



THE BEACON

“SHALOM” in Mapleton

The word “Shalom” is not one of the more popular words in the English language today, though it still retains some of its power in Israel. Shalom is one of those church words that everyone thinks he/she knows. After all, doesn't it mean “peace”? Isn't it just another word for “Hello!” “Good-bye”?

Most Hebrew words have a tendency to go beyond their spoken pronunciation. Shalom is one of those words; it is more than just simply peace. In Hebrew, the words one uses most often reveal one's



The little SHALOM Thrift Store in Mapleton. Store hours are Wednesday from 1:00—3:00 pm.

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Pictured above are the three volunteers of Shalom on the day Meris Robison, Jane Salamone, and Cynthia Marohl brought our Christmas gifts to SHALOM. The woman in the center of the photo is “Theresa” who, along with her husband, manages SHALOM.



Jane Salamone's dog “Henry the 8th” was a big hit with little shoppers!

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emotions. Shalom is, therefore, more than peace, more than thank you or hello, more than good-bye. Shalom is a feeling of contentment. When one is offered the gift of *shalom* one is wishing you wholeness, a well-being that goes deeply into your soul. Shalom is the blessing of harmony.

Date of Annual Meeting Set

The BAC has set Sunday, January 27 as the date for our Annual Meeting. There will be one worship service that day at 10:00 am. The worship service will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a Potluck Dinner.

Your copy of the Annual Report will be available for you to pickup on Sunday, January 13. That report will be on the table in the Parish Hall.

“Some people are kind, polite, and sweet spirited until you try to sit in their pew.”



Bill McArdle stands next to the new church sign he and Ted Hawkins installed mid-December.

Photo by Ted Hawkins

“Pastor, why are some people so mean?”

Carroll J. Marohl, Interim Priest

Nothing new, wise or profound, but I still have to say it, “What else is new?” If you have ever been the victim of the school yard bully you have known mean people. Perhaps you were a bully yourself, in which case I ask, “What did you gain by beating up or degrading those smaller, weaker, more timid than you?” Within the home, the workplace, the political environs, wherever two humans walk together, there is always the potential of one of them becoming mean to the other.

Scripturally, this has been going on for a very long time. The proverbial story of Cain and Abel is a story that has two brothers going at each others throat. In my own mind I think that Abel was not entirely blameless when it came to interacting with his brother. Brotherly love turned into jealousy, turned into resentment, turned into bickering, turned into hatred, turned into murder.

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A Short Life-Story About Our New Pastor

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Florence is pleased to announce that we will be welcoming Father Angelito Cubillas to our church on March 1, 2019. He and his wife, Louise, will be moving here from Arizona at that time.

Fr. Lito, as he likes to be called, was born and raised in the Philippines. He was a Roman Catholic priest for 29 years serving in the Philippines and in southern California. After a period of discernment, he was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2015 and served as Vicar of St. Luke's at the Mountain in Phoenix, AZ from 2015 until August of 2018. During his career he has been a rector, pastor and teacher. He has dedicated his life's work to assisting those who are suffering and in poverty. While at St. Luke's in Phoenix, he offered services in both English and Spanish.



"Father Lito"

He finds great joy in music and plays the guitar, ukulele, bass guitar and piano. He also loves to sketch with pencils when he has time. He has facility in seven languages: English, Spanish, Latin, Italian, Cebuano, Butuanon, and Tagalog. His wife, Louise, is currently a psychologist with the VA and has been a music teacher. She grew up in Portland so they are looking forward to being closer to her family and living in the beautiful Pacific Northwest.





Absolutely Everything You Wanted to Know About the 12 Days of Christmas

Source: Pastor Carroll with some help from Wikipedia

You may have heard the song, "On the (5th) day of Christmas my true love gave to me... But what about that 1st Day of Christmas? For starters, the first day of Christmas is the 25th of December, not the 26th. December 26th is the second day of Christmas. It is also known as "St. Stephen's Day". My Canadian family know the 26th as Boxing Day, a special time when gifts of clothing, food and toys are gathered and personally taken to the homes of the "least of these." If you have an Irish background you may know the 26th as "Wren Day"— but please don't ask me why because I don't know!

