

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
OCTOBER 1, 2008

From the Rector's Desk

I am so happy to see our new program season taking shape! Our Church School and Adult Forum are off to a start. A group of folk have met several months now in the 'Cup of Friendship' for fellowship. A Cursillo reunion/alumni group has been meeting. Stewardship is off to a roaring start. The Fall Rummage Sale is about to happen, and the Wintergarden is just around the corner.

The Church School Schedule is clearly laid out for all to see what topics are to be covered in a week by week format. Thanks to **Shirley Vidito** for her leadership in that and to all those who have agreed to help teach our few young folk. We may not have a large group of kids, but they do get individual attention when they are here in class!

Adult Forum has gathered about 10 to twelve people these first few sessions. Finding a quiet corner to listen to the presentation and have a discussion is challenging, but I have heard good praise for the series we have just begun about the New Testament. Thanks to **Olive Mangas-Larson** and to **Byron McKinlay** for their leadership of this series. Keep up the good work.

Angie Groce began a program of fellowship called 'Cup of Friendship' a few months ago. The group, open to all in the parish (particularly women) has no particular agenda besides becoming closer friends. It's all about having conversation over a cup of tea. The numbers participating have ranged from three to nearly a dozen. Good job!

St. Aidan's has quite a few members who have made their Cursillo. **Judie Cox** began gathering as many as we could identify and had a meeting to see if Cursillistas wanted to renew their commitment to get together regularly. The spark ignited, and the group meets in homes regularly one Wednesday a month. If you are a wayward Cursillista who is not known to the others, by all means let **Deacon Jean** or **Judie** know!

Jeanne Pinkerton reports (with some well placed pride) that her Stewardship Committee has just taken off with the pledge program this year. That committee has done some great work. I thank them for the great new ideas and surprises they have provided for us. Any of you who have seen **Kevin Gibler's** artwork and signs for this campaign cannot help but be impressed.

Fundraisers are part of our life here at St. Aidan's. I look for the day when we do not rely of the money they produce to keep the parish afloat, but may use that money for benevolent help in our community. That way, the time we spend selling Rummage, or making canned goods, baked goods or crafts for Wintergarden can be as much about fellowship as about making money.

A new and interesting fundraiser we will embark on this month is the Scrip program. It is a neat way to support the church financially even while buying the things like

groceries we already would be buying. Thanks to **Bruce Richardson** for spearheading this program. Be sure to read about how it works elsewhere in this or the next issue of *The Torch*.

Now, at the end of the long Summer growing season, Gloria Trunk is harvesting lots of tomatoes, green beans, squash, and potatoes (the squirrel got the corn). Much of that fresh produce has gone to the hungry at SnowCap and Zeraphath pantry. Meanwhile, Gloria, Byron McKinlay, Mary Hamilton, and now Joyce Burley have been hard at work with the pruning and clean-up that needs to be done before the rains hit. A clean-up garden party is planned for October 18, and we need as many hands as possible to make the campus ready for a good Winter's rest. Besides chipping and general clean-up, we need to plant a number of plants at this, the most advantageous time of the year.

You will also see some changes in the kitchen. Janice Erickson has been hard at work arranging to have our counter tops resurfaced at long last. Please see her article in this edition for more details.



Thanks for working to adopt our new kitchen and food handling procedures! I am pleased to see how many people have begun to learn new habits in handling food at coffee hour and other meals around St. Aidan's. It was not without grumbling- no change to our behavior is- but people have adapted very well to labeling food, handling food with utensils and wearing gloves to prepare food in our kitchen. Hand washing is on the rise, too. That, alone, can help keep all of us healthier this coming cold and flu season, since so much of those germs are spread through hand contact. So, thanks, and keep up the good work!

Our mission of improving and updating our procedures for the kitchen is not complete, of course. Some have commented about a need to be careful about having pets around where food is prepared. Children's toys in the kitchen was another idea mentioned as a concern. The committee will certainly want to continue to improve our standards and will take these issues (and others that might come up) under consideration. So, another thanks for your ideas on additional ways to show care for one another in the way we maintain hygiene in the kitchen and around the church.

