
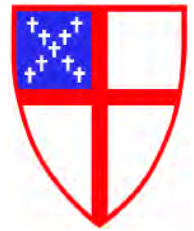


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Luke 23:44

*It was about twelve o'clock when the sun stopped shining
and darkness covered the whole country*



From The Clergy



Dear ones,

September! There will be many ways in which you can connect, get involved or just have fun in and around Good Samaritan this month. We will all have the opportunity to gather with some of our ecumenical church partners over the Labor Day weekend when we will all com-

bine for our **annual Labor Day service** – Sunday, September 3rd beginning at 10:00 a.m. I have the honor of being the preacher this year, which may or may not be an incentive for you to come! Remember that there will be no 10:30 a.m. Eucharist at Good Samaritan that day.

Our **choir** will begin their fall ministry again on Sunday September 10th. If you are interested in singing with the choir please contact our Director of Music, James Moursund. Our 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening services will also resume on the 10th – that day with our **Taizé worship** and then **Sung Compline** the other Sundays. Sunday, September 24th is also the first of our 2017-18 **Sundays@3 concerts**.

Godly Play starts up on Sunday, September 10th. This is an interactive bible-based Christian formation program for children aged between 4 and 8. You are welcome to join Ella Jones in the education wing. Don't forget that we offer **nursery care** every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for those of you who wish to enjoy the service or coffee hour/forum by yourselves. That said, little ones are always welcome at any of our services or events!

Our **Guerrilla Scholars** team have a full calendar of classes and workshops planned for the fall. In September DeeDee Schneider will be presenting a mind/body workshop on the 13th and 20th. Later in the fall they will be offering classes on cosmology, faith, knowledge and emergence, sleep health and an extended class on St. Paul. I will also be offering an Episcopal 101 class for anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and our Anglican tradition. Our **Outreach and Social**

Justice Committee are also planning a number of Sunday morning forums beginning on Sunday, September 10th.

Sunday, September 17th is the day of our **church barbecue**. This year we will gather after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in the back parking lot behind the education wing. We plan to have a bouncy castle and other fun activities for children and those who are young at heart. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages, if you could plan to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share that would be great. You are also very welcome to invite a friend or neighbor – you don't have to be a member of the church to come.

Our lives are enriched and given deeper meaning when we share experiences with others, this is why we try to offer a variety of events and services at church. Please put some or all of these dates into your calendars, and as I said, feel free to invite a friend!

Simon+

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Benton County SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) reading program

As you might remember we have been looking for community partners to utilize some of our unused classrooms in our education wing for a number of months now. With that in mind, I am very happy to tell you that room 7/8 has become the new administrative office for the Benton County SMART reading program. As many of you know SMART uses volunteers to help children and students in our county with their reading proficiency – some of you are or have volunteered yourselves! The three administrative staff were in need of a new office space and so the vestry was glad to offer them a classroom for their use. They will work during business hours Monday through Friday. We will also be welcoming back Kindermusik and Crossroads Conversation School in September. Simon+



Dear Friends,

I sit at the dining room table at Canterbury House, my new home and the home of our campus ministry, as I write to you this morning. Students walk by here and there, a reminder of what is to come late September when the students return

in full force. The city bus has just pulled away from the curb, one of many stops that occur every thirty minutes throughout the day. The other night I sat on the porch and listened to the sound of guitar and a female vocalist coming from the apartment above the Beanery. This is an active place! I feel alive, like I am a part of this throng of people and motion. I look around me with anticipation as I envision those who will enjoy meals and conversation around this table, and who will gather on the porch and lawn. I think of the music we will make. Of the prayers we will pray. Of the Eucharist we will share. "This is good," says my internal voice, says God within me.

