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

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Supply	Vicar
George Hadd	Junior Warden

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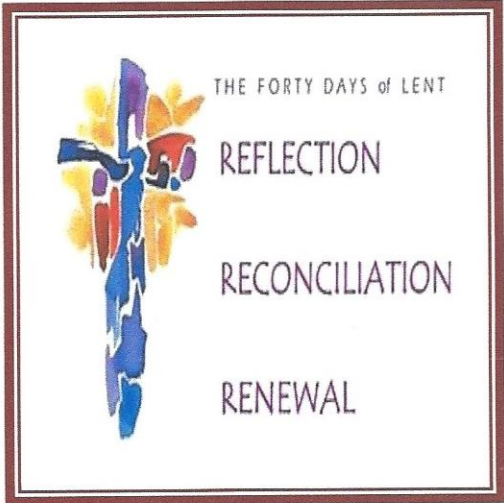
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Phrases from the Furnace Room



Okay, I'm no longer the Sr. Warden on the BAC and it's back to the furnace room. It gets lonely in there. People don't come in very often, but neither does the dust get blown around. But I've heard that the new sexton will sweep it all away for me. And I wonder where the word SEXTON originally came from. I don't think it came over on the Mayflower with that first batch of English pilgrims. Grimms pretty well describes what I feel about the puritan movement, and those 15th Century hippies who landed at Plymouth Rock. I'm sure it didn't take long for them to condemn those native heathen, tobacco smoking and mushroom eating barbarians who dance around the fire praising Satan! Well, we'll show them how real men drink barley whisky and shoot turkeys with a REAL gun. Better yet, let's give them a jug of whiskey and use them dancing devils for target practice. They ain't human anyways. C'mon men! Let's show them how it's done in Liverpool, or my name ain't John Wayne. Uh, John Wayne? Who he?

And so civilization was brought to North America. And do you know why the puritans didn't believe in dancing? They were afraid people would think they were making love standing up. Oh yeah. That must be where the word SEXTON came from. That first sexton must have been a real smooth mover.

Okay, enough about sex, as if any of us can remember what it was. And, yes, I'm fighting the winter doldrums and trying to remain cheerful. If Susan Hayward, beautiful movie actress, well known alcoholic and chain smoker, Academy Award winner who barely escaped being murdered by her first husband, were sitting on my lap and chewing tobacco right now, that's how this dreary cold winter day feels. Cheerful takes a short-cut over the Silverado trail with less than a quarter of a tank. If you've ever done that, you know what I mean. I know someone who did and I've never let her forget it. All she has to say is, "short cut," and we crack up like a wading pool full of drunk mallards

I'm trying to cheer you up, but I feel like I'm just getting in the way. When you were a kid, do you remember Walt Disney's "Mr. Goofy of the cheer-you-up society?" It sent my best friend and I giggling and rolling like it was all downhill on the Silverado Trail. Usually one of our moms would give us "It's time to go" signal followed by being drug by one arm down two sets of cement stairs and into a waiting car, still moving. Mom's back then didn't stand on much ceremony. My best friend's mom would yell, "You get that basement cleaned up and the front hedge trimmed before I rip your arm off and beat'cha with the bloody end of it." I always liked her sense of humor. She worked with weird imagery like potters work with clay. She was an ex-teacher who couldn't stand kids. She would have made a great stand-up comedian, though.

Nevertheless, I'm happy to be here with you sans my senior wardenship. The priest has the privilege of naming the new senior warden. Should your number come up, be cheerful. Our wonderful group will always be supportive, even when one of our paper airplanes hits you in the eye.

Your brother in Christ,
Jim Anderson

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.



January Financial Report

\$4,841.09	Income
\$2,830.38	Expenses

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The 2020 Annual Contribution statements will go out January 31, 2021. Please review your statement and call Gwen Best if you have any questions.

BAC Meeting January 9, 2021

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

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

Minutes: December minutes were approved.

Vicar's Report:

Rev. Anne reported that Johanna Wingert will continue to update Holy Spirit's Facebook page.

Rev. Anne will contact the new diocesan communications director to inquire if she would be able to update Holy Spirit's webpage. Linda Schield is willing to create a static webpage of events so only the newsletter would need to be posted monthly.

Holy Spirit has had good attendance for Wednesday evening online Compline services.

BAC completed The Oregon Diocesan Consulting Network: Needs Assessment.

