

# The Beacon

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

November, 2009

## FROM DEACON BOB...

### Springing Ahead or Falling Back?

Just a few years ago, Congress added three weeks to Daylight Time in the spring and one week in the fall. The first Sunday of November is our "falling back" to Standard Time. It also happens that the first Sunday of November is one of the Church's major feasts, All Saints Day, and is immediately followed by All Souls Day, otherwise known as All Faithful Departed.

This is a very busy time for us. The fall Stewardship campaign is in full swing. Our annual St. Andrew's Day celebration and fish feed is coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Diocesan Convention will be the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, where we will elect a new Bishop. The following week is Thanksgiving and then comes Advent on the last Sunday of the month. And if that's not enough, many of us are planning for my ordination service which, God and the Standing Committee willing, will be December 5<sup>th</sup>. Whew!

While we move our clocks backward one hour on November 1st, our lives continue to move forward. We begin by taking time to honor the Saints, past and present, who have influenced our lives. We remember our friends and loved ones who have passed through this life and moved on to the next, leaving us with their legacy. We celebrate Andrew, our patron saint, with a combined service and feasting together. We consider prayerfully the person who will become the overseer of our diocese. We conclude the month with more celebration – thanking God for God's bounty in this wonderful country we call America and we follow up with the start of a new Liturgical Year.

As we spring forward into Standard Time, may we remember our Standard, the Cross of Christ, and reach out to love and serve the Christ in each other.

Peace,

Deacon Bob

## FROM DEACON STEVE...

November contains no fewer than six feast days: All Saints Day on the 1st, All Souls' Day, the 2nd; Last Day after Pentecost [Christ the King], the 22nd; Thanksgiving Day, the 26th; First Sunday of Advent, the 29th; and Saint Andrew the Apostle, the 30th. It was difficult to pick just one from such a rich selection, so I've squeezed in two this time.

Christ the King Sunday is a feast celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran Church on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (the last day after Pentecost). It celebrates Christ's messianic kingship and sovereign rule over all creation. The feast is unofficially celebrated in some Episcopal parishes, but it is not mentioned in the Episcopal calendar of the church year. Marion Hatchett notes that the Prayer Book collect for Proper 29, the last Sunday of the church year, is a "somewhat free" translation of the collect of the Feast of Christ the King in the Roman Missal. This collect prays that God, "whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords," will "Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule" (BCP, p.236).

The First Sunday of Advent commences the first season of the church year on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continues through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The first clear references to the season in the West come from the latter half of the sixth century. Advent was formerly kept as Lent, but with less strictness. In the West fasting is no longer [called for], though festivities are discouraged and the solemn character of the season is marked by the liturgical use of purple.... The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." (From *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, and *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*.)

...Deacon Steve

### BAC Minutes September 24th, 2009

Members present: Deacon Bob Totten; Sr. Warden, Judy Cook; Jr. Warden, Willie Leach; Treasurer, Steve Skidmore; Jo M'Gonigle; John Evanow; Tony Rebello; Barbara Wilbanks; Donna Warnecke

Judy Cook called the meeting to order at 5:30 with a prayer.

The minutes for the August 20th meeting were approved and stand as written.

Treasurer Steve Skidmore presented the Treasurer's Report and there was some discussion regarding the report. Steve will correct an error that had been made. Charlie Pennington presented the Outreach Report, it was suggested the policies be reviewed to clarify the different funds in the account. Charlie said he would present this at the next meeting. Donna Warnecke suggested writing a report for the Beacon to inform parishioners of the Outreach program, which she believes, would help in getting more financial support.

Steve Skidmore discussed the idea of Deacon Bob joining the Rotary Club. He suggested the BAC pay the yearly dues of \$280. The balance for this year is \$140. These dues must be paid quarterly. Jo M'Gonigle made a motion that St. A's pay the dues, and John Evanow seconded it. The motion passed with one member opposed.

Deacon Bob Totten: Bob recommended St. Andrew's be the location of choice for his ordination on December 5th 2009. Motion was made by Donna, Jo seconded and the motion passed UNANIMOUSLY!

An article will be in the Beacon regarding Stewardship. The team for the Stewardship Committee will be Bob Totten, Judy Cook, John M'Gonigle and another BAC member and one non BAC person. The Budget/ Finance Team will consist of Bob Totten, Steve Skidmore, a couple of BAC members, and a couple of non members. It was suggested they have group meetings on a quarterly basis.