Fr. Scott

CHURCH MOUSE OCTOBER 2008



We've passed the vernal equinox—and it's officially fall. All the schools have started, even the colleges. Our Sunday School has resumed — they can always use a couple more teachers or substitutes. We are eating tomatoes and squash like crazy, and enjoying all that fresh corn—that isn't as plentiful this year, but still yummy. The church has

begun its Stewardship campaign, when we are all reminded that our church family needs our support to keep the lights and heat on, as well as to pay our clergy and staff. **Jeanne Pinkerton** has led a loyal crew helping with this event. I've seen **Marlene Lucas** and **Judie Cox**, as well as **Kevin Gibler**, who made those GREAT posters. **Fr. Scott, Rob Stoltz** and **Mark Jones** give generously of their time and talents, and have really earned our backing. Of course, by the time you read this, the **RUMMAGE SALE** will be history — or nearly so. From all the stuff we have, it should be a success. Big thanks to our leader/worker team. **Bonnie Buckmann, June Day, Sharon Weese, Valerie Greenaway, Charlotte Dennett** have been working almost every week, and I've also seen **Cathy Hoyer, Pat Rose** and **Joyce Robinson** there on occasion. And of course, there's **EVERYBODY** that brought stuff to sell. It's quite a project!

Deacon Diana Starr-Salnavé told me about one of her wonderful adventures in ministry. She had the opportunity to attend the world-wide convention of the International Doctors in AA held this year at the former Jantzen Beach Hotel. There were over 1000 attendees hearing a variety of fabulous speakers. Not only did she enjoy being treated to the convention by an old friend, but she was invited to give the invocation at the main banquet. She was very excited by that opportunity for ministry. She is still hoping to sell her house to move to San Antonio to be near her daughter—but you know how the housing market is these days. Healthwise, though, she seems to be holding her own.

Several of our folk are recovering from various ailments. **Fr. Murdock** recently had carpal tunnel surgery. **Jack Malcom** has been feeling better since his mysterious episode in New York, and is getting rides to Wednesday services again. **Lyman Houk** recently had major surgery, **Judie Cox** had a successful eye surgery, although she can't get new glasses for another month or so, so seeing clearly has been frustrating. **Clyde Ferguson** was out working on his deck when he fell and hit his head so hard that he had to be life-flighted to Legacy Emmanuel Hospital. I guess he's some better now. **Pauline Nolder** is back home — so that's good news. She has been approved to drive again and she was in church on Sunday, 28th September. I wish her full recovery with this third hip surgery. I hear **Sandy Cummins** is anticipating elbow surgery. **Josh Goodnight** had a fall from one of those boy-toy machines and hurt his knee quite badly. What a pain! **Darlene Bay** had several skin cancers removed — but she's healing. **Hal Fisher** had a pacemaker put in last Monday. That was surprising, since he seemed pretty well at Zarephath Kitchen the Friday before. (By the way, Z-Kitchen is a great ministry of our church. Our crew works the third Friday of every month, headed by **Doris** and **Hal Fisher**, and assisted by many eight-o'clockers and friends: **Marilyn**

Pratt, Marian Treviso, Marilyn Pierik, Noriko Sutton, Mal and **Peggy Brewer**, along with **Dick Dowsett** (used to own the Gresham Rexall Drugstore) and other assorted friends and relatives. **Ron Salter's** voice has gone underground again. That is not a good thing for him or our choir. Don't know how long this will last. **Coleen Howard** was pleased to announce that her treatment for cancer was successful, and that she was a participant in the *Race for the Cure* along with several others from our parish. I know **Jeanne Pinkerton** went, because she made it back to church with her pink t-shirt on. I think there were quite a few others.

I heard that **Mary Hamilton** had a short trip to California to visit family. **Bonnie Buckmann** also visited with her son in California. **Diane Parker** and **Bruce Richardson** have been on a trip — I don't know where. Newcomer, **Larry Robbin** is staying in New Jersey for awhile. Hope he'll be back soon. **Chuck** and **Julie Kyer** are still making their monthly trips to Medford to see about her mother, and **Jan** and **Yvette Iseli** have the same kind of trips to Seattle. **Fr. Scott** is anticipating his trip to the coast to the Clergy Conference October 6-9.

Several parish families have encountered death this past month. **Angie Groce's** husband, **Jamie** lost his father in late September, and **LindaCarol McKinlay** lost her mother, **Liz (Arnold) Nysven** (see page 7 for service information). There will be a memorial service for her on November 1. Remembrances for her may be made to St. Aidan's Organ Fund. **Chuck Kyer** also lost his father earlier in the month. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families as they learn to live without their loved ones.

