



# The Dim Reflection

“For now we see in a mirror, dimly,  
but then we will see face to face.”

1 Cor. 13:12a

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## Pentecost: Birthing the Church By Father Kurt Neilson

We gather strength and new life in our Eastertide journey and await Pentecost, the “feast of the 50 days”, the climax of the season of Resurrection. Some call Pentecost the “birthday of the Church”, when the promised Holy Spirit comes upon the waiting faithful disciples and empowers them to proclaim, preach, teach, heal, and form the new community, the Body of Christ. Pentecost is not a once-for-all, past event—the Spirit is always promised, always coming, always enlivening and bringing forth new life in our world, our church community, and in our own souls.

The action of the Spirit is manifested in concrete acts—the breaking down of division, the living out of reconciliation and justice, light and faith in dark places, the forming and re-forming of the Body of Christ in every age, right here and now. What does the Pentecost of Saints Peter and Paul look like and feel like?

We plan to celebrate Pentecost, this year on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a festive bi-lingual Mass at 10 AM, making manifest the continuing community and the new community of Saints Peter and Paul, who we were, are, and are becoming by the Spirit’s power. Baptisms will be celebrated, as Pentecost is one of the fit days for Baptism. After the Mass, we are all eagerly welcomed to a fellowship-time of celebration! There will be a tamale sale to benefit Rahab’s Sisters, one of our ministries which was born of the Holy Spirit. A book sale will benefit the parish’s operating fund. And at Noon we welcome a demonstration team from Kim’s Tae Kwan Do, the local martial arts school where I have studied for 9 years. It is a chance to mix another of my own communities, from which I have learned much of how to grow a disciplined church community, with my “first community” of Saints Peter and Paul. Rejoice!

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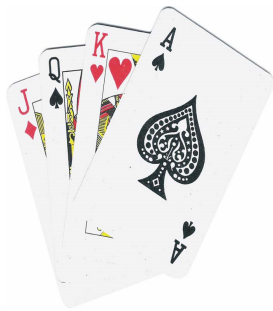
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## DO YOU NEED A HOUSE OR PET SITTER THIS MONTH??

By Lynn Drake

Cliff and Lynn Drake are having company during May into June who would prefer to stay at someone's home. Lynn's sister, who is retired and does house/pet-sitting for extra income, will be in Portland from May 19<sup>th</sup> through approximately June 6<sup>th</sup>. References can be provided, and the beginning and ending dates are flexible. This is a very dog-loving, inside-cat preferring, very neat person who would love to care for your home or pet(s) if you plan to be away during these dates. Or do you know of someone else who could use these services?

Call Lynn at 503-252-1090 for more information.

## The Gift Certificate/Scrip Program By Dean Bishop

The parish continues to participate in an ongoing gift certificate/scrip program helping to fund the Church budget. Gift cards are purchased by the Church at a reduced cost, and sold to parishioners at face value. Most major grocery stores, restaurants, and many retail outlet cards are available for purchase. Profits typically are near \$2000.00 yearly, with a small core group buying on a weekly basis.

Order forms are available for parishioners and can be found on the bulletin board in Jenkin's Hall, or from the gift certificate seller. Forms may also be accessed by visiting the Tigard/Tualatin school District website- [www.ttsd.k12.or.us/get-involved/scrip](http://www.ttsd.k12.or.us/get-involved/scrip).

Orders are typically placed on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month. They will be accepted any time leading up to that first Monday of the month either in person, by placing in my "cubby" in the Church office, or via e-mail at [busdriverdean\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:busdriverdean_01@yahoo.com) (until 6:00 P.M. Monday evening).

## Coffee Hour Supplies By Dean Bishop

After each service, coffee hour is provided to parishioners. Included as part of this fellowship is the purchase of various items needed for preparing the coffee hour. These include ground coffee (regular and decaffeinated), coffee filters, sugar, half and half, non dairy creamer, napkins, and paper plates. The monthly cost for all these items is about \$40.00 (5 cans of regular coffee, 1+ cans of decaffeinated coffee, napkins, small paper plates, etc).

At times, certain parishioners have contributed various items to help with the coffee hour. These have included the purchase of some items listed above. This is a nice gesture, and greatly appreciated.

The important thing to consider is that the coffee hour should not have to rely solely on these few individuals providing the bulk of these items.

A basket for coffee hour donations is always placed in plain sight near the brewed coffee. Please be sure to throw in a dollar or so to help with the purchase of all the needed supplies.

## Ascension: the exaltation of Christ By Father Kurt Neilson

We continue our practice of several years by celebrating Ascension Thursday, May 13, with a Celtic-inspired table Mass at 6:30 PM—bring a dish to share, or just come! The tale of the exaltation of Christ “beyond all things that he might fill all things” is an integral part of the Easter story, and here at our Ascension Eucharist we have especially honored not only the Celtic Christian inspiration in general, but the call and the living of a disciplined Way or Rule of life in response to Christ. All are most welcome, for prayer, community, and conversation!

## Building repairs By Sid Welch & Hope Del Carlo

If you see something that needs fixing or mending please let us know. We will prioritize and affect repairs as timely as possible. You can reach Hope at (503) 789-7372. You can reach Sid at (503) 663-6153.

The Junior Wardens would like to assemble a tool box to keep in the building for the purpose of making small repairs. If you have serviceable tools you can donate please see Sid. Items such as screwdrivers, pliers, wrenches, etc would be most welcome. I will engrave these as church property and the box will be locked in the office. Thank you!

## Announcing the Building & Grounds Committee! By Sid Welch & Hope Del Carlo

A new committee to address building and grounds maintenance and improvements is forming at this time. This committee will have two members from Vestry seeking folks interested in making our church beautiful again. Our goal is to show the community that we deeply love our church.

There are many ways to help. From planning, to fundraising, to doing the actual work. Join us!

Contact Amy Rudolph or Sid Welch

# AROUND the DIOCESE: St. Matthew's

## By FATHER KURT NELSON

I am sad to report that a congregation of our Metro-East Convocation, St. Matthew's in Parkrose, is at this writing in the process of division. The rector and some members of the congregation are departing the present site of St. Matthew's (without struggling to hold the property and assets, for which decision I have great respect) and will meet for now at the Adventist church near 60<sup>th</sup> and SE Belmont. They will call themselves "St. Matthew's Anglican Church" and are affiliating with one of the conservative breakaway groups from The Episcopal Church. The reasoning as I understand it comes down to issues of biblical interpretation as applied to contemporary life and issues.

A contemporary writer said, "Protestants fear heresy more than schism; Catholics fear schism more than heresy." I guess I am, once again, instinctively a Catholic, and in a fractured age maintaining "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" speaks more compellingly of Christ's power than division over the issues of the day. I am disappointed in the choices made by the former leadership of St. Matthew's, and I shall miss them.

What's most important right now is that the Body of Christ at St. Matthew's has been deeply wounded, people have been hurt, and a church's life has been disrupted. There is a remnant of faithful Episcopalians at St. Matthew's who wish to continue—in several cases they were the founding members of the parish and held a different vision for the parish than that which evolved under the tenure of the last two rectors. Bishop Hanley and all of us in Metro-East are supporting their efforts to ask God what is his vision for the present and future St. Matthew's, and for Episcopal presence in Parkrose, a neighborhood which, to paraphrase what Bishop Jenkins said of Montavilla, is "a place which needs the Church much."

If I can tell you anything more about St. Matthew's and what might be our own role in supporting the hurting people involved in this sad turn of affairs, I shall do so, and am glad to take questions and thoughts as well. Some among us have roots at St. Matthew's, and they are praying and in other ways are supporting those whom they knew and loved there.

# Vestry Minutes: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 6:30 PM

**Present:** Hope Del Carlo, Catherine Healy, Sue Hiscoe, Juli Johnson, Tracy LeBlanc, Kurt Neilson, Alice Reese, Amy Rudolph, Sidney Welch, Tamara West

**Absent:** Leon Gogl, Marcy Harris, Melissa Harris, Michelle Harvey

## Opening Business

### Approval of March minutes

Motion passed unanimously. No amendments.

