

The Beacon

The Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Florence, Oregon

August, 2009

FROM DEACON BOB...

SUMMER 2009 – A TIME OF NEWNESS

Summer is traditionally a time for changing routines – kids are out of school, vacations and summer sports have begun, camping is commonplace. Kay and I have moved into our new home in Park Village, we have toured Ireland on bicycles and spent time at the Monastery of St. Gertrude in central Idaho. For me, a new career has begun.

We've been worshipping with St. Andrew's family and I've had some opportunities to participate in liturgy. I've been attending meetings and getting to know a lot of new people. Florence is great! We've enjoyed beach walks, coffee in Old Town, and the sharing of meals with many parishioners. I've just helped with our Texas 4000 hosting (the young people were very inspiring) and give kudos to Terri Pennington for her hard work at coordinating all of us volunteers. "Thanksgiving in July" was a hit with the bicyclists and we made many new friends, as they dedicated their daily rides to many of our friends and loved ones.

July 19 marked my beginning of pastoral ministry with St. Andrew's. While it may seem like a stretch to move from working with statistics to working with people, God showed me that this is what ordained ministry is all about. A new career for me and a change of faces for you – I expect we will all be challenged to live into our baptismal vows in new ways. As we settle into the community of Florence and the family of St. Andrew's (and for Kay, as she ministers with the parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin in Gardiner) we are excited about this new thing that God has done. We move forward into new life together!

Peace,

Deacon Bob

FROM DEACON STEVE...

With the BAC's blessings, the 10 a.m. service on September 6th will be canceled to enable worshippers to attend the Church at Florence Worship Service, a community-wide ecumenical event to which all denominations are invited. It will be held at the stadium behind the middle school, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Plenty of parking will be available, as well as handicap access. A collaborative sermon will be delivered in turn by four ministers, and there will be a number of musical offerings.

This occasion cannot be managed without volunteers. Parking attendants, greeters, ushers, and offering bearers are needed. In addition, one volunteer from each church is requested for counting the offering following the service. If you are interested in helping in one of these ways, see me asap.

The Church at Florence Worship Service is sponsored by the Siuslaw Valley Ministerial Association, of which St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is a member. SVMA also sponsors the Three Hours at the Cross ecumenical service held at our church on Good Friday.

Speaking of services, the Transfiguration of Our Lord will be observed on Thursday, August 6th, at the stone altar (between the memorial garden and labyrinth). If weather doesn't permit, the service will be held around the altar in the chancel.

Deacon Steve

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
BAC Meeting
June 25th 2009**

Members present: Sr. Warden, Judy Cook; Jr. Warden, Willie Leach; Barbara Wilbanks; Kate McBroom-Redwine; Donna Warnecke; Jo M'Gonigle; John Evanow; Tony Rebello; David Owens; Treasurer, Steve Skidmore and Charlie Pennington

Meeting opened at 5:35 pm with a prayer by Sr. Warden Judy Cook.

Minutes from May 28th were approved and stand as written.

Steve Skidmore presented the Treasurer's Report and suggested the Insurance liability deductible premium be increased from \$500 to \$1000, this will lower the payment. A motion to do so was made by Kate McBroom-Redwine, David Owens seconded the motion, which was carried and approved.

Charlie Pennington presented the Outreach Report and it was approved.

Sr. Warden: Judy Cook made it known that Deacon Steve would like to eliminate the 10:00 am service on September 6th to participate in an Ecumenical Service Rally at the Siuslaw Middle School. Jo M'Gonigle made a motion, David Owens seconded it and the members passed it.

Judy Cook, Willie Leach, Bob Totten, Paul Hirsch, and others, met with a representative from Smeed Electronics at St. Andrew's to evaluate the sound system. The system was determined to be outdated and needs replacing. Judy suggested tabling the subject until Paul Hirsch and Deacon Bob could be available for the discussion.

The Rev. Deacon Bob Totten's Employment agreement was agreed upon.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:
Be it resolved that the Bishop's Advisory Committee designates \$15,000.00 of The Reverend Deacon W. Robert Totten's compensation for 2009 as housing allowance.

Judy consulted with the Montessori School. Their school day will now be from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. They requested the following:

They would like to prune back the willows in the children's play area, which was agreed upon.

