



# Tune In!

**Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal**

## **November 2012**

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### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Church of the Resurrection is to invite all people to unity with God and each other. We pursue our mission as we pray and worship, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace and love.*

### **Vision Statement**

The Church of the Resurrection exists to spread God's love into the world through teaching and action consonant with the traditions of the Episcopal Church. We envision a world in which baptismal vows are made real by the expression of these core values:

- ❖ We welcome all to join us in worship and ministry
- ❖ We respect the dignity and unique gifts of every human being
- ❖ We seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves
- ❖ We desire to grow as a community of God's people by reaching out to others
- ❖ We strive for justice and peace among all people
- ❖ We desire to be active in the world as witnesses of God's love
- ❖ We pledge ourselves to compassion and service, supporting one another in local, national, and international ministries

## **Stewardship 2013**

Resurrection's altar window infuses our worship space with the full colors of the spectrum. The visual impact of the window is not just its individual parts, but in the image as a whole - in the lights and in the spaces between the lights. On Sunday, October 14, Lucy Vinis, stewardship chair, introduced the theme of this year's campaign, "Creating a Welcoming Light." Dick Zeller also provided a short history of our beautiful stained glass window.

Our church is growing in many directions, attracting new members and expanding our ministries into the community. With our growth in ministry comes the need to grow financially. Our individual and collective commitment to Church of the Resurrection is the tangible expression of our commitment to the work we do in the world, enabling our collective effort to project the strongest light.

Our stewardship goal for 2012 is \$197,200. This will allow us to sustain Fr. Brent at full-time, support our music ministries, offer our secretary a retirement benefit, hire a children's Christian Formation Coordinator, and increase our outreach to those in greatest need. What we do as individuals to reach this goal is critical. But, when we come together, like the window, our many parts can create the welcoming and loving light of God in the world - something more beautiful and amazing than anything we can create individually. If you haven't received a pledge letter, card and a pledging guide, please let Fr. Brent know or ask any Sunday service usher. The final date for turning in your pledge is November 4th.

Dear Friends,

The rains have returned. Quickly, the four of us have gravitated to the rug in front of the wood stove in the kitchen. We hide under blankets and drink our morning tea as we stoke the fire from the night's coals. Throughout the day the girls curl up there on pillows to read books. Win and I have been ending our day in front of that fire, catching up, maybe having a glass of wine, enjoying each other's company. There is something singularly pleasurable about being snuggled up in front of a fire, warm and dry while cold rain drums on the windows and the roof. I hope you have a place like that in your life, a place where you can enjoy the rains *and* be perfectly snug, like being held in warm, familiar arms.

What a scene. How idyllic, the low clouds and the damp held at bay by a thousand little fires in a thousand little hearths. That is how I want to see Oregon this time of year, but then I go downtown. There I see just the tip of the iceberg of the thousands of people, the thousands of our neighbors that don't have a warm, dry place to snuggle into. Folks who don't even have a cold, dry place to rest in. Then I go to my clergy meetings and learn that the Mission is sleeping 500 per night (they have a capacity of 450). The parking lot programs of St. Vincent de Paul have 60 people on the waiting list. (So does the Family Shelter program). The Sunday breakfast is serving nearly 250 people per Sunday, up from 100 a year ago.



*As often as you did it for one  
of my least brothers, you did  
it for me.*

Seven hundred children in the 4J school system are homeless. 700. The folks involved with the Egan Warming Center are trying to come up with a plan of action for when folks clamoring for a place to sleep on our coldest nights have to be turned away for overcrowding. Due to political infighting at City Hall, the new homeless encampment, Opportunity Village Eugene, will not be opening any time soon. We will have deaths on our streets this winter, preventable deaths but for a lack of a warm, dry place to be for thousands of our neighbors.

There is no easy answer to homelessness because there is no simple cause. Sure, mental illness and addiction are major contributors, but cycles of generational poverty, domestic violence, long-term unemployment, foreclosure, bankruptcy, medical crisis, or simple isolation, being alone in the world... usually a combination of factors intersect and people, families, find themselves sleeping in their car, under a highway overpass, along the banks of the Willamette, or maybe under the gazebo in our Memorial Garden. We need to do something.

I am trying to learn what we as a community can do to help in addition to what we already do. If you are interested in working on this, please let me know. Until then, volunteer at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast; round out your social tithing with a contribution to ShelterCare, the Egan Warming Center or the startup Opportunity Village Eugene. Give some spare change or a couple of bucks to the folks waiting at so many of our street corners, or if that is too challenging, contribute to Maron, Jo or my discretionary funds and we'll get it where it can help. And most importantly, when you encounter our brothers and sisters who live in the streets, do not ever turn away, for it is but by the grace of God that we go that way, too.

