

# ST. AIDAN'S



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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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*St. Aidan's Mission:*

*Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our community through worship, education, and outreach.*

## Meet the Canon for Congregational Development on February 12

Neysa Ellgren (pronounced nee-sa), arrived in Portland from Minnesota. Ellgren, 52, was ordained in 1996 as a transitional deacon and in 1997 as a priest. She has a doctorate in congregational development and spent time as a college chaplain and was the rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Plymouth, Minnesota for ten years.



Among her duties, Ellgren works with all diocesan congregations to find them the resources they need to flourish. She is in charge of clergy deployment, supervises diocesan staff, works with convocations, and serves as the secretary of the diocesan convention.

An avid hiker, cyclist, theater buff, book reader and singer, Ellgren has four sons: Travis, 25; Lucas, 21; Jesse, 18; and Nathan, 17. Nathan has enrolled at Lak-eridge High and will complete his senior year in Oregon.

We welcome The Rev. Canon Neysa Ellgren, the Canon for Congregational Development and Staff for the Diocese on February 12, 2012. She will be with us at both of our services. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet Neysa and to have a conversation about what strategic plans are emerging for the Diocese as a whole and this corner of the Diocese in particular. In return, she will be interested to know what we are working on to develop our ministry here in the Rockwood neighborhood as well as the greater East County area.

Mother Neysa will celebrate at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM celebrations of the Eucharist. She will be available for informal conversation during the Forum hour (9:00 to 9:45). Then, we will use the shortened 'Table Talk' service for the 10:00 AM service so we can have a conversation with Neysa after the service. While this is a 'Table Talk' discussion, the format will be more of a question and answer conversation. While you no doubt have questions about her work at the diocesan level you want to ask, please come prepared to share what you know about what we are doing to develop our congregational strength here at St. Aidan's. Look forward to a lively discussion!

## What is Shrove Tuesday?

The word "shrove" comes from the word "shriven" — to have one's sins forgiven. Before we begin our Lenten discipline we should make preparation and examine our souls.

Please remember, the priests of The Episcopal Church are always available for private confessions by appointment. Private confession is not a "Roman Catholic" practice; it is a Christian practice, and has been in continuous use in our tradition. In John's Gospel, we see the clear institution of this sacrament by our Lord Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit, if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20: 22-23) This sacrament, "Reconciliation of a Penitent", is described in the Catechism in the BCP, p. 861. The form for private confession may be found in the BCP pp. 447-452. Those who have availed themselves of this channel of grace attest to its spiritual value, for the burden of sin is great, but the assurance of pardon is incomparable: "Now, there is rejoicing in heaven, for you were lost, and are found. The Lord has put away all your sins. Abide in peace." Many parishes hold a "pancake supper" on this night before Lent begins. This tradition began when people made an effort to use up all the eggs, butter and fat before they began their Lenten fast. Many Anglican parishes celebrate with "pancake races" and other festivities in preparation for the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

## Ash Wednesday is February 22



Ash Wednesday Service

Christians gather on Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent's baptismal preparation for Easter. On this day, the People of God receive an ashen cross on the forehead (a gesture rooted in Baptism), hear the solemn proclamation to keep a fast in preparation for Easter's feast, and contemplate anew the ongoing meaning of Baptismal Initiation in to the Lord's Death and Resurrection.

While marked with the ashes of human mortality, the church hears God's promise of forgiveness and tastes God's mercy in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. From this solemn liturgy, the church goes forth on its journey to the great baptismal feast of Easter.

The Holy Eucharist, with imposition of Ashes, will be celebrated in the church at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## Become a Forward Day By Day Reader

Do you see ways to draw deeper connections between your faith and daily life? "Forward Day by Day," is a pocket-sized collection of meditations written by people from every walk of life that remind us that we are a sign of God's work in the world. Each issue contains three months of meditations on the daily lectionary—a couple of paragraphs for each day to remind us that we are deeply connected to God and to one another. Pick up a copy of the newest issue from the Tract Rack in the Narthex (courtesy of the Daughters of the King) and accept the invitation into a deeper relationship with God. In addition to the pocket-size edition, there are large print copies available. The February–April edition is available now. Get yours soon.



