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



" Having completed the forty days that bring profit to our souls, we beseech thee in thy love for us: Grant us also to behold thy passion." Byzantine vesper prayer

April 5th - Palm Sunday

April 10th - Good Friday

April 12th - Easter Sunday

April 19th

April 26th

Easter Blessings



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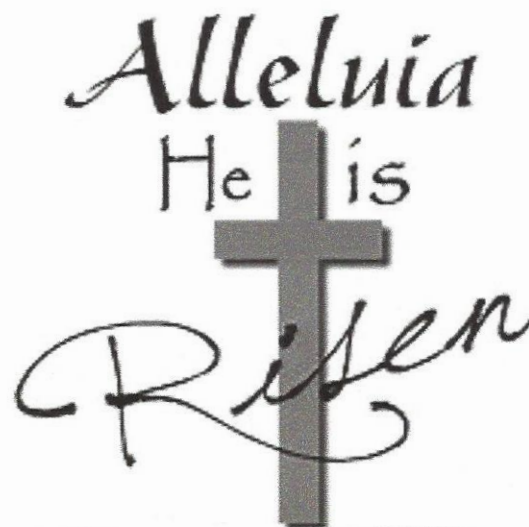
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Holy Spirit's Vision Statement

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.



March 14 Treasurer's Report

Income	\$6,484.34
Expenses	\$4,814.53

Offering Plate

With no services currently occurring, please consider mailing your monthly pledge to: Holy Spirit Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 1398
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Our parish still has bills and other operating expenses that require payment. The mail is checked frequently.



BAC Meeting March 14, 2020

Present: Rev. Anne Abdy, James Anderson Senior /Junior Warden, Gwen Best, Janet Ryall, Treasurer, Martha Scott, Carlie Corbun, Donna Anderson, Clerk

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

Minutes: February's BAC minutes were approved as corrected. The Impromptu Meeting minutes were approved.

Vicar's Report: Rev. Anne reported on the Bishop's guidelines regarding services during the pandemic. She met with Canon Neysa and some of the topics discussed were the substantial DPA increase, the Century Link billing issue, and the covenant was submitted. Holy Spirit and Linus Oakes both had a good turnout for Ash Wednesday.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Senior Warden's Report: Jim reported that he had contacted the sexton applicant.

Junior Warden's Report: Jim will instruct the sexton of his duties.

Old Business: There was a presentation on updating of the website. The copy machine will need to be replaced. Estimates are being gathered. The sexton contract was reviewed, voted on for the amount of hourly pay and maximum hours per month.

New Business: There was a question regarding building security. The discussion will continue at a later time.

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

Next BAC Meeting: TBA



Bible Readings for April

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 5th

Isiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Good Friday

April 10th

Isiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

The Sunday of Resurrection: Easter Day

April 12th

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 19th

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26th

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-3

Linus Oakes Chapel Service

The Linus Oakes chapel service will be put on hold until the Covid-19 virus crisis is over, and the Bishop permits pastoral visits.



My box set of the Vicar of Dibley is missing. It was last seen at Holy Spirit in the basket under the TV. Since the congregation has a "stay at home" order from Governor Brown, please take time to look for it in your CD collection. Also check with either a friend or relative that visited Holy Spirit that might have borrowed it.



The Eucharistic Minister training scheduled for late April is postponed. Our licenses need to be renewed in 2020 so there will be a training after the pandemic. If you are interested in being an EM or want to renew your license, please let Rev. Anne know.

Altar Guild

The palms arrived in the mail. We will find a way to make sure that everyone receives a palm cross.

All of the altar metal ware and items for communion have been stored for now. We will need a work party for set up when the church is able to again hold services.

Website

On April 1st the new and improved website for our church will go live. You can browse the website at this link:

www.holyspirit-sutherlin.org

Some Helpful Links to Services

St. John's Cathedral Knoxville, TN:

Sunday 9:30 A.M. Central Time

<http://www.stjohnscathedral.org/televised-services>

St. Ann's, Nashville, TN:

Morning Prayer Rite II Central Time

<http://www.facebook.com/StAnnsNashville>

St. James, Lancaster, PA

Sunday 10:30 A.M. Eastern Time

<https://www.saintjameslancaster.org/worship-care/livestream>

Redeemer, Brookhaven, PA:

Sunday & Wednesday 10:00 Eastern Time

<https://www.facebook.com/redeemerbrookhaven>

Trinity Episcopal Church, Southport, CT

Morning Prayer

- Sunday 10:00 A.M., Eastern Time

Monday-Friday 7:30 A.M.

Evening Prayer

Monday-Friday 5:00 P.M.

