

The Beacon

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

May 2009

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN....

Palm Sunday was a glorious day. We met in the memorial garden and processed singing into the church. What a nice service.

On Maundy Thursday there was a combined service with New Life Lutheran that was well attended.

The Easter Vigil is so inspiring! Starting with the bonfire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle that was then brought into the sanctuary and placed on the altar. "The light of Christ." "Thanks be to God." This is the beginning of another new year of hope.

Our new vicar to be Bob Totten and his wife Kay, will be ordained deacons on May 23 at the Eastern Oregon Diocesan camp in Cove. Bob will then fly back to Berkeley and drive his pickup full of stuff to Florence arriving on the 25th or 26th. Their furniture should get here on the 27th, and Kay will be here soon after. Anyone wishing to help get the Tottens settled should let me know. They are buying a house on Park Village Loop.

Boy, is Deacon Steve a tough taskmaster. He gave us a test on the last evening of the Soup Suppers! The suppers were very well attended, and our thanks go to Steve for an interesting series on the "Book of Common Prayer".

Last month I asked that we be very careful when leaving the church to make sure all the doors were locked and lights turned off. THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO TIMES THAT DOORS WERE LEFT UNLOCKED! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, CHECK WHEN YOU LEAVE!

We have a brand new barbecue. A very generous parishioner bought it for us. Of course we'll use it for the Backyard Bonanza and at other times during the year. Thank you very much.

Speaking of the Backyard Bonanza, please mark your calendars for May 23rd. Now that we have the shed, we have room to store your things. There are signup sheets in the social hall. Betty Leach has again agreed to head-up the plant sale. If anyone is interested in heading the yard sale, please let me know. Andy and Sandy Fedoruk will barbecue the hot dogs, but we need people to volunteer to make pies. We did very well last year with our food sales. This yard sale is a lot of work, but it is also fun. Please sign up to help.

FROM THE DEACON....

To avoid hurting someone's feelings by overlooking him or her, I'll not name names, but I do want to acknowledge the many fine folks who pitched in and made the Holy Week and Easter services so effective and beautiful. We owe a vote of thanks to the altar guild, ushers, singers and instrumentalists, lectors, eucharistic ministers, kitchen crew, and other loyal members of St. Andrew who gave of their time and skills. Special mention should be made of our devoted celebrant, who is technically retired, but certainly doesn't act like it.

The month of May, which is in Easter season, contains three important feast days, beginning with Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles, on the first; Ascension Day on the 21st, and the Day of Pentecost on the 31st. For this installment, I'll summarize Ascension Day.

The Ascension of Christ is the occasion on which the risen Christ is taken into heaven after appearing to his followers for 40 days. The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God.

The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles' creeds. It is celebrated on the day of the same name, the Thursday that is the 40th day of the Easter season. It is a principal feast of the church year in the Episcopal Church.

For more information, see *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church* and *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*.

...Deacon Steve

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church BAC Meeting March 26, 2009

Members Present: Sr. Warden, Judy Cook, Jr. Warden, Willie Leach, Jo M'Gonigle, John Evanow, Barbara Wilbanks, David Owens, Donna Warnecke, Deacon Steve Avery, Father Frazer Crocker, Treasurer, Steve Skidmore.

Fr. Frazer opened the meeting with prayer at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes from the February 19th meeting were approved as written. The Financial Reports were presented and it was noted another \$5,000 has been placed into the second General Fund CD (now totaling \$34,000).

Deacon Steve will look into updating our audio equipment in the church. Wireless microphones were discussed. The Lenten Soup Suppers have been very successful and well attended.

We will have our Maundy Thursday service at the New Life Lutheran Church; Pastor Dave Forsberg will celebrate the Eucharist and Father Crocker will preach. Immediately following the service, we will proceed to St. Andrew's where the altar will be stripped, Psalm 22 recited, and the Host will be placed in repose.

Easter Vigil will begin at 5:30 a.m. followed by brunch at 8:30 a.m. There will also be the 10 a.m. service.

Deacon Steve will speak to the Lay Person of the Year appointee in preparation for National Prayer Day on May 7th.

David Owens will be preparing a preliminary letter of agreement for Bob Totten's employment as a ¾ time Deacon. The BAC will review the document when complete.

