

ST. AIDAN'S

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Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our
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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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NEWSLETTER
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From the Rector's Desk

Pentecost comes early to Western Christendom this year. With a mighty and powerful rush of wind and with tongues of fire alighting on the disciples' heads, Jesus' followers became empowered to be the church. This event in the life of the church comes 50 days after Easter and marks the beginning of a long liturgical season. This special day is symbolized in many ways: sometimes with kites, banners or balloons to signify the wind, or with red to signify the fire, or with a cake to signify that it is the church's birthday. What was given in that birth is a church bent on and empowered to be the people of God; a community of believers to share the Good News of salvation; a people ablaze with love for God and their fellow pilgrims.

The familiar story in The Acts of the Apostles is fascinating. The provincial and undereducated disciples suddenly find themselves speaking in the several languages of so great a variety of foreign pilgrims, visitors to the holy city of Jerusalem. They found a common ground and basis for conversation. Their newfound ability enabled them to break through the barriers that separated them. I recall Bishop Tutu reminding us of how Pentecost was the antidote for Babel.

Each age stands in need of its own Pentecostal gifts. Each age needs a reversal of division like the confused speech that confounded those seeking to build that tower of Babel. Pentecost, at its core, is a celebration of unity out of diversity. It is an affirmation that our unity of purpose is to serve God, even as we may be able to do that in various ways. Just as seeds for a dandelion, an acorn, and a coconut, all have the purpose to grow a new plant, they do it according to their own built-in means.

The news recently featured an article about the mysterious migration of the ancient Anasazi people of the Southwest in the 1200s. For years, archaeologists reasoned the migration was a response to drought and even a small ice age. Now they see evidence of an ideological struggle that weakened a once widespread and prosperous civilization. A people who were once widespread geographically increasingly gathered into cities, creating more complex religious and political structures to cope with the new situation. By the time drought did come in about 1275, and violence due to limited resources developed, the Anasazi had to depend on one another and their shared work of feeding themselves through agriculture. Were they successful? The

report said, "As Anasazi society became more complex, it also became more fragile." Today we see fragments of that ancient culture in the Hopi and Pueblo, among others. Otherwise, the Anasazi way of life has vanished. I just wonder whether what happened to that once great culture followed the archetype of Babel?

Pope Benedict XVI said, "In a society which values personal freedom and autonomy, it is easy to lose sight of our dependence on others as well as the responsibilities that we bear towards them." E.J. Dionne, Jr. opined that, "this is the thinking of a communitarian counseling against radical individualism." Benedict sees the danger of that rugged individualism that has crept into our very way of being in this society. He continued by saying, "We were created as social beings who find fulfillment only in love—for God and for our neighbor." I believe his comment is steeped in the experience of the Spirit's power to hold society together, to help it find common ground, to give it common cause.

It seems to be human nature, at least in this age, to dwell on what separates us from the pack, to celebrate our wonderful uniqueness, even as we minimize our commonwealth. We develop biases. We listen less and less to opposing views. We become convinced our way is the only way. What happens? People become polarized. In fact, studies show that our biases actually shape the way we understand reality. Groups of students from two colleges were shown clips of a football game between their two teams. They were asked to act as unbiased referees and count the number of times they saw cheating. Each side 'saw' the opposing side 'cheat' more than their own side! Even though they saw the same game, their eyes took in two separate realities, their brains processed the same data differently.

The consequences of this 'seeing' reality in our complex world in any skewed way are enormous. Internationally, the stakes are world war; nationally, the stakes are paralysis in government; right here the stakes are in our squandering our energy without living up to our mission 'to spread the promise of Christ'. Our age stands in need of the Spirit's ability to help us bridge that gap to find whatever we can of common ground with those with whom we differ. Our age stands in need of the gift of Pentecost that is the antidote to the hubris and confusion of Babel.



It's spring! (so they say). I see beautiful flowers, my lawn is growing --and I'm buttoning my coat a little tighter. I assume that things will warm up for more than twenty minutes at a time during May! Brrrr. In the church we are drawing ever nearer to the Pentecost season when we learn lots more about Christian living.

