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DISCERNMENT!

Folks,

Here we are, two and a half years into our ministry together and things are humming along splendidly. Well, mostly splendidly...

Don't get me wrong, we are praying together well, very well, and more of us are praying together here than ever before. We are helping to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and advocate for the voiceless. We are caring for each other, supporting our fellow Christians in growing closer to God through study and conversation and music. We are teaching our children, we are burying our dead, and we are raising the money we need to do this work. These are the things that make real the kingdom of God right here and right now, but we could be doing things better...

Our ministry of monthly potlucks has been shaky. We struggled to get volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up during Holy Week. We need more and more regular volunteers for the Altar Guild, Treasury, Property Committee and Nursery. The leadership we have is excellent, but the bench is not very deep. If it weren't for a very small number of extremely dedicated volunteers, a lot of things would cease being done well, if at all.

What we are facing is nothing new. It is nothing mysterious. As unique as Resurrection is, we are not unique in the challenges we are facing. What we are facing is growth and with it, growth's significantly less popular twin sister, change.

In church development circles there are lots of technical terms that you may hear from time to time, particularly about church sizes. These labels include family, pastoral, program and corporate sized parishes. These are models that describe size of a church (based on Sunday attendance), and the model of governance that the body assumes. They are just models, and though models are tricky to apply, they can be very helpful.

Right now, Resurrection is in the unfortunate position of being nearly a program sized church (150 or more people per Sunday), but are still organized largely as a family sized parish (which generally include 50 or fewer people in church per week). This means that our decision making systems are mostly informal, with only a few key people making most decisions.

The Vestry and I have been working on this problem for a couple of months now, and I think that we can trace the problems above (mediocre potlucks and hard-to-find volunteers in particular) to the lack of an appropriate model of governance here in our parish. Fear not though, help is on the way.

To be the kind of workers for the Kingdom that we need to be, we need to organize as such. To that end, we are entering a season of discernment. The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle of the Clergy Leadership Institute, will be joining us for a three part discernment process using a modality called Appreciative Inquiry. (For more see his website: www.clergyleadership.com). This effort will kick off on Saturday, June 28th with a day-long program in which you will be called to dream about your



Palm Sunday Procession

own ministry in the world. In September, we'll meet after Mass on Sunday the 21st and dream about what our collective vocation as a parish is. And finally, on October 4, the eve of our 50th anniversary celebration, we'll gather to discuss what we need to do the work we have discerned that God has given us to do.

I am convinced that in figuring out what it is that we are really being called by God to do and be in Eugene, we will be led to a better way of organizing ourselves for service and prayer. (Or at least we will be led to a conversation about how we organize ourselves for mission). This process of discernment needs to include as many of us as possible; your voice is important! Please keep an eye out for details about the 28th of June.

In Christ,
Brent

A NEW FACE AT THE ALTAR

By Abigail Buckley

Greetings! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mother Abigail (or AJ) Buckley. I will be serving here at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection on a part time basis while I continue my search for my first call to a parish. I was ordained an Episcopal Priest just this past April so if I look to still be aglow, that's why! I have met some of you in passing, and some of you I look forward to meeting still! There are so many things that seminary just can't teach you, so Fr. Brent is going to be helping me learn the ropes as I help y'all out in the office on Thursdays. I am really excited about this opportunity to work with you fine folks here in Eugene!

So, a little about me.....

I moved to Oregon a year ago when I married my husband, Christopher Buckley, who is a born and bred Oregonian. I like to say that I married into the diocese. We've got two daughters — Laurel and Ann, who are 12 and 13 years old, and just a delight! Before living in Oregon, I completed

my seminary training at CDSP in Berkeley, CA. And, before that, I was living in Reno, NV. Little fun fact: While living in Reno, I worked on a chainsaw and a trail crew for a year through an Americorp program. So, if you ever visit Lake Tahoe, I personally had a hand in building some of the hiking trails there! My undergraduate work was in conservation biology, which led me to live in some pretty exotic places doing some once-in-a-lifetime kind of work! When I am not working, some of the things I love doing are playing piano and mandolin, cycling and running, and doing crossword puzzles.

