

ST. AIDAN'S

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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:
OCTOBER 1, 2009

Fr. Dolph has accepted an invitation to attend a CREDO conference from October 5-12, 2009 at the Lake Logan Conference Center located in Canton, North Carolina.

The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four component areas: spiritual, physical, vocational, and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation.

CREDO was founded in 1997 as a pilot program funded by The Church Pension Group. Episcopal clergy, deacons and bishops from virtually every diocese in the country have taken advantage of the CREDO benefit. Participants are selected at random from all active clergy with more than one year in the Pension Fund. The Church Pension Fund pays all but \$500 of the conference costs.

Fr. Scott will join approximately 30 other clergy in the CREDO conference. Over the course of the conference, participants will meet in plenary sessions, small groups and private consultations with faculty members. Participants also have ample quiet time to reflect on their personal and professional lives.

Each participant commits to extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on personal and professional wellness. The work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each of these components is explored as an integral part of the whole.

* Spiritual - offers a sacred space where each participant can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ.

* Vocational - provides opportunities for reflection, discernment, and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career, and work.

* Health - encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body, and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs.

* Financial - explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call. Through this discernment and visioning process, and with the help of a faculty team of professionals, each participant builds a CREDO Plan - a personal covenant based on his or her CREDO work and a formal expression of the CREDO experience. The CREDO Plan provides a personal baseline and strategy for effective implementation.

All Saints' Memorials

Deadline is October 21, 2009

All Saints Sunday, November 1, is the feast of all the people of God, known and unknown. All Saints' Day is evolving to encompass "saints" in its New Testament usage: as including all believers living in this life and the next. In this interpretation, All Saints' Day is a celebration of the fellowship of the entire Church, those who went before and those present, Christians no longer remembered, contemporary Christians famous and unknown, and each one of us—a saint in the New Testament sense. All Saints is one of the four days recommended for the administration of Holy Baptism, and even if there are no baptisms, we are all called on to renew our Baptismal Vows.

As is our custom, we will incorporate the Christian names of our Beloved Departed in the All Saints' celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The list of the Beloved Departed will be based on last year's list. A copy of this list (which, we are sorry to say, was printed with several omissions) will be posted in Murdock Hall for your reference. You DO NOT need to notify us of the names of those you wish to pray for if you submitted them last year. You may add any names you wish.

Request forms, to inform us of those to be remembered before the altar on All Saints' Day, will appear in the bulletin on Sundays October 11 and 18. All requests must be in writing. All those who have been interred in our memorial garden are already on our list, as are all the deceased clergy of St. Aidan's, and the deceased Bishops of Oregon.

*Lay this body anywhere,
only this I beg of you,
that you remember me
at the altar of the Lord.*

—Dying words of St. Monica to St. Augustine

CHURCH MOUSE

October 2009



Fall has fallen. I'm not ready yet, but when the cold weather comes I'll live through it. **Gloria Trunk** and **Mary Hamilton** and crew have been busy putting the garden to bed, not to mention harvesting all those tomatoes and beans. Even after members had a go at the produce on Sunday, there were several pounds to send to SnowCap with **Ron**

Salter. (You can find a list of other things needed by SnowCap in your bulletin). The church yard still looks beautiful — especially since my cousin, the MOLE who was digging up the lawn outside the church has been exterminated — thanks to **Dan Hatala** who set the successful trap. **Byron McKinlay** reports that the church buildings have now been ENTIRELY PAINTED. I ventured back behind Likowski Hall near the end of the job. The “undone” walls were e-x-t-r-e-m-e-l-y ugly! **Byron** says to his knowledge they had not been re-painted since they were built. We need to offer him our grateful thanks. One more thing about the outside: That big property east of the parish (1.77 acres) is being bought by the City of Gresham Parks Department through a variety of grants. The land will be tended by *Camp Nadaka*, owner of the property to our north. Next year may see the beginnings of a community garden, and other constructive uses of that green space. Ask **Gloria Trunk** for more details; she has been involved from the beginning.

