

ST. AIDAN'S

*St. Aidan's Mission:
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond
our community through worship, education, and
outreach.*



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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRESHAM OREGON
NEWSLETTER:
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From The Rector's Desk

Feasting on Gratitude: Living into the Abundant Kingdom

By the time you read this, St. Aidan's will be well on its way to completing our Annual Giving Campaign. I am proud of Shirley Bush, Sharon Weese, Sharon Barney, Rebecca Wirkkala, Colleen Hatala, Patrick Hoyer Charlotte Dennett, Angie Groce, all who helped with clean-up, and all their helpers for the work they have done and continue to do. I am also proud of the Episcopal Church Center's series of meditations that you have grown to expect inserted in each week's Sunday bulletin. I hope you have read them and spent some time with the questions they pose.

We began our Campaign this year, not by asking for money, but by remembering that we also give of our time and talent. We began with a ministry fair which represented many of our ministries here at St. Aidan's. The parish hall was arranged in a very different configuration from what we have grown used to; it was arranged so your fellow parishioners could talk to you directly about a ministry in which they, themselves, are engaged. The day was a bit chaotic. It was festive. It was some added work. And we added at least five people to some of our important ministries. Donna Brady expressed interest in joining the Altar Guild, Bruce Richardson signed on with Gloria Trunk to help in the garden, Andrew Agler and Marilyn Freeman want to begin serving as Greeters/Ambassadors on Sunday mornings, and Donovan Sartwell is preparing for Confirmation to enable him to be trained and licensed to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Because this was a first-ever event in our common life, and reports are slow to come in, I do not know who else signed on for a new ministry. I guess there are more.

We have not commissioned our Stewardship Committee before, either. When we set those folks apart as leaders for this ministry in prayer and scripture, we set the Annual Giving Campaign apart, as well. We hallowed it. Our gifts are sacred as we lay them on the altar, asking God to transform them and us; asking God to make them and us instruments to make the Kingdom known, on earth as in heaven.

When Dan and Linda Martin met with our Long Range Planning Committee to discuss that work, I was skeptical of the notion of rolling the Long Range Planning process into the Stewardship process. Their suggestion was to engage in another round of Table Talk conversations, sooner rather than later. As it turns out (and all of you who were there can attest), the two turned out to

dovetail beautifully. It seemed to me that our gathering picked up steam as we made our way through the series of questions and discussion and reported back to the whole room. Perhaps the most unexpected outcome was the overwhelming wish to have these sorts of opportunities more often. One person suggested once a month after an abbreviated 10:00 am service. Perhaps, talking together and reaching consensus on so many important aspects of our common life will help us to marshal our forces better toward a common goal; to be better stewards of our important resources: our Time, Talent and Treasure.

It was exciting to see people leave our Annual Giving Campaign Kickoff Brunch energized as they were. We just wished everyone in the parish family could have shared that time together, feeling they would have truly enjoyed the experience and knowing it would be richer for their contribution. Looking back, it was a time of abundance, incarnate.

Many pledge cards remain out. We will report back, as news comes of the Campaign's progress. I am on a special lookout to see how many parishioners have taken me up on my challenge to increase their pledge by some increment toward the biblical goal of a 10% tithe of their income. As I said at our brunch, we are not trying to pledge to meet a budget, although that is eventually a necessary part of parish life. We will trust that we will have enough and more than enough of what we need to do God's work in this corner of the vineyard. That sense of plenty encompasses our time, talent and treasure. Measured by the yardstick of a budget it may not seem like plenty. But viewed through the eye of faith, it is as powerful as the widow's mite, if it is given in that same spirit. Stewardship is really about our relationship with God and with money, and during this Annual Giving Campaign, we will continue to share stories and insights about those two important parts of each of our lives.

One of those insights is that in times such as these, it is so easy to focus on scarcity instead of abundance. As Terry Parsons, one of the leading commentators on Stewardship says, "Rebuke scarcity!" Bishop Rickel, of Olympia, reflected how often we have a scarcity frame of mind, even without realizing it. He tells of having just become rector of a church. He used the restroom and noticed the stalls were outfitted with those toilet paper dispensers that only allow the user to pull one sheet of paper off at a time. It struck him that that feature arguably saved some paper, but it came from a scarcity frame of mind. That was not the message he wanted the

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church to project. That was not a tangible lesson about abundance, but scarcity. He challenges each of us to examine our lives to see where scarcity drives us and where abundance drives us. He reminds us that the Kingdom of God is all about abundance in its many forms. If we, as a church, wish to live into that Kingdom, then we must reflect abundance and rebuke scarcity.

Please keep our parish in your prayers, that this time of reflection on stewardship will be a time of transformation for us, that we may continue to live into and reflect that vision of God's reign where there is life abundant, in this life and in the life to come.

