

# Tune In!



The Episcopal Church  
of the Resurrection  
invites all people to unity  
with God and each other.

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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BRENT

Dear Friends,

Another program year has arrived with a bang! The choir is in full swing. The Choristers, newly under the direction of Dr. Wing Lau, are making beautiful music. Our Godly Play and Nursery programs are ramping up as Stefani Roybal settles into her new position as Director of Children and Youth Ministry. And the back driveway is being lit, and a new fridge and upright freezer arrived, and a parking lot committee is being started and Home Starter Kits are in record territory, and we are trying a whole new way to do stewardship, and the Word of God is proclaimed and preached in word and deed. Ahh, Resurrection.

I've been talking about change a lot over the past four years, and we have had a lot of it! We have new worship services, new staff, new members, new ministries and expansions of existing ministries. We also have some people who have moved on or died, some ministries have run their course, and some things we are just doing different.

The thing that makes the Church of the Resurrection unique is you. Resurrection is your presence here. Oh, of course your generosity in giving, your faithful service here and in the community are important, but your presence, be it at the altar rail, in your prayer, and you being held in prayer by others, that is what Resurrection is really about. A community of Christians doing our best to love and serve God, together.

The great change that we are in the midst of right now is in the nature of Resurrection: it is a change in you! Naturally every time we encounter God, be it in the face of a smiling child or in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist, we are changed, transformed, converted even into better disciples of Jesus Christ. Systemically, though, the change you are undergoing is in terms of leadership. Leadership is about taking responsibility and exercising authority. If you become responsible for something, you take on a task, a project or a ministry, or even just take it upon yourself to call someone whom you haven't seen for a while; by taking responsibility you have authority, meaning that you have a say in how things go.

Leadership is open to everyone here at Resurrection. Linda Schield was concerned with how our bookkeeping system was shaping up, so she took responsibility for it and is leading us to higher financial accountability. Judy Cottrell was concerned with how the prayer chain was working, so she took responsibility for it, and now the prayer chain and the Agape Ministry of pastoral care are linked and are doing beautiful, careful work for the parish. A concern was raised about how our Parking Lot is working and a new ministry was founded. Your vestry is actively and gracefully steering the parish in the direction of stability and sustainability. This is the kind of leadership that Jesus Christ calls us to and we are answering. The thrilling (if not challenging) change that we are all witnessing here at Resurrection is being carried on the strong shoulders of a new generation of leaders in the parish.

You are invited to join in the steering of this ship! As we say at Mass each Sunday, "All are welcome here!"

May God bless you and keep you!

In Christ,

Brent

## EVENSONG, NOVEMBER 22

On November 22 at 5:00 p.m. the Resurrection choir will present a Choral Evensong. This is a worship service of evening prayers, psalms, and canticles. Based on the services held daily in the medieval Church, Choral Evensong, from Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century. This is a very special experience for regular churchgoers as well as non-sectarian visitors, who respond to the beauty, richness, and tradition of the music, as well as to the serenity and close-of-day ambiance. There is a sense of connectedness binding present to ancient past, the sense that we continue in the steps of the beautiful voices and searching souls that have come before.

Choir director Lucy Strandlien will conduct and organist Margret Gries will accompany. Several singers from the community will join us. There will be a free-will offering for the Pantry at the UO Episcopal Campus Ministry, which provides services to students in need.

### Program

Organ Prelude **Margret Gries**

David Hogan **Phos Hilaron**

William Smith **Preces and Responses**

Peter Hallock **Psalms 145**

Ralph Vaughn Williams **Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis**

Viadana **Exsultate Justi**

Final **Taize** prayer

Hymns

Organ Postlude **Margret Gries**

Come, listen, experience, invite those who might be interested to be a part of this special service.



Gathered at the river for a baptism.

## KIDS ROCK: LEADERSHIP AT RESURRECTION

Our parish children have come into a gold mine this fall! Two outstanding individuals have been added to our growing staff: Stefani Roybal has accepted the position of Director of Children and Youth Ministry, and Wing Lau has heroically stepped up to serve as the Chorister director and accompanist.

### STEFANI ROYBAL, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Stefani comes to us highly recommended with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Humanities and emphasis in Religious Studies from Arizona State, a Certificate in Ministry from the Kino Institute in Phoenix, and a M.A. in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Minnesota.