Cover the water heater in the ladies bathroom. Ok'd.

Have the accordion door fixed so it will close. Ok'd.

Have a railing installed outside the kitchen back door down the steps. Ok'd.

Also they wanted a door or a rope in the hallway to close the area to outsiders.

The BAC discussed the requests and questioned why a door or rope is needed in the hallway.

Jr. Warden: Willie Leach reported the window in the Vicar's office been replaced.

It was determined a plan needs to be put in place for cleanup

of the church grounds.

John Evanow will contact Dan Pavlis regarding maintenance after a landscape plan has been determined. Donna Warnecke will call a couple of nurseries to see what help she can get regarding this.

Old Business: After meeting with a County Health representative, Tony Rebello had a list of rules for the kitchen:

1. Everything in the fridge has to be dated, labeled, and covered.
2. A hand washing sink needs to be installed.
3. Preparation of food has to be kept to a minimum.
4. Rubber gloves need to be used at all times (the kind without powder in them).
5. The dishwashers have to reach a certain temperature for sanitation.
6. Anyone working in the kitchen should have a food handler's license.

These issues will be discussed at length at a later date.

New Business: Jo M'Gonigle offered to draft a grant proposal from the Diocese which could be used for new windows in the south hallway. Willie said he would get estimates on prices for the window installation.

Marilyn Fennell asked Judy if she could assist in obtaining volunteers in cleaning the social hall. Judy suggested a cleaning day on July 11th followed by a barbeque. Volunteers will need to provide their own cleaning supplies. Judy will consult with Marilyn on exactly what cleaning chores are required.

It was suggested the congregation have breakfast between services on July 19th to celebrate The Rev. Deacon Bob Totten's first Sunday.

Jo said they should to find someone to head the committee for the Outreach Program. She discussed the In-reach Program, and suggested Deacon Totten be point person and the discussion was tabled to a later date.

Jo contacted ODOT concerning the Adopt a Highway Program for St. Andrew's. It is for a one, two or three year commitment. It was suggested a one year commitment to start, with a four mile stretch to clean. ODOT provides all supplies, with safety vests and safety training. It was decided to consult the congregation and have signup sheets in the social hall. ODOT would erect a sign on the highway recognizing St. Andrew's commitment to their program.

There are signup sheets in the hall for the Texas 4000. You can talk to Terry Pennington regarding any help she needs on this project. Jo Suggested a press release on the date the cyclists will arrive in Florence and to coordinate a cheering section at the South end of town to welcome their arrival and also have a welcome banner on the front of the church.

The next BAC meeting will be July 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Holt
Secretary



**LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER
THE ORDER OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Meeting: Sat. August 29, 10:30 church library
Business: Please turn in dues to Lynda, who will send one check for the chapter to National.

News from Triennial: new National Council, Province leaders; updates from Margaret Franklin Center.

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AUGUST ADJUSTMENTS

Change: a word, topic, concept that is embraced and shunned—sometimes even simultaneously.

August is a month of change(s)/ adjustment. Folks have gotten “in sync” with summer, and summer lasts only another month, by the calendar. It has been ‘vacation’ time— now, preparations for or actually going back to school, or even off to other levels of education, away from summer activities and routines. Growing things enter a new phase of full bloom and ripening processes begin. Wild critters sniff change in the air. There is a push to make the most of the “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”, everyone hoping for more happy days.

In the rush of the passing of summer, with effort, one can do something to make it last. In a few words: take (your) time. Be deliberate in selecting activities that permit the enjoyment of longer hours of light, warmer temperatures; savor the flavors of summer in abundant juicy fruits and other fresh produce; capture summer scenes in words, photos, paintings. Take time, make time, for this refreshment. Set aside time to reconnect with someone, in a letter, a call, or a visit. Make some memories! Adjusting schedules to accommodate these opportunities is well worth it.

August will bring adjustments to St. Andrew's, as well. The Rev. Deacon Bob Totten is officially serving among us now. An outdoor Eucharist will be offered on Transfiguration Day at the Garden/ Labyrinth—a real summer form of worship.

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Almighty God, we lift up your servants Frazer, Steve and Bob; give them grace to nurture your people that we may grow in the knowledge and love of your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that they might be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that their lives be an example of righteousness and wholeness. May their families know the fullness of joy from their faithful loving hearts and may they know the nearness of God always.
AMEN.



Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.



THE SHACK WM. PAUL YOUNG
WATCH FOR THE DATE IN THE
SUNDAY PEW BULLETINS
COME FALL

Come join us. Watch for the date and place in the Sunday pew bulletins come fall.

Be a Good Steward

God is already active in our world.
Let's take notice! Let's respond with grateful living.



From the Senior Warden...

When The Reverend John Waide recently gave a sermon on Ephesians 1:3-14, he said verses 3 through 6 were a "hymn to God". Music has always touched me deeply as I know it does most of you. It helps me become closer to the Spirit. I was fortunate to see two programs in Eugene during the Bach Festival a week or two ago, one being the Brandenburg Concertos. I was deeply moved by this music, as I am in church when singing beautiful hymns or hearing wonderful instruments being played. Auerbach summed up my feelings by saying: "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life".

WOW, WOW, WOW! Have you noticed how clean the church is? An appeal was put out on e-mail and through the bulletin for help in cleaning the church. On July 11th, twelve faithful souls showed up and sanitized, bleached, purified, brightened, scrubbed, washed, vacuumed, and in general made a shiny, sparkling, spic and span church!! We all enjoyed barbecued hot dogs cooked on our new barbecue. It was mostly a fun day and we plan on doing it again in about six months. Thanks to all who helped! By the time you receive this Beacon all of our carpets will have been professionally cleaned too.

Another WOW was the "Texas 4000". So many of you helped with it, and the young people were absolutely fantastic – in fact, Connie DeGray became an adopted grandmother. They are always so appreciative of our hospitality. What is becoming a tradition is that they were served a traditional Thanks giving dinner! It was touching to see so many of them walk the labyrinth. In the morning after breakfast, they invited us to join them in a circle in the labyrinth garden to remember relatives and friends who are recovering from cancer, as well as those who have died. It was very moving. We look forward to seeing them next year. As they rode out of town, they were escorted by fire trucks. What fun!

Blessings to you all,
Judy Cook

Episcopal haiku

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an outdated problem for
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Borrowed from Sarah Goodyear



ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY PROGRAM

The BAC is considering becoming part of ODOT's (Oregon Department of Transportation) Adopt-a-Highway program. It would fit our greening of the church in an outreach way — keeping Florence and Oregon beautiful. There are 2 miles north of Fred Meyer's available, from mileposts 186-188 on HWY 101, which is ODOT's 9. That means 2 miles each side, 4 times a year, with pick up sticks, safety vests, training, litter bags and ties, and disposal of litter provided. One side of the highway is done at a time with car pooled vehicles parked off the shoulders. After our first pick up and a little approval from the Office of Maintenance and Operations, we would get a sign on each side of the road that was green with white lettering reading St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

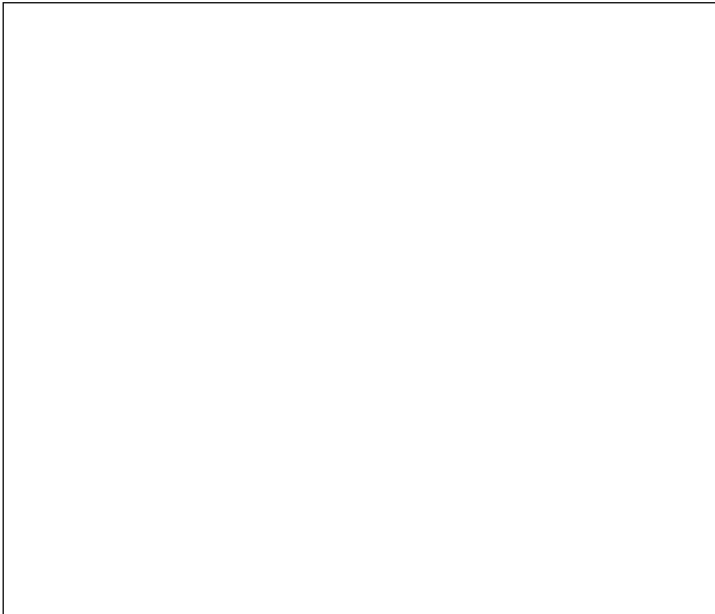
The BAC is considering this program for a one year commitment at this time. Jo M'Gonigle is checking for permission for 1 mile both sides, as many of us can't walk that longer distance. The question is can this program be supported not only in word but in physical bodies, more than 2 or 3 of the usual suspects, 4 times a year? If this is not a good idea, tell the BAC and we'll hunt for another way to be out in the community, effecting a re-creation of God's world, making a name for ourselves in a Christ-like way.

