

The Beacon

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

September, 2009

FROM DEACON BOB...

“Behold, I Make All Things New”

It's been a busy first month on the job, and NEW has been my mantra. Claudia, Steve, Frazer and you all have been teaching me much about being part of a new family. Judy and the BAC have been teaching me about administration and leadership in a new way. Pete, Betty and the whole Peterson family have been teaching me about how to be a new pastor. I wish to thank all of you who stepped up to help with all the arrangements for Pete's memorial service. This was also something new for me, and I feel like we worked well together to care for 160 people in a way that would make Pete proud.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the church will have a new sound system. The current one, while still somewhat operational, has been quite limited in its effectiveness. Funds for the new system, approved in July by BAC were borne out of your regular giving and good stewardship of resources. It will have the capacity for multiple microphones, enhanced sound broadcasting throughout the church and fellowship hall and the capability for the hearing-impaired to more actively participate in the worship services. It will really enhance our outreach. At the same time, I also want to recognize those who had differing opinions about the sound system. Your views caused the BAC to debate and consider carefully and thoughtfully the expenditure of the funds. We need your voices of dissent, so be of good courage to keep it up!

As the fall program comes into being, I want to you to begin thinking *stewardship*. Our annual pledge drive will commence toward the end of September and the words *gratitude* and *responsibility* have been on my mind. Regular giving, whether it involves our financial resources or the various ministries we exercise, is vital for both the operation of the church and as a witness of Christ's presence in the world. Jesus said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matt. 6:21) Intentional giving of all kinds from and with joyful hearts is an indicator of our relationship with God. May we continue to grow from strength to strength in that relationship.

...Deacon Bob

FROM DEACON STEVE...

Kudos to those of you who made the service for Pete Peterson one to remember, beginning with all the set-up folks, people who filled the nave and parish hall to capacity, participants who brought it to a successful conclusion, and those who provided the repast. The Holy Spirit infuses our church family. We miss you, Pete, good and faithful servant.

You will be pleased to know that your contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund recently went in their entirety to a young local man in a life-threatening health situation, in the amount of \$1,000. It is good to know that seed money for the next donation is already in the fund. If you wish to get the most bang for your charity buck, please consider this simple, straightforward fund, free of administrative overhead. Kindly make your check to St. Andrew Episcopal Church, with Good Samaritan Fund on the memo line.

It has been pointed out that announcement time occasionally gets a bit long. Please place your announcements in the bulletin and Beacon, and let's save the spoken time for unexpected or urgent business. Thank you.

In September, we continue the season of Pentecost. Three special days are found in this month: Holy Cross Day on the 14th; Saint Matthew, the 21st; and Saint Michael and All Angels, the 29th. Let's look at Holy Cross Day, the feast in honor of the Cross of Christ. In the Western Church, the Martyrology and Offices commemorate on this day the presentation of the supposed true Cross at Jerusalem in 629 A.D. by Emperor Heraclius following his recovery of it from the Persians, into whose hands it had fallen in 614. (Source: Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church)

...Deacon Steve

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
BAC Meeting
July 23rd 2009**

Members Present: Sr. Warden, Judy Cook, Jr. Warden, Willie Leach, Deacon Bob Totten, Deacon Steve Avery, Father Frazer Crocker, John Evanow, Tony Rebello, Barbara Wilbanks, Donna Warnecke, Kate McBroom-Redwine, Treasurer, Steve Skidmore. Also present were Charlie Pennington and Paul Hirsch

Meeting opened at 5:30 with a prayer by Deacon Bob Totten.

Minutes from the June 25th meeting were approved and stand as written.

Treasurer Steve Skidmore presented the Treasurer's Report, Charlie Pennington presented the Outreach Report and both were approved.

Deacon Totten:

Bob reported he had a very good first week getting settled into a routine in the office and meeting with people. He has established regular office hours which are, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and he will be out of the office on Fridays.

Bob and Judy met to establish Deacon Bob's work schedule. He submitted a document on work hours and leave that was accepted. Please see attached "Appendix A - Work Hours and Leave".

Tony Rebello asked if the parish had an Employee Manual on hand, it was determined there is one. Father Crocker stated the Diocese would mediate on any disagreement not outlined in the manual.

The BAC approved not having the regular 10:00 am service on September 6th. An Ecumenical service will be held at 10:30 am that day at the stadium behind the Siuslaw Middle School. The Siuslaw Valley Ministerial Association sponsors this service. Volunteers are needed to usher, etc., and can sign up in the social hall. We WILL HAVE our regular service at 7:30 am.

Deacon Steve or Deacon Bob will announce at services any funds used for the Good Samaritan Fund.