With all the celebrations, we can now officially feel that we are fifty years old! I enjoyed the outdoor *Mass on the Grass* despite the chill in the air. Using the new worship space certainly presented better sound than our former spot nearer the road — we could all see the altar area. We finished off our celebration with a swell garden party and banquet. **Bruce Richardson** and **Diane Parker** made the party really pleasant—wine and hors d'ouvres to the accompaniment of a bagpiper. Then there was that fantastic banquet, served by the Masonic/Eastern Star group that **Chuck** and **Coleen Howard** belong to. A fantastic job! **Rob Stoltz** tells me that there were 102 dinners served, while we were treated to some beautiful harp music and great Celtic dancing by young people from one of the dance schools. Now we are back to our normal schedule, like **PETS IN THE PEWS on St. Francis Day, Sunday, October 4**. It's amazing how good all the animals are at that service. I wonder if they have room for a mouse??

George DeWitz will be resuming his jobs program on Tuesday, **October 13**. This is an outreach program to help any out-of-work people from the area. Thanks, George for carrying on with this helpful program.

The **Scrip** program has resumed twice a month and has several new participating merchants in addition to the old ones. To date we have earned \$1200 on this program. Thanks to **Bruce Richardson** who has been caring for this program—and of course to us, who have been buying things.

Sunday, September 27 we all enjoyed the **Stewardship Kickoff Brunch** following the one 9 am service. Many thanks to all those who worked on the luncheon and

to the Stewardship Committee: **Marlene Lucas, Chuck Howard, Jeanne Pinkerton, Bruce Richardson** and **Kevin Gibler** — along with advisors, **Janice Erickson** and **Lorraine Crawford**. Now all we have to do is raise enough money to pay all those bills. One of the things that has been cut short in the last few years is the money from the general fund that goes to support special programs. Some of the programs that have been shorted unless they raise their own funds are the Altar Guild and the Choir. Consequently the Altar Guild is sponsoring the **Sanctuary Lamp Memorial Fund**. The lamp burns continuously to the right of the altar over the aumbry. The offering is \$10. It is also time to think of the memorial list for All Saints Day. New submissions to last year's list are welcome until October 21. Last year's list is posted in Murdock Hall. Also, the Altar Guild is hosting the Metro East Convocation Altar Guild Brunch on October 17. **Julie Kyer** is the person to ask about this.

On the calendar is the **SAFE Church Training**, Sat. Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. jointly sponsored by St. Aidan's and St. Luke's. This training is required for clergy, paid staff, vestry members and all who work with children. See your bulletin or call the office for details.

On another note, in order to assist diocesan members in getting better acquainted with each **nominee for the Bishop of Oregon**, a series of five “walkabouts” have been scheduled throughout the diocese from October 28-30. *St. Aidan's will host the Walkabout on Friday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.* Adult Forum Classes at 9:15 on Sunday mornings will also be discussing the selection of a bishop.

Office Manager, **Rob Stoltz** and **Fr. Scott** are feeling more relaxed about their computer system lately. After a total snafu of all the office computers for several days, the people from The Geek Squad came and networked the whole office. Things are working much better, and **Fr. Scott** is off that pokey old dial-up system. Whew!

Our parish has been saddened by untimely death of two of our friends. The funeral for Robert Rees, grandson of parish matriarch, Helen Rees and son of former associate Rector, Fr. Bill Rees was held at St. Aidan's on Sept. 19. That family has had too many such gatherings in the recent past. Another friend of the parish, **Linda Jones**, mother of former member, **Jessica Jones** passed away during fairly routine surgery on September 17. **Jessica** called **Fr. Scott** while things were quite critical. Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jessica** at this difficult time.

We have had the pleasure of getting to know two new-to-us couples: **Everett** and **Pierette Lovrien** have been with us for several weeks, as have **Joseph** and **Kathy Owen** who moved to Estacada from Texas. Getting to know them has been very pleasant for many of us. We hope to have more chances to chat.

We are getting ready for our **RUMMAGE SALE** on October 3 and 4; a great opportunity to help the parish and get good bargains on the way. Thanks to the core crew: **Bonnie Buckmann, June Day, Sharon Weese, Valerie Greenaway** and **Charlotte Dennett** and to all the rest of us who have contributed or assisted putting this big event on.

