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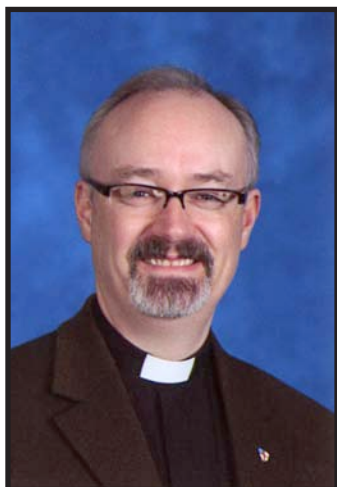
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## From The Clergy



Dear ones,

We often think of the month of June as a time of winding down a little, slowing the pace of life in preparation for the quieter, less frenetic summer. That may be true for some but for many others, particularly younger adults, June is actually a very busy month. For

high school and college students June is the time of final exams, last minute ‘all-nighters’ to finish the remaining essays and projects, and for some graduation. For educators June is the time when final papers and tests have to be graded, report cards written and the last classes of the academic year are still to be taught. For some among these June is a time of transition, perhaps completing a course of study and preparing to move to another community for a new job or place of education. Parents of college and high schoolers have to face the prospect of an empty nest or a partially empty one. For many academics June is the time when they change posts or prepare to relocate to another institution. Projects have to be completed, grant reports need to be written, summer projects must be organized.

Change is never easy, very few of us are comfortable in times of transition. So spare a thought and a prayer for those in our community who will be graduating, moving out of town, beginning new careers and preparing for new family circumstances, as well as educators, mentors and those who support them. We live in a college town after all!

Liturgically June is a time of change in the

Church as well. Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Day of Pentecost. Pentecost, or Whitsunday, is the day when the disciples stopped being simply disciples and became the Apostles. They graduated! They completed their initial training at Jesus’ feet and were now sent out into the world to spread the message of God’s love and the imminence of God’s kingdom. Fortunately for them they were not completely unprepared. As I said, they had already spent three years listening and learning from Jesus first hand. More importantly, on the Day of Pentecost they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit, which seemed to rest on each one of them as tongues of flame or fire. The disciple’s basic training was completed and now, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, they were given the power, vision, strength, wisdom and compassion for what lay ahead – the mission to the rest of the world!

In some ways the disciples always remained disciples – learners. But after the coming of the Holy Spirit they were now also apostles – messengers.

We, you and I, follow in their footsteps. In the footsteps of Jesus, first and foremost, but also in the footsteps of the apostles - Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Andrew, James, Joanna, Thomas, and later Lydia, Silas, Mark, Priscilla, Junia, and even later Thomas Cranmer (Archbishop at the time of the English Reformation), William White (first Episcopal Bishop), Michael Fackler and William Richmond (first Episcopal clergy in the Pacific North West) and many, many other faithful women and men who have been messengers of the Gospel in their generation.

In closing... the point is that we are all disciples of Jesus, we are all learning, but at the same time we are also apostles with Jesus, messengers of the Good News. And... the coming of the Holy Spirit wasn’t a one-time event many, many years ago: The power, vision, strength, wisdom and compassion of God is

a gift and available to us all, today!

—Simon+

## Pray for our Graduates

Sofia Garner and Pippa Justice graduating from Corvallis High School.

Blair Bowmer, Michael Ripp, Alex Weingarten with B.A.'s and Emily Foster with an M.A. all from OSU.

We will be honoring all of our graduates at a special lunch on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Congratulations and Prayers for those who became full members of the Episcopal Church

On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Bishop Michael Hanley prayed for the gift of the Holy Spirit upon:

Ruby Smith – baptized and confirmed.

Jonathan Booth, Susan & Bill Shumway, Marilyn Lanterman, Willy & Theresa Davidson, Gary Quinn, Timmia Costin, Martha Burkhart – confirmed.