I am in the midst of finalizing my programming ideas for campus ministry for the fall. The committee and I are discussing what we think will bring students in, and will offer a welcoming place to grow on their spiritual journeys. We are determining how much man (and women) power we have to make it all happen. And this is where all of you come in. I will be presenting our needs for volunteers to the entire church soon. I may email or call you with an invitation to help in a way that seems fitting to you. I encourage you to give this invitation some thought and prayer. I welcome your help and support of our Episcopal Campus Ministry.

I also look forward to our programs for children and youth starting up in September. We will again be offering Godly Play to young children. Ella Jones has been preparing her materials and is eager to start teaching again. Our youth will participate in the Corvallis Youth Collective, an organization of several Corvallis church youth, providing activities, fun, and fellowship. I look forward to getting to know other youth leaders, and spending more time with the middle and high school students of Good Samaritan.

As always, I have fun activities in the works for all of us, starting with our parish Barbeque on September 17th. We will have a fall celebration for kids in October, and I am mulling over a fall event for the grownups too. More to come...

Blessings of Peace,
Ruth

Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

Our first choir rehearsal of the year will be on Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m., and our first Choral Sunday will be September 10. This gives us two rehearsals to launch into all sorts of exciting repertoire before we begin our work in the liturgy. I am very excited to return to the choir and I hope you enjoy our music selections – there is so much repertoire to explore!

By the way, our Sundays@3 Concert Series will begin on September 24 with internationally-renowned violinist Andrew Sords. Our self-sustaining concert series strives to present ten (yes, TEN!) free concerts every year to the public. I highly encourage you to take advantage of this program.

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

moursundjames@gmail.com

Music Lesson: Pluto was discovered in 1930, four years before Gustav Holst's death, and was hailed by astronomers as the ninth planet. Holst, however, expressed no interest in writing a movement for the new planet. He had become disillusioned by the popularity of *The Planets* suite, believing that it took too much attention away from his other works.

Best,
--James Moursund, Director of Music

Vestry and Committee Reports

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Glenn McCumber	Parish Resource Committee

Campus Ministry

Canterbury House, A New Beginning

Last spring, an OSU student on the Campus Ministry Committee found an old sign in the campus house basement with the words “Canterbury Chapel”. She asked why we were called Holy Ground instead of the former name, Canterbury House. The Committee felt that a new beginning might call for a new (and historical) name. They voted to let the new Chaplain make the final decision. When Ruth came onboard she concurred.

The Campus Ministry Committee is delighted to call the ministry and the house on Arnold Street Canterbury House. A new wooden lawn sign will be made in the style of the old one. Thus, Canterbury House-OSU will join other Canterbury Houses across the United States, following the traditional name for Episcopal Campus Ministries.

The Committee hopes that members of the Good Samaritan community will support Canterbury House by volunteering whenever possible to welcome OSU and LBCC students. The hope is that students will find a place at Canterbury House that will enhance their lives by being a safe, comfortable place to hang out whether it be through friendship, thought-provoking talks, food, or wi-fi.

--Beverley Beckley, Campus Ministry Committee

Outreach and Social Justice

For Such a Time as This

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Presiding

Bishop Michael B. Curry, The Episcopal Church, have issued a joint statement, calling us to prayer, fasting and advocacy in addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty.

The statement “For Such a Time As This” calls for fasting on the 21st of each month through December 2018, at which time the 115th Congress will conclude. The 21st of each month is targeted because by that day about 90 percent of Supplemental Nutrition Benefits Program (SNAP) benefits have been used.

The Outreach and Social Justice Committee will be hosting a forum on September 10th, where a handout will be available to further explain this action, and to give suggestions regarding how this action can be used for advocacy. (For example, one possible response is to donate what money would have been used for food that day to an agency that helps hungry people.) Please prayerfully consider joining with Christians around the country, and please join us in September to learn more.

--Brenda Rapp, Outreach and Social Justice Committee

Healthcare in Oregon – WHAT NOW?