St. Andrew's now has a "Building Security Team." Each member of the team will have one day a week they are responsible for which consists of checking that all doors and windows are closed and locked after each day's activities.

Bob informed the BAC he would be gone on vacation October 2 through October 10. Bob, Kay, and Steve Avery will attend the Clergy Conference in Silverton on October 29th, 30th, and 31st.

Sr. Warden: Judy Cook said John Waide expressed how happy he was to receive the Amazon gift card St. Andrew's gave him for his services.

Judy read a report she received from the Diocesan E-Board regarding accidents that happen to maintenance workers and volunteers on church grounds. It is very

important to make sure everyone can do his or her jobs. Jr. Warden: Willie Leach has received one bid for the repair of the church wall on the east side. The estimate includes replacement of the windows and the back door. It was suggested more bids were needed for comparison. Willie will also check on gravel prices for the drive and parkway.

Old Business: Sr. Warden, Judy Cook suggested getting a team together to plan for Deacon Bob's ordination. Jo M'Gonigle and Donna Warnecke volunteered and will meet with Judy to discuss ideas and form various committees. Jo M'Gonigle submitted the Energy Grant Proposal to the diocese for the window. She called PUD and a representative came to determine what else St. Andrew's could do to save energy. It turns out that insulation of the floors would be the best energy saver. Florence Home Insulation was contacted and they submitted a bid. It was discussed and determined it would be very efficient to have this done. Donna made a motion, Tony Rebello seconded it and the motion was approved. Jo also said there was an energy rebate for the installation and she will find out the amount. Jo and Bob will write an article for the paper regarding the new sound system at St. Andrew's. The BAC discussed advertising on the Internet through the Chamber of Commerce. The cost is \$75. per year. Donna Warnecke moved this be done, and Barbara Wilbanks seconded the motion. It was approved.

Donna reported all the landscaping has been completed. The plants have been planted, weeds pulled, and pruning completed. Most of the herbicides have been purchased and will be used as needed. The soaker hose water system is in and plants will be watered every two weeks. During rainy season shrubs will adapt. Donna will take care of plants in barrels and pots by the rear entrance door and Bud Cook will take care of all landscape perimeters. The gravel on hand will be used to fill pot holes as needed.

New Business: St. Andrew's day will be celebrated on November 8th.

Deacon Bob suggested the computer modem be upgraded to a higher speed. He checked with Qwest and this can be done with no change in price with a three year commitment.

Next BAC meeting will be October 22nd at 5:30 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 with a prayer by Jo M'Gonigle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Holt, Secretary

### Episcopal Haiku

No fair looking when  
You put your pledge card into  
the collection plate.



Borrowed from Sarah Goodyear



## LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

**Meeting: Sat. November 28 10:30** church library  
Visitors welcome—always  
**Business:** Chapter officers for the coming triennium  
Secretary-Treasurer: Betty Leach  
President: Lucene Pike-Etzold  
Finishing touches for next year's program  
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### NOVEMBER NARRATIVE

Narrate: to recite details; from Latin meaning "to know". Things known, relating to November—there are some which come readily to mind. To begin the month, All Saints' and All Souls' Days; Thanksgiving; shorter days and more hours of the absence of natural light; in this spot on the map, an increase in precipitation with the display of some of Nature's more spectacular forces; the end of the Church year with Christ the King Sunday, followed by the beginning of the new Church year with the first Sunday of Advent. In many ways, a time of reflection.

Indeed, reciting details provides an opportunity for reflection, and reflection often brings new insight. Insight helps keep things in balance, in focus—it can be a time of 'spirit feeding'.

Reflect on the saints in your life, remember the souls of the departed. Look forward to Thanksgiving holiday and whatever traditions add to your 'attitude of gratitude'. As the hours of daylight fade, tend to putting the garden to rest (literally or figuratively) - while anticipating spring bursting forth in bulbs now hidden. As the coastal storms display their own wonders, remember that sometimes God calms storms, and sometimes He calms His children within their storms. His fireside is always warm and inviting, and Abba loves His children to crawl up into His lap for a nap. His Book is always there for reading or story time—the book which tells of Time from beginning to the end, the Alpha and Omega, the story of a Prince who comes to the rescue of all. It contains the most exciting mystery ever recorded.



Holy and Magnificent Creator God,  
For the gift of life  
That you have breathed upon each of us,  
We render humble thanks in wonder and awe.  
May we, by your grace, steward well all that we are given.  
In the Name of the Prince of Peace, AMEN.



