

# October

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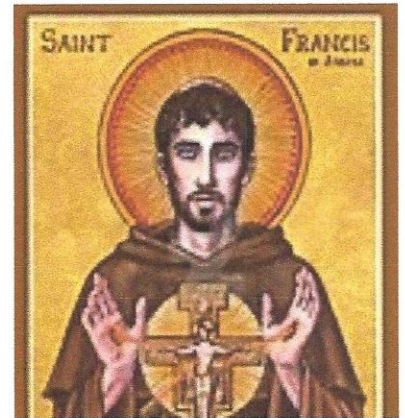
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# From the Desk of Rev. Anne

October 2020

Dear Good People of Holy Spirit,

It has been a very tough month for many. On top of the many stresses of life, dealing with precautions and restrictions from the pandemic, now we have experienced the hazardous air from multiple wild fires. What more can we expect from 2020?

But one thing that I know for sure is that God uses everything. Richard Rohr wrote in a recent Center for Action and Contemplation blog the following quote: "The genius of Jesus' ministry is that he embraces tragedy, suffering, pain, betrayal, and death itself to bring us to God. There are no dead ends." God uses everything. So out of evil comes good. Out of the destruction of the wild fires comes new life among the leaves of the forest floor.

My clergy friend, Mary Piper+, who lives in Ashland has opened her home to house five families and their pets, including taking in other evacuees' horses. She hopes to sponsor ten families to get back on their feet. This is going to be a long term project. This is not something that is going to go away anytime soon. In Eugene there have been numerous organizations and thousands of individuals donating clothes, linens, toiletries, everything and anything that will help rebuild lives. When Christians are faced with our deepest wounds, whether our own or others, we then live out our authentic spirituality. So in this dark time of much suffering in our state, God's love is pouring out all over this beautiful state. God's love is shining though the dark days and into the weeks and months ahead.

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We have sound! Thankfully we received a grant from the diocese to help pay for the sound system. It was installed a week ago and was used for the first time this past Sunday. Together with the lapel microphone our ability to engage in worship will be greatly enhanced. Come to our worship services and experience this wonderful and joyful noise!

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

\$4,564.34	Income
\$4,242.48	Expenses

Thank you everyone that mailed their September 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 September 5, 2020

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

**Absent:** Martha Scott and Carlie Corbin

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

**Minutes:** September minutes were tabled until the October BAC meeting.

**Vicar's Report:** Rev. Anne is taking October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> off due to cancellation of the CREDO conference in December.

The annual church picnic and outdoor service went well. There was a nice turn-out.

The Treasurer received the CREDO reimbursement check.

There was a successful electronic election of Bishop Diana Akiyama on August 29, 2020.

September 12, Rev. Anne will attend a ZOOM clergy conference.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was tabled until the October BAC meeting.

**Senior/Junior Warden's Report:** Jim reported that he is keeping in contact with the Sexton. George has been doing the deep cleaning, and fixed a sprinkler head in the Memorial Garden..

**Altar Guild Report:** The Altar Guild is setting up for indoor services because of the changing weather.

**ECW Report:** There will be a ZOOM Annual ECW meeting.

**Old Business:** Absolute Sound will install the sound equipment sometime between September 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> after 2:00 P.M.

**New Business:** ECW voted to sponsor a social gathering the last Sunday of the month. COVID-19 guidelines will be met.

Rev. Anne announced that she is pursuing a new position to be closer to her family. Bishop Michael and Canon Neysa have been notified. Rev. Anne will send out a pastoral letter to the congregation notifying them of the move.

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



# The Episcopal Church Women

Diocesan of Oregon ECW held their Annual ECW meeting online Zoom meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Gwen Best is the Southern Convocation ECW representative.

ECW will sponsor a hospitality/coffee hour on the last Sunday of each month in the Parish Hall after church. All COVID-19 guidelines will be met.



Betty Pebbles  
Gillian Seitz

October 18th  
October 19th

## Workday

Due to the hazardous air quality, the workday was postponed until we have clear skies. Bark mulch has already been put on the Memorial Garden. We need to spread bark mulch around the rhododendrons and magnolia tree need bark mulch. This fall one rhododendron and a couple of plants in the Memorial Garden need to be replaced. 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.