New Year's Eve on 31 December is the feast of Pope St. Sylvester I and is known also as "Silvester". The transition that evening to the new year is an occasion for a lot partying in many nations, and in several languages is known as "St. Sylvester Night" ("Notte di San Silvestro" in Italian, "Silvesternacht" in German, "Réveillon de la Saint-Sylvestre" in French, and "סילבסטר" in Hebrew).

New Year's Day on 1 January is an occasion for further partying, most notably the Rose Bowl and the subsequent football game, or for

rest from the celebrations of the night before. In the Roman Rite of the Roman Catholic Church, January 1 is known as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, liturgically celebrated within the first 8 days or Octave of Christmas. It has also been celebrated, and still is in some denominations, as the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, because according to Jewish tradition Jesus would have been circumcised on the eighth day after his Birth, inclusively counting the first day and last day. This day, or some day proximate to it, is also celebrated as World Day of Peace.

Then there is Epiphany a.k.a the Solemnity of Epiphany. It is a sign that the official days of Christmas are over as of 11:59 pm on January 5th.

And what comes next? The short but powerful season called "Epiphany". If you look in a dictionary the word is often defined by another word that, in and of itself, also needs a dictionary to define its meaning. That word: "manifestation". Epiphany is also associated with another word that has become a "church word": Magi. We sometimes use another word to define them and that is the word "Wisemen". Actually, there is nothing in scripture or the culture of their day that proves they were "wise". Back in their home country of Iran they were the astrologers and alchemists of their time; so, yes, I guess they were rather intelligent.

Coming face to face with the toddler known as Jesus apparently changed their lives. That is the working of the Holy Spirit. Tradition tells us that once they went back to Iran they told the story of their experiences in meeting a small child in the town of Bethlehem. The three (We actually don't know how many

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Jump ahead with me to the life story of one Jesus of Nazareth. The political powers of the day couldn't stand him because he threatened their way of life. It

is said that the Seven Last Words of a congregation are, "We've never done it that way before!" For "the Jews" to acknowledge that Jesus was a revolutionary, a reformer, whose message would bring SHALOM back to God's people was more than they could stomach or even comprehend. So what did they do? They murdered him on a trumped up charge of heresy.

Those two stories are biblical background. Why are people mean today? In Florence? In St. Andrews? There are many reasons why people may act mean or cruel, but the important thing to remember is that in all these cases the people are lashing out because of something wrong with them; lying hidden beneath that cape might be personal issues, low self-esteem, anger, and/or stress.

Personally, as a pastor, I have learned that the biggest cause of one's lashing out is low self-esteem. While this might not technically be an 'emotion' as such, having a low self esteem can cause you to lash out and act out the role of mean bully on others in a bid to raise your own self esteem. For instance many of us would class people who are bullies as mean; they are hurting the feelings of others without doing so in an honest way. Well most of the time if we are being a bully it means that we are putting others down and degrading them – and the reason we would do that is that we are not confident in ourselves. By saying to someone that they look short, it makes that person feel taller themselves. It's a kind of pre-emptive self defense or a way of deflecting attention away from a perceived weakness in one's life.

Now here's the "kicker". What does the victim do? I could tell you, "Don't let what others think or say about you or do to you bother you." That information is about as worthless as teeth in a chicken. Stand up to them? Maybe. Fight back? You can try it, but you will probably end up being physically injured—still, you will have your pride intact. How about sharing your story with someone else. This will be someone you trust and one who may act as an advocate in your behalf. Of course the bully is not going to take too kindly to that course of action, either. There is no easy answer. Mean people are going to constantly populate the Earth and the lives of all of God's creatures. Stand strong. Lift up your head. The Lord of us all is with you and out of chaos order will begin to make itself known.

The Tradition of the Three Kings Cake.

Three King's Cake (or bread) is closely allied with the traditions around the Epiphany (January 6th) of our Lord. Epiphany commemorates the visit the Three Wise Men made to the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. In many countries, the day is a gift-giving holiday. Tradition states this bread be served, garnished with the "jewels" of fruit and nuts. Usually a small clay or porcelain doll is baked inside. The custom is that whoever finds the doll must give a party on Candlemas (February 2nd). In the Marohl Family we forego the party and ask that the finder of the Christkind doll bake the 3 Kings Cake the next year. If you do not have a recipe for the Kings' Cake please contact Pastor Carroll and he will be delighted to share the German version of it with you.