### LENTEN RETREAT

#### Opening to the Divine within: The Message of Mary Magdalene

Plan now to attend this Lenten retreat on Saturday, February 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. at St. Aidan's. The retreat is led by Kyle Wisely.

Participants are invited to draw on Mary Magdalene's message and to experience the gift of inner awakening.

First to see the risen Christ, Mary Magdalene has traditionally been known as "The Apostle to the Apostles." Responding to her experience of Jesus, Mary's message invited followers to a journey of inner awakening.

The recent discovery of ancient manuscripts (including the Gospel of Mary, the Gospel of Thomas, and the Gospel of Philip), have expanded our understanding of Jesus' message. They also point out conditions within the early Church that impacted the way his message was transmitted. These Gospels have been studied and reflected upon by authors Elaine Pagels, Karen King, and Cynthia Bourgeault.

This one-day retreat experience will include story, discussion, creativity, contemplative prayer, personal sharing, and table fellowship.

The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes a gourmet vegetarian, gluten-free lunch and snacks. To register, please email [saintgodrics@gmail.com](mailto:saintgodrics@gmail.com) or phone 503-781-4521.

Learn more at <http://saintgodricspriory.blogspot.com>

## Theological Education Offering will be taken up on February 12

There will be a canonical Special Offering on Feb-



ruary for Theological Education. Again as last year, the designated offering will go to *The Academy for Formation and Mission*. St. Aidan's deacon in training, Coleen Howard, is an active participant in *The Academy*, which exists to provide a quality, affordable, formation opportunity for priests, deacons and lay leaders in The Diocese of Oregon and beyond. The Academy's course work, practical experience, and community life prepares students for traditional and pioneer ministries. The mission of the Academy is to develop a community of seekers, workers, learners and listeners eager to carry out the Gospel in word and action. It does so primarily through rigorous, semester-long course work integrated with in-depth practical experience, providing lay and ordained leaders with the theological education and spiritual formation to serve the ever-changing and challenging 21st-Century church.



### Work Wanted

#### Gresham Handyman and Gardener

I could use extra work. I currently take care of *John Malcom Estate* properties in Gresham. I have my own pickup and trailer for hauling, / riding mower and assorted tools, and I work fast. Also, very good at painting and repairs of all kinds.

**\$15.00 per hour or quote by the job.**

**Excellent references.**

(Call the parish for a reference, if you like).

Kurt: 503-290-9748

8:a.m.— 6:00 p.m.

***This is a corrected phone number***

## Fasting and Feasting

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

With this in mind, we present a reflection by William Arthur Ward entitled *Fasting and Feasting*.

- Lent should be more than a time of fasting. It should be a joyous season of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:
- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.*
  - Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.*
  - Fast from thought of illness; feast on the healing power of God.*
  - Fast from words that pollute; feast on the phrases that purify.*
  - Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.*
  - Fast from anger; feast on patience.*
  - Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.*
  - Fast from worry; feast on hope.*
  - Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.*
  - Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.*
  - Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.*
  - Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.*
  - Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.*
  - Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.*
  - Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.*



### Don't Suffer in Silence!

Please call the church office or Fr. Scott directly if you or a loved one is sick, hospitalized or shut in and wish a pastoral visit and prayers. Please let us know the best way to respond: whether you wish prayers, Holy Communion or simply a visit. While we have a limited number of Lay Eucharistic Visitors and clergy who can respond, we will do our best to see that you get appropriate spiritual care.—Fr. Scott

## Pick up a Lenten Devotional Booklet

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has published its 2012 *Lenten Meditations*. This year's devotional provides a particular emphasis on promoting health and fighting disease while preparing ourselves for healing. The daily readings are co-authored by a group of leaders from across the Episcopal Church, who bring a range of perspectives as they reflect on Scripture and other sources of spiritual wisdom.



The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, has declared the first Sunday in Lent **Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday**. Jefferts Schori encourages Episcopalians in congregations across the country to use the first Sunday in Lent to engage with Episcopal Relief and Development during this traditional season of almsgiving.