Sr. Warden, Judy Cook:

Judy asked the BAC members to suggest an amount for a Gift Certificate to "Amazon" for The Rev. John Waide since he has never accepted any compensation for all of the times he has preached. Father Crocker suggested \$250.00. Donna Warnecke made a motion to that effect, seconded by Kate McBroom-Redwine the motion was carried and approved.

The letter of agreement between St. Andrew's and Montessori School has been signed. Montessori has demonstrated they have liability insurance. The pew in the hallway will be moved so that construction of the cubbies may begin.

Jr. Warden, Willie Leach:

Willie said the requests the Montessori School had are near completion. The water heater is covered, and the hall door is to be fixed. Handrails down the back steps of the kitchen have been installed.

The windows in the south-facing hallway will be replaced this week. The dry rot on the east side of the church needs to be repaired. The five windows on the east side also need to be replaced.

Old Business:

The Texas 4000 was a huge success AGAIN!! The kids were accommodated with showers and laundry by parishioners and very well fed by the volunteers.

Steve Avery will write a thank you letter to Terri Pennington for a job well done.

Judy thanked everyone for all the hard work cleaning the church. She suggested this should be done every six months.

Paul Hirsh discussed the sound system for St. Andrews. Paul Smeed from Smeed Electronics submitted a bid to update and replace the whole system. A motion was made by Tony Rebello to accept the bid to replace the system with a new one, John Evanow seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, Tony Rebello amended the motion to include an assisted hearing system with four receivers. Barbara Wilbanks seconded it. The motion was carried and approved. Judy will contact Paul Smeed to begin the process.

Donna Warnecke presented a bid for landscaping from Honeyman regarding clean up, maintenance, and many new plants. Judy said that Bud Cook has volunteered to do the maintenance and clean up around the church on a permanent basis. Judy said she would speak to Bud to see what he is able to do. Since it was late, further discussion on the landscaping plan was tabled until the next meeting. The annual picnic will be held Sunday, August 23rd at Honeyman park yurt, with David and Trish Owens as the hosts. St. Andrew's will provide the meat entrée and parishioners will provide side dishes. Signup sheets will be in the social hall.

New Business:

Stewardship – The drive will commence this fall and Deacon Bob will incorporate some of his ideas.

Tony Rebello mentioned having a remembrance board for active members of the armed services who are relatives or friends of St. Andrew's family. Tony said Rosemary would maintain it if the BAC approves. The BAC approved this idea.

Tony also mentioned he has a handbook for "Food Safety" for the kitchen.

The next BAC meeting will be August 20th at 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with a prayer by Deacon Totten.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Holt
Clerk



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Meeting: **Sat. September 26, 10:30** church library
Business: New Chapter Officers for the Triennial
Report from National Triennial

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SEPTEMBER SERVANT

In contemplating a title for this September column, several choices came to mind: scholastics, schooling, sages, signal, smart, - something to point to 'learning'. Then, following some reading, thoughts and information tumbled together, shook out, and ordered themselves into the outcome: s-e-r-v-a-n-t.

So what is the connection between learning and servant? Does one become a better servant by learning? There are as many ways to learn as there are individuals. That seems to be a built-in design.

This column looks at a couple of ways of learning: experience and revelation. Both are great teachers, when one places oneself at their bidding.

Experience may consist of book or classroom learning, 'hands-on' instances, mentoring, observation, recording, and the like, and fills the head. Revelation learning "drops into (the) heart". It may come bidden or unbidden—or at least it seems that way. But perhaps in reality, it finds its way to the heart because the way has been prepared at least in part by experience.

In Jesus' time, "book" learning was confined to special chosen few; but there were myriad examples of His teaching employing mentoring, observation, and if you will, 'classroom' settings—wherever crowds gathered to learn of/from Him. So often, the Scriptures record that Jesus answered questions with another question. Might that be a 'bridge' between experience learning and revelation knowledge? The link to connect the two, to enlarge understanding?

Back to how this relates to being a servant: Jesus is the Mentor. During his earthly life in human form, He learned from the Holy Scriptures, and taught from them, as well as learning a trade in his family life. And He learned from being open to the Father's bidding.

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Father, may Jesus's way become the Way for your servants today.



