

# ST. AIDAN'S

*St. Aidan's Mission:  
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our  
community through worship, education, and outreach.*



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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GRESHAM OREGON  
NEWSLETTER:  
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## From The Rector's Desk

### *HONORING THE PAST...BUILDING THE FUTURE.*

*Author's note: This summer we honor our founding as a congregation some fifty years ago. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, our liturgy at the 10 o'clock service followed the Prayer Book that would have been used at that time, the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. The lections were those for the Founding of a Church. Many memories were jogged for that celebration. Those who grew up using that prayer book found themselves falling back into familiar patterns and cadences. Those too young found it strange. Many women wore hats reminiscent of the time and men dressed in suits and narrow ties. The Bishop's visitation on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July focused on the continuing work of the church in the present, with Baptism and Confirmation, talk of the General Convention and our ties with the greater church, and wonderful food and fellowship at the special Jubilee Tea. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, our attention turned to some of the creative ways liturgy informs and responds to our lives in the celebration of the Celtic notion adopted by the Saxons: The Lammass Mass. The events celebrating this anniversary continue in August and September.*

By now we all know the stories about a group of Episcopalians gathering in the Rees family living room in response to Bishop Dagwell's call to establish a presence in what was a fast-growing part of the metro area.

Of course, an exact anniversary is hard to choose for any auspicious event. Think of your wedding anniversary: It is when you took vows? But don't you also remember that first date? Or when marriage was proposed?... Or think of a child being born. One could celebrate the birthday. One could celebrate her day of conception, too. Such it is with our congregation. We rightly celebrate this time, whether it is reckoned from the time the Bishop set Helen Rees on a task, or when services began to be held continuously, or when this congregation achieved 'parish' status and was recognized by the Diocese as such, or, of course, when a like-minded group gathered to explore forming a congregation.

Perhaps we should be clear: We celebrate the mystery of how such things begin, *whenever* that is, because of the impact on our lives, even as these events defy the odds: Two people meet and something tells them that they belong together;... an egg is fertilized and enormous potential for growth and differentiation, life and love is set into motion;... a group of like-minded people meet and realize the synergy of being together in the power of God's Spirit; that God has plans for them.

So we celebrate that spark; that almost magic; that synergy where two plus two equals more than four;-- that sacred mystery. And that mystery is the church, Christ's

Body, present and at work in the world... St. John Chrysostom said it so well: 'where two or three are gathered together in His name, Christ is in the midst of them.' As with all mystery, the facets that command our attention are endless. For example, other cultures and times point to the mystery, if pointing to slightly different aspects, some sacred and some profane: 'United we stand,' or poet and printmaker Blake's, "No man is an island..." or the theme of the General Convention just ending, the African 'ubuntu,' roughly translated, 'because we are, I am.' Mystery. Mystery of community—with one another, with God and Christ, through the indwelling Spirit.

That notion of mystery is a key to understanding the scriptures designated for the founding of a church. Jesus cleanses the temple, but in the process of telling the story, we see the temple morph from a building built of stone, into the person of Jesus. Then we extrapolate that, as the Risen Christ's body is seen to be the church, not built of stone, but of faithful people. Further, we experience that same Christ in Holy Communion. We are incorporated into that temple, that body of Christ, through Baptism.

Another couple of institutions have marked important milestones this year, as well. Our beautiful State of Oregon achieved statehood 150 years ago. And the NAACP celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in a special and ironic way: The organization that was born to fight lynchings of black men was addressed by America's first president of African parentage. Commentators have made a great deal about what the NAACP needs to do to stay relevant in this new circumstance, when bigotry and prejudice play out in some different ways (not to say that the terror of lynching is unheard of, even now).

Our state's achieving statehood is useful in many important ways, and the NAACP is good for our society in protecting all of us from brutal acts and calling us to account. Yet our faith reminds us that this anniversary we celebrate of the founding of a church is different. Our existence as a church would have no meaning outside of that mystery even if we struggle with how to live it out. But *inside* of that mystery, we will never have to search for relevance: Keep your eye on Jesus and your mission will always be relevant, renewed, refreshed. Remember the time Peter's boat began to sink? As long as he kept his eyes on Jesus, he was fine. The moment he looked down... he sank!

