

ST. AIDAN'S

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



TORCH

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRESHAM OREGON
NEWSLETTER:
MAY 1, 2009

Camp Magruder Update

By Beth Dieker

I was at Camp Magruder [Rockaway Beach] last week for the Site Director's meeting (bi-annual meeting with camp directors from all of our sites). We were fortunate to be housed in the newly remodeled Edwards Lodge. The rooms were revamped with adults and families in mind. Each room has its own bathroom and can sleep 4-6 people. New doors, floors, window treatments, beds and mattresses were all part of the project. The big storm of December, 2007 cut a swath through Camp Magruder leaving downed trees in its wake. Hundreds of volunteer hours have been given to clear out the downed trees (and the camp has plenty of firewood if you need some!). There was also storm damage to roofs and chimneys. I was happy to see beautiful new fireplaces in Sherlock Lodge and in the dining hall. The damaged roofing has also been replaced. Currently work is being done on the boathouse and it is being turned into a Crafts area.

Camp Director, Steve Ramage, has been the driving force behind all this work. He wants Magruder to be a welcoming retreat for people of all ages. You can find out more at www.campmagruder.org

See registration form, page 6.

Presiding Bishop to Spend Time at Camp Magruder

Join Episcopal youth from all over the Northwest for the biggest youth event of the year! **Bishop's Ball 2009**, open to all students in middle and high school (completing grades 6-12), is a weekend of fun and celebration on the beautiful Oregon coast. This year's Ball will focus on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, so come ready to save the world! Bishop's Ball will also feature boating, games, small-group bonding, and the much-awaited fancy-dress ball – plus a visit from the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. Dates: June 5-7 Cost: \$45



Register: Online at gocamping.org Questions: Contact Catherine Healy, Missioner with Youth, Young Adults, and Higher Education, at caterineh@dioceseoregon.org.

One Service only on May 3; Youth Sunday moves to May 10

Please note, that there will be one celebration, only, of the Holy Eucharist on May 3, at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Jobs Program Presentation. Our Youth will participate in the 10 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, May 10, which happily coincides with the secular observance of Mother's Day.

St. Aidan's to host Job Search Program

St. Aidan's Church is offering FREE employment help and training with individual attention. An opportunity for where job seekers can look for jobs and how to get hired will be presented at St. Aidan's on Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m.

Parishioners will get a preview of the program on Sunday, May 3. There will be one celebration, only, of the Holy Eucharist on May 3, at 9:00 a.m. Afterwards, George DeWitz will outline the program he has devised, which is heartily endorsed by the Rector, Wardens and Vestry.

St. Aidan's has a business executive Mr. George DeWitz who will be donating his time to help those in East Multnomah County find employment and put both men and women back on the job. His experience has assisted hundreds of people to achieve their goals. Mr. DeWitz has a background in training potential job hunters and personnel already employed.

St. Aidan's is pleased to help those who can utilize it in these troubled times. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a copy of your resume and former places of employment. There will be individual help, in the work place, one size does not fit all. Each of us needs special consideration.

This is a no-charge public service event. Time: Thursday Evening, May 21, 6 p.m. All are welcome.



Let's all Chip away at it!

Dan Hatala is ready to man the chipping machine on Saturday, May 16, at 9:00 a.m. Many hands make for light work. We have lots of stuff to chip up, so please come and help with this and other gardening projects. Gloria Trunk promises a hearty lunch to all workers!



CHURCH MOUSE May 2009

Spring is now in full flower; this is my favorite season. I can't walk down the street without seeing hundreds of those trees blooming their hearts out! Children are looking forward to the end of school. We look forward to trips to and from extended family, spending more time outside in our gardens, going on long walks, and in general enjoying nature's bounty. Our weeds and lawns, both at home and at church are growing like crazy; keeping things under control consume time and energy. Our church team: **Gloria Trunk, Mary Hamilton and Byron McKinlay** have been joined by **Chuck Howard, Joyce Burley and BJ Pietzold**. **Dan Hatala** has arranged for a CHIPPER to be on our grounds on **MAY 16**, a real parish work day. He needs a crew of hearty folks to help him run it, but the trade-off is that if you have stuff that needs to be chipped, we are welcome to bring it along. On that day there will be other jobs that are available for willing hands, and if my experience is any criterion, there will be a lunch arrangement for everyone. This is a great opportunity to get to know some people in their "natural state" – and to get the grounds in shape for our 50th anniversary.