The Parochial Report was presented to the BAC for approval. It was motioned, seconded and passed to send it to the National Church. The Diocese of Oregon has forgiven \$50,542.92 of overdue DPA debt leaving a balance owed of \$24,373. We are extremely grateful!

The possibility of serving food to those in our community who are hungry was discussed. Upgrades to our kitchen will be needed and research will be done to determine what we can do to help our neighbors.

Montessori school will continue to use our building for classes.

Old Business: Willie reported that the gutter cleaning will be done when the weather gets dryer. His hanger in the Sacristy for Fair Linen has been completed and he will be installing a hook for the piano cover.

Many thanks to Ifa Balfour for generously donating a brand new barbeque grill! And thanks to Betty Leach for donating a beautiful quilt to be raffled off during the Backyard Bonanza.


Recipes are being collected for our Cookbook Fundraiser. Karen Lynn of Food Share will be writing the dedication for the book.

Mark your calendars for the TX 4000 cyclists who will be in Florence on July 13th. Terri Pennington will have more information soon.

The next BAC meeting will be on April 16 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lenox
Secretary pro tem



ATTENTION!!!!!!

COOKBOOK RECIPE DEADLINE EXTENDED

As of April 17, we have received 115 recipes for our cookbook., however we need 300 to publish, so the deadline has been extended to May 31st. We know that there are lots of great recipes out there, so bring them on in.

You may submit as many recipes as you like. It is not necessary to use the recipe collection form if it is easier for you to submit your recipe as it is. Be sure your name is on it.

A portion of the profits from all fund raising efforts at St. Andrew's goes to our outreach mission. Florence Food Share will receive a portion of the profit from the sale of this cookbook.



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

Meeting: May 30 (the last Saturday of the month)
10:30 church library [23rd is Backyard Bonanza]

Business: Master's Fund due at Pentecost
(chapter offering)

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May Music



The word search for this month is entitled "Creating Harmony". When your writer sees the word harmony, music comes to mind, naturally. It is known by musicians, however, that music is not always harmonious: there are places of dissonance, changes in rhythm, key, time signature, staff—within the same composition. Sometimes, music soothes, sometimes stimulates; it can be scary or wondrous.

What of the 'music of the spheres'? May is a good month for such music—song is all around us! Courting and nesting feathered friends burst into song in their colorful displays and hidden home-making. One can see the songs of the Master Musician as spring flowers carpet the landscape, writing their notes in Technicolor. The wind whistles, moans, sighs, changing the rhythm in its dance. The white of the dogwood trumpets forth a fanfare in the green of the fir forests. Even the fog, "creeping in on little cat feet" purrs a blanket around us.

And May finds us, in God's image, in the gardens of our world: sowing in the soil; waiting and weeding as the temperatures warm; feeding encouragement for growth—all in the wonder of this natural symphony.

Lord Jesus, as we mark your Ascension into the heavenly realms, and feel the breath of the Holy Spirit blow over and into us at Pentecost, may we marvel at the music of the spheres in this earthly realm. May we reflect on how God mothers (and fathers) us in the dance of life. May we stay in tune with the songs He has written for us, individually and corporately. Keep our fingers nimble and sure

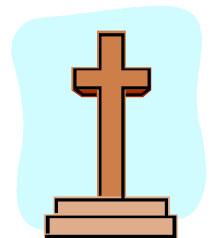
(on the 'keys' and 'strings'), as we work with our hands to serve you. Keep our feet true to the beat, that we may stay on the path you have set before us. Holy Spirit, pray in and for us in the times of doubt, quiet, reflection and rest. Holy God, may we raise our voices in acclamation and praise of your Easter Miracle, all the days of our resurrected lives. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN.



The **Monday Morning Study Group** has read through the letter of James, a short letter of 5 chapters only, but filled with practical ideas on living the Christian life. The letter is also full of challenges to our personal faith — trials, temptations, wealth and poverty, anger, slander, envy, caring for the widows and orphans. Tough stuff, but James offers a handbook of good advice and moral instruction, that our true faith will show up in how we treat the poor and oppressed. Want a quick guide on how we should live as followers of Jesus? Read the letter of James. We'll look next at Diana Butler Bass' book *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, a book that debunks the myth that only the mega-church, evangelical style churches are growing. We'll look at St. Andrew's and ourselves in light of Bass' extensive study, see how we're doing, see if we see the letter of James in us, look for encouragement to reaching out as a community in a new way, in a way that brings more to Christ. The day, Monday, is always the same, as is the time, 10 AM to noon. Watch for the place in the Sunday pew bulletin and join us.

