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LENT

by Father Brent

"Then Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights and afterwards he was famished..." (Matt. 4:1-2a)

Once again, the season of Lent is upon us. Living by the cycle of the seasons, any cycle of seasons really, is becoming a lost art form. Just try to live on only seasonal food that grows (or can be put up and stored) in our local ecosystem. It is very hard to do as our agricultural infrastructure has broken down to the point that we can't feed ourselves from our own land and water. Our cultural infrastructure has broken down too, making it nearly as hard to feed our souls in keeping with any discernible rhythm besides the current holiday motif in the shops or which Duck's team is in season.

One of the great gifts of the church is the cycle of the seasons. The turn of the seasons, fast, feast, ordinary time, rolling on and on, year after year... in a culture of "My Preferences," where every meal is a feast, every day a day of indulgence, where consumption is a cardinal virtue, many of us need help living and praying in God's time, that is at the pace of life, the pace that the grass grows, the acorn drops, the pace of the sun and the moon.

Lent is a fasting season. I encourage you to take on a fasting practice this season. Leave an indulgence behind for these forty days. Offer a small pleasure as a sacrifice to God. Or take on a practice; pray for someone every day, get back to the gym, go for a walk or read instead of watching TV one night a week. Remind yourself of what is really important, and when a craving for your sacrifice creeps in, notice it and remember truly that we do not live by bread alone.

FIFTY YEARS OF RESURRECTION!

by Kim Still

Our very own Episcopal Church of the Resurrection celebrated its first service fifty years ago on April 5, 1964 in the cafeteria of Spencer Butte Junior High School.

We will be celebrating our fifty years as a church all year long. A special service will be held on Saturday, April 5, details on that are in the works so stay tuned. An extra special evening with dinner and a program is in planning stages, it will likely take place in early Fall. We will let you know all about it when we know all about it.

In the center of this issue you'll find an excerpt from Betsy Smith's excellent history of our church, composed for our 40th anniversary, and sprinkled throughout this issue you'll see photos from those early years. If you look carefully you may even see some familiar faces!

We have come a long way in our journey together... Enjoy and rejoice!

At the groundbreaking
for the church building,
January 21, 1968



HOLY WEEK!

by Father Brent

Have you ever been on a spiritual retreat? Maybe a time of silence at a monastery, maybe a yoga retreat or a Cursillio?

Windy and I lived at a monastic retreat center for five years. We saw a lot of people coming through, removing themselves from their “regular” lives for a week or even a weekend, dedicating themselves to prayer, quiet, study or simply pure, holy rest. And while folks had all sorts of different practices, the change of pace and structure of their daily lives brought innumerable benefits, including most importantly, a uniformly deeper appreciation for the holy in the ordinary. Is there a more religious insight?

Holy Week—a time to get your religion on. I don’t know how else to put it. Palm Sunday marks Jesus’ ironically triumphal entrance to Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday we join at a common table for our Agape feast, we wash each other’s feet while remembering the Last Supper/First Eucharist and Jesus’ betrayal and arrest in the stripping of the altar and keeping vigil throughout the night watch. Good Friday reminds us of Christ’s Passion as we walk the labyrinth with the Stations of the Cross. Holy Saturday is the darkest day of the year as we ritually remember Jesus’ descent to the dead. And finally, the Light of Christ returns to the world at sunset on Holy Saturday as we hold the Great Vigil of Easter, culminating in the festivities of Easter Morning.

It is a full week. And as in all things, the more you give, the more you get. If you have never been

on a retreat, never immersed yourself in a holy time with others also leaning into a holy time, I encourage you to try it on this Holy Week. Retreat in place. Clear your schedule as much as possible. Come to as many Masses and liturgies as you can throughout the week. Open yourself to the holiness of the season with the Resurrection community. No one suffers buyer’s remorse from this sort of investment.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

