homeless, but this is difficult to do with children in their facility, as I am sure that you can

appreciate. Just so you know, Community Outreach is a local not-for-profit that serves vulnerable and low income people in our community. You can take a look at all of the services they provide by going to their website: www.communityoutreachinc.org.

A theological reflection...

One could quote the most obvious Bible verse when thinking about whether we open our church facility to a low income daycare program – Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs.” (*Matthew 19:14*) Instead I think we need to ask a more fundamental question of ourselves, and that is, “What are the church buildings for?” I would suggest that the church buildings exist for two reasons:

- To glorify God through our worship.
- To witness to the Kingdom of God in our local community.

The first reason why we have these beautiful buildings is the most obvious. We gather Sunday by Sunday and during the week to celebrate the liturgy of the Church: Eucharist, baptisms, weddings, funerals, Taizé, Sung Compline and Choral Evensong among some of the traditions of our worship. The second reason, “to witness to the Kingdom of God,” is more broad. We do this through our fellowship, our educational classes, Sunday School, our community outreach and pastoral care as well as offering the buildings for use by many different community groups. This is how we live what we pray.

There is a desperate need for Mari’s Place daycare to move from its current location. They offer real and tangible support to children and working families who are trying to get back on their feet for various reasons. They help some of the most vulnerable people in our community. I realize that there will be difficulties and compromises to be made if COI moved to Good Samaritan, and these difficulties are real and will affect us all. That said, the children and families at Mari’s Place have come knocking at our door asking for our help. The question for us is whether we choose to open that door.

—Simon+

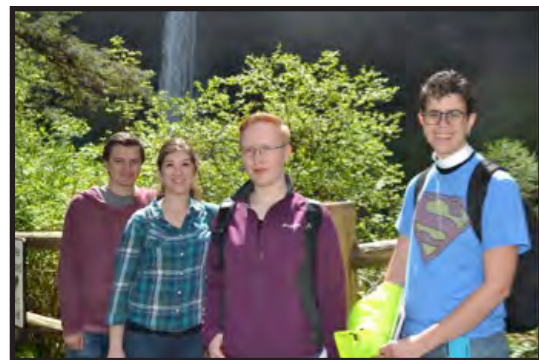
Greetings to all on this beautiful day in May!!!
To all of you in school in the final dash-to-the-end...



the end is in sight, and my prayers go with you! You got this! As the program year begins to wind down, I would love to hear feedback from all families, youth and young adults about how well the ministries at Good Samaritan served you. Let me know what your dreams and your hopes are for next year, and what your favorite moments were from this year!

Some highlights from the past month at Holy Ground Episcopal Campus Ministry:

We’ve been intentional about building community this, our first year in ministry. And, of course, having fun in the name of Jesus. ☺ This past month we’ve been doing game and movie nights at the campus house, and enjoying conversation about God, the church, life, universe, everything really whilst playing card games. We also watched a theologically, biologically, anthropologically fascinating film called “The Man from Earth.” I would highly recommend it! We also had our first joint event for all the Episcopal Campus Ministries of Oregon (there’s one in Salem, Eugene, and Portland). We joined folks from the Portland campus ministry for a hike at Silver Falls including Stations of the Resurrection and ending with a picnic and Eucharist. We hope to do some more hikes together, possibly an art show in the Fall, and a joint mission trip next Spring!



Highlights Family Ministry @ Good Sam:

At our last Corvallis Youth Collective (CYC) gathering, the kids had a blast playing Pictionary,

and later swiftly defeating the leaders in a leaders vs. youth ultimate showdown in dodgeball. There was also a round of some game called “Flamingo Ball” which is sort of like baseball but the bat is a plastic lawn flamingo. Wonders never cease. ☺ Suffice it to say, friends are being made, laughter abounds and much fun is being had. Next CYC is June 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 at the UCC church; I hear there may be marshmallows and an adult-size slip’n’slide so come ready to get wet!

Godly Play has been a delight. I took out the Parable box to tell the Parable of the Good Samaritan and one of the kids exclaimed “Oh, I know this one!” And so we told the story together!