"A Thrill of Hope;

The Christmas Story in Word and Art"

This Advent and Christmas, we invite you to join in a presentation of the Christmas story in art and discovery entitled "A Thrill of Hope". This program features DVD



discussions about the themes of six pieces of art by painter and printmaker John August Swanson. The artworks featured constitute a series known as "the Birth

Narrative". You will enjoy the finely detailed, brilliantly colored prints and commentary from Bible scholars and professors of preaching from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. This class is from 9:10am to 9:40am on the Sundays leading up to and following Christmas Day, as noted below.

Each short chapter features a passage of scripture, commentary by the scholars and a work of art by the artist. Discussion follows each presentation. The chapters (or works under consideration) are: 1. 'A Visit', 2. 'The Nativity', 3. 'The Shepherds', 4. 'Epiphany', 5. 'Presentation in the Temple', and 6. 'Flight into Egypt'.

Schedule

1. 'A Visit', December 4, 2011
2. 'The Nativity', December 11, 2011
3. 'The Shepherds', December 18, 2011
Christmas/New Year Break
4. 'Epiphany', January 8, 2012
5. 'Presentation in the Temple', January 15, 2012
6. 'Flight into Egypt', January 22, 2012

Children's Christmas Store

We are collecting new and gently used items for the children's store. Give donations or money to Sharon Barney.

Help Support SnowCap

SnowCap is a philanthropic organization created to provide food, clothes, advocacy, and other services for the poor.



We at St. Aidan's are proud of our long association with SnowCap. We collect money, food and clothing to help SnowCap provide for the neediest of our local citizens here in Rockwood and greater Gresham.

SnowCap is now serving almost 10,000 people each month and is running very close to empty each month. SnowCap needs all kinds of food, but especially wholesome foods that promote good growth and health. The people who come to food banks are often disabled, ill or otherwise in a weakened condition. Their ability to bounce back depends on many things, but good health is an essential foundation for all of them. Let's all try to do the best we can for our recession ravaged neighbors.

SNOWCAP WISH LIST

Canned meat and fish, Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, and applesauce are all good); gas cards to fill the SnowCap truck; big bags of rice—25 or even 50 lbs. is OK; baby formula; pull-top canned food (for the homeless); reusable, strong shopping bags with handles for clients to carry home their food; Zip-loc and paper bags of all sizes; dry beans of all shapes, sizes and colors; Clean Blankets; Peanut Butter; Can openers and cooking equipment; Bath soap for the shower room; Laundry soap to launder donated clothes. Fresh milk—when your grocer offers two gallons for the price of one, bring the extra gallon to SnowCap Making use of promotions could feed lots of families at very little cost to you. Baby formula and baby food are especially needed! SnowCap cannot buy baby formula and food at a discount—it's not available. **Buy Scrip for your Favorite Grocery Store!** Clip coupons, watch the sales, and use a Scrip card to buy nourishing food for SnowCap!

To donate non-perishable food items at St. Aidan's, place them in the *Feed My Sheep* basket in the Narthex, and they will be delivered to SnowCap by faithful stewards Ron and Mary Salter.



Christmas Season Giving Tree.

Each year, The Giving Tree is placed in Murdock Hall with cards hung with suggestions for Christmas Gifts for needy children. The tree will appear in late November. The concept is to take a card, note the suggested gift, and either take it with you, or return it to the tree. Upon bringing the unwrapped gift and placing it under the tree, return the card to the container also under the tree, and select an ornament to replace that card on the tree. These gifts will be taken to Snow Cap on December 19. (Last two years, I fully loaded my car's sizable trunk and backseat.) Have a merry holiday time, everyone!!

Ron Salter

*Our Deacon-in-training, Coleen Howard delivered the Sermon on 23 November. Several parishioners asked for a copy. Coleen asked that it be printed in this month's edition of **THE TORCH***

ARE WE THERE YET?

As good Christians and parishioners, we come together during this special time of year known as "stewardship." But what does this mean? Our theme this year is, "Feasting on Gratitude." Part of the feasting means taking care of our parish. We know it means digging into our pockets to help take care of the business side of our church. To pay our bills. To pay our Rector and to help with inside church programs as well as outreach.

However there is a second part to this thing called "stewardship". The second part is not the tangible aspect. It is the part that comes directly from the heart. It's kind of like the parents taking the kids on a trip. Kids get bored and constantly ask, "Are we there yet?" um – are we there yet with our stewardship?

I want to relate some stories to you. They are true stories. The first story happened around 1900 – a century ago – it happened to a little boy who started Kindergarten. On the way home from school one day, he was approached by some boys older and who thought they were wiser. This child was beaten because he was a German. They were Italian and Irish. The beatings continued until he no longer went to school until First Grade. He went with his older brothers then and nobody bothered him again.

The second story concerns a little girl. She played with her friends at school and at home. One day she came to school looking different than anyone else in school. She was wearing glasses. At that time, glasses were not acceptable. Her best friend's mother told this child not to worry that just because she is now ugly now she would pretty when she grew up. Oh yeah. That was a big help.