Brenda Rapp, Hallie & Ken Smith, Rolf Burkhart, Susie Zarembo – received into the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Beth Hilberg – who renewed her baptismal covenant.

## For Children and Youth

**Corvallis Youth Collective:** Attention Middle Schoolers - **Sunday, June 4th – 5:00 p.m.** slip and slide and water games – bring your swimming gear!! 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Corvallis. Please let me know if you would like more details or need a ride.

—Simon+

## Assistant to the Rector and Campus Chaplain discernment

Team members: Craig Massie, Linda Gelbrich, Glenn McCumber, Mary Frances Campana, Cam-

mie Bella, James Sterns, Simon Justice.

Our Vestry decided at their last meeting in March to limit the search to a lay Assistant *to* the Rector. Their concern is for the long-term financial sustainability of the church. This will be a full-time position for a lay person, responsible for our children and family ministries, parish activities & social events, newcomer ministry, and assistance with pastoral care as well as being the 1/4 time Episcopal campus ministry chaplain. The search team is in the process of advertising this position, gathering the names of potential candidates and conducting interviews. Please keep the members of the team and all of the candidates in your prayers as we move through this process of discernment. *Simon+*

## Treasurers Report

### Summary through April 2017

#### Narrative

1. Income:
  - a) Received \$820 from the quarterly distribution from the Cornerstone Fund for Operations from the Foundation.
  - b) Received \$15,579 from the annual distribution from the Beth Strong endowed fund from the Benton Community Foundation.
  - c) Pledge income will likely end the year at or near budget.
2. Expenses:
  - a) Personnel expenses reflect current staffing.
  - b) Building maintenance (Property) expenses are below budget for the year but will likely end the year at or near budget.
3. Summary: The 2017 budget includes a ¾ time Assistant Rector. Finance committee will revisit the budget as plans are developed.
4. Foundation quarterly distribution: \$7,136 to restricted accounts and \$820 to operations.

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

	<b>April Actual</b>	<b>April Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Pledges	39,471	34,155	138,626	123,958	364,164
Other pledge related income	16,399	12,774	17,570	13,845	15,443
All other DPA income	6,667	6,037	9,714	12,155	32,800
Non-DPA income	1,034	583	4,118	2,933	9,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>63,571</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>170,028</b>	<b>152,891</b>	<b>421,807</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Diocesan Assessment	4,530	4,530	18,120	18,120	54,360
Personnel	19,661	22,224	78,117	88,897	266,690
Administration - Operations	4,392	3,903	21,189	20,397	59,077
Property	2,374	3,615	9,688	14,460	43,379
Vestry Ministries	653	828	2,474	3,310	10,655
Outreach from Operations	2,933	2,933	4,533	4,533	11,200
Other Expenses	51	33	117	133	400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34,594</b>	<b>38,066</b>	<b>134,238</b>	<b>149,850</b>	<b>445,761</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>28,977</b>	<b>15,483</b>	<b>35,789</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>-23,954</b>

## Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

Is it too early to begin planning for next Christmas? Hardly. I love this season for many reasons – it feels like a “coast to the end” of the academic year for the choir, and yet I get to busy myself planning and plotting for next autumn and Christmas. In an attempt to keep everyone intrigued, I won’t say too much now. Instead, allow me to deliver some exciting news about our concert series:

The Sundays@3 Committee and I are almost finished planning next season, and believe me, it will be a special year. 2017-2018 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our little concert series (Miles Criss began the series all those years ago...). Here’s a **tentative** list of what we have planned:

**September:** Andrew Sords – Solo Violin with Piano, specializing in concerti

**October:** Terra Nova Trio – Woodwinds of all sorts (plus piano and accordion!)

**November:** Bryson Skaar – Jazz/Funk Band

**December:** Lessons and Carols – Traditional Choral Liturgy

**January:** Willamette Chamber Choir – The Classical side of Willamette’s distinguished music program (you may remember hearing the Willamette Singers Vocal Jazz Ensemble last October)

