

Tune In!



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This edition of Tune In will take a bit different twist in theme—instead of regaling you with our many achievements and people reports, we want to tell you the stories about our need for space, which are actually a reflection of all your good and successful ministries. We are in the feasibility phase of a capital campaign and we want to keep the issues of WHY we need the campaign on people's minds. Read, be amazed by the activity, and think about what we can do as a parish to accommodate the space needs. Visions are one thing and an important thing, but hard to accommodate if the needed space is not available.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BRENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

These past 50 days of Easter have been ripe ones here at Resurrection. Coming off of the best Holy Week that I have ever experienced, a joyous and light-filled Easter has followed. Can you feel it? Ten of our fellow parishioners made an enduring commitment to the church in their confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church. Our youth group is up and running, with the kids flipping pancakes in the morning at the 2nd Sunday Breakfast and playing laser tag or roller skating in the afternoon. Preparations are being made for a new Godly Play classroom as our children age into the next class. The Breakfast ministry has smoothly changed leadership and the Home Starter Kits had another record month of kits going to help folks as they find housing. The music keeps flowing... Lucy, Peg and the choir (as always) are giving their all, Carrie and the Choristers have finished another wonderful season, Joyce is wowing us on the organ and Alex has joined the Saturday High Mass team. And of course there are all of the cute goat pictures. Life is good here at Resurrection.

This season has also seen our growth continue. Some wonderful people have been finding their way through our big red doors recently. Have you noticed that? Have you met them? Look around on Sunday. There are a lot of new faces around church. Our coffee hours are tough; we are either crowded on the sidewalk out front or squeezed down the hallway into the yellow room, but if you see someone you don't know, say hi, engage in conversation, invite them out for a cup of coffee. You have this place in common and that is no small thing.

It has been another great program year here at Resurrection. Now, as the hustle and bustle of Eugene settles down with the coming of summer (it is all relative) I encourage you to settle into your own self. Enjoy the sunshine. Read a book (I've got suggestions)! Go for a walk, have a conversation, intentionally hold those you love in your thoughts and prayers. In the little additional bits of time we get as the days grow longer and our workload lightens, I encourage you to practice being yourself right where you are. We can't save what we don't savor.

In Christ,

Brent

SACRED SPACE IN GODLY PLAY

by Marsha Crosswhite

MISSION

It is Maria Montessori's revolutionary work in teaching children that inspired Father John Berryman and informed his studies on faith formation in the 30 plus year development of Godly Play.

Core to the foundational ideas of Maria Montessori is the concept of a beautiful and inviting space, where elements of the classroom are thoughtfully arranged, utilizing natural light, natural materials and adequate space to create a classroom of calm, allowing for joy in learning.

In Godly Play, this space then becomes sacred as the storyteller builds the circle and tells the stories of our faith. The child is invited to respond to the lesson and then to work with art or lesson materials to incorporate the elements of the story uniquely speaking to the existential experience and spiritual journey of that child.

SPACE CONCERNS

We are fortunate at Church of the Resurrection to have a dedicated, passionate and certified Godly Play Teaching Team, a supportive Vestry and congregation, as well as a visionary Priest. Our classroom size averages about nine, and some Sundays the circle has grown to 19! Ages range from 3 on up to middle school. Although our volumes speak to the need for more space for our youngest COR members, more importantly separate spaces are needed to respect the different age groups of these children. Our youngest wonder and work and respond differently than older children when engaged in a Godly Play lesson. Separate classrooms for these two groups will allow for respectful and joyful



spaces for that wondering and spiritual growth, and will allow for growth of our Godly Play Program.

THE NURSERY: FIRST STEP IN THE SPIRITUAL LADDER

by Kelly May

The Nursery is the space provided for our youngest members to experience church in a healthy, nurturing, and safe way. This also provides a time for parents to sit through the church service up until communion without their children if they wish, ensuring both parents and children are being spiritually fed.

This sacred space is the heart of our youngest parishioners, some of whom need to move about, to be active in their spiritual journey. They need the nourishing love of an adult at all times. This wee



space is tiny, little, small, diminutive, undersized. With the growth we are experiencing, the space will no longer work. Lately we have been hosting seven children and it is really tight. When the fire code limits this small space, what can we do? It's time to think expansion, to give our youngest the space to grow in so many ways!

SACRED SPACE FOR RITE 13 AND J2A

by Carrie Peil Warner

A vision to adopt the Rite 13 (MidHigh) and J2A (Journey to Adulthood) is in our future, but what about the space that will be needed? Yes, they will do a lot off campus, but when they meet every Sunday morning where will it be? Hard to know and hard to plan, if there is not sufficient space.

SACRED SPACE FOR SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION/ EDUCATION

by Jane Renfro Smith

The mission of this program is to encourage lifelong learning, Christ-centered living, care of God's creation, and understanding of community issues/needs. It promotes group discussion and gives people a chance to be authentic, and to know and trust each other.

