



The Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist
Hood River, Oregon

The Epistle

The Rev Anna Carmichael, Rector

Annual meeting

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 15 during coffee hour. Sue will need reports from the following by Sunday, January 8:

- Sr. Warden—Jeanie Senior
- Jr. Warden—Nick Kirby
- The Guild—Vicki Kelsey
- The Worship Committee—Ruth Tsu
- Education Report—Ashley Howe & Anna Carmichael
- Outreach Report—Beth Hartwell
- Pastoral Care Committee—Kent Rosemont
- UTO –Sue Jenkins
- Coins For Cove & FISH food—Sue Jenkins
- Altar Guild—Gloria Arnold
- Financial Reports Needed From:
- Vestry—Approved 2012 budget
- Endowment Fund
- Memorial Fund



EPIPHANY PARTY!

The Worship Committee and Journey to Adulthood Youth invite you to an Epiphany Potluck and Worship service.

Dinner will begin at 5:30pm. Please sign up next to the

kitchen or call the office!



The Vestry Needs You!

The 2012 St. Mark's Vestry will have three positions available.

If you are interested or have questions about the Vestry, please feel free to ask anyone currently

serving on the Vestry or Anna.

Interested individuals need to submit a paragraph addressing why they are interested in serving and what gifts/talents/skills they would bring to this important ministry.

This is due to Sue no later than Jan 8, 2012 so it can be printed in the Annual Meeting packet.

Applicants need to be active members in the life of St. Mark's, at least 16 years of age, and in good standing (i.e., up to date on pledge, no disciplinary action by the Bishop, baptized/confirmed/received).



Chick Flix returns this month on Friday, Jan 13 at 6:30pm! The movie is "The Help". Please bring a snack to share.



The Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday, Jan 11 at 12:15.



The Eucharist Bread-Making Ministry ~~ From now through the Sunday of Pentecost, real bread is available at communion. The sign up sheet is on the board near the

kitchen along with the recipe



Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, Jan 25 at 12:30pm. Please bring a sack lunch and your calendars as we will plan Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We welcome your insight, feedback and suggestions.

From the Rector



“May I live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love.”—John O’Donohue, *To*

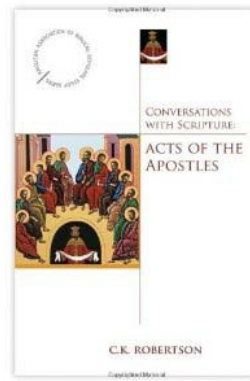
Bless the Space Between Us

The start of the New Year is always loaded with resolutions, hopes and dreams for the year to come. For some of us, it’s the same stuff year after year—exercise more, eat less, maintain a budget, return phone calls and emails promptly. Then after a week or two of success, we fall back into the same old routines and rhythms of life. And then we fall into spaces of guilt and resentment because we aren’t living up to the expectations that we have put on ourselves; expectations that we THINK everyone else has of us. (I hope by now some of you are giggling to yourself because this sounds familiar!)

In reflecting on New Year’s Resolutions, I started thinking of Jesus teaching his followers the Great Commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, and all your spirit; and to love your neighbor as yourself. What if that was our New Year’s Resolution? What if we took seriously the Great Commandment and really tried to live this way? What would it mean? What would it look like? I imagine that loving God and our neighbor would look like the ministries we offer at St. Mark’s—altar guild, pastoral care, food for the warming shelter, soup and snacks for AA, Christian education, coffee hour—and maybe there’s some we haven’t even imagined yet!

When we start to let go of what we think “everyone” expects from us, and focus on what it means to follow Christ, then “resolutions” can become a way of life, and not something we fail at after a couple of weeks. Going back to the quote at the top of my letter; if we live with compassion, clarity, graciousness, courage, and generosity, then we are living the Great Commandment. And we live this way not so that God will be pleased that we met God’s expectations, but because God loves us and we want to share that love with others. So this January (and February and well into next holiday season), I invite you to join with me to be resolved to live out the Great Commandment. I know that you won’t fail!

Blessings,
Anna+



Beginning January 11th at 6pm, St. Mark’s will offer a 7-week study of the Acts of the Apostles. This is different from Bible Study in that it will include not only reading the Biblical

text, but also a short commentary on Acts and a discussion of how the church of 2012 can use the church of the 1st & 2nd century as a model for the future.

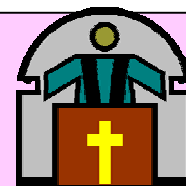
If you are interested in participating, please sign up by RSVP’ing next to the kitchen by January 6.