### Review of upcoming calendar items

Sunday, April 18: Vestry retreat, Bishop's Close, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 18: Irish Music Concert, SPP, 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter/Earth Sunday (celebrated in tandem with Interfaith Power and Light)

Thursday, May 13: Ascension Table Mass

Sunday, May 23: Pentecost; bilingual Mass, book sale, and tamale fundraiser for Rahab's Sisters; demonstration team from Kurt's martial-arts school will attend

Wednesday, June 30: Bishop Hanley's 100-day visit

## Procedural Items

### Moving vestry meetings to fourth Thursdays

No disagreements. This will be effective starting in June.

May meeting: Thursday, May 20, at 6:30 PM.

June meeting: Thursday, June 24, at 6:30 PM.

## Discussion Items

### Use of Brown estate

Cynthia Brown was active in the parish in every way – musically, financially, and in other aspects of leadership – and was passionate about outreach.

CB emphasized the importance of compensating Tracy for her diaconal ministry.

### Proposals from Endowment Fund Committee re: amending Endowment Fund

Q. What is the Building Program? A. The "Building Program" refers to both major capital improvements and minor maintenance.

Amendment to Resolution #1: Strike "Deacon Tracy LeBlanc"; replace with "diaconal ministry."

Amendment to Resolution #1: Strike "or the Building Program"; replace with "the physical plant of Ss. Peter & Paul."

No amendments to Resolution #2.

Recommend that Resolution #3 be split into two separate resolutions: One to move the corpus of Cynthia Brown's estate into the Endowment Fund, and one to establish terms under which the vestry can borrow from the Endowment Fund.

Clarification: "Capital" and "capital improvements" refer to depreciable physical assets (e.g. gutters or furnaces); "maintenance" refers to small, ongoing improvements (e.g. painting or purchasing light bulbs).

Please submit significant changes to the text of any of these resolutions at least one week prior to May's vestry meeting.

### Episcopal Village Conference

Contact Tracy if you would like to attend this conference on Episcopal visions of the emerging church.

For more information about the conference, visit [www.episcopalvillage.org](http://www.episcopalvillage.org).

### Inviting Jordan Cooper to speak on the sanctuary movement

Sanctuary movement: Interfaith grassroots movement working for immigration reform

Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (ONSM): Coalition of 20+ faith communities providing spiritual, material, and legal support to families in the deportation process

Jordan will attend our next vestry meeting to speak about the sanctuary movement in general and ONSM in particular.

### Planning for Bishop Hanley's 100-day visit on Wednesday, June 30, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

All are invited to attend.

Kurt will ask the bishop if he's willing to consider performing baptisms, Confirmations, First Communion, etc. during his visit.

Ideas for visit: Shared meal, Table Mass, labyrinth, barbecue outdoors ...

## **Reports!**

### Treasurer's report

Pledges are low so far this year; we are at 22% for the year and 7% for this month.

### Senior warden's report

Postponed until May [senior warden absent].

### Junior wardens' report

"Hope? Shall I discuss the sink?" – Sid Welch

No one reported a clogged kitchen sink last weekend – the drain was packed with eggshells.

There are currently no tools in the church toolbox – the vestry will request tool donations from the congregation.

The kitchen sink also drips, but can be turned off with a little effort.

The alarm sensor in the nave does not appear to be working – Gretchen will call the alarm company for an equipment check.

A member of the congregation is interested in using our kitchen commercially as “home base” for a food cart – are we interested in commercial licensure at this time? The cost of evaluation is \$345; the parish would be expected to pay \$315 of this. Kurt will discuss this further with the family involved.

### Rector’s report

Our financial life is an essential piece of what we carry into the upcoming annual retreat. Clergy conference has been moved to the spring; this year, it is May 3-5.

### **Items for Next Month’s Agenda**

Planning for Bishop Hanley’s visit on June 30

Fundraising possibilities – NOT to be bumped off the agenda!

\* Suggestion from Tamara: People respond best to very specific assignments, not vague requests for help.



