



Tune In!

Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal

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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

OUTREACH COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

✠ ***The Home Starter Kit ministry (HSK): Especially needed this week:*** blankets/comforters (queen, double or twin), cooking pots with lids, frying pans and bath towels. Also on the list: soup/cereal bowls, laundry baskets, pot holders, soup/cereal bowls, drinking glasses, vegetable peelers, paring knives, and potholders. Thanks to all for the ongoing support of this important ministry. Want to help? Contact Dick Zeller.

✠ ***FISH BASKET: Hunger affects and diminishes the lives of everyone in the community.*** It is more than a social problem or a condition of poverty. It impacts virtually every aspect of our communities' wellbeing. You can help feed the hungry in our community by donating food and money to FISH.

You have seen announcements like these in each Sunday bulletin. This month, in particularly, think of sharing the season by donating to COR's Outreach efforts.

Each week, a group of volunteers from Church of the Resurrection put together "home starter" kits of essentials needed to live independently. You can help this ministry by giving items listed or by giving a gift of money to the HSK fund, which buys what is needed but perhaps not on hand. Want to know more about this important ministry? As the bulletin article suggests, contact Dick Zeller.

The Fish Basket needs donations as well. When you come to Church of Resurrection on Sunday mornings, you can add to the Fish Basket by the front door, giving food items (or money). Food items that are easily preserved are best. For more information, contact the Parish Office or talk with Fr. Was.

Life of a Puzzle Solver

By Cynthia Broschat

Doris' life has not been the norm, nor has it been mundane. She holds the positions of Professor of Linguistics and Associate Department Head of Linguistics with responsibility for the American English Institute at the University of Oregon. Linguistics is a social science. It requires analysis. Traditionally it was considered a part of anthropology. As a linguist, Doris considers herself to be a puzzle solver.



Doris Payne

She was born in Kenya to missionary parents who had been positioned in East Africa by the century-old non-denominational protestant Africa Inland Mission. Her formative years were lived in Tanganyika until, at the age of 10, her parents and siblings returned to the United States. She ultimately landed in Portland, OR where she attended middle and high schools. Her undergraduate university years were spent at Wheaton College in Illinois where she majored in math.

Discovering that math was not something she wanted to build a career around, what ultimately led her to her passion—linguistics—was the organization that her sister worked for, Wycliffe Bible Translators. To Doris, the way in which language development could foster literacy was impressive.

Pursuing how language works, how parts of words fit together within a particular culture to create meaning, she eventually joined a PhD program at UCLA where another linguist, Tom, who was eventually to be her partner in marriage and collaborator, was also studying. She and Tom applied for work with the Wycliffe Bible Translators' sister organization, S.I.L. International, and were sent to Costa Rica to hone Spanish fluency skills. They lived with a local family and here she gave birth to their first daughter.

About a year later they relocated to Peru with the intention of researching the "isolate" Yagua language (a language unrelated to any other known languages) spoken along the tributaries of the Amazon River. They lived in a small village on the jungled Napo River and studied how Yagua was formulated. The daily activities of the Yagua are mostly centered around growing and gathering food, a diet consisting mainly of manioc (cassava root), plantain and white fish. In Peru their second daughter was born.

In pursuit of "solving puzzles," Doris' research has taken her all over the globe, from Venezuela to East Africa to the Pacific and beyond. In each position she has studied and communicated with people who speak minority languages. They don't speak her language and she doesn't speak theirs. Has she found this challenging? Probably. Has she loved it? Yes!

One of her more recent projects has been to develop a dictionary of Maasai (Eastern African) language: a linguistic technical tool documenting vocabulary.

In another project, after years of collaboration, she and Tom recently sent a manuscript of a minority Venezuelan language off to be published. "Finally" she muses "that's in the hands of a publisher before we die!"

Referring to her analytical, social scientific mindset, I asked about her understanding of God and her questions of a faith in God. She says her mother's strong belief and Biblical training provided a solid foundation and, though she has questioned God at times, she believes strongly that God listens and answers prayer and that Christianity and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus are "reasonable."

Concluding our conversation Doris added: "It's not easy to live in another culture, but it's so valuable to be able to understand first hand where others are coming from. There is so much more to life's realities beyond the values and experiences we are bombarded with [in the U.S.] all the time."

If an artist sees the world through colors, shapes and forms, I might guess that Doris sees her world through a wide open lens of language, culture, values and development. Wow!

Notes from the Loft

Anticipation!!! Let the hustle and bustle fall away. This Advent find moments of wonder, expectation, love, preparing, and find joy in the anticipation of the Christmas season to come. In our music we share many of these moments.

Choristers

Our Choristers are looking forward to Advent and Christmas with young, happy and energetic spirits!

