

Love one another and the world as Christ loves us

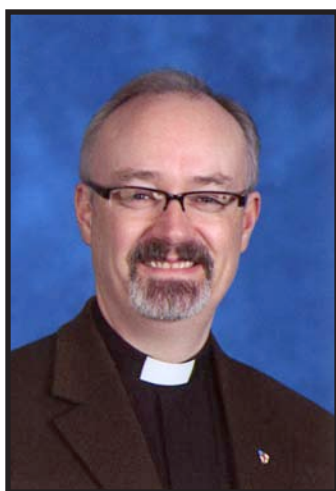
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Let's get excited about Good Samaritan Church

From The Clergy



Dear ones,

March sees the beginning of the Lent season. As always we will begin this season of prayer and fasting with our annual Pancake Supper and Follies, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 28th in Simpson Hall. Later in the month we will be starting our traditional Lent potluck

dinners followed by classes every Wednesday in Lent beginning on March 8th (see separate article for more details). Lent is a time to do some spiritual spring cleaning. It's also a time to recommit to former practices – having a regular prayer time or reading the scriptures, for example – that have perhaps fallen by the wayside. Lent is a time to get real about religion! Hopefully you will find that your church community supports you in this journey.

That said, perhaps Lent might have another, deeper meaning for you this year. As I said, while I certainly hope that you find encouragement and support through our liturgies, classes and spiritual resources the danger is to view our church as just another product that we consume. Put another way, do we come to church simply to get the religious 'goods' that we find supportive or satisfying or is there something else? I would suggest that there is something else...

We say that Church is a place, a community

where we are called to support each other in our journey through life. If this is true then we are called to *give* support as well as to receive it. Perhaps the Lenten journey this year, then, is not so much about me or what I can get from church but rather what I can give, what I can share. Most often than not the way to support others – to give - is to simply turn up, even (perhaps especially so) if we don't feel like it. I have found time and time again that when I am willing to just show up, to be available, then God's Holy Spirit can work her stuff! Maybe the call this Lent is to resolve to give more than we receive.

With prayer,

Simon+

Special Liturgy and Events for Lent

Shrove Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Pancake Supper and Follies, Simpson Hall. Sausage, pancakes and egg frittata. Donation \$4 per person, \$15 maximum. Come and enjoy a traditional Shrove Tuesday meal and delight in our all-church in-house entertainment.

Ash Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (chapel); 7:00 p.m. Sung Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (main sanctuary).

1st Sunday in Lent: 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist with the Great Litany; 10:30 a.m. Combined Choral Eucharist with the Great Litany in procession.

Wednesdays in Lent: 6:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner followed by Lent class – Fr. Simon will lead, 'Where do we come from?' An exploration of the origins of our faith, doctrine and church through the eyes of some of the most influential early thinkers of

the Church: Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Irenaeus of Lyon, Origen of Alexandria, Augustine of Hippo and more.

Private confession is offered by arrangement with Fr. Simon.

Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving for June
McMurdo

A service of prayer and thanksgiving will be held for June on Saturday, March 4th in the main sanctuary beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be a reception in Simpson Hall to follow.

‘Where do we come from?’

2017 Lent Group.

When: Every Wednesday in Lent beginning on March 8th.

Where: Simpson Hall at 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner followed by the class at 6:45 p.m.

What will be studying?

An exploration of the origins of our faith, doctrine and church through the eyes of some of the most influential early thinkers of the Church: Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Irenaeus of Lyon, Origen of Alexandria, Augustine of Hippo and more.

We will look at questions such as:

- Why do we have the Gospels and letter in the New Testament that we do?
- What are the origins of Christian worship and liturgy?
- Why do we believe in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity?
- Where do the creeds of the Church come from?
- Why do we organize Church as we do?
- And much more...

Fr. Simon Justice will lead. Questions are welcome!

March is Name Tag Month!

Do you have a church name tag?

Do you wear your name tag?

Are you new(ish) and would like a name tag?

Knowing each other’s names is important and name tags can really help with this. Every Sunday in March we will be asking everyone to make a special effort to remember to wear their name tags. Our ushers will also help those who don’t have a name tag to have one made. We’ll all be reminded every Sunday in March.

—Phyllis Mix & Simon+

Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

A very happy Feast of St. Valentine to you all! Also, our beloved state of Oregon was founded on February 14, 1859 – just in case you didn’t know. I write this a few days after our All About Love Valentine’s Concert. I was so pleased with the performance of all of our musicians, and I’m glad for the fourth year of this event at our church.