Treasurer's Report: The December Treasurer's report was approved as submitted. The 2021 proposed budget was accepted as presented. Holy Spirit has a budget excess of \$26,315.83 for the year 2020.

Senior/Junior Warden's Report: The Sexton updated his work on the Memorial Garden fence. 3 posts will be needed for the fenced area. The Sexton is getting estimates for 3 window blinds. 1 metal blind for the vesting area, 2 metal blinds for the kitchen.

Altar Guild: Holy Spirit will not have an Ash Wednesday service this year.

Premade palm crosses will be ordered this year instead of making the crosses due to the pandemic. The palm crosses will be individually placed in plastic bags for dispensing at the Palm Sunday Service.

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

Next BAC Meeting: February 13, 2021 at 2:00 PM. in person unless otherwise notified.



The Episcopal Church Women



Annual Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2021

Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Following the in-person 10:00 A.M. Sunday service Holy Spirit's Annual Meeting was held in the church Parish Hall January 24th.

Present: Rev. Anne Abdy, Gwen Best, Jim Anderson, Janet Ryall, Carolyn Cassil, Charlotte Lutz, Al Petersen, Janet Hallcraft, Gilliam Seitz, Dayle McLain, Betty Pebbles, Carlie Corbin and Donna Anderson

Rev. Anne opened the Annual Meeting with a prayer. Gwen Best, treasurer reported that Holy Spirit was financially in good shape. Holy Spirit's proposed budget for 2021 was unanimously approved by oral vote.

By a unanimous oral vote the slate of nominees for BAC, George Hadd, Dayle McLain and Gwen Best were voted on to serve a three year term.

The delegates to serve on the Southern Convocation and attend the Diocesan Convention were Dayle McLain and Gwen Best. Donna Anderson will serve as alternate. The slate of officers were voted to represent Holy Spirit by a unanimous oral vote.

ECW Book Club was held at the Sutherlin Public Library on January 14th. The book selected for February was "Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.. 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 February 25th at 1:00 P.M. in the Sutherlin Public Library.

ECW will sponsor refreshments after the Sunday, February 7th service. All COVID guidelines will be met.

ECW Book Club Fund Raiser

Books were donated to the church for use as an outreach donation for the Sutherlin Public Library. If you take a book, please give a donation to the treasurer, Gwen Best. We will use the books as one of ECW's fund raisers for outreach projects. The pandemic has prevented ECW of having fund raisers this past year also for the next several months. The book sale is one way ECW can add to Holy Spirit's ECW bank account.

Prayer for the Parish

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Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Johanna Wingert
Martha Scott

February 4th
February 21st

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.

Imposition of Ashes

Ashes were a biblical symbol of repentance, based on the story of Job, who put on sackcloth and sat down in ashes to show how sorry he was that he had questioned the ways of God. According to the early medieval code of punishment serious sinners who were ready to seek forgiveness had to come to the church barefoot on the first day of Lent. After they had expressed their sorrow, they had ashes sprinkled on their heads or were handed a sackcloth and ashes on individual sinners declined. Instead, ashes were distributed to the entire congregation.

Ashes are also a symbol of mortality and the shortness of earthly life. When churchgoers have ashes placed on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday, they are reminded of the penitential nature of the Lenten season and of their own human bodies, which will return to ashes when they die. The ashes used on this day are made by burning the palms used during the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

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The Collect for Ash Wednesday: Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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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 handshakes or hugs.)

Rotation List For February



February 7th
Lector: Gwen
Intercessor: Donna

February 14th
EM: Carlie
Lector: JIm
Intercessor: Gwen

February 21st
EM: Charlotte
Lector: Gwen
Intercessor: Dayle

February 28th
EM: Donna
Lector: Dayle
Intercessor: Gillian



Lent

February 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 Zoom Compline 7:00 P.M.	4  Johanna	5	6 ECW Hospitality
7 Morning Prayer 10:00 A.M.	8	9	10 . Zoom Compline 7:00 P.M.	11	12	13 In-Person BAC Meeting 2:00 P.M.
14 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M.	15	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Zoom Compline 7:00 P.M.	18	19	20
21 H. E. Rite II 10:00 A.M. Martha 	22	23	24 Zoom Compline 7:00 P.M.	25	26	27 11:00 A.M. Zoom Presentatio n We Sedlacek
28 Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 A.M.						

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February Events

Hospitality	7th
BAC Meeting	13th
Ash Wednesday	17th