The Advent anthem on December 2 asks if we are "ready for the light to shine upon us"... and on Christmas Eve we answer in another anthem that "stars are for those who lift their eyes". Again, listen for meaningful words from the mouths of our Choristers, accompanied on Christmas Eve with harp and cello.

As is our tradition, Choristers will sing the beautiful Quempas Carol at the Family Service at 5, and again at the Late Service at 10:30 (service proper begins at 11:00)

Choristers also take their gift of song out to the community on December 9 at 3 pm; caroling at Good Samaritan nursing home and then on to Fox Hollow assisted living, then back to the church for hot cider and cookies! For more information, contact Carrie Peil Warner.

COR Choir – Advent Meditation

“Wait for the Lord”
A bell – the sound lingers
In silence we sit – tension melting – prayers ascending
The Light of Christ - chanting praise
“Christe Jesu Lumen Cordium”
A candle glows, bringing hope, telling a story
We celebrate what is past and what is to come
Break the bread, drink the wine
“I hear the Prophet Callin”
Bells sing out and once again the glow of candles . . .
“Silent Night”

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
The Music Team

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Deadline for submissions for next issue: December 13. Information to be submitted may be sent to COR at the email address above, or deposited in the *Tune In* slot at COR. (*behind counter, top row on the left*)

The Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley, *Bishop*

The Rev. Maron Van, *Deacon*

Lucy Strandlien, *Music Coordinator/Choir Director*

Betsy Smith & Fay Harris, *Pastoral Care Team*

The Rev. Brent Was, *Priest-in-Charge*

Ty Zeller, *Organist*

Carrie Peil-Warner, *Director, The Choristers*

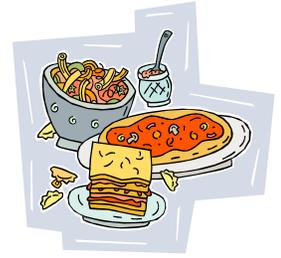
Gay Kramer-Dodd, *Administrative Assistant*

Vestry Members: Nick Crump, *Senior Warden*; Tim Rake & John Richardson, *Junior Wardens*, Ellen Cabeza, Kevin May, Doris Payne, Cathy Seltzer, Jane Smith and Kim Still; Ty Zeller, *Treasurer*.

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

Join the Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meets at a different restaurant every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. for food and fellowship. It's an Equal Opportunity/Unisex group that can have as few as three or as many as fourteen people gather! If these dates and times look good to you, just show up. Keeper of the calendar, updater of restaurant list, and map consultant is Theda Heinzkill, 541-343-8367.



DECEMBER

04 The Old Pad 3355 East Amazon Drive

11 Chaos Kolaches 388 Q Street, Springfield (across from Wayne's Garage)

18 Sixth Street Grill 55 West 6th Avenue

25 CHRISTMAS DAY!



Please join with us (in our excitement, joy and anticipation!) as we celebrate **Hilary (Crosswhite) and Jesse Everett's baby, Lydia Autumn**, due mid-January, with a Baby Shower at COR, Saturday December first, 1-3. Couples, families, partners, all are welcome. Bring a dish to share.

Church Women United

Please join us at Breakfast at Brails and Emerald Baptist for our Annual Meeting with the election and installation of officers.

Then in keeping with the season, Mary Sharon Moore will guide us in a reflection on peace from her newest book, "Moving in God's Direction." We are looking forward to her insights. Hope you can join us.

Tuesday, Dec 4, Breakfast at Brails (1689 Willamette), 7-8:30am, Annual Meeting/Peace Reflection

Friday, Dec. 7, Emerald Baptist Church (631 E. 19th), 9-11:15 AM, Annual Meeting/Peace Reflection

Climate Crisis topic for Christian Formation

Climate crisis, global warming, glacier meltdown, warming and rising oceans, species extinction, extreme weather, drought and flooding, whatever words you use to talk about, or fret about, this thing that's happening to our world-excessive carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases getting into our atmosphere and causing havoc- it is very troubling and frightening. Jesus said: Do Not Be Afraid. Have Hope. God placed our foreparents, as told in the mythical family story of our human tribe's origin, in the Garden of Eden. The Garden got desecrated over the course of a couple of thousand years, especially in the last 50 years. It does no good to put our heads in the beach sand, especially when the ocean is rising and the waves are getting bigger; nor does it do any good to deny there is anything untoward happening. It is not helpful to debate whether humanity had a hand in upsetting our lovely blue and green planet. What does seem to be constructive is to pray, to look facts in the face, to act together, advised by knowledgeable people we trust, to help our imperilled planet here, where we are, and if possible in the larger community while also learning how to take care of others and ourselves on this new and changing Earth. To continue the conversation and add your thoughts, consider coming to the Christian Formation sessions to be held on 3 Sundays in Advent: the 9th, 16th and 23rd of December. Katherine Hostetter and Jane Smith will share information and facilitate the discussion.