Our choir has been working on our Easter Repertoire, as well as a *Kyrie* written by our very own Donnie Dugan (bass). This gives us many opportunities for sectionals in which our student singers can get practice leading rehearsal with their section. It is also an excellent way to accomplish notes-and-rhythms without the distraction of the other parts. Perhaps the phrase “divide and conquer” can well-describe this method of music learning for the choir.

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

moursundjames@gmail.com

Music Lesson: J. S. Bach was once attacked with a stick by one of his students after Bach had criticized him as being a “nanny-goat bassoonist”.

Best,

—James Moursund, Director of Music

Foundation

Looking around the Cornerstone

Happy New Year!

In the last Foundation article, we announced a Matching Gift Opportunity for the Cornerstone Fund.

A number of you responded, and donated a total of \$6600. Well done!

With the matching donation, the Cornerstone Fund gratefully received over \$13k at the start of the year.

In our church, we see that pledges for operations are not keeping up with expenses.

Contributing to the Cornerstone Fund helps for sure!

Even more important?

- Faithfully pledging
- Recognizing the church/foundation in your estate plans

There are simple ways to leave a legacy to the church.

Did you know you can name the church as a beneficiary on IRAs and other investments?

Contact any of your 2017 Foundation board members for more information!

D. Andrew Moursund, Craig Massie,

Shelly Niemann, Keith Dunlap,

Lee Sansum, Bill Gellatly, Marian Ely.

The Foundation supports the long-term financial health of our church.

—D. Andrew Moursund, Foundation Treasurer

Treasurers Report

Summary through January 2017

| | January Actual | January Budget | 2017 Actual | 2017 Budget | Annual Budget |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income | | | | | |
| Pledges | 42,431 | 34,155 | 42,431 | 34,155 | 362,064 |
| Other pledge related income | 1,071 | 1,071 | 1,071 | 1,071 | 15,443 |
| All other DPA income | 1,250 | 2,366 | 1,250 | 2,366 | 32,800 |
| Non-DPA income | 907 | 583 | 907 | 583 | 9,400 |
| Total Income | 45,659 | 38,175 | 45,659 | 38,175 | 419,707 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Diocesan Assessment | 4,530 | 4,530 | 4,530 | 4,530 | 54,360 |
| Personnel | 24,831 | 22,224 | 24,831 | 22,224 | 266,690 |
| Administration - Operations | 5,473 | 5,574 | 5,473 | 5,574 | 59,077 |
| Property | 1,739 | 3,615 | 1,739 | 3,615 | 43,379 |
| Vestry Ministries | 151 | 828 | 151 | 828 | 10,655 |
| Outreach from Operations | 533 | 533 | 533 | 533 | 11,200 |
| Other Expenses | 29 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 400 |
| Total Expenses | 37,286 | 37,338 | 37,286 | 37,338 | 445,761 |
| Net | 8,373 | 837 | 8,373 | 837 | -26,054 |

Narrative

- Income:
 - Income includes \$4,724 of 2017 pledges that were received in 2016.
 - Received quarterly earnings distribution of \$755 from the Foundation held Cornerstone fund.
- Expenses:
 - Nothing out of the ordinary.
- Total quarterly earnings distribution from the Foundation of \$7,115.
- Summary: The 2017 budget includes a ¾ time Assistant Rector. Finance committee will revisit the budget as plans are developed.

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

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 2017

The Let's Get Excited About Good Samaritan Church Team

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| Harry Burrige | Senior Warden |
| Ruth Burns | |
| Robert Lovelady | |
| Michelle Millar | |
| Ric Bergey | |
| Mike Propst | Junior Warden |
| Stephanie Wohlwend | |
| Beverley Beckley | |
| Désirée Senechal | |
| Charlotte Headrick | |
| Ruth Krueger | |
| Glenn McCumber | |

New vestry members bio's and pictures

Désirée Senechal

I grew up in the Episcopal Church in the Appalachian coal mining country of Eastern Pennsylvania, but spent most of my childhood moving around the country as my father was career Air Force. I became a member of Good Samaritan in 2006 when my husband, Ron, and I moved to Corvallis from Wilsonville, Oregon.



I was Senior Warden for a four-church parish in eastern Pennsylvania, and later became the Assistant Treasurer/Controller for the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem (Pennsylvania), a diocese containing 63 parishes. I loved working for the Diocese and enjoyed meeting the people of the parishes. It was a very rewarding and growing experience. During my time as Senior Warden, I made my Cursillo weekend. As a member of Trinity Church, Bethlehem, PA, I was a member of the choir, a Eucharistic minister, and participated in the first year of an EFM (Education for Ministry) class.

