



# August

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

August 2nd	10:00 A.M.	No service
August 9th	10:00 A.M.	No service
August 16th	10:00 A.M.	Outdoor service & Picnic
August 23rd	10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
August 30th	10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II

No in-person services the first two Sundays in August due to the rising COVID-19 cases in Douglas County. The fourth and fifth Sundays location will be based on COVID-19 cases.

Rev. Anne Abdy      Vicar

Jim Anderson      Senior Warden

Jim Anderson      Junior Wardens  
Gwen Best



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Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit Newsletter





Dear Good People of Holy Spirit,

A month ago I wrote in my newsletter that we had engaged our church buildings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Today I write that we are going to re-engage our building in a new and different manner. As you are well aware our last service was July 12th, and with rising COVID-19 cases, it was just prudent to suspend in-person worship.

My hope is that after the outdoor service on August 16th, the members present can have a discussion as to what the next steps need to be. I am very conscious of the fact that the opening and closing of church may continue on the horizon in the months ahead as the COVID cases rise and fall during this marathon of a pandemic. My main priority is the well-being and safety of all, but also increasingly, the social isolation that has been felt by all. I know I have felt isolated and I get to go to work everyday! I get to hop in my car and drive about or go sit by the water's edge near the Willamette River. (I just found my new watering hole and where I hope to put in my inflatable kayak.) In some regards, the increase of social isolation is worse because of the impact upon one's physical, social, and mental well-being. Thus, I am choosing to have an outdoor service and picnic because I think we need this! We need this time to get re-connected. I anticipate it will be a fun time for all - COVID precaution style, of course!

As this pandemic extends into the upcoming fall months with discussions of how to "do school" in the air, it is clear that the pandemic will not be a brief inconvenience for all. Anticipating that there will be times when cases will increase again, I am looking into live-streamed Zoom services or maybe the video taping of services for our Facebook page. I recognize that these services will then only be available to those with computers and email access. It limits the possibility of reaching those without this much needed technology. For the moment, I think it is important to at least consider what digital formats are available for church services. So stay tuned.

Also I have taken a new assignment at the Oregon State Hospital. In the near future I will be temporarily reassigned to a different medical unit and my work days will be Monday - Friday 3 pm - 11:30 pm. I don't have a start date and I don't know as to how long this assignment will be in effect. I tell you all this as I will be shifting some of my duties around at Holy Spirit to accommodate these new work days and to ensure that I have a Sabbath day. Please know that I will not be accessible by phone, text or email during these work hours. Again, stay tuned for further information.

Lastly, in these troubling times, the world certainly needs LOVE. One way is to be kind and gentle with ones self and with another. Surprise someone by 'paying it forward!' Live out the commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12) Pray together with me the following prayer: "Almighty and eternal God, you gather the scattered sheep and watch over those you have gathered. Look kindly on all who follow Jesus, your Son. You have marked them with the seal of one baptism, now make them one in the fullness of faith and unite them [and all peoples] in the bond of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." (This prayer is an adaptation of the opening prayer from the votive Mass for Christian Unity\*)

I look forward to visiting with you at the picnic. Be safe out there!

Rev. Anne

\* citation: International Commission on English in the Liturgy, A Tradition of Prayer: An ICEL Collection (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1982), 60.



# 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 make 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.



## May 9th Treasurer's Report

\$6,888.09	Income
\$5,152.74	Expenses

## Offering Plate

Thank you everyone that mailed their July pledge to Holy Spirit. Please consider continuing to mail in your August pledge to Holy Spirit.

The parish still has bills and operating expenses that require payment.

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The collection plate will be placed in the back of the church for Sunday services for you to place your pledge/offering. It will not be passed during the offertory hymn.



# BAC Minutes

June 13, 2020

Present: Rev. Anne Abdy, Jim Anderson, Senior/Junior Warden, Janet Ryall, Treasurer, Martha Scott, Gwen Best, Treasurer, Carlie Corbin and Donna Anderson, clerk

- ✝ Opening Prayer: Rev. Anne opened the meeting with a prayer.
- ✝ Minutes: The minutes of the June BAC meeting were approved as corrected.
- ✝ Treasurer's Report: Gwen reported that the midyear donation statements were delivered to parishioners
- ✝ Vicar's Report: Rev. Anne reported that the CREDO conference that she planned to attend has been canceled and the Church Pension Fund will refund her conference fee.
- ✝ Gwen attended the Southern Convocation meeting and reported to Rev. Anne that COVID-19 grants are available to cover added COVID-19 expenses in meeting the requirements for in-person services.
- ✝ A retirement celebration for Bishop Michael will be August 22nd at St. Matthew's in Eugene.
- ✝ Senior Warden's Report: Jim reported that Practical Gardening agreed not to mow the back lot, they will continue taking care of the area in front of the church.
- ✝ Donna will meet with Janet Hallcraft to plan the picnic menu. The phone tree will be used to sign up for the picnic.
- ✝ People willing to learn how to operate the sound system may attend the installation and instruction of operating the new system.
- ✝ Closing Prayer: Rev. Anne closed the meeting with a prayer.
- ✝ Next BAC meeting will be a conference all August 8th at 2:00 P.M.



The August 16th Calipooia Country Church service and picnic has been cancelled. Instead there will be an outdoor service and picnic at Holy Spirit. Please bring a lawn chair and your own drink. We will not use folding chairs from the church for seating on the lawn.

At this time Donna and Janet Hallcraft are looking into individually packaged meals for the picnic making the state COVID-19 guidelines much easier to follow.

The phone tree was used to survey those wishing to attend the outdoor service and picnic. If you have not signed up and wish to attend the picnic, please phone Donna.



**Sunday, August 16th**  
**Holy Spirit**



George Hadd  
Carolyn Cassil  
Jim Anderson  
Jean LaBaun

August 4th  
August 17th  
August 24th  
August 24th

## Sexton Report

The Sexton will mow the back lot as needed. He continues to look for reasonably priced security doors for Holy Spirit.

## Junior Warden Report

Practical Gardening agreed not to mow the back lot, they will continue taking care of the area in front of the church.

## Ritual: a wellbeing app

There are an incredible range of practices that can help to boost and sustain your wellbeing in secular, spiritual and religious forms.

At Ritual, they collaborate with renowned social scientists, spiritual leaders and cultural influencers to build those practices into guided audio experiences. Practices include:

- ❖ Journaling Practice with Alex Elle
- ❖ Finding Meaning with Parker Palmer
- ❖ Cultivating Compassion with Greg Boyle
- ❖ Contemplative Prayer with Kathleen Cahalan
- ❖ Embodied Spirituality with Barbara Taylor Brown
- ❖ Anyone can try out the practices for free.

## Online Worship Services

Many churches throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon offer online public worship services on Sunday and throughout the week. The Diocese of Oregon website list several service links

[www.diocese-oregon.org/online-worship-services](http://www.diocese-oregon.org/online-worship-services)



## Diocesan of Oregon News



## Linus Oakes Service

### Transition Information

Due to the continued threat of COVID-19, and out of an abundance of concern for the health of our Candidates and the entirety of the Diocese, the Standing Committee has directed the Transition Committee to create both Walkabout and Electing Convention plans that abide by State of Oregon distancing guidelines, including limiting the number of individuals gathering in one place. This has been done and the plans have been approved by both the Standing Committee and Board of Trustees.

### Walkabout Information

It is with regret that we inform you that we will no longer be able to invite Lay and Clergy Delegates to be physically present at the formal Candidate Q&A presentations. The physical presence of so many in one space poses a risk to our delegates and an even larger risk to our Candidates.

The Candidates for Bishop will appear in five "Q&A" presentations in different venues throughout the Diocese. Each of these presentations will be livestreamed as well as available for later viewing.

#### Livestreamed Q&A Presentations

Monday, August 10th, 6:00pm-8:30pm  
 Tuesday, August 11th, 4:00pm-6:30pm  
 Wednesday, August 12th, 9:15am-11:15am  
 Thursday, August 13th, 11:30am-1:45pm  
 Thursday, August 13th, 6:30pm-8:45pm

As a follow-up to the Q&A Presentation, there will be 45 minute, individual interview with each Candidate available for viewing approximately 10 days before the Electing Convention.

Services will resume once the mandated restrictions have been lifted by the administration of the facility. Individuals will be required to follow mandated precautions (wear masks, 6 foot physical distancing, no hand shakes or hugs).

### Pastoral Care

Eucharistic Visitations are suspended until further notice. Phone calls, cards, and a discussion of how to maintain spiritual care will be had with those who are home bound.



### Rotation List for August

#### August 16th

EM: Charlotte Lector: Jim Intercessor: Gillian

#### August 23rd

EM: Donna Lector: Gwen Intercessor: Janet R

#### August 30th (Looking for volunteers)

EM: Lector: Intercessor:

+ No Coffee Hour at this time.

# Words from the Warden's Cell



Last month I wrote about Marshal Zhukov, the great Russian commander who conquered the Nazi Army on the Eastern Front in WWII. He could never afford to reveal his deep spiritual convictions in the communist world. Faith allowed him his victory. He is a shining example of how God works through people in the direst circumstances.

I want to express another great example of a woman whose deep Christian faith was almost broken in her own United States. I'm speaking of one of our greatest American musicians, Nina Simone. Remember her? Through the 60's and 70's she was among the most renoun of our popular musicians. Trained early on in classical piano, she was shunned and rejected by American music academies, even though she passed their most stringent entrance exams. Nina was very black and came to understand that in our nation you won't get anywhere even if you are a black genius.

On her own and having to earn a living, she found herself having to play in sleazy night clubs and honky tonks where blacks were accepted. Classical piano was her first love, and she found a way to compensate for the rough places she had to perform. She began composing a jazz-blues style that could be set to the classical keyboard. Soon her voice and piano work were drawing big crowds wherever she played. She would transpose a traditional ballad with Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and others that would utterly hypnotize or stupify her audiences. Other major jazz musicians of the time, as Duke Ellington, Count Basie and the Great Satchmo himself, all came to hear her, and then conspired a way to get her out of the dumps. She began filling much better night clubs and was offered recording studios usually off limits to blacks. But the great, white music halls were still closed to her, even as her recordings hit top of the charts.

American blacks know the totally crushing defeat and visceral anger that comes from being marginalized by the white world. Nina began giving her support to the 60's Black revolution with concerts and then joining the demonstrations and marches with Martin Luther King and Medger Evers. Suddenly she found her music boycotted by all the radio stations and recording studios. Her club performances were canceled. She was now a non-person. It broke her spirit but not her faith, and she fled her country and lived for years in Africa and European countries. It's a deeply sad notation that she regarded those years away as the most wonderful time in her whole life, and felt the freedom of just being herself for the very first time.

She eventually returned to the states in her later years but found herself and her music mostly forgotten. If you ever have a chance to hear her soul stirring rendition of "You'd be so nice to come home to," you'll understand what modern musical genius is. Black lives do matter. Her music is more prominent now than when she lived among us.

*Your brother in Christ,*

*Jim Anderson*



# August 2020 Parish Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 No service	3	4  George Hadd	5	6	7	8 BAC Meeting 2:00 P.M.
9 No service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II Picnic	17  Carolyn Cassil	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II	24  Jean LaBaun Jim Anderson	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II	31					

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## August Events

BAC Meeting

8th

Outdoor Service & picnic

16th