

The Beacon

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

July, 2009

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN....

As I write this, Bob (our new Deacon and soon to be Vicar) and wife Kay, are pedaling their way through Ireland. Sure hope they are relaxing, although to me riding a bike isn't relaxing! For those of us who have met the Tottens, they are delightful and a gift from God. We are very fortunate to have them join our St. Andrew's family. Bob will start his employment with us on July 19.

How many of you have heard of Anglican Prayer Beads? I hadn't until about a year ago, and then I didn't really know what they were. Donna Warnecke clued me in and gave me a "Solitaries of DeKoven" pamphlet which describes APB as follows:

"APB, also known as the Anglican Rosary, is a relatively new prayer form which is blending the Roman Catholic Rosary and the Orthodox Jesus Prayer Rope. Since the earliest of times, people have used pebbles or a string of knots or beads on a cord to keep track of prayers offered to God. The Anglican form of this prayer method came out of a contemplative prayer group from the 1980's and was created by an Episcopal priest."

Donna has been making these beads as gifts and they are beautiful. If you are looking for a new way to meditate, this may be for you.

Bud and I just returned from a trip to Leavenworth, WA where we met some friends and relaxed. Leavenworth is a quaint "Bavarian" town in a beautiful Alps-like setting. Even though Bud has broken ribs, he was able to enjoy most of it. We are, however, always glad to be back home.

Blessings,
Judy Cook

FROM THE DEACON

We are in the season of Pentecost, which runs all the way through November 22, Christ the King Sunday. Special days for July include Independence Day, Saint Mary Magdalene on the 22nd, and Saint James the Apostle on the 25th. I chose Saint Mary Magdalene.

A disciple of Jesus, Mary was from the city of Magdala in Judea, hence the surname Magdalene. She was the woman Jesus delivered from seven evil spirits. Mary was among the women who accompanied and supported Jesus and the apostles.

She was present at the crucifixion. Mary also was the first to witness the resurrection, which Jesus told her to announce to his disciples. Some traditions identify her with Mary of Bethany. Since she witnessed the resurrection, she has been called "equal to the Apostles." Bernard of Clairvaux called her the "apostles to the Apostles."

Later tradition identified Mary Magdalene with Mary the Sinner, the penitent prostitute who anointed Jesus' feet, and with Mary the sister of Martha, but the Gospels give no real support to either identification, and they have now been abandoned by the Roman Catholic Church.

According to early legend in the Eastern Church, Saint Mary Magdalene went to Ephesus with Saint John and died there, whence her body was later taken to Constantinople. In the West a popular, but late and quite unfounded legend had arisen by the ninth century that she, with Martha and Lazarus, came to the south of France by sea, and in the Middle Ages her supposed tomb was venerated at Aix-en-Provence.

...Deacon Steve

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
BAC Meeting
May 28, 2009**

Members present: Sr. Warden, Judy Cook; Jr. Warden, Willie Leach; Jo M'Gonigle; Barbara Wilbanks; Tony Rebello; David Owens; Donna Warnecke; Kate McBroom-Redwine; Treasurer, Steve Skidmore; Deacon Steve Avery. Deacon Bob Totten and Paul Hirsch were also present.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Judy Cook at 5:30 pm.

The BAC members welcomed Deacon Bob Totten.

Minutes from April 30th were approved and stand as written.

Steve Skidmore presented the Treasurer's Report that was approved.

Charlie Pennington presented the Outreach report both reports were discussed in depth with Deacon Bob Totten.

Deacon Steve presented ideas for accommodating the hearing impaired parishioners. Several suggestions were discussed by the BAC members. Don Hayes, who was unable to attend, submitted a written report that will be taken under consideration. Paul Hirsch was at the meeting and suggested we contact Smeed Electronics in Eugene for a bid on what was determined we would need to update the sound system. It was suggested we get three bids. He will work with Willie Leach Jr. Warden, regarding any new equipment.

Paul Hirsch was also congratulated by BAC members for the excellent job he has done on updating the St. Andrew's website.

Sr. Warden: Judy Cook reported the start date for Deacon Bob Totten will be June 19th.