Our rummage sale is over, and people are once again using Murdock Hall for outside events. Thanks to hard workers **Bonnie Buckmann, June Day, Valerie Greenaway, Sharon Weese, Charlotte Dennett**, and everybody else who pitched in to make that sale successful. Most of the stuff was picked up on the Monday following the sale, which was a good thing, but the furniture had to have a special pick up by another agency—and that took awhile, so it got to listen to the instruction by the **Garden Club's classes** which were held in mid-April. I haven't heard exactly how much we made, but we figure it was about \$2000. The parish is now gearing up to do some of the things that will enable our us maintain the buildings and grounds. **Carolyn Elsensohn** is busy looking up paint chips, hoping to get Murdock Hall painted before summer. (You'll hear more about this later, I guess). With all the activities, it's good to remember that our facilities are shared by many people—so it's a good idea to remember what they say in "What I Learned in Kindergarten"—that is, "IF YOU BORROW IT, PUT IT BACK!" **Shirley Vidito** tells me that the Sunday School hopes to finish the **children's playground** before June—so there can be a celebration at the **Sunday School picnic on June 7**—which will be held on the church grounds—with fun and games for all along with the dedication of the play area—and some kind of special shared lunch—maybe chili—replacing the "Tongues of Fire" chili feed for this year. I'm looking forward to that.

People are beginning to do their summer travels. **Linda Hammond** should be back from a trip to Cincinnati to visit old friends. It has been great to have her becoming part of our church family—assisting with a coffee hour, joining the counters and other jobs that come up. Thanks, **Linda. Bob & Marilyn Pierik** have managed to spend some time at the coast with the families of both sons during April. Bob managed to track pretty well, and everybody had a good time building memories. **Gloria Trunk** reports that she saw **Dr. Dave MacFadden** recently, and the family is doing well, **David and Darlene** recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Congratulations **David and Darlene**. Their grandson **Trevor** has attained his Eagle Scout classification and their granddaughter **Toni** is doing well and continuing her love of acting. We're seeing a little more of **Malcolm & Peggy Brewer** who have returned from their snow-bird stay in Arizona. I guess that means that soon we'll see our other families, **Fr. & Jack Barbara Hazelett, Ken & Kathy Olson** return.

Elise Swan's life has settled down now that her daughter, **Judi** has gone back to Alaska. She seems to

be faring pretty well in her new place, where daughter **Laurie** visits often. **Cathy Hoyer** has gone south to watch her granddaughter graduate from university summa cum laude. You couldn't find a prouder grandma. And it's great to see a little more of Patrick Hoyer, whose work schedule is letting him off on Sunday mornings again.

Several of our people are on the recovery list after some kind of physical difficulty. **Fr. Tom Murdock** is beginning to be able to use his hands again following his carpal tunnel surgery. **Gloria Morris** has been coming to church occasionally, after a l-o-n-g bout of illness kept her in. Deacon **Diana Starr-Salnavé** is recovering from surgery on her gall bladder. It seems like she's had more than her share of health problems. Yvette Iseli is mostly managing to stay out of the hospital, with her serious bouts of asthma, etc, but she still needs our prayers. **Maxine Viebrock** has returned home after a long bout of physical therapy and personal care for her back. **Leslie Hirsch's** mom, **Maxine Clark**, is feeling better after a serious bout of illness. She's comfortable at the Encore Assisted Living Home. **Wynema Gerba's** mom, **Elsie Howell**, who is 100, I think, is doing pretty well at the Glisan Care Center. I can't believe she's that old. She certainly looks great! **Marian Treviso** had a recent scare with her heart and wound up in the hospital in Hood River. We'll hear more as time goes on. **Pene Nilles** has been under the weather but seems to be improving.

I don't think I mentioned that **Darlene Bay's** brother recently died. Our good wishes go to Darlene in the loss of one more loved one. Also, the church has lost long-time member **Dorothy King**. Our thoughts are with her family.

