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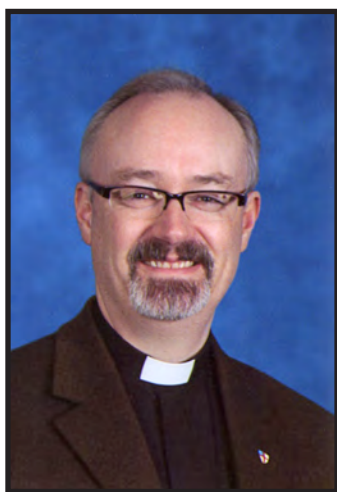
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From The Clergy



Dear ones,

“As our world reacts to injustice in forms of control, I as a follower of Jesus will react in forms of uncontrollable love.” Someone gave this quote to me quite a few years ago but I have kept in my desk drawer at church ever since. Every now and again I will pull it out

and reflect on what these words mean or rather what their call, their invitation might be especially those last two words, *“uncontrollable love.”* I do think it’s true to say that we live in a world where some, perhaps many, try to control either themselves, others or the outcomes. Controlling yourself is one thing, trying to control other people or the future is something else entirely. As you are well aware control often takes violent forms: bullying language, trying to manipulate or force others to do what we want them to – whether it’s in their best interests or not, emotional blackmail and so forth. All of which does very little other than to add to the world’s pain and suffering.

As Jesus tells and shows us the antidote to this kind of controlling, violent living is love. Love without limits, love without boundaries, love without conditions, perquisites or expectations. Perhaps this is what *“uncontrollable love”* means. Certainly having expectations creates an environment for disappointment. Setting conditions on our loving doesn’t feel much like authentic love. That said the idea of uncontrollable love feels very scary. Could I get burnt? Could I get hurt? Could I get taken advantage of or worse? Probably. Look what

happened to Jesus. That said letting go of the need to control, letting go of the desire to manage the outcome, letting go of the temptation to get others to do our bidding is the only road to true justice and real freedom. Perhaps church might be a good place to practice uncontrollable love so we’re ready for taking it out into the big world?

With prayer,

Simon+

Special Events and Liturgy for October

Blessings of the Animals

Sunday, October 1st 3:00 p.m. in the Church Courtyard. We will celebrate the vision of St. Francis of Assisi and offer prayers and blessings for our best beloved friends – four legged or no legged, furry, striped or feathered. All are welcome!

Sunday School Open House

Sunday, October 8th from 9:45 a.m. in the Education Wing. Come visit our Godly Play and Nursery rooms, experience our curriculum and talk with Ella Jones, our Godly Play leader. You don’t have to have children to come and see.

Diocesan Convention

Please pray for our church delegates to convention: Edie Orner, Robin Powel, Désirée Senechal and Ruth Krueger as well as Bishop Michael and all of the other clergy and lay delegates. Pray as we meet in Salem and decide on the work and vision of our Diocese for the coming year.

Sung Morning Prayer

Sunday, October 29th at 10:30 a.m. Members of our Altar Guild suggested that we offer Sung Morning Prayer instead of our regular 10:30 a.m. Eucharist every time there is a fifth Sunday of the month – four times a year. Our Worship Leader’s Committee happily endorsed this suggestion. Those of you who

have been coming to church for some time might remember Sung Morning Prayer from years ago, before Eucharist became the normal liturgy of the Episcopal Church. Come and experience this beautiful and traditional liturgy.

All Souls

We will offer our traditional Sung Eucharist for the Feast of All Souls on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary. This is a special Eucharist to remember and pray for family and friends who have died.

November and December Newsletter Articles

With Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in the months of November and December newsletter article submissions for these two months will be required by Wednesday, November 15 and Wednesday, December 13. This will provide the additional time for printing and mailing before the respective holidays. I thank all our contributors for your reports and invite anyone who might have news, information or something of interest to make a submission to this publication.

—Dave Francis, Editor



Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful open house at Canterbury. As Father Simon prayed and blessed the house with the sprinkling of water and by anointing the door with oil, I was struck by thoughts of the students who will come through the doors and feel those blessings in

their spirits. I spent two hours on the lawn at Canterbury House today, along with a few volunteers. We gave out donuts and coffee to people passing by, and I spoke to approximately 30 students. We conversed about their life as students, covering topics like what year they are in, their field of study, and where they live. I told them that we are a faith based group, and that we invite all who are interested in a warm meal and a safe place to talk about life, God, and what

it all means to them. It was great to finally have contact with students after three months of planning. They are what it's all about!

