November 2014

THE TORCH
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Camano Island, WA

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ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 2nd
Stewardship in-gathering of pledges

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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT IS
NOVEMBER 30TH
Come at 9:15 a.m. to
make an Advent
Wreath

WORK PARTY
Don’t forget that the next
Work Party is Thursday,
November 13th
No host breakfast at 9 a.m. at
Stanwood Cafe’. Work
begins at 10 a.m. Bring
your tools and
a smile. It’s a lot of fun.

PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY
Saturday,
November 22nd
10 am to noon,
Parish Hall
Please join us. All
are welcome

FOOD BANK
Fill the Jeep
Sunday is
Nov. 2nd
From the Vicar...

I love the fall and everything that comes with it. I love watching the leaves turn from green to yellow and fiery red and the weather go from warm and welcoming to blustery and bombastic. It’s a wonderful time of year to be fully alive, because all that lives and moves in nature is changing its course and in doing so signals by outward and visible signs that something new is afoot. And this is beautiful because change inevitably brings with it growth and new life. The time between now and when May flowers begin to bud forth is a blessed time. Much of the church’s richest moments and days happen during this time. These holy days and holy moments occurring throughout the year are the experiences that bind a family more tightly together, and they are the times when new family members are naturally grafted into the tree. That’s why it gives me such great joy and excitement to walk through this first year with you at Saint Aidan’s. The life and joy of this community is infectious. The many laughs and lovely moments shared with you already I see continuing and becoming more precious as I travel this road with you.

I already see many fantastic things on the horizon that are holy and wonderful. All Saints Day (Nov. 2) is the first among many. Of all the high holy days of the church year the sacrament of baptism is to properly occur on only four of them - and All Saints Day is one! (Easter, Pentecost and the Baptism of Our Lord are the other three) All Saints is one of the finest holy days because it grounds us in one of the most important and fundamental Christian realities. It helps us remember that our lives are surrounded and supported by a community of saints past and present, some in our families, some in the church, and some in the world whom we never have met. We’re never alone in the family of God. To celebrate the blessing of the saints, pictures of family saints and loved ones are being brought into the church and placed at different stations around the sanctuary, so that on All Saints Sunday we might literally be surrounded by an amazing “great cloud of witnesses,” just as the writer of Hebrews declares. The church sanctuary will be open for pictures to be brought in the week leading up to All Saints Day. Bring in one or more than one—the more, the better! And don’t forget your pledge cards on All Saints Day. We will be placing them on the altar that day as an offering that represents our lives.

After All Saints Day our eyes naturally turn to Thanksgiving, which will be running to meet us. The Stanwood/Camano ministerial association is hosting a Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00pm at Camano Lutheran, and yours truly has been asked to preach at the service. This is what you get for being the new guy! Nonetheless, I look forward to the opportunity and to seeing you there. On Thanksgiving Day morning Saint Aidan’s will have a Thanksgiving Day service of Holy Eucharist at 10:00am. No shortage of days and ways to give thanks.

The first Sunday of Advent (Nov. 30) comes on Thanksgiving weekend. To celebrate this occasion and prepare for the new season of Advent, there will be a special morning event of Advent wreath making. All individuals and families are welcome/encouraged to come and make an Advent wreath for their home. All Advent wreaths will be free. Wreath bases, greens, candles, decorative accents and everything you need will be set up in the parish hall. Resources for Advent devotionals and prayer practices will be made available, along with coffee and a festive atmosphere. Donations may be given to offset cost, if desired. I hope you’re excited, because I can’t wait!

There is too much good stuff happening in our life and Saint Aidan’s to name. God is so good. All the time. Blessings,
Drew+

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**November Events and Special Services at a Glance**

Nov 2—Stewardship Ingathering
Nov 2—Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov 15—Mission to Seafarers collection last day
Nov 25—Thanksgiving Service, Camano Lutheran, 7:00p.m.
Nov 27—Thanksgiving Day—office closed, but church open for Thanksgiving Eucharist, 10a.m.
Nov 30—Make an Advent wreath at 9:15 a.m.
Nov 30—Celtic Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.
Dec 30—Messiah Sing 7:00 p.m.
From Bill White, Senior Warden

Now that I am back into the role of Sr. Warden, my time spent at St. Aidan’s has certainly increased. From getting the church ready for the open house, attending many meetings, and putting the church’s new conference table together. The conference table has an interesting side story to it, ask a Bishop’s Committee member what is “the rest of the story”. I would like to thank everyone who put in their time, talent, and/or treasure, to make our open house such a success. The church and its grounds have never looked better. We made our $2,000.00 Fall Cleanup goal, which included pruning of the trees and shrubs and mulching of the flower beds.

The church’s next event is the Night of 100 Pumpkins. For those of you who have never worked on or attended this function, you have really missed out. For every ounce of work you put into it, you feel like you get a pound of “feel good” in return. This night is one of the most important events in our church calendar for the youth of our community.