SENIOR WARDEN THOUGHTS

By John Richardson

All organizations, including churches, experience change and evolve over time. In a few cases they remain static, but even that is a change when faced with a rapidly changing environment in which they exist. Most, however, evolve into something they weren't previously. For example, they become stronger or weaker, larger or smaller, more inward or outward focused, or vice-versa. Resurrection, our place of worship, our religious home, is experiencing, and will continue to experience, such evolutionary change processes. One of the wonderful things about the Episcopal Church, however, is that the shape and directions of our evolution as a parish is largely up to

us — its members. That is why the discernment process Father Brent describes above is very important to us as a parish and to each of us as members of the parish. The vestry is committed to a thoughtful discernment process directed toward helping all of us determine Resurrection's future as a community in Christ. The effectiveness of the process will be largely dependent on the full participation of Resurrection's parishioners leavened with a lot of prayer. We hope you will join us in this endeavor. To paraphrase the TV ad for the U.S. Army, we need your help and involvement for Resurrection "to be all it can be."



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, OCTOBER 5

By Fr. Brent

On April 5 we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Mass celebrated as the Church of the Resurrection, and in fine style. Like so many Oregon salmon, we gathered at our ancestral spawning ground, in our case the cafeteria at Spencer Butte Middle School. We celebrated Holy Eucharist according to the 1928 Prayer Book that was in use at our founding, and then gathered for fellowship and birthday cake. It was a fine day, and some faces that we haven't seen for a long time were with us.

Our main celebration of 50 Years of Resurrection will happen in the Fall in conjunction with our annual visitation by Bishop Michael Hanley. After Mass on October 5, we will have a festive luncheon downstairs, followed by a program of music and stories and a rededication of the Parish by the Bishop back in the sanctuary. It should be a lovely day together celebrating the life in Christ that has been shared here for five decades.

A planning group is already actively preparing for this event. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Helen Reed... she'll put you to work directly.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY

By Tim Rake

If you missed the Saturday, May 17, training on multicultural training and civil rights, you missed out on some important information concerning our 2nd Sunday breakfast ministry. Some twenty-five volunteers – mostly from Church of the Resurrection – filled the basement of the First Christian Church to listen to Food For Lane County's presentation on how we interact with the community's most vulnerable population. Though presented from a very legal point of view, I think if we were to reach into the heritage of our faith, the message was essentially a Gospel message: the dignity of all in the eyes of God.

Serendipitously, our May breakfast demonstrated how serving this population is not just about the food and full stomachs. While, that is what most volunteers do – prepare and serve food – on occasion we are called upon to “manage” people with complex problems. People who come in from the damp and cold.

People who had a hard night's sleep, or little sleep at all. People who've missed eating most of the week. People whose meager means will not support the cost of medications let alone a doctor's visit. People with addictions.

Even in escorting a breakfast guest from the dining room for aggressive behavior this past month, I remind myself it isn't the food, nor the service, nor me in particular that is being aggressed. It is rather the systemic environment that allows homelessness and lack of access to health care to perpetuate a world where some have little choice but to live on the street.

Our actions to serve a meal a month to this population may not attack the real problem head on, but it certainly feeds the mouths of the poor. And when you do this to the least of our brothers and sisters... well, join us yourself some Sunday and experience what it's like.

PARKING LOT UPDATES

By Bryn Lighthawk

Chris was confirmed as a member of COR on Thursday, May 15th, along with several other people. What a wonderful ceremony! He also discovered the wonder of an old-fashioned push mower for the Hut Greensvald. Mark is still working hard in and around the church. Norman and Catherine have moved into a new apartment. Consideration for a complete electrical overhaul and installation for the parking lot Conestoga area is progressing well.

OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE EUGENE

By Fr. Brent

It is hard to believe that Opportunity Village is entering its 9th month in operation. To date, 29 of the 30 authorized dwellings have been completed, providing housing for 34 people, all for a cost of about \$110,000 (plus approximately \$2,000 per month for utilities and expenses). That is remarkably small sum for the about of service that has been provided. More importantly, though, is that while it is not always smooth, or pretty, the village is working, and well. (You try sharing two fridges with 33 of your neighbors)! Meals are being cooked, the bathrooms are being cleaned, folk's needs are being met, bills are being paid and a definable community that is taking

GOOD NEWS

BABIES ABOUND!

