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Church of the Holy Spirit has a special ministry to the elderly of the area

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February 23rd	10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
February 26th	12:00 P.M. (church)	Ash Wednesday Service

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February 2020 Newsletter

From the Desk of your Vicar

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2020 is about over, and personally, I celebrated my third year of my ordination to the Order of Presbyters. It has been an amazing past three year and you all have been a big part of this experience. Thank you.

The Annual Meeting was a great success even if we were small in number. There were no surprises as an Annual Meeting should be. Congratulations to those elected to the BAC and who will serve as our delegates to the Diocesan Convention and other diocesan meetings scheduled this year.

As part of the budget, a most generous budget I might say, is the line item: Priest's Expense Fund. This fund is different to the Discretionary Fund. This fund will be used for those items or events that the priest deems are important to support your vicar in carrying out duties in this parish and in nourishing the congregation's spiritual life.

I shared with those in attendance at the Annual Meeting some goals that I have set for myself, and indirectly for Holy Spirit. First, it is important that we continue to be that sanctuary church which opens our doors to those around us. We do this already with themed Bingo events, book club meetings, and most recently with the Winter Organ Concert. My thought was to show a family-rated movie once every other month and invite the neighborhood or others to the event. Just plan to have a fun time.

The second goal is to have an up-to-date website to which members of the community and others can turn to for event dates, service times, etc., and then click on links to a more interactive Face Book page. I recently spent the day with Heidi Pitts, Director of Communications for the Diocese, with Linda Schield, who has agreed to manage this website. Her first order of business is ensure the information on the website is accurate. Please take a little time to review the website and let me know of changes and additions that you would like to see.

As February fast approaches, may you have a blessed Epiphany as God is revealed to you here on earth.

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.



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.

Annual Meeting

Three new BAC members were elected to (2021), Janet Ryall (2022), and Carlie Corbin (2022). Current members are: James Anderson (2021), and Martha Scott (2021). of the year listed. The BAC members are invited back to the January BAC meeting.

Dayle McLain and Gwen Best were elected as delegates, and Donna Anderson as alternate.

The projected budget for 2020 is \$41,560.08.



BAC Meeting January 11, 2020

Present: Rev. Anne Abdy, James Anderson Senior Ward, Gillian Seitz, Dayle McLain Junior Warden, Gwen Best and Janet Ryall, Co-Treasurers.

Member Absent: Martha Scott

Opening Prayer: Rev. Anne opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: December minutes were approved as corrected.

Vicar's Report: Rev. Abdy was invited to be a panelist in a discussion on Bi-vocational Ministry at the Academy for Formation and Mission on January 10, 2020. Rev. Anne reported that the Linus Oakes service has been successfully moved to the first Saturday of the month. She is limiting her time to 2 pastoral visits following Sunday services due to the number of visits she has been making each Sunday.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. The Budget Committee presented the 2020 budget based on pledge forms for 2020.

Senior Warden's Report: Jim presented dates for next year's budgeted services.

Junior Warden's Report: Dayle reported that the building and grounds are in good shape. Estimates will be obtained to help the BAC decide whether or not to replace the oil-burning furnace for a gas-burning furnace.

ECW Report: Donna Anderson reported that ECW will purchase food for the luncheon for the Annual Meeting and provide light refreshments for the Organ Concert.

Old Business: The covenant between Holy Spirit and Rev. Anne Abdy, was reviewed and minor changes were suggested.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Anne closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next BAC Meeting: February 8, 2020.



The Episcopal Church Women

February 1st

Holy Spirit Book Club
11:00 A.M.

February 8th

BAC Meeting
2:00 P.M.

February 15th

Valentine Bingo
1:00-2:30 P.M.

February 25th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
4:30-6:30 P.M.

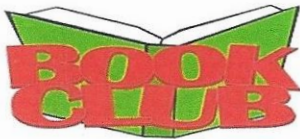
February 26th

Ash Wednesday Service
12:00 P.M.

Linus Oakes Chapel Service

Saturday, February 1st
3:00 P.M.

Ash Wednesday Service February 26th
Imposition of Ashes 3:00 P.M.



Saturday, February 1st 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 cents, and hard bound books for 50 cents. The money raised will go to outreach.

Thank you for everyone that brought refreshments for the Organ Concert on January 18th. If you missed Carolyn's interview on "Spotlight on Douglas County" about the concert, you can view it on our Facebook page: Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Sutherlin OR.

ECW purchased the food for the Annual Meeting brunch held after church on January 26th.

The next event for ECW will be Valentine Bingo Saturday, February 15th. Prizes and refreshments will be provided for the event. ECW members may donate items for prizes that will be given for Bingo game prizes.

February will be a busy month, February 25th will be Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. Monday, February 24th the Parish Hall will be decorated for the Pancake Supper. ECW will purchase the food for the Pancake Supper. We need the congregation to sell tickets for the dinner. Flyers advertising the Pancake Supper need to be placed around Sutherlin. Betty will be looking for cooks and servers to help on the 25th.



