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FROM FR. BRENT

So here we are, getting settled into our ministry together at Church of the Resurrection. This is my first time as a rector, and this has been the longest stable patch of ordained leadership that this parish has had for a decade. As Advent, like the cloud cover, closes in around us, I'd like to pause, take a breath, and reflect on where we are as a community.

There is a life, a vibrancy that we all can just feel right now at Resurrection. The 10:30 Mass is electric with energy, the choir is soaring and bringing us all with it, the youth are engaged in learning Hebrew, studying poetry and art history as well as singing in the Choiristers and running a fantastic acolyte program, and the younger ones are immersing in the wonders of Godly Play. Adult formation classes are full, a new contemplative prayer group is meeting on Friday evenings, and the pastoral care team is serving those in need. Of course the Piecemakers keep the prayer wheel turning with their quilting, while the Saturday High Mass is taking on a life of its own, and the Home Starter Kits, 2nd Sunday breakfasts, Outreach Commission and the parking lot program continue offering relief to a suffering world. We have a lot going on.

This is all to say that we are in an exciting and challenging moment in the life of this parish; maybe the most challenging time in our life in Christ together since the church was founded 50 years ago this coming March. With the growth in activity, outreach, and simple attendance, major shifts are occurring in how we run things here at Church of the Resurrection. More and more frequently the "That's the way we've always done it," moments are being met with, "We can't do it like that anymore." As responsibilities shift, new policies are adopted, and new ways of living together develop, we are all trying to be as gentle, compassionate, and clear as possible, but inevitably some feelings will be hurt, some people will be disappointed and some control will be redistributed.

As I say to all of our newcomers when we gather together at our welcome dinners, my vision of the church is that of an embassy of the Kingdom of God. As Christians in community, then, we are emissaries of that kingdom. And the Kingdom of God is, of course, life in accordance with the will of God, which is simply another way

to say life as it is supposed to be. As change comes, as it continues to come, let us remember that all we do here is done for the glory of God while shining a light of hope out into a broken world. That is the way church is supposed to be.

Thank you all for your ministries in the world and your being part of the ministry of Church of the Resurrection.

In Christ,

Brent



Processing in to the Investiture Ceremony

MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT: STEWARDSHIP 2014

by The Stewardship Committee

November 10 was our official “Stewardship Ingathering” day. So far, we have a total of 85 pledges (our goal is 100 pledging units, only 3 more than in 2013), \$195,148 has been pledged to date. Forty-six pledging families have been able to increase their 2013 pledges by a total of about \$29,000! All this is a wonderful start to the stewardship campaign for 2014, but it isn’t the end of it.

Our financial goal for 2014 is \$223,000. To date, we have almost 88% of that total in hand. Now is the time to remind those who are intending to pledge but just haven’t gotten around to it yet, to get the pledge card in. The spirit of Resurrection is community-based: together we support many ministries and together we need to provide the gifts – a portion our own abundance – that make those ministries possible.

If you haven’t pledged yet, please do. If you have questions about stewardship, you can ask any stewardship committee member (Lucy Vinis, Cathy Seltzer, Katherine Moyer, Patty Krier or Dick Zeller). Let’s come together now, so we can prepare in the Advent Season to celebrate the abundance that Christ brings into the world at Christmas and be ready for the new year.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS - A LONGTIME TRADITION OF GIVING

by Jerry Jacobsen

Around 1992, a new outreach ministry began, led by Deacon Maron Van at the urging of a parishioner who asked if our congregation could distribute some food at Thanksgiving to struggling families. Twenty years later, we are still collecting names of families in need, posting food and volunteer lists in the hallway; and on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, delivering turkeys and all of the trimmings, plus extra food staples for the Holiday season.

The leadership later involved Wendy Butler-Boyesen and Elizabeth Bratton. And now, with the blessing of the Social Gospel Council, the COR Outreach Commission leads this tradition of sharing our blessings with hungry families.