"As Lent begins, I encourage you to include Episcopal Relief and Development in your giving as you consider how to care more deeply for those in need," said Jefferts Schori. "Episcopal Relief and Development's work with disasters... and ongoing development work... is care-filled and effective."

### Lenten Discussion Series

Wednesday Nights

7:00—8:00 pm

=====The book for the 2012 Lenten discussion is: "Why is there a Menorah on the Altar? – Jewish Roots of Christian Worship" by Meredith Gould. We'll cover all six chapters (Chapter 1 – Reading Scripture; Chapter 2 – History Matters; Chapter 3 – Worship; Chapter 4 – Baptism; Chapter 5 – Holy Communion, and Chapter 6 – Confirmation) during the five weeks in Lent (Chapters 1 & 2 will be discussed at the first session on February 29th). The books are available for purchase (\$20.00) in the bookstore. We do have permission to make enlarged copies of the book, as needed, with proof of individual purchase. Please talk to LindaCarol McKinlay if you have any questions.=====

### Do you shop on-line?

Check out the church's homepage at <http://www.staidans-gresham.org/> to see how you can help raise funds for the church by shopping on-line with our business partners. Questions? Call Mark Jones at 503.866.5572



### TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship

Dear Ladies,

February's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the kitchen of Murdock Hall. This is a time to just get together and chat, drink tea, laugh and enjoy each other's company. I'll bring some treats and the tea; feel free to bring a treat to share. It was nice to have Leslie Hirsch join us in January. We had some good laughs! WE ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS TO ST. AIDAN'S TO JOIN US. Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-8242.

There is no trouble so great or grave that cannot be much diminished by a nice cup of tea.

Bernard-Paul Heroux  
Baroque Philosopher 1900's



### Crab Feed Update

The seating dates are:

February 15 (Wednesday) — one session

— basically sold out

February 16 (Thursday) — two sessions

— the later one has a little space

February 17 (Friday) — two sessions

— basically sold out

February 18 (Saturday) — three sessions

— the last one has a little space

Tim Keady, Jean Jeppeson-Keady and Amanda Crawford meet on Tuesdays to sort tickets, mail tickets, make reservations, and other assorted details. If you still need to order a ticket, please check with them. As things are "heating up" they are spending extra days and time, purchasing supplies, etc. The crab order will go in on Wednesday, February 1. If there is anything in the freezers it must be removed by the time the crab arrives.

We still have lots of openings for volunteers-- sign up in the parish hall at your convenience

**Happy Birthday** — Because time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year: The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again.

02 Barry Anderson

04 Stephen Achilles

Julie Kyer

Donovan Sartwell

06 Elaine Carolin

08 Triss Pfeiffer

09 Mary Anderson

15 Ned Agler

Jeanne Pinkerton

20 B.J. Pietzold



### NADAKA NATURE PARK

#### Where we Nurture Nature, Food and Families

The plans to improve the park and develop the two acre area formerly known as the Nelson Property are proceeding and progressing with the cooperation of many enthusiastic parties. Eighteen non-profit organizations, including the City of Gresham, (and St. Aidan's) have each signed a Declaration of Cooperation which promises participation and/or sponsorship in whatever way fits their capabilities.

Individuals and groups have drawn together in order to bring to fruition the City approved master plan and the five year operations and maintenance plan. Removal of invasive species, and planting of desirable trees and shrubs in the park has been carried out by volunteers on an ongoing basis. Development of the addition to the south will include community gardens, a nature based play area, fruit trees and shrubs, picnic area, restroom, and rain garden. All this requires upfront funding for building and maintenance before ground can be broken, and to this end grants and donations are being sought. There are some very dedicated people applying for grants from different foundations and organizations; a procedure which is detailed and time consuming, but due to their diligence they have already been successful in being awarded a portion of the amount needed. The many volunteer hours that have been put in over the last two or three years have counted towards matching funds in some instances.