If you are interested in volunteering at our campus ministry, I have a place for you. We are in need of two people every Monday and Wednesday of the term from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to host open hours at the house. The focus of the position is to make students feel welcome. Our goal is to offer a space where students can take a break from campus life. We are providing beverages and snacks, which will be self service. Volunteers will do a light amount of cleaning up after hours, and keeping the food service area clean during hours. Contact me at the church office or at Krueger.ruth1@gmail.com if you are interested.

Thanks to all who helped make our church barbecue a great event. It was fun to see everybody sharing a meal and good conversation together. It is a true blessing to be a part of the Good Samaritan family.

Note the goldenrod colored insert in your Sunday bulletins announcing the Parish Life activities for the fall. We have some fun things planned that you won't want to miss. As always, there will be details to come as these events get closer

Godly Play, our Sunday school program, is underway again under the direction of Ella Jones, who is a wonderful teacher. It is temporarily being held in the children's library and will return to the Godly Play room in a few weeks. Godly Play is from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Sundays, and is for children two to seven years old.

The Corvallis Youth Collective is also up and running again. It will start with an afternoon of bowling at the OSU Memorial Union on Sunday, October 1st. I welcome all middle and high school students to attend. I will be at these events, and hope to see our teens there also.

I continue to appreciate your support, and more than that, the generous and fun people that you are. I can't say often enough how much our church family means to me, and I'm sure you feel the same way.

Blessings of Peace,

—Ruth Krueger

Treasurers Report

Summary through August 2017

	August Actual	August Budget	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
Pledges	23,361	27,324	243,555	240,085	364,164
Other pledge related income	0	794	18,444	14,639	15,443
All other DPA income	1,818	1,741	15,885	20,069	32,800
Non-DPA income	-377	1,183	5,174	6,467	9,400
Total Income	24,802	31,043	283,058	281,260	421,807
Expenses					
Diocesan Assessment	4,530	4,530	36,240	36,240	54,360
Personnel	19,758	19,962	153,795	153,605	233,452
Administration - Operations	5,810	6,213	39,996	39,901	59,077
Property	4,429	3,615	23,626	28,919	43,379
Vestry Ministries	476	828	4,358	6,853	10,655
Outreach from Operations	533	533	6,667	6,667	11,200
Other Expenses	28	33	239	267	400
Total Expenses	35,564	35,714	264,920	272,452	412,523
Net	-10,761	-4,671	18,137	8,808	9,284

Narrative

1. Income:
 - a) Pledge income for August was below budget but total income will likely end the year at or near budget.
 - b) Non-DPA income reflects room preparation expense for building use.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Year-to-date expenditures are at or below budget in all categories and total expenses for the year are below budget.
3. Summary: Quiet month.

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

Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

We are beginning yet another season at Good Samaritan, and I am especially excited to work with this year's choir. As you know, we have hit the ground running without access to our pipe organ while its console is being moved and renovated. It is a pleasure to sit with the congregation for once!

I am also pleased to announce that I'll be hosting some student conductors from our choral scholars. I am excited for them to have this opportunity to lead the ensemble, and I am thankful for the choir's and congregation's support of our young men and women.

I thank our Lord for the rain.

If you're interested in participating in music at Good Sam, you can email me: moursundjames@gmail.com

Music Lesson: Hey, are you tired of real doors cluttering up your house, where you open them and they actually go somewhere and you go in another room? Get on down to "Real Fake Doors"! That's us! Fill a whole room up with them - none of them open! FakeDoors.com is our website, so check it out for a lot of really great deals on fake doors!

Best,

—James Moursund, Director of Music

Vestry and Committee Reports

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
Rosie Schimerlik	Newcomer Ministries
Glenn McCumber	Parish Resource Committee

Outreach and Social Justice Helping Immigrants

During the month of October consider focusing your attention on the situation faced by many immigrants. In the face of current political debate and sometimes hateful rhetoric, immigrant communities, encompassing those here legally or not, have been thrown into fear and uncertainty. Families feel threatened. In Corvallis, main stream faith groups, including Good Samaritan, formed an interfaith task force searching for ways to help. This interfaith group soon realized that none of our congregations have direct personal connection with the immigrant communities who feel targeted. We've heard from non-profit agencies that report an increased atmosphere of persecution, anxiety, mistrust, and isolation among the immigrants they serve. How can we bring God's love into this situation?