EGAN WARMING CENTER

by Nick Crump, coordinator

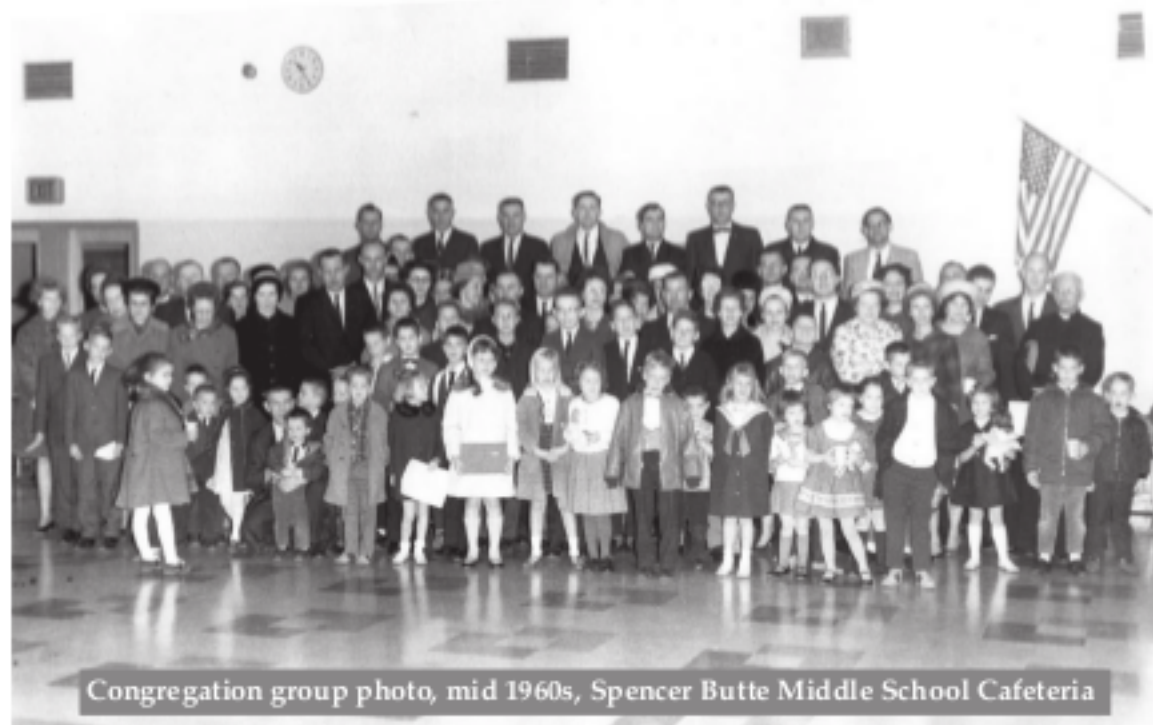
In early December, the Vestry approved offering our downstairs space for use as an Egan Warming Center. Thus, the South Hills site was born. We stepped in to fill a void caused by the closure of another site. Not a moment too soon, as within a few days the Willamette Valley endured the coldest stretch of weather in memory. We were open for seven nights, providing shelter for up to 41 people per night who otherwise would have had nowhere to go. Twice we have opened for one night and then, in February, for three nights during another snowy stretch. In addition to a warm place to sleep our guests are fed a hot dinner and breakfast.

The success of an Egan Warming Center depends on its volunteers. Throughout these activations, many people have given their time, both from our church community and from our neighborhood. People have helped in the kitchen, helped with set up and clean up, provided medical care and many other vital tasks.

Some brave souls have even given up a night’s sleep.

The Vestry has decided that we will be available as a warming center every night for the entire season (November-March). The only exception is during Shelter Week. It was felt that for us it was at most an inconvenience, but for our guests it was a matter of life and death.

Want to help out? Egan requires that all volunteers go through a two-hour training. Trainings are listed on the Egan Warming Center website. For more information please contact Nick Crump (southhills.eganwarmingcenter@gmail.com) or Father Brent.



Congregation group photo, mid 1960s, Spencer Butte Middle School Cafeteria

BREAKFAST MINISTRY

by Tim Rake

It's a Wednesday afternoon in February and I'm thinking about snow. What if it snows Friday? For many of us in this town, snow probably means no school and fun for kids. If it falls as hard as it did in December, some of us won't get out of our driveways. And if that happens, I'm wondering how are we going to get a truckload of food from Food for Lane County downtown to Eugene's First Christian Church on Friday morning? I'm wondering will we have volunteers stuck in homes up in the south hills when we need them on Saturday morning to set up, or Sunday morning to feed the hungry?

As many as 300 of the city's homeless could be lining up impatiently in the basement dining hall of FCC for a hot cup of coffee and a pile of pancakes, eggs and sausage on that second Sunday of the month? Will we be ready? Will we not only have to scramble eggs, but scramble over and clear out sleeping bodies in the church basement just to set up for breakfast because the Egan Warming Center was there last night. Is it all going to come together? Will there be problems with the irritable and the sleepless, or with individuals missing their meds? Or will it all come together again, Lord willing, just like it has for the last year and a half that COR and its partner, United Lutheran Church have been committed to this calling?

Those are the things I think about on Wednesday afternoon. And I pray, for the sake of those who have come to depend on that breakfast, that my fellow parishioners will once again answer the call.

