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## From The Clergy



Dear Ones,

It is always so good to feel the warmth of the sun again after a wet and cloudy winter! I always feel as if I have just crawled out from under a damp rock ☺. With the sun comes new life and new activity, and Good Sam is no exception.

There are a number of special events coming up this month, so have your calendars at the ready.

Mother’s Day –May 8, we will celebrate our mothers and those who have given us motherly care at our Sunday services. Invite a friend to join us!

Sundays@3 Concert – May 15 We are delighted to host David and Lauren Servias for a Piano Duo presentation, which will include a four handed piano concerto.

Good Samaritan camping trip – we will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our National Park Service by organizing a camping trip to Fort Clatsop near Astoria May 20 - 22.

Kirkin’ o’ the Tartans – we will be having our traditional Kirkin’ before our 10:30 a.m. Eucharist services (see details below).

So ... as you can see we are celebrating spring in style! And please invite someone to one or more of these special events.

With prayer,

Simon+

## Community Outreach Inc. daycare

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 9<sup>th</sup> street. 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](http://www.communityoutreachinc.org).

Vestry is working closely with our Buildings and Ground Committee to look at the feasibility of this proposal. We are still in the ‘testing the waters’ phase, and we will certainly keep everyone informed about progress. If you have thoughts and/or comments please let someone of Vestry or myself know. 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 & retreat options available to us through our partnership with the Camp & Retreat Ministries of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church is online at [GoCamping.org](http://GoCamping.org).

For more information, please contact  
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971-204-4124 office 541-401-4606 cell

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

### **Mother's Day Flower Deliveries**

Sign up today to deliver flowers during the  
Mother's Day weekend, any day Wednesday, May  
4 through Sunday, May 8. This is a church fund  
raising project! For each delivery you make, with  
flowers from Expressions in Bloom, the florist  
credits our church at least \$7. The sign-up sheet for  
this is in the church office. Help the church, help  
the florist on a busy weekend and HAVE FUN! Try  
to do at least one 4-hour shift. To get flowers and  
instructions, go to the florist at the intersection of  
9<sup>th</sup> Street and Garfield. Questions? Contact Bob  
Bernhard, [541-745-5816](tel:541-745-5816).

### **Good Sam Celebrates 100 Years of the Na- tional Park Service**

The National Park Service, founded in 1916, is  
celebrating their centennial this year and we have  
decided to join the fun.

Our first outing will be a camping trip the week-  
end of May 20 - 22 to Fort Clatsop in Astoria. We  
will be camping at either Ft. Stevens State Park or  
the KOA (details to come).

On Saturday, we will share Morning Prayer on  
the beach and have a tour of Fort Clatsop.

On Sunday, we will celebrate Eucharist with  
the wonderful folks at Grace Episcopal and have a  
barbecue with the Peeler Family (Fr. Lance, Stacie,  
Grace, and Jacob).

There will also be plenty of time to play on the  
beach, explore Ft. Stevens, and relax.

If you would like to join us please let us know  
so we can reserve enough campsites. For more  
information, please contact *Michelle Millar or John  
Magee*.

## **Foundation**

### **Life and Legacy Event**

The Good Samaritan Foundation is presenting a  
life and legacy event Sunday, May 15 in the Bishop  
Katharine Lounge following both the 8:00 a.m. and  
10:30 a.m. services

Experts in the following areas will be offering  
insights and assistance:

- Assistance dealing with downsizing and  
transitioning to a retirement home
- How best to organize your important  
documents
- Do you need a will, a trust, or both?
- Financial planning for your future
- How the Church Foundation can build a legacy  
for you

There will be coffee/tea and baked goods from  
New Morning Bakery! Watch for the flyers in the  
coming weeks. This will be an informative and very  
worthwhile event which you won't want to miss.

—Gail Wells, President of Foundation

## **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, Children and Family
Pat Boyce	Committee Chair, Mo. Abigail

of white vinegar. Shake well before use and you have a very effective, and inexpensive, all-purpose cleaner, that is also “green.” Can you give it a try?

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you.  
May the Lord life up his countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.  
—Bill Becker

## Environmental Ministries

### EGGS – Sunny Side Up!

The sun is coming out as I sit down to write this piece, an appropriate time to look over the performance of our solar power installation for the past year.