A key first step is to become better acquainted with our immigrant neighbors. In October, the Church of the Good Samaritan is offering three ways to advance this goal:

First, at an adult forum after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 8th Dee Curwen, Coordinator of the Corvallis Multicultural Center, will make a presentation on the process of legal immigration and obtaining citizenship. She will be joined

by several immigrants who will share their personal stories.

Second, Good Samaritan is hosting a presentation, "The History of Mexicans in Oregon", on Sunday, October 22nd. All in the Corvallis community will be invited. Presenting will be Dr. Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, former Chairperson of the Department of Ethnic Studies at OSU, founder of Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County. Outside of academia, Dr. Gonzales-Berry says the most rewarding work she has ever done has been working with the Mexican/Latino immigrant community in Oregon.

Third, the designated offering for October will help establish a no-interest loan program organized by the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center to pay a portion of the immigration and citizenship fees required of immigrants. These fees (for example, \$725 for citizenship), create a significant barrier for some immigrants who have been here legally for the required 5 years, and now would like to become citizens. Organization of the citizenship loan program is being funded by a grant from the Benton Community Foundation, but seed money for the loans is still needed. Loan applicants will share part of their life story as part of the application, and the stories thus told may be shared with the larger community as a means to promote understanding and build bridges. Ultimately, this will help us all better love our neighbors, wherever they are from.

Please participate in at least one of these activities and help bring God's love to bear on the plight of immigrants.

—Rex Cole, Outreach and Social Justice

Happenings

Dinner And Lunch Groups

Informal dinner and lunch groups have long been a tradition in the Good Samaritan community. Shaking hands during the Peace is a warm token of friendship, but a brief and cursory one. Perhaps you would like to know more about your fellow parishioners and even meet people who attend a different service than your own. We have a varied and accomplished church family and an interesting one as well.

Lets talk about dinner groups first. These groups

are randomly formed with two or three couples or some combination of singles and couples. They will meet at each others homes or at a mutually agreed upon restaurant at a convenient time on a monthly basis. After two or three months, groups will be reformed so we can get to know more parishioners. If we meet at a home, the host traditionally provides the entree and guests fill out the menu. Groups can then decide on the next menu and where and when they will next meet.

Luncheon groups take less planning and work well for retirees or parishioners who can take longer lunches. If you would care to explore either dinner or lunch groups, telephone Marilyn Moore at 541-757-4365.

Other Activities

Creation Care – Good News?

After last month's slap in the face by reality – where America's "clean" electricity comes from – I've been looking for some good news. Do you believe in grace . . . unmerited gifts? I do. And I just got such a gift, in the form of some news from our Senior Warden, Harry Burridge. Let me share that good news with you all.

Thanks to the Energy Trust of Oregon, most lights at Good Samaritan Church have been replaced – at no cost to us. That excludes much of the lighting in the Sanctuary, which was replaced as part of the Capital Campaign. But all the rest, in Simpson Hall, KJS Lounge, the office, classrooms, hallways, and even the parking lot, are being replaced by LED's, again at no cost to us. It is estimated that we will save perhaps \$300 on our electricity bill – each month! Once again, we have done well by doing good, reducing our consumption of electricity, from whatever source, by a significant amount. Thanks be to God!

On a more somber note, I keep looking at those recycling containers. We recently took a road trip and although the various hotels/motels had good intentions, their "guests" apparently did not share those intentions to any degree. It doesn't take much to ruin a quantity of recyclables. Yes, each and every one of us is responsible for what we do. As one of my favorite authors, Annie Dillard, has written:

"The way we live our days is the way we live our lives."

But let's end on a positive note, thanks to the author of Deuteronomy (33:13-16):

*Blessed by the Lord be the land,
With the precious gifts of heaven.
With the dew, and the deep that lies beneath,
With the precious fruits brought forth by the sun
And the riches brought forth by the moon,*

*With the greatness of the ancient mountains,
With the abundance of the everlasting hills,
And with all the treasures of the earth in its perfection.*

Blessings to All . . .

