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Church of the Holy Spirit has a special ministry for the elderly of the area.

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January 24	10:00 A.M.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
January 31	10:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer

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From the Desk of Rev. Anne

January 2021

Dear Good People of Holy Spirit,

Ecclesiastes 3 is that beautiful passage where we read that “There is a time for everything....” (verse 1).

My time with you is drawing nigh. At the December BAC meeting, I notified the members that I will preside at my last service with Holy Spirit on January 24th as I will take the 5th Sunday off as per my Covenant.

I wrote Bishop Michael some time ago that I never imagined that my ministry would not be in this diocese. This diocese, this parish and the friends I have made in the fourteen years of living in Oregon will always be held close to my heart. My time with you has been wonderful. You are a loving and giving congregation. I will miss you all very much as you have formed me into the priest that I am today. What I have learned here I take with me into the next phase of my ministry.

Just as I am leaning into the unknown with faith knowing that God will provide, I know God will provide for you too. The business of the church will continue. Members of the BAC will rotate on and off, delegates will attend Diocesan Conventions and the Southern Convocation meetings, and services and book clubs will be held. This parish is a jewel, and in my opinion, doing very well in all aspects. Your love and care for those around you is a felt presence both in Sutherlin and in the surrounding communities.

Have a safe and happy New Year; may 2021 be a year of gratitude, love for life and love for one another.

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.



December Financial Report

\$4,076.05	Income
\$3,493.10	Expenses

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

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Thank you to all who have returned their pledge form. You have given generously to the parish and aided the church to do what we are called to do in life by living out our baptismal vows.

BAC December 12, 2020

Present: Rev. Anne Abdy, James Anderson, Senior Warden, Gwen Best, Treasurer, Donna Anderson, Clerk, and Carlie Corbin.

Absent: Janet Ryall, Co-Treasurer

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

Minutes: November minutes were approved.

Vicar's Report:

Rev. Anne will follow up updating Holy Spirit's Facebook page. She will also contact the new diocesan communications director to inquire if she would be able to update Holy Spirit's webpage.

Holy Spirit had 3 Morning Prayer Zoom services and 1 Compline service. We need to reach out to parishioners during this extreme isolation.

The January newsletter needs to inform the congregation of the 7:00 P.M. Wednesday Compline Zoom service. A link will be sent in advance of the weekly service in an email. Rev. Anne continues to reach parishioners by learning Zoom, phone calls and letters.

Treasurer's Report: The November report was approved as submitted. 14 pledge cards have been turned into the Treasurer. Our DPA is increasing to \$412 a month.

Senior/Junior Warden's Report: The Sexton was contacted to include the fencing for the Memorial Garden parallel to Everett Street.

Altar Guild: The altar was set for Advent, photos were taken of the altar and used during the Wednesday Compline services.

New Business: Annual Meeting January 24, 2021. Rev. Anne's last Sunday at Holy Spirit will be January 24th.

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

Next BAC Meeting: January 9, 2021 at 2:00 PM. in person unless otherwise notified.



The Episcopal Church Women

ECW has started a Book Club. The first meeting was held at the Sutherlin Public Library on December 17th. Sutherlin Public Library has received several sets of books for Book Clubs. The first book selected was "A History of God" by Karen Armstrong. If you are interested in joining the Book Club please contact Gwen Best to check out the book. We will all be reading the same book and have a discussion on the book at the next meeting. The next Book Club meeting will be January 14th at 1:00 P.M. in the Sutherlin Public Library.



Gwen Best	January 2nd
Karen Trone	January 10th
Murle McNaughton	January 29th

Altar Guild

The altar was set for Advent, the Advent wreath was made, then Gwen took photos that were used during the Wednesday evening Compline services. It was nice to have photos of the inside of the church even though we could not be there in person. Gwen did a terrific job posting the Advent photos during Compline.



Annual Meeting

January 24, 2021

Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Following the in-person 10:00 A.M. Sunday service Holy Spirit's Annual Meeting will be held January 24th. The diocese guidelines state that no food be served.

The meeting will cover only the essential reports. The Annual Meeting will be emailed to all parishioners that have email, and sent out on January 9th to those receiving mail via regular mail. Enclosed in the report will be ballots for voting on BAC members, delegates and the annual budget. If you are not able to attend in person please send in your ballot on or before January 18, 2021.

This will also be Rev. Anne's last Sunday with us before she moves to Georgia February 1, 2021.