### FLOWERS

As the year draws to an end there are several opportunities for members of the congregation to offer flowers at the altar. Please check the Flower Chart in the Church Hall to sign up for flowers in November. There may also be 'greening' opportunities during the Advent season.

Your generosity has been remarkable during 2009. Thanks to you all. Elenor

### HEALING PRAYER WORKSHOP Saturday, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 10AM-2PM ST. MARY THE VIRGIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH GARDINER

Advent is almost here! What better way to begin our preparation for the coming of the Christ child than to spend some time together exploring what we mean by the term "healing prayer". What does it "look like" within our congregational settings? What might it involve when we invite Christ's healing presence into situations we all face outside our church walls? Hopefully, we will not only enjoy great fellowship, but we will gain the rich wisdom that comes when we take time to listen to God and to each other!

Please bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. You are encouraged to also bring a notebook or journal and your Bible.

Kay Totten  
Deacon, St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church  
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## From the Senior Warden...

Two events occurred this month that we need to be aware of. First, Willie Leach, Junior Warden had his wallet stolen out of his vehicle that was parked in front of the church. Luckily, the wallet was found a few blocks away, but the money in it was gone. Please lock your vehicle even if you are only going to be away from it for a minute or two!

Secondly, a member of the altar guild tripped and fell from the platform on which the altar sits, and required four stitches in her lip. That platform has been removed. Several people have tripped and almost fallen over time and it has been an accident waiting to happen – which did! The area will be replaced with new carpeting that is the same brand, but a slightly darker shade. Mr. Goodman said if he replaced it with the same color it would look like a patch. The carpet may be installed by the time you read this. The cost is \$297.00.

We have a number of events in November as well as Bob's Ordination on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. On November 8, we will celebrate ST. ANDREW'S DAY with Mediterranean Fish Soup, like we had last year. There will be one service that day at 9:00 a.m. and we'll probably start eating around 11:00. Please plan to come. If anyone has any frozen fish or fish bones they would like to donate, let me know. There will be a signup sheet in the social hall for food and helpers. Let's make this a great day! On THANKSGIVING DAY, November 26, we will have our Annual Dinner. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring friends and family. It is a great time for fellowship and we always have a good time. We will furnish the turkeys. All you have to do is signup for a dish or dessert. It's a lot easier than cooking a big dinner. There will also be a signup in the social hall.

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Bob will be ORDAINED at St. Andrew's pending approval of the standing committee of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. If any of you are interested in being ushers or manning a cloak room or helping in general there will be a signup sheet for that also. When we get closer to the ordination there will be more info. One thing that I can tell you is that the refreshments will be light and they will be catered. We don't have to cook. We'll have plenty of other things to do.

Now for the Eucharist on December 6<sup>th</sup>, celebrated by BOB, there will be one service at 9:00 a.m., followed by a lovely brunch. Terri Pennington and Joan Hayes have agreed to co-chair this event. They will keep you posted on this celebratory event.

I had intended to keep this short, but things got away from me.

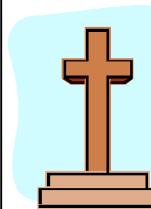
Blessings,  
Judy Cook



### MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

We are really enjoying our discussions on Thich Nhat Hanh's *Living Buddha, Living Christ*. They seem to be strengthening our own Christian tradition and understanding of Jesus' message of peace, love, and compassion. The author himself acknowledges, even if he does say so himself, that the newly edited 10th anniversary edition of his book "makes a wonderful instrument for dialogue." We expect to finish talking about this book before Advent so that we can look at Marcus Borg's book *The First Christmas* as our Advent study. We meet in each others homes every Monday morning from 10 AM - noon. Watch for details of our Mondays in each Sunday's pew bulletin and join us.

### BE A GOOD STEWARD



Stewardship does not put God in a box labeled "church on Sunday". Stewardship brings God to every part of our daily lives and speaks out for any need or against any oppression, wherever and whenever it is found.

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## Things I'm Thankful For

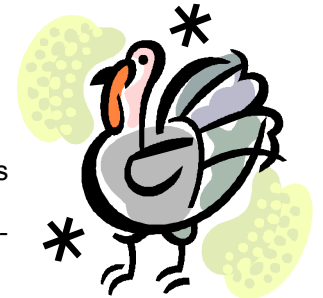
I'm thankful for the clean air outside my front door.  
I'm thankful for the clean water coming from our kitchen faucet.  
I'm thankful for the birds that visit my feeders all day long.  
I'm thankful for the roar of the ocean I hear in the early morning hours.  
I'm thankful for clean streets to drive on every day.  
I'm thankful for clean sidewalks and parking lots in Old Town.  
I'm thankful for the clean fresh smell of a wet forest on a cool autumn day.  
I'm thankful for the stinky smell of the sea when I drive to Waldport occasionally.  
I'm thankful for the colorful yellow, red, and orange leaves of the trees surrounding me in my garden.  
I'm thankful to our Lord for opening my eyes to these natural things, and my family and friends.