Just one more story and you'll see when you ask, "Are we there yet!" The third story is also about a child. This child was not beaten physically and did not wear glasses. However, he was deeply wounded as were many others. The wounds were from actions, stink-eye looks and told he was not good enough and could never because his problem, if you will, was because he was a boy and not a girl. His teacher did not like little boys. She made it clear to the boys they were not welcomed in her classroom. This particular child was overcome with emotion inside. He began to stutter. He became difficult to understand. Of course, he did not want to go to school. The teacher was removed. Damage was done to 26 little kids, boys and girls. The good news: the next year this child loved his teacher. Kept saying how beautiful she was and he loved her. She loved him. She was not young, in fact, she was retirement age. She had grey hair, wrinkles in her face and a beautiful light that shined in her blue eyes. By the end of the school term, this particular little boy had almost stopped stuttering and the change in him with that love and caring was dramatic. These three stories I related to you are true and left deep wounds that took years to heal. The first little boy is my father. The ugly little girl is me and the boy who stuttered is my son.

We are all God's children. All of us have been wounded from time to time by the action, or reaction, or non-action of

others towards us. But today's readings give us hope to let us know that even if we are not "there yet," we are on our way by doing our best to follow the laws of God.

In today's Collect we pray concerning the "gifts of faith, hope and charity." In Leviticus God gives us direction as a parent speaking to a child of what you shall do and what you shall not do, and the last line says "you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

The Psalm is all about doing the right thing and those who do not will be punished.

In 1 Thessalonians the Apostles talk about their love and caring of their brothers and sisters in Christ "like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children." Wow. Are WE there yet?

Then we get to Matthew and he just lays it out to us. The first two Commandments leave no question in the mind or the heart, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

God doesn't stop there. The second is like unto it and says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.....Are we there yet?

Well, let's take a look at St. Aidan's wonderful web site. I really love what this says about who we are and what we want to accomplish. "We welcome and invite into St. Aidan's parish all people who seek to love God in an open and supportive community based upon the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. We especially welcome people WHO FEEL THEY MAY NOT BE WELCOME IN A CHURCH.Now that's really wonderful. Those who are not welcome somewhere else can come here and when they ask, "Are we there yet?" We can answer with a big "Yes. Welcome!"....And when we continue on and it says, "We confess that as a community we are not already perfected in love. We seek to become more fully loving and we WELCOME ALL WHO WISH TO JOIN US IN THIS JOURNEY."

St. Aidan's Mission Statement certainly sends us into our surrounding community to love and cherish each and every person since we are ALL God's children. Listen to this: "Spread the Promise of Jesus Christ in and BEYOND our community through worship, education fellowship and outreach."

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I love what you say. May we increase our outreach stewardship this year and by this time next year we will be much closer to God in love and charity.

When we hear, "Are we there yet?" We will have the right answer and we can add that we are "feasting on gratitude." Amen

Coleen Howard
Liturgy Class Sermon
October 21, 2011

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



The Book Corner

November 2011



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

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All Things Bright and Beautiful – Armed only with gloriously hued colored paper and his mother's embroidery scissors, renowned artist Ashley Bryan captures the mightiest whales and the most delicate blossoms, pearls of grapes and grins of children in the homage to Cecil F. Alexander's beloved hymn, which is performed by choirs around the world.

Ages 2-5

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Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy – A definitive, deeply moving narrative, Bonhoeffer is a story of moral courage in the face of the monstrous evil that was Nazism. After discovering the fire of true faith in a Harlem church, Bonhoeffer returned to Germany and became one of the first to speak out against Hitler. As a double-agent, he joined the plot to assassinate the Fuhrer, and was hanged in Flossenberg concentration camp at age 39. Since his death, Bonhoeffer has grown to be one of the most fascinating, complex figures of the 20th century.

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A Dangerous Dozen: 12 Christians who threatened the status quo but taught us to live like Jesus

– Change is never easy, and it is most threatening to those in institutional power, whether in society or the Church. Yet there are times when transformation is sorely needed, and it usually takes "troublemakers" to help bring it about. This book explores twelve of these fascinating--at times, intimidating--men and women. These Christian change agents were not afraid to challenge structures that would divide and repress, showing the world a different way of living.

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| Paul of Tarsus | Sojourner Truth |
| Mary Magdalene | Dorothy Day |
| Origen of Alexandria | Dietrich Bonhoeffer |
| Francis of Assisi | Janani Luwum |
| Hildegard of Bingen | Oscar Romero |
| Thomas Cranmer | K.H. Ting |

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Genesis People – This is a middle school reader for book-lovers of all ages telling stories for all time about the everyday folk in the everyday world of the first book of the Bible.

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The Little Prince – An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life. Richard Howard's new translation of the beloved classic-published to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's birthday - beautifully reflects Saint-Exupéry's unique and gifted style.

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Riding the Dragon: 10 lessons for inner strength in challenging times –Don't slay your dragons, learn to ride them! Drawing on Easter and Western traditions, psychologist and best-selling author Robert Wicks offers encouragement to engage your problems and grow through them, to ride those dragons rather than slay them or drive them back into the cave.