As a chaplain at General Convention said, "Liturgy and Convention business sessions are the same — both are the work of the people — in liturgy we say amen and in business sessions we say yea. The Christian process is still the same, I Belong, I Believe, I Behave." All that we do

as a church must first be founded on that cornerstone of Jesus.

Looking at this theme from the point of view of the Gospel today, we gain more insight. For the ancient Jews, the temple is a sign of God's dwelling among God's people; God's presence is manifest in the temple. Jesus' discomfort with what he saw going on in the sacred Temple has everything to do with how the people had become complacent about having God among them. They had taken their eyes off God and had begun to sink! For Christians, Jesus, the person, is the replacement of the Temple of Jerusalem; the focus is no longer on the old temple, but on Christ's body, present in the mystery of the Communion we are about to celebrate, present in the mysterious community, present in so many ways, if we but have eyes to see--- Jesus as the point of meeting between God and humanity. "I will destroy this Temple and in three days build a new one"—Three days in the tomb awaiting his glorious Resurrection!

As the Body of Christ, the church has a special vocation- a sacred calling and mission. One ought not ask: 'What use is it?', Or: 'What good is it to me?' as one would ask about an appliance, detergent or frozen dinner. Those are utilitarian questions and lead to that same brand of complacency that infected those in the Temple when Jesus' visited. Rather, our mission is to be, like Christ, the point of meeting between God and humanity. Our calling is to focus on the relationship with God, a relationship most clearly lived and shown in the person of Jesus. We are a part of that search for meaning that all humanity shares. We belong to a long list of people who have asked how we fit into God's plan... We have been to the temple... and acted upon it!

The words from the Epistle today are thought by scholars to be part of an ancient hymn or baptismal liturgy. In it, we are reminded how we, as a church, are set apart-- holy. (Odd that the Creed today omits the word 'Holy' in the line about one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, because of a typographical error that took a new prayer book to correct!). The church is holy- it's set apart: A community who knows that in Christ we are a new creation — born anew; A community that strives to rid itself of all the behaviors that serve to destroy community and instead, strive to heed the call to holy living. It's planted in Baptism..., it's nurtured,... and it bears fruit. In other words: I Belong, I Believe, I Behave.

The interplay of these (Baptism, Communion, Creed, Discipleship, Fellowship and Outreach) is also mystery. Think how we gather for worship of Almighty God centered on our relationship with God, but we also enjoy a good picnic or coffee hour—fellowship with one another, or we build Saint Aidan's Place (now Pacific Gardens), or offer help and give advice to those who are discouraged or have lost a job in this economic downturn, or even contribute food to Snow Cap — we reach out to those in need.

A church magazine, *The Living Church*, featured a photo of a church much like this with a sanctuary light in the foreground. (As you know, that flame signifies that the reserve sacrament, thus Christ, is present.) Meanwhile, in the background, cots are spread out throughout the nave. The church had opened its doors to shelter a neighborhood made homeless by fire. Bishop Marshall noted, "This picture reminds us that the light at the altar does not signify

that Jesus is imprisoned in the tabernacle. This picture reminds us that when we understand and rejoice in the resurrection blaze, the light reaches out through the stone walls and dark stained glass, and touches the world through our words and deeds." I belong, I believe, I behave.

So we celebrate a wonderful anniversary. We are fortunate to be but one of the most recent communities dedicated to an ancient and timeless pattern that repeats through the ages. I Belong, I Believe, I Behave. Through Baptism, we belong. As we learn and worship, we believe. As that message takes root, we cannot help but to act. And the cycle repeats. I belong, I believe, I behave. And our footprints wear the path a bit deeper and more evident for others and for ourselves on the journey. 'So let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.' Amen.

*(Article based on a sermon preached on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church, Gresham. July 19, 2009)*

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## FROM THE SR. WARDEN'S KITCHEN TABLE

The vestry held its summer retreat on Saturday, July 25, at the home of **Judie** and **David Cox**. Thank you, **Judie** and **David**, for opening your lovely home to the vestry for our session of fellowship, assessment, discussion, brainstorming and prioritizing. We evaluated our goals from our February retreat and reminded ourselves of the work that needs to continue on some projects. Most importantly, we celebrated the abundance of good work that has been going on this year.