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Magi visited Bethlehem. Since the three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh are mentioned we make the assumption that there were 3 Gifters.) are the reputed founders of the Christian Church in Iran —until the time of the Taliban.

The bottom line is this: Epiphany is a time for celebrating the mission of the Church. It

is a time to realize that God calls many different types of people from all over the world. What God does with our hearts and lives is a transforming and transitional experience. It is an experience that we cannot help but share with others. It is an "epiphany" moment! What you are doing when that happens is a manifestation, a revelation, a witness to your experience. Central to that experience is a Child named Jesus (Savior, Immanuel (God with us)).



St. Andrew's Day Celebration was held on Friday, 07 of December. There were 25 in attendance at the 5:00 pm worship and at the dinner after the worship service. Pictured above, left, Julia Simmons, Juliet Smith and Lucene Pike with Tom Velvin against the far wall! In the picture above, right, Ann Evanow and Lynn Woodworth hold the tapestry Lynn won in the raffle. The tapestry was designed and woven by John Evanow.

UTO = GO!

Kathy Lenox
United Thank Offering Representative
Diocese of Oregon

Happy New Year and greetings during this season of Advent. I have been thinking about this past year and am blessed by my experiences – the most memorable being present at the Episcopal Church Women Triennial and General Convention in Austin, TX and seeing our Presiding Bishop Curry at the Revival and during our in-gathering.

Part of Bishop Curry's message this summer was GO! And that is today's news: the 2019 United Thank Offering Grant cycle is now open and the focus is **GO: Crossing boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus.**

Grant applications are for new ministries, including start-up positions, property or structures owned by a congregation or Diocese, and construction costs. The application and instructions are located at www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering. There are new guidelines for writing an application and helpful suggestions are located there.

In congregational life, habits are learned. Gratitude encourages us to do good things, even if they are not noticed. Gratitude strengthens us to continue doing good things and it builds joy into our lives. Placing your blessings into your "little blue box" will also help others and your joy will multiply on and on into the world.

May we all be filled with blessings and gratitude in the New Year.

Craft Guild Supports Varied Missions

Elenor Sullivan

The Craft Guild met on Friday, December 7th, to disburse monies received from the Blessings Table and the Pie Sale.

\$54.72 in the Blessings Table fund as of November 30 was included in the total available for disbursement. It was decided to keep \$500 in the the Craft Guild fund as a reserve.

The following payments are to be made by Steve Skidmore on our behalf.

\$250 - Food Backpacks for Kids (this second payment was sent November 28 to meet their November 30 deadline. First payment was made from Blessings Table 3rd Quarter Funds.)

\$250 - SAEC Kitchen Fund

\$200 - to the Good Samaritan Fund

\$200 - for a Hospitality Fund (speak to Ann Evanow)

\$100 - Doug Hale's Pantry at the University of Oregon

\$100 - ERD for Women's Vocational Training (speak to Kathy Lenox)

\$200 - World Central Kitchen, 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington DC 20009

\$250 - Outreach Committee for Mapleton Shalom to cover one month's rent

We received a donation of \$176 during the meeting. Monies deposited to the Blessings Table Fund after

December 1st will roll over into the 1st Quarter 2019. There will be over \$500 plus in the Craft Guild for 2019 expenses.



**LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER
THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
THE KING**

January, 2019

Quoting from Henri Nouwen: "It might be a good idea to ask ourselves how we develop our capacity to choose for joy. Maybe we could spend a moment at the end of each day and decide to remember that day--whatever may have happened--as a day to be grateful for. In so doing we increase our heart's capacity to choose joy."

Author Debbie Macomber has, with God's help, produced a work of non-fiction bearing the title "one simple act - Discovering the Power of Generosity". The book begins with this: "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

--I Thessalonians 5:18. Macomber names gratitude as a springboard for generosity.

In her book of 17 chapters, she shares stories in the following categories: the mystery of sharing, the act of encouragement, the habit of good deeds, the impact of forgiveness, the power of believing the best, the bounty of openhanded giving, the art of listening, the practice of hospitality, the privilege of inspiring hope, the spirit of Christmas, the gift of caregiving, the bounty of time, the offering of prayer, the sharing of our faith stories, the heart of service, and she concludes with 'Giving God the Last Word'.

