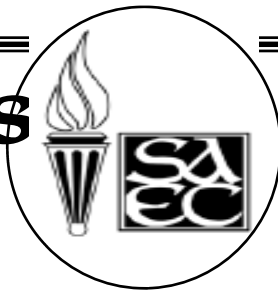


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*St. Aidan's Mission:
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond
our community through worship, education, and
outreach.*

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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRESHAM OREGON
NEWSLETTER:
OCTOBER 1, 2011

From The Rector's Desk

Feasting on Gratitude

We look to the future at St. Aidan's at this time, and we cannot help but wonder what lies ahead for us as a congregation. We see shrinking rolls, shrinking budget, aging of our members and a change in demographic in our neighborhood that does not match who we think we are. These are scary times. They are times that can either scare us into action or scare us into hiding and inertia. We choose.

Like the changes in health care or in our municipal infrastructure, the church faces pressure to adjust to new realities. The solution is not simple. If it were, we would have figured it out by now. The reality is that not one single factor is to blame for where we are. Furthermore, our idea of what 'church' ought to be really reflects what we have come to know in our span of years. For many here, that is the vaunted church of the fifties and sixties, when churches were filled to overflowing with much younger people - people who came as a family. That generation sought to belong to an organization. They got a sense of identity from that association and were quite loyal to the institution. Nowadays, those young folk we wish to attract do not have the same needs and wants. In studies and polls, we see that they seek a connection with the Holy more than an affiliation with an organization.

This is a difficult situation to get accustomed to. One generation's (the greatest generation's) spiritual hunger and needs were satisfied one way, and another generation's (the gen-Xer's, etc.) hunger is fed in a very different way. The older generation supported the church generously and saw the institution as worthy of loyalty. The newer generation has less sense of

institutional loyalty, but wishes to find that connection to God - be it through organized and intentional works of charity, or through creative and stirring liturgy and music, or through bonds of friendship gained in study and prayer, to name a few.

How do we serve both of these groups? How do we bridge the generational needs? One of my clergy colleagues says it this way, "My people want me to be the midwife to a new congregation at the same time as they want me to be a chaplain to a dying reality."

We are entering into our Stewardship season. Our theme this year is: **Feasting on Gratitude**. "Gratitude for *this*?" you ask, realizing we are in a tough place. But think of this: God has put us on a trek to seek something new. How will it turn out? God knows.

Stewardship is NOT about 'making the budget'. It is about our relationship with money and our relationship with God. It is about our response to God for God's overwhelming generosity to us. It is about adjusting our journey toward a closer and better relationship with God and sharing those riches with a world that may not know them.

As we put our money where our heart is, we can also put our church where our heart is. *This year, more than any in recent memory*, we can make the connection between what we give to our church and what we want our church to be in the future. Like all the riches we have, we know that this little church in this corner of God's vineyard is not 'ours', but merely entrusted to us. We are called to be good stewards. What will we return to God of this adventure in the Rockwood neighborhood of Gresham?

Feasting on Gratitude

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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CAMPAIGN FOR 2012

***Our pledges contribute to
Saint Aidan's Mission to
Spread the Promise***

***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 provided 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 be 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).

SnowCap reports that food reductions are certain

SnowCap has received word from the Oregon Food Bank (OFB) that they will be sending less food in the coming year. About half the food SnowCap distributes comes from OFB. The other half comes from the east county community, which includes St. Aidan's. USDA foods, called TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) will be reduced by 40-50%. FEMA support will be entirely eliminated. Fresh Alliance food (perishables donated by local grocers) is expected to drop by 10% due to more conservative buying practices and better inventory control. The dollar value of these reductions



is set at \$235,000.

While food drives alone cannot make up this shortfall, every additional food drive will minimize the pain. SnowCap will not implement any new feeding initiatives and we will begin to scale back some of the more expensive efforts.

For example, discussions were underway about senior hours in the pantry. Some pantries have had a great response in setting aside certain hours each week for seniors only. This helps them avoid darting children, excess noise, long lines and big crowds. In a quiet atmosphere the seniors are able to explain their needs and there is time to look for just the right thing. These additional hours would demand additional food so we will not be able to move ahead with this plan.

SnowCap will give first priority to maintaining regular pantry operations. Reductions in the amount of food available to each family are inevitable. Second priority will be delivery to 800 seniors each month. Further discussions will clarify our commitment to other programs.

While community food drives are always appreciated, each can of food takes on special importance as SnowCap faces this especially challenging time.