You can order your own book through Amazon, or Anna can order it for you. The church will pay for ½ of the cost of the book either way. All book orders through Anna will need to be made by Jan 6.

Young people are welcome to join the conversation or do their homework, but all are invited for a simple soup, salad and bread supper. The text is: *Conversations with Scripture, Acts of the Apostles* by CK Robertson.



There are new coffee hour host and flowers signup charts for 2012 posted in the parish hall. They could use your attention if you’d



Did you miss a Sunday and want to find out what the sermon was about?

On the internet, go to:
therevannacarmichael.weebly.com
and click on “musings”.
All sermons are found on her website.



We will make the food prep/delivery schedule on Sunday, January 15 immediately after the Annual Meeting. The schedule will cover February & March.

If you are new to this ministry and want to jump in, please bring a copy of your food handler's license on the 15th.



The AA snack signups have some spots available for donations! Please sign up next to the kitchen! Beginning in January, we will expand our ministry

to include a weekly soup & bread lunch. Please see Anna, Beth, Karen or Jeanie for details.



Gorge Ecumenical Ministries (GEM) will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 22 at 5pm.

The potluck and meeting will be held at Hood River Valley Christian Church.

FISH and Warming Shelter volunteers are encouraged to attend.



Did you know that there is a cleaning service that provides free house cleaning- once per month for 4 months – to women currently undergoing Chemotherapy? Do you

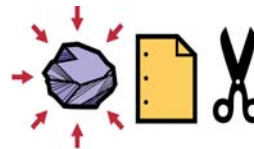
know anyone who could use this service? All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there who care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. <http://www.cleaningforareason.org>



Did you know???

The open plate collection on the first Sunday of each month goes to the Priest's Discretionary Fund? With the monies collected

Anna is able to assist people with medical and utility bills, rent payments, food, lodging, gas, and clothing.



Volunteers ROCK!

Sophie Whitehead would love a volunteer to help out in her second grade classroom at Mid Valley. She would like any help you are willing to offer!

Giving back to the community and working with children can be very rewarding! sophie.whitehead@hoodriver.k12.or.us (541) 386-5790 or 399-3411



UTO—EVERY DAY

Everyone has some kind of blessing in their day! When you do, remember to say a prayer of thanks and place a coin in your blue box. Boxes are available on the table by the office and filled boxes are collected twice a year. Every cent collected is given away in grants for projects at home and abroad.

Over \$2million in grants was awarded in 2011 with St. Mark's receiving one for \$2500 to upgrade the kitchen. We collected \$188 in our boxes. Let's make 2012 a thankful year.

Summary of Minutes of Vestry Meeting
December 13, 2011

Eucharist at 6 p.m. followed by dinner provided by Anna.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved and are now posted on the bulletin board.

Old Business:

Update on discernment committee meeting with George Kirby

Nursery – format of request for information on children was approved

Pastoral Care Ministry – updates on individuals was provided and the need for someone else to take on leadership of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Decision was made about the \$1200 budgeted for MDG – \$600 to Nets for Life, \$300 to FISH, and \$300 to Washington Gorge Action Programs.

Emergency Voucher Program funding – Decision to make this the recipient of the offering received on Christmas Eve, 11 pm service

New Business:

Stewardship

Bob presented the budget as prepared by the budget committee. Following some discussion, we decided on a special meeting to further discuss prior to the annual meeting.

Karen provided additional information on pledges that have been submitted.

Rector finances – We approved this part of the budget.

Vestry – Reminder about encouraging people to stand for vestry – three openings.

Audit Report – Bob provided a report with several recommendations that need to be implemented.

Annual Meeting – January 15, 2012, following the 10 a.m. service. Anna provided us with a list of the written reports and the financial reports that need to be prepared in advance.

We discussed briefly the need for a new computer in the church office. Bob and Cathy will work on getting one.

Report from GEM – the Annual Potluck and Meeting will be held on January 22. More information to follow.

Treasurer's report – Cathy provided a financial report which was accepted. Cathy has agreed to continue to serve as treasurer.

Jr. Warden's report – Nick reported on projects he is working on together with others. He will continue as Jr. Warden for another year.

Sr. Warden's report – Jeanie said she would save her report until January 8.

Special vestry meeting on the budget – January 8, 2012, following the 10 a.m. service.