Obviously all this will not happen overnight, but I am so very impressed with the enthusiasm and energy being demonstrated by those involved in this project. Not only will the neighborhood have access to a place to grow their own food, but the park provides a green space for them to walk, play, and to learn to appreciate nature close to their homes.

Gloria Trunk, Member of



# The Book Corner

February 2012



St. Aidan's Bookstore is open most Sundays between services from 8:45 to 9:15 am & after the 10 am service until noon.

**Celtic Christian Spirituality – Earle**

> The Celtic Christians beheld the world around them and perceived the divine life of God upholding every aspect of the material universe. In this introduction to Celtic Christian spirituality, Mary C. Earle presents some of the essential texts from the Celtic Christian tradition. Earle's engaging facing-page commentary explores how faithful Christians and spiritual seekers use the writings of this lively tradition as ways of embodying and living the gospel. Topics include:

- \* Creation
- \* Daily life and work
- \* Incarnation
- \* Pilgrimage
- \* Praise
- \* Social justice
- \* Prayer

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**Colorful Creation - Moore**

> From a shuddering, juddering, bubbling muddle of mud, God created a colorful creation, a gift to treasure and care for. This book is a feast of sound and color, awe and wonder, with a few surprises along the way. This modern take on the classic story of Creation, is approached with creativity, joy, and wonder. Perfect reading tool for children 5 to 9, but also is an easy read-along for Sunday schools, libraries, and bedtime at home.

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**How Does God Make Things Happen? – Kushner**

> To young children, the world is full of things to see and touch. And by using those very examples, this enchanting book gently invites children to become aware of God's presence all around us. We read books to our children about letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and safety, but do we give their minds the early food they need to think about life's bigger questions? As spiritual development experts now tell us, each child develops an image of God by age 5, with or without religious instruction. This boardbook takes you and your child on an imaginative journey designed to help you open not only your child's mind, but your child's heart and soul as well.

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**The Liturgical Year: a journey of the soul through the map of Christian Time – Chittister**

> This book sets out to open what may at first seem to be simply an arbitrary arrangement of ancient holy days or liturgical seasons to their essential relationship to one another and their ongoing meaning to us today. It proposes, year after year, to immerse us over and over again into the sense and substance of the Christian life until, eventually, we become what we say we are-followers of Jesus all the way to the heart of God. It is an adventure in human growth and an exercise in spiritual ripening.

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**Made for Goodness and Why This Makes All the Difference - Tutu**

> Over the years the same questions get asked of Desmond Tutu, the archbishop, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and veteran of the moral movement that ended apartheid in South Africa: "How can you be so hopeful after witnessing so much evil?" "Why are you so sure goodness will triumph in the end?" This book is his answer. In it we get a glimpse into his personal spirituality—and a better understanding of the man behind a lifetime of good works. Written with his daughter, Episcopal priest Mpho Tutu, Tutu engages his reader with touching stories from his own life, as well as grisly memories from his work in the darkest corners of the world.

**Sacred Breath: Forty Days of Centering Prayer – Muyskens**

> When life takes an unexpected turn that leaves you reeling, sometimes you have to remind yourself to just breathe. But God is closer than the air you breathe. Grounded in scripture and Christian tradition, *Sacred Breath* walks you through the practice of Centering Prayer and helps you breathe in deeply the presence of God. Learn how to present yourself to God in silence twice a day without any agenda. Forty days of practical, encouraging meditations will help you get started in the rich experience of living in the awareness of God's love. *Sacred Breath* includes scriptures, breathing exercises, and an outline for group meetings.

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**The Three Trees – Pasquali**

> A tale of hope and faith for Christmas, Easter, and always. Three trees on a hill each dream of greatness: to be made into a treasure chest, a proud ship, and to point to heaven. Their initial hopes dashed by the humble uses made of their wood (a trough, a fishing-boat, and a cross), they come to realize their essential roles in the life of a great though unnamed king. Familiar biblical images such as the manger scene, Jesus calming the storm, and the crucifixion take on new resonance when narrated from the trees' perspectives. It's a somber and evocative rendition of the gospel story. Ages 5 to 7.