—Mo. Abigail

Treasurers Report

Summary through April 2016

	April Actual	April Budget	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
Pledges	26,535	25,768	112,668	109,514	334,985
Other pledge related income	11,713	15,313	13,766	16,936	18,961
All other DPA income	1,984	2,729	11,755	14,717	42,850
Non-DPA income	630	500	3,039	2,600	8,400
Total Income	40,862	44,310	141,229	143,767	405,196
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4,641	4,641	18,564	18,564	55,692
Personnel	22,404	22,262	86,407	89,548	267,643
Administration - Operations	14,212	14,913	29,475	28,075	60,230
Property	1,387	2,556	7,970	10,224	30,672
Vestry Ministries	678	901	2,034	3,605	11,614
Outreach from Operations	533	533	4,533	4,533	11,200
Other Expenses	23	46	103	183	550
Total Expenses	43,878	45,853	149,086	154,732	437,601
Net	-3,016	-1,543	-7,857	-10,965	-32,405

Narrative

1. Income:

- a) Received \$11,713 for our annual contribution from the Beth Strong endowment held by the Benton Community Foundation.
- b) Income through April slightly below budget.

2. Expenses:

- a) Expenses somewhat below budget for April and for the year.

3. Summary: April was a quiet month but the projection for 2016 remains the same – 2016 pledges below our original expectation and reduced contributions from regular givers results in a projected 2016 budget deficit in the \$30,000 to \$40,000 range. The Finance committee recommends that Vestry begin planning for a balanced 2017 budget.

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

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 2016

Paul VanDevelder	Senior Warden
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

Outreach

Habitat For Humanity: June Beneficiary Of Special Offerings

Outreach Committee has announced that special offerings in June are being designated for Habitat for Humanity. Using volunteer labor and donations of material and property, this organization builds houses and provides support for needy families in our area. Habitat for Humanity also raises money by operating a resale store on Philomath Blvd. near the shopping center between Corvallis and Philomath. There you find an amazing array of products for sale

and friendly employees to help you! Please support Habitat for Humanity as best that you can!

Happenings

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 lives. We would like to have an “In-Reach Program” in our church where 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 (9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 541-757-6647 or home telephone 541-207-3473. Please reach out and be involved.

If there is an error with your name, telephone number, address or email address in our new picture directory, you may contact the office to have the correction noted. The list of corrections will be made available to our church family. The office telephone number is 541-757-6647 or you may email the correction to Laura at officecgs@goodsamchurch-episcopal.org

Views From The Village

Here at Samaritan Village we recently had an unexpected death, not of one of our older residents, but of a resident in her early 70s. As stunning as such a sudden passing is, we all realize that this is the nature of where we live. It isn't just a usual apartment complex, it is a community where our daily lives are often closely intertwined with others who live near us. Some of us may not appreciate that reality, but it stares us in the face every day. Every time we hear a siren, each of us says under our breath, “Keep on going. Don't stop here.”

We look after each other, however. We may disagree politically or in other ways, but we do care for each other. If a resident hasn't been seen in awhile, someone will call them to check. A friendly after

lunchtime visit is common for some who do not eat their lunch in the dining room.

As the days pass our garden becomes more beautiful. This has been an exceptional year for many plants and flowers. It has also been an exceptional year for deer sightings in our back garden. I have startled two sets of three young deer this spring as I have ridden my three-wheeler out into the alley and onto Jackson or Van Buren. Fortunately I don't scare them into bolting. They stop and calmly watch me go by, knowing they can continue to eat our master gardener's plants once I am gone! I had heard someone once refer to deer as "200-pound slugs," but I don't mind the deer at all. They have to eat, too.

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Other Activities

Library Listings June, 2016

More interesting books, newly donated to our library. Since the loss of the additional bookcase which was going to solve our problem, we are rapidly running out of room – so more folks need to check out books to make room for the new ones coming in. Also hopefully in June, we will be doing some culling. So - Soon – you can be looking for a table with books on it and a sign which says, "FREE, HELP YOURSELF" – probably when the Parish Hall renovation is completed. To the list of featured books this month —

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL by Ken Gire – "We search for God in many ways. Through our sculptures and our Scriptures. Through our pictures and our prayers. Through our writing and our worship. And through them he reaches for us...Our search for God and his search for us meet at windows in our everyday experience. These are windows of the soul..."