FOOD SHARE

Lorna and Jason turned in 282 pounds of goods to Florence Food Share following Loaves and Fishes Sunday in August. Nice going, St. Andrew's! Please keep that multiplication factor in your head any time you come to church, as hunger in Florence goes on Sunday after Sunday, month after month, on no set aside day for gathering. "Happy are they who execute justice for the poor, who give food to the hungry". Psalm 146



The **Monday Morning Study Group** will begin its next year of meeting on Monday, September 14, 10 AM - noon, with praises or pans for William P. Young's *The Shack*. We'll also talk about *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nhat Hanh, the possibility? probability? of reading and discussing it. If there is a time/space needed for ordering books, it will be filled with scripture reading and discussion. All are welcome; join us. Watch for details in the Sunday pew bulletins.

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?"
With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



Be a Good Steward

Stewardship means learning how to receive as well as how to give. God's gifts can come from the most unlikely places; when we recognize and accept them for what they are, everyone benefits.



From the Senior Warden...

With the passing of Fred Ardt and Pete Peterson, we have lost two pillars of St. Andrew's. Pete was instrumental in the creation and early operation of St. A's, and even as he became more ill he still came in every Sunday and signed checks! Fred helped plan and build the addition that includes the social hall and classrooms. We are so grateful for their lives. As Pete loudly exclaimed, when the Beavers had won: Thanks be to God, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!

We are seeing many changes at St. Andrew's. Deacon Bob is a welcome addition to our family and will lead us in new directions. By the time you read this, the new sound system will have been completed. Our garden and labyrinth are being maintained. The grounds around the entire property have been weeded, mulched, and new plants have been added. All this is as it should be in our journey to be with God. The next time you are in the Garden of Remembrance, or walking the labyrinth, say hello to Fred and Pete. As Deacon Steve said, he can see them walking together hand in hand, free of pain. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!

Blessings,
Judy Cook



Do you have a Son, Daughter, Grandson, Granddaughter, Niece, Nephew, Neighbor, or a Friend who is in the military? Let us put a picture of him or her on our **Honoring Our Heroes**

bulletin board in the Social Hall so we can put a face with the Prayers of the People.

Contact Rosemary Rebello with your soldier's name, rank, where stationed, a little about them, your relationship, and photograph. A short commentary and photo will be posted. Your original photo will be returned to you. You can reach Rosemary at 997-6167 or tonyroosemary@charter.net

Episcopal haiku

Some of us dip the
bread in the cup, soaking up
The grace of the Lord.

Patterned on Sarah Goodyear



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BEACHWALK 2009

Mark your calendars for Habitat for Humanity's annual BeachWalk. This year we will gather at North Jetty on Saturday, September 19.

Monies raised here stay here. This year's funds will be used for materials for Libby Rodriguez's future home to be built on 15th Street.

The success of previous walks has occurred because each one of you makes a difference by supporting this worthwhile ministry.

Walking is not necessary, however, t-shirts will be given out at North Jetty as funds are collected. This year those donating \$100 or more will be given a chance to win a gift certificate courtesy of Fred Meyer. We look forward to seeing you at the beach!

Questions? See Karylyn von Moren Grist or Kathy Lenox

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Food For Thought

Did You Know?

People in the U.S. make up 5% of the world's population but use 25% of the world's resources and generate 30% of its garbage.

A child born in the U.S. will put a stress on the world's resources 35 times more than a child born in India.

Paper

Making paper from recycled fiber generates 75% less air pollution.

One U.S. citizen uses and discards 2 pine trees in paper products per year. Every time you recycle a 40-inch stack of newspapers you save the equivalent of one southern pine tree.

The average office employee in the U.S. discards 1.5 pounds of recyclable paper each day, or about 360 pounds per year.

Old corrugated containers account for nearly 50% of the total paper that is recycled.

Glass

The energy saved from recycling a glass bottle will light a 100-watt bulb for 4 hours.

Plastics

The amount of plastic waste generated has been increasing by about 10% per year for the past 20 years.

If just 1/4 of U.S. households used 10 fewer plastic bags per month, 2.5 billion fewer bags would go to landfills each year.

Aluminum

Aluminum made from recycled cans uses 95% less energy than if made from virgin (bauxite) ore.

The average aluminum beverage can in the U.S. contains about 51% post consumer recycled aluminum.

Steel/Tin Cans

The single largest domestic source of tin is from recycling.

The amount of tin ore left in the world will last only 31 years if use grows at projected rates.

to be continued... **From Lane County Recycler's Handbook**

Convocation meetings

There will be two meetings held for discussion of Resolution 2, to be presented at Diocesan Convention this year. The first meeting is the evening of Friday, September 11, at St. Matthews, Gold Beach. The second meeting convenes at Emmanuel, Coos Bay on Saturday, September 12, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Resolution 2 recognizes same-gender rites of blessing, as ratified at General Convention this year. The Diocese will direct the convocations to provide opportunities for a full dialogue regarding access to the Church. The issues are to be discussed fully at the Convocation level, with reports produced guiding the Diocese in responding to the pastor needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people as children of God. All congregational members are invited to attend these discussions, in addition to the delegates.