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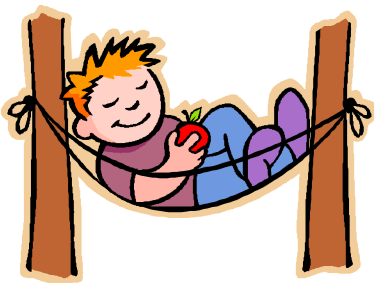


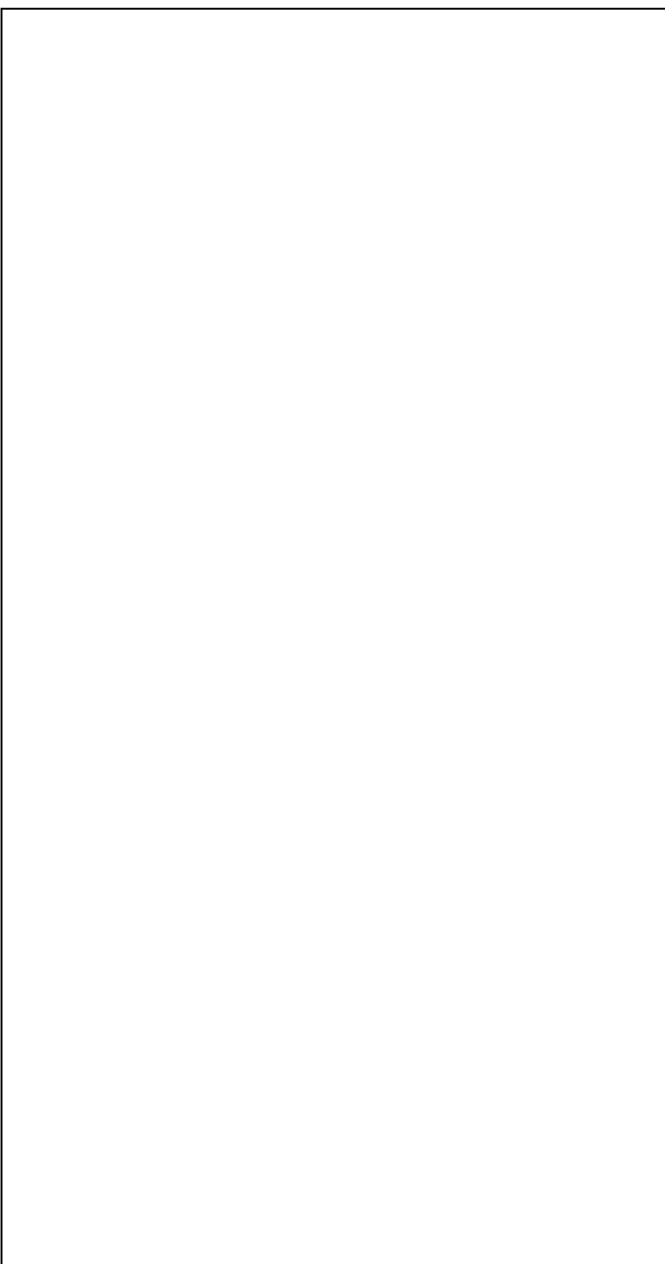
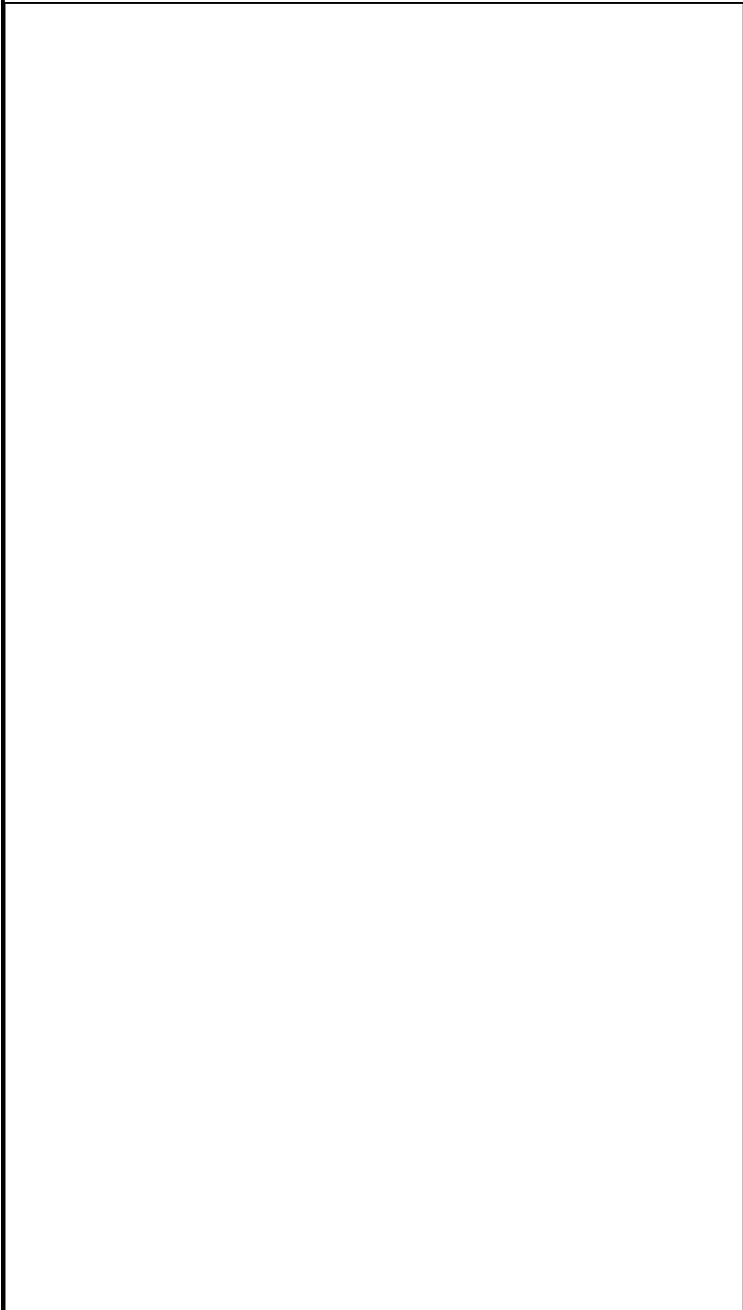
TAKE YOUR TIME

