



THE BEACON

What's Up With the BAC

The church financial audit for the fiscal year of 2018 is complete. Currently our finances are in good shape. Thanks go out to Charlie Pennington, Andy Fedoruk, and our treasurer Steve Skidmore for their efforts with the church financial matters.

St. Andrews church picnic is coming up on September 14th in the yurt at West Woahink. The time of this event is 12:00P.M. to 3:00P.M.. Please bring your own place settings along with a dish to share. Let's make this a joyful and thankful time for the bounty of God's great creation.

On the fifth Sunday in September, Sept. 29th, we will have a combined service at 10:00 AM. Following the service there will be a short, Special Meeting of the congregation to discuss and vote on: 1) approval of an amendment to the church By-Laws; and, 2) ratification of the By-Laws as they have been amended and restated over the past several years. A potluck will follow the meeting. Hosting and clean-up will be done by the BAC.

The Junior Warden reported on the progress being made on our security system and other ongoing projects and her Report follows this article. Many thanks to all who are involved in the maintenance of our church building and grounds.

Ron Scott, Senior Warden

Jr. Warden Report August, 2019

Dave Brooks, from Builder's Electric, returned on July 23rd to install the new smoke alarms and designated Parish Hall door alarm and one for Father Lito's outside door (temporary one, to be replaced with proper alarm). The codes remain the same with the alarm set to disarm at 7 AM and arm at 8:30 PM. Designated door alarms were added for more security. Nick and I will be meeting with him to complete the installation in the coming week or two. The bill for this project has not been received and probably will not come until the final work is completed. Dave recommends that we have individual codes for the parishioners who most often need access to the building for added security. This would mean that the alarm would always be set and ready to be disarmed when someone puts in their code upon entry. This will be discussed, but not decided, at our August meeting. Kate and I met with Carla Green on July 23rd and reviewed her proposal to help with the trimming and upkeep of the Memorial Garden and Labyrinth. I will be meeting with her again in the near future to finalize our plan. The usher's cabinet in the front hall is now ready for use and allows room for ushers' schedule or other information that needs to be posted. Craig has finished painting the cabinet for the Craft Group and he delivered it on Aug.20th. I continue to have a list of projects and tasks to complete:

- 1) investigate whether to on choose a temporary ground cover for the Interment area in the Memorial Garden;

- 2) consider refinishing three tables within the church building;
 - 3) pick up the willow tree stumps in back of the church;
 - 4) make the door stop for the front door; and
 - ~~5) finish the Sacristy and library paint job.~~
- Almost done with both projects.

Two new screens were ordered and installed for the offices of the secretary and Vicar to allow for ventilation during the summer months.

Lynn Woodworth, Jr. Warden



Library Notes

Despite Jody Manchester's unfortunate absence the Church Library is still Open for Business. If you wish to come in and read or to select a book to take home and read, please feel free to do so. All Jody asks is that a note is left in the Red Binder (sitting on the low bookcase by the door) stating the date, the title(s) borrowed and the name of the borrower. Enjoy the Library!



The Diocese of Oregon Bishop Search

Dear Clergy, Church Administrators, Senior Wardens, Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates,

The 11th Bishop Search Committee is seeking your input through three listening sessions and a short survey. Our goal is to ensure many diverse voices throughout the diocese are being heard. We value your input. If you were not able to attend the listening session, it is even more important that you fill out this survey.

This survey will allow the Search Committee to develop an accurate Diocesan Profile that reflects who we are and captures our hopes and dreams. Your insight will help us discern where we would like to go as a diocese and what kind of bishop we are calling to our diocese. Please help us by filling out this survey by **08/31/2019**.

We also ask that you share this survey with members of your congregation in your weekly bulletins, newsletters, social media, and announcements.

The results of the survey will be aggregated and can be shared by the Search Committee but all identifying information will be kept confidential. At the end of the survey, there is an option to include your contact information if you would like one of the Search Committee members to contact you.

On behalf of the 11th Bishop Search Committee, we thank you for your input.

Online Surveys:

(English) <http://bit.ly/bishopsearchsurvey>

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Online Survey

(Spanish): <http://bit.ly/busquedaobispo>

Printable Survey (English): [Survey \(English\)](#)

Printable Survey (Spanish): [Survey \(Spanish\)](#)

THE QUESTION ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

A Message from Father Lito

The story starts like this...about four weeks ago a priest friend of mine in the Philippines sent me a text message asking for a favor. I am always so pleased to hear from him because 15 years ago he was my student in our college seminary. Now he is a priest in a diocese in the Southern Philippines. In his text, he asked me to send him some books written by a well known atheist, Richard Dawkins. Was I shocked? Yes, I did not know what to think about his unusual request.

I asked my wife what she thought might be going on...she wondered whether or not he was experiencing a "crisis of faith" or going through the "dark night of the soul." Maybe, I replied...but I have always known him to have a deep and abiding faith. But I also know that life can batter a person into feelings of giving up who they have been and what they have believed. I have seen it happen more than once. But I also wonder if he has met a person who does not believe that God exists.

I thought aloud that perhaps my priest friend has met someone who has been reading Dawkins books and has become influenced by them. Maybe, I hoped, he wants to read the books so that he can have an intelligent discussion with any atheist he encounters about the existence of God. Maybe my student wants to help this person he knows find a pathway to God.

I sent the books with prayers that he will find a way through whatever he is going through and I will continue to pray for his spiritual well-being. Sometimes even priests can get tired when they are working with argumentative or closed-minded people.

I do not know answers to the questions I have outlined above, but I will continue to reach out to my student and find out more about what he is going through. Am I worried? Yes, of course...that is sometimes the price of being a teacher.

I started wondering what any of us would say if we were truly challenged by an atheist. How would we answer them when they confront us and dare us to joust with them about the existence of God? Are we really ready for this question? But if we are not, then our words will fail us when the time comes. Maybe it will be a family member, friend, or a stranger...but we must be prepared to share our spiritual experiences and faith. In other words, we will be required to take a risk to share our hearts.

God comes to us in a hundred different ways, but none is more important than when He gives himself to us in a direct way. It's very difficult to talk about abstract matters, but when God has touched our hearts and lives, we can share what happened.

Since God remains unseen, one of the only ways we can know His presence is through the experience of loving others. According to the Epistle of John 4:11-18, "God lives in us," and we can see Him in the loving deeds of others. This is especially true for those who offer works of mercy: feeding the hungry, visiting the sick or imprisoned, or by giving comfort to those who are suffering. Helping someone sincerely in need is one of the clearest manifestations of God that we have. Of course, the purest acts of mercy originate in our hearts, with little or no interest in receiving anything back for our sacrifices of time, money, energy, or prayer.

I would say to an atheist that this is how we experience or see God in the many varied events of life. Healing comes when action comes from the heart, because that is where God lives. Guidance illuminates our path if we are listening. Joy wells up in our own hearts when we see that we have made a difference. This is how we can "know" true faith in God; when we are willing to reflect the glory of God's love for others to see.

I truly hope that you will be ready to answer someone who doubts goodness....and if you are led to reassure them by sharing your faith, I hope you will do so. It matters a great to share the wisdom and experiences you have gained in your lives.



United Thank Offering and Fall

Kathy Lenox

Fall usually signals the beginning of a new school year and the planning for annual Diocesan meetings. We remember the routine of a "fresh start" much as we take on New Year's resolutions. It is an opportunity to begin something new and to begin commitments to ministry.

One important discipline is to practice gratitude, every day. It is a way to change the way we view our world. Practicing gratitude improves our attitude and our relationships. We learn a different view of our world, and it changes us, both emotionally and spiritually.

United Thank Offering invites you to take up a gratitude challenge. Make a promise to yourself to spend a few minutes each day, thinking about your blessings. It might be a big thing such as your family, or a little thing such as a flower in your garden. The point is to develop a habit of expressing gratitude and offering your prayers to God. When you combine these prayers with a physical offering to your "blue box", you also create an opportunity for your blessings to become a blessing for others. Your offerings might fund a community garden or a new after school tutoring center. The possibilities are endless, all because you took the time to offer your blessings into a "little blue box".

CREATION CARE AN EPISCOPAL MISSION

Caring for Creation:

"As we are called by God to care for Creation, we support policies that protect the resources that sustain all life on earth."

(from episcopalchurch.org)

Some facts to inform our decisions and highlight the true cost of convenience:

We produce nearly 300 million tons of plastic products each year, 1/2 of which is designed for single-use in our increasingly disposable society. Each year 8 million tons of plastic is dumped into our oceans and it's such an irony that producing a water bottle actually requires 6 times as much water as there is in the actual container!

Our dependence on plastic is a global issue, but solutions will need to happen 1 community at a time and 1 consumer's decisions at a time. (Us!) One way we can have an impact is to 'Say NO to single use plastic'

We can say no to plastic bags, drink containers, straws, water bottles, etc. by bringing our own reusables.

Can you think of other ways to cut back on your household's plastic use?

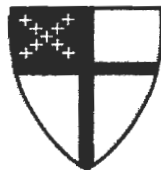
(submitted by Susie Stevens-Briody-from an editorial in The Siuslaw News)

Announcing Another Plastics Roundup in Florence

An Opportunity to Recycle Plastics containers with the numbers 2, 4 and 5 stamped in the triangle on the bottom or the lid is being made available during September by the Master Recyclers Organization in Florence. Michelle Le Blanc, a spokesperson for the Master Recyclers, says that the group is trying to set up a central location for the collection and sorting of the plastic items, but that this location is not yet a reality.

In the meantime, AFTER September 1st, plastics may be delivered to the homes of certain Master Recycler members. Conveniently for St. Andrew's, Michelle lives only two houses west of the church, at 2045 19th Street, (the red house), and she will be serving as a drop-off location. She asks only that you call her (541-997-1275), to make sure she is at home before you bring plastic materials to her.

ALL plastic items submitted must be clean and dry. Labels must be removed entirely. Also, the items should be sorted by their numbers, 2, 4 or 5. Please don't throw these recyclable items into the trash. It isn't such a big deal to clean them and remove their labels. If you have questions about the sorting or need help with label removal feel free to call Michelle. And many thanks for participating in this effort!



Creation Care Prayer

God, maker of marvels,
you weave the planet and all its creatures
together in kinship;

your unifying love is revealed
in the interdependence of relationships
in the complex world that you have made.
Save us from the illusion that humankind is
separate and alone, and join us in communion
with all inhabitants of the universe;
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who topples the dividing walls by the power of
your Holy Spirit, and who loves and reigns with
you, for ever and ever. Amen.

*-Liturgical Materials for Honoring God in
Creation*

Reported to the 78th General Convention



LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER

September, 2019

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The Heart of Service

“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” — Colossians 3:17

The Heart of Service, title of one chapter in Debbie Macomber's book Discovering the Power of Generosity, touches on one of the vows in *The Order: service*. She begins the chapter with a question: ‘What happens if you give and give until you have nothing left?’, and follows it with a statement: ‘Here's the irony: no one is richer than God's *servants*; and it's true that no matter how hard we try to give, God continually gives more.’

Treasures in heaven we can store — and take with us! Watch *HELPERS*, so Mr. Rogers (beloved children's television personality), advised after the tragedies of 9/11, when
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parents inquired of him how to approach their children. 'Other-centeredness', rare these days, was modeled by Ruth Stafford Peale, beloved wife of Norman Vincent Peale, even as she lived to be a centenarian. Roll up our sleeves in the precious gift of *service*. Cook, deliver, loom, knit, crochet, quilt, clean up a yard, round up school supplies, play games/music, or read to residents in assisted living—one does not wring one's hands and roll up sleeves at the same time. (Former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder.) Offering what is at hand (...loaves and fishes...)

Debbie quotes her pastor, "We don't want to go to church or do church, we want to *be* the church. "Remember the weekday to keep it holy" - E. Hubbard, writer, artist, philosopher. The Community Church in Stowe, VT has a sign over the doors as congregants are leaving the building: "The Church is now leaving the building." The people are the church and church is the people, when all else is stripped away.

Debbie includes in this chapter Ten Rules for (more **JOY**-ful—Jesus-Others-You) Living, author unknown:

Give something away—no strings attached.

Do a kindness—and forget it.