We've had our "Jobs Seminar" program, put on by our Outreach Ministry Team of **Bonnie Buckmann**, **Judie Cox** and **George DeWitz**. At least one of the jobseekers was recently hired, and the church's name is getting a lot of "press" for our outreach efforts. Also, take a look around and notice that some of our buildings' exteriors have recently been painted. Thank you, **Byron McKinlay**! And, how could you not notice our beautiful grounds in full bloom, thanks to **Gloria Trunk**, **Mary Hamilton** and the rest of the gardening crew?! Our Stewardship Committee—headed up by **Marlene Lucas** this year—has begun meeting to carry out this important task. **Jeanne Pinkerton** is busy selling tickets for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet scheduled for September 12.

**Fr. Scott, Coleen Howard** and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee have put an incredible amount of work into all of the various events related to this celebration. Bruce **Richardson** has been tenacious with the scrip program, another great fundraiser. **Betsy Berninghausen** has been busy with the Altar Guild, and **Patrick Hoyer** has been working on making a video with our Sunday School. We can't wait to see it! (I'm beginning to sound like the "Church Mouse.")

One ongoing concern is finding a replacement for the leadership of the Crab Feed, our biggest fundraiser. This always brings in a substantial amount of money for our church. Please consider taking on this important role. If

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## CHURCH MOUSE

August 2009

Did you know August is the only month with no holidays? **Fr. Scott** postponed his vacation until August (3 – 26) because of all the celebrations for our fiftieth anniversary during his vacation month, July. We can look forward to vis-

its from the **Rev. Dr. Caroline Litzenberger**, **Fr. Jack Hilyard** and **Fr. Patrick Tompter**. Did you note the ads for Good Samaritan Hospital which include **Fr. Patrick's** picture? Pretty neat!

The parish is looking pretty spiffy. Big thanks to our yard team (**Gloria Trunk, Mary Hamilton, Byron McKinlay, and Joyce Burley**). Thanks for the new paint job on Murdock Hall; **Byron** has been brushing away on this summer. Looks great, **Byron**!

Hope you have been enjoying the series of events to celebrate our **Fiftieth Anniversary** — they aren't over yet. July 19 was our real anniversary date. Many ladies wore hats and gloves resembling those of the time our parish was founded; the mass was based on the 1928 Prayer Book: no women at the altar; hymns from the 1940 Hymnal; the *Gloria* at the end, etc.

July 26 **Bishop Sandy Hampton** held a bilingual service, along with the baptism of little **Aidan Sanchez**, and the welcoming of **Rebecca Wirkkala** by confirmation. The *Traveling Icon Cross*, which has spent time in 28 homes of our parishioners, is hung in Murdock Hall. Many of the written thoughts and impressions will soon be available for people to peruse at their leisure. Several people have indicated they'd like to try it again — maybe for Lent next year. It's been a truly inspirational devotional practice.

Thanks again to **Byron McKinlay** for fashioning this miniature of our big chancel cross.

**Mark Jones** has assembled a choir including many of our former members to sing all the good stuff, along with a string quartet to help the music along. There is a fancy tea instead of regular coffee hour — with our ladies pouring tea from **Fr. Scott's** silver tea service, and serving elegant finger food. Thanks to **Janice Erickson** for heading this fun event and to **Kevin Gibler** for helping with the favors. **Janice** is great for following though on activities.

**Sunday, August 2** will see us celebrating the **Celtic Lammas Mass**. This is a Celtic Christian tradition, to celebrate the first-fruits of the harvest. **Fr. Scott** has a recipe for special bread, and there will be some special portions of our mass in its honor. Lammas is being adopted by a variety of Anglican churches throughout the world.

We can still look forward to our annual **Parish Picnic and Mass on the Grass** on St. Aidan's Day, August 30, and our 50th Anniversary **Garden Party and Banquet** to be held on September 12. The Golden Jubilee Garden Party (Open House) is scheduled for 5:00 to 6:30 pm on that day. It is open to all the friends of St. Aidan's through the years, and will include hors d'oeuvres and wine or punch, along with some highland games for the children and a bagpiper. Thanks to **Diane Parker** and **Bruce Richardson** for coordinating this event. Following the Garden Party will be the Banquet, featuring prime rib or fish, baked potato, mixed vegetables, salad, beverage and dessert. There will be Celtic Harp melodies, Irish Dance performance and a PowerPoint presentation of highlights of St.

