

# Tune In!



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

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## FROM FATHER BRENT

Dear Friends,

"Shed abroad this gift throughout the world..." The season of Pentecost is the time in our liturgical calendar to notice the Holy Spirit in her work and movement in the world. This is a season to pay attention to the movement of God in the spirit, to notice where the sacred and profane intersect (or were never separate to begin with). Pentecost is a time to notice and take stock of where God in Christ with the Holy Spirit is leading us and the changes that come in following God.

There are many changes afoot at Resurrection, and this is just one of them, the all new Tune In! Evolving out of our Radical Hospitality work, Richard McGuinness, Patty Krier, Kim Still and Louis Nosce have reincarnated this newsletter with some exciting changes. We hope the new format will make it easier and more enjoyable to read, and instead of a monthly it will be published quarterly according to our Liturgical seasons. This issue is out for the season of Pentecost, the next will come out in the middle of Ordinary time (late August), then Advent and finally Lent. Along with the Tune In! our communications teams have been revamping our website, getting us on Facebook, rebooting and reformatting our listserve, and reviving the phone tree for those not sucked onto the electronic frontier. We hope that the information you need to participate fully in the life of Resurrection will get to you better now than before.

The change of the added Saturday High Mass, 5:30 on Saturdays, has been well received. It is fun, too. Our monthly potlucks have changed, with ministries taking on sponsorship, setting up and tearing down with an opportunity to share with the congregation their work in the world. The garden has changed (thanks Jesse), the nursery has changed (thanks Windy, Britt and Louis), the whole Children's formation program has been undergoing a huge change these past twelve months (thanks to too many to name). We have a Social Gospel Council to coordinate outreach ministries. And, there are a whole bunch of new people coming around. From the folks in the parking lot, to new faces at Mass and in the choir and Choristers and the second Sunday Breakfasts... We have a lot going on, and this is exactly what God in Christ with the Holy Spirit has in store for us. May we all have an attentive Pentecost.

*-In Christ, Brent*



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## FROM THE VESTRY

The temporal business of The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection is overseen by the Parish Vestry. It is made up of nine pledging members of the congregation who have been elected by the congregation to serve three year terms. Their responsibilities include assisting the Priest in spiritual matters, maintaining the Church property, handling all financial and legal responsibilities and ensuring that the Parish is staffed with appropriate personnel. Your Vestry for 2013 consists of Nick Crump (Senior Warden), John Richardson (Co-Junior Warden), Tim Rake (Co-Junior Warden), Doris Payne (Clerk), Kevin May, Kim Still, Katherine Moyer, Marsha Crosswhite and Ben Wenzel. Father Brent Was serves as our Chair. We meet on the first Thursday of every month.

In July of 2013, Father Brent's two year Priest-in-Charge period will come to an end. At this point, the Vestry, Father Brent and Bishop Michael Hanley will mutually decide whether or not Brent should continue his ministry here and become Parish Rector. This will give Father Brent tenure, allowing him to remain as long as he sees fit.

The Vestry will vote based on input from the congregation. We ask that every person who attends church at Resurrection, no matter how frequently give us feedback on Father Brent's ministry. This can be done in person, by phone or email or by letter. In order to contact a Vestry member check the rosters are posted in the Yellow Room and on the bulletin board

next to Father Brent's office. Feedback will be confidential, shared only with the Vestry minus Father Brent. June 26 is the deadline.

Finally, we encourage you to participate in our work. Please read the minutes of our meetings, posted next to Father Brent's office door, and remember everyone is invited to attend Vestry meetings. If you feel called to serve on the Vestry in future years, let us know.

– Nick Crump

## THE SOCIAL GOSPEL COUNCIL

I have been around a lot of congregations, Episcopal, UCC, UU... churches with 10 – 1000 people every Sunday, rich and poor, urban, suburban, small town and rural, east coast and west coast, and I have never witnessed so much holy working and witnessing as I have here at Resurrection. From the Home Starter Kit folks, to the 2nd Sunday Breakfasts, from Thanksgiving baskets, First Place's Shelter Week, and Outreach commission grants, to the Earthkeepers, Occupy Interfaith, the Cropwalk, Eugene PRIDE, the parking lot program and the rest of it, this church is active in large and small ways across our community. It is inspiring, and very often dizzying. By the

time I figured out that no one really knows how and what we do in outreach, it was time to act: enter the Social Gospel Council.