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Stars – Mary Lyn Ray celebrates all the different aspects of stars, from stars that sparkle in the night sky to the ones that shine within each and every one of us. And Marla Frazee brings the joy of stars to life with her signature breathtaking art. *The Star Book* is sure to be a treasured read by stars of all ages.

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This Will be Remembered of Her: stories of women reshaping the world – Megan McKenna juxtaposes biblical women and contemporary women, exploring the reasons why each has been remembered throughout time. In the end, her most important question is asked of readers: how will you be remembered?

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We Plan, God Laughs: What to do when life hits you over the head – The old Yiddish proverb, "We plan, God laughs," expresses a truth everyone can relate to. At every stage of life we make plans, setting out where we want to go and imagining what we will be like when we have "arrived." But things have a way of turning out not quite as we hoped or expected. In this book, Ms. Hirsch argues that too often our plans are limited to ones we think up at bedtime, or are devised by our parents, or by what looks good on a résumé. Addressing serious spiritual issues, Hirsch takes readers through ten basic steps for formulating a plan that reflects who we are now and who we want to be—a plan that is alive, organic, and in sync with God.

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Wisdom from the Middle Ages for Middle-Aged Women – This book is particularly relevant because it looks at the issues that directly affect most middle-aged women: empty nest, career changes, relationships, as well as physical and spiritual questions. Using famous spiritual women (Julian of Norwich, Hildegard of Bingen, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Claire of Assisi, and more) from the Middle Ages, it looks at what they said and how this relates to middle age. All have something to offer the middle-aged women of today.

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(NOTE: I do my best to select books that cost \$20 or less. Also, if you are interested in a previously listed title, I can order it for you. I have copies of all the "Book Corner" pages)

LindaCarol McKinlay ☺

Servants Serving the Servants of God — November

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.

November 6 — 8:00 am Server, Byron McKinlay; **Usher**, Tim Keady; **Lector**, Tim Keady

10:00 am Service — Server, Donovan Sartwell; **LEM 1**, Chuck Kyer; **LEM 2**, Coleen Howard; **Lector 1**, Youth/Lyman Houk, **Lector 2**, Youth/Sharon Barney; **Usher 1**, Youth/Cathy Hoye; **Usher 2**, Youth; **Ambassador**, Cathy Hoye; **Coffee Hour**, Leslie Hirsch, Triss Pfeiffer, Gloria Trunk; **Pacific Gardens**: All Saint's Day — No Service **Altar Guild**, B.J. Pietzold, Colleen Hatala, Sharon Weese and Noriko Sutton; **Counters**, Charlotte Dennett and Linda Hammond; **Building Closers**, Sharon Weese and Byron McKinlay.

November 13 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Paul Koksha; **Usher**, Bill Pratt.

10:00 am Service — Server, Tammie Sartwell; **LEM 1**, Byron McKinlay; **LEM 2**, Chuck Kyer; **Lector 1**, Cynthia Rauscher; **Lector 2**, Dan Hatala; **Usher 1**, Barry Anderson; **Usher 2**, Cathy Hoye; **Ambassador**, June Day; **Coffee Hour Hosts**, Hatala's, Pat Rose; **Altar Guild**, Shirley Pratt, Charlotte Dennett, Marlene Lucas and Mary Hamilton; **Counters**, Shirley Bush and Tammie Sartwell; **Building Closers**, Rebecca Wirkkala and Sharon Barney.

November 20 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; **Usher**, Lloyd Johnston; **Lector**, Lloyd Johnston.

10:00 am Service — Server, Chuck Kyer; **LEM 1**, Chuck Kyer; **LEM 2**, Coleen Howard; **Lector 1**, Mark Pinkerton **Lector 2**, Chuck Howard; **Usher 1**, Mark Pinkerton ; **Usher 2**, Cathy Hoye; **Ambassador**, B.J. Pietzold; **Coffee Hour Hosts**, WINTERGARDEN — (Food for Sale, Support St. Aidan's) ; ; **Altar Guild**, Linda Hammond, Jan Iseli, Mary Anderson and Doris Fisher; **Counters**, Leslie Hirsch and Barbara Lambert; **Building Closers**, Patrick Hoye and Byron McKinlay.

November 27 — 8:00 am Server, Paul Koksha, **Usher**, George DeWitz; **Lector**, George DeWitz.

10:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; **LEM 1**, Byron McKinlay; **LEM 2**, Marilyn Pierik; **Lector 1**, Sharon Barney; **Lector 2**, Leslie Hirsch; **Usher 1**, Cathy Hoye; **Usher 2**, Barry Anderson; **Ambassador**, Cathy Hoye; **Coffee Hour Hosts**, Lloyd Johnston, Mary Hamilton and Angie Groce **Altar Guild**, Diane Dempsey, Julie Kyer, Betsy Berninghausen and Doris Fisher; **Counters**, Barry and Claire Anderson ; **Building Closers**, Mike Vidito and Shirley Bush.