October 14th, 6:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church Spaghetti Dinner & Theater. Entertainment by RLC Players. Event benefits **SnowCap**. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 5 and younger.

SnowCap Wish List

- gas cards to fill the SnowCap truck
- big bags of rice – 25 or even 50 lbs. is
- school supplies (still needed)
- baby formula
- pull-top cans (for the homeless)
- Zip-loc and paper bags of all sizes
- strong shopping bags with handles for clients to carry home their food
- canned fruit (applesauce is good)
- canned meats

Feasting on Gratitude

Annual Commitment Program for 2012

SAINT AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our Stewardship program this year will be different from that of years past. (The mechanics will not change, but our focus will.) *This year, we will engage in another round of 'table talk', like we did at our Annual Meeting last year.* This will be an opportunity for us to continue the conversation as a parish about our hopes and dreams for, as well as our fears for, the future of St. Aidan's. Consequently, **WE NEED YOUR VOICE!** The centerpiece of our time together will be our conversation. Great food and entertainment are planned, as usual. And, yes, you will get your pledge packet, as well.

Save the date: Sunday, October 16, 2011, after a combined 9:00 a.m. service of the Holy Eucharist.

For further thought...

As part of our conversation, we want to talk about who we are as a parish. From our last table talk, we gleaned these statements. How well do they reflect who we are? Are they accurate statements, or can we find better ways to describe ourselves?

Worship – Our church and ministry is a place to communicate with God and learn and share our thoughts on his Word. We value the dignity of the Eucharist and the traditions it carries forward to us. We want to learn and grow in our knowledge of his Word and to be challenged in the messages presented in Christian education.

Diversity – We embrace the Episcopal standard that the “Episcopal Church welcomes You”. We believe in respect for all without regard to race, religion, education level, financial means, or sexual orientation. We are all God's children.

Community – We want our congregation to grow yet we do not want to lose the sense of family and our strong relationship with our Clergy. We welcome newcomers. We wish to reclaim the spirit and energy of forgone years but struggle to know how this is to be accomplished. We do not fully understand the natural conflict between growth and retaining the sense of family and need God's help and direction.

Music – We have a strong music program and value it highly. Our talented musicians give much to our Church and we rejoice in their gifts.

Outreach – We value Outreach and many members participate in outreach activities through other organizations. While we individually value this work, at this time, we have not been called as a congregation to our own outreach ministry.

Facilities – Like many traditional congregations we have a strong tie to our building and grounds. It should be noted many members do not live in the immediate neighborhood; but drive some distance to attend our Church. We take great pride in our gardens, our Memorial Garden, and our buildings.

**Diocese of Oregon
Outreach Project for 2011:
'Rebuild our church in Haiti'**

The 2011 outreach project for the *Diocese of Oregon* is to "Rebuild our church in Haiti." Every congregation in The Episcopal Church has been invited to join in this campaign, which asks people of all ages to take part.

The project is our response to an urgent request from the Diocese of Haiti, the largest diocese in The Episcopal Church, located in the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Among countless tragedies that occurred as the result of the devastating earthquake on January 12, 2010, was the utter destruction of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince.



This is not about replacing just one building. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has described Trinity Cathedral as "the spiritual and cultural heart of the nation." The cathedral complex housed important ministries and community services. Our efforts will result in the rebuilding of schools, clinics, hospitals, and community programs that were able to serve over 90,000 Episcopalians and many other people in communities throughout Haiti.

Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin and the people of Haiti have asked for our help. The Presiding Bishop, Executive Council, House of Bishops, and Bishop Hanley strongly endorse this project and encourage every congregation to participate. Organizations including Episcopal Relief and Development are partnering with the church in Haiti to provide sanitation systems, provisional homes, and short-term employment. But only *The Episcopal Church* can rebuild the cathedral and lay a foundation for Haiti's future.

Our Haitian brothers and sisters in Christ have asked for our help. By working together we can lay the foundation for future ministry and help rebuild the soul of a nation.

**St. Aidan's Stewardship Timetable,
2011 for 2012**

The timetable for the 2011 for 2012 Stewardship campaign was set at the recent vestry retreat. The kickoff brunch will be October 16 which will follow a combined 9 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist. The campaign continues until November 6, All Saints' Sunday. Please keep the Stewardship campaign in your prayers. Contact person: Shirley Bush

Nadaka Nature Park, Sept. 10 - 2011

We held a party and no one from the congregation came! VOLUNTEERS from the Audubon Care Center brought some of their raptors (birds of prey) that had been lovingly nursed back to health after sustaining various injuries; but due to these injuries they are not capable



of surviving in the wild again. The care givers toted their charges in

their cages and then stood with them tethered to their arms for well over an hour so that visitors could get up close and really SEE these beautiful creatures. There were owls, a turkey vulture, a kestrel and a peregrine falcon. Where else could you get that close to a bird that can reach 200 miles an hour in a dive! There were other nature focused displays, also.