Be a Good Steward

"All we have" can be a little or a lot. There is always a way to reach out to our neighbor.





It's a celebration! Join me May 2nd, in the backyard, for World Labyrinth Day, walking as one at 1 PM, Pacific Time Zone. This will be a global event in CELEBRATION of the LABYRINTH as a symbol, a tool, a practice, or a passion. To WALK AS ONE AT 1 will effect a rolling wave of labyrinth walking, as the world turns. This timing can be empowering and spiritual, knowing that individuals and communities world-wide are participating in the harmony of labyrinth walking on the same day and at the same time in different time zones, a joining of people, as beings of energy, a symbol of energy based on sacred geometry, energy to promote life, capable of change for good in the mass consciousness of humanity. There are only right ways to walk the path; it is your path, your intention. Come with an open mind and an open heart and see what celebration God has for you.

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Jo M'Gonigle



Ladies, Ladies

Ladies luncheon will meet the first Friday of the month, (May 1st) at Chen's @ noon. All the women are welcome.

Please RSVP Donna @ 997-1959

EPISCOPAL HAIKU

**Dust off your Spanish
or your Greek. On Pentecost
we can speak in tongues.**

Borrowed from Sarah Goodyear



BURIAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

FOR

MARGARET RYNER

SATURDAY, MAY 2

11:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST

RECEPTION FOLLOWING

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Judy Preisler

Judy Muir's life began on January 24, 1943 on Long Island, New York. Her parents, Stanley and Edna Muir had two daughters. Judy was the older of the two. Judy's younger sister, Susan and her family live on the East Coast. Judy's father sadly died eleven years ago. Her mother at the age of 92 lives in an assisted living facility in California.

Judy married Ronald Preisler in 1966 and like her parents; Judy and Ronald have two daughters, Jennifer and Victoria. Ronald Preisler owned his own company and also worked for several firms in the manufacturing of restaurant furniture and equipment. He retired several years ago. Ronald and Judy are naturally very proud of their daughters. Jennifer lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband of one year. They are expecting their first child in May – the first grandchild for Ronald and Judy. Jennifer is owner of Yoga Pearl in Portland. Victoria lives in San Diego and has a management position with AMN, a placement organization for nurses.

Until June of 2008 when Judy retired, her professional life was spent in education. "I began as a first grade teacher on Long Island when I was fresh out of college", Judy says with a smile. When Ronald and Judy's children were born Judy took a break from teaching but returned to her profession when the family moved to California in 1979. Judy says, "I found my way to middle school and knew that was the right place for my temperament, personality and skills". For the last 25 years, Judy was part of the faculty and administration at Viewpoint School in Calabasas, California. Judy served the last seven years at Viewpoint as the Head of the Middle School.

Judy says, "I am a "cradle Episcopalian", a term I had never heard until I came to St. Andrew's". Her family had always been active in the life of the little church, St. Mary's as she was growing up. Judy's father served on the vestry for many years and her mother was an active member of the Altar Guild. "For some time in my adult life, I neglected my religious roots but thankfully have found my way back", Judy adds". While living in California, Judy started attending All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California. She stayed connected with All Saints and Church of the Epiphany in Agoura, California until moving to Florence in November of 2008. Judy adds with a grin, "When Ronald and I bought our house in Florence "on the hill", I quickly went online to find the nearest Episcopal Church and was thrilled to find that Florence had its own Episcopal church. I thank God for bringing me back to the Church and for the incredibly warm welcome that the St. Andrew's family has given me".



**THE SHED
WILL BE OPEN
ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS**

for

YOUR BACKYARD BONANZA SALE ITEMS!!

If you need help in getting them to the church call Judy at 902-0217 and she will make arrangements to pick them up.

There are sign-up sheets in the Social Hall for the Backyard Bonanza.

Also, there will be a meeting next Friday, May 1st at 10:00 am in the Library for anyone willing to help with the sale. Please come. We need all the help we can get!!