**Aidan's** history. Childcare available. The cost for this great event is only \$15 per person. The special kid's menu is only \$5. Tickets are available from **Jeanne Pinkerton** or **Judie Cox**. The planners for this event are **Coleen Howard** and **Judie Cox**. Pray for good weather!

In other notes around the parish, we mourn the loss of **Rick Pietzold**, who with his wife, **BJ** had recently returned to the parish. His funeral was very well attended by people from the Gresham area. Our thoughts and prayers are with **BJ** as she gets used to life alone.

**Mary Anderson** has been the grandmother of the bride twice in two weeks. Her son **Bill's** daughter, **Jenny** was married in a nice outdoor wedding — the highlight was a visit from a skunk! About two weeks later, **Jenny's** brother, **Eric** was married. **Mary** was visited by her daughter, **Mary Jane** from Alaska, and other relatives from near and far, keeping her nicely busy. Speaking of Alaska, **Charlotte Dennett's** daughter, **Terri** had received a copy of *The Torch*, and had enjoyed seeing stuff that she recognized about people she used to know. It's good to know that we are appreciated. **Linda Hammond** recently enjoyed a visit from her daughter. **Joyce Robinson's** daughter, **Toby** along with her husband **Michael** has been biking across Canada this summer; a beautiful place with lots to see. **Fr. Tom Murdock** is just back from visiting England. He says he had a wonderful time on-board ship. **Julie Kyer** is feeling more relaxed after retiring from her long-time job in a lawyer's office. **June Day** and daughter, **Bonnie Buckmann** found a different better house to live in than the one they moved to a couple weeks ago. They are getting settled once more. The advantage to moving often must be that your stuff is probably not far from its boxes. Hope this move works!

**Deacon Diana** is also happily moved into senior living place, so she can travel with fewer worries. It has been nice to see her helping at the altar again when her health permits. **Ray** and **Marilyn Freeman** recently brought their newly-baptized grandson to the eight o'clock service. That's training him in the way he should go! Also, I've seen several people recently that I had missed for quite awhile. **Diane Dempsey** came to the ten o'clock service. **Christine Young** was here and happy to see us all, and **Mark Pinkerton** has moved back to the East Side from Beaverton, so he's available to help with the choir for the anniversary service and I hope some other stuff besides. **Newt Phillips** and daughter **Kelly Lopez** were also here from Rainier for the anniversary choir. Nothing like a party for a chance to see old friends. The forum classes are in recess and studies will resume in the fall. Thanks to **Olive Mangas-Larson** and **Byron McKinlay** for assisting in these educational classes. **George DeWitz's** employment workshops will also take a hiatus for the month of August, resuming again in the fall.

Happy rest-of-the-summer vacation—and happy 50th anniversary to us all! - CM







# SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

Our friends at Snow-CAP will be helping area families with their school supply needs again this year. You can help by purchasing and dropping off at St. Aidan's anything from the following list. Volunteers will see to it that your purchases are taken to Snow-CAP. If anyone from St. Aidan's needs help with school supplies please let us know. Thank you.

—Ron and Mary Salter

**Rulers**

**Binders (Notebooks)**

**Calculators**

**Spiral notebooks**

**Crayons (24 or larger)**

**Child scissors**

**Baby wipes**

**Box of tissue (Kleenex type)**

**Three-ring binder paper**

**High lighters**

**Watercolors (paint trays)**

**Colored pencils**

**#2 pencils**

**Glue & glue sticks**

**Erasers**

**Paper towels**

**Backpacks**

**Two-pocket folders (pee chee type)**

**College-ruled & wide-ruled notebook paper**

**Colored markers—regular & fine tipped**

**Children's Back-to-School Clothes**

**Children's personal items (packs of socks, underwear, etc.)**

## Outreach — Unemployment Seminars

St. Aidan's unemployment seminars have helped over 80 people who have attended the sessions. Our Outreach to the community has given St. Aidan's a new mission, helping our troubled community with new ideas and concepts. It has been very well received by the media and St. Aidan's has been given publicity in a number of publications and TV stations plus radio public service announcements. It has turned out to be a very worthwhile venture and St. Aidan's efforts are becoming noticed in many local organizations. George DeWitz has presented the program at the Gresham Chamber of Commerce and other area chamber meetings and to Rotary Clubs. Mr. DeWitz says it has been welcomed and St. Aidan's applauded for helping the unemployed.

