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From The Rector's Desk

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to
you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control
our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to
you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to
your glory and the welfare of your people; through our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

In the great season of Lent, which begins this
February 17 with Ash Wednesday, the church offers a
time of reflection and preparation to make ourselves right
with God. It is a time to turn around; to return to God. It is
a time to re-order our lives so that God does not have to
wait in line (as Fr. Warren was fond of saying). The prayer
of self-dedication above marks the orientation toward God
that this season is known for. This preparation is in the
service of preparing our lives to accept the great gift of
Death and Resurrection we celebrate in Holy Week and
Easter: The ultimate Good News! These forty days put us
in mind of the need we all have to realign ourselves and
over death.

To help one another on that pilgrimage of faith this
year, we offer liturgies, times for reflection and prayer, and
some educational opportunities. On Ash Wednesday, we
offer the imposition of ashes at 10 am and at 6:30 pm. Our
regular Sunday liturgies will take on some of the special
flavor of the season with the addition of the Great Litany
and other elements. The familiar Wednesday evening pro-
gram will follow the same pattern as we have followed in
the past: Stations of the Cross at 6:00, Simple Supper at
6:30, and study of a devotional book by Barbara Brown
Taylor. Meanwhile, Sunday morning Adult Education (the
Evangelism. Additional materials to help guide the individ-
ual pilgrim this year include the Episcopal Relief and De-
velopment day by day meditation book along with a mite
box in support of ERD ministry, as well as some devo-
tional tracts by authors Stephen J. Carter and Henri J. M.
Nouwen. A devotional for teens and a mobile project for

Customarily, Christians fast from some things
such as food or drink and they take some additional prac-
tice on, such as attendance at additional worship services,
faithful reading of devotional literature or works of charity.
Whether you give something up or take something on this
Lent, I invite you to make this an opportunity to grow
closer to the God who loves you unconditionally and reck-
lessly. Grow close to the God who goes to the extent of

becoming like us, living like us and dying a gruesome
death. Draw near to the God whose outstretched and nail-
marked hand leads us to that place where we can know
God and be empowered to make God known to that world
hungry for that real love.

The Journey To The Deaconate

Coleen Howard

Today Chuck and I had the honor to meet with Bishop
Sandy Hampton. The purpose of the meeting was for
Bishop Sandy to decide whether or not I should continue
my journey to the deaconate.

The night before this meeting, I found myself in deep
prayer and meditation. If this journey is the right journey
with the Lord, then this is the point all prayers were to be
answered. I was apprehensive. A little scared. A lot of
wondering. Until I began to pray. That is when I received
the calm and peace. The Lord knows the direction He
wants me to take. I just have to suit up and show up. The
rest happens on His time and His way.

The morning of the meeting found me calm, cool and
collected. I received a wonderful telephone call from both
Deacon Diana and Joyce Robinson. The Daughters of the
King were praying. Father Scott was praying, my discern-
ment team was praying, my family was praying. My friends
were praying. No wonder I was calm! Everyone was work-
ing very hard to see what the Lord would say to this jour-
ney.

The answer I received from Bishop Sandy is "YES"! I
am on my way with this journey to the next step. The next
step is Vocations Conference in February. Whew!!!!
Thank you for all your wonderful love, support and
prayers. Nothing gets done with these three.

I want to thank you and tell you how grateful I am that
each and every one of you are taking this journey with me.
I shall keep you posted of the next step. I definitely need
prayers for that. It isn't one person. It is eight people that
will ask me questions for two days and then decide my
future. So far, so good!!!!!! God Bless You Shalom.

Use a Lenten Devotional

As we approach the Season of Lent, which begins on Ash
Wednesday, February 17, there will be a number of devotional
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for all ages. Please look these over and take what you like! Offer-
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## ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH EVENTS

tion is truly blessed with some wonderful chefs that provide food and organization for a number of special events such as the Annual Meeting, Easter Brunch, and more. These events are in addition to the regular Sunday Coffee Hour and, while they occur on Sunday, they require additional planning and advance organization. The individuals who organize and cook make it look easy and those such as me rarely ponder the true extent of the work required to stage the events.

