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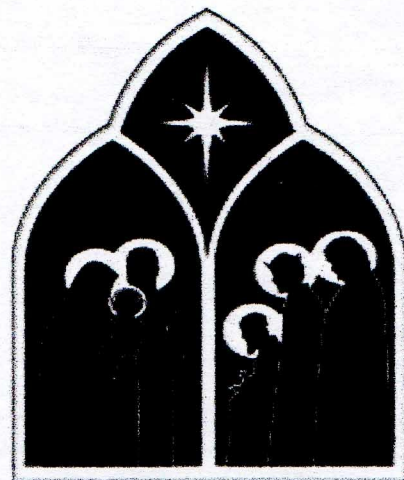
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January 2020 Newsletter

From the Desk of your Vicar

Your Senior Warden took my thunder. I agree, why make New Year resolutions when in your heart of hearts you know you won't succeed. I instead tend to look at New Year resolutions as a way of looking at life and its challenges from a positive point-of-view. Thus I so love this reflection from the Contemplative Monk website.

The Old Year is
worm and tired.
Time now to kiss it
goodbye.
Take with you it's wisdom—the authority
and power of all you have learned.
Remember the past year with love
but let go of it's despair.
Live the year that lies ahead
with fresh energy and hope.
Be strong, have courage.
It is time for something new.

What can I learn from the year past that I'd want to bring with me into this next year? I don't know what it is; but what I do know is that I will intentionally take steps to make changes in my life that will help me in the long run. They may not be dramatic, but like the tortoise and the hare, slow and steady and the job gets done.

In this new year, our parish has lots going on so please mark your calendars. Thank you for all that you do. You are a blessing to me and to so many others.

I wish everyone a blessed Christmas Season and a holy Season of Epiphany.

Be a tortoise!
Blessings,
Anne+

Holy Spirit's Vision Statement

Church of the Holy Spirit has a special ministry to the elderly of the area. We provide a place of liturgical corporate worship, spreading the Word of God through the community as a part of the greater church in the Diocese of Oregon, the nation and the world. We envision growth and look for ways to help that happen.

Holy Spirit's Mission Statement

We strive to serve God, to serve our community, and to serve ourselves through Christ who lived and died for us.

November Financial Report

\$6,239.00	Income
\$1,739.46	Expenses

Stewardship

Thank you to all who have returned their pledge form. You have given generously to the parish and aided the church to do what we are called to do in life by living out baptismal vows. If you have not had a chance to return your stewardship form, please do so. This allows for the budget committee to create a working budget for 2020.



In this season of sniffles and general oughness, please feel free to use the peace sign to exchange the peace with one another. We wish to exchange peace and love, and not our microscopic bugs.



BAC Meeting December 14, 2019

Present: James Anderson, Gillian Seitz, Dayle McLain, Gwen Best and Janet Ryall Co-Treasurers

Member Absent: Rev. Anne, Martha Scott

Opening Prayer: Rev. Anne sent an opening prayer to be read at the meeting.

Minutes: November minutes were approved as read.

Vicar's Report: The Vicar's report was approved as read. The Linus Oakes Service has been moved to the first Saturday of the month. New families have joined Holy Spirit. They are Carlie and Jackson Corbun and Joline Craig and Scott Morrison. Rev. Anne purchased a lapel mic for speaking and sermons. Rev. Anne has a friend in Eugene who is willing to be a web-master.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved as submitted. The budget was revised to reflect the increase in DPA for 2020.

Senior Warden's Report: Gave information regarding three architects in Roseburg for future planning adding two offices.

Junior Warden's Report: All okay.

Altar Guild Report: Donna Anderson reported on her trip to the Fall Flower Festival in Charleston, S.C.

ECW Report: Sale of the tea tickets support the Sutherlin Oakland Emergency Pantry and quilt tickets supports ECW outreach projects.

Old Business: Three new members need to be elected to the BAC at the Annual Meeting.

New Business: St. Vincent's will be sent \$400. Isis Garcia resigned from the BAC due to her work schedule.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Anne sent a closing prayer to be read at the meeting.

Next BAC Meeting: January 11, 2020.



The Episcopal Church Women

January 4th

Holy Spirit Book Club
11:00 A.M.

January 11th

BAC Meeting
2:00 P.M.

January 18th

Organ Concert by Carolyn
1:30 P.M.

January 25th

Rev. Anne to attend Diocesan Council
10:00 A.M.
St. Paul's, Salem

January 26th

Holy Spirit's Annual Meeting
Following the service

Linus Oakes Service

Saturday, January 4th
3:00 P.M.
Linus Oakes Chapel



Saturday, January 4th at 11:00 A.M.
Please bring books that you have read to exchange. There will be a no host lunch after Book Club. We will sell paperback books for \$.25, and hard bound books for \$.50. The money raised will go to outreach.

The Branches of Love Christmas tree was decorated on December 12th at the Sutherlin Community Center. Gwen, Betty, and Donna decorated the tree using red and white ornaments, and white snowflakes. We only needed to purchase tiny white lights.

Greening of the church was Saturday, December 21st. We cleaned the church and made swags for the ends of the pews. Thank you Gwen, Dayle, Gillian, Betty and Donna for your work in getting the church ready for Christmas Eve.

Carolyn will have an Organ Concert, Saturday, January 18th at 1:30 P.M.

We will need to provide light refreshments for a reception after the concert.