Between now and the end of the year, many important and difficult tasks lie before the Bishop’s Committee. A few of these tasks are: drafting a 2015 budget, identifying 3 possible candidates from the congregation to serve on the Bishop’s Committee for the next 3 years, evaluating the church staff and ourselves, and working closely with the stewardship committee to achieve their/our goals.

Jesus, help us to be wise and wary, but also to expect more from your guidance than from our own calculations.

~Bill
WEBSITE NEWS

Have you checked out the St. Aidan WEBSITE lately. It has a completely new look and is easy to navigate. Your help is needed by sending any photos to Kathy DuBois... wovenvision@frontier.com
www.staidancamanoisland.org

Stewardship In-gathering

The annual Season of Stewardship is now underway and the Pledge Cards will be in the mail the week of October 19-25. Please take note of Father Drew’s letter concerning Stewardship on the reverse side of the enclosed card and prayerfully consider what you have received today and in the past. It is planned that November 2nd, All Saints Sunday, will be the day for the return of the pledges when you will place them on the altar to be blessed and to acknowledge your faithful commitment to the mission of St. Aidan’s. This is Our Faith in Action.

If you are unable to attend, the enclosed envelope may be used to return your pledge to the church office.

Blessings,
Stewardship Committee

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Fr. Drew and I would like to invite our young people to be involved in the 10 a.m. service at least once a month. If you are interested in reading or leading the Psalm, please let Crystal or Fr. Drew know so we can have a rehearsal during Sunday School and let the office know to put you in the Bulletin for that Sunday.

Following are two Sundays coming up in November where we could use your help!

Nov 2: All Saints Day—No Sunday School—Would one of you like to read the Psalm?

Nov 30: 1st Sunday in Advent—Sunday School early at 9:15 a.m.—come early with your family, join with others and make an Advent wreath before the service. We can then bring it in to church and have it blessed during the service. We would like acolytes, readers, flag bearers, etc. if you are available.

The next Youth Group Event will be on Nov 16—Is there a good movie to watch or games to play? Let me know.

Please RSVP to Crystal, crysco50@gmail.com or 360-675-4478.

Check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for when you will host coffee hour. Contact Pat Van Almkerk (360.387.9630) with questions or to be added to the Host list! Please find a substitute if you will be gone on your assigned date.

10:00 a.m. Service Coffee Hour Hosts for November 2014

Nov 2: Jackie Humes-Fear & Dorothy Armstrong
Nov 9: Claudia Stephens & Else Seto
Nov 16: Julie Vaux & Patty Paddock
Nov 23: Jean DeGroot & Vonda Buse
Nov 30: Sharon Sievers & Janice Minear

St. Aidan’s Stained Glass Windows

Window 2: St. Alban, Martyr, Verulamium (now St. Albans, Hertfordshire) —202 AD

St. Alban was the first British martyr. During the great imperial persecution of the Emperor Decius, Alban gave sanctuary to a Christian priest who converted and baptized him. When local soldiers came to arrest the priest, Alban exchanged his garment for the priest’s robe and was captured in his stead. When he refused to deny his baptism, he was put to death. His symbol is the martyr’s cross and crown.
Mission to the Seafarers

The last Sunday for collection at St. Aidan's is November 16th. Items needed for the ditty bags: Deodorant, shaving cream (16 oz), shampoo (5.6-6.2 oz) toothpaste, knit or fleece hats, small New Testament Bibles or Gospels of John, playing cards, disposable razors, single packaged toothbrushes, bar soap, pens/pencils/notepads. The mission to the Seafarers’ annual Christmas-at-Sea-Ditty-Bag-Event will take place at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in West Seattle. To learn more about this ministry visit http://mts-seattle.org A box will be provided in the foyer to put the items in.

TREASURER’S REPORT
For the period ending September 30, 2014

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2014 FALL CURSILLO WEEKEND

This fall Cursillo Weekend began with the assembly of the Cursillo team at St. Mark’s Cathedral on Thursday evening October 9, 2014. This was an all new Cursillo format developed by the Cursillo Secretariat under the general guidance and direction of Bishop Greg. Last year our Primate and Presiding Bishop appointed our Bishop Greg as the new head of the Episcopal Cursillo Movement. Bishop Greg has had a vision to revitalize and open up the Cursillo movement to a broader age range and modernize the movement to be more relevant and understandable to all. Many of the Spanish terms used in the movement have been dropped in favor of generally understandable vocabulary. The schedule has been made more relaxed, allowing a more restful, peaceful and enjoyable three day experience for the participants.