With Janice Erickson leaving for sunny Florida, St. Chuck and Julie Kyer can not shoulder the burden alone and we must either scale back our expectations of the events or step up and do the work required, either choice is an acceptable alternative, and in 2010 our congregation will be sorting through this decision as we vote with our time and efforts. Special Events (non fundraising or 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) over the last few years and corresponding 2010 dates are:

z	Annual Meeting	January 31, 2010
z	Easter Brunch	April 4, 2010
z	Pentecost	May 23, 2010
z	Annual Church Picnic	August, 2010
z	Stewardship Sunday	October, 2010

Is there one or more you want to help organize? Organization includes menu development, buying food, food prep, hall set-up, clean-up and, most importantly, recruiting volunteers to help with this work. A good organizer does not do all the work but sees the work gets done. A good organizer is flexible and patient with those helping out for the first time or those trying new tasks. As we enter the New Year, please take a few minutes to consider which of these events are especially important to you and what time you have in 2010 to help make them successful. **Add your name to the list by calling or emailing the Church Office.** You will be contacted as we get closer to the events. We hope multiple people express interest in each event and we can divide the work.

On the subject of Coffee Hour, we have found our Coffee Hour Host list to be out of date. Please help us update the list by letting the Church Office know if your assigned Sunday includes names of people no longer active with the Church, if your health no longer allows you to participate, and most importantly, if you are not on the list and want to be added. Keep in mind Coffee Hour is coffee, tea, and some light cookies and/or snacks. Some truly enjoy cooking and their Coffee Hour seems to be more brunch; however, this is not a requirement.

### ERD president thanks Diocese of Oregon

Bishop Sandy received a wonderful letter from Robert Radtke, president of *Episcopal Relief & Development*, thanking the *Diocese of Oregon* for the \$23,936.39 which we contributed to the *Nets for Life* campaign during 2009. Since then, the Diocese has received additional contributions for *Nets for Life* and many of you are responding most generously to the *ERD* Haiti

*Sad news* Connie Redlin died on Jan 27 at about 8:30 PM. Funeral plans are pending a press time. Connie and Dick Redlin were early members of St. Aidan's and have been faithful participants in our common life from the beginning. Dick died only a few months ago, and now we say goodbye to Connie, while we keep their children and grandchildren in our prayers.

**ERD News:** In the special offerings taken on January 17 and 24, the congregation of St. Aidan's collected nearly \$1200.00 for the relief and development in the land of Haiti, in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that hit that country this month. Thank you for your outpouring of generosity, and please continue to hold those whose lives have been so adversely affected in your prayers. Expect to hear more about a pop can drive to aid the people of Haiti as that program takes shape.

### Pick up the new *Forward Day By Day*

*Forward Day By Day* is a pocket-sized (or large-print) collection of meditations written by a variety of people. Each issue contains three months of meditations on the lectionary. 2010 marks the 75th anniversary of *Forward Movement*, and outstanding meditations have been selected that correspond to the *Revised Common Lectionary*.



### Support *SnoCap* on the *Souper Bowl of Caring*, Sunday, February 7

St. Aidan's joins with thousands of people around the nation in a *fighting hunger and poverty* in local communities. This unique move- football into the largest weekend of giving. Please give a gift of coins, dollars, checks, or non-perishable canned items for *SnoCap*. The *SnoCap* Wish List for February is: Bus Tickets, Canned Vegetables, Brown Paper Bags, Re-useable Shopping Bags, 5 Bags of Gravel for the Garden, and Blankets.

*SnoCap* is a church community action program of the *Greater Portland Council of Churches*. Donations of money help *SnoCap* purchase food economically in bulk. *Snocap* can purchase as much as \$10 worth of food for each \$1 you would spend on the same item. Your dollar can go further when *SnoCap* buys food with it.



### Other Special Offerings in February:

Sunday, February 14 has been designated as a special offering in the *Diocese of Oregon* for *Episcopal Vestments for the Tenth Bishop of Oregon*. The First Sunday in Lent, February 21, has been designated as *Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday* by action of *General Convention*. On February 28, your generous offering to the *Diocese of Oregon* which always has activity, will be gratefully received.