INTERFAITH SHELTER WEEK 2014: THE 20TH YEAR AT COR

by Marsha Shankman

January 20 - 27, 2014 we will be hosting families at COR for the 20th year! The congregation has actually been involved in this program for 22 years, since in 1993 and 1994 we participated by helping out at St. Mary’s Episcopal. In spite of the fact that our facilities are not as roomy as many other sites, in 1995 we made the transition to COR. Over the years, our hearts have been warmed by the ever grateful responses of our guests.

Look for the volunteer sign-up sheets and food donation lists posted in the hallway at the end of December.

FORMATION & EDUCATION

MID-HIGH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

by Jesse Papineau

As Godly Play gears up for our official kick off during Advent there has also been growth and change among our Mid-High group. We have adopted a unique model of religious education for them. Over four Sundays one COR member gets the opportunity to share his/her knowledge, skill, craft and/or occupation, exploring faith through that activity. This model provides an opportunity for our students to see faith lived out in the world.

So far they have experienced sketching scripture with Mike Van, sculpting meaning with Ken Standhardt, work as prayer with Jesse Papineau, turning inward poetically with Lizzy LeRud, and Hebrew (part 1) with Carrie Peil-Warner. They are currently exploring God in Renaissance and Baroque art with Jamie Harper.

In the coming months we hope to boost the

number of youth participating in the Sunday morning meetings, building programs that will foster them at all levels and create an enriching and safe community. Coping with the difficulties of the middle and high school years is difficult, and only more so in today's culture. It is my hope that soon COR will be a place full of youth engaging in difficult and meaningful conversations about issues of their world and the world in general.

GETTING READY FOR MYSTERY: ADVENT AND GODLY PLAY

by Marsha Crosswhite

"The King who was coming is still coming. This is full of mystery...a mystery is hard to enter sometimes...people can walk right through a mystery and not even know it is there. The Church learned a long time ago that people need a way to enter a mystery and set aside four weeks to get ready to enter the Mystery of Christmas, so let's go with the Prophets, the Holy Family, the shepherds, the angels, the Magi and others, to make the journey that was not just back then. It is now also."

-Berryman, J W. *The Complete Guide to Godly Play, Vol.3, Living the Good News, Denver, Colorado, 2002-3*

In this way the storyteller begins the lessons of the Advent Season in the Godly Play Classroom. Once a week a team composed of Storyteller and Doorkeeper attempts the bold and sacred task of providing a space for spiritual education. Unlike classic Sunday School, Godly Play reaches for nothing less than building a community of children within the framework of the Christian faith where there is retelling of sacred stories, use of liturgy, reflective time and art. In this landscape the child is at the center and is given an opportunity to develop skills, discernment and self-confidence to then wrestle with some of the questions held deep within, the large questions of life.



Godly Play at the Ministry Fair

It seems especially fitting at Advent to express our deep gratitude to those who have rekindled at COR this vision of Godly Play: To Father Brent and the Vestry for supporting Godly Play; to the Piecemakers for the lovely cushions; to Bobbi Cramer for the beautifully crafted desert bag, to Mike Reed, now passed, and Carrie Peil-Warner and the Choristers, for the gifts of beautiful materials. Also, we are grateful to the current teaching team who give of their time and talent and heart in this ministry (I am blessed to be a part of this team): Jesse Papineau, Director of Christian Education, Elizabeth Bruno, Vivienne Close, Windy Dayton, Anne McGrail and Leanne Robertson.

Finally, as we journey into Advent towards the Mystery of Christmas, and begin once again the circle of the Liturgical Year, we are grateful both to and for our children who, in Christ's words, have the significant role to teach us how to enter the Kingdom of God. Join us in Mystery.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

by Jane R. Smith

The Episcopal Church defines Christian formation as a lifelong learning process that informs, inspires and transforms as we journey toward a Christ-centered life. Congregate worship, personal devotions, individual prayer and ministry to others demonstrate our faith while also being the media in which we learn what it is to be a Christian. At Church of the Resurrection we also provide intentional and focused group learning in an educational format to engage mind, heart and spirit. Every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:20 a group of parishioners gathers in the Yellow Room; all are welcome to the Sunday adult Christian study group.