After a discouraging, partisan, and non-productive fight in the U.S. Congress, this question emerges with increasing importance and urgency. Given the more collaborative nature of Oregon’s legislature, there is a glimmer of hope for Oregonians. The Church of the Good Samaritan, the First Presbyterian Church, and the First Congregational United Church of Christ (with the sponsorship of the Interfaith Healthcare Network) have organized a community forum to address “**Healthcare in Oregon – WHAT NOW?**”. Two distinguished leaders, Mitch Greenlick and Mitch Anderson, have been invited to present their perspectives and answer questions. Mitch Greenlick is a Representative in the Oregon Legislature (first elected in 2002) and has been Chair of the House Committee on Health Care since 2007. He is also professor emeritus and past chair of the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at OHSU, and was formerly director of the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research. Mitch Anderson is the Director of the Benton County Health Department. Their perspec-

tives promise to be interesting and informative

The stakes are high. Almost everyone agrees that our current health care system desperately needs improvement. Compared to people in other developed nations, Americans continue to pay more for less care, with many still lacking affordable access to the healthcare they need. The price of pharmaceuticals is out of control. Of major concern is the future of Medicaid, our society's mechanism to care for the health needs of the poor. The defeated congressional proposals and the current 2018 budget proposal by the Trump administration include federal cuts to Medicaid and a shift in its funding to the states. Oregon would struggle to meet such a demand. Perhaps Mitch Greenlick and Mitch Anderson can help us all to see a path through the quagmire, a way to support and encourage our leaders working on the healthcare system, a direction forward that reflects God's compassion for the health of all in our complex and troubled world.

"Healthcare in Oregon – What Now?" will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 West Hills Road, on Sunday, September 24th at 3:00 p.m. The format will include a brief introduction, two 20 minute presentations, followed by 30 minutes of questions and answers. Please come. Your presence will help you, and our faith community at Good Samaritan, discern the role we might play in assuring that all get the healthcare they need.

God calls on Good Samaritan to Nurture Love in a Troubled World.

In the past year, the generous support and involvement of our small congregation has had an impact on those in need in our Corvallis community and beyond. The Outreach and Social Justice Committee is holding Adult Forums on September 10th after worship services at 8:00 a.m. (in the Parish Hall) and 10:30 a.m. (in the Lounge) to celebrate what God has accomplished through the outreach efforts of Good Samaritan, and to discuss some exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Highlighted will be the result of 6 months of research by the Outreach Committee to determine how our church might best help homeless families with school children in Corvallis, a direction for outreach long championed by our ECW. Moving forward, we need your ideas, we

need your prayers, and we need your engagement in the process by which we try to discern how we as a church family can better share God's love to an increasingly troubled world. So please come to one of the adult forums on September 10th.

--Rex Cole, Outreach and Social Justice Committee

September's Designated Offering

We Care which provides one-time help to residents in urgent situations, most often for housing and utilities. Families with children are given special consideration. With ever-increasing rents and move-in costs, families are often in need of financial help to avoid becoming homeless. A focus of the Outreach Committee this year is to find ways that Good Samaritan can help more homeless or potentially homeless children. Last month we collected for Vina Moses school program and this month we chose **We Care** for some extra help.

We Care has committed to have \$2,000 a week available to help those in need and has asked the supporting religious organizations for extra help to raise the \$6,000 to meet that goal. Please give prayerful consideration to an offering for **We Care** this month.

--Sandy Potter, Outreach and Social Justice Committee

Happenings

Interactive Workshop about the Inner Life

Presented by Rev. Peter Fritsch+

The Fisher King and the Handless Maiden

Recovering the Feeling Function and Creativity in Masculine and Feminine Psychology.

Saturday October 28, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee. \$50 (scholarships available, ask Peter for information)

Register by emailing Peter at plfritsch@hotmail.com

Payment can be made at the door.

Participants will learn:

How to regain trust in their intuition and natural, God given instincts.

How to understand when and where they lost their sense of personal power through neglect, abuse, lack of unconditional love and carrying the shadow of unlived lives of one's family.