In Christ,  
Brent

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**Deadline** for submissions for next issue: October 18. Information to be submitted may be sent to Pat Russell, to COR at the email address above, or deposited in the *Tune In* slot at COR. (*behind counter, top row on the left*)

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## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Taize during communion will continue and evolve. I hope it enriches your worship experience.

### COR Choir

The adult choir will start preparing for Advent and Christmas during November. Again, I invite singers to join us if you would like to be a part of the Advent/Christmas seasons.

Thanks to all who made Evensong possible. A special thanks to Ty, Therese and the singers. They all put in extra rehearsal time at church and at home to make it a success.

### Choristers

A little calendar change - The Choristers will be singing on the **Second Sunday** in November. Listen for these beautiful words:

I am the day, soon to be born  
I am the light before the morning  
I am the night, that will be dawn  
I am the end and the beginning

I am the Alpha and Omega  
The night and day, the first and last

*Illuminosa immortalis, sancta gloriosa In Aeterna.*  
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!  
The Music Team

### A Word of Thanks

Dear Resurrection Family

Life sometimes brings experiences that change us forever and John's surgery and subsequent illness this summer was such an experience. It has been four grueling months since everything went wrong and we both know we would never have survived it without the love and caring of our COR family. We were showered with love, prayers, cards, messages, visits and meals delivered to our home. The constant awareness that others were always holding us in their thoughts and prayers brought comfort through many dark days. It's impossible to say how much this meant to us and to our children and we will remain forever grateful.

Sandi & John Orbell



### Did You Know:

Fill a plastic water bottle  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way full with oil—this is how much oil is required to make the typical bottle of water. The numbers are staggering—adding up the plastic used, the energy required to collect and clean the water, and the fuel it takes to ship the bottles to stores, equates to millions of barrels of oil each year (Sierra Club). Kick the bottled water habit by installing a water filter on your faucet and purchasing a reusable water bottle. Aim for a water bottle that does not leach chemicals, by looking for 'BPA Free' labels, or by choosing stainless steel.

Only 1% of the water on Earth is drinkable, with more and more water sources drying up each day (UN Environment Programme). Reduce your water usage and your water bill immediately by installing a low-flow showerhead and aerators on all water faucets. Look for devices that are EPA Water Sense labeled:

<http://www.epa.gov/WaterSense/>

*Eco-tips provided by GreenFaith:*

For the latest Church of the Resurrection's calendar, visit  
<http://resurrectioneugene.org/> and click on Resurrection Calendar.

## Going Deaf

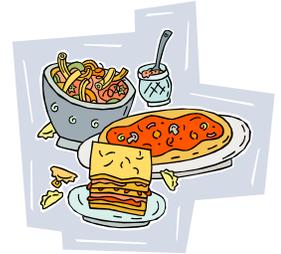
By Miller Williams

No matter how she tilts her head to hear  
she sees the irritation in their eyes.  
She knows how they can read a small rejection,  
a little judgment, in every *What did you say?*  
So now she doesn't say *What?* or *Come again?*  
She lets the syllables settle, hoping they form  
some sort of shape that she might recognize.  
When they don't, she smiles with everyone else,  
and then whoever was talking turns to her  
and says, "Break wooden coffee, don't you know?"  
She pulls all she can focus into the face  
to know if she ought to nod or shake her head.  
In that long space her brain talks to itself.  
The person may turn away as an act of mercy,  
leaving her there in a room full of understanding  
with nothing to cover her, neither sound nor silence.

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## Join the Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday at a different restaurant, at 11:30 a.m. for food and fellowship. We're always looking for recommendations of place we haven't tried. Keeper of the calendar, updater of restaurant list, and map consultant is Theda Heinzkill, 541-343-8367.



### November

06 Koho Bistro 2101 Bailey Hill Rd.  
20 Turtles 2690 Willamette St.

13 Hideaway Bakery 3377 E. Amazon Pkwy  
27 Tasty Thai 80 E. 29th Ave.



## Piecemakers--A Quilters view of God:

"God is a weaver or a seamstress, who evaluates the threads of our prayer and weaves the right colors into God's tapestry of work in the world.

God stitches the patches of our prayers and service in to the quilt of God's new Heaven and Earth."

We meet every Thursday morning in the basement at 10 AM for quiltmaking, friendship and fun. Come join us.

Lee Anne Robertson

## 2012 Home Starter Kit Activity At-A-Glance

Krista (not her real name) wrote:

*"I want to thank you for being there for all of us moms. The starter kits is such a wonderful help, especially when you have nothing. This means a ton to me and four wonderful children. Thanks for making this happen. God Bless You All."*

Kits provided to families and individuals

	Family	Single	Total
Female Adults	84	35	119
Male Adults	35	14	49
Male Children	57		57
Female Children	76		76
Total	252	49	301

As of October 18, the active HSK volunteers have so far filled and delivered 129 kit requests (81 for families and 48 for individuals). These kits have provided basic household supplies for 301 people - 174 adults and 133 children.