THE IMITATION OF CHRIST – How Jesus Wants Us to Live by Thomas a Kempis — "Only the Bible has been more influential as a source of Christian devotional reading than – this book – which has inspired readers from Thomas More and St Ignatius Loyola to Thomas Merton and Pope John Paul II. This innovative translation by William

Griffin recreates the spirit of this remarkable work, bringing to life its wealth of wisdom and spiritual guidance."

LOST CHRISTIANITIES – The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew by Bart D. Ehrman — "This book offers a fascinating introduction to an astonishing range of 'lost Christianities' that flourished at the time when the Christian movement began. Bart Ehrman has the rare gift of communicating scholarship in writing that is lively, enjoyable, and accessible."

JESUS – A Revolutionary Biography by John Dominic Crossan — "Crossan paints his Jesus with great warmth and power. He achieves a portrait that both Takes in the contemporary background yet accounts for Jesus' distinctiveness...This Jesus is a Jewish peasant, with a direct sense of God's immediacy, who shatters all social restraints." ..."His 'revolutionary biography' is the biography of a revolutionary: the book and its subject are rebels in the cause of truth."

PETER, PAUL, & MARY MAGDALENE – The Followers of Jesus in History and Legend by Bart D. Ehrman (author of TRUTH AND FICTION IN THE DA VINCI CODE) — "Bart Ehrman has done it again! He has marvelously succeeded in producing a riveting but historically credible account of three of the most important early followers of Jesus, shedding important new light on the very foundations of early Christianity. Ehrman is a master at telling his story, at separating fact from fiction, and carefully weighing all the evidence..."

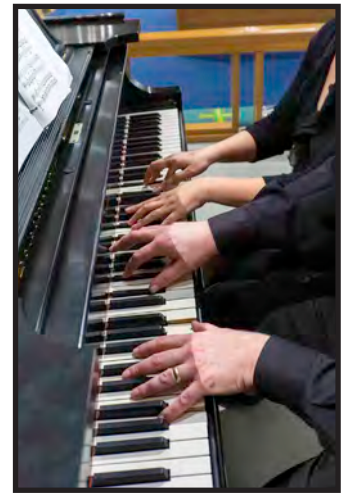
A HISTORY OF GOD – The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam by Karen Armstrong — "How have the three dominant monotheistic religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – shaped and altered the conception of God? How have these religions influenced each other? ...The epic story begins with the Jews' gradual transformation of pagan idol worship in Babylon into true monotheism – a concept previously unknown in the world. Christianity and Islam both rose on the foundation of this revolutionary idea, but these religions refashioned "the One God" to suit the social and political needs of their followers..."Karen Armstrong performs the near miracle of distilling the intellectual history of monotheism into one superbly readable volume..."

May Sundays@3 Concert
Lauren and David Servias

THE FAITH CLUB – A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner — “A groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, *THE FAITH CLUB* weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another ...After September 11, Ranya Idliby, an American Muslim of Palestinian descent, faced constant questions about Islam, God, and death from her children, the only Muslims in their classrooms... Ranya reached out to two other mothers to write an interfaith children’s book that would highlight the connections between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. After just a few meetings, however, the women realized that they themselves needed an honest and open environment where they could admit – and discuss—their concerns, stereotypes, and misunderstandings.” —The book is a record of their conversations, thoughts, and their growing understandings.

and an addition to our fiction shelf — **FATHER MELANCHOLY’S DAUGHTER** by Gail Godwin — this book “is widely recognized as one of the author’s most poignant and accomplished novels – a bittersweet and ultimately transcendent story of a young girl’s devotion to her father, the rector of a small Virginia church, and of the hope, dreams, and love that sustain them both in the wake of the betrayal and tragedy that diminished their family.’

—BROWSE — BORROW — BRING BACK —
—Edie Orner, parish librarian



Pictures from the Past Month



What a hand clapping foot stomping Isle dancing anthem



Foundation Life and Legacy Event



Pentecost Candles



Rabbi Maurice Harris
Midrash and the New Testament



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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

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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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