What does the group study? That depends in large part on the recently formed planning

GOOD NEWS!

Offering of Letters: On October 27th, COR participated in the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. The Lane County branch of Oregon Round Table Against Hunger, of which we are a member, encourages faith communities to hold these events where individuals write personal letters to our Congressional delegation about the need to maintain/increase programs to alleviate hunger and poverty in the US and worldwide. Our letters were particularly critical at a time when the House and Senate were in acrimonious deliberations about a federal budget after a several-day shutdown of most federal functions and when the food stamp program was on the brink of a reduction in benefits for all participants.

— Joanne Clark

Hellos and Goodbyes: This past year has been one of hellos and goodbyes. On November 8 we welcomed eleven people who have been attending COR at our fall Newcomers dinner. We also said goodbye to three extraordinary families all of whom have returned to their roots: Brian, Lisa, Grace, Lily Guerin-Henley to Tennessee; Wendy and Marty Butler-Boysen, Elizabeth, Nick, Issac and Chyler Bratton to South Dakota; Betsy and Sam Smith to Pennsylvania. We wish them the very best.

— Patricia Krier

COR Steps up for the CROP Hunger Walk: Church of the Resurrection participated again this year in the CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk, raising awareness and funds for Church World Service and Food for Lane County. The funds provide for emergency food supplies and other needed assistance. The COR team (Jerry Jacobson, Christine Reimers, Mark Turner) raised \$894 from COR members, family and friends. The total raised for the CROP Walk was \$23,965, and around 15 COR members

participated in the walk on a sunny October afternoon along the Willamette River.

— Jerry Jacobson

Crafting Community: The Thursday Night Knitters is a relaxed drop in knitting group for those with decades of experience or those picking up needles for the first time! Come and join us from 6-8 PM in the yellow room.

— Windy Dayton

Ministry Fair: COR kicked off the Fall stewardship season on September 29th with the Ministry Fair, featuring ministry opportunities for everyone: you can join the Pastoral Care team, read as a lector, pitch in with Home Starter, teach Sunday School, sing with the choir, stitch with The Quilters, serve the Second Sunday Breakfast...and more! The Fair reminded us that we are called to be more than "seats in the Sunday service." Giving our love, time and skills to ministry is also a way to follow Christ. If you missed the Ministry Fair, it's never too late to join in.

— by Dick Zeller



Clare Reimers-Hejnal & Jerry Jacobson at the Ministry Fair

team of six people who are themselves members of the study group, and may also be speakers as well. Subject matter may be the English Reformation, Celtic spirituality, the lives of saints, other faith traditions, issues of community concern, charitable organizations...

This study groups fosters and supports our parish community. We are all in the process of becoming more of who we are as children of God, as followers of Jesus and as part of the body of Christ in this world, doing his work. Let's learn all we can.

OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE EUGENE

By Fr. Brent

I have been serving on the board of Opportunity Village Eugene (OVE) for nearly a year now, and things are really hopping down there on Garfield Street. OVE is a transitional micro-housing project for unhoused people in Eugene. The village is self-governed with consultation and oversight by an outside board. Twenty one people are living there now in ten Conestoga Huts and eight bungalows designed by Resurrection's own Alex Daniell. A kiosk for cooking, and two kitchen bungalows are in use, and soon a bathroom/shower house and a 30' yurt to serve as a community room will be erected. We have been busy, busy, busy...

The village is thriving, even simply surviving due to the efforts of volunteers, and we are always looking for more dedicated, caring people to help. Right now we are forming a group of mentors to help residents in developing their plans to transition out of the village and to a more self-sufficient way of being. If you have interest and skills in starting businesses, in community living, in job search and career discernment, or if you just have a gentle spirit and a desire to help some of our brothers and sisters who are suffering, please let me know. I'd be happy to plug you into the volunteer system at the Village. Remember, we all have something to offer.

