

The Beacon

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

June, 2009

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN....

As I mentioned last month, Bob and Kay Totten will both be ordained as Deacons on May 23rd at the Episcopal Camp in Cove, Oregon. Our blessings and prayers are with them on this very important occasion. CONGRATULATIONS!

There is so much happening at St. Andrew's. Our yard sale will be over by the time this goes to press, but everyone has been working like crazy to make it the best ever. Our new barbecue will be christened by hot dogs, and our pie bakers will have their yummy offerings. The plants are almost ready, and lots of things have been donated.

"Rhody Days" were celebrated last weekend, and The Rebellos submitted one of St. Andrew's rhododendrons which won a prize!

We celebrated Rhody Days at the church too – with a baptism. Billie Saunders who is Diane Haworth's mother was baptized by Father Crocker and assisted by Deacon Avery. It was a lovely event, and we welcome Billie into our family.

St. A's is sponsoring a cart for "Read for the Need Shopping Cart Derby" on May 27. Carts will be filled with food at the Grocery Outlet and rushed to Food Share. Anna Warnecke and Bud Cook will be pushing the carts. It's a good way to support Food Share.

Recipes will be accepted for a couple of more weeks. It looks as if we're going to have a really good cookbook.

St. A's will host the "Texas 4000" again this year on July 13. This is an annual event in which cyclists ride from Texas to Alaska to raise money for cancer research. The young people will spend the night in the church, and we will serve them dinner and breakfast. Terri Pennington will chair this event again this year.

You know there are so very many people in our church who quietly volunteer to help out week after week. Let's give thanks to all those who oversee the bulletins, flowers, altar, refreshments, garden, money counting, check writing - the list goes on and on.

Thanks be to God,
Judy Cook

Episcopal Haiku

Adult baptism

was once called "Baptism for
those of Riper years."

Borrowed from Sarah Goodyear



It was a glorious Friday morning - sun shining, lots of blue, comfortable temperature - just especially perfect for a baptism. A few gathered at the font in the back of the church to witness the baptism of Wilma "Billie" Saunders, the mother of Diane Haworth, who was her sponsor. All there vowed to support Billie in her new life in Christ and then renewed their own baptismal vows. After the baptism, the sealing in the Holy Spirit, and welcoming into the household, the new child of God carried the elements up into the chancel for the Great Thanksgiving and received her first communion. It was a glorious Friday morning.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
BAC Meeting
April 30, 2009

Members present: Sr. Warden, Judy Cook, Jr. Warden, Willie Leach, Jo M'Gonigle, John Evanow, Barbara Wilbanks, Kate McBroom-Redwine, Donna Warnecke, David Owens, Treasurer, Steve Skidmore, Fr. Frazer Crocker, and Deacon Steve Avery. Also present were Ann Evanow, Betty Leach, and Charlie Pennington.

Deacon Steve opened the meeting with prayer at 5:35 p.m. The March minutes were approved as written.

Steve Skidmore presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved. Charlie Pennington presented the Outreach Report.

Fr. Crocker and the Worship Committee are creating service booklets. These would be used for 8 weeks and would enable everyone easy access to prayers during services. It was suggested to insert these sheets into the music binders to eliminate confusion and save monies. The booklets were approved.

There will be more information re audio updates at the next meeting.

A generous donation from the Maxine Sevall family will be used to fund these upgrades and a plaque will be dedicated in her memory.

Plans are underway for Bob and Kay Totten to be ordained in Cove, OR on May 23rd to their respective Deaconates. It is hoped to have Bob's priesthood ordination at St. Andrew's in December. Bob's letter of agreement is being drawn up. Moving expenses for the Totten's were approved.

The new Montessori lease agreement will be ready for approval at the end of May.

Research of commercial products for our kitchen was discussed. Many electrical and plumbing upgrades will be necessary before any equipment is considered.

Food Share and SOS are closed on weekends and the possibility of vouchers or coupons from St. Andrews was discussed.

The possibility of helping the Lillian Valley Anglican School in Idaho as an outreach ministry of St. Andrew's was discussed.

Jr. Warden's report: Window replacement on the south side of the building and the vicar's office are most critical. It was moved and approved to replace the front hall windows and repair the stained glass window in the

vicar's office. There is dry rot on the east side of the building that will need to be replaced next. Planting azaleas and rhododendrons on the west side of the church will also be done.

Judy will check with Lucene on the necessary temperature setting for the inside of the church in order to protect both the piano and flowers.

Ann and Betty reported that the Kitchen Committee has met with the groups using our facilities. Problems with usage, cleanup, etc. were discussed and suggestions for implementation will be printed in the next Beacon.

Ben Hammer has corrected many electrical problems we have had and has donated his time over the last year. It was approved that a gift certificate to the Bridgewater restaurant be given to Ben as thanks for his hard work.

St. Andrew's will be a corporate sponsor of Florence Habitat for Humanity's Beachwalk this September. Our church shield logo will be on the t-shirts again this year. More information about the walk and teams will be forthcoming.

The possibility of a fall presentation of South Africa was discussed.