—Bill Becker

View From The Village

I am sure some of you have heard from me that I think Samaritan Village's dining room is a lot like a middle school cafeteria – only in slow motion. We have our quirks and preferences about what we like to eat and where we like to sit and with whom. As I have said before, we tend to self-segregate to a degree. On September 1st we received our new dining room furniture. The staff worked overtime to unpack and assemble many tables and chairs. The effect was – in my view – stunning. It looked classy and much like the dining room of a nice restaurant. From where I was sitting I heard many comments like "maybe we should dress up for lunches," "it looks so crowded," "where can I park my walker" and the occasional "I don't like it." As older people we tend to resist change. This sometimes-fractious group of seniors is no exception. As soon as most of us had adjusted to this new turn of events, one of our residents proposed a new furniture layout in the dining room that made it look quite roomy. All in all, we are very satisfied with the new dining room and eagerly await the new carpeting and flooring that will come in October.

Our next shindig will be at Halloween and then on Veterans Day in November we will have a celebration at lunchtime to honor all our residents and staff members who served in the military. Also – put

in the back of your mind and on your calendar – our Bus Committee will have the annual Christmas Faire in mid-November. That is always plenty of fun with treats and gifts galore. We have some wonderful bakers at the Village.

Meanwhile, see you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Library Listings

Following up on Fr. Simon’s sermon at the 10:30 a.m. service last Sunday, - and also on Bishop Michael’s message in the Diocesan Digest last week, I’m featuring some books this month that might help us to avoid the trap of anger, resentment, thoughts of revenge and instead, choose love, forgiveness, and community – Check the display shelves to the right as you enter the library – or if you don’t find anything there which “speaks to you” – then take a look at the three shelves labeled “Christian Life” on the left side of the library.

FORGIVENESS by Gary Inrig — the author “says that forgiving cannot be a mere intellectual exercise; it requires you to face people and situations you’d rather ignore. And he offers no simple formulas. His insights and wisdom will stretch your understanding of what forgiveness really is, and will open your heart to the cleansing, liberation, and transformation that truly and appropriate forgiveness brings...”

—and another with the same title, but different author –

FORGIVENESS - Finding Peace by Letting Go by Adam Hamilton... the author “not only reminds us about the importance of reconnecting the broken pieces of our lives, but shows how the process of grace and forgiveness is possibly our most complete picture of God.”

A LIFE WORTH LIVING by Nicky Gumbel... This book “gives clear and powerful answers for many of the questions and needs of adults and older teens worldwide ...insights on living the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully.”

GOOD NEWS – A Scriptural Path to Reconciliation by Steven Charleston ... “Conflict is inevitable. Fighting is not. Episcopal Bishop Steven Charleston uses the teachings of the gospel to pres-

ent a path to reconciliation that embraces justice, compassion. And forgiveness.”

JESUS SAYS TO YOU - His Eternal Wisdom and Its Meaning Today - by Daniel A. Poling ...” Dr. Poling has not written just another ‘Life of Jesus,’ but a very meaningful study of that life in terms of our own... Dr. Poling does not see in the life of Christ a message of escape from the problems of the world, but rather a call to do battle with them...”

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE – How to Be an Assertive Christian - by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth C. Haugk ... this book “invites you to experience the freedom and joy of Christian assertiveness. You’ll discover how a scriptural understanding of assertive living helps you build healthy relationships with others, one to one, in groups, and in congregations...”

THE GRACE AWAKENING – Believing in Grace is one thing. Living it is another. – by Charles R. Swindoll ... “What is it that causes our Lord to stoop and reach out to us in love? Grace. What is it that frees us to be all He means us to be? Grace. What is it that permits others to be who they are, even very different from us? Grace. What allows us to disagree, yet stimulates us to press on? Grace...”

—AND a bit of fun mixed in –

THE YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY - One Man’s Humble Quest to follow the Bible — as Literally as Possible - by A.J.Jacobs

“Raised in a secular family but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, A. J. Jacobs decides to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year... The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverent and irreverent, personal and universal, and will make you see history’s most influential book with new eyes...it is part CliffsNotes to the bible, part memoir, and part look into worlds unimaginable...”

—BROWSE,—BORROW,—BRING BACK—

—Edie Orner, Librarian – Adult Parish Library

Pictures from the Past Month



Ecumenical Labor Day Service in Central Park



Daughters of the King
Diocese Assembly
Keynote speaker
Neysa Elgren Sheply



Good Samaritan Fall
Barbecue "on the day
that the rain came down"
moved inside to Simpson
Hall and still fun for all

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Rector Emeritus	*The Rev. William R. McCarthy

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