How to find their inner strength through the healing of the feeling function.

How, through the indwelling Christ, participants can become their own affirmative best friend.

How to discern between intuition and the leading of the Holy Spirit and trust both.

How to appreciate one's family heritage and simultaneously be free of all burdens from this heritage.

The Fisher King, a part of the Holy Grail story, evolved during the heights of medieval chivalry, when there was a high valuing of the feminine spirit. Participants will learn how the Hero/Heroine myths of the Fisher King and The Handless Maiden, 12th Century European

motifs, fit together to show the dynamics of transformation that every person can realize to become whole. The Handless Maiden shows how a patriarchal culture can diminish the feminine spirit in both women and men, and provides solutions for restoring one's sense of self and creativity.

Peter Fritsch, scholar, teacher, priest, musician, spiritual director, is the author of *A Moment of Great Power: Sacramental Prayer and Generational Healing*, *Dreams: A Spiritual Guide to Healing and Wholeness*, and *Hungary: Finding A Place to Call Home*. Peter is excited to be with the people of Good Sam again and hopes you will bring friends from outside the church to this important dialogue.

Other Activities

View From The Village

The garden is so beautiful to enjoy this year. We have had two concerts of local musicians on Thursday evenings for the residents to enjoy. The atmosphere was perfect. Our back garden picnic was a success, also. The bugs stayed away, there was plentiful food, and no one called the police about us disturbing the peace in the neighborhood!

Our next picnic will be in September as we celebrate the coming of the harvest, especially the local

corn. We traditionally have corn and tomatoes and the kitchen does up some burgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. We do know how to party at the Village!

We have several new residents with more coming in soon. The waiting list is long, but obviously worth the wait. It is a good place to be. Our Board of Directors actively sees to our needs and the needs of the entire property. They encourage residents to have a voice in the meetings and on a day-to-day basis.

We are also grateful to have Deacon Peggy Bernhard as our Chaplain. Her prayers and presence are faithful. What an asset she is to our community! Even the residents we have had who have moved to other locations have indicated they have missed her presence.

Fall is slowly coming in. Leaves are beginning to turn in a few places. We are looking forward to cooler weather and beautiful fall colors.

See you at the Village!

--Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Creation Care – Post Eclipse

Yes, new title for this column, lest the readers (and writer) get bored with the same old. But the concepts and issues remain the same, or do they?

I was talking with my son-in-law recently, about the new, fully-electric car that he had bought. Quite virtuous, I thought, but the question is: Where does all the electricity to charge the batteries that power the motor come from? Hmm? He thought that solar power accounted for only perhaps 1% of all electric generation (he works for an electric utility, by the way).

So, thought I'd look it up, and here are the facts, those rather "inconvenient" things as Al Gore tells us. Major energy sources by percentage of US electricity generated in 2016:

Natural gas	=	33.8%
Coal	=	30.4%
Nuclear	=	19.7%
Renewables (total)	=	14.9%
Hydro	=	6.5%
Wind	=	5.6%
Biomass	=	1.5%
Solar	=	0.9%
Geothermal	=	0.4%

Petroleum	=	0.6%
Other gases	=	0.3%
Other nonrenewables	=	0.3%

These data, these facts, come from a federal agency, the US Energy Information Administration, which you can find on the internet.

So . . . on the one hand, I encourage everyone to use less electricity whenever possible – every watt counts. I also encourage you to support renewable sources, such as by joining up with Pacific Power’s “Blue Sky” program. Don’t say it’s up to someone else; it’s up to us!

But . . . on the other hand, think about the difficulty of replacing all fossil fuels, especially if we do not become more parsimonious in our use of electricity. How many solar panels or windmills would be required to replace all the natural gas and coal-fired generating plants? The nuclear plants?