We are still working hard to try to keep this program going. It is yours, the memberships' program. Your support is still needed and, essential for its success, is word-of-mouth advertising. The seminar was presented each Thursday evening at 7pm in Murdock Hall. Mr. DeWitz would be happy to answer any questions about the program or its format, please call him. The last meeting was held on Thursday, July 23 and will resume on Thursday, September 17 at 7pm.

## SnowCap Volunteer Opportunity

We are happy to inform you of a new SnowCap volunteer opportunity in cooperation with the Rockwood United Methodist Church. Beginning in August, the first Thursday of each month, Snow-Cap will be open from 6:00–8:00 p.m. to sort, pack and assemble food boxes, hygiene kits, back to school supplies and other items to support local families in need. This is a chance to work together to make a difference in our community. To sign up, please contact Kari at [kari@snowcap.org](mailto:kari@snowcap.org).

## Thank You

My deepest gratitude to everyone who helped with Rick's memorial service and reception. Thanks to all of you, it was perfect in every way. Your support and kindness has been deeply appreciated by both myself and family members. Thank you, BJ

## August Birthdays

How sweet is Thy promise in my mouth: Sweeter on my tongue than honey! Psalm 11\*:102

- 1 Chuck Kyer  
Richard Norrish  
Maxine Viebrock
- 3 Bruce Richardson
- 4 Joyce Carlson
- 6 Chris Greenaway  
Laura Roe
- 15 Michael Ashby
- 16 Georgia Shaw
- 25 Darlene McFadden
- 27 Fr. Scott Dolph  
Rob Stoltz
- 30 Diane Jorge
- 31 Doris Fisher



## TEAtime:

Dear Ladies,

August's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, August 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the kitchen of Murdock Hall. This is a time to just get together and chat, drink tea (or coffee) and enjoy each other's company. I'll bring some treats and the tea; feel free to bring a treat to share. How about another white elephant gift exchange? If you want to participate, bring along a white elephant gift. WE ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS TO ST. AIDAN'S TO JOIN US. We had six people attend in July. Once again, thanks to all who have made this part of Parish Life a success! Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-8242.



Deep Space 9, pour me a little more tea,  
would you, dear?

I can drink it 'till it comes out of my ears.  
~Garek, "Star Trek"

## Golden Jubilee

### is a perfect time to contribute to the Endowment Fund

St. Aidan's Mission Endowment Fund was established by the parish at a special meeting on September 22, 1996. Its purpose is to enhance the mission outreach of St. Aidan's and to encourage members to give to the work of the church through wills, charitable remainder and other trusts, charitable gift annuities, assignment of life insurance, and transfer of assets such as real estate, stocks, bonds or cash. Only the income from the fund may be expended, preserving the capital to continue growing for the future.

The fund has four areas:

1. Capital improvements, debt reduction or building program of the church;
2. Scholarships to schools or camp, among others;
3. Grants for those in the local area who are in spiritual or economic need (or organizations that help them with whom the parish relates);
4. Grants for the relief of those in need through organizations of the Episcopal Church, at home or abroad.

The Trustees of the Fund are responsible for recommending any appropriate disbursement to the Vestry, who must approve before any further action is taken. Our Fund's assets are invested with the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon Investment Fund, a managed fund that pools money from various organizations and parishes throughout the Diocese. The value of our Fund at the most recent statement is nearly \$25,900.

Any of the Trustees will be happy to provide parishioners with more details about the Fund, and how it is invested. Please remember to provide for your church in your will! Questions, please speak to Angie Groce.

"The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses." —  
The Book of Common Prayer, page 445

## Souper Bowl of Caring



The 2009 Souper Bowl of Caring national total has now reached more than \$10.2 million! Thank you for engaging your congregations in caring for your

neighbors who are hungry and hurting. St. Aidan's contribution totaled \$113.10. Go ahead and mark your calendar for the 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7, 2010!