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**Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life – Armstrong**

> In this important and thought-provoking work, Karen Armstrong—one of the most original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world—provides a practical and impassioned guide to helping us make the world a more compassionate place. The twelve steps she suggests begin with "Learn about Compassion," and closes with "Love Your Enemies." In between, she takes up self-love, mindfulness, suffering, sympathetic joy, the limits of our knowledge of others, and "concern for everybody." Learning to become a compassionate human being is a lifelong project and a journey filled with rewards.

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**What We Do in Church: an Anglican Child's Activity Book – Kitch**

> The wonderful sights, sounds, and smells of the Anglican liturgy can engage the imagination of young children and draw them into enthusiastic worship. But it can be a bit confusing as well. Through the interactive games and puzzles in this fun-filled activity book, children ages 4-7 can grow to a deeper understanding of Anglican worship life. The 40 one-page activities are followed by a four-page parent guide designed to promote parenting in the pews and offer tips for parents and other educators using these activities with children.

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**A Year with Aslan: Daily Reflections – Lewis / Roller**

> By pondering the world of Narnia, we can better understand our own. In the first book of its kind, *A Year with Aslan* offers 365 of the most thought-provoking passages from all seven of C.S. Lewis' books, paired with reflective questions that get at the heart of what matters most. An unprecedented way to experience the magic of Narnia every day of the year, *A Year with Aslan* allows us all to go "Further up and further in!"

*LindaCarol McKimlay* ☺

# Servants Serving the Servants of God — February

*If you are unable to serve on a particular occasion:*

1. Please make arrangements for a substitute, *and*
2. Please Notify Rob Stoltz, Parish Administrator, in the church office:  
*by email, staidans@pacifier.com or phone (503) 252-6128.*

**February 5 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; Usher, Tim Keady; Lector; Tim Keady.**

**10:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; Deacon in Training, Coleen Howard; LEM 2, Marilyn Pierik; Lector 1, Mark Pinkerton, Lector 2, Patrick Hoye; Usher 1, Mark Pinkerton; Usher 2, Rebecca Wirkkala; Ambassador, Cathy Hoye; Coffee Hour, Gurney's and Rebecca Wirkkala; Pacific Gardens: Sharon Barney and Pierik's; Altar Guild, B.J. Pietzold, Sharon Weese and Noriko Sutton; Counters, Barry and Claire Anderson; Building Closers, NONE ASSIGNED, VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.**

**February 12 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Paul Koksha; Usher, Bill Pratt**

**10:00 am Service — Server, Tammie Sartwell; LEM 1, Byron McKinlay; LEM 2, Linda Hammond; Lector 1, Patrick Hoye; Lector 2, Gloria Trunk; Usher 1, Rebecca Wirkkala; Usher 2, Cathy Hoye; Ambassador, B. J. Pietzold; Coffee Hour Hosts, Pratt's, Sharon Weese, Diane Dempsey; Altar Guild, Shirley Pratt, Charlotte Dennett, Marlene Lucas and Mary Hamilton; Counters, Pat Rose and Sharon Barney; Building Closers, NONE ASSIGNED, VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.**

**February 19 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; Usher, George DeWitz.**

**10:00 am Service — Server, Donovan Sartwell; Deacon in Training, Coleen Howard; LEM 2, Rebecca Wirkkala; Lector 1, Chuck Howard; Lector 2, Lyman Houk; Usher 1, Cathy Hoye; ; Usher 2, Barry Anderson; Ambassador, Marilyn Freeman; Coffee Hour Hosts, Triss Pfeiffer and Gloria Trunk; Altar Guild, Linda Hammond, Jan Iseli, Mary Anderson; Counters, Rachel Hayashi and Jeanne Pinkerton; Building Closers, NONE ASSIGNED, VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.**

**February 26 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Paul Koksha; Usher, Lloyd Johnston; Lector: Lloyd Johnston.**