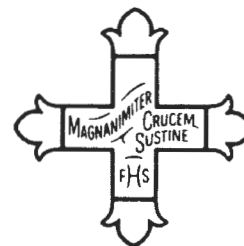
Each chapter has at least three illustrations of her chosen topic, with a statement about a discovery she makes, and often a short list of suggestions to put these principles and discoveries into action.

In the opening chapter about gratitude being the springboard of generosity, these are the three discoveries: The act of gratitude reminds us that God is worthy of our trust; Practicing an attitude of gratitude spills over to acts of generosity; Gratitude gives back--when we practice gratitude, not only do we grow in our trust of God, but we benefit physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

She includes some reminders from Stephen Post, professor of bioethics at Case Western Reserve University. Gratitude defends, sharpens, calms, strengthens, heals. Macomber suggests four simple acts of gratitude: 1) Begin a gratitude journal 2) Practice praise 3) Stay alert for "God nudges" 4) Thank God in all circumstances

**"I will give thanks to Thee,
O Lord, among the people,
I will sing praises to Thee
Among the nations.
For thy steadfast love is great,
Is great to the heavens,
And thy faithfulness,
Thy faithfulness to the clouds.**

**Be exalted, O God,
Above the heavens,
Let Thy glory be over all the earth."
--B. Chambers**



Jody Manchester Appointed Librarian



There is a room way back in the corner of our building that has a big, beautiful handcrafted table in it and some books — a lot of books. The sign on the door denotes that the room is “The Library.” It is

time to give the denizens of the shelves some TLC. Pastor Carroll, therefore, cast his net upon the waters and looked for that special someone whose spiritual gifts could be directed toward that end. The name that came to the top of the list is that of Jody Manchester.

Though Jody is a newer resident of the City of Florence she has been a member of St. Andrews for four-plus years. Her ministry among us includes being an active member of the Lighthouse Chapter of the Daughters of the King. She is also a part of the Worship Team where she serves as Music Secretary each Sunday morning. And, she has recently been “re-activated” as an Eucharistic Minister.

As a Franciscan nun she was known as Sister Jody. She served within that order for 8 years; one year among the eight was lived in Portugal.

After leaving the Franciscans, she married and had two children. Her daughter, Kate, lives in Elk Grove, California and is working toward her Masters in Nursing. Jody’s son, Will, is a fisherman and when not on the boat lives in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Jody has had a life-long love of learning. While raising her family, she taught school, and worked toward and earned two Masters in Christian Studies, Leadership, and, Teaching.. She also began and nearly finished her Ph.D in Theology.

Jody has experienced some serious health issues in her life. Those issues have continued to challenge her just about every day of her life. She, however, is one of those unique persons who is able to meet each challenge head on.

When asked what is important to her, Jody’s response is “I love singing and playing my guitar, though I have now given my guitar away.” She is so very thankful for St. Andrew’s and her praying sisters within the Daughters of the King community; we have become her family. The joy she brings to our life can best be heard as the 10:00 am Mass comes to its ending. “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.: Jody’s “Alleluia!” is the loudest of them all.



Speaking of the Library!

Many of the books in the library are classic works on theology. Challenge yourself to read two a year. Perhaps you could find one or more persons to read the same book as you and then get together to discuss what you are or have read. Mystery lies upon the printed page.

November 2018 Financial Report

November, 2018, Income: \$6,280.40

November, 2018, Expenses: \$5,390.44

November, 2018, Net: \$889.96

**January-November, 2018, Income:
\$67,211.64**

**January-November, 2018, Expenses:
\$71,975.17**

**January-November, 2018, Net:
(\$4,763.53)**

**Thank you for your commitment and
generosity!**

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Peace Harbor Hospice is looking for caring men and women who are interested in providing practical help and emotional assistance to patients and families dealing with a terminal illness, both in the home setting and in care facilities, and working with families in our bereavement program.

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday January 15, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at Lane Community College, 3149 OK Street, Room 158.

Training for hospice volunteers will be held during the first week of March and will be held again at LCC in the same room.

To register for the January 15 meeting with no obligation or for more information, please call Victoria Spear at 541-242-8755 or email at vspear@peacehealth.org; or, Kathy Murphy at 541-902-6060, or email her at KMurphy3@peacehealth.org.