Dick and **Connie Redlin's** grandson, **Gabe Cooper**, who was baptized here is working on his Eagle Scout Project through our parish. **Doug Pfeiffer** became famous for a short time — his company (Graphic Arts Publishing) had recently published the only Sarah Palin biography. That should sell well!

Janice Erickson is busy anticipating new counters in our kitchen (see articles on page 4 for details) — our current ones are getting cruddy enough that she is worrying about health department inspections. I saw a couple of samples, and they look fine to me.

Wynema Gerba has been up to her elbows canning pickles for *Wintergarden*. We should have a good supply of pickles for sale to our parish — along with a bunch of other stuff. There are green papers in the narthex that give further the details. Help with all kinds of projects is most welcome.

Newcomer **Joyce Burley** has joined the garden team of **Gloria Trunk, Mary Hamilton** and **Byron McKinlay**. **Byron** has been applying paint to the church — especially in the worn places. They all give generously of themselves on behalf of our parish. **Tim McCoy** and his boys; **Morgan, Matthew, Tanner** and **Aidan**, covered the trench on the outdoor worship area. It was funny to see **Byron** come to work on it and find it done — it made him happy. We've been seeing more of **Olive Mangas-Larson** lately, who in addition to being co-leader (with **Byron McKinlay**) of the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings, is also assisting **Shirley Vidito** with the bookstore. You'll see her in that area most Sunday mornings. Thanks, **Olive**.

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Mike Vidito is pretty discouraged about our planning for the **50th Anniversary**. How many former members can we contact? Who used to come? Can we have a big dinner? A reception? A party? A memento? We can't leave all the decisions to the last minute, and we can't just let everybody else do it — **WE** are "everybody else." Talk to **Mike** or **Fr. Scott**.

Until next month. CM

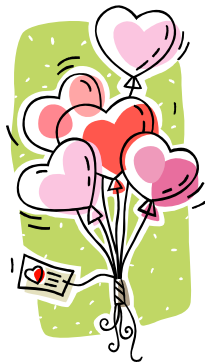
HAVE YOU MET NEWCOMER Joyce Burley?

Joyce has been coming to St. Aidan's for about five months now, often along with her friend Larry Robbin. She tells me that they met in the bean fields when they were about fifteen, and even dated, then lost track of each other for many years — going their own ways, having families, then, a couple years ago they re-met at Larry's high school reunion at David Douglas, which she also attended. To her pleased surprise, Larry has been driving from King City to Gresham to attend church with her. She was baptized as an Episcopalian, but has attended a variety of churches; St. Aidan's feels like "coming home." In working life she worked in finance and transportation industries, but is enjoying her retirement now. She has a son in Eagle Creek and a daughter in Gresham, along with her fourteen-year-old daughter who attends school in the Reynolds District. Her hobbies include sewing, gardening and home decoration, and she LOVES small children. We welcome her to our church family.

October

Happy Birthday — 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 Jan Iseli
- 8 Renni Ferguson
- 11 Jeff Ferguson
Yvette Iseli
- 12 Jan Hale
- 17 Lisa Croft
- 18 Shirley Bush
- 21 Colleen Hatala
- 24 Wynema Gerba



Vestry Vacancy

The Vestry regretfully acknowledged the resignation of Beth Voss from her vestry position. At the September 22, 2008 meeting the vestry voted to leave the position vacant until the regular vestry elections at the Annual Meeting, which will be held January 25, 2009.—*Rob Stoltz, Clerk of the Vestry*

St. Aidan's Phone Tree

There is an urgent need for additional callers. This can be a very rewarding experience — a chance to establish new connections with fellow parishioners. We help get messages out: sometimes emergencies, late breaking news, or simple reminders. Evening calls generally work well. Over recent years annual calling rates have been 8 to 12. Please call Ron Salter, 503.669.2068.



Register now for "Safeguarding God's Children"

St. Aidan's is hosting a diocesan program on SAFE church, Saturday, October 25, 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.