TEACHING

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

Search horizontally, vertically, or diagonally for these words associated with teaching.. The remaining letters will spell out a reason to teach.

ACCUSTOM
ADMONISH
CLARIFY
CLASS
COACH
DEGREE
DISCIPLINE
DRILL
EDIFY
EDUCATE
ENLIGHTEN
EXAMPLE
EXERCISE
EXPLAIN
GUIDE
IMPART
INFORM

INSPIRE
INSTILL
INSTRUCT
LESSON
MENTOR
MODEL
PARENTS
PREPARE
PRIME
PROFESSOR
PUPIL
SCHOOL
SHOW
TEST
TRAIN
TUTOR



WHAT A SUMMER IT HAS BEEN!

Kay Totten

Well, this has been quite a WILD ride for Bob and I as we completed our formation programs; moved to Florence; went to Ireland (a story in itself!); and returned to begin our ministries here on the Oregon coast. If anyone had warned me that I would be doing and experiencing all of this; I would have said; "There ain't no way!"

Most of you have met me by now; but for those who have not I just want to say what a privilege it is to be among you at St. Andrew's. As Bob has said in more than one of his sermons; you are a REMARKABLE group of people. That is why we (and I do mean WE) said a strong YES to your call for Bob as your vicar.

For me, it is a journey into diaconal ministry at St. Mary the Virgin in Gardiner. What a lovely group of people they are; and the church is beautiful. I hate not being able to worship with the 10:00 group, but I am enjoying the early service and the great breakfast send-off as I go to be at St. Mary's each Sunday morning.

I know that I will not get to know all of you as well as I had wanted due to my assignment at St. Mary's, but I am hoping that you will feel free to drop by our home; give me a ring; or we may see each other as I attend mid-week services and other functions during the week. Please also note the invitation in this newsletter to our 25th wedding anniversary and house blessing celebration on the 26th of this month. It will also give you a chance to meet my son, my sister, and our daughter.

My biggest thanks, however, goes to you for your kindness and support of my beloved soul mate Bob. We have known some trials these past years (but what married couple does not???) and it is so comforting to know that when I send him off to work (YEA!) that he is in some darn good hands!!

Come and visit!
Kay Totten

ATTENTION ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

Rev. Kay and I would like to invite you to an early afternoon tea at our house, 104 Park Village Loop (2 blocks north of the police station), at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 12th, for a general get-together and orientation (for me). It appears we need to discuss how to do, or re-do, the Altar Guild schedule. This will be an open forum, so all ideas will be listened to. Also, if there is anything else on your mind, this will be a good chance to discuss. We hope to see you on the 12th.

Peace,
Rev. Bob Totten

Ph. 997-3145



TWINKLE, TWINKLE

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on a piano, a mother took her boy to a concert by a master pianist.

After they were seated, the mother spotted an old friend in the audience, and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "No admittance." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat, and discovered that the child was missing.

Suddenly the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." At that moment the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Then, leaning over, the master reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part.

Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child, and added a running obbligato. Together the old master and the young novice transformed what could have been a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was so mesmerized that they later couldn't recall what else the great master played— only the classic "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Perhaps that the way it is with God. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't always graceful, flowing music. However, with the hand of the Master, our life's work can be truly beautiful.

The next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You may hear the voice of the Master whispering in your year, "Don't quit. Keep playing." May you feel His arms around you and know that His hands are there helping you turn your feeble attempts into true masterpieces. Remember, God doesn't seem to call the equipped; rather he equips the called.

-Author unknown

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 6 PENTECOST 14 Proper 18

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

September 13 PENTECOST 15 Proper 19

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

September 20 PENTECOST 16 Proper 20

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 27 PENTECOST 17 Proper 21

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50



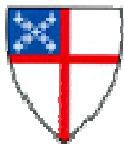
**BOB AND KAY TOTTEN INVITE YOU TO
A CELEBRATION AND BLESSING OF 25 YEARS OF
MARRIAGE
AND
THEIR NEW HOME AND LIFE HERE ON THE
OREGON COAST!**

**This celebration will be on
SATURDAY September 26TH
2-4pm**

**Location: 104 Park Village Loop
Florence, Oregon**

Phone: 541 997-3145

Note: NO gifts, please. We ask that you bring a nonperishable food item to be used in outreach ministries for the churches of St. Andrews in Florence and St. Mary the Virgin in Gardiner/Reedsport.



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