The initial cost of our solar project was about \$56,000. The “Feed-in-Tariff” agreement guarantees that Pacific Power will buy our output for 15 years, at 58.5 cents per kilowatt hour (KWH). After that, the power that we generate will be offset against (subtracted from) the power we purchase from Pacific Power.

For calendar year 2015, our system generated 12,225 KWH, which was put on the electrical grid. That generated revenues for us of \$7,152, an outcome very consistent with results for previous years. The expected payback period for our solar project is still very close to 8 years, even ignoring any income from reinvestment of those proceeds. Further, the income for years 9 through 15 will be “gravy,” so to speak, above and beyond the cost of paying for the system. Unless there is some dramatic change in the amount of solar radiation that falls on the roof, we can expect revenues of roughly \$7,000 per year for those seven years – with no attendant costs. We thank God that we were able to take advantage of this splendid opportunity!

And here is this month’s little tip: A great all-purpose cleaner, not just for windows but for all kinds of hard surfaces. Yes, you could use Windex, a very useful product, but here is an even better idea. When you use up that Windex (or any other) clear container, re-fill it with water and two table spoons

## Outreach and Social Justice

### Thank You Note:

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bernhard,

A huge thank you to you and all the folks that helped make Easter at Community Outreach, Inc. (COI) very special. The kiddos and their parents were overjoyed to see the Easter Bunny had visited overnight and loved all the goodies in their baskets. Thank you again for your support of our families at COI.

Sincerely, Jessica Taylor

### May Designated Offering

**Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers (VIC)** is our recipient of the Designated Offering for May. VIC has helped elderly and younger disabled residents of Corvallis and Benton County for over 30 years.

VIC is a ministry of eight Corvallis churches, and Good Samaritan has played an active part of Caregivers since it began. Volunteers provide help to elderly and disabled younger people, allowing them to remain living independently and safely in their homes as long as possible. To accomplish this, volunteers assist with transportation, indoor and outdoor chores, shopping, build wheelchair ramps and provide much-needed respite for family caregivers. VIC volunteers and local law enforcement agencies cooperate to offer home security and fire safety inspections to any Corvallis resident over 60. Friendly visiting by volunteers helps home-bound people stay in touch with the world around them. Our dedicated volunteers have helped many hundreds of elderly and disabled, some for a span of eight to ten years!

Contributions from the eight churches help pay the phone bills and print informational brochures and also provide materials to build wheelchair ramps for those unable to pay the entire cost of building materials.



A donation to Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers during the month of May will help elderly persons and younger disabled persons continue to live independently in their own homes. This offering will be the yearly contribution of Good Samaritan to Caregivers.

—Outreach and Social Justice Committee

## Happenings

### Pastoral Counseling Center

On **Friday, May 27th**, any Corvallis Dutch Bros. will donate \$1 for each drink purchased to the Pastoral Counseling Center! This is an easy way to contribute to a wonderful cause - that is, providing competent, compassionate counseling to anyone who needs it!

*Julie A. Evans, Ph.D.*

**Executive Director, PCC**



### The Midrashic Method and the Christian Scriptures

With Visiting Scholar, Rabbi Maurice Harris

Tuesdays May 10 and 17 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 NW 35th St. in Corvallis

In the centuries just prior to and during the life of Jesus, ancient Israel saw the birth and flourishing of a method of interpreting Scripture called Midrash. This creative, playful, and multi-faceted method of exploring the possible meanings of Scripture was familiar to the early rabbis and the early Christians. Using strong and clear visual materials to aid in our examining of several remarkable early rabbinic and early Christian texts, Rabbi Harris will



explain some of the key ways Midrash worked and provide examples of the possible influence of Midrash on certain New Testament writings.