Annual Meeting – January 15, 2012

Present: the Rev. Anna Carmichael, Paige Rouse, Chris Samuels, Nick Kirby, Jeanie Senior, Bob Thomson, Karen Myers, Ruth Tsu, and Cathy Peck – treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Tsu

January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 & 10 HE	2	3	4 HE 11:30am	5	6 5:30 Eipp'hany Potluck &	7
WS = Warming shelter meal		WS: Cornett		WS: Hipskind		
8 9a Adult Ed 10a— GP/R13 11:30a— J2A Pastoral Care WS meal: Lange	9 11am Bible Study	10 WS: Whitehead	11 HE 11:30am 12:15 Guild 6pm Book Study	12 WS: Hipskind	13 6:30 Chick Flix	14
15 8 & 10 HE 9am Adult Ed ANNUAL MTG WS: Lange	16 11am Bible Study	17 WS: Whitehead	18 HE 11:30am 6pm Book Study	19 WS: N Kirby	20 Anna at Council in The Dalles	21
22 8 & 10 HE 9am Adult Ed 10am GP/Rite13 11:30 J2A WS: Liddiard	23 11am Bible Study	24 WS: Myers	25 HE 11:30am 12:30 Wor- ship Comm 6pm Book Study	26 WS: N Kirby	27 Anna at CIIS through Sunday	28
29 8 & 10 Morning Prayer WS: Liddiard	30 11am Bible Study	31 WS: Myers				

<p>This Month's Anniversaries & Birthdays</p>	Janet Bennett	1/1
	Dale & Cathy Peck	1/4
	Nick Kirby	1/7
	Karen Myers	1/7
	Chris Hipskind	1/20
	Frank Arnold	1/24
	Ruth Tsu	1/26
George Kirby	1/30	



Directories are available on the table by the office



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MINISTERS OF WORSHIP For January

	Jan 1	Jan 8	Jan 15	Jan 22	Jan 29
Chalice	Roy	Kevin	Russ	Nick	Morning Pr Sue
Reader	Roy	Julie	Karen	Sarah	Dave
Prayers	Sue	Jean	Jeanie	Gloria	x
Acolyte	Aidan	Elle	Gabriella	x	x
Ushers	Jeanie & Lori	Langes	Mark & Sophie	Sue & Charlie	Arnolds
Flowers		Kelsey	Cramblett	Howe	?
Altar Guild	Barb/Carol	Gloria/Ann	Sue	Ruth/Lois	Gloria
Coffee Hour	Ruth	?	Annual Mtg Potluck	?	?
Nursery	Sadie	Aiden	Cody	Shea	Gabriella
Youth	no	Dave, Hipskinds, Nealya, Beth	no	Dave, Hipskinds, Beth, Nick	no
Bread	Anna	x	Vicki	x	

LEM/Chalice Bearers

Roy Cederstam
Nick Kirby
Vicki Kelsey
Kevin Liddiard
Russ Lamson

Readers

Christine Lange
Julie Davis Bob Thomson
Karen Myers
Chris Samuels
Dave Anderson
George Kirby
Gloria Arnold
Dale Peck
Sue Jenkins
Jeanie Senior
Sarah Samuels
Sophie Whitehead (POP)
Lois Butler (POP)
Jean Wells

Ushers

Rosemonts Andersons
Jeanie Senior Arnolds
L. Cramblett Langes
Sophie/Mark Whitehead
Karen Myers
Lois Butler Bob Thomson
Sue Jenkins Liddiards
Ruth Tsu Rouses
Lori Hourston Cal Cargill

Acolytes

Gabriella Whitehead
Elle Webb
Aidan Liddiard

Nursery: Sadie & Cody Hipskind
Aidan Liddiard, Shea Slagle, Gabriella
Whitehead

Vestry Members		<u>CONTACTS</u>	
Sr. Warden: Jeanie Senior	386-2091	Treasurer: Cathy Peck	387-2542
Jr. Warden: Nick Kirby	354-1323	Pastoral Care: Kent Rosemont	386-4898
Karen Myers	490-5353	Outreach: Beth Hartwell	490-4105
Paige Rouse	386-5577	St. Mark's Guild: Christine Lange	
Ruth Tsu	386-5465	Office: Sue Jenkins	386-2077
Chris Samuels	509-493-1674	Bookkeeper: Gloria Arnold	354-1457
Bob Thomson	490-8276	Pledge Secretary: Hannah Lamson	387-3534



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January 2012

To all who are joyful and thankful
To all who mourn and need comfort
To all who are weary and need rest
To all who are friendless and wish friendship
To all who pray and to all who do not
To all who sin and need a Savior
And to whosoever will..
We open wide the door
And in the name of Christ, say WELCOME