There had been advance notice of this event in the newspaper, on FaceBook, on the church calendar, in the bulletin, and a full page in *The Torch*, as well as fliers in the church hall. It was good of these volunteers to give their time on a Saturday to show off their birds, but we might not be able to persuade them to do it again because the crowd was smaller than they anticipated.

How can we expect the local community to



connect with us if we don't show interest in activities designed just for that? Sure, it was a hot day but it was cool and very pleasant under the trees in the park. I know that not everyone is an enthusiastic bird watcher, or physically able to get there, but this would have been a fun learning experience for your children and grand children, in the open air and away from the computer screen.

Nadaka is a NATURE PARK which we are very lucky to have next to our grounds; and we are very lucky to have people from many different non profit organizations working together to maintain and care for this treasure.

I am sorry you missed this community event. I hope you are too.

Gloria Trunk



The Book Corner

October 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.

After the Beginning - opens with the Divine Family (God, Goddess, and all the angels) celebrating the completion of the universe sun, moons, and eight perfect planets, with no mistakes at all. But when Little Angel suggests that there could be one more planet, one where things aren't the same all the time, things begin to unravel. For a long time, everything runs just right. But then, some of the new ones begin to get greedy and careless with their planet. They poison the water, pollute the air, and cut down the forests. Things get worse and worse, until children from all around the world cry – Remember! In this wise and charming tale, Carolyn Pogue connects the sacredness of the earth, the ecological crisis, and children's leadership in a way that will inspire children and adults alike.

Celtic Christian Spirituality - 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 the primary texts from the Celtic Christian tradition, as well as prayers and poems from Wales, the Outer Hebrides and Ireland. These essential texts direct humanity to read the "book of creation" as well as the book of scripture, and call us to remember that "matter matters." Topics include:
* Creation * Daily life and work * Incarnation
* Pilgrimage * Praise * Social justice
* Prayer

Listening for the Heartbeat of God – a Celtic Spirituality - J. Philip Newell gives us an overview of Celtic spirituality and its implications for us today.

The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia--and How It Died - In this groundbreaking book, renowned religion scholar Philip Jenkins offers a lost history, revealing that for centuries Christianity's center existed to the east of the Roman Empire.

Old Turtle - In this reissue of the book by Douglas Wood, all the creatures of the earth debate which qualities God possesses, but Old Turtle quiets them all when he says that God is all those things and more, in a deeply satisfying fable about ecology, peace, and the inter-connectedness of all beings.

Our Father (a Board Book) - Sabrina Bus includes the text of The Lord's Prayer with an accompanying paraphrased text that shows how to pray to God like a father.

Saints Tell Their Stories - Who can tell the stories of the saints better than the saints themselves? In this beautifully illustrated book, Patricia Mitchell helps twenty-six saints tell the story of their lives to kids in a

simple and personal way. Each one has something important to tell kids about God and the way he works in our lives. Saints were real people who loved God above all else, and this book will help kids understand why we honor them and why they are the perfect companions for our own faith journey.

The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity - Mary Magdalene is one of the most influential symbols in the history of Christianity—yet, if you look in the Bible, you'll find only a handful of verses that speak of her. How did she become such a compelling saint in the face of such paltry evidence? In her effort to answer that question, Cynthia Bourgeault examines the Bible, church tradition, art, legend, and newly discovered texts to see what's there. What emerges is a radical view of Mary Magdalene as Jesus' most important disciple, the one he considered to understand his teaching best. Cynthia shows how an understanding of Mary Magdalene can revitalize contemporary Christianity, how Christians and others can, through her, find their way to Jesus' original teachings and apply them to their modern lives.

Song of Creation - "The whole earth is in constant prayer, and we can join with its great prayer," says award-winning author and illustrator Paul Goble. Every element of creation — from the magpie to the minnow — glorifies God in its own way in this bold and brightly illustrated work, adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer (MP-I: pp 47-49 and MP-II: pp 88-89)*. Goble invites readers to join with the land and the animals in singing praise to God.

Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power--And How They Can Be Restored - Modern Christians are steeped in a language so distorted that it has become a stumbling block to the religion, says internationally renowned Bible scholar Marcus J. Borg. Borg argues that Christianity's important words, and the sacred texts and stories in which those words are embedded, have been narrowed by a modern framework for the faith that emphasizes sin, forgiveness, Jesus dying for our sins, and the afterlife. Here, Borg employs the "historical-metaphorical" method for understanding Christian language that can restore for us these words of power and transformation. For example, in *Speaking Christian*, Borg delivers a language for twenty-first-century Christians that grounds the faith in its deep and rich original roots and allows it once again to transform our lives.

(NOTE: If you are interested in a previously listed title, I can order it for you. I have copies of previous "Book Corner" pgs)

LindaCarol McKinlay ☺

Servants Serving the Servants of God — October

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.**

October 2 — 8:00 am Server, Paul Koksha, Usher, Tim Keady

10:00 am Service — Server, Donovan Sartwell; LEM 1, Byron McKinlay; LEM 2, Linda Hammond; Lector 1, Youth/ Leslie Hirsch, Lector 2, Youth/LindaCarol McKinlay; Usher 1, Youth/Cathy Hoye; Usher 2, Youth; Ambassador, June Day; Coffee Hour, Charlotte Dennett, Greenaway's; Pacific Gardens: Sharon Barney and Pierik's Altar Guild, B.J. Pietzold, Colleen Hatala, Sharon Weese and Noriko Sutton; Counters, Barry and Claire Anderson; Building Closers, Sharon Barney and Sharon Weese.

October 9 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; Usher, Bill Pratt.

10:00 am Service — Server, Tammie Sartwell; LEM 1, Chuck Kyer; LEM 2, Coleen Howard; Lector 1, LindaCarol McKinlay; Lector 2, Pat Rose; Usher 1, Cathy Hoye; Usher 2, Mark Pinkerton; Ambassador, B J. Pietzold; Coffee Hour Hosts, Bonnie Buckmann, June Day, Marilyn Freeman; Altar Guild, Shirley Pratt, Charlotte Dennett, Marlene Lucas and Mary Hamilton; Counters, Leslie Hirsch and Barbara Lambert; Building Closers, Mike Vidito and Shirley Bush.

October 16 — 8:00 am Service — Server, Paul Koksha; Usher, Lloyd Johnston; Lector, Lloyd Johnston.

10:00 am Service — Server, Chuck Kyer; LEM 1, Chuck Kyer; LEM 2, Rebecca Wirkkala; Lector 1, Pat Rose; Lector 2, Ron Salter; Usher 1, Barry Anderson; Usher 2, Cathy Hoye; Ambassador, Cathy Hoye; Coffee Hour Hosts, Pratt's, Sharon Weese, Diane Dempsey; Altar Guild, Linda Hammond, Jan Iseli, Mary Anderson and Doris Fisher; Counters, Rachel Hayashi and Jeanne Pinkerton; Building Closers, Rebecca Wirkkala and Sharon Barney.

October 23 — 8:00 am Server, Byron McKinlay, George DeWitz; Lector, George DeWitz.

10:00 am Service — Server, Byron McKinlay; LEM 1, Byron McKinlay; LEM 2, Coleen Howard; Lector 1, Ron Salter; Lector 2, Gloria Trunk; Usher 1, Cathy Hoye; Usher 2, Barry Anderson; Ambassador, June Day; Coffee Hour Hosts, Kyer's and Linda Hammond; Altar Guild, Diane Dempsey, Julie Kyer, Betsy Berninghausen and Doris Fisher; Counters, Greenaway's ; Building Closers, Byron McKinlay and Mike Vidito.

October 30 — 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, Gloria Trunk; Lector 2, Lyman Houk; Usher 1, Barry Anderson; Usher 2, Cathy Hoye; Ambassador, B.J. Pietzold; Coffee Hour Hosts, Vidito's; Pacific Gardens, Sharon Barney and Pierik's; Altar Guild, Diane Dempsey, Julie Kyer, Betsy Berninghausen and Doris Fisher; Counters, Pat Rose and Sharon Barney; Building Closers, John Gurney and Patrick Hoye.

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, Colleen Howard; Lector 1, Youth/Lyman ouk, 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.