This class is intended to help build appreciation of the creativity, spiritual innovation, and connectedness of both

early rabbinic Judaism and early Christianity. All who are interested in fostering greater interfaith mutual understanding and appreciation are welcome! No Hebrew skills necessary - all texts presented in translation. *The event is being co-sponsored by Beit Am, the First Congregational United Church of Christ, and the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan.*

Rabbi Maurice Harris received his ordination from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 2003. Since then, he has served as an Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth Israel of Eugene and taught in the Judaic studies department at the University of Oregon. Maurice is also the author of two books: [\*Moses: A Stranger among Us\*](#) (2012) and [\*Leviticus: You Have No Idea\*](#) (2013), both from Cascade Books. He lives in Eugene with his wife, Melissa, and two teenagers, Hunter and Clarice.

### View From The Village

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was a great success. House Committee Chair Marcia Olsen was instrumental in organizing the party. She and a host of helpers worked hard to put on a great event with some funding from the Samaritan Village Board. Over 90 people were in attendance. The Corvallis Gazette Times came to write a report and take photos in preparation for the celebration. You can check out the article in the archives of the GT. Just type “Samaritan Village” in the keyword section of their website to get the article.

Our spring gardens and landscaping are beginning to take shape and bloom beautifully. One of our residents suggested we get a new round table for the gazebo that is more accommodating for guests.



It looks perfect for the space. Our resident master gardener and her helpers have been out planting and preparing for more blooms. Spring is definitely here!

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

We thank Samaritan Village for the use of their 50th Anniversary pictures.

Top to bottom

Marcia Olsen welcoming everyone

Joe Heaney, welcome on behalf of the Board

River Rocks band entertainment

Residents at buffet table



## Other Activities

### Daughters of the King:

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 15, following the 10:30 a.m. services. We will meet in room 11/12 in the Education Wing. Our Installation Service is scheduled for June 5. Plans will be finalized in May.

—Janet Cornwall

### Casserole Connection

Spring is well underway and summer is just around the corner. We in Casserole Connection are here for those in need in every season. As the year goes by our parishioners continue to face illness, hospital stays and yes, new life and even death. All of these circumstances might call for the support of a main dish casserole from one of our excellent cooks. In May, please call Kathryn Yeager at 541 745-2505 if you know of someone who could use our help.

—Bobbie Beck



### Health Care For All

I wanted to let you all know that I am in the process of introducing a resolution to our Central Convocation for eventual introduction to the Diocese regarding health care reform. I made an initial presentation at the recent Convocation meeting (a meeting of delegates to Diocesan Convention) held at Good Samaritan Sunday, April 17. My purpose is





to encourage other parishes to join Health Care for All Oregon as we at Good Samaritan have done, in order to lend wider support to the movement toward universal health care availability and affordability for all Oregonians. And beyond that, to encourage the Diocese itself to consider joining the coalition. If you have friends or family in the mid-valley or coastal parishes, encourage them to contact their delegates to Convention about supporting such a Resolution. I'll be working with Carol Scharfer, our delegate to HCAO and our Diocesan Convention Delegates, Robin Powel, Pat Wohlwend, and John Shackelton, as well as seeking help from the Diocese in how to write a resolution (there are rules and regs!) Jesus cared for the sick – we should too!

—Eddie Orner

### Library Listings May, 2016

We've had some interesting donations lately which I wish to call to your attention – some anonymous and some not –

The first three are from Jim Harper's library:

HAVE A LITTLE FAITH by Mitch Albom – “What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together? In his first non-fiction book since *TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE*, Mitch Albom gives us a moving work centered around two men of faith: an 82 year old rabbi who asks Albom to deliver his eulogy and a reformed drug dealer who preaches to the homeless...”

TRAVELING MERCIES by Anne Lamott – “Some Thoughts on Faith” – “Whether writing about her family or her dreadlocks, sick children or old friends, the most religious women of her church or the men she's dated, she shows us the myriad ways her faith sustains and guides her, shining light on the darkest part of ordinary life and exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope...”

CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS – CHANGE YOUR LIFE – Living the Wisdom of the Tao – by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer — “...As you read, you'll learn how to: Accomplish much by trying less — Be creative – in your thoughts, in your feelings, and in all of your actions. Come to grips with the radical concept – ‘enough is enough’ – Focus on understanding yourself instead of blaming others... and more...”

and from others —

GLIMPSES OF GRACE – Daily Thoughts and Reflections – by Madeleine L'Engle — “... For half a century, Madeleine L'Engle has spun magic with words, touching millions of lives and earning a devoted readership with her award winning fiction, candid reflections on her personal and family life, and graceful meditations on faith...(this book) captures the essence of L'Engle's literary gift in one unprecedented volume...”

