



# THE CLOAK

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## October has many Special Events

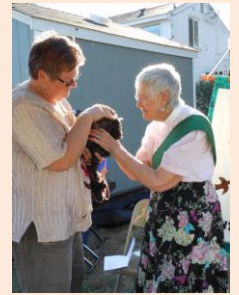
### Come to our traditional annual St. Francis feast day with Blessing of the Animals

**October 8** – Rev. Melodie+ sends a special invitation to our neighbors in Lebanon to join us for a St. Francis Day celebration and the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and advocate for the poor. We invite you to come and meet some really friendly people along with their pets. After a fun service, we will enjoy fellowship in the parish hall – including dog and cat treats for our fur family members.

St. Francis of Assisi (1226) is known for his love of animals and his adoption of a simple lifestyle, rejecting his wealthy family. I first heard of his acts in a book given to me by my parish called *The Little Flowers of St. Francis, Incorporating The Acts of St. Francis and his Companions*, a record of his life and teaching.

As the book says, “It is Salutory to be confronted by a saint. In an age of power, hunger, and affluence, we need, with Francis, to stand once more beside the sick and the poor; in our sterile mechanism we need him to open us again to visions and to recognition of our God in his natural creation. By its beauty and simplicity, *The Little Flowers of St. Francis* profoundly redirects and refreshes our twentieth-century minds and spirits.

St. Francis was known for his love of animals, flowers and nature. He is a source of prayers for peace and love, being in tune with our environments as God intended us to be. His stories are a breath of fresh air in a world committed to acquiring things and power, where money is a measure of a person; he smashes all the illusions and puts us to rest in peaceful communication with all the loving creatures that surround us. He is a model for us in how we might treat animals and nature and each other in peace.



The famous prayer attributed to St. Francis can be found in our Book of Common Prayer, p. 833

Lord, make us instruments of your  
peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon; where  
there is discord, union; where there is  
doubt, faith; where there is despair,  
hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console; to be  
understood as to understand; to be  
loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is  
in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.

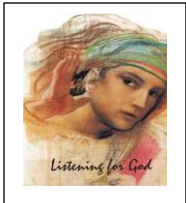
**Amen.**

### Join us in Worship

**Sundays for  
Holy Communion  
10 a.m.**

**Wednesdays  
Holy Communion and Healing  
9:30 a.m.**

**Children's Sunday School**



## It's Not too Late! There is still time to be heard!

Listening to God's Will for St. Martins

We asked the question in prayer:

Where is God leading us as a congregation here in Lebanon?

Your comments, notes and thoughts regarding our mission here at St. Martin's and the surrounding community of Lebanon, are most welcome. You can still leave notes to help guide our future.

You do not have to put your name on it if you are shy.

If you missed September 30, please take some time today in quiet prayer and send a note on to the rector this week!

The church belongs to all of us, not just leaders or clergy; we want to hear from everyone.

In Peace, Rev Melodie+

## BSA 404 Pack, Troop, & VENTURING Crew

Summer Court of Honor on September 18 was a great success with merit badges earned and ranks promoted, followed by singing Vespers and then delicious potluck supper.



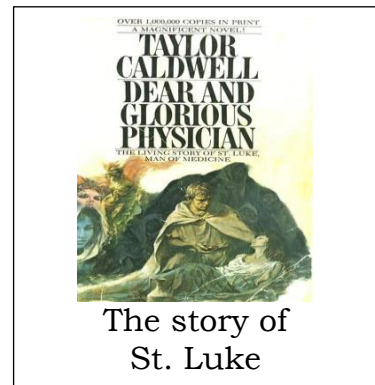
Members of the Troop and Crew will present a skit during the service on Sunday October 22 explaining their Inclusiveness Badge and pledge to be open and equal for all.

Thanks for continuing to bring **refundable cans and bottles** (the bins are in the back hallway past the kitchen). At 10 cents a can, the funds add up and help Troop and Crew members with activities.



### Watch for "Adventure" Fundraiser coming soon!

Support adventures and receive a Popcorn Bag Thank You gift. Many Great Flavors! YUMMY. Scouts will bring popcorn to St. Martin's several times. Watch for it.



The story of  
St. Luke

### Feast Day of St. Luke the Patron Saint of Physicians, October 18

St. Luke is a role model for evangelism and healing. He was a physician before he became a disciple of Jesus Christ and joined in the healing ministry. A wonderful novel, *Dear and Glorious Physician* by Taylor Caldwell, tells the story of his life and times.

Everyone is invited to the Wednesday morning healing service with Holy Communion at 9:30 am on October 18 and the return of our monthly Soup Supper fellowship at 6 p.m. that evening.

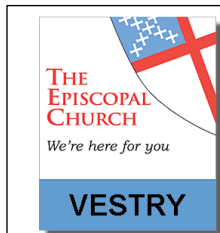


Watch for Annual **Lebanonacon Board Gaming Convention** fundraiser coming Friday October 13-Sunday October 15. Help by bringing food – Lasagna dinner one night and Mexican dinner the other night. Also snacks. The gamers buy the food, which raises even more money.

### Joke for the CLOAK



**“One Buck Seminary”,**  
our lively monthly discussion group  
led by Bishop John Thornton, is  
next on  
**Saturday, October 14**, at 8-9:30  
am at the home of Jim & Loyce  
Rutledge. Meet at church at 7:30 to  
carpool.  
All are Welcome.  
Pick up the **new reading packet**.



Convention Theme

### ECW BRIEF NOTES:

#### Ladies Fun Lunch:

Autumn lunch will be  
Monday, October 16 at  
Cascade Grill on Knox Butte  
Road at I-5 in Albany. Meet at  
church at noon to carpool.

**Next Meeting:** Brief ECW  
meeting on October 22 after  
church.

**Soup Suppers** return on  
October 18, which is the feast  
day of St. Luke, see below,  
this page. Come together for  
fellowship after a long hot  
smoky summer.

### Brief Vestry notes from Sept 27

Estimates have been approved for  
work on the roof to repair the leak.

A new sign that can be easily read  
from the street will be installed with  
donations in memory of Dorania  
Erickson.

The Vestry will have a retreat on  
Saturday, October 21 at Bishop  
Thornton's farm in Scio.

Full Vestry minutes are posted on  
the bulletin board.

**129<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** of the Episcopal  
Diocese of Oregon, Salem: October 27-28

Doug Young, Sr. and Sam Blankenship are going  
as delegates. Patty Linn is an alternate.

The keynote speaker will be the Right Reverend  
Katharine Jefferts Schori, former Presiding  
Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

## Helping the Needy ~ Personal Care Kits & Meal Bags

Thanks so much to everyone for generous donations for our ministry at the Soup Kitchen, with Care Kits and Knapsacks full of school supplies for the kids. Please pray for those who use and work at the Soup Kitchen. Our next visit is Friday, October 27.

SUPPORT: Thanks for all your support. We received partial **grant funding** from the Diocese (their totals were down and no one got 100% of their requests). We are also thankful to receive a \$250 grant from the St. Martin's budget.

Watch for the **October Raffle of Apple Treats**, which goes to Personal Care Kits funding!

For the Convention Basket, please bring **Coastal Theme** items – mugs, towels, pictures, food, etc. -- for the Gift Basket we donate each year for the Diocesan Convention raffle which raises funds for the Diocesan fund for Poverty and Homelessness, from where we get grant funding. Vicki Clark has agreed to use her artistic talents to make the basket beautiful.



←  
Wonderful basket  
from 2015.

Let's make the 2017  
basket just as  
beautiful!!



### **FEED MY SHEEP ~ ~ Are you looking and listening for a ministry that calls out to you?**

Want to help others but don't have a lot of time or money? You could assist Rev. Melodie+ in getting supplies ready to give to the needy who come to the church for help.

Look for **"Meal in a Bag"** menus for providing specific non-perishable meal items ready to hand out when people come to the door (it's not just homeless) so they can have a dinner. Joseph Vanpool is helping coordinate. Please see him for menus.

**Directory Updates:** As we get new names and changes of address the directory is updated. Ask us for a new copy. Copies are posted on the bulletin board, and we can also email one. STAY in touch and UP TO DATE!

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