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 CHURCH MOUSE — October 2011



It's official. Summer is over. Gloria and crew have donated over 175 pounds of produce to SnowCap, not to mention the goodies made available to our parishioners on Sundays. That garden is really worth the ground it grows on! That ties into our Annual Giving Campaign, which runs from September 25 through November 6, with the Steward-

ship Brunch (one service only) on October 16. **Shirley Bush** is joined by **Patrick Hoyer, Sharon Barney, Sharon Weese, Colleen Hatala, Charlotte Dennett** and **Rebecca Wirkkala** for this important time in our church life. We have lots of gifts to be thankful for, and plenty of gifts to share with other members of our church family. Keep watching for more information.

Sunday, August 18 was indeed a busy Sunday for lots of people in our area. First of all there was the *Feast of St. Matthew*, which our parish helped celebrate at St. Matthew's parish, with the mass followed by a wonderful brunch. There were plenty of people from St. Aidan's who attended, and mingled with St. Matthew's folks to eat and fellowship. Our choir did an admirable job with joyful music, **Deacon Marla** presented an excellent sermon, and **The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Litzenberger** was welcomed on her first Sunday there as Priest-Missioner. It was a great time for sharing God's news and our progress and Christians. There was even a Verger (one who keeps track of how the service is supposed to run, sorta) visiting from Trinity, Ashland. Besides the visit to St. Matthews, some of our people attended the Greek Festival at St. George Orthodox Church nearby, and **Leslie Hirsch** performed early music with the Wildwood Consort at St. Stephens Episcopal Church as part of their concert series. —And of course, there was the Race for the Cure. Lots of stuff for one day!

Did you see the great banners for St. Francis Day? They are the handiwork of our resident artist, **Kevin Gibler**. Thanks, Kevin, they are beautiful! It will be nice to see all of God's critters joining in worship with us on that special day. The week before that, September 25, was dedicated to our Time and Talent Ministry Fair. This was a chance to see all the stuff that is going on in our parish, and a chance to meet some people involved in our various opportunities for service. Thanks to Sharon Barney for assisting with this special day.

We are sorry to inform the rest of the parish that the *Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study* have had to stop. The small crew who have attended regularly are just not up to continuing. **Joyce Robinson**, who has been the Lay Eucharistic Minister has had to give up serving even on Wednesdays because her eyesight has deteriorated too much. She commented that a couple years ago she was involved in sixteen ministries including Vestry, Pacific Gardens and Daughters of the King to mention a few. This was her last church job. We owe her GREAT BIG THANKS for her continued services to all of us in the parish. Right now, though if people need a bit of church in the midweek, they should feel free to attend the *Weekly Lessons from the Revised Common Lection-*

ary. This Tuesday morning discussion group is led by long-time Episcopal Educator, **Kyle Wisely**. There have been from eight to twelve people attending from both St. Aidan's and St. Luke's parishes.

A week or so ago I was at the church on an evening errand when I saw **John Gurney** and **Byron McKinlay** wrestling with some big sheets of cardboard to put in the trash. Seems those things had been in storage in Likowski Hall for years—until **Rob Stoltz** threatened to revolt if someone didn't do some work on that storage area—it seems like stuff just appears there and no one cleans it up. Anyway, thanks, guys. And **Byron** also used his pressure washer to clean up the play structures in our kids area. That was another job that just needed doing. Someone is also looking into updating the range in the kitchen to see if we can get rid of that natural gas smell that permeates the area if the doors have been closed for any amount of time.

On a personal note — **Fr. Scott** officiated at a funeral for **B.J. Pietzold's** friend, **Ron Herndon**. This service was well attended by both his friends and members of our parish. He had attended Rick Pietzold's funeral last year and asked then if he could have a similar service when he died (of leukemia). It was a true celebration of his life. **Elise Swan** has been enjoying a visit from her daughter, **Judie** from Alaska. They are also looking forward to a visit at the end of the year from her Australia daughter, **Suzanne**. Speaking of Australia, our treasurer, **Lorraine Crawford** and daughter **Amanda** are just back from a visit to Scotland, and **Lorraine** is about to take off to see the sights in Australia before very long.

We are trying to get a lot of people to "like" St. Aidan's on FaceBook. — I guess if we get enough 'likes' we will be able to get a page for our parish. — Just do it! And remember to give your part for cathedral building in Haiti — and pick up your NEW DIRECTORY! — Thanks



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: 503-290-6748,
8:a.m.— 6:00 p.m.

Several people asked me about the piece of music I played for the postlude on 9/11. It is called "Requiem" and was written by Eliza Gilkyson following the Asian Tsunami of 2004. The arrangement I played is by Craig Hella Johnson.