St. Andrew's First Annual Greening Challenge has a winner Kathy Lenox. Kathy scored over two hundred points while lessening her carbon footprint with quiet footsteps. While living in Old town, she walks to work, to Safeway, and to run errands in and around her neighborhood. Kathy received a gift certificate towards membership in the Real Food Coop (RFC) where she can find locally grown vegetables and other more sustainable foods. The Coop's food is trucked here from Eugene by it's volunteer's, (using less fuel than huge tractor trailer trucks). And hopefully soon RFC will be moving into town making it more accessible for a larger group of enthusiasts.

Our second place winner was Lucene Pike for her efforts to lessen the fill in our landfill by choosing to not drive nor purchase anything one day per week. A No Drive, No Buy day is controversial in today's economy, but it's a concept that is growing bigger as folk's incomes are growing smaller.

My iMac's dictionary defines community as 1. a group of people living together in one place...practicing common ownership. 2. a group of people having a religion, race,... or other particular characteristic in common. 3. a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, and goals... And finally **the most important definition in my opinion is; • joint ownership or liability: a commitment to the community of goods.**

Here are a few ideas for making a positive commitment to our community, our environment, and our future. These statistics are taken from the Master Recycler Handbook, and *Washington State Department of Ecology, 1989.*

"American consumers and industry throw away enough aluminum to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet every three months." Solution: Drink less pop, save your teeth. Reuse aluminum foil often, or use oven safe cookware with lids. Recycle tin pie plates.

" Every year we dispose of 24 million tons of leaves and grass clippings, which could be composted to conserve landfill space." Solution: Let it be, let it be, let it be. And if the debris really drives you crazy haul it to the Florence

airport for recycling into the city compost pile. Yes, we have a city-composting program.

"We throw away enough iron and steel to continuously supply all the nation's auto manufacturers." Solution: Lobby friends and family to purchase used patio furniture, or barbecue and then restore it, (parts are more easily found than ever online). When making a durable good purchase of iron and steel, think about how long it will last and what might become of it.

"We throw away enough glass bottles and jars to fill Chicago's Sears Tower every six days." Solution: Okay I can't think of a good green solution to buying Claussen's Kosher pickles in the big jars, or the marinated artichokes I love so much! But, I try to recycle the pretty glass jars into gift containers, the mediocre bottles hold Steve' screws, nuts and bolts together, in his shed of course. And remaining glass goes into our recycle bin. Think Green. It is the only solution to mankind's pollution.

Mrs. Green (aka Donna Warnecke)



To the Saints of St. Andrew's

I received a call today from our Bishop, Nedi Ribers, who has said she will ordain Kay and I on Saturday, May 23 at the diocesan camp in Cove. Needless to say, we are pretty excited and are busy making contacts.

You have all been so supportive and caring and I wanted to share the Good News as soon as I could.

Our house closes on April 30 and I will be in Florence May 25, with the movers coming May 26 or 27. Kay will be coming on May 30. We're getting there, little by little!

With Christ's love,
Bob Totten

CREATING HARMONY

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.

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| AGREE | QUIET |
| APPEASE | REFLECT |
| BALANCE | RELAX |
| CALM | RELIEVE |
| CLEAR | SERENE |
| COMFORT | SETTLE |
| COMPOSURE | SILENCE |
| COMPROMISE | SOOTHE |
| CONSIDER | STEADY |
| DETERMINE | STILL |
| FAVOR | SUPPORT |
| FINALIZE | TRANQUIL |
| MEDITATE | UNITY |
| PACIFY | VALIDATE |
| PATCH | VIEW |
| PREFER | |

MAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 3 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

May 10 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 17 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 24 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 31 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



**THIRD ANNUAL
BACK YARD BONANZA**

**Saturday, May 23
9:00 - 3:00**

**Plant Sale, Yard Sale, Hot Dogs, Pies
and more!!!**

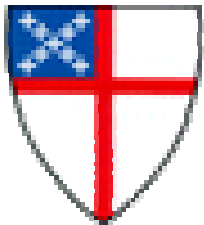
**Plant your pots, save your good items
for the yard sale, and make
sure the day of the sale you
have a big appetite!**



**If you have items to donate
bring them to the church.**

**Sign up in Social Hall to
help.**

**We need all the help we can
get.**



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