

# September

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# From the Desk of Rev. Anne

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Dear Good People of Holy Spirit,

It has been a busy month. I want to thank your lay delegates, Gwen and Dayle, for attending a Zoom on-line voting training to learn how to vote for the election of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon. And clearly the training was excellent as I can say with assurance that the Holy Spirit showed up on Saturday, August 29th. On that day the delegates of this diocese elected The Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama, and with God's help, she will make a fine bishop! I am always awestruck by how the Spirit of God shows up in the many different ways in the life of the church and in my life especially when I least expect it.

In this weird time of using Zoom during this pandemic, I have participated in a few meetings and I have learned a little more about how to be the host and conduct meetings and services. I plan to purchase an account as I begin to wonder how engaging our world virtually might look like and enhance our ability to connect with one another. One thought I have is to have services on site but also a concurrent Zoom service for those who are unable to be present for in-person worship. If you have thoughts on this, please pass them along to me as this is new territory I am navigating.

A discussion was had following the service at the annual picnic that outdoor services will be held as long as the weather cooperates. Please see the Altar Guild article for information on what to bring for these services. Since then, further discussion has occurred and it was decided that should the number in attendance be 10 or less, Holy Communion will be held indoors in the sanctuary. This will allow for us to not only engage the church building but to enjoy the beauty of the sunlight shining through the chancel windows and the sounds of our organ.

Remember, our God is a God of all and His presence is felt from the east to the west. Know that God is present where ever you chose to have your service. Above all, be safe.

Blessings,

Rev. 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.



## August Financial Report

\$3,687.08	Income
\$2,653.34	Expenses

Thank you everyone that mailed their August pledge to Holy Spirit.

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The collection plate will be placed close to the altar at the outdoor service or in the back of the church for indoor services.

## BAC Meeting August 8, 2020

**Present:** Rev. Anne Abdy, James Anderson, Senior Warden, Martha Scott, Carlie Cobin, Gwen Best, Treasurer, Janet Ryall, Co-Treasurer, Donna Anderson, Clerk.

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

**Minutes:** August minutes were approved as corrected.

**Vicar's Report:** Rev. Anne reported that since COVID-19 cases are still rising, she is considering ZOOM training, and ZOOM services. In person services are important. At the August 16<sup>th</sup> outdoor service Rev. Anne will ask the congregation what they would like to do about services. Anne's+ hours at work will be changing, the BAC meeting will need to accommodate the change. The Walk-About at Holy Spirit will be Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Three members of the congregation may attend.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was approved as submitted. The budget needs to be adjusted to cover the increased DPA.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Jim reported that he is keeping in contact with the Sexton. Jim needs to purchase air filters for the furnace.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Jim will contact the Sexton about deep cleaning for the Walk-About. Back flow water system test will be done by the end of the month.

**Altar Guild Report:** Donna Anderson reported that the Calapoolia Church service was cancelled for August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ECW Report:** Janet Hallcraft ordered individual boxed lunches for the August 16<sup>th</sup> church picnic.

**Old Business:** It took the Sexton 1 hour to mow the back lot.

**New Business:** Holy Spirit will send \$111.25 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

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

**Next BAC:** September 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.



# The Episcopal Church Women

Thank you Janet Hallcraft for Holy Spirit's picnic lunch on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Janet ordered the individual box lunches prepared by Albertson's deli department. Janet also purchased the ice-cream drumsticks for our dessert. Thank you Cheryl Donahoo for the use of the phone tree for our picnic sign-up. ECW purchased the lunches, donations may be given to ECW for the picnic meal but is not required.



Mel Pebbles

September 25<sup>th</sup>

Sharon Wayland

September 27<sup>th</sup>

## Workday

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> a workday is needed to put bark mulch on the garden. Bark mulch has already been put on the memorial garden, the rest of the garden area around the rhododendrons and magnolia tree need bark mulch. The area will need about 3 yards of bark mulch so we will need 2-3 pick ups to load the bark mulch and helpers to spread it in the garden. Please contact Jim Anderson if you would like to help with the project.

This fall one rhododendron will need to be replaced. We also need to replace a couple of plants in the memorial garden.

## Altar Guild

We will be having outdoor services as long as we continue to have nice weather. Please remember to bring your lawn chair, face mask and prayer book to church. We will have our new sound system by the beginning of September so that should help with the street noise.

## Eucharistic Minister Training

September 19<sup>th</sup> Rev. Anne will present an in-person Eucharistic Minister Training from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. in the Nave. Please remember to wear your mask. If you are unable to attend, please contact Rev. Anne. This training is open to all who want to know more about the sacraments.

We need E.M.'s to sign up for September 20<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let Rev. Anne know if you would like to sign up.

## Consecration

January 30, 2020 the Bishop-elect will be ordained and consecrated at Trinity Cathedral, Portland.



Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama Elected 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon See Bishop-elect Akiyama's address to the Electing Convention here - <https://youtu.be/rDbgl74GZNU?t=113>



## 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon

Delegates of the Electing Convention held August 29, 2020 have elected the Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. The vote was confirmed after two ballots concluding the year-long process of seeking a successor for Bishop Michael Hanley who began his service in the Diocese in 2010 and will retire in January 2021.