Gabriel Cabeza, brother of Calvin, son of Ellen and Greg, arrived in early February .

Marcus Sweeterman, brother of Sam, son of Audrey and Brian, was born in April.

Elsbeth Alice Mary Inglis, daughter of Chris and Thérèse, appeared on April 21.

The Dayton/Was farm is happy to announce the birth of eight baby goats

NEW LIFE JOURNEYS

Tim Hannon is off to the School of theology at Sewanee (The University of the South), where he will pursue an MDiv as part of his ordination process.

Christine Reimers was hired as a chaplain to the Cascade Hospice.

A BAPTISM

Lydia Autumn Everett was baptized on May 18, 2014. Standing by are her parents, Jesse and Hilary Everett, her Godparents, Wesley and Elliot Crosswhite, and her grandparents, Jim and Marsha Crosswhite. Father Brent spoke to her in his sermon: “Lydia, what a deal we have for you. A royal priesthood! A holy nation! Inheritor of the Kingdom of God! What an offer we make to our littlest ones!”



care of itself is emerging. This is truly remarkable that a self-managed model is working so well. I am very proud of the folks down there.

Our own Home Starter Kits activists visited in May OVE to discuss the “Hut Starter Kits” that all new residents receive. The villagers are very grateful for the loving support they get from Resurrection. It was a lively discussion and folks who had never been to a village setting were impressed with how normal everyone and everything seemed.

Now the next phase at OVE is underway: sustainable micro-housing. A large number of the folks on the street have money in their pockets through Social Security, Disability or just low paid, intermittent and/or seasonal employment. However, \$700 per month is not enough to pay rent and eat. What if folks could pay \$200 for rent? What if they could buy or rent-to-own a micro house? The building codes are very tricky, and there are some zoning complications we face, but the city, county and state authorities seem excited about exploring new models and new legal frameworks regarding how we house the homeless in ecologically and economically sustainable ways that have not been tried before. Stay tuned... it is sure to get even more interesting.

HOME AND HUT STARTER KITS

By Gerald Clark, HSK coordinator

Nearly every Wednesday, starting a little before 2:00 pm, the Parish Hall at the Church of the Resurrection (COR) becomes a beehive of purposeful activity, as a crew of dedicated packers gathers and assembles a wide variety of items into what we know as a Home (or Hut) Starter Kit (HSK). The kits packed, we scatter cities-wide (Eugene and Springfield) to deliver them to the requesting agencies.

The HSK program is a joint ministry of COR, St. John’s Episcopal (Springfield), St. Matthew’s Episcopal (Eugene), Central Presbyterian (Eugene), and Spencer Creek Lutheran [FISH] (Eugene). Contents for the kits are stored at COR. A grocery bag full of basic foodstuffs is provided by FISH. Kits are assembled only at COR, by packers from all the participating churches.

A kit provides basic kitchen and personal hygiene supplies and linens for people moving into their first home or apartment, from a mental health treatment

program, prison transition program, shelter program serving families who have been homeless and programs for people with developmental disabilities. Requests for kits are accepted only from not-for-profit agencies and completed kits are delivered to the agency, which then ensures their client receives it. We provide the agency with forms specifying what items are available for inclusion in a kit.

In 2013 we filled 226 kit requests, representing 279 adults and 212 children. So far in 2014 (Jan. – May) we have filled 95 requests, for 126 adults and 81 children. The need the kits fill is ongoing. The need for the items we include in the kits is ongoing. Please, visit the COR website for information on what to donate.

If you have some time that you would like to spend doing for others as you would have them do for you, contact me at HSKCoordinator@resurrectioneugene.org, or see me most Sundays at the 10:30 am service. We would love to see you at the Parish Hall on a Wednesday, too.

FORMATION & EDUCATION

GODLY PLAY

By Jesse Papineau

As we turned to our church calendar pinned to the wall, and thought about where we were in the year, I asked about the lonely red marker (Pentecost) that we were quickly approaching as the white markers (Easter) run out. Without hesitation the circle exclaimed: “PENTECOST!” And then they quickly followed the arc of the circle around to Advent, Lent, all the way back to Easter.