<http://www.facebook.com/TrinitySouthportCT>

Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City

Morning Prayer with Homily

Sunday 10:15 Central Time

Noonday Prayer 12:05 Central Time

www.kccathedral.org

Lent Madness

A fun activity for Lent is participating in Lent Madness promoted by Forward Movement. Lent Madness is an online Lenten devotion. We learn about saints and holy women and men. The website: www.lentmadness.org. A bracket poster has been put up in the parish hall. Results are updated on a weekly basis.



Anne
Pauline

8th
29th



Dayle & Bob

14th

Words from the Warden's Cell



God bless and keep you safe from sickness and pain. As I write this there are great cities and nations reeling from the Coronavirus. In a conversation I had only half-hour ago with my previous medical doctor, Dr. Clyde Keys, now retired from practice of medicine, he explained to me that this virus takes on a different mutation in each geographical location. He has done some extensive research on this and can explain why Italy and Spain are having the worst time of it. Those two nations have the more virulent strain of the virus. So far, only the US and Germany have the lowest infection rate because we caught the milder mutation. It goes without saying the virus, like any other, will mutate the more it is spread. It's imperative that we follow the safety guidelines posted in most of the media. Dr. Keys and I have been good friends for almost forty years, and I trust his thoroughness in any research he does. I attribute my good health at my age to his diagnoses and care.

How many times did dear old mom tell us, "Wash your hands after you touch things outside or in the house. Don't dig in your ears or pick your nose! Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze! And don't talk into each other's faces! Above all, don't step in something and track it in the house! And now, into the bathtub you go!" Ah, the innocence of nostalgia.

And now we're at the brink of watching out for our own health. I know we try at it the best we can. I want to say we should pray about it, but how effective was that during the Black Plagues of the middle ages or the 1918 flu pandemic? No one can say either, that it didn't help. But self-isolation and keeping distances (six feet) from others increases our chances of not spreading this thing and its ability to mutate into a stronger form.

On my early morning grocery shopping I find more people about the supermarket than in safer times. Some are wearing masks. Others pause and wait for others to pass. With the older men I smile, nod, give way and even pass the peace sign. I was so delighted when I smiled and said good morning to two Mexican girls and they beamed back at me with looks of joy and relief. In these ways we're not isolating ourselves. Just showing friendly gestures with a smile speaks the deeper language of caring for others. I won't forget those two Mexican girls for a long time. They were still filled with that look of hope and expectation in their new home.

Keep the faith with us my dear parishioners, and wash your hands.

Your brother in Christ,

Jim Anderson

P.S. From the time I began this article at 1:PM until the six o'clock news, Coronavirus in the US had already leaped to the highest infection rate world-wide, according to ABC news. I would say now we need to pray.



Dear Faithful People of God:

I can tell you that this is not the April I thought we would have. As pastors we want to be there for our congregations and as a congregation we want to be together. It is in the times of great trials and tribulations that we as one church come together as a worshiping community to see each other, to touch each other, and to be present to one another. This COVID-19 pandemic requires that we change our day-to-day routines and I've struggled with how I can be present to you.

But what I know, understand, and have experienced about small churches (Holy Spirit falls into this category) is that we are a family. We take care of one another. We are good at that. And what I know about this congregation is that you have been taking care of one another for a long time, with and/or without clergy. This congregation is resilient. This congregation will come through this pandemic with flying colors.

If you have the technology capability, please avail yourself of the church links that are streaming services. I understand that the diocesan website also has a link of parishes in Oregon that are doing the same. Consider this activity a road-trip of sorts across the diocese and country in search of liturgical comfort and love.

If you do not have the technology to engage in on-line services, keep doing what you've always done. Maybe it is reading the Daily Office. Maybe it is reflecting on scripture through the Forward Movement Day by Day publication. Spend time in prayer. Listen to your heart. Maybe a specific word such as guidance, patience, resilience, determination, or calm that can quiet your anxieties and give you peace.

I do not know how long we will be living in this altered state of reality. But this is an opportunity to be quiet. To learn to become comfortable with silence. Psalm 46:10 reads, "Be still and know that I am God." I have always found comfort in that verse and in the Psalms. I commend to you the beloved Psalm 121.

And as always, please contact me if you have any needs or prayer concerns.

On a different note: I am pleased to announce that come April 1st the new website will go live. I am so excited about this and hope that you will review it, if you have not already done so. Please continue to send pictures to me. Some will be cropped and inserted into the narratives to beautify each page. Others will be placed in the picture gallery. My thanks go to Linda Schield for all her work and to Heidi Pitts, Director of Communications at the Diocesan Office, for her guidance.

Blessings,

Anne+

April 2020 Parish Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Church of Holy Spirit</p>			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8  Rev. Anne	9  Maundy Thursday	10  GOOD FRIDAY	11  Holy Saturday
12 	13	14  Bob & Dayle	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29  Pauline	30		