This Thanksgiving season think about what matters most in your life, and cherish it, because one day it might be gone.

Mrs. Green



## TURKEYSHOOT 2009



If this is the November Beacon, it must be time to talk TURKEYSHOOT and to remember, as Ann Evanow so poetically reminds us, that it is "poultry in motion". This will be the twelfth annual opportunity for St. Andrew's to respond to the needs of families from the Siuslaw Outreach Services, and, of course, New Life Lutheran is happy to be there with us again in this shared community response. "Bagging" a turkey dinner for SOS means gathering a frozen turkey and enough trimmings to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner, keeping every thing in a brown bag or box, and bringing it all to the Parish Hall for Ingathering on Saturday, Nov 21.

Marti Wicks, at SOS, called to see if we were doing TURKEYSHOOT again this year as she tells me that each year there are new families and needs that would be blessed by such a meal. No matter the number of dinners we can bag, there will be a family to appreciate it. The sign-up sheet, with a suggested shopping list, is on the kitchen door. Each dotted line equals an entire Thanksgiving meal. One line, one meal, one name. As always, if you find it hard financially or physically to provide a complete meal, join with some one else to accomplish this but put just one name on the line. Here's a great idea from last year: put all your goods in one or two reusable totes. That makes it a green ministry as well.

The ingathering of all the complete Thanksgiving Turkey dinners, from both churches, will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21**, in our Parish Hall, from **9:00 - 10:00 AM**. SOS staff will then take charge of distributing the dinners to their families. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." What a fun way to understand our servanthood as brothers and sisters of Christ.

Suggested grocery list for the TURKEY SHOOT:

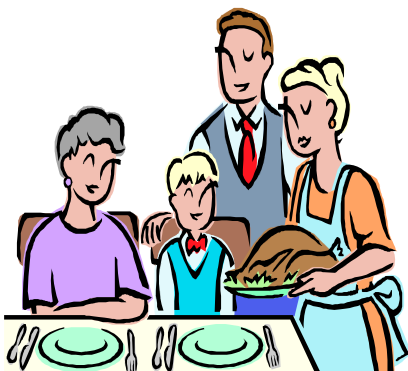
- 1 frozen turkey (a 10# one on the generous side)
- 1 foil roasting pan for said turkey
- 1 bag/box stuffing for said turkey
- 1 can cranberry sauce or jelly
- 1 box/bag instant mashed potatoes, 1 can sweets or 5# potatoes
- 1 jar/can/pkg gravy
- 2 cans vegetables
- 1 can fruit
- 1 pkg Jello
- Canned pie filling with boxed or prepared crust or 1 frozen pie (Saran wrapped on the inside)

## THANKSGIVING

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

Search horizontally, vertically, or diagonally for these words associated with Thanksgiving. The remaining letters will spell out a Thanksgiving message.

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| APPLE     | HOME      |
| AUTUMN    | MAIZE     |
| BAKE      | MEAL      |
| BREAD     | MERIT     |
| CARVE     | PILGRIMS  |
| CASSEROLE | PLATTER   |
| CHAIRS    | PUMPKIN   |
| CHEER     | RECIPE    |
| CORN      | REGARD    |
| CRANBERRY | ROAST     |
| DELICIOUS | SAUCE     |
| DESSERT   | TABLE     |
| DINNER    | TRAVELING |
| FEAST     | TRIMMINGS |
| GOURMET   | TURKEY    |
| GRATITUDE | VALUE     |
| HARVEST   |           |



**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** and others interested in becoming Eucharistic ministers. I would like to meet with you the last week of November to discuss expectations in how we conduct worship beginning in December. This is also a time for persons interested in knowing more about being eucharistic ministers to come forward. Please let me know your availability and we will set a day and time.