Other notes on parishioners, **Fr. Scott** has been in communication with **Lisa Croft**, who is trying to get settled in New Mexico. She is missing her church family here, and is still looking for permanent housing—I think people don't move as much in that part of the country. Parish treasurer, **Janice Erickson**, has retired from her day job. That should give her a little more time to do the stuff she enjoys. **Chuck Howard** has volunteered to do some of the spraying around the church campus—that may give Fr. Scott a break, because I've seen him do quite a bit of that stinky job. Thanks, Chuck. And speaking of the **Howard's, Coleen** is gearing up to become a licensed Lay Eucharist Visitor. That will mean that **Judie Cox & Pene Nilles** will have a little help with that ministry. A couple of our other people are licensed visitors, but circumstances do not allow them to be active visitors at this time. We welcome her help. Our Web Master, **Marilyn Grendele** is splitting her services with her daughter's church in Beaverton. Actually, we won't see much of her on Sundays, but she will still be assisting **Shirley Bush** with **The Torch**, and helping maintain our web site. That's a relief! **Barbara Lambert** was camping out with **Joyce Robinson** while her apartment is redone after severe water damage: new walls, new carpet. It is great now that it's done!

The print shop **Coleen Hatala** worked at for years recently shut down but she used her old contacts and is setting up her own business at home. Good luck to her.

I've come to the end of the news I know. If you have any mouse-like tidbits, I'd love to hear from you. Put a note in the offering basket or check for a "Mouse-news-trap" in the narthex. See you next month. – CM

You are cordially invited to a birthday party!

When: Pentecost

Where: St. Aidan's

Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday

How: Bold and Brassy

Wear Red

Is this invitation confusing? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

A brass quintet from the Portland Youth Philharmonic will provide a new dimension to our celebration of the church's birthday on May 11, 2008. Charlie Crabtree, St. Aidan's sometimes guest French horn player leads the ensemble of 2 trumpets, 1 French horn and 2 trombones. These students, aged 16-20, are some of the best Oregon has to offer. They have all successfully passed rigorous auditions to be given the honor to play in the Portland Youth Philharmonic, America's oldest youth orchestra.

Opening and closing the service for prelude and postlude will be two canzonas for organ and brass by Giovanni Gabrielli—an extremely influential and prolific 16th Century composer from Venice. Gabrielli wrote most of his music for the great expanse of St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, Italy.

The ensemble will also accompany all of the hymns with special accompaniments for brass and organ. In particular is the Communion hymn, *We Are One in Christ*, based on a section from *Jupiter, Bringer of Jollity*, in Gustav Holst's *The Planets*. We know this piece as the choir anthem *O Lord, Beyond All Praising* (Thaxted). Now is an opportunity for the congregation to join in singing this beautiful and uplifting hymn.

Pentecost is a time of red—a color of fire and zeal and passion and heat. The Spirit is incendiary within us. So, please wear red or flame-orange clothes or accessories,

Pentecost (Greek for "50th day") is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages. On the first Pentecost Sunday, 3,000 people who heard the preaching of Peter were baptized (Acts 2:41). So, we will have an opportunity to renew our own baptismal vows during this festive service.

After the Eucharist, our Coffee Hour hosts will throw a Birthday Party for the Church. This will be an event you will want to be part of. It's also Mother's Day, so we hope to see our Church Family together on this high Holy Day.

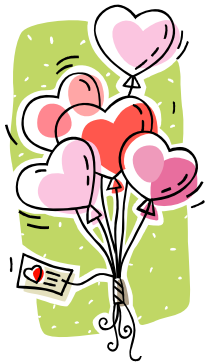
The Chili Feed will come in June this year, as a gala celebration for the completion of the children's play space.

Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
May 4, 2008 Seventh Sunday of Easter — The Sunday After Ascension Day	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Anglican Communion. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the church's work in Kenya and Tanzania. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Bartholomew, Beaverton; Holy Cross, Boring; St. Timothy, Brookings; St. Matthias, Cave Junction. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Sexton.	Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10,33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
May 11, 2008 The Day of Pentecost — Whitsunday	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the church's work in Malawi and Zambia. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the congregations of: Emmanuel, Coos Bay; St. James, Coquille; Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis; Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Corvallis. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the maintenance of our Buildings and Grounds.	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers:11:24-30 Psalm 104:25-35,37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
May 18, 2008 The First Sunday after Pentecost — Trinity Sunday	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the church's work in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: Samaritan Village, Corvallis; St. Anselm of Canterbury, Corvallis; St. Andrew, Cottage Grove; St. Thomas, Dallas. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Bookstore.	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
May 25, 2008 The Second Sunday after Pentecost	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Anglican Church of Korea. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the church's work in China, Hong Kong and Macao. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. David, Drain; Church of the Resurrection, Eugene; St Mary, Eugene; St. Matthew, Eugene. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Daughters of the King.	Sirach 27:4-7 or Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Luke 6:39-49

Happy Birthday — Age is opportunity no less,
Than youth itself, though in another dress,
And as the evening twilight fades away,
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Morituri Salutamus

May

- 2 Jackie Goodnight
Fr. Tom Murdock
- 5 Anna Marie Gomez
- 8 Marlene Lucas
Pene Nilles
- 9 Charlotte "Skip" Kemper
- 11 Julieann Goodnight
- 13 Tim McCoy
Mike Vidito
- 14 Valerie Greenaway
- 15 George DeWitz
- 18 Eric Elenshon
Harry Pendus
Diane Rivera
- 27 Chuck Howard
- 28 Lorraine Crawford
Shauna Junker-Vidito



Dear fellow parishioners,
I know that everyone gets their blood pressure taken at least once a year by their Dr. and that is good. However, did you know that hypertension (high blood pressure) is something that has no symptoms and is usually detected by a random blood pressure test.



Father Scott spoke to me some time ago about being available to take blood pressures after the 8:00 and 10:00 services. I am retired now and have all of the equipment to monitor this test on a regular basis. I have talked to Betsy Berninghausen, who is also a RN, and she will be able to help as well. We plan to provide some pamphlets from the American Heart Association to inform you of the causes of high blood pressure and to keep a log on each persons pressure.

We will start the project the last Sunday in May (the 25th) and hope this will be beneficial to our whole congregation.
Judie Cox, RN



Calling all women who are active or inactive members of the Daughters of the King, please let **Beth Voss** know who you are so we can update our list. Thank you, FHS.
Your sister in Christ, Beth.

2008 Camp Schedule Now Available

The schedule has been completed and is available now. The monthly schedule and program descriptions are attached to this message. This year we are proud to feature 29 Adult camps, 20 Family camps, 18 elementary camps and 22 camps for Middle School/High School ages. Some of the camps do have size restrictions so be sure and register early! Registration can be completed online at gocamping.org

New Ecumenical Camps Featured this Summer

One of our camping partners, The Presbytery of the Cascades, is sponsoring two ecumenical camps for elementary aged campers. Both camps, 3rd/4th and 5th/6th, will run concurrently at Suttle Lake Camp, June 29-July 4th. The camps will be staffed with experienced counselors from Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches and promise a safe and very fun week at camp! As Dean of the 3rd/4th Grade camp, I can promise the campers will have an awesome time!

Elementary Camp Deans Needed

The following elementary camps are still in need of Camp Deans :

Beach Adventure, June 22-27 at Camp Magruder , 3rd-4th Grade

Superkids, August 24-29 at Camp Magruder , 3rd-5th Grade

Imagine It! July 20-26 at Camp Latgawa , 3rd-5th Grade

If you are interested in leading one of these camps or would like further information, please contact me as soon as possible.

Beth Dieker

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Diocese of Oregon Congregations Contribute

\$28,517.23 To Episcopal Relief and Development. The Diocese of Oregon was pleased to send a check for \$28,517.23 to Episcopal Relief and Development during World Water Week. \$22,520.09 of this was received in response to the Water Bottle project at last year's convention and will be used to dig wells in India, Africa, Latin America and other places of need in the world. The remaining \$5,997.14 was contributed to the general World Relief Fund to be used by ERD as needed. St. Aidan's received a certificate in recognition of our contributions to ERD outreach projects. It is posted in Murdock Hall.

Write, even if you don't find work!