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

10:00 am Service — Server, Chuck Kyer; **LEM 1**, Chuck Kyer; **LEM 2**, Coleen Howard; **Lector 1**, Shirley Bush; **Lector 2**, LindaCarol McKinlay; **Usher 1**, Youth/Barry Anderson; **Usher 2**, Youth; **Ambassador**, June Day; **Coffee Hour Hosts**, Gurney's and Rebecca Wirkkala; **Pacific Gardens**, McKinlay's; **Altar Guild**, B.J. Pietzold, Colleen Hatala, Sharon Weese and Noriko Sutton; **Counters**, Greenaway's; **Building Closers**, John Gurney and Sharon Weese.

Don't forget to change your clocks!

UpstARTpdx



The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon is supporting **UpstARTpdx** (a ministry of St. David of Wales in SE Portland) in a huge collection drive at the Diocesan Convention, November 10-12 in Salem. We ask that you clean out your jewelry box and your craft stash and bring what you don't need to the church on November 6. Rebecca Wirkkala will get it to the right place.

THE CHURCH MOUSE — November 2011



The leaves are beautiful this time of year. Despite the clean up work, I relish the days when the sun comes out and brightens the colorful world with it's special autumn light. **Gloria Trunk** is still finding a few autumn-ish plants in our garden for cooking. It's with great pride that we can also report that she took over 170 pounds of produce to SnowCap,

along with sharing some of our bountiful produce with parishioners during the past summer. The weather was mostly something to sneeze at, but not so good for tomatoes. Back to SnowCap, I talked with **Ron Salter**, who gathers up our food offerings from the narthex each week. I hope you've noticed the basket near the door that says "feed my sheep." He gets about 15 pounds per week of items to share with the hungry. He said that it was better in the past — closer to 20 pounds per week. I don't often remember to bring things to put in that basket; people need all kinds of things to eat (and brush their teeth, and wash their clothes, etc.) A big thank you to Ron for his faithful service here, and WE CAN DO BETTER! It's good for a church of our size to contribute to the work of an established agency or two than for us to reinvent the wheel. I am so grateful to the administrative services of the SnowCap administrator, workers and board for the work they do in this community.

Another ministry that our church supports is farther east at the Zarephath ministries, Zarephath Kitchen and Zarephath Pantry. You remember the story in the Old Testament about the Widow from Zarephath who fed Elijah with a bit of oil and flour for a long period of time, and neither the flour nor the oil was ever used up. This ministry was founded over twenty years ago by Gresham churches, and housed at Trinity Lutheran because they had a house available [for using it]. They were also the site for SnowCap for many years until the current facility on Stark Street was built. When SnowCap left, they continued using the space for Z Pantry instead (**Valerie Greenaway** often helps them). There are four larger congregations who each serve in the kitchen one day per week. I know that St. Henry's Catholic and Trinity Lutheran are two of the churches. Fridays are served by a rotating group of smaller congregations. The Episcopalians get the **third Friday**. In October we had a wonderful team of people from our congregation along with their friends and relatives. We welcomed **Ken** and **Kathy Olsen**, and **Kathy's sister, Linda**, along with **Marlene Haldors, Donna Brady, Joyce Burley, Judie Cox, Elaine Carolin, Marilyn DeWitz, Marilyn Pierik, Bill** and **Shirley Pratt**, and **Dick Dowsett**, along with a few people that just came in to work. — Some weeks it's more of a struggle, but it was good we had such a good crew because we served over 200 meals (counting a few seconds). We were busy!

We live in a hungry world. In our neighborhood about 80% of the children at H.B. Lee School are on the lunch program, and do not look forward to school vacations, because their food is limited. It's a problem.

Our next MOVIE NIGHT, on November 4; is sponsored by our YOUTH GROUP. Bring a can of food, get

free popcorn. I recommend two or three cans, who knows how much popcorn you might get??? Thanks to Junior Warden **John Gurney** and Sr. Warden, **Patrick Hoyer** for leading the charge on this effort.

Here and there about the parish, I hear that **Marlene Haldors** recently got back from a splendid trip to the Grand Canyon, where she traveled with her brother. **Donna Brady** has joined the Altar Guild. **Sandy Cummins** has moved to an apartment in Fairview — she needs more space after giving up her big house, but has to wait for the right place to be available.

We enjoy seeing our Deacon-in-Training, **Coleen Howard** back at OUR altar, instead of somewhere else. I really enjoyed and was challenged by her sermon in late October. I'm so proud of her. **Leslie Hirsch** played in a concert by the Portland Chamber Orchestra. We're lucky to have such a talented person in our midst. There's also the Mt. Hood Pops Orchestra, which plays in East County at MHCC. **Marilyn Pierik** still labors as manager of that group as well as playing viola there. **Betty Jo Pietzold** is also playing with that group, and **Pat Rose** is on the Board of Directors. Speaking of **Pat**, she is recovering from knee surgery. When we last talked she was at Marquis Care Center on 202nd. She's hoping to be home soon, and looking forward to getting well enough to have surgery on the other knee.