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St. Aidan's and St. Luke's host SAFE Church Training

St. Aidan's is hosting a diocesan program on SAFE church, Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Now is the time to register. *Safeguarding God's Children* is currently required for all clergy, paid staff, vestry members and all volunteers who work with children and youth. According to our diocesan policy, this training must be renewed every ten years. Cost is \$10 per person. To register on-line, go to www.diocese-oregon.org and click on the link right under the picture. For further information, contact Barbara Ross, Missioner for Christian Education and Lifelong Formation, at 1-800-452-2562x111, 971-204-4111, or barbarar@diocese-oregon.org. Please inform Rob in St. Aidan's Office when you have registered. This event is being co-sponsored with St. Luke's; they will provide the hospitality.

Do you remember?

I know there are many of you who remember the days when the altar was against the wall and the Priest had his back to us! When I became an Episcopalian some 40 years ago that was the way the service was conducted. Times change; the altar is forward and the Priest is facing us. We are a part of the service and not just observers. At that time the candles were extinguished **after** the Postlude — now they are extinguished before the recession. The Postlude is a part of the service. Many folks take that time for quiet meditation, saying their prayers or just quietly listening to the music. Our organist works very hard preparing a Postlude, which is part of the service as well as an offering to God. Visiting with your neighbor or loud talking before getting to the Narthex is the same as visiting with your neighbor or getting up and leaving during the final movement of a presentation at the Symphony. Just as you take time when you arrive to prepare yourself with quiet meditation please respect those who wish to take the time following the service for meditation and prayers before returning to the outside world. Be an angel, be quiet. **SHHHH !!!!**

From the Editor at Parishioners' request.

Unemployment Seminars

New dates for the fall unemployment seminars will be Tuesdays, beginning October 13, at 7 PM, Murdock Hall.

Let's all get behind this very important program. A lot of families who are experiencing pain and hardship right now need our help. The lack of faith to obtain a job destroys one's direction and confidence. This is a very tight employment. This seminar helps pave the way for employment with new techniques.

George DeWitz asks you to give this message to your relatives and friends who are unemployed. They will thank you and will receive an advantage over other job seekers. We all pray for success in this venture.

George also thanks Lloyd Johnston for all of his invaluable help on this committee.

Good News About the Crab Feed

After the Stewardship Brunch on 9/20, a pair of volunteers stepped up to try and learn how to do the crab feed. Jean Jeppeson-Keady and her husband Tim volunteered. They attend the 8'oclock service and have been coming for the last couple of years. If it all works out, they will shadow Chuck and Julie and myself for the year 2010. If they still want to do it, we will have a Crab Feed in 2011. It will probably look different and it may not be as big, but we may be able to still have it. We are still looking for a third person to work with them, but we are appreciative that they have stepped forward. We are thankful to Jean and Tim.

Jeanne Pinkerton

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Altar Guild would like to make the offering of the Sanctuary Lamp (that burns to the right of the altar, over the aumbry) available for thanksgivings or memorials. There is a sign-up board similar to the Flower Chart on the west wall of the Narthex. The offering is \$10.00 and checks can be made out to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church with the memo indicating Lamp Memorial. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kyer.

TEAtime:

TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship

Dear Ladies,

October's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 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 seven people attend in September. 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.

Tea to the English is really a picnic indoors.

~Alice Walker

October Birthdays

When I see thee as thou art, love thee with unceasing heart; then, Lord, shall I fully know — not till then — how much I owe.

Anon.

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| 2 | Jan Iseli |
| 11 | Emily Carter |
| | Jeff Ferguson |
| | Yvette Iseli |
| 12 | Jan Hale |
| 17 | Lisa Croft |
| 18 | Shirley Bush |
| 21 | Colleen Hatala |
| | Rickie Vidito |
| 24 | Wynema Gerba |



Walkabout for Bishop Nominees at St. Aidan's

In order to assist diocesan members in getting better acquainted with each nominee for Bishop of Oregon, a series of five "walkabouts" have been scheduled throughout the diocese from Monday-Friday, October 26-30, 2009. The Walkabout at St. Aidan's will be Friday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m., doors open at 5:45.

Seeking a Shepherd for the Diocese of Oregon

Come to the Adult Forum at 9:15 a.m. Each week's study is self-contained, so come as you can! Bulletin inserts will highlight the topic of the day.

Transition Prayer

Eternal God, Shepherd and Guide: In your mercy, give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pets in the Pews!