Fr. Dolph involved in Clergy Conference Preparation

Taking an active leadership role in the Diocese of Oregon, our Rector, Fr. Scott, has been working with fellow clergy members preparing for the Autumn Clergy Conference. It is always worthwhile for our clerics to participate in diocesan functions and to associate with others in the ministry. **Fr. Scott will not have any office hours the week of October 5 (Tues., Wed., and Thurs., October 7-9) nor will there be a Eucharist or Bible study on Wednesday, October 8** while he is away attending the conference. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Deacon Jean McAfee.—*Rob Stoltz, Parish Administrator*

Altar Flowers

Please notify June Day or Byron McKinlay **at least one week in advance** of a flower memorial. Information needed:



whether for a male or female, flower and color preference. You can see June or Byron at church or call them at home. It is critical that they know far enough in advance so that accommodation can be made for your preferences. June picks up the flowers on Thursday and wants your preferences to be considered. It has become increasingly difficult to get this information. People go out of town or just forget to contact them, which makes choosing the type of flowers to purchase. Speaking from experience I know that June makes every effort to get just the perfect flowers, and she has even called me from the wholesale flower mart to find out what alternative would be good, if what I have chosen is not available.

The Editor

CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS PROJECT????

RE: KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS

TO: ALL PARISHONERS

FR: TREASURER'S OFFICE

St. Aidan's has been blessed with a sizable memorial donation in the name of Edmund G. Ellis II. That donation along with the funds contributed to Erna Sweeney's Memorial will be used to replace the kitchen counter tops in the Parish Hall Kitchen. Erna would be very happy, it was something she wanted done for a long time.

We had two bids for the project and are going to go with Hawthorne Woodworking. His bid of \$3000 was the closest to our budgeted amount. They have been in business in Portland for 60 years. He is licensed and has a good reputation. His catalog of completed projects is very impressive.

The sinks will be removed by Patrick Hoyer and will be reinstalled after the counter tops are completed. This would be an excellent time to replace the cast iron sink by the coffee maker. It is badly stained and scratched. Patrick will be able to get us a new one at George Morlan, but, our Memorial Funds for the project will not cover the cost of the sink and new blinds. We are asking for your help to complete this project. The estimate for the sink is \$400 and the blinds \$200. Your donation would appear on your Pledge Statement as a gift and is tax deductible. Mark your check "Kitchen Repairs".

This project will be done October 14th, 15th and 16th, to be completed before the Winter Garden Fund Raiser November 8th & 9th. This project is one more way that we will be upgrading our kitchen to meet Health & Hygiene Standards at St. Aidan's.

Thanking you in advance for your help in completing this much needed project.

Janice Erickson
Treasurer



KITCHEN TO BE CLOSED TO ALL USE FOR COUNTER TOP REPLACEMENT:

Janice Erickson has gone forward with a long anticipated project, that of replacing the Kitchen Counter Tops. Because of this, the kitchen will be closed to all use on October 14, 15 and 16.

Acolytes to Train for First Sundays

Acolyte training will be held on the last Saturday of each month in preparation for the Youth First Sunday worship. Byron McKinlay will lead acolyte training for older, mature children from 11 to 11:30 a.m., November 1, December 6, and January 3,



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 18

7:30 — 9:00 a.m.

Mike Vidito is calling on all men of the parish to the Men's Breakfast. The menu will be: eggs, sausage, toast, cold cereal, assorted fruits, coffee, and juice.

Those who are so inclined can stay for the Garden Work Party. There will be chipping of the debris by the Conex. "I need help either with the cooking, or someone with a truck and trailer hitch to get the chipper at the rental place." Please call Mike at 503-249-8176 or email: shimiri@comcast.net



ALL HANDS ON DECK AND BOOTS ON THE GROUND!

Garden work Party,
Saturday, October 18.

We need an army!

From 9:00 a.m. onwards.

Gloria Trunk, Master Gardener

Your Gift for Our Fiftieth Anniversary Fund is Greatly Appreciated!

Once a month, you will find a gold colored envelope marked Fiftieth Anniversary Fund inserted into the Sunday bulletin. Since this year's budget could not accommodate 50th Anniversary expenses, this envelope serves as an opportunity to contribute toward support for this historic event in the life of St. Aidan's Parish. If we have a banquet, then financial assistance could allow some to attend who might not be able to otherwise. If we offer mementos, some money would pay for those. Our Historical Booklet, while not expensive to produce, will cost something.