On most Sundays there is a one-hour session following the 10:30 service (with time to get refreshments first) in the Parish Hall. Sessions are planned by a Formation Team. Knowledgeable church members are invited to present, as well as community leaders. DVD's and other resources are also used. We have a new good-sized TV easily seen by small or large groups. It cannot be moved up and down the stairs without damage to it or the movers.

The space in the Parish Hall seems adequate but



with expected growth this will not be the case. For now, attendance has dropped since the group was moved out of the Yellow Room to the Parish Hall. It has dropped further with the change in time from 9:30 am before church to 12:15 after church. The class assembles between 12:15 and 12:30, depending on when the service ends. People enjoy socializing at the hospitality hour and although some intend to attend, it appears that it is easier to head for the parking lot after refreshments. These are not space problems, or are they? Does the Parish Hall seem inaccessible? Is there a Parish Hall sign on the door? Are newcomers reluctant to “barge in” when there is no line of sight to check it out? All this must be considered in order to grow and accommodate our spiritual and spatial needs.

HOME STARTER KIT SPACE NEEDS

by Gerald Clark and Stevie Piccolo

The Home Starter Kit Ministry (HSK) uses four kinds of space.

The first kind is the personal garage or other space of an HSK packer/buyer, for storing blankets, sheets and the like.

The second type of space consists of the 3½ wall sections (a total of about 175 linear feet of shelf space) we currently use in the Parish Hall. This contains our current packing needs, extending out more or less for a month (depends on the product).

The third space is the Bungalow, where we store overflow impervious items such as plates, bowls, mugs, glasses, sauce pans and skillets. Anything else put in the Bungalow falls prey to the 5 second rule: if it is in there for 5 seconds, it will forever after REEK of mildew! “Bungalow delenda est!” to borrow from Cato.

The fourth space we use is the Parish Hall interior; we pack our kits on the tables. This space is adequate, but was pretty tight when we had 15 kits to pack one week.

For the foreseeable future we will see the number of kits we pack inch upwards; we don't know where, when or if it will stop. We packed and delivered 39 in April.

A larger Parish Hall would provide increased area for packing. We cope with what we have, but our inventory of blankets, sheets, pillows

GOOD NEWS!

Mary Chapel Icon: Ever wondered what everyone is up to in the corner of the sanctuary, lighting candles and praying? That is our Mary Chapel, a place to kneel, pray, and light candles as outward and visible signs of the intentions we send out to God. It is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a nod to the feminine spirit of God made manifest in the theotokos, or God-Bearer. We have commissioned local icon writer Daniel Balter to write an icon for the chapel. We are still a couple of hundred dollars short... If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to Resurrection and mention "icon" in the memo line.



This is a sketch of the Theotokos we have commissioned. The finished will be colorful and the halo will be in gold leaf. Beautiful!



The Pentecost Potluck featured lots of red!

and towels (all bulky items) really gets hammered by kit requests for families with 2 adults and 3, 4 or 5 children. We need a lot more shelf space to stock such items, particularly when we have an opportunity to purchase them in bulk; this is why we have had to store some stuff in our homes. Once in a while is ok, but it does cause serious inventory tracking problems, and gets old rather quickly. A modern, dry, heated animal/insect proof Bungalow (or interior space) should be priority; then some paper goods could be stored there as well as blankets et al.

PIECEMAKERS AND PEACEMAKERS, A MULTI-FACETED MINISTRY

by LeeAnne Robertson

We have been an organization for 14 years now. Our original purpose was to make quilts for those who need help (as in home starter kits and other organizations like Womenspace, Catholic Charities, Project Linus, etc.) and it has expanded to provide our new babies with a quilt and make lap robes for those who are infirmed!

Our ministry has helped pay for new roofing and tables for our Parish Hall and other things.

We have two sections of the Parish Hall walls where we store our materials and batting plus several sewing machines and other accessories needed for sewing. We also use a small part of the downstairs closet to store ironing boards and extra sewing machines.

Space is our greatest need, and having it dedicated in one place is another. Besides the normal needs for quilting, a rather large space is needed for the batting (stuffing) for quilts. It would be ideal to have some extra tables for set-up that would remain on the side-lines more permanently and did not have to be so multi-purpose.

VOICES FROM HEAVEN?

by Patricia Krier

Voices from heaven, or so it seems, when the Choir and the Choristers use the organ loft and/or close to a fourth of the sanctuary seating for their worship ministry on Sundays, or for memorial and other kinds of family and community services.

From Chorister director Carrie: "Just think this

year we had 18 wiggly Choristers lining in the hallway, then in the Sanctuary - very nearly 'in the way' if they weren't so cute and preparing for their Sunday singing. The same Choristers occupy the Parish Hall downstairs from 10-10:30 every first Sunday—a space of their own would create more buy-in, and easier time to be together, and an ability to wiggle a little bit more!