BAC Members & Delegates

Holy Spirit needs 3 new members to serve on the Bishop's Advisory Council for 2021. 3 delegates are also needed to represent Holy Spirit by attending Southern Convocation meetings, and the Annual Diocesan Convention. One delegate will serve as an alternate delegate. Members who are in good standing may stand for election. Please contact Senior Warden, Jim Anderson, if you are interested in a position on BAC or as a delegate.

Wednesday Compline

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. Rev. Anne is conducting Compline services via Zoom. A link is sent in advance of the service along with a code for access to attend the service. An Order for Compline begins on page 127 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Season of Epiphany

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan.6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.

Glossary definitions provided courtesy of Church Publishing Incorporated, New York, NY "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians" (<https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/an-episcopaldictionaryofthechurch>). Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boark Slocum, editors.

Winter Driving Conditions

If you are driving in areas that have ice or snow on the road, adjust your driving to fit conditions and remember these winter driving tips:

- Turn off your cruise control.
- If you lose traction and your vehicle feels like it's floating, gradually slow down. Don't slam on the brakes.
- Use caution when driving on bridges or concrete highways. These surfaces are the first to freeze and become slippery when the temperature drops.
- Slow down in advance of shaded areas, especially on curves. Shaded areas are cooler and may have ice that is difficult to see'

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.)

Rotation List For December



January 3rd
EM: Carlie
Lector: Jackson
Intercessor: Dayle

January 10th
EM: Charlotte
Lector: Gwen
Intercessor: Gillian

January 17th
EM: Donna
Lector: Jim
Intercessor: Gwen

January 24th
EM: Charlotte
Lector: Dayle
Intercessor: Gwen

January 31st
Lector: Gwen
Intercessor: Dayle



Christmas shopping. If God had really wanted to endow sinners with a horrid punishment, He would have condemned us to an eternity of Christmas shopping. Tuesday, the 22nd of December, was such a day. It wasn't so much the bumper-to-bumper traffic on Harvard Blvd. or the hot-rodders trying to out-maneuver the little old hunt-and-peck drivers in their '76 Pontiacs as it was the huge traffic jam backed all the way down town. I was luckily in the East bound lane and was able to skirt around the one lane traffic going by the high school where there had been a traffic accident. Three squad cars, two fire trucks, two ambulances, a platoon of cops and fire fighters, a bunch of gawkers, a scared dog skittering for his life, drivers from out of the side-pockets pushing their way in, a splattering of brightly colored lights flashing from the emergency vehicles, and for all I know, a partridge in a pear tree!

The secularization of Jesus' birthday is almost complete. There was no road rage but I would not want to hear the cursing from inside those cars. Maybe there was a mad rush of camel jockeys across the desert trying to beat the crowd to the last room at the Desert Door Motel in Bethlehem. There was no room at the parking spaces, either. Arriving at the post office required a twice-around-block drive until you see a back-up light pulling out, step on the brake, not look at the cars behind you bulking up, flip on the turn light, and again, not look at the drivers flipping you off as they pass.

It was grim, but someone had to do it. Escaping from the post office with two bulky boxes and a slab of Christmas cards, I tossed them all into my pickup and tried to back out while the next guy wanting a space braked and backed up a bit to the horror of the bicycle behind him. O god yes, there were bicycles that day adding to the roadside memorials of Christmas yet to come! I made a split-second backout lest that little old Pontiac driver drives down the sidewalk to get my space.

I beat a hasty retreat to North Stephen Street and took a left turn on Garden Valley where I knew there wasn't a traffic jam. And did I anticipate the freight train crossing? Did General Custer say, "Onward men, they're friendly Indians!?" Did two hundred million Thanksgiving turkeys rise from the dead on Easter Morning? The politically correct would say, "Yes, why not?" And so it was that I sat in my truck, listening to Rush Limbaugh for fifteen minutes while the overflow from the Harvard jam-up charged with a counter attack down Garden Valley from both directions like a pincer movement.

I was only a mile and a half from home. I can't begin to describe the bottom-fall-out feeling I had of this entire horror. Somehow, somewhere in my subconscious mind, a Christmas energy surged up. Suddenly, my throat opened up with a resounding GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST! This kept up until I reached home. No one could hear me except in someplace. Even if it was just me. It roused me from my misery and I say, "God bless us all, everyone."

Your brother in Christ,
Jim Anderson



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Christmas 2020

Dear People of God,

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. As we prepare to celebrate the wonderful festival of the birth of our Lord. I wanted to come before you and provide you with some something to share if you will. It feels a little awkward to be here in the chapel here at the Diocesan Close with no one here doing this, but hopefully it can be something that you can benefit from.