I recently sent out an event notification by email to all parishioners. I got back quite a few bounces. Please send an email to the parish office—staidans@pacifier.com—and I will have your email address for the next edition of the Directory, which will be available in May.—Rob Stoltz, Office Manager

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CRAB AND SHRIMP FEAST REPORT

The Eighteenth Annual Crab and Shrimp Feast was held Wednesday, February 20th, Thursday, February 21st, Friday, February 22nd and Saturday, February 23rd. We held one seating on Wednesday for the overflow, two seatings were on Thursday, two on Friday, and three on Saturday, serving approximately 1533 with 1549 sold for almost 200 more than last year. 2008 was the fourth year for an addition of a seventh session, and the first year for a Wednesday session and both proved to be very successful. Having a Wednesday session helped with the refrigeration problem, since we were able to get shipments of crab on Tuesday and Friday. The ticket prices for this year were \$22.00 and \$20.00 for seniors.

Approximately 60 people from St. Aidan's assisted in the setting, preparation, serving and clean up for the Feast. Jeanne Pinkerton and Chuck Kyer did the enormous task of ticket sales and reservations for the eighth year.

Father Scott again designed the sign for the tables giving our guests the facts about St. Aidan, our Patron, and fun facts about the Crab Feed, which proved to be popular. The expenses were a little higher with the price of crab a lot higher this season this season (\$18.19 per pound compared to \$15.99 last year) and shrimp was the same as the previous year. The cost per pound for crab has risen \$4.69 for the last two years. We were able to sell all the leftover crab and shrimp to the parish (only 27# of crab left and 22½# of shrimp). For 2008 the Crab and Shrimp Feast netted for the church \$12,225.72.

Plans are already being made for next year with the big thing, the ticket prices are going up. The Crab Feed account will be audited sometime this spring or summer and the accounting records will be available at the Annual Meeting for questions. If you have any suggestions or would like to help in the planning the 19th Annual Crab and Shrimp Feast, please contact me, Julie Kyer.

THANKS TO EVERYONE!

Read the Newsletter from The Anglican Communion Office



Anglican World News and Notes is available in the Narthex. This is an occasional newsletter from the Anglican Communion Office in London, with updates and information on current activities in and around the Communion and in the London secretariat. Be an informed Anglican and share the availability of this newsletter with others.

RUMMAGE SALE TIDBITS

I will readily admit that spending time sorting and pricing donated items for several weeks before the sale is not my "bag", so I give kudos to those who take on this task. However, I did enjoy connecting with our customers during the rummage sale we just held. So many pleasant people, and some with a story to tell if given a listening ear or two. Several responded to a helping hand and a smile with a little extra cash, saying "It's all for a good cause". One lady gave me two or three hugs because she was so pleased with her furniture purchase. Many were very proud of how much they managed to stuff in their bags for a dollar, and happily showed us how clever they had been. We were equally happy because they were helping us to move stuff out so that it didn't have to be packed up and **GIVEN** away later.

However, the event that really made the day for me happened this way. Our dear and much missed **Bobbie Cettel** had collected many boxes of woolen material to cut into strips for braiding into rugs, which was one of her hobbies. These boxes had been donated to the sale, and we were extremely fortunate in that a woman who enjoys the same hobby on quite a large scale came in. She was happy to explain how she makes these rugs and started looking for some material of a particular color. Eventually, after sitting on the floor and looking through mounds of a great variety of extremely good quality material, she decided to "take the lot". We had told her about Bobbie and her response was "Tell her husband that her work will live on". That touched me deeply. **Richard**, I hope you see this article because it was that sentiment that prompted me to write it, and to let you and the congregation know the story. God is Good! Gloria Trunk

SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE

Where does it all come from? And where does it go? The results: Just short of \$2,000 for the general funds of the parish!

Tons of shoes, coats, sweaters and toys, games, table and cook ware, books for every interest found their way out of the displays in Murdock Hall. It took place two days, on the first weekend in April.

Contribution of useable items by our members make the Rummage Sale possible, in the first place, so hearty thanks are due nearly everyone in the parish.