When Ron and I married in 1991 and I moved to Oregon, I worked for several years with Ron for the Diocese of Oregon in the finance office. I also completed the second year of an EFM (Education for Ministry) class, taught Sunday school, and was an Eucharistic minister at All Saints Church, Portland.

Although the majority of my working experience for the church has been in finance, my favorite part was meeting the peoples of both Dioceses and using my knowledge and skills to be of help when and where needed.

I have a variety of work experience in addition to working for the church that included customer service in an insurance agency, customer service in a benefits administration company, working my way up to a manager position for Borders Books (my most favorite job!), customer service for Cover Oregon, and most recently, a short stint as Business Manager for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship here in Corvallis.

My interests are in outreach and education, but I look forward to being of service wherever I may be needed.

Charlotte J. Headrick

Charlotte J. Headrick is a Professor Emerita in Theatre Arts from Oregon State University. She recently retired. Switching to first person now. I am a director who has directed and acted in over hundred productions. I am a native Tennessean and hold a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Tennessee and a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. I am also



a member of Actors Equity Association and my specialty is Irish Women dramatists and my book *Irish Women Dramatists: 1908-2001* has just gone into a second printing from Syracuse University Press. I was raised a Southern Baptist in Knoxville, TN in a church one of my ancestors founded some time in the Nineteenth Century. While teaching at Young

Harris College in the mountains of North Georgia, I was a lay reader in the Methodist Church (I once choreographed the Beatitudes for two dancers and two readers). And early on in my teaching career, I also taught with the Jesuits at Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama. I came to Oregon in 1982. I am the godmother to a cradle Episcopalian Jessica Sheffield who is now a Ph.D. and on the faculty of the University of South Alabama and I am also the great aunt to Lexington Scott Manning, son of my niece Bailey who lives in Denver with her husband Mike. My sister Nancy is in Knoxville, Tennessee as is my nephew Fletcher. I am the human to Daisy, a rescued Great Pyrenees and am active as a foster for Great Pyrenees Rescue. Frankly, I am very intimidated and humbled about being elected to the Vestry. Seriously, I will need your help.

Ruth Krueger

I was raised in San Diego and moved to Oregon with my young family in my twenties. I now have three grown daughters and three granddaughters. I rent an apartment in Corvallis, where I also work as lead preschool teacher at Mari's Place. Mari's Place is a part of (and on site at) Community Outreach. We serve shelter families, families in poverty, international families, and other families from the community. My work with both my students and their parents has opened my eyes to a new way of seeing the world as I experience diversity first hand. I am privileged to invest my gifts and energy into such amazing families!



I have been attending The Church of the Good Samaritan for two years. I was confirmed and became a member one year ago. Since that time opportunities for ministry have opened up to me. I am currently serving as an usher, Eucharistic Minister, and host of coffee hour. I have leadership experience from my previous church as a prayer group

leader and prayer team coordinator, Bible study teacher, and café manager. I love my church family at Good Samaritan, and look forward to working as a representative on the Vestry.

Glenn McCumber

Glenn McCumber grew up in the woods of Triangle Lake, halfway between Eugene and Flor-



ence, where he attended the small school and the Bible church. He studied acting and theatre at Southern Oregon University; then he and his then-fiancé Elisabeth traveled around the US and Europe for a year. They married and moved to Corvallis, where they lived in

an apartment house on Harrison and 30th just down from the church; though they would walk by in the evenings, they never came in. After ten months, anxious to travel more, they rode out of town on their unfit bikes and spent the next few years wandering. They moved to Portland, where Glenn found a job in coffee while Elisabeth started her business. They started a theatre company with a friend and poured most of their waking lives into it for three years. They had their first son in 2010, Elisabeth got her business off the ground, Glenn began auditioning again, and within a couple years he was able to quit the cafe. In 2015, their second son was born. Four months later, they were informed that their landlord would be selling their house. This was providential: Glenn wanted to be in the woods again, Elisabeth wanted the hills, and they'd been house-hunting in Corvallis for years, so when the landlord said "soon," they said "now." They bought a house and started fixing it up. They tried Good Samaritan on a recommendation from family. It was a good fit, and in the time since, Glenn has been looking more and more into how the church works and what it can do for people, how we can be the hands and feet of Christ.

Outreach and Social Justice

United Thank Offering is the recipient of March's Designated offering. UTO was established in 1889 with the mission to "expand the circle of thankful people."