The Social Gospel Council is a leadership group of people involved in outreach ministry here at Resurrection. Some represent specific ministries, others work in various ministries, while others are looking for their



Palm Sunday Procession

niche. What we do is simple: we pray, we learn and we act.

We pray. We do just that. We begin the meeting with a prayer and some form of practice... reflecting on scripture, sitting in silence, reading a poem. Justice, true justice arises from right relationship with God.

We learn. We do just that, too. We are working our way through Ched Meyers' "Sabbath Economics," equipping ourselves with the tools we need to literately and intelligently build the kingdom of God right now. We ask difficult questions and push boundaries which need pushing, as Don Camara said, "When I give food to the poor they call me a saint, when I ask why they are poor, they call me a Communist."

Lastly, we act. Communications in justice work is primary. We exchange information, coordinate efforts, and share ideas. As new ideas for ministry arises, the Social Gospel Council will decide if it is something Resurrection should take on and how. As we become a more organized church (and I dare say effectual agent of God's good work), more people need to be involved in missional decision-making, and through this council, there are. And lastly, this Council oversees the Parish Outreach line in our budget.

Social Gospel Council meetings are at 6:00 on the third Thursday of each month. All are welcome.

-Fr. Brent



The Choristers

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy holy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -The Choir prayer*

### CHORISTERS

Singing, processing, playing instruments every first Sunday of the month during the school year.. the Choristers are the Youth Music Ministry of our church. They range from ages 6 through 18, and within the group are many beautiful and diverse voices and friendships.

This summer they will be going on retreat for the first time! We have secured lodging at Camp Magruder, which is on the coast near beautiful Rockaway Beach. Retreat dates are August 11, 12 and 13. We will not only enjoy a little get-away with each other, but share in fun activities like canoeing, archery, camp games and of course, singing by the fire in the evening. The lodge gathering hall has a grand piano, so we can sing some favorites and get a head start on next year's music! If you are interested in joining us, (adult or child) please contact Carrie Peil Warner 541-912-1443 [egncarrie@msn.com](mailto:egncarrie@msn.com).

The Choristers will begin a new season on September 18 at 5:30.

### COR CHOIR

June 2 was the Choir's last Sunday before taking a break for the summer. Thanks to all the singers for enriching our services and for the hours of rehearsal. Thanks to Ty Zeller for playing the organ and supporting the choir. Appreciation is also extended to Andrew Nelson and Therese Thurley who substitute for rehearsals and services.

During the summer choir members will continue to support the services from the

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# Good News!

**Mike gets an award:** Mike Van has received an OSU cash honor award for All Will Be Fed, a charcoal and watercolor painting in the 2013 Art About Agriculture exhibit. The image is based on Mike's observations while volunteering at the Second Sunday Breakfast.

**Nursery and Craft Hope:** The goal of the nursery is to welcome families with young children into our community. Right now folks are helping to create a kid-sized altar with linens and chalice/paton, kid-sized vestments, and are collecting quality books and art, toys and dress-up. Also Craft Hope is creating a version of the stained glass window, making a mural, vestments and toys for the nursery! —*Windy Dayton*

**Pastoral Care:** In helping a fellow congregationalist through Pastoral Care, not only did Richard McGuinness and I get to know each other better than before, but we both got to know the person we were helping well beyond the always somewhat formal circumstances of Sunday morning services. It seems to me that the more this process develops, the more we're likely to know all our fellow members of Resurrection. —*John Orbell*

**Summer Solstice:** All are welcome to the interfaith Summer Solstice ceremony to be held on June 21 at 6 p.m. in the sacred Labyrinth. It will be led by the couple that built the Conestogas, two of our Pagan Conestoga homesteaders, and Bryn Lighthawk, who is COR's Conestoga liaison. Summer Solstice represents the most powerful time of sunlight pouring onto

the earth and into our hearts, quite similar to Pentecost, encouraging us to express ourselves vibrantly into the world. We celebrate this. —*Bryn Lighthawk*