SHELTER WEEK

by Windy Dayton and Marsha Shankman

Thanks to 56 volunteers, many of whom took on multiple jobs, and 68 individuals who provided ingredients for home-cooked meals all week long, our 20th year of Shelter Week at COR was an amazing success! We fed and gave shelter to 26 individuals during the week of January 20-27. As in years past there was a wide age range, from grandparents to a two-month-old baby. One large family of seven stayed upstairs in the yellow room. They have since found a place to live.

Under Windy's thoughtful direction, we were able to officially wean ourselves completely off Food for

Lane County and provide our own nutritious dinners and breakfasts all week. Congregation members made and served meals, cleaned up, entertained and cared for children, drove the van every morning and evening, and sanitized every inch of the church to keep us all from getting the flu bug, which was prevalent in the close quarters.

Our venue has become more inviting in recent years. We transitioned to round tables for dining. Flowers and tablecloths and bowls of fruit adorned every table. COR's beautiful new doors did a great job of keeping the cold out. Our guests were deeply moved by our hospitality and comforted by warm and loving interactions with our church family.

On Wednesday evening, guests and volunteers were entertained by the choristers who came downstairs and sang a song in Hebrew. More than once, guests were heard remarking how God was made visible to them during their stay with us.

That sounds like quite a success. And it wouldn't have been possible except for each and every contribution of COR members. Thank you!

PARKING LOT UPDATES

by Bryn Lighthawk

What a great celebration we had, Jan. 11th, for the first anniversary of manifesting homes for those who have none! Great music and readings, a wonderful and informative presentation by Eric and Faye, and - of course - good food. Also, thanks to the Conestoga hut builders, we have two new homes - one for Mark, who is returning, and one for Michael, who has interesting views on beautifying their area. Chris remains living in the third hut, participating in many church events. Norman and Catherine are still doing well enough, living in their van.

Many new ideas on creating a functional, beautiful, green Island of Huts, are in the works, along with a Welcome pamphlet to ease transitional stress. Bryn Lighthawk remains facilitator for the Parking Lot Posse (called "Sheriff" last Wednesday night, as she fixed a minor electrical glitch), with help from Richard MacGuinness and Ben Wenzel, under the direction of Fr. Brent.

RESURRECTION HISTORY

Excerpted from a longer history by Betsy Smith

IN THE BEGINNING: SCHOOL CAFETERIA SUNDAYS, 1964 - 1968

The city of Eugene was growing rapidly in the mid-twentieth century, and the Episcopal Church grew with it, thanks to the vision of the clergy and people at St. Mary's. A bequest from Mrs. Henry Tromp made it possible to acquire land for the church site on Hilyard Street. Members living in South Eugene were encouraged to join in the new venture.

On March 25, 1964, the mission was launched at an organizational meeting. Sixty men, women, and children attended the first service held by the Rev. Don Walster on April 5, 1964, in the cafeteria of Spencer Butte Junior High School.

Transforming the school lunch room into a worship space and then back into a lunchroom became a weekly fact of life for the next four years. Fortunately, old photographs show an energetic congregation of young couples with growing families. St. Mary's assigned the Rev. Aronah MacDonald to oversee the new group. In May, The Rt. Rev. James Carman, Bishop of Oregon, gave the South Eugene mission its name: The Church of the Resurrection.

In the following year, the Rev. Bob Dwight, a curate at St. Mary's, was named permanent vicar. The Church of the Resurrection became an official Dioce-

san mission at the October 1965 Convention. We rented our own office in the Drive-N-Save Shopping center at 3063 Hilyard, and a newly formed Building and Development committee started to plan for the future.

Father Dwight expressed his hopes for the new mission at the annual meeting in January 1966:

Resurrection means rising again, new life. I hope that our name will be symbolic of what takes place at our mission; that there will be new, fresh life and vitality there.

FIRST FOUNDATIONS: BUILDING THE CHURCH 1966 - 1968

The new mission needed a permanent building, "where people can go seven days a week." The initial fundraising campaign met its goal with 56 pledges totaling \$36,100. Architect DeNorval Unthank designed a master plan, integrating the buildings into the natural environment of the woody and rocky hillside site. The church building, constructed of native woods, was simple yet dramatic. The high steep roof covered a square nave with seating on three sides of the altar. The parking lot was spread out among the existing trees at the entry to the site.

The building went up quickly, with the groundbreaking ceremony on January 21, 1968 and the first service on June 23. Shoes were left at the door because the floors were not yet finished. As funding limitations precluded constructing the classroom wing, a prefabricated double classroom was moved on site.