These are some examples of how your contributions will be spent. Any money collected over and beyond that used for the 50th Anniversary will be awarded to SnoCap for the relief of the poor and hungry. Thank you!

Look for your Third Quarter Statement

Shortly after September 30, the Treasurer will prepare third-quarter statements to all those who made pledges for 2008. We would urge you to examine your statement carefully and make plans to fulfill your pledge, if possible, before December 31. We depend for our survival on the Grace of God and the gifts and support of our members. Thank you very much to all who have

Intercessions	Lectionary Readings
October 5, 2008 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church in Wales . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in <i>Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: Grace, Astoria; St. John, Bandon; St. Bartholomew, Beaverton; Holy Cross, Boring. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Lay Eucharistic Ministers.	Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 or Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 19 or 80:7-14 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46
October 12, 2008 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray, for the work of the Churches in <i>Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Timothy, Brookings; St. Matthias, Cave Junction; Emmanuel, Coos Bay; St. James, Coquille. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for the members of Lay Eucharistic Visitors.	Exodus 32:1-14 or Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 or Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14
October 19, 2008 The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 24	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for the work of the Churches in <i>India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis; St. Anselm of Canterbury, Corvallis; the patients and staff of Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Corvallis; the residents and staff of Samaritan Village, Corvallis. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Lectors	Exodus 33:12-23 or Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 99 or 96:1-9 (10-13) 1st Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22
October 26, 2008 The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 25	
In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for The Church of Ceylon . In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer, pray for the work of the Churches in <i>The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives</i> . In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, pray for the congregations of: St. Andrew, Cottage Grove, retirement of Vicar and beginning of search; St. Thomas, Dallas; St. David, Drain; Church of the Resurrection, Eugene. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for our Ushers.	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 Or Psalm 1 1st Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46

Fund Raising

As was written in the last issue of The Torch, the fund raising committee has been working. One of the results was to increase awareness of the paper drive. It became clear to us that there are some among us who are not informed of this fund raiser.

The big green bin in the parking lot is for all paper that can be recycled This includes newspaper, phone books, office paper, junk mail, paper you have shredded at home, and thin cardboard (not corrugated). There should be no plastic or cellophane, and the paper should have no food stuff or be soiled or wet. The conditions are on the bin.

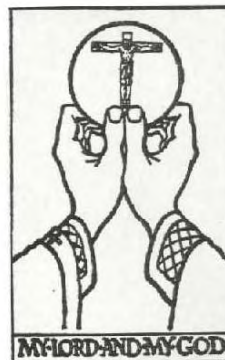
With the inclusion of this paper in our home garbage pickup, we have seen a decline in the amount of paper in our dumpster. **It would greatly help the church if you would bring your household recyclable paper to our dumpster.**

As a way of increasing the church's amount of recyclable paper, the Fund Raising committee is requesting that you arrange with a couple of your neighbors to bring in their household paper too. And maybe you could periodically canvas around your house to ask more for their paper. If you belong to a particular group of friends, a bridge club, a garden club, etc., see if they will bring you their paper. If

you live close to a retirement center, see if you can bring in used phone books. It might be a little work for you, but it a way of giving back to the church, and is something that is being discarded anyway. If everyone does a little more, the total amount for the church will increase.

Holy Communion Home Visitation

Holy Communion at home is available for those who are unable to attend the Sunday Eucharist. Contact Deacon Jean McAfee at 503-257-9027 to arrange for an appointed time.



Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEAtime: A Cup of Friendship

Dear Ladies,

October's TEAtime will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 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.

Eleven people attended September's TEAtime—thank you for your support! **WE ESPECIALLY**

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ANY NEWCOMERS TO ST. AIDAN'S TO JOIN US. Any questions, please call Angie Groce at 503-665-

Stewardship and Debt Ministry Conference to be held at St. Matthew's

The Diocesan Stewardship Commission invites you to *Stewardship of Priorities*, to be held Saturday, October 11, 9 am—5pm at St. Matthew's, 11229 NE Prescott, Portland. How do you reach those in your parish with an understanding that Stewardship is important? Join us at 9 AM until noon for 'The Event', A Biblical study; Year-round Stewardship, an example of what is working; and Giving to God, a book study that can make a difference. Interested in starting a Debt Ministry? In the afternoon, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM, Debt Ministry, a parish and community offering, will be presented. With the average family debt over \$7,000 isn't it time to confront a real problem in giving within our parishes? Here is an opportunity to learn another way to reach out and help those outside the parish.