Our Backyard Bonanza will be held on May 23rd.

The next BAC meeting will be on May 28th at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lenox

QUILTS,QUILTS,QUILTS

The drawing for the "nap quilt" made by Betty Leach was won by our own Rev. Frazer Crocker. The winning ticket was drawn by Bishop Thornton. Was this a set-up?



Congratulations Frazer!!!



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

Meeting: Sat. June 27, 10:30 church library

Business: ?

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JOYOUS JUNE

from Isaiah 49:13-16

“Shout for joy, O heavens;
rejoice, O earth;
burst into song, O mountains!
For the Lord comforts his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.
But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me.”
“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has
borne?”
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!
See, I have engraved you on the palms of my
hands;
your walls are ever before me.”

An amazing truth: God bears the world's weight on His shoulder, yet holds His children in the palm of His Hand. Intimacy with God—Abba— belongs to those who fear Him and rely on Him rather than on themselves. Father God has limitless time and love for each of His children—no need too trivial for Him.

Part of the maturing process in our spiritual walk involves learning about will: ours and God's. Father God knows we need all the help we can get, and longs for us to give Him control of our lives. He wants to instruct us in the way we should go (Psalm 32). When we yield to God's purpose—exchange our will for God's—we may be surprised at God-glorifying results.

A faulty treatment for an eye infection when she was only six weeks old, resulted in blindness for Fanny Crosby. Yet she dedicated that blindness to God, and through the years composed thousand of songs. A well-known one, 'Blessed Assurance', is

her testimonial—filled with words describing sight. She sought Christ for what she could become through him.

Is our Christian life about getting or becoming? Can we give our lives to God to make something of them?

Let us join Bob and Kay Totten as they arrive in Florence to be with us, in dedicating ourselves to discovering God's purposes for us at St. Andrew's. We will grow in maturity as we yield to the Father's leading, and sing our songs of joy.



ADULT FORUM has been meeting on Sundays to search out a Russian Orthodox prayer by Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow. There have been good questions and interesting and enlightening answers. Here is the prayer, one you might wish to use to start your day:

O Lord, I do not know what to ask of you. You alone know my true needs. You love me more than I know how to love. Help me to see my real needs, which are concealed from me. I dare not ask either a cross or consolation. I can only wait on you. My heart is open to you. Visit and help me, for your great mercy's sake. Strike me and heal me, cast me down and raise me up. I worship in silence your holy will and your inscrutable ways. I offer myself as a sacrifice to you. I put all my trust in you. I have no other desire than to fulfill your will. Teach me how to pray. Pray yourself in me.

Be a Good Steward

God sends us as stewards into the world, glorifying God's name and protecting God's children.



FROM THE DEACON...

Before I write about a feast day, I have a couple of news items to share.

On May 7th, a breakfast sponsored by Kiwanis was held at the Elks in conjunction with National Day of Prayer. More than 200 came to the event. Following breakfast, representatives of five local churches cited individuals who have provided exceptional service to their place of worship and community. It was my privilege to present Warren Kelly on behalf of the BAC. Warren has distinguished himself by helping to literally build his church and community with his carpentry skills. Over more than 20 years, he has been involved in the expansion of the church building and Habitat for Humanity. Congratulations, Warren!

The Adult Forum group has concluded their discussion of a prayer by Russian Orthodox metropolitan Philaret of Moscow. The next topic under consideration is a classic book, *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, by John Pierre de Caussade, S.J. Caussade was one of the most remarkable spiritual writers of the Society of Jesus in France in the 18th century. His works have gone through many editions and have been republished and translated into several foreign languages. If you would like to participate in this series of discussions, *you need to reserve a copy of the book*. Please let me know a.s.a.p. if you're interested.

June is studded with several significant feast days. It was difficult to choose one from among them. They are the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 1st; Trinity Sunday, the 7th; Saint Barnabas, Apostle, the 11th; the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, the 24th; and Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles, the 29th. I chose Trinity Sunday.

This feast celebrates "the one and equal glory" of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being" (BCP, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (BCP, p. 15). The *Hymnal 1982* presents 10 hymns in a section on the Holy Trinity (Hymns 362-371). Celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year "Sundays after Trinity." However, the 1979 BCP identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost (see BCP, p. 32).

...Deacon Steve



KITCHEN KLUTTER

We are trying to keep the kitchen a pleasant place to work even with the many groups that are using it. One of the biggest problems has been food left in the refrigerator, taking up room and aging, not usually gracefully. We are asking anyone storing food in the refrigerator to label it. There are marking pens on top. On Sundays we will get rid of any unmarked food.

We also appreciate everyone emptying the compost container by the sink into the pail on the back porch. Donna is taking this away every week.

If you have any suggestions or any problems with other user groups please come to us. We have a contact person with each group and will pass it on to them. Communication should be better if we can pass on information this way.

Betty Leach and Ann Evanow

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Here is a list of "Green Things" you can do during the summer months. Gleaned from a Sun Chips ad inside a *Body and Soul* magazine. If anyone would like a copy, you'll find one on the table with the recycled magazines. 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 are 100 ideas to get you started. Try doing just one a day, and you'll notice something amazing. You'll feel healthier too."