Speaking of our 50th Anniversary, our folks are still trying to find former parishioners. **Pat Rose** has been doing some work on this, along with **Shirley Bush, Marilyn Pierik; Mandy and Lorraine Crawford** have been working on a power point project. Take an opportunity to look through the notebooks in Murdock Hall and see if you know anybody in there. Most people don't carry "rare" addresses around. One way to help is to jot the name down, take it home and look it up, then bring the info back and write it down.

Wasn't Easter glorious? It's wonderful to see almost everybody in church all at once! The day started in the dark with the Easter Vigil. That service included lighting a new fire (everything had been extinguished on Good Friday), and Easter baptisms. We were lucky to include four new people as members of Christ's body. Three of the children were from the **Norrish-Hollingsworth** families (eight o'clockers). **Rex and Debbie Hollingsworth** are proud grandparents of **Cannon Caswell**, son of **Chris and Amy (Hollingsworth) Caswell**. **Madden** (2 months) and **Camden Onchi** (two years) are grand-children of **Richard and Jennifer Norrish**. Their parents, **Jay and Jami (Norrish)** were married at St. Aidan's, It's nice to have them bring their children into our parish

family. Our other baptism was **Dillon Sartwell, Tammie's** older son. The total attendance at that early service was 49. We had 98 people at our beautiful 10:00 service. The Good Friday service included 21 people, and 38 attended the Thursday evening Festal Mass. Now we celebrate the Easter Season until Ascension on May 21. During this season all of our Sunday readings are from the New Testament. There are times we don't read from the Old Testament, but I hadn't equated that with the Easter Season.

Recently **Coleen Howard** received the home-communion kit that had belonged to **Deacon Jean**. She was commissioned following our Holy Eucharist Service and sent on her way to do a home ministry. This important mission, along with that of the lay ministers who serve at the altar requires licensing through the Diocese, is an important outreach of our church to shut-ins and those who need this ministry.

Bob Pierik is doing much better—seems to not even need his walker. What a miracle! Thank you for all your prayers! One person who wasn't on the prayer list, but who missed Easter was **Triss Pfeiffer**. She spent most of the day in the Emergency Room. Since the first of the year, she has spent one day a month in the emergency room with one thing and another. Let's hope she doesn't keep up that pattern! Another person we have been praying for is **Teri Dennett**, daughter of **Charlotte**. She lives in Alaska, and has been on a kidney transplant list for several years, however, Charlotte says she is feeling pretty well, and even participated in one of those races similar to our Hood to Coast Run—pretty good for someone with less than one-tenth of her kidneys.

Shirley Bush is off on a long trip to Texas via Chicago on Amtrak. She has not been on a train for over 50 years. Then on to North Carolina (where her ancestors are from) with her brother and sister-in-law, by car (she is taking her chair), for a Genealogy Conference in Raleigh, then on Washington, D.C. A trip of a lifetime! Remember them in prayer. Also traveling this month is **Bessie McCutcheon**, who will be visiting New Orleans. She, her daughter, and son-in-law will be gone for about ten days, really looking forward to the visit. Then there's **Fr. Scott**, who is changing his pace after Easter by going to London. Now that's a trip! **Bonnie Buckmann** was gone to California just after Easter to visit her sons and families. I hear there were a bunch of birthdays. She came back in time to do the last hour stuff for the Rummage Sale, if it's normal, it will be very successful. It's great to see **Ken and Kathy Olson** back from Arizona. They returned to our cold spring weather, Hope they are warmed up by now. On April 19, **Fr. Scott** was pleasantly surprised to see one of his

REGISTER NOW for GRAND CAMP II!

This camp is taking place the weekend of June 19-21 at Camp Magruder (between Tillamook and Rockaway). It is for grandparents and their grandchildren (pre-school through 18; last year's Grand Camp was honored with the presence of Queen Marshawna of Rosaria 2008). LindaCarol McKinlay is the Dean with Byron McKinlay and Ret. Dcn Melinda (Perkins) Le Roy also on staff. The theme for all the Summer Camps is "Handle with Care" and Grand Camp I will be focusing on the Creation (Genesis 1:1 – 2:3). For more information call the McKinlay's. Information about other camps being offered this year can be found at www.gocamping.org.



May Birthdays — Because time itself is like a spiral, something special happens on your birthday each year: The same energy that God invested in you at birth is present once again.