So a few years ago, I was in Minnesota, I was a rector of a church there, and near our house was this mega called the Mall of America, and one of the things Minnesotans like to do, when it is very cold outside, is to drive up to the Mall of America, leave their coat and jacket in the car and dash into the mall, then spend an hour or two walking around the Mall and just enjoying being in a space that feels like it's summertime in the middle of all that snow, and ice, and cold. Well, one day I was there in the mall, all I was doing was walking around, I had a little bit money burning a hole in my pocket that I really wanted to spend, but I didn't know what I wanted. And I walked around the mall, and I walked around the mall, it hit me at one point, that there was almost nothing in this entire mall that I particularly wanted to get.

Then, there was this small shop that had all sorts of decorative items in it, a little bit of this, a little bit of that, a little silver, a little gold, a little crystal, whatever. So, I went into the store and I was looking around and I saw this little guy. He amazed me. There was something about his face that I couldn't get out of my mind, and I looked at him, and he wasn't that much money, so I decided to go ahead and get the figure. Not knowing who the artist was, not know that this was one of the three kings, because his name isn't on it. Later on, I bought the others and I noticed that Calspar and Balthazar's names are on theirs, but Melchior's has no name on his. I got it and I took it home and have enjoyed it, and that entire creche, ever since.

I was surprised by the face, drawn in by this human figure, this human face. Recently, I have been thinking a lot about the birth of Jesus, particularly the stories that are in Luke's gospel. I remember Luke 2 verse 7, "And Mary gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, for there was no place for them in the inn." Now I've wondered about that, because I have been in Israel, I've seen some of the places where they think Mary may have given birth, and what that manger may have looked like, what that scene was. I've also read recently some scholarly articles arguing about what that manger really was, or wasn't, in fact some folks think that instead of a manger it was simply a lower room in a house of someone who would've been family to Mary and Joseph, and it would be where they brought the animals in to protect them from winter. So, it was a guest room, maybe in the home of a friend.



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One of the articles was talking about how we needed to make sure we didn't think of Jesus as having been born in a situation where he was by himself, alone. The funny thing is I never thought of Jesus of having been born alone. He had his parents with him. And not only that, but from these stories there may have had others, there may have been a mid-wife. There may have been family members around to watch over him and care for him, and from our story there may have been others like the shepherds or the wise men. I thought the story more of Jesus being born in a simple place to simple parents: to be born, if you will, poor, or common.

That to me is the surprise of Christmas: that God comes in the form of Jesus, in a way nobody expected. The shepherds didn't really know what to expect, the wise men didn't, Mary and Joseph didn't, and no one else did not even Herod or anyone else around. That God would come as a small child has always, not only surprised me, but has delighted me and it has helped me to understand that is the way I see God most often in my life. That God comes in surprising ways, in surprising times, in surprising situations, in surprising people. God comes when I least expect God to be around, and that God comes to me as love. The love that we share in family and friends and in Christian community, that's the way God is most often, I think, experienced by us humans.

We now live in a time which is unlike any other time, we now live in a time when there is so much fear and worry and anxiety around COVID and all the other things going on in our life, it is so easy to be overwhelmed. It is so easy to forget that God is still God. That God is still in the world. That God is still surprising us with God's presence, all the time. Sometimes it is hard to find God. Sometimes we are in situations that just overwhelm us, that we can't even understand ourselves, much less understand what is happening to those around us, or what's happening in our life. And yet, God is present. God is seeking us out. God is surprising us in ways that will delight us, one way or another. Again, I just really still come back to this little figure, this little face. This incredibly, marvelously crafted face of a human being.

You are made wonderfully well. God crafted you. God knit you. God created you. God sustains you. God loves you, and God will be with you. My prayer for you this Christmas is that you will find God surprising you and delighting you, and that God's presence will be with you now and always. God bless you; God keep you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Merry Christmas,

+Michael Hanley
Episcopal Bishop of Oregon



January 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 Gwen 
3 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M.	4	5	6 Epiphany Compline via Zoom 7:00 P.M.	7	8	9 In-Person BAC Meeting 2:00 P.M.
10 Karen  Rite II 10	11	12	13 Compline via Zoom 7:00 P.M.	14	15	16
17 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M.	18	19	20 Compline via Zoom 7:00 P.M.	21	22	23
24 H.E. Rite II 10:00 A.M. Annual Meeting.	25	26	27 Compline via Zoom 7:00 P.M.	28	29  Murle	30
31 Morning Prayer 10:00 A.M.						

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January Events

Epiphany	6th
BAC Meeting	9th
Holy Spirit's Annual Meeting	24th