Judy spoke with Patricia Imel Chairwoman of the Board of the Montessori School regarding a letter of understanding that sets the conditions for the use of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church building by Montessori School.

It was discussed in detail by the BAC members. There were questions regarding some of the projects Montessori School would like to do and Judy tabled the discussion until the next meeting when she could obtain the answers to the questions the BAC members had.

Judy asked Jo M'Gonigle about her ideas regarding the Ministry Outreach. Jo has done research on the Lillian Valley School and suggested ways they could be part

of the Ministry Outreach. She also had pamphlets from the Siuslaw Outreach Service she gave to the BAC members. She will write an article for the bulletin regarding these ideas and how monies can be raised for outreach.

For the yard cleanup, volunteers would be appreciated.

The Stewardship Booklet from the Diocese was held over to the next meeting.

Judy thanked Barbara Wilbanks for all her hard work on the Backyard Bonanza.

The participation in the Grocery Outlet race for food share was a great success and Judy said everyone was pleased with the results.

Jr. Warden: Willie Leach discussed church window replacement and will have more information at the next meeting.

Old Business: The results from the Backyard Bonanza.

Pie sale:	\$ 377.
Yard:	\$1,000.
Plants:	\$ 249.53
Quilt:	\$ 118. The Reverend Frazer Crocker won the raffle for the quilt. congratulations to him.
Hotdogs:	\$ 156.

Total: \$1,900.53

The Texas 4000 will be July 13th and was discussed with Deacon Bob Totten.

Tony Rebello gave an update on the kitchen renovation. He is consulting with a County Health representative who will inspect the kitchen and let him know the type of equipment needed for the updates. A County representative will also give information on who can work in the kitchen and if a food handlers license is required.

The next meeting will be June 25th at 5:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted
Susan Holt
Secretary



The Ladies Lunch will meet at the Bridgewater at 12 noon on July 10th. There will not be a lunch meeting in August.



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

Meeting: Sat. July 25, 10:30 church library
Business: Reminder that **dues** should be in to Lynda who will send one check for the chapter.

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JULY JUBILATION

Jubilation: an act of rejoicing, an expression of great joy.

Our nation marks the anniversary of its founding with all sorts of 'Independence Day' celebrations which include flag displays, marching bands, concerts, fireworks, feasts, get-togethers, red-white-blue decorations. There are even 'propers for the day' in the Book of Common Prayer. (pgs. 923, 998, 190, 242, 258) If you have not previously included this aspect in your holiday celebration, you might want to try that this year.

A couple of years ago your writer and her 11-year-old granddaughter were together in Utah for the most spectacular 4th of July celebration either one will likely ever attend. It included a sunrise hot air balloon festival, a huge parade, outdoor plays, picnics, bunting everywhere, a show to end all shows during the early evening at a stadium, culminating in one million fireworks! Jubilation was definitely the mood.

Thinking back to a sermon that was preached at St. Andrew's a couple of weeks ago, one can make a connection to another kind of jubilation: The Joy of being Me! (That's what it led to for this listener, anyhow.) I may be ordinary, boring, unremarkable and live in the here and now, but God has used may who fit that description, to become extraordinary workers for His purposes. Living in His Love, God calls us to be the people we might be. That is an understanding among the women in the Order, world around. That is also cause for Jubilation.

As the Order meets for Triennial in July at Anaheim, we are reminded to participate in the prayer vigil for it and for General Convention which follows.

Father God, every day may we understand your will,
gain spiritual wisdom,
please and honor you,
bear fruit, grow in knowledge of you,
be filled with your strength,
have endurance and patience,
stay full of Christ's joy
and give thanks always.
AMEN



The **Monday Morning Study Group** is on summer vacation and won't meet until after Labor Day. The summer beach book is *The Shack* by Wm. Paul Young which has been both slammed and elevated, but on the NYT Bestseller list for WEEKS. If you liked it, or hated it, come say how it has affected you. That will be a one shot "book review" session our first time together in the fall. We'll finish up the last four chapters of *Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass in two sessions, discussing how what we gleaned from the book has transformed our lives, maybe even given us some new ways to look at St. Andrew's and then maybe the world. Watch out, World! Looking ahead too to a discussion of *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh. What interesting reading and always good discussions. Come join us. Watch for the date and place in the Sunday pew bulletins come fall.