Number of kit requests by agency

ShelterCare	15
Sponsors	11
Willamette Family	39
SVDP First Place	44
Laurel Hill Center	17
Mentor Oregon	3
Grand Total	129

St. Vincent DePaul's First Place Family Center continues to be our most active source of requests, with 44 family kits filled, with Willamette Family Services a close second.

The Home Starter Team meets each Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the "HSK Warehouse" in the COR Parish Hall. Send Dick Zeller an email at [rwzeller@comcast.net](mailto:rwzeller@comcast.net) to get on the HSK email list and join us when you can.

### Adult Christian Formation Schedule for November

**November 4** – Liz Lane will provide an introduction to Pema Chodron's meditations and lead the study group through a meditation.

**November 11**- Christianity and Buddhism: Marsha Shankman will introduce a DVD with Richard Rohr presenting.

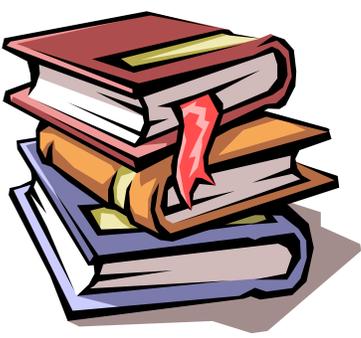
**November 18**- Fr. Brent will introduce the Gospel of Luke-the Lectionary gospel appointed for the coming church year.

**November 25**- Fr. Brent, Luke continued

You are welcome to come at 9 AM and have a light breakfast with the group. Class begins at 9:30 in the Yellow Room

**Church Women United:** World Community Day, a celebration of working together for peace and justice. Speaker will be Jean Stacy, who has been very involved in our community, and has been working with the homeless population.

- ❖ Friday, November 2, Asbury United Methodist, 1090 Berntzen Rd, 9 AM.
- ❖ Tuesday, November 6, Breakfast At Brails, 1689 Willamette, 7-8:30 AM



# Notes from Church of the Resurrection Library

**We have a new book in the Parish Library** which is said to be:

- "A call to action for everyone concerned with racial justice"
- "A searing indictment of the "War on Drugs"
- "Undoubtedly the most important book published in this century about the United States."

You are encouraged to read *The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander.

**"I, the Lord, have called you and given you power to see that justice is done on earth."-Isaiah**

Note: Michelle Alexander will be speaking at the U. of O. (1217 University Street) at 7:30 PM on November 13, 2012. Contact: Keppler Speakers – Ryan Costa, (703)516-6423, [rcosta@keplerspeakers.com](mailto:rcosta@keplerspeakers.com) for more information.

## **Book Review: *Theology for Beginners***

*By Katherine Hostetter*

Do concepts like "grace" and "redemption" have a living, breathing meaning that supports you in your daily life? Or, as for many people, are these concepts like fences, keeping you out of territories somewhere in "the back" of religion--somewhere you do not want to go?

As a pre-teen, *Theology for Beginners* gave me my first glimpses through the fences. For example, why do we need to be tested on earth before we see God? Frank Sheed says it this way:

Once God is seen as He is, with the intellect in immediate contact of sight and the will in immediate contact of love, it is impossible for the soul to see the choice of self against God as anything but repulsive, and in the profoundest sense, meaningless; in the immediate contact, the soul knows beatitude, total well-being, and no element of the self could even conceive of wishing to lose it.

Finally the testing made sense, while opening a new, continuing, way to wonder at the depth, breadth, and magnificence of God.

Sheed introduces the Blessed Trinity by asking what God's life consists of: surely, God had something to do "before" creating and running our earth! And, surely, an infinite God has more to do now than care for us finite creatures! What could that be? Adding that the concept of a solitary God is often frightening to people, he says that

It was to escape from that fear that the pagans invented their many gods.... Their desire to find companionship for God was a true insight; their solution was wrong. It was left to Christ Our Lord to reveal to us that there is companionship *within* the one divine Nature—not a number of Gods, but three Persons within the one God. It is in the knowledge and love of the divine Persons that the divine life is lived.

So, God is not egotistical--just loving his own Person—or lonely without us, or needy of us. God's love for humans is truly a gift, an overflowing of the love the three Persons have for Each Other.

Even though the book is clearly written, it took reading, meditating, and re-reading it to get beyond confusion and to a felt sense of the concepts, especially the Trinity. But, then the author says "Salvation is not handed to us on a platter; in no sense is it a labor-saving device."

Now way beyond my teenage years, reading Sheed's book still makes me feel expansive and grateful, even though the 1957 language is sexist and the theology is not Marcus-Borg modern. Like any good book, re-reading *Theology for Beginners* reminds me of how much it is part of me, and how much more there is to learn and experience. Others might read this book to get a clearer sense of what they are arguing against. Note: This book will be available in the COR Library by next Sunday.

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