The text is:

Mother Mary, full of grace, awaken.
All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken,
Taken by the sea.
Mother Mary, calm our fears, have mercy,
Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy,
Hear our mournful plea.
Our world has been shaken,
We wander our homelands forsaken.
In the dark night of the soul
Bring some comfort to us all,
Oh Mother Mary, come and carry, us in your embrace
That our sorrows may be faced.
Mary, fill the glass to overflowing,
Illuminate the path where we are going,
Have mercy on us all.
In funeral fires burning
Each flame to your mystery, returning.
In the dark night of the soul
Your shattered dreamers, make them whole,
Oh Mother Mary, find us where we've fallen out of grace,
Lead us to a higher place.
In the dark night of the soul
Our broken hearts you can make whole,
Oh Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace,
Let us see your gentle face, Mary.

Mark Jones, Organist and Choirmaster



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 Jan Iseli
- 08 Renni Ferguson
- 11 Jeff Ferguson
- Yvette Iseli
- 12 Jan Hale
- 17 Lisa Croft
- 18 Shirley Bush
- 21 Colleen Hatala
- 24 Wynema Gerba



Following are a couple of original poems written by Deacon Diana Starr-Salnave.

Can God Be Heard?

The world's heart quakes with grief untold.
What's happening in this world?
Behold, the message comes again and is re-told
As if the news was new, not old.

We hear of sorrow, grief and greed.
Many talk to God and plead
For help to live within this world today,
Asking God to show a way
To live within the world
But not to join the fray.

Are hearts so closed they cannot see
The blessings everywhere that be?

God's word is reaching out to us
But noisy voices interfere
Making it difficult to hear.

It's okay folks. Just have a beer.

Diana

Starr-Salnave



On the Train...They Play Their Game

God's gift of unequalled beauty to behold.
New spring green
Amidst the green of forest old.
The sky is blue with golden hue
As the sun sinks and day is through.

Who sees this beautiful gift from God?
Mother gazes at her pod.
Son eats chips and reads his notebook.
The movie shows two lovers
While a man slumps in sleep and cannot look.

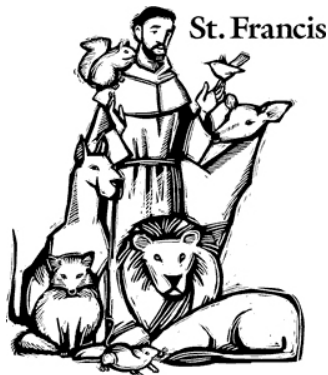
So beauty passes the window of the train
But most don't see
They play their game.

ana Starr-Salnave

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Will the real St. Francis please stand up?

The feast day of beloved St. Francis of Assisi is observed annually on October 4. Many of the stories that surround the life of St. Francis deal with his love for animals. Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates his humility towards nature is recounted in a collection of legends that emerged after his death.



Francis was traveling with some companions one day when they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on both sides. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds." The birds surrounded him, drawn by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. Another legend has it that St. Francis, on his death-

bed, thanked his donkey for carrying and helping him throughout his life, and his donkey wept. We mark the importance of the life of St. Francis of Assisi by honoring the animals that are significant to us in our own life.

Francis never dreamed of the word, "Franciscan." As he hinted in thoughts on *Perfect Joy*, following in the footsteps of Christ takes humility and sometimes suffering. Francis' thorough trust in God's provision led him to marry "Lady Poverty," eschewing the rich inheritance he would have received from his father's textile business. Francis and his band of followers, the Friars Minor, chose instead to wear peasant's tunics, serve the needs of lepers, restore ruined churches, and sing God's praises, letting the whole world be their cloister. Francis is revered as a role model and exemplar of peace by those of every nation and creed.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church is going to the dogs - and other beloved pets.

Sunday, October 2, 2011, at 10:00AM,

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Gresham will open its doors to dogs, cats, birds, fish and all other kinds of beasts for its annual Blessing of the



Animals service. This is in commemoration of the name day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

Volunteers and representatives from Guide Dogs for the Blind, Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital, and



Canine Companions for Independent Living will be on hand with some of their furry creatures to be blessed during the



service, as well as talk about their programs afterward during the coffee time.



The public is encouraged to attend with their pets be they furry, feathered, or scaly.

The church is located at 17405 NE Glisan in the Rockwood Neighborhood of Gresham.



For more information, please contact the program coordinator, Mark Jones, at the church office - 503.252.6128.

All Saints' Sunday is a Baptismal Sunday!