**The Lunch Bunch:** is the only COR group that exists for no serious purpose beyond fellowship and lunch. For several years in the past, we had lively political discussions, until the only Republican died. We sorely miss her views and her restaurant recommendations. About us, someone once said: "I'll bet we're the only Episcopalians who pray in bars." —*Theda Heinzkill*

**A Return:** In case you've been wondering why I'm still around, my love for the church and congregation has persuaded me to stay in Eugene. Except for a few side trips, I hope to be permanently reinstalled in my Eugene condo by September. —*Vivienne Close*

**50th Anniversary:** Resurrection turns 50 next year! FYI the first service was in April 5, 1964, and it was held in the Spencer Butte Junior High School cafeteria (for four years). Let the 2014 Celebration planning begin! For all that has been, THANKS, For all that will be, YES! —*Betsy Smith*



The Labyrinth

loft and by mixing with the congregation. On occasion there will be special music by singers and instrumentalists. Talk to Lucy Strandlien if you would like to share your talent on a Sunday morning.

COR Choir will begin a new season on September 4 at 7 p.m.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

## HOME STARTER KIT PROGRAM

The Home Starter Kit program was initiated in December 1993 by Neil and Emily Morris after the death of their son who had schizophrenia. Neil and Emily, long-standing members of COR, helped found the Lane County Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. This ministry provides basic materials for families or individuals leaving mental health treatment, shelter or homeless programs.

Beginning in 2007, the HSK program became a multi-congregational ministry. Currently, St. John's Episcopal Church/Springfield, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church/Eugene, Central Presbyterian Church/Eugene, and Spencer Creek Lutheran Church/FISH are all actively involved.

To date this year, we have distributed more than 60 kits to families and individuals, a rate somewhat higher than past years. In addition, we have begun supporting the 'Conestoga Huts' and, when it is established, Opportunity Village by providing 'Hut Starter Kits,' with contents a bit different from the typical Home Starter Kit. We anticipate providing about three Hut Kits by the end of the year.

This year, the Vestry initiated a new way to support ministries, beginning with the Home Starter Kit program: the open plate

from the Easter Vigil and Easter Morning services were dedicated to the Home Starter Kits. The total given through those services was \$1,259, a significant portion of this year's budget. Thanks to all how have contributed and helped in keeping this ministry thriving.

—Dick Zeller



## UPDATES TO COR WEBSITE

As you may recall, Fr. Brent recently convened a team of interested parishioners to help align and facilitate our communication ministry. Typical of any 21st century organization, we have a range of communication outlets—weekly service bulletin and announcements, the Tune In newsletter, e-mail listservs, the church website, and a Facebook page. The church website, [resurrectioneugene.org](http://resurrectioneugene.org), serves as the primary online information hub for parish communications, while also connecting COR to the global community.

Changes that you will see next time you visit the site include:

- Link to COR Facebook page
- Weekly prayers and announcements
- New banner photos (thank you, Kim Still!)
- Home Starter Kit information (under Outreach)

What you won't notice are the many technical improvements behind the scenes, in-

cluding regularly scheduled backups, security updates, and automated integration with other systems (calendar, for example). Special thanks to Linda Schield for her technical development, trouble shooting, and testing as additional features and services come online.

If you have questions or suggestions for the website, don't hesitate to contact Fr. Brent or any other member of the web team (Linda Schield, Kim Still, Kevin May, Louis Noscce, or Andrew Bonamici).

—Andrew Bonamici

## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild prepares the nave and chancel (altar area) of the church for the various worship services. They meet monthly (except July and August) and are divided into teams, each of which serves one week-end per month. Twice a year, for Christmas and Holy Week/Easter, their work parties do extra polishing and deep cleaning. Other responsibilities include:

- Supply orders for candles, wine, linens, vestments, vessels
- Flower orders and arrangement for regular weekly services, as well as for weddings and funerals
- Providing fresh bread for the Eucharist

The AG welcomes new members who are willing to devote their time and talents to this essential and sacred 'invisible' ministry; doing altar work, like music, touches our whole being and brings us closer to God and to each other.