## ***celtic eucharist on august 2 will observe lammastide***

Lammass or 'Loaf-mass' (derived from the Anglo-Saxon *Hlafmaesse*) is an English feast in origin, held at the first of August as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. This interesting Agricultural rite will be included as part of our Celtic Eucharist that day, in our on-going worship events for our Golden Jubilee.

Traditionally, a newly baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God within the mass of that day. While the ceremony ceased at the Reformation, reference to Lammass Day continued in the English Prayer Book calendar, and the practice has been revived in some places in more recent years.

The *Church of England* has provided commended rites for Lammastide, and Bishop Hampton has generously allowed us to make use of this and other liturgical materials for our Celtic Eucharist.

In the rite we will use, a Lammass Loaf will be presented in the Entrance Rite. Other interesting features of the Eucharist that day will include music that is Celtic in origin or style (much of the traditional Appalachian folk hymn melodies have found a happy home in Celtic worship across this nation). The Confession of Sin will be a Kyrie lityny before the Collect of the Day. The Creed and the Prayers of the People will be from ancient Celtic sources (again, with Bishop Hampton's approval for this occasion). The Proper Preface will be responsive, and reflect our thankfulness for God's creation (again, from a *Church of England* commended service). The Great Thanksgiving will continue with the consecration of the elements from the Episcopal Church's *Enriching our Worship* series (which are officially sanctioned alternative liturgical materials). The service will conclude with a proper Post-communion Prayer and Blessing.

This should prove to be a service that is not unlike our usual Sunday Eucharist, and yet will seem different in other aspects. As is in keeping with "Celtic" worship services, there will be a strong emphasis on Creation (especially God's gift of our "daily bread") and upon the Holy Trinity, using striking language that expands upon the customary phraseology of the *Book of Common Prayer*. Come, and be fed!

Christian Prayer within worship is a conversation, but sometimes the words dry up when we start talking to the creator of the universe! At times like this it can be useful to dip into prayers that others have written, as they can often inspire us and open our minds to new ways of praising and worshipping our God.

Early Christian prayers show how connected the Celtic Church was to the God who created this world, and it's good to remind ourselves of the rich Christian heritage of prayer and worship that we are now stewards of.

The early Christian saints understood that God was with them as they milked a cow, sowed a field, weeded, ploughed or harvested. He was with them in the mundane as well as the spectacular, the wind and rain as well as the sunshine, on mountain top and seashore. Worship, prayer and life were truly connected. Ah, if only we could reach that point, how our lives and worship would be enhanced!

## **Denominational health plan to provide coverage for all clergy, laity**

By Melodie Woerman, July 15, 2009 — [Episcopal News Service—Anaheim, California]

The House of Deputies July 15 concurred with action by the House of Bishops on July 12 to adopt Resolution A177, which establishes a mandatory health plan for the Episcopal Church through the church's Medical Trust. The resolution passed on a voice vote.

The plan applies to all domestic dioceses (including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) and congregations, parishes and missions, as well as church organizations mandated by church canons. It would provide parity of coverage to all lay and clergy employees working at least 1,500 hours a year. People employed by institutions such as schools, day-care centers and other diocesan institutions can opt to participate but are not required to do so.

Dioceses will select the plans to be offered from those provided by the Medical Trust. Church Pension Fund officials have estimated this plan could save \$134 million in its first six years.

According to information provided by the Church Pension Fund, of which the Medical Trust is a part, implementation will begin in the fall of 2009, with completion by December 31, 2012. "Waves" of dioceses will be brought into the new system each succeeding year.

— Melodie Woerman is director of communications for the Diocese of Kansas.

## **Let No Rummage be Left Behind**

While St. Aidan's has many activities and events this fall, we will also be collecting your rummage. The Fall Sale is Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3. We are asking all parishioners to help keep Murdock Hall presentable for the many guests we are expecting in the coming months. Consequently, please make certain that all items for the Rummage Sale are taken directly to the basement. Please do not leave any rummage outside nor on the main level of Murdock Hall.

Furniture is our number one profit point for the Rummage Sale, so please give us any furniture that can be re-sold. We also need household items, books, clothing, collectible, and toys.