The church was formally dedicated the next year on June 8, 1969 by Bishop Gross; Oregon Secretary of State Clay Meyers was the keynote speaker.



Breaking ground, January 21, 1968



Resurrection kids at the Christmas Pageant

EDUCATION & FORMATION

GODLY PLAY

By Jesse Papieau

It seems like just a couple months since Marsha Crosswhite and I attended the Godly Play teacher training. But here we are, a year has gone by and we are beginning the parable cycle for the second time. This means the kids are seeing some of the Godly Play stories for a second time. Over that year we have finally settled into a rhythm during our time together. They are greeted by the doorkeeper, they cross the threshold and enter the circle, they hear a story and wonder, they reflect as they do their work, and finally they share feast together. This rhythm has become very familiar and comfortable to all of our children. But now as we cycle through the stories again, they get to connect to a larger rhythm...a sacred rhythm of the whole story of God's people, the Holy Family, and the teachings of Jesus. I noticed this as I brought out the gold parable box for the first time this year...the language came to them immediately. "There once was a man who did such amazing things, and said such amazing things, that one day, they just had to ask, who are you?" This is the beauty that I look forward to seeing as Godly Play begins to be the dancing rhythm that moves them through their younger years.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday School for our middle and high school students has also been approaching a rhythm. Following their unit on artists' interpretations of scripture in art, they have delved into the highly stylized and



Christmas Pageant, mid-1960s

prescribed art of creating icons with Jenny Potter and Irene Hejum. Following icons, they will review their Hebrew with Carry Peil-Warner for Hebrew 2. As of now that is far as we have planned for the mid/high students. If you have any ideas or would like to take on 4-5 sundays of leading a unit yourself, I would love to speak with you.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

by Jane Refro Smith

Alan Hejnal has just completed the first of three presentations about the Gospel of John for the Sunday morning Adult Formation study group, held from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Yellow Room. Alan is very knowledgeable about the New Testament and he is a masterful teacher and story teller so that the pages of John's Gospel came vividly alive for the members of the study group. The first Sunday in March, Fr. Brent joins the study group again to continue his discussion about the Book of Common Prayer. This time the focus is on Confirmation and Ordination. On March 9, Pastor John Linn, ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will talk about Martin Luther and his role in the protestant reformation of the church. Thereafter we hope to spend several Sunday sessions on contemporary theology.

THE FRAGILE COMMONS

By John Orbell

The "Fragile Commons" group is doing two things, although more are likely to develop soon:

(1) We have an email list of people who are interested in talking with each other and exchanging materials bearing on climate change and activist responses; if you want to be on that list, please drop an email to Richard MacGuinness at gotomcguri@gmail.com or John Orbell at jorbell@uoregon.edu. We will link with the St Mary's congregation via rwzeller@comcast.net;

(2) Looking to develop ties with local and secular activist groups such as 350.org, which seems to be getting geared up in Eugene.

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

By John Richardson, Senior Warden 2014

Resurrection's annual meeting on January 19 celebrated the parish's advances in carrying Christ's message to the Eugene-Springfield community and heralded future initiatives to continue its progress. Senior Warden Nick Crump noted the elevation of Father Brent's position from Priest-in-Charge to Rector, the addition of a new Saturday afternoon worship service, and growth of the children's ministry including adding the Godly Play curriculum for younger children. Important advances also occurred in the parish's outreach ministry including parishioners volunteering for the Sunday Breakfast Ministry, growth in the Home Starter Kit program, and the Parish agreeing to become Egan Warming Center site and hosting additional Conestoga huts. In respect to the parish's facilities, it was noted that the refurbishment of the parish hall was completed with the installation of new doors that are building code compliant and increase the building's energy efficiency.

Turning to the parish's financial health and related matters, Nick reported on behalf of treasurer Kay Marietta that the Vestry set a very ambitious goal for the stewardship campaign which in the final analysis proved slightly too ambitious. Nevertheless, following adjustments, the parish's overall budget will increase in 2014 and includes salary increases for staff and adding a musician to support the Saturday service. Of particular note, the goal of pledging units to support the 2014 budget was achieved and represents an increase over 2013.

Father Brent reported that during the first year of his ministry at Resurrection he placed an emphasis on becoming acquainted with parishioners and followed by focusing on outreach ministry during his second year. He anticipates continuing those directions in 2014 while devoting greater attention to the parish's administrative activities such as how decisions are made, identifying and developing potential leaders, information flow, and church governance. He reported the selection of John Richardson to serve as Senior Warden for 2014. John indicated important activities during this year will include a celebration of the parish's fiftieth anniversary and a discernment process relative to the need for additional facilities. He also praised and thanked Windy Dayton for her important contributions to the life of the parish.