Although Stefani had a previous life in Eugene as the Pastoral Associate at the UO Newman Center, she moved to the Bay Area about ten years ago where she met her husband Andrew; recently they came back to Eugene to be closer to Stefani's parents. Upon her return to the place she loves, and the place that Andrew has fallen in love with, Stefani has been working with a Non-Profit teaching sustainability to 4th graders and volunteering at FOOD for Lane County, while Andrew works in Food Services at the University.

Stefani applied for the position, as she loves to teach in a pastoral setting, sharing her love of God and God's love for us all.

"I have always appreciated a sense of interconnectedness in the world... among people, places, nature, ideals, art... and when I can explore this with someone in the context of faith, it is life-giving to me!"

#### Goals:

- To understand and recognize what is already working well in this ministry, and then start to build on it.
- To establish faith formation for families and children, incorporating a strong program of cohesiveness and continuity. Along with this will come more involvement in Sunday Worship and in serving the community.
- To work on the formation of a Youth Ministry program that includes Middle and High School through exploration of different programs al-

ready in existence and seeing what would work best for this community.

Welcome Stefani!

## WING LAU, CHORISTER DIRECTOR AND ACCOMPANIST

Wing Lau, who hails from Hong Kong, recently received her doctorate from the University of Oregon, in music theory. Her background in music is long and deep. She grew up playing the piano and singing. In high school she was a vocal coach and accompanist in an award-winning choir, as well as a student assistant choir director.

Her higher education includes a masters in piano performance from Indiana University at Bloomington. Her doctorate at the UO, in music theory with a secondary focus in piano performance, included work in theory with Stephen Rodgers, in piano with Claire Wachter and Dean Kramer, and in harpsichord with Margret Gries, our very own Peggy!

Wing is a person who believes in walking the walk. She came here to study music theory, and therefore wanted to be a part of the music community, becoming involved in different local art/music organizations, serving on the board of the Oregon Bach Collegium, and volunteering for the Delgani String Quartet based in Eugene Oregon. She has started teaching group piano classes for the continuing education program at the Eugene Piano Academy and is a musician at the Springfield Lutheran Church. But it doesn't stop here; she is also an instructor in music theory at the University of Oregon!

How did this brilliant, hard-working, delightful person find us? Our very own organist Peggy told her about the position, and she was hooked. She believes musical senses come easier at a younger age:

“Once the basic is introduced—e.g. simple score-reading or how to use your instrument—musical expression will come with continuous exposure. And what is better than having your body as your instrument? And what is more fun than making music as a group? When I was a kid, I hated practicing on my own. Going to choir rehearsals and playing piano duets with my friends are the activities that I look forward to every week. Now that I am finally done with school, I wish to share that experience with the next generation.”

### Goals:

- To create a fun rehearsal schedule that the Choristers look forward to.

- To help them with basic score-reading so they can start learning music on their own and not rely solely on rote learning.
- To work with singing skills so that they can use their voice comfortably and provide music for the services.
- To facilitate a sense of community within the Choristers; each member is a part of the team. In addition to having fun, they can contribute to the team with good behavior and good attitude—to be nice to other members and be ready for rehearsals and services.

“I am very grateful to be part of the Church of Resurrection and the Choristers. I met many nice people here: Fr. Brent, Lucy, and all the Choristers parents. Everyone is kind and generous, and they are willing to help in whatever ways they can. I am looking forward to more interaction with other members of the church, and all the future rehearsals and Choristers Sundays.”

Welcome Wing!

## EGAN WARMING CENTER SEASON STARTS NOV. 15

by Windy Dayton

The start of Egan Season is rapidly approaching: November 15th, and there are many ways to get involved!

1. Attend a training: Saturday Nov. 14 10:00-12:00, First Christian Church. We especially need overnight folks.
2. Organize a cooking party to stock our new freezer (donated by Egan!). We need meals,



Coffee hour on the lawn.

including desserts, for 75—soups, lasagna, spaghetti sauce, casseroles and more. The goal is four days of meals prepped and ready each month. Encourage your ministry to make a fun event out of it; gather in the church kitchen and cook and visit. We made and froze tons of wonderful squash soup last year and it was loved by all our guests.

3. Donate much needed items: sleeping bags, backpacks, tents, tarps, jackets, sweaters, hats/gloves, hand warmers, SOCKS, emergence-C, cough drops, books, magazines, playing cards. Please bring to the church marked “Egan”.
4. Donate items to the church to sustain the ministry: Big pots, serving bowls, dinner napkins, dish towels, round table clothes, bowls.
5. Always keep your ears open about Egan openings and mention to any unhoused neighbors you may see.

## WHAT IS THE “VESTRY?”



A very important area of leadership at Resurrection is the vestry. Below you will find information on the workings and administration of vestries in general and Resurrection’s in particular.

## HISTORY

“Vestry” originally referred to the room where the priest would put on his vestments, at which time local laity would meet with him to discuss the affairs of the parish.

## ROLE OF THE VESTRY

- To deal with parish finances
- To maintain the physical plant
- To organize and sustain various positions of leadership and representation which include the selection of a rector.
- To serve as an advisory council to the rector who by church law is the parish’s chief liturgical and pastoral officer.

## MEMBERSHIP

The vestry consists of lay members of the church elected by the congregation at the annual parish meeting. The vestry of Resurrection currently has nine

elected members and the rector makes ten. Within this group certain leadership roles are determined: junior warden, clerk, treasurer. The priest appoints the senior warden. Vestry members normally serve a three-year term and must be members in good standing of the parish.

## MEETINGS

The vestry of Resurrection usually meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Yellow room. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are open to members of the congregation. The annual parish meeting is held in January of each year. They meet to review and approve normal monthly operational expenses of the church, receive reports from various committees, plan and approve capital improvement projects, and attend to concerns within the parish.

## HOW ARE VESTRY MEMBERS SELECTED?

Before the Annual Meeting, the Vestry forms a committee to nominate a slate of candidates to replace any members whose term is scheduled to expire. With approval of the Vestry, the nominations are presented to the congregation at the annual parish meeting. When the nominations are presented, the congregation is offered the opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor. When the slate is closed, the congregation votes for the candidates of their choice, and those receiving the highest votes are elected.

## RESURRECTION’S VESTRY

- Father Brent Was, Priest
- Katherine Moyer, Senior Warden
- Ken Standhardt, Junior Warden
- Ben Wenzel, Treasurer
- Patty Krier, Clerk
- Diane Beuerman
- Marsha Crosswhite
- Debbie Cullen
- Jamie Harper
- Richard Heinzkill

Please feel free to contact any of us about questions, concerns, a need to chat—we are here for you and for your church.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF RESURRECTION'S LITURGICAL YEAR & MINISTRIES

## ADULT EDUCATION/WEDNESDAYS

Ched Meyer's "Sabbath Economics" in November into Advent, including a special session on how to approach Christmas in a less consumer driven way. In Lent we continue our tradition of delving into contemplative practice with reading Thomas Merton's remarkable "New Seeds of Contemplation." In the Easter Season we will study Marcus Borg's last book, "Conviction." And we round out the program year with reading Arch-Bishop Rowan Williams' gem on the Creeds, "Tokens of Trust."

## ADULT EDUCATION/SUNDAYS

Sunday education covers a wide range of topics, generally in 4-6 week series.

## OUTREACH EVENTS

2nd Sunday Breakfasts continue.

**January 11 - 25** Shelter Week is two weeks long this year as we partner with Unity of the Valley. On January 10th, we'll have a theological preparation session at Adult Education, preparing ourselves for the encounters we will have, then on January 27 we will have a theological reflection on the preceding two weeks.

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**November 12-14** 126th Diocesan Convention in Ashland

## LITURGICAL/COMMUNITY EVENTS

- November 22** Reign of Christ - the end of the church year... ALSO, the Choir offers Evensong at 5:00
- November 25** Thanksgiving Service w/United Lutheran - We host
- November 26** Thanksgiving Dinner at Resurrection
- November 29** Advent Begins - It's the liturgical New Year. We begin Year C, which focuses on St. Luke's Gospel.
- December 24** Christmas Eve
- December 25** Christmas Day
- January 1** Holy Name (Brismas)
- January 6** Epiphany - Celebrated with area Episcopal Churches
- February 10** Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
- March 20** Palm Sunday
- March 24** Maundy Thursday
- March 25** Good Friday
- March 26** Holy Saturday - HS Retreat. Sunset - The Great Vigil of Easter
- March 27** Easter Sunday
- May 1** Rogation
- May 4** Ascension - Celebrated with area Episcopal churches
- May 15** Pentecost
- May 22** Trinity Sunday - the start of Ordinary Time



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