The *Book of Common Prayer* appoints four times annually for the Celebration of Holy Baptism. The upcoming dates are:

- ◆ All Saints' Sunday, November 6, 2011;
- ◆ The Baptism of Christ, January 8, 2012;
- ◆ Easter Day (especially appropriate for Adult Baptism), April 8, 2012;
- ◆ The Day of Pentecost, May 27, 2012.

Who may be baptized at St. Aidan's? All people who are seeking to follow Christ and to know Christ more fully. Both adults and children are welcome to receive the sacrament of Baptism. To schedule a baptism for you or any person in your family, please contact the Rector.

HELP NEEDED

There is need for someone to take over for me at Pacific Gardens. It is very rewarding and takes only one half hour a few times a year. The service is printed on one sheet and is read, with some response by the residents. Pat Rose plays piano and joins in the response. We sing three or four familiar hymns. If you feel a call to bring the Good News to the elderly, many of whom, though they remember little, still can respond to The Lord's Prayer or a hymn from childhood, please let the office know.

Joyce Robinson

“Men anpil chay pa lou.”

(Many hands lighten the load.)

JOIN the Episcopal Church's campaign to rebuild the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. *Brick by brick.*



www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiappeal



TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship

October's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 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.** Seven people attended September'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.

Tea is wealth itself, because there is nothing that cannot be lost, no problem that will not disappear, no burden that will not float away, between the first sip and the last.




It's time to make plans to attend the **Christmas Revels 2011** at the Scottish Rite Center (SW 15th and Morrison). This year's production will transport audiences to **Medieval England** for an engaging and participatory show filled with music, spectacle and delight.

❖ Show dates and times are:

- Friday December 2 - 7:30 pm
- Saturday December 3 - 1:00 pm matinee and
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- Sunday December 4 - 1:00 pm matinee and
- Sunday December 4 - 7:00 pm
- Thursday December 8 - 7:30 pm
- Friday December 9- 7:30 pm
- **Saturday December 10 - 1:00 pm matinee** and
- Saturday December 10 - 7:30 pm
- Sunday December 11 - 1:00 pm matinee and
- Sunday December 11 - 5:00 pm

For those of you interested in attending the **Saturday matinee on December 10th**, LindaCarol McKinlay will be organizing the tickets sales again this year. Ticket prices were not available at the time of publication, but here is are the prices for **2010**:

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| • Front main floor and front balcony: | Child \$15 / Student \$26 / Senior \$30 / Adult \$36 |  |
| • Rear main floor and mid-balcony: | Child \$10 / Student \$20 / Senior \$20 / Adult \$27 | |
| • Upper balcony: | Child \$ 7 / Student \$12 / Senior \$12 / Adult \$18 | |

Tickets usually go on sale the middle of October and the Christmas Revels shows sell out very quickly, so be prepared



October 2011

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Kalendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 10:00 AM Blessing of Pets (St. Francis) 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2 MP at Pac Gdns Stewardship 2011	3	4 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lectionary Study Group (Guild Room)	5 10:00 AM Cutoff for Sunday Bulletin 7:00 PM Wintergarden Crafts	6 10:00 AM Bulletin Folding (Guild Room) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)	7	8
9 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2 10:00 AM Prayers for Healing 11:45 AM Endowment Committee 1:00 PM Long Range Planning Stewardship 2011	10	11 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lectionary Study Group (Guild Room)	12 10:00 AM Cutoff for Sunday Bulletin 6:30 PM Cup of Friendship (Murdock Kitchen)	13 10:00 AM Bulletin Folding (Guild Room) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)	14	15 12:00 PM Quinceañera: Rosit Rendon
16 9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, one service only 10:30 AM Stewardship Brunch Stewardship 2011	17 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Vestry Meeting (Murdock Kitchen)	18 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lectionary Study Group (Guild Room)	19 10:00 AM Cutoff for Sunday Bulletin	20 10:00 AM Bulletin Folding (Guild Room) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)	21 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM Fountain of Love Church	22
23 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2 1:00 PM Long Range Planning Stewardship 2011	24 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Wilkes-East Neighborhood Assn. Meeting Torch Deadline (Shirley Bush)	25 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lectionary Study Group (Guild Room)	26 10:00 AM Cutoff for Sunday Bulletin 7:00 PM Wintergarden Crafts All Saints' Memorials Cutoff	27 10:00 AM Bulletin Folding (Guild Room) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)	28	29
30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite 2 Rebuild Our Church in Haiti Ingathering Stewardship 2011	31 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Torch Printing and Mailing					

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Come and study the weekly lessons from the *Revised Common Lectionary*!