Join us for one or both. Each session costs \$5. If you join us for the whole day, the cost is \$10. We will be happy to order you a box lunch for \$10. (The total cost for the day, including lunch, per person is \$20) Please register before Wednesday, Oct. 8. To register contact Connie Ross at jracon@juno.com or call 503-658-8754.



A Memorial Service in Celebration for Liz Arnold-Nysven will be held at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Gresham, Oregon (17405 NE Glisan Street) Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. There will be a reception following the service with live music provided by John Bennett and a few vocal offerings by Jerry Stewart. In lieu of flowers we are requesting donations to: *St. Aidan's Episcopal Church Organ Fund, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1319 Gresham, OR 97030 OR Anchorage Literacy Project, 1345 Rudakof Circle, Suite 104, Anchorage, AK*

NEW PROGRAM — NEW FUND RAISER

One of the recent ideas generated for a new fund raiser was a Script Sales. This idea has been researched and approved to proceed by the Vestry. The money generated would be dedicated to the general fund budget of St. Aidan's.

What is SCRIP? SCRIP is a form of debit card or gift card, issued by a merchant, that can be used for purchases from that merchant.

How does it work? You pay face value for a SCRIP (gift) card, which St. Aidan's has bought at a discounted rate from a merchant. For instance: you buy a Fred Meyer Scrip card for \$100. When you use it at a Fred Meyer, you can buy \$100 worth of merchandise. St. Aidan's only paid \$96 for that card, so the church gets to keep the four dollar difference.

Are SCRIP (gift) cards transferable? Yes, so they can be used for purchase, or can be given as gifts. But they are merchant specific. A Fred Meyer card can only be used at Fred Meyer.

Do all the merchants give the same discount? No. Each merchant sets its own discount. There are at least 85 merchants in our program. For example: Fred Meyer (4%), Safeway (3%), Gap-Old Navy (8%), Joe's (8%), Payless Shoe Source (12%), Denny's (7%), Kentucky Fried Chicken (7%), Home Depot (2%), Lowe's (3%), Petco (8%), Staples (4%), Starbucks (6%).

Do all of the named merchants give the discount? In most cases - yes. But you have to make sure, in advance, that SCRIP will be accepted as the franchisee (like pizza houses) make their own decision whether or not to participate in the program.

We plan to start this program towards the middle or end of October. Order forms with more instructions will appear in the next issue of the Torch. There will also be some Fred Meyer and Safeway cards that will be sold directly following our services. Of course, there will be order forms, too. Bruce Richardson is the lead person in the fund raiser with help from Jeanne Pinkerton and Jean Jeppesen-Ready. Bruce and Jeanne P. have the most answers to your questions and will be happy to provide answers.

Do think ahead! If you are going to shop at any of these merchants, why not buy a card and help the church a little, too. And think ahead to Christmas and birthdays. Are there any people in your world that a gift card would make the perfect gift? Or is there that person that seems to have everything - how about a gift card? Or a relative who lives out of state? Or a young person who listens to an i-pod and could use more minutes. The possibilities are endless. It all helps St. Aidan's. More info to come.

Jeanne Pinkerton,
Vestry member responsible for fund raising.

Annual Meeting 2008

The Annual Meeting, wherein we review our works for 2008, has been scheduled for Sunday, January 25, 2009. As is our custom, we will have one service at 9 o'clock, followed by a brunch and meeting. Please set aside the date so you can participate in this **vital** part of our community life. For point of reference, the Super Bowl (when we hold our Souper Bowl) is the next Sunday, February 1, 2009.—*Rob Stoltz, Clerk of the Vestry*

All Saints' Memorials Deadline is October 22, 2008

All Saints Sunday, the first Sunday of November, is the feast of all the people of God, known and unknown. All Saints' had its roots in the 4th century and by the 9th century was commemorated on November 1. The day originated as a commemoration of Christian martyrs, known and unknown, and evolved to give thanks to God for the lives of all Christians who have passed to the next life. Among many today, it is evolving further 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 created new this year. We will not be using any of the previous lists. You will need to notify us of the names of those you wish to pray for.

No exceptions, please. We must have a deadline of

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Please note below those whom you wish to be remembered before the altar on All Saints Sunday. 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.