**February:** Valentine’s Concert – It’s all about love

**March:** Delgani Quartet – Our beloved String players from Eugene

**April:** Sunghee Kim – Solo, local, classical pianist

**May:** Marek Kudlicki – Pipe organist (on a newly-refurbished organ!)

**June:** Good Samaritan Choir – A choral concert to end the season

I challenge all of you to attend **every one of the ten concerts** next season. If you bring me a program from each, I will happily permit you to volunteer on the committee next year, and help plan the wonderful music. ☺

Don’t miss our last concert of the 2016-2017 season: the very popular Black Swan Classic Jazz Band on Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m.

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

[moursundjames@gmail.com](mailto:moursundjames@gmail.com)

**Music Lesson:** The word “concerti” is the plural form of the word “concerto”.

—James Moursund, Director of Music

# Vestry and Committee Reports

*Let's get excited about Good Samaritan Church*

## Your Vestry Personnel 2017

Harry Burrige	Senior Warden
Ruth Burns	Episcopal Church Women
Robert Lovelady	Ushers
Michelle Millar	Parish Life/Social Events
Ric Bergey	Finance
Mike Propst	Buildings and Grounds
Stephanie Wohlwend	Worship/Music/Acolytes/ Altar Guild
Beverley Beckley	Campus Ministry
Désirée Senechal	Outreach and Social Justice
Charlotte Headrick	Spiritual Nurture/Guerrilla Scholars
Ruth Krueger	Newcomer Ministries
Glenn McCumber	Parish Resource Committee

## Outreach and Social Justice

### Thanks from CARDV

The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) sends their thanks for “the impact your generous donation of \$241 from the *All About Love* concert has on survivors who access our services.”

The supportive assistance of CARDV brings healing and hope to women who have faced unimaginable traumatic assault. As one client stated to a CARDV counselor, “I’m glad you’re here, I can’t imagine having to do this by myself. Thank you.” So thank you to the talented bunch who made the concert possible, and gave us all a chance to contribute to this valuable work.

### Good Samaritan supporting Habitat for Humanity

Our designated offering at Good Samaritan this June will help **Benton Habitat for Humanity** which works to bring people together to build decent affordable homes, homes that are accessible to low income families in our community. Founded in 1991, Benton Habitat for Humanity (an affiliate

of Habitat for Humanity International) has built 36 homes and done over 30 critical home repairs in partnership with the community and low income families. This work of providing safe, secure, adequate and affordable housing changes lives, gives hope, and for many helps break a merciless cycle of poverty. Please consider a donation to Benton Habitat for Humanity by placing cash or a check (made out to the church/subject line: Habitat) in the designated offering envelope found in the pews. Envelopes can be added to the collection plate.

Also ... stay alert for an upcoming opportunity to help host a meal for a Habitat work crew!

Thank you, The Outreach and Social Justice Committee.

### ECW Thank you notes:

Thank you very much for your recent gift of \$100 to the Homeless Children’s Fund, made in memory of June McMurdo. I have written to June’s daughter, Ann, to let her know. We appreciate your dedication to the needs of the youth in our community, especially those experiencing housing instability and outright homelessness.

Thanks to your donation, we can continue to provide school supplies, snacks, shoes, yearbooks, enrichment opportunities, hygiene items, emergency transportation and shelter to children who need it most.

Sincerely,

Liv Gifford, Director

Corvallis Public Schools Foundation

### Crossroads Conversation School

We very much appreciate the support of ECW to Crossroads Conversation School. Your generosity helps us to be better mothers and wives because we meet others who are new to Corvallis. “This is our twice a week party.”

Sandy Riverman, Director and signed by 21 Crossroads Conversation School students from China, S. Korea, Japan, Russia, Spain, Poland, India, Thailand and Vietnam.



## Community Outreach

“Six helpers assembled 25 Easter baskets to be taken to Community Outreach for the children there. Thanks to all who contributed to these gifts!”