Please call Bonnie Buckmann or Sharon Weese for an appointment to drop off your rummage. Rummage is sorted Wednesday mornings from nine to noon; nonetheless, it is important to make an appointment with the rummage sorters. Rummage Sale donation forms are located in the bottom row of the pigeon hole mail boxes by the kitchen door.

## Thank You Parish Family!

*Thank You* to all who made the **Golden Anniversary Tea and Reception** for the Bishop such a huge success.

*Thank You*, to Gloria Morris for a generous contribution to defray expenses.

*Thank You*, to Kevin Gibler for his artistic help with the decorations.

*Thank You*, to Cathy Hoyer for the use of her Antique Candlestick Collection.

*Thank You*, to Leslie Hirsch and students for the Celtic music.

*Thank You*, to my committee of Judie Cox, Sharon Weese, Shirley Pratt and Joyce Burley.

*Thank You*, to Angie Groce for the elegant tea and to Fr. Scott for the special coffee.

And, *Thank You*, to all who helped in the kitchen!

*Thank You*, to Julie Kyer and Father Scott for their Silver Service Tea Sets.

*Thank You*, to Rob Stoltz for the special announcements and flyers.

And,

*Thank You*, to all the Parishioners who contributed all the wonderful cookies and sandwiches! You all helped to make it a most memorable event.

*Thank You!*

Janice Erickson



## Sunday Adult Forum

The Adult Forum will complete the lessons on the New Testament with the last two, "The Book of Revelation" on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and "Do We Have The Original New Testament?" on August 9th. The Class meets after the 8:00a.m. Sunday Service.

The classes are part of "The Teaching Company" curriculum, presented on DVD's featuring Professor Bart D. Erhman. He is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and is a leading authority on the New Testament and the history of early Christianity. His work has been featured in *Time*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post* and other print media, and he has appeared on NBC's Dateline, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, CNN, The History Channel, National Geographic, the Discovery Channel, the BBC, major NPR shows, and other top media outlets. He is the author of a number of books including *Misquoting Jesus* which was on the Times' Best Seller List and his newest, *Jesus Interrupted*.

The Curriculum for the fall Adult Forum will be announced in the September Newsletter.

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you have any questions about it, please see either **Chuck** or **Julie Kyer**. We also discussed ways in which parishioners can communicate ideas and/or concerns to the rector and vestry. If you have any such ideas and/or concerns, please see either myself or **Judie Cox**.

Together we celebrate St. Aidan's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, as well as our longstanding reputation of being a church of good fellowship. That's a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

Peace,  
**Angie Groce**  
Sr. Warden

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## COME ONE - COME ALL

### Annual Mass on the Grass and All Parish Picnic Sunday August 30, 2009

Help us continue to celebrate our 50 years as a parish. We will be celebrating our annual Mass on the Grass in the new outdoor worship area which is finally finished. It will be at the normal 10:00 o'clock service time. It is the first activity on this new area and provides a beautiful setting amidst our amazingly tranquil grounds. The dress is casual as the service will be followed by the all parish picnic.

The picnic will be held on the parish grounds in the shade of the fir trees. We will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and maybe some chicken and some punch. We ask that you bring salads or desserts or maybe a pot of baked beans. Some fruits and maybe a veggie tray would be good, too. And what's a picnic without some chips? Talk it up with your friends to ensure balance, but we generally do well with potlucks.

You'll notice above that I said "**ALL PARISH**". It would be delightful to see some of our previous members again as well as those who come sporadically. And 8 o'clockers we would especially like to invite all of you since we seldom get to visit with you after a 10 o'clock service. Come and join with us and help to celebrate our parish as a whole.

I look forward to seeing you all there and saying "hi!".

Jeanne Pinkerton, Vestry



## ABOUT MYSELF

**Name:** Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church

**Gender:** Non-gendered

**Age:** 50 years old

**Birthdate:** July 19, 1959

**Status:** In a relationship

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Assisting Bishop of Oregon

The Reverend Scott M. Dolph, Rector

The Reverend Tom Murdock, Associate Priest

### **Vestry**

#### ***Vestry Liaisons to the Ministry Teams***

Senior Warden, Angie Groce, *Parish Life* (2010)

Junior Warden, Byron McKinlay, *Facilities* (2012)

Betsy Berninghausen, *Worship* (2010)

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Judie Cox, *Outreach* (2012)

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