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



Grant Funding

Three members of our congregation took an online course from PCC in Grant Writing. Now it is paying off. Angie Groce has been awarded a grant for \$500 from the Diocese. Our church is not very visible from the street and as you know we have been using banners for some time now. Funding was requested for more signage in the form of banners and for newspaper advertising. These dollars will allow us to purchase more banners and advertise in the newspaper for our upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration. Many thanks to Angie for writing this grant and obtaining funds for these purposes.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING FLOWER POWER & PRAYER

Province VIII: Hosting the DOK Triennial in Anaheim CA, are inviting DOKs to participate in the flower aspect by making connection with California Chapters, in order to contribute to the ambience of the meetings. By contacting the chapters and sending contributions of \$10., they will purchase flowers and plants for other sections of the Province. These flowers will then be moved to the Episcopal General Convention location for further enjoyment and blessing of sharing. Original prayers are also welcome.

Contact: Joyce Robinson, soon to find how you may take part. Her phone number is 503 761-2679.

Funds available to delegates needing assistance, in order to attend. May 4 is the deadline for your application.

TEAtime:



A Cup of Friendship

Dear Ladies,

WE'RE CELEBRATING ONE YEAR!

May's TEAtime will be held on
Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 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. Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-8242.

Pentecost is Sunday, May 31

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1-4)

The great Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 31. This feast is often called "the birthday of the church." Pentecost is indeed the beginning of our *mission*, the day when the church answered Christ's call to evangelize.

Uh- oh, the "E" word... Evangelism... brings up visions of Bible carrying, somehow threatening, though sincere folks, who want to know if you have been saved, or born again. And while intellectually we know evangelism is not limited to that, or even is that, we still shrink from the word and the commitment to answer Christ's call to tell the story, spread the Good News, or name the faith that is in us.

I must ask: Is not the world in need of hearing of the redeeming Love of Christ? How can others find what we have found? Is the only way to discover what is here to be born into it? Or to wander curiously into the church one Sunday after having attended the rummage sale the day before?

On Pentecost, as we hear the great story of the apostles' transformation from a small band of fearful people to enthusiastic and Spirit filled bearers of the Gospel, we could ask ourselves: How will we communicate the love of Christ to those outside of our congregation? Will we ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom and power to know how to answer this call to ministry? Will we be willing participants in the ongoing Pentecost experience by which *"those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added?"* (Acts 2:41).—*The Rev. Susanna Williams, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Tuckahoe (Yonkers) New York (Westchester County)*

Where's Your Blue Box? Spring Ingathering for United Thank Offering Set for May 24

I've had my UTO box for several years now and it has always occupied a place on the shelf above my washing machine. It's close by as I empty pockets of things not washer-friendly, and I give thanks that we are so blessed, coins forgotten go from pocket to blue box. As I emptied my box for our Spring Ingathering I thought perhaps it's time for a location change. After all, I don't spend that much time in the laundry room. Most of my day is spent at the office. What an appropriate place for prayers of thanksgiving!

Thank you Father for customers that provide work, thank for you for co-workers to help get that work done. Thank you for control when they, customers and/or co-workers, make me crazy. Many thanks for their control when I make them crazy!

When I'm not at work, I'm in the kitchen—preparing meals, supervising homework, sorting the mail, watching TV, and talking about the events of the day. It's where our family gathers.

Thank you Father for the food we will eat and for modern appliances that make it easy to prepare; thank you for teachers that teach the math I still don't get; that it's ten o'clock and I do know where my child is.

A friend has one by her front door and in her guest room. Her guests always ask about their purpose; invariably the little blue box fills over the weekend with

pocket change and prayer. Another friend keeps his by his bed. As his day starts with empty pockets, he ends his day with thankful prayers and empties his pockets into his little blue box.

Thank you Father for my friends, they hold me when I hurt, and laugh with me in happiness. They are a reminder of your constant presence in my life, everyday.

I decided I like my old blue box above the washer, but I've added colorful new boxes to my office desk and the kitchen windowsill. They are visual reminders to pause, "always and everywhere" and give thanks for the daily blessings in my life.—*Adrienne Frieda, UTO Coordinator at St Andrew's, Bryan, TX*

What is the United Thank Offering?

The United Thank Offering is a personal and family devotional program of The Episcopal Church. It is a practice in our life in Christ that begins with daily prayers and gifts of thanksgiving. These gifts of thanksgiving—coins and bills dropped in the UTO Blue Box—from each individual (man, woman and child) are combined with others at parish and diocesan celebrations and finally within all of The Episcopal Church. The Offerings totaling nearly \$3 million each year (January through December 31) are given away in the form of grants. These grants continue to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world. Every penny of the Offerings is allocated each year for granting.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY EVENTS

Oregon-Idaho United Methodist Camp & Retreat Ministries

- ◆ All registration must be received at least **two weeks** prior to the start of event.
- ◆ A \$50 deposit is required **unless another amount is indicated in the description**.
- ◆ Deposit is non-refundable.
- ◆ You may fax this form. Include credit card number and expiration date.