Our Stewardship Campaign needs to be successful. I believe that our cup is half full rather than half empty, but ALL need to do our part. Long before I knew about Daughters of the King, I was taught part of their slogan: [*"I am only one — but I AM One. I cannot do everything, but I can do SOMETHING, and what I can do, by the grace of God, I will do."*]. We can all do better!

Look forward to WINTERGARDEN. NOVEMBER 19 and 20. See the information elsewhere in **The Torch**. Gotta Run. More next month — CM



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

Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
November 6, 2011 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 27 – All Saints	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for work of the Church in Ughelli - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of St. Barnabas, Portland; St. David of Wales, Portland; St. Gabriel the Archangel, Portland; St. Matthew, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for Operations Team especially the Building maintenance crew.</p>	<p>Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Benedicam Dominum 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12</p>
November 13, 2011 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 28	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for work of the Church in Uyo - (Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of St. David of Wales, Portland; St. Gabriel the Archangel, Portland; St. John the Baptist, Portland; St. Matthew, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for Operations Team especially the Grounds maintenance crew.</p>	<p>Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 Domine, refugium 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30</p>
November 20, 2011 The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 29 – Christ the King	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for work of the Church in the State of Virginia - (Province III, USA). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of St. Michael & All Angels, Portland; St. Philip the Deacon, Portland; St. Stephen, Portland; Trinity Cathedral, Portland. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the operation of our Bookstore.</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Venite, exultemus Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46</p>
November 27, 2011 ** The First Sunday of Advent	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for work of the Church in Wellington, New Zealand. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Liberia, Sierra Leone. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of William Temple House, Portland; and the congregations of St. Paul, Powers; Good Shepherd, Prospect; Ascension, Riddle. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Daughters of the King.</p>	<p>Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Qui regis Israel 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37</p>
December 4, 2011 The Second Sunday of Advent	
<p>In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for work of the Church Western Izon a Province of Bendel, Nigeria. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the church in Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the congregations of St. George, Roseburg; Prince of Peace, Salem; St. Paul, Salem; St. Timothy, Salem. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Education team, especially the Church School.</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Benedixisti, Domine 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8</p>
Eucharistic Lectionary - Year A Daily Office Lectionary – Year 1	
<p><i>**The Lectionary Year changes to Year B on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27 and the Daily office Lectionary changes to Year 2 on that same date.</i></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 A (the year of Matthew). 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>	

Commission for the Poor & Homeless Fund: Congregations supporting congregations

The Fund for the Poor and Homeless was established by the Diocese of Oregon decades ago to help fund congregation-based ministry designed to alleviate the suffering of our underserved populations and to address the systemic causes of poverty. By pooling resources, not only are necessary operating funds provided,



ed, churches throughout western Oregon are shown that their efforts are supported by the diocese.

The fund is dependent on congregations for support. The major source of funding is the Thanksgiving Offering, Sunday, November 20. Offering

Envelopes will be included in the bulletin.

This year, the Commission for the Poor and Homeless (CPH), which administers the Fund, received grant applications from 23 projects. As the Commission reviewed the requests, they were inspired by all the work being done. Throughout the Diocese of Oregon, Episcopalians are feeding children who are hungry, housing families without homes, clothing people who have little, providing medical and dental care to adults who have no health benefits, and offering hospitality to women whose options are limited. People are doing what they can to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Unlike in years past, this year there were only enough resources to fund 55 percent of the amount requested. Choosing among so many wonderful programs was truly difficult. The commission decided it was important to support as many projects as possible, even at a reduced level.

This year's grant recipients are:

Ascension, Riddle: South Douglas Food Bank
Christ Church, Lake Oswego: Potluck in the Park
Emmanuel, Coos Bay: Ecumenical Emergency Food
Episcopal Church Ministry, University of Oregon:
Students Helping Students
Grace, Astoria: Grace Episcopal Church Hunger
Ministries
Holy Spirit, Sutherlin: Sutherlin/Oakland Emergency
Pantry
St. Andrew, Portland: St. Andrew Episcopal Pantry
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Manzanita: Grub Club
St. David of Wales, Portland: New City Initiative and
UpstARTpdx (formerly Sweet Notions)
St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukie: Feed the Hungry
St. Martin, Lebanon: Personal Care Kits
St. Martin, Shady Cove: St. Martin's Food Pantry
St. Mary, Eugene: Saturday Breakfast
St. Matthew, Eugene: Home Starter Kits
St. Matthew, Portland: Rahab's Sisters Monthly Meal
St. Matthias, Cave Junction: Harvest Kitchen
St. Michael & All Angels, Portland:
Adopt-a-Family Project
St. Paul, Salem: Helping Hands Resources
Trinity, Ashland: The Listening Post

St. Stephen, Portland: St. Stephen's Table
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The Reign of Christ

The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 20, is a celebration of endings. It marks the conclusion of the church calendar, which is denoted not by secular marks like months or holidays, but by events in the life of Jesus Christ.