**10:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; LEM 1, Byron McKinlay; LEM 2, Marilyn Pierik; Lector 1, Sharon Barney; Lector 2, Cynthia Rauscher; Usher 1, Barry Anderson; Usher 2, Mark Pinkerton; Ambassador, Cathy Hoye; Coffee Hour Hosts, Hoye's; Altar Guild, Diane Dempsey, Betsy Berninghausen and Doris Fisher; Counters, Valerie and Chris Greenaway; Building Closers, NONE ASSIGNED, VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.**

**March 4 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; Usher, Tim Keady; Lector; Tim Keady.**

**10:00 am Service — Server, Tammie Sartwell; Deacon in Training, Coleen Howard; LEM 2, Linda Hammond; Lector 1, Shirley Bush, Lector 2, Mark Pinkerton; Usher 1, Mark Pinkerton; Usher 2, Rebecca Wirkkala; Ambassador, B. J. Pietzold ; Coffee Hour, Lloyd Johnston, Mary Hamilton and Angie Groce; Pacific Gardens: McKinlay's; Altar Guild, B.J. Pietzold, Sharon Weese and Noriko Sutton; Counters, Charlotte Dennett and Linda Hammond; Building Closers, NONE ASSIGNED, VOLUNTEERS PLEASE.**



## THE CHURCH MOUSE - February 2012



Where has our New Year gone? We are one-twelfth finished with 2012. Recent storms convince me winter has truly arrived. Really severe weather did not hit east Multnomah County as hard as it hit other places. So far we are only on the fringes of the super dangerous stuff.. I miss my pink dogwood tree we planted on Mother's Day in

1971. It couldn't take the heavy weight of the overnight snow and split itself into four big sections. It's a reminder to me that all life is fleeting; we don't always get to choose what comes and goes in our lives.

The parish is muddling along as best we can. We talk more often about our parish survival and our need to be forward-looking. The best forward-looking innovations begun are monthly table-talks held after a slightly shorter ten o'clock mass. At a recent one, the needs of our local community were brought up. The issue of hunger in our area has been brought up before, but we have been feeling helpless to do anything about it. - **"Our boat is so small, the need so great"** - it looks as if we will have something positive to do, and provide leadership for others in our area as well. There is an article at the bottom of page outlining how we plan to provide space and organization to offer a meal for children from nearby schools (where the hunger level is between 85 and 95%). **Coleen Howard** and **Bruce Richardson** are jointly chairing a committee that plans to involve area businesses and service clubs to provide meals when there are no school lunches. The first meeting to plan how we are going to function included thirteen people—and there are others from the parish who will also be taking responsibility. Our goal is to be a lever, to help others be sure that the job gets done—we provide the space and hospitality, while others are invited to be participants in this good work. Those who attended the first meeting were: **Fr. Scott, Mike and Shirley Vidito, Sharon Barney, Jackie Goodnight, Jocelyn and Julieann, Coleen and Chuck Howard, Byron and LindaCarol McKinlay, Janet Hale, Linda Hammond and Gloria Trunk.** There is room for many more to help this idea fly; you will be hearing from these folks (and others) as the time passes. Keep this pilot program in your prayers, and put some feet to those prayers as well.

While talking with **Coleen**, she indicated that she will soon be facing the Commission on Ministry, to see if she is ready to become a candidate for ordination. If all goes well, she looks forward to finishing her classes in the fall, and then proceed to the next step. She has been doing well in those classes, so things look promising; our prayers will surely give her more spiritual power to have the wisdom to meet the standards of the committee. It is really nice to have her assisting **Fr. Scott** on a regular basis than while she was assigned to a different parish for a year!

St. Aidan's lost some long-time members since the last newsletter. Former parishioner, **Betty Brosseau** passed away in late December as did our friends **Elise Swan**, and **Louise Pfeiffer**. All three had been on our shut-

in's list, receiving bulletin announcements and readings, as well as home communion as available. Elise's daughter, **Suzanne** was here on a long-anticipated visit from Australia, and daughter **Judie** was here from Alaska, along with **Laury**, who lives in Portland. They had a good visit, and were able to say goodbye all together. In lieu of a funeral service, they had long planned an open house, in honor of Suzanne's visit, and they just extended it to receive more guests to honor their mother. Louise's memorial service was at St. Luke's Gresham at the end of January. Speaking of Australia, I see (via Facebook) that **Lorraine Crawford** is back in Australia, using her CPA skills once more. **Triss Pfeiffer** tells me that son, **Tim** was in the area for a few days, but spent most of his time visiting friends this trip. He has decided that he definitely will not re-up in the Marines, and has about a year to go.