Rev. Akiyama currently serves as Vicar at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Kapaau, Hawaii, and is Dean of Waiolaihui'ia School for Formation.

Ordained in 1988 in the Diocese of Eastern Oregon, Akiyama has the historical distinction of being the first Japanese-American woman ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. She has extensive experience in Christian formation, teaching, social justice advocacy and mission field, having served ministries in Oregon, California and Hawaii.

## 2020 Back to School Blessing

Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

Bless the school year ahead - fill it with compassion for those making difficult decisions, comfort to parents wondering how to manage home, work, and school, and strength to teachers navigating new ways of learning.

Bless the school year ahead - reminding us to see our neighbors as ourselves and Christ in all that we meet.

Bless the school year ahead - remembering that God always goes before us and claims us as beloved children of God.

Bless the school year ahead - trusting your grace in our lives and hope for what is to come.

Be with us this year. Grant us your wisdom, Lord, that we continue to seek it, and look for signs of your love all around us.



## Linus Oakes Service

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 September

September 6<sup>th</sup>

EM: Donna      Lector: Jim  
Intercessor: Janet R.

September 13<sup>th</sup>

EM: Charlotte      Lector: Gwen  
Intercessor: Gillian

September 20<sup>th</sup> Vacant

EM:      Lector:  
Intercessor: Gwen

September 27<sup>th</sup> Vacant

EM:      Lector:  
Intercessor:





I have spent the last two months talking about celebrities of great faith under incredible duress. I want to continue with another great celebrity as Marshal Zhukov, whom was regarded as one of the most formidable of wartime leaders.

His military career began as a young lieutenant during WWI. As with most of the officers of that era and before, he joined in with the ranks of young Prussian officers who dedicated themselves to the Teutonic Order of the Christian Knights of Malta whose origins go back to the Holy Crusades as guardians of the entryway to the Holy Land. The key to understanding these knights is their solemn oath to never put politics above morality. And it was the foreshadowing of Hitler's destruction.

Like another young officer in the American Army, the young Prussian could see the future potential for armored tanks as a stalemate breaker. It could go over any terrain, trench or barbed wire on its own tracks. Indeed, the young Prussian and the American threw themselves into the development and strategy for future conflicts.

Only 22 years later, this young Prussian was serving in the new German Army as a junior commander in the newly formed Panzer Korps. He diligently served under his leader and mentor, Field Marshal Hans Guderian. He maneuvered one of the most brilliant tactics of that time. In a rapid moving skirting tactic around the French "impregnable" Maginot fortress line, they facilitated the fall of France in those two weeks of 1940. The world was stunned. No one could believe it. But the name of a great new commander was spread across the front pages. He was the middle-aged and highly lauded Colonel Erwin S. Rommel.

He was among highly promising Panzer officers. Hitler promoted him to a general and then a field marshal after giving him command of the North African front and dubbed Rommel's Afrika Korps. There were heady days ahead. He defeated General Eisenhower's armed intrusion into his combat zone, he pushed Field Marshal Montgomery's British forces around like a billiard game, and then someone's ego got bent out of shape.

Rommel was on the front pages and news reels for too long. Hitler was most jealous of his fame which seemed to be superseding his own. And as tyrants always seem to be, he denied any more shipments of supplies to the Afrika Korps out of his petty spite. Short on supplies and rapidly running out, Rommel's Panzer forces met up with that former young American officer, now "old blood and guts" himself, Gen. George S. Patton. Patton out-thought and out-fought Rommel's plan and sent him running. Then, a newly resupplied British and ANZAC army threw the killing punches, and the Viscount Montgomery redeemed himself to king and country.

Rommel was back in Germany as a mere advisor on the General staff. Everyone was aware of how many attempts there had been on Hitler's life. Much of the general staff were also members of the Teutonic Knights of Malta. Rommel was grieving through his loss of faith. He gathered with his most trusted officers and declared that Hitler is pure evil. They were approached by other conspirators to join them. In his own declaration, Rommel said, "this man must die!"

The assassination plot failed, and Rommel was indicted as a co-conspirator and sentenced to death by Hitler himself. He was given a choice of a humiliating public trial where he would be found guilty and his property confiscated. His other given choice was to commit suicide honorably, and his family and property would not be touched. Rommel consented to the latter, and took the cyanide.

We do not know what his last words were, but another conspirator, Colonel Count von Staufenburg, another member of the Knights of Malta, was sentenced to the firing squad. Before the command to fire was given, he stepped forward and cried out, "Lang leben heilige Deutschland!" i.e., Long live holy Germany! I'm sure he meant that also for his fellow knight, Erwin Rommel.

The rest is ashes, and Christians know whom to remember.

# September

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## Holy Spirit Parish Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 BAC Meeting 2:00 P.M.
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rev. Anne Attends virtual clergy conference
13 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II	14	15	16	17	18	19 E.M. In-person Training 2 PM-6PM
20 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II	21	22	23	24	25  Mel	T26 Rev. Anne attends Virtual Diocesan Council
27 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II  Sharon	28	29	30			



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**September Events**

BAC Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	7 <sup>th</sup>
E.M. Training	19 <sup>th</sup>