Truth be told, these voices from heaven often feel as if they are closer to the warmth of another place Dante speaks of so vividly in *The Divine Comedy*. We will always do our best, wherever we are, but our dulcet tones could be even more compelling with more space.

The choir loft holds about a dozen comfortably, yet we are 15 – 20 and welcome anyone who would like to sing with us. We cannot use both sides of the loft as our spectacular and infinitely amazing organ in the very middle of the space makes it impossible to see to the other side. Also, we use both sides of the loft depending on organ and piano needs. Shifting from one side to the other can be quite precarious as there is no particular clear path due to the many chairs that must be crunched into the small space. Our wonderful Mari Dole has Waylon with her and he needs a comfortable space. Now he patiently curls up behind Mari in his tiny space just content to be near her.

Travel to other churches and you will see that most of them have a choir rehearsal room and music library space. Our choir equals these outstanding ones, indeed out shines some, and yet our amenities are few. If we are to grow, if we are to produce voices that pray twice and more, we need the space to achieve this.

We provide an excellent worship ministry, but with a little space we could be so much more!

ADMINISTRATION PRODUCTIVITY AND SECURITY

by Patricia Krier

Can't do the bookkeeping work until after the secretary has left the office? Redesign the office to accommodate, at least, two computers? Why is the administrative office in the upstairs kitchen? Further, the counters and check-signers use the Yellow Room, which is used for everything else, so when can they use it? These kinds of questions beg the bigger one—when will we have more space to do the administrative work securely and productively?

The 21st century with all the technology bells and whistles has arrived and here is what we need to assure adequate space for secure and productive administrative work:

Office space dedicated for financial work that could accommodate at least three workspaces;

Wired internet, and if cost-efficient, for the entire church space (thinking in particular of various formation and study classes and the breadth of information out there that they could use);

Secure storage space for archival storage of financial documents, policies, backup media and networking hardware.

Without our administrative staff (volunteer and paid) having secure and up-to-date services, we will not be able to be compliant with state, federal, and diocesan policies. Yet another reason to consider expansion.

CHURCH LIBRARY: SPACE INCREASE AND VOLUNTEER STAFF NEEDED

by Jane Renfro Smith

In 2013 I found that no one had borrowed a library book since 1978. A group of volunteers worked for a year to re-establish and update the Yellow Room library, create a do-it-yourself



check-out and return system, post user guidelines and do some publicity. About 150 more books were donated, for a total of about 950 books. The library has a steady but small volume of borrowers. It is under-utilized for lack of continuous promotion, confusion about accessibility in the Yellow Room, and lack of volunteers. Additional books have been offered but not accepted, since there is no more shelf space. It is a carefully culled, unique collection of books and CD's for reading pleasure and education for members of Resurrection.

The ideal set up would be half again the present shelf space in an uncrowded area where people congregate and socialize on Sunday, with quiet times and hours on two specific weekdays and also more volunteers: two for library maintenance, two to staff library hours, and two to plan and carry out a promotional program.

EGAN WARMING CENTER, A GIFT OF SO MUCH TO SO MANY COMMUNITIES

by Windy Dayton

This past winter our church community provided 192 shelter beds to our unhoused neighbors through the Egan Warming Center. Wow! But of course, we provided so much more than bed space- the loving hospitality of this church was felt very directly by so many, through good food and music, warm interactions, and a real feeling of "home". Although fleeting, it made a big impression on our guests AND volunteers to experience radical hospitality; often I would hear guests and volunteers alike saying that the South Hills was their favorite site.

And now we will have the opportunity to engage even more people in this hospitality by opening a pilot site exclusively for/by women, which will operate upstairs in the yellow room. Our vestry approved the proposal last month and many unhoused and those who work with them are thrilled to hear the news! Women make up roughly 1/3 of the unhoused population and are at great risk of sexual and physical violence everyday. To have a safe space to sleep will allow these guests to breathe for a moment, get services they may need and a much-needed rest. I will keep you updated on this as it develops,

but thank you well in advance to all those members of the church who will need to relocate meetings, choir rehearsals, and book studies, when we have an Egan activation, as we offer more and more space to those in need of our care.

"As we offer more and more space to those in need of our care." This statement bears repeating as our church community commits more time and more of ourselves to this hospitality. Offering a place to sleep, a few good meals, a little love is what it's all about. Space is essential to grow this hospitality, for all our ministries to grow and be together, and to accommodate gracefully and graciously those who need to be loved.

Here are ways to continue our mission of hospitality throughout the year: sunblock, hats and water bottles (with a clip to attach to back packs), vitamins and medical supplies can really make a difference for those without an address. Donate these through Occupy Medical or Whitebird Clinic OR keep a stash in your car and offer them to anyone who looks like they could use them.

I am, once again, full of such gratitude to be in the midst of a community such as this. What a blessing for my family and a blessing for Eugene. Keep up the amazing work!

Thank you all for participating in such a invigorating reinvestment in and among our congregation. soli gloria deo.

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