THE JESUS STYLE – by Gayle D. Erwin — from the Preface ... “This book was born out of a crisis of understanding and purpose that occurred in my life during an early pastorate. ... There came a point in which simple integrity demanded that I begin to match my pastoral activities to what I understood the Bible to teach, rather than permit tradition and cultural expectations to rule my actions. ... I have often wished I could ask God one specific question and know that he would answer fully for me: ‘Why have you let your church get in such dismal shape with factions, fightings, and heresies?’...”

THE PARABLES AND METAPHORS OF OUR LORD by G. Campbell Morgan — “can you say that you *really* understand the *whole* Bible from the first chapter of Genesis to the twenty second chapter of Revelation? ... Those who thirst for the ‘living water’ will find in this exposition of the whole Bible a most valuable key to opening up the vast rivers of truth contained in the Word.”

And a novel – EVENSONG by Gail Godwin — “(A) sensitive, perfectly paced novel... A story full of fresh, spiritual wisdom... Smashing one of the strangest taboos in American literature, Godwin may have finally brought religion back from the wilderness and made it a safe subject for literary fiction.”

—and finally, a book written by one of our very own – COYOTE WARRIOR – One Man, Three Tribes, and The Trial That Forged a Nation – by Paul VanDevelder — “American Indian tribes have wrought a historic revival since the dark days of the 1940s. To capture this, Paul VenDevelder tells the engrossing story of Martin Cross and his son Raymond, and their accomplishments in the name of Indian self-determination. *COYOTE WARRIOR* is first-rate history and a great read as well.”

—Eddie Orner – Parish Librarian

## Pictures from the Past Month



Thank you choirs for the great music performed throughout the Easter period

The Baptism of Isla Rose Azar, Sunday, April 10





# Treasurer's Report

## Summary through March 2016

	March	March	2016	2016	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income					
Pledges	24,028	32,413	86,133	89,238	334,985
Other pledge related income	800	0	2,053	1,423	18,961
All other DPA income	6,212	6,229	9,771	11,987	42,850
Non-DPA income	221	1,100	2,409	2,100	8,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>31,261</b>	<b>39,742</b>	<b>100,367</b>	<b>104,748</b>	<b>405,196</b>
Expenses					
Cash and Diocese Expenses	4,641	4,641	13,923	13,923	55,692
Personnel	20,516	22,262	64,003	67,286	267,643
Administration - Operations	5,442	4,169	15,263	13,161	60,230
Property	2,422	2,556	6,583	7,668	30,672
Vestry Ministries	521	901	1,356	2,704	11,614
Outreach from Operations	3,333	3,333	4,000	4,000	11,200
Other Expenses	51	46	80	137	550
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>36,926</b>	<b>37,908</b>	<b>105,208</b>	<b>108,879</b>	<b>437,601</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-5,664</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>-4,841</b>	<b>-4,131</b>	<b>-32,405</b>

### Narrative

#### 1. Income:

- a) Received \$4,551 for Easter contributions.
- b) 2016 budgeted pledges shown above are as of the end of March.
- c) Contributions from regular givers for 2015 are projected to be \$10,000 below budget.

#### 2. Expenses:

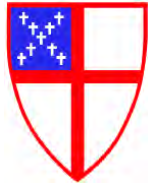
- a) Expenses somewhat below budget for March and for the year.

3. Summary: 2016 pledges are unlikely to go much above the current level of \$334,985, which is below our earlier projection of \$342,000. This, combined with the expected reduction in donations from regular givers, results in a projected 2016 budget deficit in the range of \$40,000. 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



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### **The Bishop of Oregon:**

The Right Reverend Michael J. Hanley

### **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	Justin Adsit
Youth Minister-Sunday School	The Rev. Abigail Buckley
Pastoral Care	*Pat Wohlwend
Licensed Lay Preacher	*Cammie Bella
Scholars in Residence	Dr Denise Graves
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