Sunday Servers

January 5th

EM: Karen
Lector: Pauline
Intercessor: Betty
Hospitality: Murle & Pauline

January 12th

EM: Charlotte
Lector: Dayle
Intercessor: Karen
Hospitality: Dayle

January 19th

EM: Donna
Lector: Gwen
Intercessor: Janet H
Hospitality: Janet H.

January 26th

EM: Janet H
Lector: Jim
Intercessor: Gwen
Hospitality: Gwen

Annual Meeting

Holy Spirit's Annual Meeting will be January 26th following the 10:00 A.M. service.

There will be a potluck lunch for the meeting so please sign up to bring your favorite potluck item.

Annual Reports will be presented, the 2020 budget will be presented and voted on.

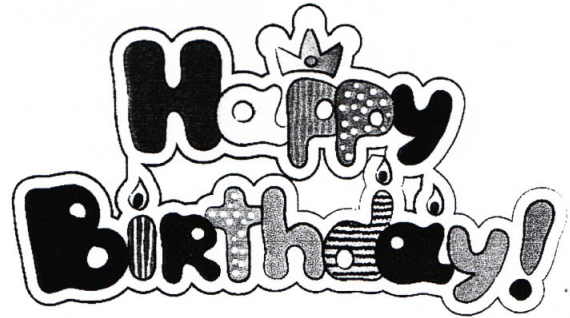
At our Annual Meeting there will be an election for at least three members to the Bishop's Advisory Council and three delegates to the Diocesan Convention, and Southern Convocation meetings. One of the three delegates will serve as an alternate delegate. Members who are in good standing may stand for election.

Organ Concert

Carolyn will have an organ concert January 18th at 1:30 P.M. There will be a variety of music. The concert will be approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Following the concert there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. We will keep the reception simple with coffee and cookies.

A Prayer for the Search Process

Dearest Lord God, please grant that all involved in the process of calling the 11th Bishop of Oregon be guided by the Holy Spirit in properly discerning who God wants to lead us in the Way of Love in Western Oregon's Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.



Gwen	January 2 nd
Karen	January 10 th
Murle	January 29 th



Transition Committee Update

The Transition Team for the next Bishop of Oregon is busy planning the Walkabout (a tour of the diocese with stops in the central, south, coast and metro area of Portland) June 7-11, 2020, the Electing Convention June 27, 2020 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and the Ordination January 30, 2021. Each event has its logistical challenges and each team member has an assigned primary task and will recruit volunteers along the way to assist. We meet monthly with the exception of December and check in on the development of the plans for the Walkabout, Electing Convention and Consecration. Pray with us as we continue this journey to selecting the next Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon.

Words from the Warden's Cell



The year is now 2020 and we're still running interference for all the things we hold dear and intend to see reach their goals in the end zones. Are we rough? Are we tough? Are we the team that got the stuff? Do you know how much I hate sports analogies to explain how we're going to reach goals? Did you make New Year's resolutions? At our ages, what for? Dear Jesus, this year I promise not to be snarky, cynical, gossipy, back-stabby, dishonest with friends and relatives, kind to small animals, or peek in windows, yell at the neighbor kids or be impatient with other old people. I made up a little song for some of my friends at Linus Oaks that goes to "Pop goes the Weasel."

With a walker or a cane
I am really pokey,
I hold up lines wherever I go,
I'm a Linus Oakie.





And I bet you thought I was being serious. Even in 2020 we can walk down memory lane and remember the best jokes of 1958. How many flapjacks does it take to shingle the roof on a dog house? Sixty-seven, because ice cream has no bones in it. Or this one: How can a grasshopper with a wooden leg kick the seeds out of a dill pickle? He can't because it's Tuesday! And who can forget "What's round, red and goes up and down? A tomato in an elevator. I bet you split your Christian Dior skirts over those. And then came Elvis! OMG! The first time I heard him in 1956 I was sure it was some untalented hillbilly recording in mom's basement, or a parody of country music sung by song comedian Stan Freberg. "You ain't nothin' but a hound dog" and "See ya later alligator" filled the airways and adolescent throats of us cool cats everywhere. Then came the US Army right after Sputnik and I swear every fellow recruit at Fort Ord brought his transistor radio with him. After 5:00 PM we were rockin' and rollin' all over the barracks. It was really great to be dancin' with other high school grads from all over the west coast. We were young and stupid and happy.

Now it's 2020, and our youth is gone, thank God, or we never would have learned anything. But wasn't it fun? And who says we can't have fun in our senior years? Scripture tells us unabashedly again and again that we're here only for a blink of an eye; not long enough to know enough to pass judgment on anyone. But as poet T.S. Eliot tells us, "Between the act and the forgiveness, life is very long."

2020 should be our eyesight vision this year. By God's grace we can see things as they are through the other side of that veil of tears left by the creation of Satan's rebellion. It's beautiful over there, and we can go there only if we want to of our own free will.

Happy New Year
Your brother in Christ
Jim Anderson

January 2020 Parish Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">Church of Holy Spirit</p>			1	2  Gwen	3	4  11:00 A.M. Linus Oakes Service 3:00 P.M.
			5 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00A.M. Murle & Pauline	6	7	8
12 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00A.M. Dayle	13	14	15	16	17	18  Organ Concert 1:30 P.M.
19 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M Janet H	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M Annual Meeting	27	28	29  Murle	30	31	

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January Events

Book Club	4th
Linus Oakes Service	4th
BAC Meeting	11th
Organ Concert	18th
Annual Meeting	26th