Who can account for a thousand+ hours of volunteer sorting, classifying, pricing, by the devoted persistence of many of the women – and a few men – ever since the last Rummage Sale, in late 2007? Stalwart "worker bees" such as **Charlotte Dennett, Valerie Greenaway, Bonnie Buckmann, June Day, Mary Anderson, Sharon Weese, Janice Erickson, Marion Treviso, Cathie Hoyer, Barbara Lambert, Marilyn Pierik, Joyce Robinson, Noriko Sutton, Gloria Trunk, Shirley Vidito**, and probably several others. If you weren't mentioned, call me (503-262-6988) and we'll print an addenda, including YOU.

-Pat Rose

NOTICE!!

A book was found at the recent rummage sale with money in it. In order to make a claim it will be necessary to state the amount of money as well as the title of the book. Please contact June Day.

Library Help Wanted!

Do you have a little time to spare? If so the Library Team could use one person to help put labels on books. Contact Marilyn Pierik.

Dear Sisters of the Daughters of the King,

I deeply apologize for not getting a letter to you all much sooner. I just want to welcome everyone to the group and look forward to meeting everyone individually or at the meeting. I know most of you already and look forward to serving you all in various different ways. For all of you who could not attend the last meeting I would love to keep you connected in one form or another. I was just told that WE are the last chapter to represent the East side of Portland, please support the order and come to as many meetings as you can. I am aware that people are not always able to come for different reasons. For those who are not able to come to the meetings I am very happy to come to you and have a home visit and visits are always welcome at my house. I also am willing to start a meeting at my own home in the evenings or late afternoons if people are interested. If that proves to be difficult then please pray for our order to gain new members and renew the strength that this order once had.

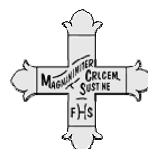
We serve a very important role within the Episcopal Church; we serve an even greater role at St. Aidan's. We give support during the most difficult times. During times of grief, not a lot of people know what to do or to say to the grieving families. The grieving families hardly have the wind to come to the service due to the loss. We are strong supports for people who are in deep grief; we represent Christ's love with our compassion and empathy. This is a very special place to be, we are the perfect strangers that make the service end with ease. We take away the awkward silences, by serving the family, church, and our Lord Jesus Christ. We are called to be present. "Here I am Lord! Send me." The Lord asks us to be there in all types of situations and occurrences and a lot of the experiences can be so moving it can move the soul. I would love to hear your experiences and how you are doing on your journeys. The more we find our common ground with one another the easier the walk is, separation and factions make it difficult to walk the walk that is already difficult to begin with. We are Sisters in Christ and I would really like to spend time with you and to walk this journey with each one of you. I have ideas but I cannot put them across if I do not have votes of confidence. Please help me and walk with me as I start us on a familiar but new journey.

Sincerely for His sake, Beth Voss

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Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church Kalendar

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Church School News

It is almost the end of our Sunday school year. We have had a full year. Starting last year we cleaned rooms, windows, washed drapes, restocked supplies, refilled the pew pails from our church and made emergency kits, all with donated time. Classes started with families serving one month (first Sunday greeting, reading and then teaching the rest of the month). We used two separate curriculums, one from an internet Christian source, especially for our age groups, and the other from the Episcopal education site on-line which follows the Sunday gospel readings. These two educational support programs worked out quite well. Some special highlights of the year: **Mike Vidito** taught about the ark by showing the kids how big a cubit is and how many cubits measured the ark. He took them outside and walked out the measurement from the west side of the Sunday school to past the parking lot into the vacant lot on the east side! **Chris Gorsek** used flashlights to teach his lesson on light in November. In December, **An-gie Groce** made wonderful cards for the children to pass out after the Christmas wrigglers mass, as well as helping with singing and programs. In January, the **Goodnight** family taught about the Magi. In February, **Samantha Hoye** taught about Lent and the 40 days by making a chain of thanks. Each Sunday more chains were added and the kids wrote what they were grateful for on each of the chain links. All the 40 links were hung in the chapel. March was taught by the **McCoy** family and Easter was the big event. Easter eggs were placed all over St. Aidan's grounds by some very soaked Easter bunny helpers (**Rickie & Olivia**) and goodies were given to the brave souls who returned eggs! The lessons focused on studying events leading up to the resurrection. April was taught by the **Ferguson** family.