Church Library

The regular practice of meditation and contemplative prayer are sure-fire ways to offset the vague depressive feeling that some people get as holidays loom, the distractions caused by being bombarded in print and electronic media with commercials urging you to buy, buy, buy, the stress from the increase in things-to-do that seems to come between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Find a quiet nook, a comfy chair (a rocking chair is good), set the kitchen timer for 20 minutes. You may want to work up to as long as forty minutes over time. Start by noticing your breathing. Breathe 4 counts in, hold 4 counts and breathe out 4 counts. As you do this, consciously relax your body, one limb at a time. Don't forget your head – or your feet. You may want to repeat a mantra- “Lord, Come” or “The Lord is my shepherd.” As distracting thoughts come up, look at them but don't keep them- let them go. The timer will buzz before you know it. See if you don't feel calmer, more able to cope. A spiritual director once said it helps her to imagine she is resting in the arms of the Lord for that while. For other helps in meditating and contemplative prayer look at that section in the library in the Yellow Room. There are quite a few books. The newest addition to these resources is a gift of CDs on meditation by Pema Chodron, one of the world's foremost teachers of meditation. She is an American Tibetan Buddhist monk. They are available for checking out for two weeks at a time.

Book Review: *Common Prayer*

Fr. Brent said that his days go better when he begins them with Morning Prayer. For those of you who are daunted by the Divine Office, an alternative might be *Common Prayer*, written by a group involved in the new monasticism, Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Enuma Okoro. *Common Prayer* begins the day with the lovely “O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you, as the day rises to meet the sun.” Then there are excerpts from Psalms, suggested Scripture passages, and a song. After the Our Father and prayers for others, there is a short meditation, which I really look forward to; one day it might be something by a desert father, and the next day it might be on Rosa Parks. The beautiful closing could be spoken by a group:

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness:
protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing: at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing: once again into our doors.

Take a look at the sample copy of *Common Prayer* in our church library and see if it would work for you. The songs are included, along with evening prayers, and special prayers.

Hospitality Volunteers Wanted

Anyone who has or plans to enjoy the 9 am Sunday breakfasts down the hall near the Yellow Room is encouraged to sign up for a turn at providing a simple breakfast for 10 or 12. The sign-up sheet is on the window wall in the Yellow Room.

Anyone who has enjoyed the delicious and varied cookies provide every Sunday morning by Karen Jewett, cookie baker extraordinaire, or has a cup of coffee or tea after the service is encouraged to sign up to be a member of the exclusive (more exclusive than is desired) Dish Washing Club. Anyone who also wants to demonstrate support of one of the ways we show newcomers and old-timers hospitality at Resurrection is also invited to join the Club. This ministry has been made much easier with the addition of a great dishwasher (an electric one) in the Parish Hall kitchen. Cups and dishes do have to be carried down to the kitchen and the dishwasher loaded and buttons to push but it takes very little time or effort to do. So come one and all and sign up in the Yellow Room.

END of YEAR DONATIONS

Cash contributions to Church of the Resurrection received by (or post-marked on) December 31, 2012, are charitable deductions on your 2012 tax return. Please plan to pay all of your annual pledge on or before December 31. If you need information about your pledge balance, contact the treasurer, Ty Zeller.

No Christian Formation Dec. 2

There will be no breakfast and no study group session on Sunday, December 2nd. Bishop Hanley will be visiting Resurrection on that day. He will be meeting with the Vestry that morning, before the 10:30 service. All the members of the congregation will have the opportunity to be with the Bishop at the potluck meal in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service.

For the Advent Sundays of December 9, 16 and 23, the focus will be Creation Care: A Faith Community's Response to Global Warming. Discussion leaders will be Katherine Hostetter and Jane Smith. After Christmas on Sunday December 30, Fr. Brent will again be the presenter.



Did You Know:

...those small white warning flags on nearby lawns? Those warnings indicate that a lawn has been sprayed with pesticides that are harmful to children and pets. Reduce your exposure, and improve the environment, by eliminating chemicals on your lawn and encouraging your neighbors to do the same. See www.safelawns.org for more information. If you use a lawn care provider, choose one that specializes in natural lawn care, such as NaturaLawn: <http://www.nl-amer.com/>

One of the biggest threats to local wildlife is development—as homes go up, habitat is destroyed, and wildlife is unable to find places to feed, live, and raise young. Make your property as wildlife-friendly as possible by certifying your backyard as a wildlife habitat. See National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program: <http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/>

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Carolling with the Choristers!
Please join us as we bring a gift of
song to those who cannot come to
us.

Sunday, December 9, 3 PM.

Meet at the church and we will carpool
to Good Samaritan, then on to Fox
Hollow Assisted Living, then back at the
church at 5 for cookies and hot cider!

This is a wonderful heart-warming
event... All are welcome!



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