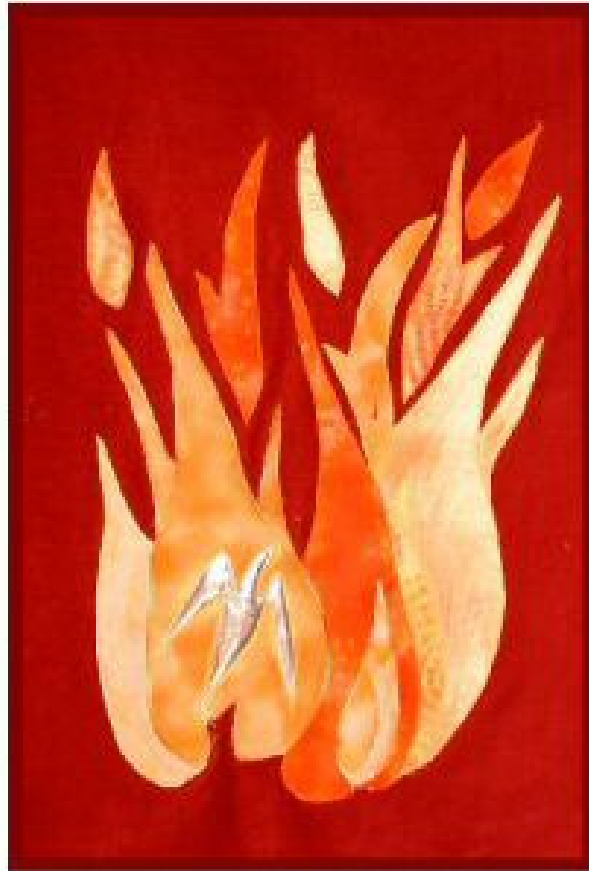
**The next Vestry  
meeting is on:  
Thursday,  
May 20th  
@  
6:30<sub>PM</sub>**

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# Pentecost at Saints Peter & Paul



Mass — 8:00<sub>AM</sub>

Bilingual Mass — 10:00<sub>AM</sub>

Rahab's Sisters' Tamale Sale — After the Mass

Book Sale — After the Mass

Tae Kwan Do Demonstration (featuring Father Kurt!) — After the Mass



## Upcoming @ SSP

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### Service Schedule

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)  
 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español

#### Tuesday

12:00 noon Celtic & Contemplative  
 Prayer

#### Wednesday

12:00 noon Mass & Bible Study

#### Thursday

12:00 noon Celtic Prayer

#### Friday

12:00 noon Celtic & Contemplative  
 Prayer

**Saturday, May 8, 2-4:00 pm:** Mother's Day Tea & Art Boutique at St. John's Milwaukie, 2036 SE Jefferson St., Milwaukie, OR 97222—A benefit for Rahab's sisters. Reservations may be made at (503) 653-5880 or [office@stjohnsmilwaukie.org](mailto:office@stjohnsmilwaukie.org). \$5 donation or a package of ladies underwear for Rahab's Sisters.

'**Episcopal Village (EPV) Mission Event West**' is scheduled for June 10-12, 2010 at St. David of Wales Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon, to help equip Episcopalians for mission work within the 'Great Emergence.'

Author Phyllis Tickle describes the cultural shift we're experiencing across the western world as the 'Great Emergence,' where every 500 years, the church holds a giant 'rummage sale.'

Within the new culture, the Episcopal Church has identified five strategic mission priorities: *Evangelism/proclaiming the Good News of Christ, Reaching youth & young adults, Leadership for mission, Strengthening congregations, as well as Worship, music and liturgy.*

EPV West features plenary speakers, emerging Anglican liturgies and mission workshops such as: "Social media for churches," 'Engaging the Spirituality of the *Facebook Generation*,' and 'What Apple (with the *iPad* and *iPhone*) can teach Anglicans about our ethos and giftings for mission in the creative age.' *Also included are 'theology pub' conversations and times for diocesan and parish teams to caucus about mission initiatives for back home.*

Speakers include: Bishop Michael Hanley (Diocese of Oregon), Dr. Dwight Friesen (Mars Hill Graduate School), Mark Scandrette (*Re:Imagine*, San Francisco). **Register for Episcopal Village Mission Event West** online at [www.episcopalvillage.org](http://www.episcopalvillage.org)

**The deadline for the next issue is May 15th, 2010!**