OPPORTUNITY PARKING LOT

by Bryn Lighthawk

Autumn changes in the Parking Lot Community bring us two new-comers, Norman and Catherine, living in the van – homeless for the first time in their long lives. Having this sacred space and a welcoming congregation at least lightens the load for now. Please feel free to extend what compassion you can. Chris still lives in his hut, striving to embrace the difficult Hero's Journey in his life. And great news! A hut we can call our own has been donated, for a permanent place on our property!

By grace and love,
by ways unknown,
the Sacred finds for me
a Home.

2013 - ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR THE HOME STARTER PROGRAM

by Dick Zeller

Deuteronomy 15:11, "There will always be poor people... Therefore I command you to be open-handed toward those who are poor and needy in your land." The Home Starter Kit is one way we can be 'open-handed' to those in need.

As of November 1, the Home Starter Kit program had distributed more 186 kits – more than in any past full year. We expect to reach 225 kits for the year, 24% growth over 2012. 78 individuals received kits, including 14 "hut" residents of the new Opportunity Village. 108 families, including 152 adults and 175 children, have also received kits.

Once a much smaller COR program, HSK is now a larger collaborative effort. Five churches contribute to and help pack and deliver kits: COR, St. John's/Springfield, St. Matthews/River Road, Central Presbyterian/Eugene, and Spencer Creek Lutheran. Fourteen agency programs have requested kits for their clients moving into independent and supported housing.

Why so much growth? There is good and not so good news, in the numbers. Perhaps the local economy is finally recovering. In the January census of Eugene/Springfield's unhoused, 1,750 people were counted. Assuming an undercount, that's close to 1% of the local population – the not so good news. But, people can't move into housing without money. The growth in the HSK program might now represent improvement in the economy – that would be the good news. HSK is one "open-handed" effort to help people make the transition from being houseless to livable housing.

FRAGILE COMMONS AND "PACK YOUR PANTRY"

by Dick Zeller

The Fragile Commons is an informal group that meets irregularly to discuss environmental issues and faith. This fall, the group encouraged parishioners to participate in the Willamette Family Farm Cooperative "Pack Your Pantry" program. The cooperative made available a variety of organic and transitional organic grains/flour, root crops, dried beans, apples, hazelnuts and other local produce. Besides getting good local food, buying from these farms helps support these brave families who switched from grass seed or other non-food crops to growing local food. Their success will help build a more resilient community for all.

What does this have to do with the environment and faith? "Fragile Commons" recalls the phrase from Eucharist Prayer C, Rite II, "this fragile earth, our island home." The word "Commons" reminds us that the earth IS our greatest shared resource and that we all are responsible for not despoiling it. Recent research on rapid melting of the Pine Island Glacier in Antarctica (2.4 inches per day) highlights the stakes. Whether the cause is human agency or volcanic warming beneath Antarctica is incidental. The reality is that we are likely facing, with a few decades, sea level rise and climatic change that will displace huge numbers of people from coastal areas and may lay waste to current crop production lands. Our support of a

more resilient community is in our own and in the common self-interest. It's time we become better stewards of God's creation – one step at a time.

FROM THE LOFT

MUSIC NOTE FROM THE KEYBOARD TEAM

by Ty Zeller

As you know, musical instruments are tuned using particular tuning systems. The well-tempered system, used on most pianos, is an approach that "fudges" every key a bit, so they all sound equally "bad", according to some purists. Meantone tuning tends to sound good for the white-key keys and worse in keys with more accidentals. Kellner is another tuning variation that has been widely adopted for organs, particularly those in the north German baroque style. The Brombaugh organ at Resurrection is tuned in Kellner, one of the reasons the repertoire sounds so good on this instrument

COR CHOIR

by Lucy Strandlien

"Future Transforming One, Come!" These are the final words of a favorite Advent anthem to be sung on December 7 and 8. It is a song that expresses the many thoughts and emotions of this season – wonder, yearning, fear, awe, and hope for our future.

For those of you who are unable to make a long commitment to the choir, consider joining us for the Advent/Christmas seasons. We are rehearsing old favorites and some new pieces and we would like to share this experience with other singers. It is the time of year to sing out in joy! If interested contact Lucy Strandlien: 541-915-4296.