UTO's simple purpose has remained constant: offerings are given in thankfulness for everyday blessings of life and in turn provide blessings for others. These coins, dropped into the "Little Blue Box," are gathered from each church and united with others from all over the country. This outward expression of thankfulness takes action to places of urgent need through grants for local and world-wide projects. These projects range from charitable organizations such as literacy or homelessness programs, to improvement projects for the Episcopal church such as youth centers, community halls, and diocesan buildings.

Little Blue Boxes and blue envelopes will be available from ushers or in the office. An offering is a thanksgiving to God – always.

—Outreach & Social Justice Committee

International Women's Day - Girl Rising Film - March 8th

In celebration of International Women's Day, the inspiring documentary film *Girl Rising* will be shown on Wednesday, March 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th St, Corvallis. "From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, *Girl Rising* journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. Viewers get to know nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world: ordinary girls who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams. Prize-winning authors put the girls' remarkable stories into words, and renowned actors give them voice."

The screening is a benefit (\$10/person suggested donation) for Friendship with Cambodia, an Oregon-based non-profit. For the past 12 years this group has been sponsoring rural girls living in poverty in Cambodia to finish high school and go to college. Many are the first girls from their villages

to attend university. Education for girls is considered the number one solution to ending poverty. The film is co-sponsored by Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center.

—*Outreach and Social Justice Committee*

Interfaith Potluck, March 19th

Regular interfaith potlucks are being planned to create and strengthen friendships and understanding among our Corvallis faith communities. The last one on February 19th was attended by about 60 people, including members from the Unitarian, Beit Am, Baha'i, Friends, Mennonites, Mormons, Grace Lutheran, and Urantia communities. Participants reported they were encouraged by the opportunity to exchange thoughts and have engaging conversations in a loving atmosphere. The next interfaith potluck will be held on Sunday, March 19th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 SW West Hills Road, Corvallis. This will be a vegetarian potluck to accommodate dietary preferences, and we are asked to bring labels to indicate gluten or dairy-free if appropriate, and also our own plates/cups/silverware if that is convenient (Paper plates will be available if needed). Please come if you can; it would be great to have a Good Samaritan presence at this event. "Let us be the peace and love we wish to see in the world."

—*Outreach and Social Justice Committee*

Children's Book Drive:

Hi I'm Pippa Justice and I will be collecting children's books for incoming/resident refugee children from March 8th through March 19th. This is for my senior High School project, but it is also something I feel is really important, especially under our current circumstances. I thought donating books to the children through a refugee organization known as SOAR in Portland would be a great way to make them feel welcomed, be a helpful tool for learning some basic skills English, and be a source of comfort after moving into a completely new life. I will be collecting books for 3 different age groups 1-5 years, 8-10 years, and 12-16 (middle school/high school age). If you don't have any gently used book or new children's books, that's okay I will

have a list of appropriate books for each age category that you can choose from and give a donation for. I will then order the books online and donate them along with the books directly given by you. I hope that this will be a successful project, and I think it will be a great way to give back to new members of our country! Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

—Pippa Justice

Happenings

View From The Village

Believe it or not one of the most interesting places at Samaritan Village is the laundry room. Yes, it is a rather dreary yellow and consists of eight tired and over-used machines in the basement, but it provides a great opportunity for conversation while our clothes are going through the cycles

The laundry room is where I eagerly learned the real stories of people's lives. This is where I heard that one of our residents escaped Europe a few steps ahead of the Nazis and the Russians during World War II. I heard stories of complicated lives that were withstood by strong people. I learned of illnesses and miracles. I discovered that I live among a very hardy population – people who survived wars and depression and attained wisdom far beyond even their advanced ages.

The laundry room is where many griefs and joys have been shared about lives that weren't easy, about how hard work and an often meager existence contributed to the survival of families. Occasionally I heard the deep pain from those who lost children and spouses. In the laundry room I witnessed sadness, anger, joy, laughter and a great deal of homespun philosophies on how one can live.

Our dining room is a good social space during the meal, but the laundry room is the confessional, the revealing of "what it was really like" back in the day. It is all at once a public and a private space. Sometimes I affectionately refer to its small space as "Our Lady of the Laundry Room."

Oh, if only those dingy yellow walls could speak, just imagine the stories they could tell!

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

EGGS – Over Easy

What a pleasant respite from winter we have had for a few days. The rain ceased, the skies cleared, and we were able to experience some splendid sunrises. May it please God that we delight in these experiences.