Beloved  *Departed*

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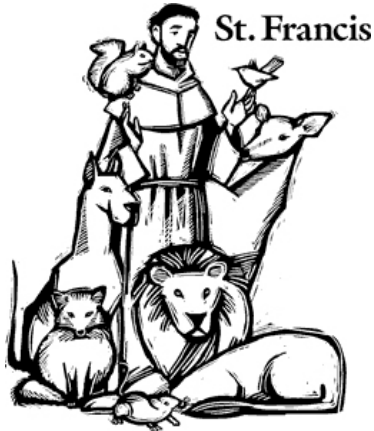
*Lay this body anywhere, only this I beg of you,
Lay this body anywhere, only this I beg of you
That you remember me at the altar of the Lord.*

— Dying words of St. Monica to St. Augustine

Pets in the Pews! Blessing of Pets is Sunday, October 5

St. Aidan's Church will commemorate St. Francis of Assisi on October 5, 2008 and we will be blessing animals 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. A video on guide dogs will be presented in Murdock Hall following the 10 o'clock Eucharist.

The feast day of beloved St. Francis of Assisi is observed annually on October 4. Many of the stories that surround the life of St. Francis deal with his love for animals. Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates his humility towards nature is recounted in a collection of legends that emerged after his death. Francis was traveling with some companions one day when they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on both sides. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds." The birds surrounded him, drawn by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. Another legend has it that St. Francis, on his deathbed, thanked his donkey for carrying and helping him throughout his life, and his donkey wept.



Come to the Rector's Adult Forum and be challenged!

Learn to study the Gospels from historical and literary points of view. Below is a listing of the balance of lectures offered. As you can see, they approach the subject from an academic perspective. The lectures help students get a feel for the historical and cultural context in which Jesus taught and ministered. The class delves more deeply into the Gospels themselves to get an overview of the particular perspective of the communities of faith from which each of the synoptic gospels sprang. The last lectures cover the Epistles and other books of the Bible as well as some of the important questions about our way of understanding the literature of the Bible.

Lecture 3: (proposed date—October 5, 9:00 a.m.)
Ancient Judaism

Lecture 4: The Earliest Traditions about Jesus
Lecture 5: Mark—Jesus the Suffering Son of God
Lecture 6: Matthew—Jesus the Jewish Messiah
Lecture 7: Luke—Jesus the Savior of the World
Lecture 8: John—Jesus the Man from Heaven
Lecture 9: Non-canonical Gospels

Let's give NetsforLife!

NetsforLife, an organization that collaborates with Episcopal Relief and Development to provide mosquito nets has been chosen as the 2008 Diocesan Convention outreach project for the Diocese of Oregon. The goal for 2008 is to invite every individual or family unit in our diocese to purchase a net for \$12 that will protect a family in sub-Saharan Africa from malaria.



Episcopal Relief & Development

Healing a hurting world



The goal of \$60,000 will protect 5000 families. St. Aidan's ingathering will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 2. St. Aidan's contacts are Deacon Jean McAfee and LindaCarol McKinlay.

The diocesan-wide ingathering will be held on Thursday, November 6 at Diocesan Convention. The offering envelopes are included in today's bulletin, and will be distributed in October and on November 2, the day of our ingathering at St. Aidan's.

ERD receives coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) announced August 11 that it has achieved a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for sound fiscal management. This is the highest possible rating, given to only a quarter of the charities evaluated by the group, the national leader in charity evaluation. This 'exceptional' designation indicates that ERD executes its mission in a financially responsible way.

"Episcopal Relief & Development is committed to maintaining the highest standards of accountability so we are extremely pleased to be recognized by Charity Navigator for excelling at this" says Robert W. Radtke, president of ERD. "By effectively administering the financial support of our donors we can truly heal a hurting world"

The recognition from Charity Navigator coincides with ERD's launch of their 2007 Annual Summary, highlighting the efforts of the agency to reach close to 2.5 million people in more than 41 countries around the world this past year. ERD's profile on Charity

Navigator is available here. A copy of the 2007 Annual Summary can be downloaded from Episcopal



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ERD also meets all 20 standards for the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Charity Accountability.

To help ERD heal a hurting world, please contribute using the offering envelopes or boxes available in the Narthex.

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