Blessing of Pets-On Sunday, October 4

St. Aidan's Church will commemorate St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. We will bless pets at the 10 a.m. Eucharist. Those special family members—whether they are dogs, cats, fish, rabbits, birds, gerbils or what-have-you—will share the joy and peace of the pews with their people.



St. Francis inspires us by his love of peace and his kinship with all creatures. Some eight centuries after Francis lived in Italy, hundreds of thousands around the world strive to follow the Gospel with the joy he expressed.

St. Francis embraced this prayer before a crucifix in a little church called San Damiano: "Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart. Instill in me a correct faith, a certain hope and a perfect love; a sense and a knowledge, Lord, so that I may do your holy and true command."



Francis' words are often in the form of direct "conversation" with God, a conversation that includes all creation. His *Canticle of the Creatures* proclaims: "Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, all praise, glory, honor and blessing are yours...All praise to you, Oh Lord, for Brother Sun, Sister Moon," all these brother and sister creatures. His themes spring from sacred scripture, especially the Psalms ("The orb of the Sun, resplendent at its rising; what a wonderful work of the Most High!") and St. Matthew's Gospel ("Look at the birds in the sky... Learn from the way the wild flowers grow").

Francis never dreamed of the word, "Franciscan." As he hinted in thoughts on *Perfect Joy*, following in the footsteps of Christ takes humility and sometimes suffering. Francis' thorough trust in God's provision led him to marry "Lady Poverty," eschewing the rich inheritance he would have received from his father's textile business. Francis and his band of followers, the Friars Minor, chose instead to wear peasant's tunics, serve the needs of lepers, restore ruined churches, and sing God's praises, letting the whole world be their cloister. Francis is revered as a role model and exemplar of peace by those of every nation and creed.

METRO EAST CONVOCATION ALTAR GUILD BRUNCH

On October 17, 2009 St. Aidan's Episcopal Church's Altar Guild is hosting a Metro East Convocation Altar Guild Brunch in Murdoch Hall at 10:00 am. Our guest speakers will be Donna Anderson, Diocesan Head Altar Guild Directress and our own, Father Dolph. The goal is to bring prospective and current altar guild members together for fellowship and to hear about the mission of the altar guilds. The deadline for reservations is October 1, 2009. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Julie Kyer.

Note from the Editor:

Even though this ran last month I have chosen to run it again. As the reports of increased numbers of people being struck down with Swine Flu it behooves us to exercise caution and heed the reports from the CDC (Center for Disease Control). I wish to reiterate Bishop Hampton's statements. Protect yourselves by thoroughly washing your hands, cough away from others, get your flu shots and if you are ill — stay home. Please read his letter again and heed his cautions.

Blessings, Shirley

August 25, 2009

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP HAMPTON

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

As you are only too well aware, the nation, indeed the world, is bracing for a possible "Swine Flu" epidemic this fall. Much information has already been disseminated from governmental authorities as to the best known ways for protection from and prevention of the spread of this infection, e.g., thorough washing of hands, coughing away from others and **staying home when ill** (a special caution for us clergy, I would submit). Please keep up to speed on other recommendations that will emerge, particularly getting immunization shots when they become available.

There are other precautions which we as Episcopalians can take **beginning now**. Over the years, I've become aware of the developing practice of communicants dipping their own hosts in the chalice in the belief that this reduces exposure to infection. The information I have read from medical authorities both in The Anglican Church of Canada and The Church of England strongly questions that assumption. In truth, they suggest, the more hands dipping into the chalice, the **greater** the possibility of infection as the hands are among the greatest carriers of "germs." One might also question the *Exchange of The Peace* on similar grounds, but I hesitate to sound an alarm at this stage, recalling how quickly many congregations moved to using two chalices when HIV/AIDS virus appeared on our radar screens in the early 1980s, only to discover that HIV/AIDS was normally transmitted in other ways. For now, may I suggest that you encourage folks to follow the wisdom of the governmental authorities on prevention of the spread of this flu and to **abandon the practice of individual dipping in the chalice by communicants**. I suspect there will be other advice offered as new information becomes available.



I would certainly invite your suggestions and especially your prayers as the world, the nation and the church attempt to deal with this anticipated health crisis.

Many Blessings,

@ Sandy Hampton, Assisting Bishop
August 25, 2009

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