For even more delightful experiences, let me recommend to your attention the latest edition of Bill Sullivan's book, *100 Hikes/Travel Guide: Oregon Coast & Coast Range*. Think you know western Oregon like the back of your hand? Nothing more to discover? Think again. Have you visited the Trappist Abbey in Lafayette and walked their trail? Neither have we, but that is on our agenda as soon as the earth warms and dries a bit. We have done the three capes, below Tillamook, but were unaware of the Kilchis Point trail described by Sullivan. Sullivan's splendid book is available at Grass Roots bookstore here in Corvallis.

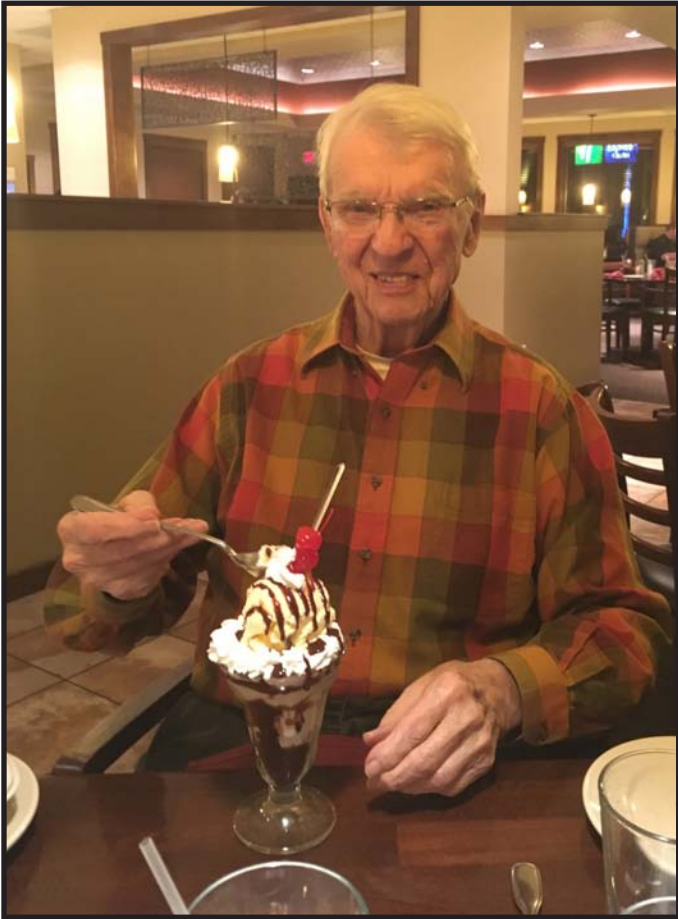
Something else that you may want to read is the 2016-17 version of the *Corvallis Area ReUse Directory*. The brochure provides a list of common reusable items and local places that accept them for reuse, not recycling but re-use. If you do not have a copy of the brochure, you can find one in the pamphlet rack, just outside the church office.

I close with some lines from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal - A Celtic Psalter*:

Glory be to you, O God
for the rising of the sun,
for colour filling the skies
and for the whiteness of daylight.
Glory be to you
for creatures stirring forth from the night,
for plant forms stretching and unfolding,
for the stable earth and its solid rocks.
Glory be to you
for the beauty of your image
waking in opening eyes,
lighting the human countenance.
Glory be to you. Glory be to you.

—Bill Becker

Pictures from the Past Month



A few days ago I had the pleasure of meeting a good friend of Good Samaritan Church, The Rev. Alvin Lafon who was practicing for a belated 90th birthday celebration. With him was Dorothy, a daughter and son-in-law.

Fifteen children, grand children and great grand children were arriving in Albany from across the country that evening and the following day for the “big” celebration. On behalf of all of us we sang “Happy Birthday” to him.

No, the sundae did not last very long!





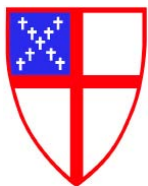
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| Assistant Rector | The Rev. Abigail Buckley |
| Priest Assisting | *The Rev. Alvin P. Lafon |
| Priest Assisting | *The Rev. Tom Stevenson |
| Rector Emeritus | *The Rev. William R. McCarthy |

The Officers of the Parish

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| Senior Warden | Harry Burridge |
| Junior Warden | Mike Propst |
| Clerk of the Vestry | Andrew Moursund |
| Treasurer | John Shea |
| Assistant Treasurer | Ric Bergey |

The Parish Staff

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| 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 |
| Youth Minister-Sunday School | TBD |
| Sunday School Leader | Ella Jones |
| Pastoral Care | *Pat Wohlwend |
| Licensed Lay Preacher | *Cammie Bella |
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| | Dr. Sheldon Greaves |
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| | Bob Jarvis |
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