**Ken and Kathy Olson** will be taking their winter trip to their second home in Mesa, Arizona until spring. They usually leave around Thanksgiving, but Kathy's brother in Tillamook had some medical problems and they stayed in Oregon in order to drive him back and forth to OHSU for treatment. The hard part is done now, but he is still not in very good health. **June Day** has a new address and phone number. (503-491-4725) Bonnie Buckmann is also anticipating a move, but her phone should stay the same. **Geoff Grimes (Cynthia Rauscher's son)** was proudly showing me his one-year award for staying clean and sober—he is truly to be congratulated, especially as one of his friends recently died of a heroin overdose. That's Really Scary! It was great to see **Phil Nash** come to church with his wife, **Diane**. He's been on dialysis for awhile now, and is feeling able to be out and about. (He is the big guy in the big wheelchair). If this keeps up, we are going to have to do a little something more about wheelchair parking—there were three last Sunday along with four or five walkers. we'll manage somehow. **Leslie Hirsch** has another interesting playing gig with the Wildwood Consort—she'll be playing violin AND cello on March 4 at Stonehenge Studios in Portland. She has some nice announcement cards, which she'll be happy to share. (It's music of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Scotland).

Well, that's about it for this month. Hope I'll be seeing you in church! -- CM



### **Feed My Sheep**

A group of around 15 met in the kitchen to brainstorm ways we could provide meals for children and their families when they are on break. We are planning to start this project on Spring break for the students in our neighborhood. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. If you would like to come, even if you did not attend the last meeting, we welcome you and your input.

Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
<b>February 5, 2012</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b></span>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Ireland, United Kingdom. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the St. Luke by the Sea, Waldport and St. Francis, Sweet Home as they go through the process of disbanding. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Telephone Tree volunteers.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Isaiah 40: 21-31 Psalm 147: 1-12, 21c 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 Mark 1: 29-39</p>
<b>February 12, 2012</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b></span>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the congregations of St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville; St. Mary, Woodburn; St. Alban, Albany &amp; Trinity, Ashland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Torch Editor and contributors</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27 Mark 1: 40-45</p>
<b>February 19, 2012</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b></span>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Anglican Church in Central America (Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the congregations of Grace, Astoria; St. John, Bandon; St. Bartholomew, Beaverton &amp; Holy Cross, Boring. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Acolytes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2 Kings 2: 1-12 Psalm 50: 1-6 1 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9</p>
<b>February 26, 2012</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The First Sunday in Lent</b></span>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Anglican Church in the Province of the Congo (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Church in Germany &amp; France. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the congregations of St. Timothy, Brookings; St. Matthias, Cave Junction; Emmanuel, Coos Bay &amp; St. James, Coquille. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Altar Guild.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Genesis 9: 8-17 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Peter 3 :18-22 Mark 1:9-15</p>
<b>March 4, 2012</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>The Second Sunday in Lent</b></span>	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of England. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the congregations of Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis; Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Corvallis; Samaritan Village, Corvallis and St. Anselm of Canterbury, Corvallis.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22: 22-30 Romans 4: 13-25 Mark 8: 31-38</p>
<b>Eucharistic Lectionary - Year B</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Daily Office - Year 2</b></span>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>**The Lectionary Year is Year B and the Daily office Lectionary is Year 2.</i></b></p> <p><i>The Lectionary readings are those of the Revised Common Lectionary [RCL], as adapted for The Use of The Episcopal Church. We are in Year B. St. Aidan's uses Track Two (the Gospel-related/correlated) First Reading and Psalm). Because there are two "tracks" for the first readings, there will be occasional variances from what purports to be "official." Track two is similar to the previous Lectionary that was formerly printed in The Book of Common Prayer.</i></p>	

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