Be a Good Steward

Our actions and decisions today form our ongoing legacy.





WORLD LABYRINTH DAY

The World Labyrinth Day on May 2, to Walk as One at 1, was very successful here in Florence. As part of a world-wide effort to effect a rolling labyrinth walk, everyone walking a path at 1 PM in their own time zone, our backyard path was soaked with participants. Some were new to walking, but responded to the press release, and others had walked our labyrinth before. The path was literally awash as the wind whipped and the rain blew sideways. Many had umbrellas and all had rain gear. One hearty participant came carrying her O2 saying, "I've always wanted to walk this labyrinth and especially today, so let it rain." By report, after the memorial service and luncheon to remember Margaret Ryner, the family walked the path. This type of event lets the community know our labyrinth is open to all and trumpets this ministry.

FLORENCE FREE LUNCH PROGRAM



St. Andrews has been doing a terrific job volunteering for the Free Lunch Program held at the Methodist Church on the second Tuesday of each month. Although we have a great group of core volunteers, we could use a few more in order to not call on the same people too often and to help fill the slots during vacation and holiday months. Cooks prepare the soup (either vegetarian or meat) and will to have a Food Handlers Permit on file at the Methodist Church (very easy to get online). Servers work the dining area to serve drinks, clear the tables and help clean up (a Food Servers Permits is preferred but not required). Each month we need two cooks and two servers.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this program, please contact Diane Haworth at 997-5736 or d.haworth@charter.net. Thanks!

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Continuing with the 100 small things you can do this summer to make a BIG difference on our environment. Keep it green by THINKING!

“It’s the little things that go a long way in making our planet healthier. The list is endless, but here are 100 ideas to get you started. Try doing just one a day, and you’ll notice something amazing. You’ll feel healthier too.”

- Plant a garden
- Buy rechargeable batteries
- Start a compost pile
- Put back unused napkins
- Bring your own coffee cup
- Learn to love weeds
- Throw a green wedding
- Look for Energy Star appliances
- Unload your car of excess weight
- Don't buy veggies in trays
- Choose an energy efficient vehicle
- Find your carbon footprint
- Fix leaking faucets
- Use reusable towels
- Install low-flow toilets
- Make your own cleaning solutions
- Have a “buy-nothing” day
- Clean windows with newspapers
- Buy produce in season
- Bag presents in paper (not Mylar) bags

- Tune up your car's engine
- Donate used books and magazines
- Seal drafts around windows
- Leave your car at home for a day
- Don't idle your car more than 10 sec.
- Think before you print
- Throw a green BBQ/party
- Think carpool before leaving
- Keep tires inflated
- Bake before buying plastic trays
- Learn about carbon offset credits
- Decrease your carbon footprint
- Appoint an “office lights” monitor
- Use your legs not the elevator
- Stop chasing “the latest fad”
- Spend time in nature
- Reuse all that you can reuse
- Build with salvaged wood
- Buy in bulk
- Return bubble wrap to stores

Keep hot air out and cold air in during the summer months by closing your windows and drapes during the heat of the day. Open your car windows rather than turn on the air-conditioner. The best things in life aren't things, call a friend and go for a walk. TGIS.

Mrs. Green, a.k.a. Donna Warnecke

SHUTTERBUGS:



Are there several of you out there that come to the different church events and maybe just happen to have a camera in the car? What will make the St. Andrew's website more

exciting and interesting is to have an ever changing selection of photos to show the community and the world who we are. If you would be willing to take the responsibility of picture taker, several of you as one doesn't get to all events all the time, please give your names to Paul Hirsh, our webmeister, 541-547-4029.

GARDEN COMMITTEE



At the June meeting of the garden committee, it was decided to even up the cremains area edges so as to make possible the ease of assembling a grid pattern. This will enable future cremain burials to be plotted and known.