Most of the great problems facing us are terribly complex – from poverty to health care access to environmental degradation. I believe that there are enough decent, well-intentioned people that if there were an obvious and practicable solution to these problems, it would have been implemented. It may be a long slog from here to there.

Let’s start by being kind to one another, particularly those with whom we may not agree, and remembering that, as Pogo Possum famously said: “We have met the enemy and they are us.”

--Bill Becker

Library Listings September, 2017

Wow – I finally discovered why the Library Listings column was not making it into the newsletter recently – I was using the incorrect email address! So it’s up there floating around somewhere in the ether! It did make it into the Wednesday email (on Thursday last week) - Soooo I decided to let that be the main part of the column this month – if you don’t receive the Wednesday email, maybe you can get someone to make you a copy – OR BETTER YET – just drop by the library and look at the books on the display shelves to the right as you enter – and/or check out the books on the display table outside the door!!

I will add a few here, though – they are in the social justice arena – because there is so much

turmoil right now around social justice issues – and who knows when it will die down – but we mustn’t allow ourselves to begin thinking “Well, that’s the way it is—” we have to work to fight the evils that have developed in our society – Onward and Upward!

First – two of Bishop Katharine’s books – if you didn’t read them before, please make time to read them now.

“GOSPEL IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE – Seeking God’s Dream of Shalom” – by Katharine Jefferts Schori -- this book “...takes readers along on a spiritual journey from Canterbury to Kansas, from the Bronx to Brazil, as Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori reaches out to communities of faith around the world with a message of justice and peace. With special focus on the United Nations’ Millennium Development goals...”

“THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD – Finding the Sacred in the Middle of Everything” – by Katharine Jefferts Schori and a Foreword by Joan Chittister, OSB -- “...she looks at the intersections of faith with the major issues of our day: How does faith speak to poverty, climate change, the economy, health care, and what is the faith response? How can believers from many faith traditions find common ground while honoring the Divine, serving one another, and creating deeper community? How do we best use the resources of faith to connect us to the hearts of our neighbors and to the heart of God?”

“PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH – A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future” by E. Calvin Beisner -- the author “has successfully translated the mandate of Genesis 1:28 into hard facts. This impressive volume should be used as a college textbook in every economics curriculum in the country.”

“SCIENCE AND PROVIDENCE – God’s Interaction With the World” – by John Polkinghorne -- “This is the first book to apply the modern understanding of the physical world to questions of prayer and divine providence, reconciling modern science with the Christian view. Is a personal God who interacts lovingly with His Creation a credible concept in our scientific age? Do miracles happen: Can prayer change anything? Why does evil exist? “... this book “brings new and often surprising insights to bear on these familiar questions...”

“NEW WORLD – NEW MIND
 – A Brilliantly Original Guide to
 Changing the Way We Think About
 the Future.” -- by Robert Ornstein and
 Paul Ehrlich – “Experts in psychology,
 biology and population studies, the au-
 thors of this book confront the global
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 brains. Proving that our minds are not
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 the AIDS epidemic, or the greenhouse
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 practical recommendations to help us
 regain control of our future by getting
 back in step with the world in which we live.”



We never found out who this camper was or if she-he-it was a parishioner

“THE WISDOM OF SERPENTS – Reflec-
 tions on Religion and Foreign Policy” by Roland S.
 Homet, Jr. – “written before 9/11, and before talk
 of war with Iraq, (this book) has a powerful mes-
 sage for today: that our foreign policy needs to be
 informed not by religion that aims at coercing others
 to accept our values but by religion that shows the
 way to long term shared interests.”

If you don’t find anything here that grabs your
 attention – look at the “Social Issues” shelf just
 below the display shelves for other possibilities –

--Edie Orner, Librarian for the Adult Parish
 Library

Baptism of Miriam Jane Roundy



Bring on the birthday cake mom I can blow out the candle

Pictures from the Past Month

Camping Trip



I wasn’t told camping was this tiring



**Mid Valley Churches
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