NOTE: If there are any corrections to the Directory, right, please inform Father Carroll as soon as

Parish Directory Leadership Team

Senior Warden: Pat McArdle

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Susan Holt

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Katherine McBroom-Redwine

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Carole Velvin

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Jody Manchester

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Kathy Lenox

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Outreach Team

Sue Holt

Jody Manchester

Meris Robison

What's Up with the BAC?

January, 2019

Pat McArdle, Senior Warden

This month we received the **Terms of Agreement** document (contract) signed by **Bishop Michael Hanley and Father Angelito Cubillas**. Everything is now official: Father Lito will become our new priest on March 1, 2019. We look forward to welcoming Father Lito and his wife Louise.

We are happy to have **Kate McBroom-Redwine** in the church office as our **volunteer secretary**. Mastering the high-tech copy machine and becoming familiar with new computer programs is quite an undertaking but she is doing a wonderful job. We are grateful for her service and hard work!

Mark your calendars for **Last Sunday of the Month potlucks** coming up on **December 30th** (a fifth Sunday), **January 27th** (the Annual Meeting), and **February 24th** (Pastor Carroll's last Sunday as our Vicar).

Be sure to notice the new powder-coated **aluminum sign** out in front of our building that says the "**Episcopal Church Welcomes You**" and has our name, address and phone number on it. The old one had lasted a long time (from the early 2000's) but had rust dripping down over the words, and was squeaky and noisy when the wind blew. An **anonymous St. Andrew's donor** was kind enough to purchase this sign for us and **Ted Hawkins and Bill McArdle** hung it up with stainless steel hangers. Now it's nice, quiet and looks great.

Treasurer Steve Skidmore has been working diligently on the budget for 2019 with the assistance of **Budget committee members Ron Scott, Charlie Pennington, Tom Velvin, Lynn Woodworth** and Pat McArdle.

On December 7 we had a wonderful St. Andrew's service and dinner **honoring our Patron, Saint Andrew**. The **ECW** (Episcopal Church Women) team of **Betty Leach, Maggie Doud and Rosemary Rebello** made a delicious tuna casserole dinner.

Father Lito and his wife Louise sent us many boxes of **cookies** for our Christmas celebrations. Yum! **Ann and John Evanow** sent Father Lito and Louise a beautiful **hand-made evergreen swag** which they said was from all of us. A little bit of richly scented Oregon greenery for the Cubillas' to enjoy while still in Arizona.

Blessings to all in the New Year,



**You never listen properly.
You're gonna be in so much trouble!**

Statue of Limitations Suspension for Clergy Sexual Misconduct Begins January 1, 2019

Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

Advent 2018

Dear People of God in the Episcopal Church:

Nearly a year ago, we issued a call for the church to examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how we have handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years. In particular, we asked to hear voices from the wider church at General Convention so that deputies and bishops might consider both how to atone for the church's past and shape a more just future. As followers of Jesus of Nazareth, as children of God with all people, we could do no less, and we must do more.

In July, General Convention considered 26 resolutions and one memorial addressing issues the #MeToo movement has brought to light, many of them developed by the House of Deputies Special Committee on Sexual Harassment and Exploitation. One of these resolutions, Resolution D034, suspends for three years the canon (church law) that places a time limit on initiating proceedings in cases of clergy sexual misconduct against adults. There is no time limit on reporting clergy sexual misconduct against children and youth under age 21.

As a result of this resolution, from January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2021, those who wish to bring a case of sexual misconduct

against a member of the clergy will be able to do so, regardless of how long ago the alleged misconduct occurred. Allegations of misconduct can be made to the intake officer in the diocese where the alleged misconduct occurred, or, if the allegation is against a bishop, to the Office of Pastoral Development. You can learn how to reach the intake officer in a diocese by checking its website or calling the bishop's office.

We hope that this temporary suspension of the statute of limitations will be one way for the church to come to terms with cases of sexual misconduct in our collective past. Between now and General Convention in 2021, laypeople, clergy and bishops appointed to several task forces created by the 2018 General Convention will be working on other ways of addressing these issues, including a process to help the church engage in truth-telling, confession, and reconciliation regarding our history of gender-based discrimination, harassment and violence.

We are grateful to the many deputies, bishops and other volunteers across the church whose careful work before, during, and after General Convention is helping our church move closer to the day when, having repented of our sins and amended our common life, we may be restored in love, grace and trust with each other through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings

Presiding Bishop and Primate
President, House of Deputies