I really want to thank everyone who gave of their time and energy to our children this year. I also want to thank our entire parish family who helped teach and serve on the first Sunday of the month for the children's service. It has been a success! Wasn't it incredible to see our young youth reading, ushering, and greeting? Thanks to our incredible teenage staff who have taught and taken great care of our children while we are in church. A very big THANKS is due our parish family who so graciously gave donations to support our teaching staff and Sunday school. Thank you - thank you!

What could possibly be next? The end of the school year celebration! Sunday June 8th. We will celebrate the end of Sunday school with a chili feed and the dedication of our play ground, along with a little bit of "FunD" raising. The event will be at St. Aidan's this year. We will have hot-dogs and hamburgers and the goodies that go with them. There will be games: volleyball, four square, bean bag toss, potato sack races (weather permitting) other fun games to play. We'll have a karaoke machine to sing to, crafts to make, bingo, sundaes, popcorn and cupcake walk for a small fee.

Parishioners are asked to bring their best chili for a fun 'in-house' chili cook out. There will be no cost to anyone just FUN! This is a replacement for our "Tongues of Fire chili cook-off" on Pentecost Sunday, which is cancelled this year as it falls on Mother's day. We will return next year! It is going to be a lot of fun for everyone, so mark the date, **Sunday, June 8th** on your calendar! Shirley Vidito

Common Beloved Ground: Christianity

By Elizabeth Voss

To often we as people get bogged down with differences. Jesus was a very different type of man. He was different because he was and is the "Son of God." He was different because he was a carpenter and not a king. He was different because he went against the grain of polite society; He healed the sick, the social leper and took in the unwanted. He was different and he made no big attempts to hide his difference from anyone. Society turned against Jesus, each individual for their own reasons. The reasons are not important because the act itself was done. He was crucified for being a political threat; he was crucified for being different than the rest. The common ground is where we are saved. He died for OUR sins. This is one of many when it comes to our common ground, but the first common ground is we are all sinners. Everyone can relate to that. The disciples followed Jesus because there was something in Jesus they could relate to. Why do we follow Jesus? I follow Jesus because I know he understands me. He finds the common ground with me. He does not worry about my differences, he accepts me as I come, and loves me as I am. He stills loves me even though I am not a Jew, I don't know Aramaic, I am not a social leper and I am not suffering from any disease etc... There is no reason why he should come and love me, but yet he invites me everyday to follow and be with him. Find the common ground in others as I have found the common ground in you. Sounds similar to "love unto others and I have loved unto you."

I want to share with you different variations of how the world loves our Lord. So, I invite you to explore and ponder over the next few months, different poems, letters, and prayers. I will start with a strong foundation: A letter from Paul to the people of Corinth.

"If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, and always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres." (New International Version, 1 Corinthians 13:3-7)

Sources: *Holy Bible: New International Version*. Zondervan.1990

Use Forward Day By Day!

The new issue features meditations by the deans of the accredited Episcopal seminaries in the United States, eleven authors in all. Each dean was invited to write a block of eight or nine meditations; all have done so. Copies of the issue for May, June & July are available in the Tract Rack of the Narthex, courtesy of the Daughters of the King. Pick up a copy.





TEA, ANYONE?

A group of St. Aidan's ladies has been talking about holding an occasional teatime. For the time being, we would like to do this on a monthly basis, and then possibly decide to do it more frequently, if there is a desire to do so. Our first teatime will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, from approximately 6:30-8:30 p.m., in Murdock Hall. WE ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS to St. Aidan's. Tea will be provided; feel free to bring a treat to share. If you don't drink tea, come anyway (we don't discriminate). You might want to bring along a craft that you're working on. Please call Angie Groce, 503-665-8242, with any questions. Please consider attending--we'd love to have you join us.

Thank you, Outreach

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We would love to see you,
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