This moment has struck me before during Godly Play, but as someone who is new to the “church calendar” I am constantly amazed by what it means to have time organized, not by paychecks, academic deadlines, or birthdays, but by the life of Jesus. In the retelling of this life, there is always a sense of mystery, hope, and anticipation. Who among us is already anticipating the season of Advent? No, there is too much to do between now and then, too many tangible and practical tasks that must be completed. But for the children wondering through Godly Play and for every child, time works differently. Pentecost, Advent, Lent and Easter are always just around the bend, and its never too early to start getting ready.

Indeed, by the time you read this we will have four new trained Godly Play teachers who are ready to

lead our children through the church year, in wonder, mystery, anticipation, and hope. Carol Creswell, from Trinity Episcopal in Portland and a certified Godly Play Foundation trainer, spent the weekend with our Godly Play teachers and others from the area to learn the philosophy, pedagogy, and beauty of Godly Play.

MID/HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Jesse Papineau

As many of us have noticed, there are a few of our young people who are closer to young men and women now than boys and girls. Between the ages of 10 and 18, the amount of growth and change that occurs, cognitively, ontologically and physically continues to astound me. The growth that has occurred over this year alone means we have gone through many stages in our Sunday school: from cynicism, to camaraderie, to commitment.

Over the year attendance has been our biggest struggle and on occasion we would only have one student, but the conversations that we had around this issue with parents and students brought on a renewed sense of commitment and community among students and families. With the inspiring teaching of Jenny Potter (Icons) and Carrie Peil Warner (Hebrew) we have had very steady attendance. I can sense this commitment is turning into habit, and is solidifying relationships in deep and lasting ways. Now it is time for us to imagine what is next for our youth.

To do this, we will be re-forming our Children, Family, and Youth Religious Formation committee. Please consider how you will support our youth in the coming years at COR, whether it is on this committee, teaching, or just helping out when needed. There will be more details to come so keep your ears peeled.



In the Garden

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

By Jane Renfro Smith

The Christian Formation & Education sessions for adults continue to be held on Sundays in the Parish Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This mid-way time enables both those from the 8 am worship or people planning to go to the later 10:30 am service to attend. If you are a newcomer you are cordially invited. There are usually between 8 and 14 present, a good size group for getting to know each other.

But if this time does not work for anyone, we have a special offer: an alternative time for the current series. By popular urging, Jack Marietta has generously agreed to repeat his powerful series, "Racism: America's Burden" at a second time, after the 10:30 worship service. Beginning Sunday May 25 and continuing through this six-week series, the early sessions will go on as usual at 9:30 am and in addition another set of "Racism" classes will begin at 12:15. So grab a snack when church is over and come to the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHORISTERS

By Carrie Warner

Our Choristers ended a wonderful and full season with a standing ovation Year End concert on May 18. If you missed it, you'll have to wait until next spring! It is promising to be another good year, with several new Choristers and a selection of music that will include world languages, a variety of instruments, and two and three part harmonies. Our focus is "How Much Fun!" If you are between the ages 6 and 18 and would like to join a terrific group of singers, please contact Carrie Peil Warner at 541-912-1443.

In the meantime, the summer heat and long school-free days are approaching. The Choristers will be off to Summer Retreat at Camp Magruder in August! We had so much fun last year, we would like to make this a Chorister tradition! Activities include swimming, rafting, boating, wave jumping, water trampoline, archery, giant tree swing, resident burro to pet, bonfires, amazing lodges and incredible food (considering it's a camp). The camp is located on a finger of land between a lake and the ocean on the northern Oregon coast and both are accessible within walking distance.

Camp dates are: August 8, 9, 10, 11. Friday through Monday. The cost is \$75 per person. Registration forms are available in the church on the board in the hallway above the drinking fountain, or contact Carrie.

The Choristers would like to wish everyone a fabulous summer!

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

By Lucy Strandlien

Many thanks to the choir for their dedication, talent and for giving up time in their busy lives to be part of Resurrection's music program. Every voice is important and appreciated.