The calendar gives us an opportunity to travel Christ's journey on a cyclical basis; each year we repeat the feast days that mark significant events in Christ's life, occasions like Christmas, Epiphany, Palm Sunday, and Easter. We discover, from year to year, how our understanding of these events deepen, bringing us closer to God.

As we conclude this holy calendar, so we also finish the season after Pentecost. This will be the last Sunday in which we will see the vibrant green vestments of growth.

We inaugurate a new church year with the purple vestments of Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christ's birth.

Just as the Feast of the Reign of Christ marks the conclusion of our calendar year, this feast day also asks us to reflect on the final goal of our own spiritual journeys, to ask what it means to see Jesus in glory, to participate in the Messiah's reign, to learn what Christ asks of us. Therefore the readings offer us glimpses of Jesus' glory in conjunction with the role set for us as followers and members of this dominion. As we follow the lessons of Christ's life throughout the year, we learn that his sovereignty, true sovereignty, is not an exercise of power, but a life of service.

**WINTERGARDEN BAZAAR will be
NOVEMBER 19 and 20**

Wintergarden hours are from 9 am to 3 pm on Friday, November 19 and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, November 20.

Lunch will be provide by Sharon Barney and her crew, featuring homemade soup, bread and grilled cheese sandwiches.

Emphasis is on food products, including strawberry jam, fruit cake, preserves, soup mixes and emergency meals (depending on volunteers available to prepare them). Colleen Hatala is planning to bring her wonderful cinnamon rolls (individually wrapped) and it is hoped there will lots of cookies and other tidbits presented. There will be hand-made items, wonderful for Christmas gifts. We have made a bunch of strawberry jam — hope for more food — more food — more food!

Planning/Craft workshops are on Wednesday evenings in Murdock kitchen from 7 to 9 p.m.

We need great thoughts for one great DOOR PRIZE, (and some other smaller ones).

Watch for more information to be posted.

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 Carolyn Litzenberger
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Feasting on Gratitude

Stewardship 2011

Our annual stewardship campaign will culminate with Ingathering Sunday, November 6.

Please deposit your pledge card in the box provided in the Narthex by that time. If it is more convenient you may also mail it in to the church in the envelope provided with your pledge card.

*Shirley Bush
Stewardship Chair*



TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship

Dear Ladies,

November's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 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 and enjoy each other's company. I'll bring some treats and the tea; feel free to bring a treat to share. WE ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS TO ST. AIDAN'S TO JOIN US.

Six people attended October's TEAtime. Once again, thanks to all who have made this part of Parish Life a success! Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-8242.

Never trust a man who, when left alone in a room with a tea cozy, doesn't try it on.

**~Billy Connolly
British comedian**

Providence Hospice Community Care Program: GET ME THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS!

Ten Strategies for Coping with Loss on Days that hold Special Meaning

Friday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in the Parkrose District



Are you or someone you love finding the thought of Thanksgiving, Christmas and other formerly joyful holidays difficult this year? For many who have lost a loved one, the holiday season can intensify feelings of sadness and isolation.

This one hour seminar helps people who are grieving discover practical and meaningful ways to cope during the holidays and other special occasions. All are welcome; especially those who wish to come in support of a friend or loved one. Please register in advance by calling Deacon Marla at St. Matthew's church office, 503-252-5720.

Advent Begins, Sunday November 27



Advent is the season of watching and waiting. This year, Advent Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent, is November 27 (the earliest date it can occur). Advent always marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. In Advent, we watch and wait for the annual celebration of the Incarnation of Our Lord at Christmas. We also watch and wait for that time when, in the future, God will bring to fulfillment his Kingdom. It is a season of preparation and we are constantly reminded to "be ready" for we neither know the day or the hour when Our Lord will come again.

While Advent is, in some respects, a penitential season—as any season of preparation is penitential, and pared down partially to allow for the full impact of celebration when we finally attain to the feast for which we are waiting—it is not, however, a mini-Lent.

Advent was the last season to be officially added to the church calendar, in about 600 AD. It was made the first season of the year because it begins the story of the events of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. Advent refers to the approach or arrival of someone or something and is the season in which we anticipate God's birth into our world. Advent is a time to examine ourselves and our lives and do an inner housecleaning as we make ourselves ready to receive the wonder of Jesus. It is quiet, contemplative time as we await the majesty of God. The color we use for Advent is purple, symbolic of penitence

and expectation.

The liturgies of Advent are characterized by a sense of the majesty of the God for whom we wait. The Great Litany is sung in procession on the First Sunday of Advent. We use an Advent Wreath of three purple candles and one pink candle, lighting an additional purple candle each Sunday, to mark the time of waiting. Many families observe this custom at home. St. Nicholas will make an appearance during Advent, as well.

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when

Ten Little Christians

Ten Little Christians came to church all the time;
One fell out with the preacher, then there were nine.

Nine Little Christians stayed up late;
One overslept on Sunday, then there were eight.