There was discussion about committee responsibility for the total church ground maintenance. It was agreed that only the garden, eucharist and labyrinth areas were all that was possible to be cared for by the garden committee participants. General garden cleanup followed the meeting.

Contact Betty Leach at 902-1974 for any questions about the garden or cremain burials.

COURAGE TO BE YOURSELF

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

Search horizontally, vertically, or diagonally for these words associated with touching hearts. The remaining letters will spell out a related phrase.

ASSURED
BEHAVIOR
BEING
CONDUCT
DEMEANOR
DIGNITY
EQUAL
ESTEEM
EXEPTIONAL
EXTROVERT
GRACE
HONEST
HUMAN
INDIVIDUAL
MANNERS
MORTAL

NATURAL
OPEN
POWER
PRIDE
PRIVATE
REGARD
RESPECT
SEPARATE
SOMEBODY
SOUL
STRENGTH
STYLE
TRUTH
UNIQUE
WORTHY



Every summer, in Episcopal churches across the country, there is a Loaves and Fishes Sunday, to benefit each local food bank. On that Sunday, there is always a connection with the gospel story of the day and the Eucharistic setting of thanks. This year, Loaves and Fishes Sunday will be **July 26**, and the gospel reading in this year B of the lectionary is John 6:1-21, the well known story of the 5 loaves and 2 fish. "What are they among so many people?" says Peter. "Make them sit down", says Jesus, and then demonstrates his life-giving power. God's will is that hungry people be fed. St. Andrew's too will participate on that Sunday to support the shelves of our own Florence Food Share which always feels a summertime low. The following grocery list can help spark ideas for what would help feed the hungry of Florence, or just buy what you would like to have on your shelf. All bags will be placed at the foot of the altar for blessing at each service that **July 26** morning.

SIMPLY SUGGESTIONS

Loaves and Fishes Sunday INGATHERING TO BENEFIT FLORENCE FOOD SHARE SUNDAY JULY 26

Mac/cheese dinner, Peanut butter
Canned veggies ,Tuna fish or canned meat
Fresh produce ,Pasta and/or potatoes
Soup, Bag of candy or cookies
Canned fruit, Toilet paper
Cocoa or fruit juice, Diapers
Cereal, Bar soap
Coffee, Infant formula

***... it is a question of a fair balance between your abundance and their need...
2 Cor.8:14***



Frazer Crocker reminded the BAC that we have some extra monies to work with right now as things settle out with our new vicar-to-be Bob Totten. How did we think we could use that extra for something besides our selves, as an outreach project or projects. Just be thinking about that, talk it out, give it some time, he said.

This should be easy – money to the poor – taking care of things at a distance – charity. But it's not easy. Just as all requests that come into your home need thought and discernment for effectiveness, it's not easy. And what effect are we looking for? The best way we can encourage meaningful service in this community or another, the best way to accept God's challenge to bring on the peaceable kingdom. It needs thought, it needs prayer, it needs a CO-ORDINATOR and some dedicated others to help sort out ideas and lots of ways to extend our outreach at St. Andrew's. The BAC is looking for those in the congregation who have suggestions of outreach, who know how we can take what we have, add a little and make more, or go off in a new direction with seed money, but most importantly feel a call to head up OUTREACH MINISTRIES. Please pray about this and respond to any of the BAC members with your offering of help.

Episcopal haiku

Outreach programs are
not an admission of failure
but of a new hope.

Borrowed from Sarah Goodyear

JULY SCRIPTURE READINGS

July 5 PENTECOST 5 Proper 9

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12 PENTECOST 6 Proper 10

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19 PENTECOST 7 Proper 11

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26 PENTECOST 8 Proper 12

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-19
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21



Some thoughts on coming into silence before the service begins:

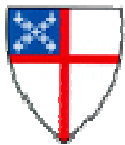
Silence is resting in God's presence.

Nothing in all creation is so like God as silence (Meister Eckhart).

To rediscover silence is to rediscover God.

People need silence to find their way to interior wisdom.

In communal silence we find ourselves empowered to walk together a little bit further on the pilgrim path.



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