Office Use Only

Date Rec'd _____

Date Input _____

Dep Amt _____

Letter Sent _____

Packet Sent _____

Name: _____ Male Female

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Local Church _____ City _____

For youth: Birthdate _____ Completed grade at time of camp _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Emergency/Work phone (____) _____

If desired, give the name of one person with whom a camper wishes to share a cabin.

This must be a mutual request. _____

Note to Parents: In order to facilitate carpools, we may release parent's name to other registered campers. We do not sell or distribute address lists to outside persons, however if you do not wish your address shared with other campers contact registrar by email: camping@gocamping.org or call 1-800-593-7539 ext.43

Event Name _____

Latgawa Magruder Sawtooth Suttle Lake Wallowa Lake Other

For Sawtooth Bus: Fairfield Jerome

For Wallowa Lake Adult/Family Events: Deluxe Cabin Rustic Cabin

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

General information:

Make checks payable to: **Conference Treasurer**

Send Registration to: **Camp Registrar**
1505 SW 18th Avenue
Portland, OR 97201

For more information contact Geneva Cook in the camping office:

Inside Portland area: **(503) 226-7931** Toll-free: **1-800-593-7539** ext. 43

Fax number: **(503) 228-3196** e-mail: camping@gocamping.org

Payment

Cost of Event \$ _____*

(Use bottom box for family events)

Add Late fee after May 5th \$ _____

Option Fees
 (Options for selected camps/events. Check catalog descriptions.)

Bus Fee \$ _____

Raft Trip \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Optional Gift to Campership Fund \$ _____


Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 (\$50 non-refundable deposit unless otherwise indicated.)

Balance Due \$ _____
 (Two weeks before event starts)

For Family Camp Events
 Please put name, gender, birthdate or age (for children & youth) and address (if different from above) for all additional family members or others attending family events together who wish to share facilities.

Name	Birthdate (A=Adult)	Gender	Fee*
1. CAMPER NAMED ABOVE	_____	M F	\$ _____
2. _____	_____	M F	\$ _____
3. _____	_____	M F	\$ _____
4. _____	_____	M F	\$ _____
5. _____	_____	M F	\$ _____
6. _____	_____	M F	\$ _____
Total Family camp fees			\$ _____

To pay by Credit Card:
 (Visa, Mastercard, or Discover)



Card Number _____

Expiration date _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

\$ _____
Amount to be charged

Copy this form for a friend!

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PO Box 1319 (mailing)

NE 174th and Glisan Street
Gresham OR 97030

Phone: (503) 252-6128

Fax: (503) 252-9121

WEB: www.staidans-gresham.org

e-mail: staidans@pacifier.com

Office Hours

Tuesday — Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM,
or by appointment

Treasurer's Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

This newsletter is published monthly by St. Aidan's
Episcopal Church at this address.

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Gresham, Oregon
Permit #249



Return Service Requested

The Leadership of St. Aidan's

Clergy

The Right Reverend Sanford "Sandy" Hampton
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)
Marlene Lucas, *Administration & Finance* (2010)
Judie Cox, *Outreach* (2012)
Jeanne Pinkerton, *Parish Life* (2011)
George DeWitz, *Outreach* (2012)
Bruce Richardson, *Administration & Finance* (2011)
Mary Hamilton, *Facilities* (2011)
Gloria Trunk, *Facilities* (2010)
Patrick Hoye, *Christian Discipleship* (2012)
Bonnie Buckmann, *Outreach* (2011)
Rob Stoltz, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Other Lay Leaders and Staff:

Parish Office Administrator: Rob Stoltz
Treasurer: Janice Erickson
Organist and Choirmaster: Mark Jones
Sexton: Stan Rickerd
Altar Guild Chair: Julie Kyer
Sunday School Director: Shirley Vidito
Youth Group Leader: Lori McCoy
Childcare Provider: Nicole Epperly & Logan Larsen
Media Coordinator: Pat Rose
Master Gardener, Grounds: Gloria Trunk
Offering Counter Coordinator: Shirley Bush
Web-master: Marilyn Grendele
Newsletter Co-Editors: Shirley Bush & Marilyn Grendele
Proofreader: Pat Rose