## Happenings

### Cursillo Weekend

An Episcopal Cursillo weekend will be held Thursday evening, July 27 - Sunday afternoon, July 30 at the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner (just outside Salem). Cursillo is ministry in the Episcopal Church, designed to give participants a lived experience of the love of God and the love of the Christian community. Many report that Cursillo wonderfully deepens their faith, empowers their ministry to others, and continues to nourish their spiritual lives. There is no charge to attend. Ask your rector or vicar about Cursillo and see [www.oregon-cursillo.org](http://www.oregon-cursillo.org).

## Other Activities

### EGGS – Over Easy

Could it be? According to my daughter, who heard it from some unimpeachable source (the internet?), until very recently there were only half a dozen days without rain since the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. But could Spring mercifully be here? Was it the Beatles who sang, “I’ll have to admit it’s getting better; it’s getting better all the time.” Let’s hope so.

And, speaking of things getting better, it’s time for my annual report on how Pacific Power’s “Blue Sky” program is making things better. To remind you, “Blue Sky” is a program that allows customers

to offset their use of carbon-based power sources with renewables — such as wind, geothermal, and solar — with the payment of a small surcharge, roughly 9% of the electric bill. In 2016, yours truly supported 8,495 Kilowatt Hours of renewable electricity; that’s equivalent to not driving 8,148 miles ... thus balancing out the impact of all our carbon-producing driving for the year! Is the program successful? Pacific Power just built a new 50 Megawatt wind farm in Eastern Oregon, in part with Blue Sky funding. Over 110,000 PacifiCorp customers are enrolled in Blue Sky, including 57,000 in Oregon; over 20% of their customers in Corvallis participate. Are you one of those? If not, please consider signing up. You can get more info at: [www.pacificpower.net/bluesky](http://www.pacificpower.net/bluesky).

Guess what ... Northwest Natural Gas has begun doing essentially the same thing. So, what can replace, at least in part, natural gas? Methane. Yes, indeed, our friends the cows will provide us not only with milk but with gas as well. How is this to be accomplished, by what technology? I do not know, and probably don’t really want to know the details. I just signed up for “Smart Energy,” as NW Natural calls this plan, which now has over 35,000 participants and costs perhaps an average of \$5 per month over the course of the year. Do check this out at: [www.nwnatural.com/smart](http://www.nwnatural.com/smart). Let me challenge you ... join me and sign up with either “Blue Sky” or “Smart Energy,” even both. To coin a phrase: Just do it!

Two closing thoughts: Locally, have you visited Chip Ross Park since all those Douglas Firs were cut down? Quite a difference. Globally, understand that the ultimate, underlying cause of all environmental problems is population growth. What, if anything, can and should be done? By whom?

Finally, do **enjoy** God’s Creation, whose stewards we are. The Lord does make his face to shine upon us; we should do our best to be present, to be aware, and to rejoice!

—Bill Becker

## View From The Village

Do you remember the middle school cafeteria where you ate lunch when you were that age?

Our dining room is a bit like a middle school

cafeteria, only perhaps in slow motion. You already know that our food is stellar. Raul has prepared food for several occasions at Good Samaritan, so many of you have tasted his delightful menus.

What I am talking about is the social aspect of lunch at Samaritan Village. We all have our idiosyncrasies when it comes to lunchtime company. We have one table where everyone who sits there prefers to bring a book and read. We have some tables where no one says much of anything during lunch for a variety of reasons. Many cannot hear well and are frustrated by conversation. Then we have a table of people who like to party and socialize together outside the dining room. Some tables like to talk about a variety of topics, and some talk about their various ailments. Two things we rarely chat about are politics and religion, unless we are sure about our lunchtime companions at the table.

For some, lunch is the only time they have contact with their neighbors. This is the time to catch up on how folks are doing and ask about their families and interests. No seats are assigned though many people have preferences. Others wander in and fill in the vacant seats in different places each time they come.