Each year we have choir members come and go, just like in the church's general population. Please consider joining our merry band of singers. We particularly need male voices, but always have room for good altos and sopranos. A commitment is necessary, but we are able to work around busy schedules.

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, was the final day for this choir season. This summer the choir takes the opportunity to sit with the congregation, with family and friends. We also work on a few anthems for the summer while looking forward to gathering again in the fall.



HIGH MASS

By Tim Hannon

This Easter season marked the one-year anniversary of the Saturday high mass, though for me it seems we've been praying in this way for a long time. It's often said that to know what Episcopalians believe, a person should come and worship with us; in other words practice creates theology, or what we do



RENAISSANCE GIRLS

By Patty Krier

Smiling, prancing sprites, Hannah Maeve (7 ¼) and Brigid Was (4 ½) have brightened our lives considerably since they arrived in November 2011. Daughters of Brent and Windy, not only are they dancing faeries, but have a nose for business: together they help to sell eggs and raise goats. Brigid says she likes goats because there are so many babies, eight of them. Commenting on Sweet William the goat, she says, “He’s too much trouble, lots of trouble, but sweet, that’s why we call him Sweet William”. Hannah Maeve is very fond of her chicken Penny. When the fox was in the hen house (literally), Penny was hurt but survived, and is now know as Super Chicken.

So, what do these industrious farm girls do for fun? They play with their Border Collie pups, the Nutella Brothers, Hazel and Cocoa, “even though they bite me,” smiles Hannah Maeve. King of the Mountain is high on their list, which they like to play on top of the compost pile, which, luckily, has a tarp. They love

to push the king down, run, scream, and laugh until someone ends in tears, chortles Hannah Maeve, who gets dirt in her clothes. They also love anything faeries and bugs, and Brigid proudly states that she found a dead rat “sort of” on the trail.

They read a lot in their spare time---can you believe they have any?! Brigid favors Amelia Bedelia because “it’s so funny, the book where she goes out West and doesn’t know anything”. Hannah Maeve quietly talks about Mossy by Jan Brett, “a painted turtle who stays by a pond and never leaves, so moss starts to grow on her back and a garden grows on her shell, with a new plant every season”.

Asked about their favorite part of church, Hannah Maeve lit up and immediately said the Choristers, because she has so many best friends and likes to sing. Brigid, a little less sure, thought that lighting the candles at the side altar and saying a prayer was pretty nice.

Renaissance Women at such a young age, they remind me that life is for the taking and to make the very most of every moment, just like they do.

helps to develop what we believe and how we believe it. This is the same for most things: living in a town we are constantly finding new things; reading a good book we find not just a repeat of the same experience but a new one, grown from the old and the time that has passed. Through practice and over time, form can lead to habit and thus become our habitat; but through mindful practice, habit can become being, presence, and life. Into this no-longer-new form there has grown a most joyful solemnity, and it breathes calmly and peacefully in the birdsongs of late evening.

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VISITATION

Bruce Sedgewick

Hush,
It's happening, again _____
The Visitation.

Silent face like translucent gems
Speaking no words, softly:
"We have not yet ascended, don't touch,
But be quiet, very quiet:
Reverence the poor,
Greet all kind, warmly,
To no one, do no harm".

To all this I open my tears,
"I have not yet ascended."

To the labors of Sisypus
To our burdens droll and weighted,
Speak silence _____ "Take the rest from your labors.
Quiet"

To all this I open my tears,
It's happening again
The Visitation

Hush

RECLAIMING VOICE

Bruce Sedgewick

Help me to pray, my God
Loud enough in your ears
That my voice I might hear in mine.
That in mine, I might hear,
And in the chambers of my heart,
Teach me to listen _____ silently.

To the Four Winds, I pray.

For my warrior: That he shows, through me, his courage
For my Healer: That she shows, through me, her softness
For my visionary: That I would see clearly
For my Teacher: That I may be guided in paths of righteousness.

For the Season of Spirit will come,
And may all who number ourselves in you,

The One

Be found numbered in God's one-heart,
Be found listening within the chambers of our hearts,
Deeply pulsing in the chamber of God's.

Se'Lah

A prayer for Rebecca Austin