The guests (those attending their first Cursillo weekend) arrived Friday morning to begin this retreat and short course in Christianity for mature Christians. The age range of those attending their first Cursillo weekend was much broader with far more young adults in the 17 new participants this fall, including one young, new priest to our diocese. The team of 46 provided the gentle and caring service to these new participants with great music, instruction, presentation and food, both for the body and the heart. The theme of the weekend was “Come and see – go and tell!” honoring the Christian tradition of learning and sharing the gospel with the whole world. Even a new song was written for the weekend by Al Francisco, one of the Cursillo band members from St. Columba’s in Kent – “Alleluia, Come and See”, a joyous anthem to all the Lord does for us. Bishop Greg headed up the Spiritual Team for this weekend and gave a talk on the Sacraments, presided over the instructive Eucharist and spoke at the closing ceremonies. Pam Tinsley of St. Andrew’s in Tacoma, who is currently a postulant for holy orders, did a stellar job leading this weekend.

Ann Morgan served on the Palanca (God’s leverage of love) team and Jim Miller served on the kitchen team this weekend. Father Drew, Judy Bingay, Jackie Fear and Rhoda Venditto attended the closing ceremonies. Father Drew reconnected with several he knew from St. Margaret’s Bellevue and St. James Kent where he has previously attended. Nancy Laswell of St. John’s Kirkland was announced as the weekend leader for the Spring 2015 weekend. Any of you St. Aidan’s Cursillistas who would like to serve this coming spring weekend are encouraged to contact Nancy. Any members of our congregation interested in making their first Cursillo weekend are encouraged to contact Ann Morgan, who is currently on the Cursillo Secretariat, or any of the other 40 Cursillistas in our congregation. It is a real weekend to remember and a significant spiritual experience of renewal and education.

Annual Community MessiahSing

St. Aidan’s will once again be hosting the Seventh Messiah Sing on Tuesday, December 30 at 7:00p.m. Orchestra, harpsichord, soloists, and the choral pieces performed by all who wish.

We always say “COME TO SING” or “COME TO LISTEN—ALL WELCOME!”

This has been a highlight of the year for many - please join us this year. Save the date and watch for details in the December Torch. If you would like to help in any way, contact Judy Mieger 360-939-0240 judymieger@epu.net

From the Jr. Warden, Bob Stevens

Many many thanks to everyone who came out two weeks in a row to work in St. Aidan’s gardens as well as wall painters, bonfire burners and other tasks. The grounds look beautiful. Thank you also to those who gave very generously so that our trees and bushes could be pruned and our flower beds filled with compost topping. We are now winterized!

Update for Joan Gleadle

Joan’s new address is c/o Swiss Haus AFH, 13404 25th Avenue SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012 Phone 425-379-9129. She misses everyone and would love to hear from us.
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NEXT TORCH DEADLINE FOR
December 2014
Thursday, November 20th
Email submissions to:
apbrb041539@yahoo.com

Attention all Service Assistants
In preparation for the Christmas Services, please check your holiday schedule and let Kathy Hosley or Karen Tendering know if you will be unavailable for the Sunday services in December. Office 360-629-3969 or Kathy Hosley at 425-344-2330

Update from Yonnah Ben-Levy and Chaim Bezalel: We are almost done with the remodel but because of the Holidays and the war we are delayed in the finish work. The weather is warm and our kiln came. Besides doing ceramics, both of us signed up for singing and dancing in Fiddler on the Roof. We have been in rehearsals already for the last month. Thanks to Billy and Steve and all the choir for our training or we would never have even thought of such a thing! The holidays have been wonderful. On Sunday we will travel to Jerusalem for lots of adventures with the Christians who come to celebrate the Feast with those in the country. We look forward to hooking up with old friends as well and attend other parties in the succar’s that people set up for this time. Love to all and love the weekly E-Pistles. Yonnah and Chaim
A CELTIC CHRISTMAS at
ST. AIDAN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This year’s Celtic Christmas concert on Sunday, November 30 (7:00 p.m.) will again feature myself along with Irish flutist Brian Dunning and Portland, Oregon violinist Wendy Goodwin. The trio will be presenting a varied program of music from past Celtic Christmas recordings along with new material. Last year’s approach of raising the honorarium through contributions from individuals in the St. Aidan’s and general Stanwood/Camano Island community worked fantastic. This approach allows us to offer the concert to anyone who would like to attend and to also take a freewill offering that will benefit two local charities:

The Stanwood Camano Food Bank  AND  Safe Harbor Free Clinic

For this year’s event, we are hoping to raise $1,800 to cover the costs to have the trio perform. To keep our accounting for this endeavor simple, we are asking for a minimum donation of $100 by check made out to St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church.

Please designate your check for:  “Celtic Christmas Concert.”

Checks can be given to Susie or myself or mailed to the church office:

PO Box 145, Stanwood, WA 98292.

A program will be printed for this event and if you would like your name or business listed as a donor, please let me know. Also, your donation is tax deductible. Thanks so much for considering supporting this year’s concert. ~Jeff Johnson

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