One of the important functions of the annual meeting is to elect secular leadership for the parish. In that regard, Diane Beureman, Jamie Harper and Bryn Lighthawk were elected to three-year Vestry terms and Jerry Jacobson, Chet Kasmarski, and Iain Stanford were selected as diocesan convention delegates.



OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE EUGENE

by Father Brent

Most of us know a bit about Opportunity Village, the micro-housing community of unhoused folks down on 2nd and Garfield. We've talked about it at Mass. We've piloted the structures on church property, had folks in our parking lot move there (and back again), our Outreach Commission has given grants, Hut Starter Kits help the folks there, a member is the chief builder, and your priest is on the board.

As a community, we're involved. Right now, thirty folks live at OVE. The building process is wrapping up (and is paid for!): the yurt is up and heated, the showers are running, the kitchen is nearly done and only a few bungalows remain to be completed.

Throughout, we slowly, slowly, slowly are continuing to learn how to gather a group of people out of thin air and form a self-sustaining community, and here, we need help. If you have experience living and working in communities, starting businesses, holding fundraisers, mentoring eager learners, getting to know folks on the margins, or if you have interest in any of these areas, please get in touch with me and we can talk about what you can offer. Your love and experience can make a difference in the life of some of our most vulnerable neighbors.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

RESURRECTION CHOIR

By Lucy Strandlien

During Lent the choir will be singing many old favorites, but the first Sunday we will present a new selection with words written by Bryn Lighthawk and set to a shape-note piece provided by Tom Payne. These deep and moving words will be printed in the bulletin for your contemplation. We will sing it again on Good Friday and I sense its evolution as we rehearse it throughout Lent.

Our organ is visibly beautiful and a source of inspiration to many who see and hear it. In Lent it will remain silent as we search our hearts, listening for the voice of God, following the path of Jesus, and anticipating the glory of Easter.

CHORISTERS

The Choristers continue their season of singing on the first Sunday of March with their annual instrumental piece "The Sweet By and By". Voices are joined with a variety of instruments: trumpet, French horn, violins, guitars and ukes, all held together with Thérèse on the piano. Don't miss it! We will continue our focus on world music as we prepare a Native American piece and more.

A PROPERTY COMMITTEE REFLECTION

By Chet Kasmarski, Chair, on behalf of the Property Committee

As Episcopal Church of the Resurrection crosses into its 50th year of being, the Property Committee is indeed encouraged by its efforts to improve the safety, security, and comfort of all who gather here. Since we began meeting five years ago, we have worked closely with our Junior Wardens, our Vestry and Clergy, knowledgeable volunteers, and paid professionals to develop, prioritize, and complete numerous mini-capital projects.

Of particular note for our 50th anniversary are the finishing touches recently done to our Parish Hall involving the installation of insulated, fire-code approved exit doors. When added to the earlier additions of shelving, drapes, new light-weight tables, new carpeting, and a very efficient dishwasher in the

adjoining kitchen, this large meeting space continues to serve specific needs of several of our ministries while flexibly remaining the place for celebratory meals.

Thank you to all who participate in our thriving church community. Blessed are the spaces and places hosting a multitude of faces in this House of God. Amen.

BLESSED ARE THE PIECEMAKERS

by Lee Anne Robertson

"Buttons & patches and cold wind blowing, the days pass swiftly when I am sewing"-*unknown*

We Piecemakers would like to pay tribute to one of us who is a true quilter. Eunice Scruggs has been with us from the beginning of our group in 2002. She has been quilting for many years and surprises us with her lovely gifts of quilts to give to our Church members who are infirm or needy. Also our brand new babies!! We work with Eunice as a group to make many of our quilts but Eunice also works at home on her own.

This work was a particularly beautiful one that she made for our 150th Oregon Birthday Including all aspects of our beautiful state. Eunice is definitely our blessed Piecemaker.



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Building the church, 1968



LENTEN PRAYER

Bryn Lighthawk

Within the Deepness, still and flowing,
I fall before You on my knees;
even as my lost tears are flowing –
even then, You have come for me.

I cannot tell my soul's true Essence:
Which part is wheat? Which part the chaff?
I cannot face these Consequences -
this Evil done on my behalf.

Listen, my Lord, to this heart speaking
from such a Darkness of despair;
to love Thee more is all I'm seeking -
forgive me gently in this prayer.

Within the Deepness, still and flowing,
I fall before You on my knees;
even as my lost tears are flowing –
even then, You have come for me.

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