Eight Little Christians on their way to Heaven;
One took the low road, then there were seven.

Seven Little Christians, chirping like chicks;
One didn't like the singing, then there were six.

Six Little Christians seemed very much alive;
One took a vacation, then there were five.

Five Little Christians pulling for Heaven's shore;
One stopped to take a rest, then there were four.

Four Little Christians each as busy as a bee;
One had his feelings hurt, then there were three.

Three Little Christians couldn't decide what to do;
One couldn't have his way, then there were two.

Two Little Christians each won one more;
Now don't you see, two plus two equals four.

Four Little Christians worked early and late;
Each brought one, now there were eight.

Eight Little Christians if they double as before;
In just seven Sundays, we have one thousand twenty four.

In this jingle there is a lesson true;
You belong either to the building, or to the wrecking crew.

Author Unknown

Source: <http://www.inspirationalarchive.com/texts/topics/evangelization/tenlittle.shtml>

November 2011

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Kalendar

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Saints' Sunday is Nov. 6

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux expressed the significance of the church's All Saints observance when he declared:

"What does our commendation mean to them?

The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you,

when I think of them, I feel myself enflamed by a tremendous yearning." [Quoted in J. Robert Wright, ed., *Readings for the Daily Office from the Early Church* (Church Publishing, 1991), p. 496.]

Jesus announces this work of grace in his Sermon on the Mount, when he addresses the Beatitudes to his disciples. He tells them they are beautiful and real already, and their reality and beauty will be visible in that wedding photograph yet to come. He speaks to those ordinary disciples and to all the ordinary people who are to follow them, including us.

Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of the Beatitudes helps make their message clear. Jesus says:

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

You're blessed when you're content with just who you are -- no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being full of cares [Peterson's paraphrase reads, "At the moment of being 'care-full'"], you find yourself cared for.

You're blessed when you get your inside world -- your mind and your heart -- put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you deeper into God's kingdom.

Not only that—count yourself blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit you. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble. [Matthew 5:3-12 in Eugene H. Peterson, *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language* (NavPress, 2002).]

It is in these ways that grace does its work and glory appears.

--Extracted from a sermon by *The Very Rev. Charles Hoffacker, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Port Huron, Michigan, and author of A Matter of Life and Death: Preaching at Funerals, published by Cowley.*



UTO Ingathering is Nov. 27

—*The Fall Ingathering for UTO is timed to coincide with Thanksgiving Day.*

The UTO has helped the Episcopal Church expand its mission for the last 120 years by making grants to ministries that address human needs.

UTO suggests that people should daily pray and give in recognition of their daily thanks for what God has given them. Oftentimes, the people whom the UTO calls "thankful givers" supplement their daily contributions before sending the money to UTO either individually or through a process known as the diocesan in-gathering. The UTO believes that thankful giving spiritually unites the givers with the people who benefit from their gifts.

Mark Harris has been involved with a study group that has been meeting the past three years, to strengthen the ties of the UTO Board with The Episcopal Church. Mark grew up watching his grandmother put coins into the UTO blue box she kept on her dining room table while she said her daily prayers. "UTO has never been just a matter of donor participation, but really prayer participation. UTO says that it is essentially a prayerful organization and out of that prayer grows funding for mission. So the question then is: how do we engage more people in that prayerful activity and, hopefully, in more mission giving?"

It's that legacy of thankful giving that Harris wants to help UTO build on as the organization that has helped the Episcopal Church expand its mission for the last 120 years by making grants to ministries that address human needs faces the 21st century.

"One of the things that everybody agrees with is the UTO has had an extraordinary impact on the church over the years and that impact is not something we want to see disappear or dissipate, but as the church itself changes and finds new ways of working, its relationship to UTO and UTO's understanding of its own role need to be looked at and examined," Harris told Episcopal News Service recently.

In 2009, UTO received 123 grant applications asking for just more than \$5.9 million. The organization granted close to \$2.1 million in 63 grants. There were 28 grants to domestic Episcopal Church-related groups amounting to \$528,222 and 35 international grants that totaled \$1,537,520. In addition, UTO granted \$621,105 in 17 companion diocese grants.

Use Forward Day By Day!

Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage chosen from the daily lectionary readings, as listed in the *Revised Common Lectionary*, or the *Daily Office Lectionary* from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. The meditations are rich in substance and offer a wide range of witness and experience. December's author is a young lay woman who is a former overseas missionary and first-time contributor to *Forward Day by Day*. The November and January meditations are from priests who have written for the publication before. The November/December/January edition is now available in the Narthex in two editions: Regular Print and Large Print. Pick up a copy!



The Leadership of St. Aidan's

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The Reverend Scott M. Dolph, Rector
The Reverend Jackson Hazelett, Associate Priest, *(retired)*
The Reverend Tom Murdock, Associate Priest, *(retired)*

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Junior Warden, *John Gurney, (2014)*
Sharon Barney, (2014)
Gloria Trunk, (2012)
Sharon Weese, (2014)
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