The following and future puzzles are shared from Chicken Soup for the Soul! Enjoy!!

Search horizontally, vertically, or diagonally for these words associated taking your time. The remaining letters will spell out a reason not to rush.

ABATE	LOUNGE
ANTICIPATE	MEASURED
CALM	MODERATE
CHECK	PAUSE
COMPOSE	PONDER
CONSIDER	POSTPONE
CONTAIN	PREPARE
CONTROL	PROCRASTINATE
DAWDLE	REDUCE
DEFER	REFLECT
DELAY	RELAX
DWELL	REST
EASE	SLOW
GRADUAL	STALL
HOLD	STEADY
LESSEN	TEMPER
LINGER	WAIT





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AUGUST SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 2 PENTECOST 9 Proper 13

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99:(1-4),5-9

2 Peter 1:13-21

Luke 9:28-36

August 9 PENTECOST 10 Proper 14

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 16 PENTECOST 11 Proper 15

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 23 PENTECOST 12 Proper 16

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

August 30 PENTECOST 13 Proper 17

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14,15,21-23



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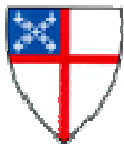
will be held Sunday, August 21, 1:00 p.m.

at the Yurt in Honeyman Park

(where we've met before).

Trish and David Owens will be the hosts this year. Meat and drinks will be provided by St. Andrew's. Signups are in the Social Hall.

Please plan to attend and bring your friends. Since it's on Sunday this year, those of you who work during the week can come. Let's have a big turnout as this will be Bob and Kay's first St. A's picnic!



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