# THE CHURCH MOUSE

## February 2010

Can you believe it? The baby New Year is now a warmth, and hated the big rainstorms that still come. What a change from the big snow of last year! Ash Wednesday is on the seventeenth of February. We have only a couple weeks left of the Epiphany Season.



thing; I need to be reminded that something different

With February also comes the **Crab Feed**. Plans are speeding right along, and tickets are quickly being sold, there is still limited seating. The new team that is training to take over next year is working out. The **Jeppesen-Keady's** are doing the heavy lifting; **Tim** and **Jean** have a strong background in food service. **Mandy Crawford** is taking over the mailing and seating aspect. **Dan** and **Colleen Hatala** are lending a hand in the kitchen and crew work. By the time you get this the sign-up sheets will be half full, but there is still plenty of need for your help with this major parish fund raiser. It takes the whole parish to make this event happen. There are lots of jobs-including pre-preparation, working in the kitchen, serving at tables, taking care of the trash and lots more. With as many seatings as we have, it takes a lot of hands to make it flow well.

sick list, and this month our weekly prayer list has quite a few. Our custodian, **Stan Rickerd** was ill one week and thankfully, **Gloria Trunk** and friends took a hand at parish & show up when expected. Thank you, **Gloria!** **Marion Treviso** is slowly improving after her fall in November. She is still going to therapy, trying to get her broken wrist to work better. a thing. She and **John** have resumed coming to church again, thankfully. **Noriko Sutton** was diagnosed with lung & particularly sick, but all her energy is gone. **Deacon Diana Starr-Salnave** was well enough to come to church late in Ræ to improve a lot. We are just grateful to see her when we can. **Junior Warden, Byron McKinlay** tore some ligaments in his foot and has had to give up driving for awhile. **Joyce Robinson**. While waiting for Wednesday services to start, she decided to help the rummage sale ladies for a bit - at her cost. She tumbled on the Murdock Hall Basement stairs and wound up needing a couple of stitches. She says she is now rainbow-colored and eye swollen **Father Murdock** is moving to port, too. Pick up a prayer list at the church and give the people an extra prayer.

**Byron McKinlay** is going to be resuming the scheduling of lots of the parish service folks: lectors, ushers, lay Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, etc. Those who do these tasks from Sunday to Sunday welcome a little new blood, as the rotation lists are getting tighter and tighter. Please consider helping out as an usher, greeter, or even acolyte. If you are interested in helping serve communion, Father Scott can train you to get your license. Altar Guild could use anyone interested in helping serve at the altar. We have two Lay Eucharistic Ministers who regularly take communion to our shut-ins: **Judie Cox** and **Colleen Howard**. This ministry is a true service, to take church to those who cannot attend. Speaking of deacons, **Colleen** is nicely started on her journey toward the diaconate. She has passed all the preliminary hurdles and is scheduled to attend the Vocations Conference this month, where she will be discussing her vocation and future plans with those who can help her along the way. By the way, **Deacon Diana** was also ordained out of this parish.

Some other volunteers in the parish: Do you know how those bulletins get folded for us every Sunday? After Rob prepares the paperwork **Mary Anderson** and **Louise Pfeiffer** come on Thursday mornings and fold everything that needs folding. These cheerful ladies give a whole morning to that work, but do call on others if one of them is sick or has other business. Also, most of the reminder call - usually from **Marilyn Pierik**. Most people remember, but every once in awhile someone is surprised than to show up on Sunday and learn you are in & Thanks to **Shirley Vidito** for keeping that up to date. **Rob** is usually able to revise the service list after the phone calls - noon, Wednesday.

The Diocese of Oregon raised \$34,936.39 in its **Episcopal Relief and Development Fund ~ [Needs for Life]** will be for the building stage rather than for emergency care. **Rob** tells me that because the people who work on the fund are paid by the national church, all the money that we give goes directly to the project - no overhead and expenses are paid by donation funds. That makes it a very worthwhile charity to give your funds to.

We are looking forward to new events for this year. Our new **Vestry members** will be elected on the 31<sup>st</sup>, and we will have new parish leadership.

We are looking forward to the installation of a **new bishop** later this spring. One funny thing: Usually the outgoing Bishop helps set up the welcoming of the ring, copse, miter, etc. Our former bishop is long gone, so our parishes are pooling together to provide these items for our new Bishop. Just one of the surprises our committee folk learned in the process of preparation.





Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
<b>February 7, 2010 The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany</b>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of The Church in Ireland, United Kingdom. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee (Pray for guidance in their search process); St. Hilda, Monmouth; St. Michael/San Miguel, Newberg; St. Stephen, Newport. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Sexton, Stan Rickard.</p>	<p>Isaiah 6:8 (93) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:11 Luke 5:11</p>
<b>February 14, 2010 The Last Sunday After The Epiphany</b>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of Iglesia Anglicana de la Región Central de America (The Anglican Church of Central America). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in Belgium, Luxembourg, and The Netherlands. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Paul, Oregon City; St. Christopher, Port Orford; All Saints, Portland; Ascension, Portland. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Buildings &amp; Grounds Commissions.</p>	<p>Exodus 34:29 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:4-2 Jude 286 (373)</p>
<b>February 21, 2010 The First Sunday In Lent</b>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo (The Church of the Province of the Congo). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in Denmark, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for Good Samaritan Foundation, Portland; the patients and staff of Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland; the faculty and students of Oregon Episcopal School, Portland; and the congregation of: Grace Memorial, Portland. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Bookstore Shirley Vidito.</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:11 Psalm 91:2, 916 Romans 10:8 Luke 4:13</p>
<b>February 28, 2010 The Second Sunday In Lent</b>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of The Church of England. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in Germany and France. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the PSU Campus Ministry, Portland; and the congregations of: SS. Peter &amp; Paul, Portland; St. Andrew, Portland; St. Barnabas, Portland. In the Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Music Program.</p>	<p>Genesis 15:12, 178 Psalm 27 1 Peter 3:174:1 Luke 12:335</p>
<p>Eucharistic Lectionary Year C <span style="float: right;">Lectionary Year Daily Office</span></p>	

## Ash Wednesday is February 17

The Holy Eucharist, with Imposition of Ashes, will be celebrated in the church at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of the Jordan. Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of the imposition of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are invited to long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter Feast to come.



Ash Wednesday Service

# Safeguarding God's Children

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Spring 2010

Saturday, February 6, 8:30-12:30—Trinity Cathedral, Portland

Saturday, March 13, 8:30-12:30—St. Michael & All Angels, Portland

Saturday, April 24, 8:30-12:30—St. Aidan's, Gresham

This training is required for all clergy, paid employees, vestry/BAC members and all who work with children and youth in the Episcopal Church.

Cost: \$10 per person

Fee will be collected at the door.

Checks should be made out ~~Diocese of Oregon~~

We regret that we no longer are able to bill churches for payment.

Registration deadline is Tuesday prior to the trainings at 12:00 noon.

Minimum registration to hold this class is 12 people. If fewer than 12 people have registered by noon on Tuesday, the training will be cancelled. Once the minimum registration is met, additional registrations will be accepted throughout the week and at the door on the day of training.

For online registration, go to [www.diocese.org](http://www.diocese.org). Look under the picture of Important Announcements. Click on the link for SAFE Church. Read through the information, fill out the line form and submit.

Registration may be downloaded and mailed to:

SAFE Church Training  
The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon  
11800 SW Military Lane  
Portland, OR 97219

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## The Leadership of St. Aidan's

### Clergy

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Assisting Bishop of Oregon  
The Reverend Scott M. Dolph, Rector  
The Reverend Tom Murdock, Associate Priest

### Vestry

#### Vestry Liaisons to the Ministry Teams

Senior Warden, *Angie Groce, Parish Life (2010)*  
Junior Warden, *Byron McKinlay, Facilities (2012)*  
*Betsy Berninghausen, Worship (2010)*  
*Marlene Lucas, Administration & Finance (2010)*  
*Judie Cox, Outreach (2012)*  
*Jeanne Pinkerton, Parish Life (2011)*  
*George DeWitz, Outreach (2012)*  
*Bruce Richardson, Administration & Finance (2011)*  
*Mary Hamilton, Facilities (2011)*  
*Gloria Trunk, Facilities (2010)*  
*Patrick Hoyer, Christian Discipleship (2012)*  
*Bonnie Buckmann, Outreach (2011)*  
*Rob Stoltz, Clerk of the Vestry*

#### Other Lay Leaders and Staff:

Parish Administrator: Rob Stoltz  
Treasurer: Lorraine Crawford  
Organist and Choirmaster: Mark Jones  
Sexton: Stan Rickerd  
Altar Guild Chair: Julie Kyer  
Church School Director: Shirley Vidito  
Childcare Provider: Nicole Epperly & Logan Larsen  
Media Coordinator:  
Master Gardener, Grounds: Gloria Trunk  
Offering Counter Coordinator: Shirley Bush  
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