Spend time with elders—for priceless guidance.

Look intently into the face of a baby—and marvel.

Laugh often—life's lubricant.

Give thanks—1000 times a day is not enough.

Pray—or lose the way.

Work—with vim and vigor.

Plan as though you'll live forever—you will.

Live as though you'll die tomorrow—because you will, on some tomorrow.

"The best way for us to share the lifestyle of generosity is to model it. The heart that chooses to serve others will multiply the happiness in this world and reap the eternal reward of joy in

heaven. Such a heart is aligned with the very heart of God." —D.M.

To paraphrase the words of John Wesley, here in prayer form:

Dear Jesus,

We would do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as ever we can.

AMEN.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Fifth Sunday Single Service, Special Meeting and Potluck

Sunday, September 29th is a fifth Sunday and the usual single service at 10:00 followed by a potluck lunch will occur. In addition there will be a Special Meeting of the congregation in accordance with the By Laws of St. Andrew's. This will be a very short meeting with a single agenda item – the ratification and approval of this Church's By Laws as presented to the congregation in 2013, and as amended by the BAC in 2015 and again in 2019.

The 2012-2013 restatement of the By Laws was presented at the Annual Meeting in January 2013 by then Senior Warden, Ernie Doud, however the congregation did not vote to approve it. (The Bishop, however, did review and approve the By Laws). A 2015 amendment – reducing the number of the BAC from nine to seven - was approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting but never written into the By Laws or submitted to the Bishop.

Recently the current BAC revised the Church's Use of Facilities Policy (and consequently Section 12 of the By Laws) to provide the Vicar the option to delegate to the Junior

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I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, BUT THE WHOLE 'SITTING ON MY RIGHT HAND' THING IS NOT AS LITERAL AS YOU SEEM TO THINK.

**St. Andrew's Worship Participants
September, 2019**

E. M.s

	8:00a.m.	10:00 a.m.
1	Steve Skidmore	Maggie Doud
8	Elenor Sullivan	Betty Malone
15	Betty Leach	Ron Scott
22	Steve Skidmore	Betty Malone
29 – One Service	Maggie Doud	

READERS

	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
1	Kathy Lenox	Kate McB-Redwine
8	Anne Evanow	Susie Stevens-Briody
15	Sarah Hawkins	Jo M'Gonigle
22	_____	Jodi Manchester
29 – One Service	TBA	

USHERS

	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
1.	Ted Hawkins	Gladys/ Rosemary/Meris
8.	Robin Sullivan	Jane Salamone/Tia Menser
15.	John Evanow	Tom/Carole Velvin
22.	Ted Hawkins	Ron/Kathy Scott
29 – One Service	TBA	

Parish Directory

Leadership Team

Vicar, Rev. Father Angelito Cubillas

Senior Warden: Ron Scott

Junior Warden: Lynn Woodworth

Clerk: Wiki Barnes

Treasurer: Steve Skidmore

Sarah Hawkins

Sue Holt

Betty Malone

Katherine McBroom-Redwine

Carole Velvin

Worship Team

Lucene Pike

Jan Kinslow

Jo M'Gonigle

Jody Manchester

Barb Wilcox

Altar Guild:

Sarah Hawkins

Kay Johnson

Kathy Lenox

Jo M'Gonigle

Katherine McBroom-Redwine

Kathy Scott

Lynn Woodworth

Outreach Team

Karen Faria

Sue Holt

Jody Manchester

Meris Robison



Traveling the Way of Love, Episode 4: Turn, the latest installment of a new video series from The Episcopal Church Office of Communication, is now available for viewing on [The Episcopal Church website](#).

Focusing on the practice Turn, host Chris Sikkema visits Thistle Farms in Nashville to talk with the Rev. Becca Stevens, founder and president about how, with God's help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In this episode we see and hear stories of transformation as people choose to turn towards Jesus, turning from a broken system to a way of healing, from a life of pain to a life of wholeness, from our own inadequacies to fulfillment.

Visit the Traveling the Way of Love page to view the video and accompany episode guide, podcast, and other resources.



This Newsletter NEEDS Photos of US and our activities!
Please send photos to Standrewssecretary19@gmail.com

September 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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