FYI: the AG Flower Fund consists of donations only; it receives no funding from the budget.

—Helen Reed

## BREAKFAST MINISTRY

The Breakfast Ministry at COR is part of the long established ministry at First Christian Church to offer a good hot breakfast every Sunday to those who are hungry. It is both a ministry of meeting a basic human need and a ministry of hospitality and welcome and sharing of the grace which we have received with many who are not welcomed by society. In addition it is an opportunity for COR members to not only give, but to receive the rewards of mutual care and respect from many folks they otherwise might not encounter in their daily lives.

The actions of this ministry are simple: to prepare and serve breakfast to between 230 - 270 persons, men, women and children who are in need and to extend welcome to our guests and to receive their genuine thanks.

—Christine Reimers

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

I am not sure if it is just our children growing or more new families coming, either way there certainly are more of them each week. What a blessing it is to watch them grow in spirit, size and number, and the last few months have seen some big changes for our young people.

We now have two Sunday school classes: 9:30 AM, 3rd grade and up; 10:30 AM, K-2nd graders. We are now able to target the content more to fully engage the interests and attentions of our children.

The older group is working with 'modules' in which a member of the church leads the children in a project based on knowledge, a skill, or hobby that serves as a tool of worship and prayer. Right now they are working on constructing a new garden fence and getting the garden planted. In the coming months the older group will get to learn

about pottery, poetry and painting.

The younger kids have their own liturgical rhythms. They are learning how to prayerfully sit in a sacred space, sing the Lord's prayer, and think about the stories of Jesus in a new way.

The nursery is taking on a new vibe with the help of Craft Hope and the Piecemakers. Keep an eye out for toys, not purchased, but made...with love. These toys will enliven the stories, prayers and quiet candle moments that occur every week in the nursery.

-Jesse Papineau



## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

"When 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name..." What about when 6 or 8 or 10 of us meet regularly over time to study together? While focused on the topic at hand, we begin to encounter each other in new ways. A transformation occurs. Not usually the explicit subject of study, our interaction with each other week after week becomes the medium of change for reducing the barriers that separate us. Idiosyncracies (we all have them) become familiar and endearing traits as our common humanity emerges as well as our uniqueness as one of God's beloved. Indeed, Christ is present.

-Jane Smith

## THE PIECEMAKERS

The Piecemakers' motto: "Quilts are like Sisters, pieced and bound together with love!" In 2002 my mother, Nerine Leach, came from Ashland to live with us. Trinity Church there had a quilt group who called themselves the SWAT team--Sewing Women At Trinity! She thought it would be great to start a group here at Resurrection. Hence, the Piecemakers! We are a group of women who come together for the purpose of helping others, but during that time we find great comfort in each other, sharing stories, love, and hope!

-Lee Anne Robertson.

## THE ALL NEW COFFEE HOUR

After years of faithful and near-saintly service by our chief cookie maker Karen Jewett, the matrons of hospitality and the Vestry are happy to announce a new format for our coffee hour. Beginning on July 7, coffee hours will be hosted each week by two families or individuals. The coffee hour hosts will make coffee, set up the yellow room, provide simple, wholesome snacks to compliment Karen's continuing (though smaller) cookie ministry, and will clean up afterwards. We will create an instruction sheet as we figure out the details. If finances are a concern, there are monies available to help you purchase snacks. The first ten weeks of the new coffee hour way will be hosted by a vestry member and a friend so we will all get used to this new ministry. Thank you in advance your everyone's flexibility and forgiveness as we take one more hospitality baby step towards the Kingdom.

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*Tim Rake & John Richardson, Junior Wardens*

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i stand in transition,  
transfixed by the Fire  
that falls from Your hand  
and spirals me higher -  
til all that's within  
is the same as without,  
and i am that Fire,  
and i hold no doubt.

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