Deacon Bob



## Where does all the money go?

This is a primer for those people at St. Andrew's that wonder, where we spend the pledges, gifts and generousities people give to the church. As many of you are aware, our church is old, and as such the upkeep and maintenance of this church is at the top of our priority list. In the past year and a half, Junior Warden Willie Leach has replaced some of the old single-paned windows with newer energy efficient double-paned ones. While doing this he's replaced dry rotted window headers, insulation and frames. He and other church members reframed and replaced the stained glass window in the Vicar's office. They replaced our old security system and re-keyed the entire church to secure what we have. The thermostats were replaced to save energy and wear and tear on our old but still functioning furnace. Willie repaired the oven in the kitchen, replaced the sink disposal and one of the dishwashers that needed updating. With a generous donation from a former parishioner we've replaced a very old audio system, making it easier to hear.

Most of the costs (10k) of these repairs came from the general fund, with some coming from donations. Our utilities (electricity, water, trash, and telecommunications) cost \$6,337 this past nine months. And as you know the electricity rates are going up again this winter, I suspect water rates will rise too. Most recently, the Altar area was modified to make it less hazardous for Altar Guild members, Eucharistic ministers and clergy to operate in the sanctuary. Again, this is mainly funded through the general fund of pledges and plate donations.

The outdoor landscaping around the church, as well as the garden of remembrance memorial garden, and labyrinth area is funded through many different sources, (donations from individual parishioners, and St. Andrew's backyard and plant sale). Bud Cook took on the maintenance of the area around the church this past summer. He and Willie did a lot of pruning, planting and cleaning up of weeds as stewardship to St. Andrew's. Sometimes it becomes necessary to pay for things through fishes and loaves or memorial funds in order to get things done in a timely fashion.

### **OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND FUNDING**

Outreach programs aren't part of the general fund and therefore primarily funded through generous donations specified to each fund. Committee members or Stewards of each fund run these programs. Steve Avery heads the **Good Samaritan Fund**. Two gifts of \$1,000 each were given to a person or family in need of the money due to a health related issue.

John M'Gonigle heads the **Prescription Co-pay Fund**; St. Andrew's donated \$350.00 to help thirty people in our community through this fund. **Loaves and Fishes** is run by a small group of church women, also funded through generous donations and partly from Backyard Bonanza sales. This fund pays for basic needs in the kitchen (coffee, cups, napkins,) and some garden related items.

Betty Leach heads **The Memorial Fund** that funds the plants, shrubs, concrete benches, altar and other things needed for the care and maintenance of the garden in the back.

Eleanor Sullivan heads **The Flower Fund**. This fund buys altar flowers as needed (most people donate their altar arrangements) for Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias. As of October 2009 all the funds were doing well with approximately \$1,300 in total.

In closing, I'd like to say it takes many hands, hearts, and parishioners pledges to make St. Andrew's a wonderful place of worship. Everyone is invited to come sit in on a monthly BAC meeting, and learn more about their church. The monthly financial reports can be found on the dining table just prior to that weeks meeting, or from Claudia or Bob. Together, we can spread the goodness of the Lord into the community around us.

Respectfully,  
Donna Warnecke, BAC member

### **THE BEACON IS ONLINE!!!!**

Speaking of saving money— The Beacon is online at St. Andrew's website  
[www.standrews.qwestoffice.net](http://www.standrews.qwestoffice.net)

If you have access to a computer you can read and/or print the monthly Beacon online.

We currently are mailing at least 50 copies a month at 44 cents each. That is about \$ 22 plus the cost of paper and printing. Over a year that's \$264 in postage alone.

There is a sign-up sheet (yes, another one) in the Parish Hall. Please sign up if you **don't** want your Beacon printed and mailed to you!

Again , that website is:

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## Scripture Readings for November

### Nov 1 All Saints

Ps 24,  
Isaiah 25:6-9,  
Rev 21:1-6a,  
John 11:32-44

### Nov 8 St Andrew

Ps 19:1-6,  
Deuteronomy 30:11-14  
Romans 10:8b-18  
Matthew 4:18-22

### Nov 15 24 Pentecost, proper 28.

Ps 16,  
Dan.12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-14,(15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

### Nov 22 Christ the King

Ps 93,  
Dan 7:9-10,13-14  
Revelation 1:4b—8  
John 18:33-37

### Nov 29 1st Advent

Ps 25:1-9  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thess. 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

## COMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### November 8th St. Andrew's Day:

One service at 9:00 with Fish Dinner following

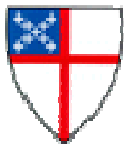
### November 14 Healing Prayer at St. Mary's Gardiner 10-2

### November 19th -21 Diocesan Convention Eugene

### November 21 Turkeyshoot 9-10

### November 26 Thanksgiving Service and Dinner 2:00 - short service before dinner

### November 27th Office Closed



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