I think we represent a cross section of the outside world when it comes to our views and interests. Lunch at Samaritan Village is never boring!

If you are interested in Samaritan Village as a home someday, come take a tour and have lunch. You will enjoy the experience!

When a person moves into the Village (or any retirement community, I imagine), he or she tries quickly to find commonalities with other residents. Those with similar interests, similar work lives, or similar education backgrounds will often gravitate toward each other. Often these commonalities help people form friendships. Two such events that stick out in my mind occurred fairly soon after I moved to Samaritan Village.

One of my neighbors is from Nebraska and is rightfully proud of it. She still gets the county newspaper from her hometown. After knowing her for a few weeks, we were talking at lunch about her home state and I commented that my sister-in-law was born and raised in Nebraska. My neighbor was very

curious and we almost instantly found a commonality. My sister-in-law's mother's cousin was my Village neighbor's business teacher in high school! From that point on we have had a nice connection with each other. When my brother and sister-in-law came to Corvallis to visit I introduced them to my Nebraska neighbor. It was a lovely afternoon of memories for them.

The second event that I remember was more intense. I had shared at lunch one day that the son of friends of mine had committed suicide. I had seen the young man only the previous week and we had chatted casually for a few minutes. I was stunned by the news. It turned out that everyone else at that lunch table had a friend or a relative who either committed suicide or had tried several times. One of those people sat and listened to me for over an hour after lunch at the table. She didn't know me and I didn't know her but she cared a great deal about what I was experiencing. I was touched by her presence and ever since that time we have had a nice friendship.

You just never know what will happen when you join a new community.

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

## Pictures from the Past Month

### Easter (April)



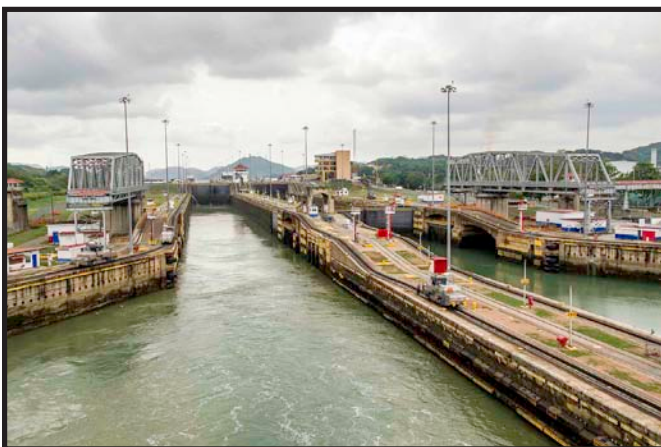




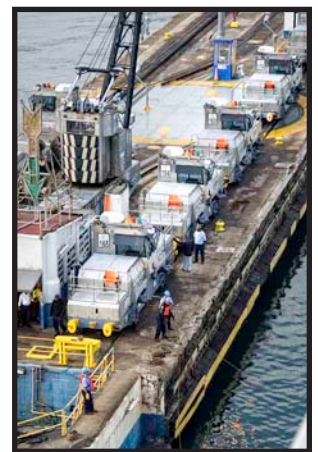
## Panama Canal Transit and I was working on my suntan

A freighter on it's way to the final three locks of the new canal before entering into the Pacific Ocean as seen from our cruise ship in the original canal.

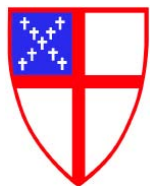
Entrance to the new Canal from the Pacific Ocean. The large ships are taken through by two tug boats one at the fwd. and the other at the aft of the ship.



The Pacific Ocean entrance to the original Canal, opened in 1914, with it's parallel locks and trains to center the ships within each lock. The three locks raise the ship 85 feet above sea level.



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Priest Assisting	*The Rev. Tom Stevenson
Rector Emeritus	*The Rev. William R. McCarthy

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