Get an energy audit
Donate used computers
Use cloth napkins
Switch to energy-saving bulbs
Hang dry your clothes
Make your next outfit vintage
Ride the bus (FACT Van is fun)
Say no to plastic bags, (I'm there)
Plant some bamboo
Unplug appliances when off
Taste test a local wine
Sell your leaf blower
Borrow a book @ the library
Shop locally when ever possible

Support Local Farmers
Use both sides of paper
Turn heat down 3 degrees
Return old cell phones
Drive smart-plan your trip
Wrap water heater in blanket
Wash clothes in cold water
Lights off when exiting a room
Use a lunch box, not a paper bag
Use cloth diapers
Take 10 minute showers
Pick up litter and recycle it
Recycle magazines/newspapers
Buy bulk when practical

AND

Unplug all appliances when leaving on vacation

There's more energy-saving, green-thinking ideas coming in next month's Beacon.

TGIS.

Mrs. Green, aka Donna Warnecke

May 20, 2009

To St. Andrew's, the Friendly Church,

We want to thank all the members of St. Andrew's Church who worked so hard to enable us to have a wonderful 60th anniversary party. One that, in our hearts, will never be forgotten.

The St. Andrew's singers were a pleasant surprise and we enjoyed them immensely. We do love the music at our church. We also loved the renewing of our vows, the blessings of the rings, and the Holy Communion that followed. To be able to share all of that with all of you was the greatest gift we could have ever asked for.

The individual love combined with the love of the church was deeply felt and appreciated. We want to express a heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for making our anniversary such a memorable and joyous occasion.

With much love and gratitude,
Fred and Charlotte Ardt



PS We want to thank the members who were unable to attend, but showed that we were in their thoughts by sending us beautiful cards.

A FATHER'S LIFE

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.

ADORE	PARENT
ADVICE	PLAY
BASEBALL	PROTECTOR
BILLS	PROVIDER
CAMPING	RESPONSIBLE
COACH	SECURITY
DADDY	SOCCER
DISCIPLINE	SPORT
EXPERIENCE	STORIES
FISHING	STRICT
HELP	STRONG
HOME	SUPPORT
JOURNEY	TRIPS
LEARN	WAGE
MEND	WEEKEND
MENTOR	WORK



The Senior Warden asked us as a congregation to help pay some rent for a woman who had broken her wrist and was unable to work for awhile. We didn't need to know anything more than that and at least 2 months worth of rent was collected. St. Andrew's is a generous heart. But the one who received the gift wanted us to know how grateful she was and came to church to thank us. She also brought a thank you card which reads, "To the members of St. Andrew's, Thank you for the money to keep my home during this difficult time. I have had 2 surgeries on my wrist. They think it will be ok now. Lots of physical therapy before I can resume my private practice or play my bass! I'm getting pretty good at writing left handed. I have painted 4 pictures left handed!!!" Lynette Kristine. Her note is posted in the Parish Hall. BTW - she has sold 2 of those paintings.

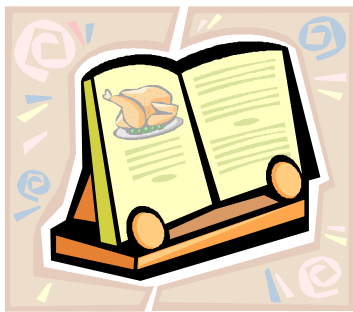
You Certainly Must Have Received This E-Mail!

One day God was looking down at earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on.

He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out, so he called one of His angels and sent the angel to earth for a time. When he returned, he told God, "Yes, it is bad on earth; 95 percent are misbehaving, and only 5 percent are not." God thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion."

So God called another angel and sent him to earth for a time too. When the angel returned, he went to God and said, "Yes, it's true the earth is in decline; 95 percent are misbehaving, but 5 percent are being good." God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5 percent who were good, because He wanted to encourage them and give them a little something to help keep them going.

Do you know what the e-mail said? I was just wondering; I didn't get one either.



St. Andrew's Cookbook Update. Thanks for the Recipes!

We have reached our goal of 300 + recipes, so the St. Andrew's cookbook is going into stage two of production, sorting and editing. If we find that we are short in any categories, we may ask for more of those specific recipes, but right now we have a wonderful assortment of very special recipes.

Thanks to all of you for your submissions. Watch for future updates.

And the Winner is...

You might have notice the brilliant red rhododendron at the front door of the church.

This Rhody is a Jean Marie. It was entered in this year's Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and won a ribbon! As we care for our Church Family we also care for our award winning Rhodies...



JUNE SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 7 Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 14 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

June 21 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11; 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

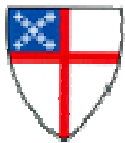
June 28 4th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 7-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43



READ FOR THE NEED SHOPPING CART DERBY

St. Andrew's sponsored a cart for the "Read for the Need" Shopping Cart Derby on May 27th at the Grocery Outlet. Anna Warnecke, Bud Cook and Judy Cook were up for the challenge which benefits Florence Food Share. Good job!!!



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