## Altar Guild

We are having indoor services now that the sound system is in place and the weather has changed becoming more chilly. The new sound system was used on September 20<sup>th</sup> and was very well received.

## Eucharistic Minister Training

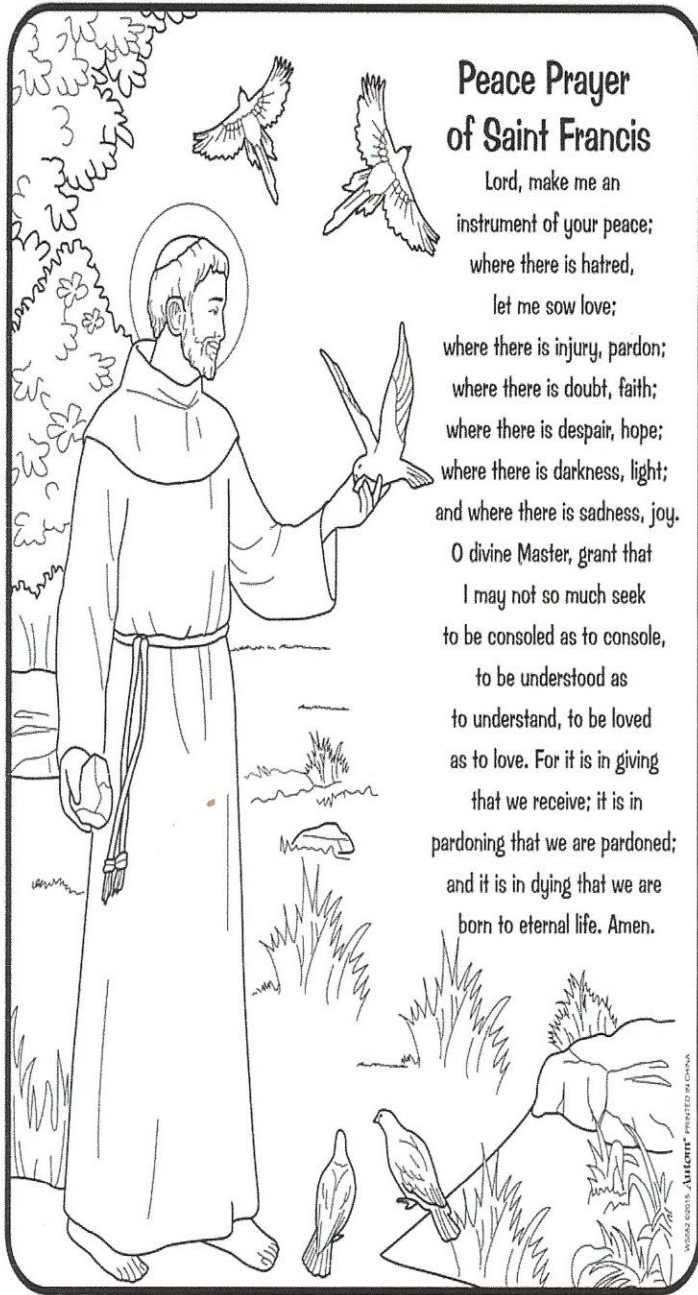
September 19<sup>th</sup> Rev. Anne presented an in-person Eucharistic Minister Training from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. If you were unable to attend, please contact Rev. Anne to receive licensing information.



It is fall and the time of year to begin thinking about our stewardship. Our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation. Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to "work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (BCP, p. 856). Please consider pledging because this affects our DPA contribution. The DPA formula is based upon the number of members pledging annually. Our DPA has risen considerably in recent years

Pledge forms will be handed out at church, or mailed. Please return the form before December 1<sup>st</sup>.





## Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an  
instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as  
to understand, to be loved  
as to love. For it is in giving  
that we receive; it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are  
born to eternal life. Amen.



## 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 October

October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lector: Jim  
Intercessor: Gwen

October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Lector: Gwen  
Intercessor: Dayle

October 18<sup>th</sup>  
EM: Charlotte      Lector: Dayle  
Intercessor: Gwen

October 25<sup>th</sup>  
EM: Carlie      Lector: Jim  
Intercessor: Janet R.