The *Portland Episcopal Lectionary Forum* weekly discussion group meets Tuesdays, from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, in the Guild Room of Likowski Hall.



The commentary is prepared and the group meetings facilitated by Kyle Wiseley, a long-time lay Christian educator in the Episcopal Church.

The lessons and introductory commentary for the following Sunday will be posted on a blog at www.portlandlectionaryforum.blogspot.com. On Monday of each week following the lessons for the next Sunday will be posted. There will be an opportunity for you to share comments and ask questions.

In conjunction with the *Portland Episcopal Lectionary Forum* group meeting at St. Aidan's, there will be a group meditation on a portion of the readings at the home of the program moderator, 12054 SE Rhone St., Portland, Wednesdays, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

You are welcome to participate in any or all three of the components of the *Portland Episcopal Lectionary Forum*.

We encourage you to visit and become a follower of the *Portland Episcopal Lectionary Forum* blog at <http://www.portlandlectionaryforum.blogspot.com>

Divorce Support and Recovery Groups available at St. Luke's

Rebuilding your life after divorce or the end of any committed relationship can be challenging. Endings, however, may become the doorway to new beginnings. If you seek support and a place to re- envision life from this changed landscape of single- hood, recent or in the past, this 10 week class may be something helpful. Some of the topics to be ex- plored are: denial, grief, letting go, self-worth, transi- tion, openness, trust and relatedness. Past class participants have expressed gratitude for the oppor- tunity to talk openly with others going through a simi- lar life transition in a safe and sacred environment.

Dates: each Wednesday, continuing through November 16, 7 p.m.–9 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 120 SW Towle Ave., Gresham, OR 97080. Cost is \$200 for the series, (cost may be broken into two payments). Contact Debbie for payment sched- ule as this support group began September 14.

The facilitator is Debbie Kohler, Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Director. Debbie has been in practice for 15 years. She has a passion for creation

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All Saints' Memorials Deadline is October 26, 2011

All Saints' Sunday, observed on Novem- ber 6, is the feast of all the people of God, known and unknown. The Feast of All Saints' is evolving to encompass "saints" in its New Testament us- age: as including all believers living in this life and the next. In this interpretation, All Saints' Sunday is a celebration of the fellowship of the entire Church, those who went before and those pre- sent, Christians no longer remembered, contem- porary Christians famous and unknown, and each one of us—a saint in the New Testament sense. All Saints' is one of the four days recommended for the administration of Holy Baptism, and even if there are no baptisms, we are all called on to re- new our Baptismal Vows.

As is our custom, we will incorporate the Christian names of our Beloved Departed in the All Saints' celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The list of the Beloved Departed will be based on last year's list. A copy of this list will be posted in Murdock Hall for your reference. You DO NOT need to notify us of the names of those you wish to pray for if you submitted them last year. You may add any names you wish.

Request forms, to inform us of those to be remembered before the altar on All Saints' Day, will appear in the bulletin on Sundays October 16 and 23. ***All requests must be in writing.*** All those who have been interred in our memorial garden are already on our list, as are all the de- ceased clergy of St. Aidan's, and the deceased Bishops of Oregon.

*Lay this body anywhere,
only this I beg of you,
That you remember me
at the altar of the Lord.*

—Dying words of St. Monica to St. Augustine

and contemplative prayer practices; and finds the garden a place to experience God's lessons for liv- ing life abundantly. Feel free to call Debbie if you have any questions: 503.558.9400, or visit these websites:

debbiekohler.com

divorcerecoveryandsupport.com



The Leadership of St. Aidan's

Clergy

The Right Reverend Michael J. Hanley, Bishop of Oregon
The Reverend Scott M. Dolph, Rector
The Reverend Jackson Hazelett, Associate Priest, *(retired)*
The Reverend Tom Murdock, Associate Priest, *(retired)*

Vestry

Senior Warden, *Patrick Hoyer, (2012)*
Junior Warden, *John Gurney, (2014)*
Sharon Barney, (2014)
Gloria Trunk, (2012)
Sharon Weese, (2014)
Shirley Bush, Clerk of the Vestry (2013)
Mike Vidito, (2013)
Rebecca Wirkkala, (2013)
Byron McKinlay, (2012)
Convention Delegates: *Mike Vidito, Chris Greenway*
and Shirley Bush.
Convention Alternates: *Linda Carol McKinlay, Byron*
McKinlay and Pat Rose.
Rob Stoltz, Clerk of the Vestry

Other Lay Leaders and Staff

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