CHORISTERS

by Carrie Peil Warner

The anticipation of Christ's birth is present in Chorister rehearsals. We sing "For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all, but now I see, 'tis found in Christ the apple tree" (sometimes I sing "giving tree" ala Shel Silverstein, an inspired mistake)

Christmas is coming in all parts of the world... even in the Pacific Islands! Listen this season on Christmas Eve for three beautiful lullabies from the Philippines, Hawaii and Tahiti. Rainsticks, wind chimes, harp and Chorister voices in beautiful harmony. The Quempas Carol from the four corners of the church by candle light will open both the 5:00 o'clock Family Service and the 10:30 Late Mass. Choristers will also help in telling the story of Christ's birth in the Gospel reading of the 5:00 Family Service, where all children are invited to play a part.

HIGH MASS

by Tim Hannon

As the days grow shorter and the winter weather rushes in, Saturday night mass takes on a new peace. For a while the evening sun spilled into the open church doors, and while the stained glass window is beautiful in the morning sun, I realized that few of the congregation have had the pleasure to see it lit from the west in the last moments of day; such is a beautiful setting in which to sing praises to God.

And now that the days are shorter there is a new joy: from our church come voices lifted in prayer after the fall of evening, a song from the darkness. And to accompany those voices we have brought forth the harpsichord, something old as something new, and the service reaches a calmness and a peace that I have only rarely encountered.

There are hidden secrets in our church, secrets that even the time of day can allow, of a place to explore. I invite you to come and join us Saturday night, even just once, to discover with us more joys that our church is waiting to show us.

A NEW MINISTRY

by Patricia Krier

Pipes, drums, and a Scottish honor guard regaled Bishop Michael Hanley, Fr Brent Gavin Was, and the many regional clergy that came to celebrate the New Ministry at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection on Thursday, September 12, 2013. They processed into the church, bordered by the Scottish clan, and be-

gan the service that installed Fr Brent as the church's third rector.

Bishop Michael's sermon gave pause for thought when he spoke of Luke's story of the 70 chosen by Jesus, sent out to proclaim his coming with little pay and sparse acknowledgement. The congregation could agree with most of the analogy, but when it came to acknowledge-

ment, I think he was surprised at the reaction of the people and the love that poured forth for our new Rector.

Another highlight was the blessing of iconic items from the various ministries. As the appointed representatives came forth, and the prayers were issued, there



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was a silence that spoke of reassurance, of coming home, of this being the right way.

After the service, and back out in the fresh air of a lovely late summer evening, there was a sense of fulfillment—I almost expected the sky to fill with fireworks in celebration of our awesome moment, and all that is to come. Thank you for bringing Father Brent, Windy, Hannah Maeve, and Brigid.



Brent receives the keys to the Church

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CHRISTMAS EVE

by Bryn Lighthawk (September 26, 2013)

It is a Time of causes and conditions
It is a Grace beyond all expectations
It is a Touch that alchemizes each
It is a Change that none can know or teach;
It is a Light in darkness to the east
It is a Prayer to celebrate the feast
It is a Breath inhaling all the earth
and then, exhaling, this Miracle of birth.

The Alignment draws nigh
'neath the midwinter's sky –
challenging, changing, and chaste...
and none can deny
what the heart will reply –
for He comes, and He comes with deep Grace.

Draw into manifestation
a Circle of sparkling Light
with songs never sung before
nor heard by mortal ears
until this night, right Here:
this very sacred Time of God's Creation...

Draw into manifestation
this Circle of sparkling Light
and see within your heart
such Love as must be true –
this Promise of Life renewed:
this very sacred Time of Revelation.

Here, in that stable, in a hay-filled manger
Drawing magi, shepherds, and untold strangers
A mother with her first-born child
And a gentle man who held no guile;
Here, in the midst of God's open heart
An invitation on a birthday card
To all who believe and so perceive
True Light of true Light has r.s.v.p'd

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