## Blessing of the Animals

We will collect stuffed animals again this year for the Sutherlin Emergency Responders.

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> we will have the stuffed animals, a picture of your pet, and your furry animals blessed at the St. Francis service.



## Words from the Warden's Cell



October was the last place I wouldn't have expected my brother not to show up. Fall was a time of busy activities for us. From the time I was five and my brother Fritz was ten, our dad would put these huge, almost pillow size, boxing gloves on us and we'd have championship boxing tournament right there in the middle of the living room. Mom kept a careful eye out. If either us or an antique vase got broke we knew that dad and Fritz and I would spend the winter in our leaky basement on rainy days playing darts or ping-pong. Our boxing pillow fights usually went unscathed. After all, dad told us we'd never grow up to be softies.

Fritz and I loved football, hiking in the sand dunes, (at dad's pace) making tree forts until basketball season when we had to wear rain duds over to the old Navy airport gymnasium. Leaping mud puddles on the way home was another sport at which we excelled. And woe-betide the kid who came home in muddy-wet clothes. Fritz fell in one when one of the bigger kids hit him in back of the head with an apple core, he lost coordination and landed hands and knees in the puddle. But we had a soft-hearted aunt on the way home who would put Fritz's clothes in her Bendix dryer so he could go home dry, and auntie never ratted on us.

On rainy afternoons we loved to go up in the attic where there was a sort of haphazard library and take down the two big books dad brought back about World War One. They were pretty old and had someone else's names in them. We'd pore over the photographs of soldiers in the trenches, the entanglements of barbed wire with men still hanging on them, the double winged fighter planes in the air, or ones that had crashed and had the pilot hanging out of it. They were all questions we had no answers for.

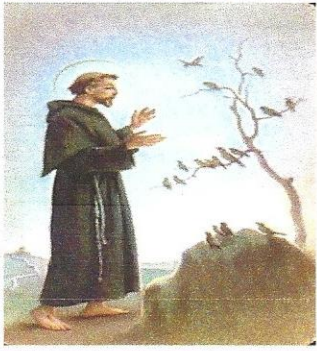
The next Saturday morning we went about our usual self-fulfilling chore of gathering enough pop and beer bottles to cash in for the Saturday matinee downtown at the old Liberty Theater. Fritz read in the paper that it was a movie about World War One, and we could find out answers about the stuff in those old books. We were already accustomed to the rah-rah newsreels and John Wayne movies about brave wartime heroism. And that was all we knew as boys.

The movie was "All Quiet on the Western Front." Explaining that classic film would be in vain, but as very young boys exiting the theater into another rainy afternoon felt numb and fumbling. Fritz and I remained silent most of the way home. I couldn't truly understand the feeling I had. I really didn't know what depression was yet, but that's what it was. What I saw in that film was totally opposite of what we believed. The row after row after row of men falling before chattering machine guns in mechanical precision was like the worst nightmare of hell a person could have. I didn't want to believe what the voice inside me was saying. "You have been lied to."

After Fritz and I served in the Army later on, it was something we didn't carry around with us. We'd done our duty, and felt lucky it was during peacetime. After Fritz died last winter, and I knew I couldn't phone him anymore, I've since remembered things we did or stuff I'd read that I immediately wanted to tell him about, yeah, and I couldn't. I think death is loneliest for the living.

The next day after we'd seen that movie was our church Sunday school. Our teacher, a strong looking Scandinavian woman with penetrating blue eyes and a warm amber voice, told us of Jesus' anguish in the garden and his stopping Peter when he attacked the guards with, "Put up your sword. Those who live by the sword shall die by the sword!" In the numbness of my heart I knew Jesus was correct. But living in this world for this length of time, I also believe Teddy Roosevelt. "Speak softly and carry a big stick." We are torn and divided. Only our faith will carry us.





# October 2020

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 Morning Prayer 10:00 A.M.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Morning Prayer 10:00 A.M.	12	13	14	15	16	17 BAC Meeting 2:00 P.M.
18 Holy Eucharist <i>Happy Birthday</i>  Betty	19 Gillian <i>Happy Birthday</i> 	20	21	22	23	24
25 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M.	26	27	28	29	30	31



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## October Events

BAC Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup>
Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis	18 <sup>th</sup>