Valentine Bingo.

Saturday, February 15th will be a fun day. Please invite friends to join us for Bingo, light refreshments, and prizes. We will need volunteers to bake some deserts for a tea break. Last year we had a large group in attendance for playing Bingo.

Sunday Servers

February 2nd

EM: Charlotte

Lector: Pauline

Intercessor: Donna

Hospitality: Murle & Pauline

February 9th

EM: Janet H.

Lector: Gwen

Intercessor: Gillian

Hospitality: Gillian

February 16th

EM: Karen

Lector: Pauline

Intercessor: Dayle

Hospitality: Gwen

February 23rd

EM: Donna

Lector: Jim

Intercessor: Gwen

Hospitality: Donna



Martha Scott

February 21st



Ash Wednesday

Holy Spirit

12:00 P.M.

Linus Oakes

3:00 P.M.

Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

A feast of our Lord celebrated on February 2, also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (Lev. 12:2-8). The feast is celebrated forty days after Christmas. According to the account in Luke 2:22-39, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna. [Simeon's prayer of blessing, the Nunc dimittis, is found in the Evening Prayer Daily office.] Celebration of the feast dates from the fourth century in Jerusalem. It was introduced in Rome in the seventh century, where it included a procession with candles and the singing of the Nunc dimittis. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession. The feast was known as "Candlemas." See Nunc dimittis, BCP 66, or 120.

The reference: "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians." Don. S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors.



Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday, February 25th
4:30-6:30 P.M.

Tickets and flyers for the Pancake Supper will be handed out at church on February 2nd. Please invite friends and for a fun evening.

Words from the Warden's Cell



By the closing days of January small green tongues of flame began pushing their way through the earth by my driveway. Small things as this often surprise me. It's still winter and I love the bare necessity of its unburdening of all the summer weight it carried. This is earth's resting time before the enticement of spring goddesses who lure the botanical labor force into production once more before the fall again. We mortals and subordinate creatures (I won't specify) follow its inescapable program of DNA and cycles of seasons. It goes on with or without us. As a cynical biologist once told me, "We're only here to breathe on the plants and fertilize them afterward." And while that is mechanistically true, there is always a follow-through that meets the demands of this world.

Those pastoral leaders who once filled young American minds with the puritan theology of Michael Wigglesworth and Cotton Mather (In college we called them Wigglesworthless and Cotton-Mouth Mather) did generations of disservice to the development of our spiritual nature. Imagine, a god who regards us as an unsuccessful experiment who turned out so ugly that he beholds us like he's holding a spider by its single strand of web over a fire and contemplates whether to drop it into the fire or not. And there's nothing we can do to save ourselves because this god decided whom he will save even before birth. Where was Jesus in all this puritanical hell? Well, he was already saved and you can do nothing about that. Besides, Jesus was understanding, compassionate and forgiving, and that's no way to control the masses through fear. No wonder some women turned to witchcraft!

Cutting through all the smoke and mirrors of religious crowd control, we find the crucified Jesus right where we left him. Imagine Jesus telling our puritan forefathers that these "witches" are only poor misguided people who need understanding and forgiving. Let me teach them. And up on the church walls he goes again, nails and all. Of course, the puritan forefathers like the Pharisees before them knew they were saved and righteous. And they were doers of good deeds that everyone could see publicly. But Reformation Era Dr. Martin Luther taught his new protestants that we cannot be saved by our good works, but only by our faith.

And then, after you've seen the curtain pulled aside, just like in the Wizard of Oz, and you see who's working behind the curtain to lead us all on a wild goose chase so he can stay in charge, we may not feel as forgiving as Dorothy and her friends. But to learn to be forgiving of any wreck you may have survived and understand that God had nothing to do with it because that's just the way it is here in Camp Terre Firma after Satan screwed it up, you then may get the first inkling of realization that God wants us to come to Him of our own free will. If we've already run amok through the Seven Deadly Sins and came out the other end like the prodigal son or daughter, all you want to do is go home where they love you. Like Robert Frost said in his Death of the Hired Hand: "Home is a place that when you go there they have to take you in." But first you have to want to go there of your own free will. God will most likely say, "Well, the back lot needs mowing, and while you're doing that, I'll set a place for you at the table. Afterward, we'll take a ride in your new Mercedes."

Your Accomplice and Brother in Christ,
Jim Anderson



February 2020 Parish Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11:00 A.M.

Linus Oakes
Service
3:00 P.M.

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10:00 A.M. ⁹ Holy Eucharist Rite II Donna	¹⁰	¹¹	¹²	¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵
10:00 A.M. ¹⁶ Holy Eucharist Rite II Dayle	¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ Martha	²² Linus Oakes Service 3:00
10:00 A.M. ²³ Holy Eucharist Rite II Janet R & Karen	²⁴	²⁵ 	²⁶ 	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹ 