



THE CLOAK

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Gifts of the Spirit

On September 4, Bishop John Thornton preached a sermon on the gifts of the spirit as part of two baptisms. Many in the congregation asked for notes on these gifts. Here is just a taste from that sermon, which we hope to see in one of Bishop Thornton's forthcoming books.

".....Years ago, we used to say that "The Sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Ghost" were conferred on the persons being baptized. Normally, by the Spirit of course, we grow into those Sevenfold Gifts. You can find six of the seven in *The Book of Isaiah*, Chapter 11, Verse 2. The sixth, Piety, was added in the Latin *Vulgate*.

Wisdom / Understanding / Counsel / Fortitude / Knowledge / Piety / The fear of the Lord

.....Those Sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Ghost remind us of "The Fruits of the Spirit," which you will find in *The Epistle to the Galatians*, Chapter 5, Verse 22. This is the list, and it's a good one:

Love / Joy / Peace / Long-suffering / Gentleness / Goodness / Faith / Meekness / Temperance

.....Then there are The Seven Virtues:

Faith / Hope / Charity / Justice / Prudence / Temperance / Fortitude

.....The first three (faith, hope and charity) are called "The Theological Virtues," the very basis of the Christian life. Those virtues were expounded and promoted by St. Paul, and you can read about them in half a dozen epistles.

The last four (justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude) are called "The Cardinal Virtues," adopted from the Greek philosophers, particularly Plato and Aristotle. (You can substitute "natural" for "cardinal" if you wish.)

You may notice how many times the virtues "faith," "temperance," and "fortitude" come up on the lists, even more often than "love." Ponder that....." As Bishop Thornton reminded us, our mission is to

"Glorify God and Enjoy Him forever."

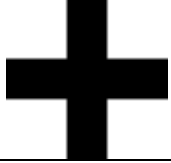



Join us in Worship


Sundays at 10 a.m.

Wednesdays Healing Prayers Service at 9:30 a.m.,

- ✦ **Oct 2 – 20th Sun after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers**
- ✦ **Oct 9 – 21st Sun after Pentecost - Worship**
- ✦ **Oct 16 – 22nd Sun after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers**
- ✦ **Oct 23 – 23rd Sun after Pentecost - Worship**
- ✦ **Oct 30 – 24th Sun after Pentecost - Worship**

Did you know.....?

	A Greek Cross has arms of equal length. It is one of the most common Christian forms, in common use by the 4th century.
	A Tau Cross is a T-shaped cross, which is also called the Saint Anthony's cross and <i>crux commissa</i> .
	A Russian Orthodox Cross is a three-barred cross in which the short top bar represents the inscription over Jesus' head, and the lowest (usually slanting) short bar, placed near the foot, represents his footrest (in Latin, <i>suppedaneum</i>). This cross existed in a slightly different form (with the bottom crossbeam pointing upwards) in Byzantium, and it was changed and adopted by the Russian Orthodox Church and especially popularized in the East Slavic countries.
	A Celtic Cross is essentially a Latin cross, with a circle enclosing the intersection of the upright and crossbar, as in the standing High crosses on the Irish countryside. Images and information from Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_cross_variants

November 4-5, 2016 Valley River Inn Eugene, Oregon	Many thanks to our delegates Jeanne James and Dena Losier, and our alternates Doug Young Sr. and Sam Blankenship, and Kathy Johnson our Senior Warden who will also be attending to represent St. Martin's.	
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Remember, St. Martin's is here for you....Let us know how we can help

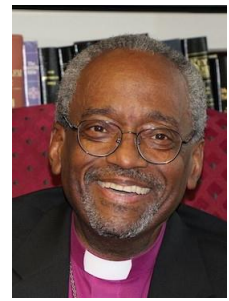
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- * You are ill or a member of your family is in the hospital.
- * You learn of a death in the church family.

KEEP US POSTED: Please call the church office (541-451-1159 Tues-Friday, from 9-noon or email the church at smartinslebanon@gmail.com) when:

- * Your group plans to meet at the church.
- * Your address, phone number or email address is changed.
- * You learn of someone who may be interested in church membership.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Election Message



This November we will gather together as a nation to vote not only to elect a new president but to elect governmental leaders on a variety of levels.

We are blessed. We are blessed as a nation to be able to do so as citizens of this country. This is a right, an obligation, and a duty. And indeed the right and the privilege to be able to vote is something that was won through an American revolution. Something that was won even more through civil rights and women's suffrage. A right and a privilege that was won for all. So I encourage you to please go and vote. Vote your conscience. Vote your perspective. But vote.

But it's not just simply a civil obligation and duty. Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life. And that is a Christian obligation. Indeed, we who follow in the Way of Jesus of Nazareth are summoned to participate actively as reflections of our faith in the civil process.

In the thirteenth chapter of Romans, sometimes a chapter that is debated among scholars and among Christians, St. Paul reminds us that we have a duty and an obligation to participate in the process of government, "For that is how our common life is ordered and structured." And at one point he actually says, "For the same reason," going on, he's expanding, he says, "For the same reason you also pay taxes for the authorities are God's servants, busy with everything." That's probably very true. "Pay to all them that is due them. Taxes to whom taxes are due. Revenue to whom revenue is due. Respect to whom respect is due. Honor to whom honor is due." Now he's talking about the role of government as helping to order our common life. But here's what I want you to really hear. He continues and says:

"So owe no-one anything except to love one another. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments 'You shall not commit adultery', 'You shall not murder', 'You shall not steal', 'You shall not covet', any other commandment, they are all summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'. Love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

For St. Paul, the way of love, the love of neighbor, is the fulfilling not only of the moral law of God, but the way to fulfill the civil law.

Go and vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor. To participate in the process of seeking the common good. To participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as a follower of Jesus.

Read online and see video here: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/08/22/presiding-bishop-offers-election-message-encourages-voting-as-a-christian-obligation/>

Personal Care Kits Ministry

Next visit Friday, October 28
to the Lebanon Soup Kitchen

We are making a basket to raffle at the Diocese of Oregon 2016 Convention November 4-5 in Eugene, to raise funds for the Commission on Poverty & Homelessness, which has been so generous to support our Personal Care Kits ministry.

The theme for the basket is "Rainy Day Tea for Two" with a blue and white color scheme. If you have items that fit the topic, please donate. Vicki Clark will wrap it elegantly. She needs the items by Oct. 30.

Praise God - The Diocesan Commission on Poverty & Homelessness granted our ministry \$500 for the coming year.

SUDSY SUNDAY #1 – Oct 2 – Socks
SUDSY SUNDAY #2 – Oct 9 – Shampoo
SUDSY SUNDAY #3 – Oct 16 – Wash Cloths
SUDSY SUNDAY #4 – Oct 23 – Lap blankets



THANK YOU!

Traditional Blessing of the Animals St. Francis of Assisi, October 4

- Jeremiah 22:13-16
- Galatians 6:14-18
- Matthew 11:25-30
- Psalm 148:7-14

Animal Health and Human Health

Animal companions provide us with love and many health benefits, including

- Decreases Stress
- Lowers Blood Pressure
- Eases Pain
- Lowers Cholesterol
- Improves Mood
- Encourages more fitness and exercise
- Monitor blood sugar



Although dogs are often touted for their health benefits, cat owners can see gains, too. Felines are just as beneficial to your health as dogs.

"If you have a cat, you're 30 percent less likely to have a heart attack, and you're 40 percent less likely to have a cardiovascular incident like a stroke," Dr. Becker says. In addition, pets can aid in the recovery of a heart attack.

"If you have a heart attack and you have a dog, you are [significantly more] likely to be alive a year later," Dr. Becker says
<http://www.womansday.com/life/pet-care/a2352/10-health-benefits-of-owning-a-pet-116238/> and http://wdy.h-cdn.co/assets/cm/15/09/54eaf62b097c8_03-blocks-pain.jpg

ST. MARTIN'S SOUP SUPPER POTLUCK RETURNS

~All are Welcome~

If you can bring a soup, side, or dessert,
please let the host / coordinator know.

If not, that's OK too.

Join the fellowship.

Wed Oct 26

Joey Vanpool

Wed Nov 30

Patty & Dale Nelson



October Birthdays

- 1 – Dena Losier
- 2 – Bishop John Thornton
- 8 – Cory Carroll; Dharrieus Gerard
- 10 – Steve Smith;
- 16 – Carol Sedlacek
- 21 – Kaleigh Young
- 24 – Kay Young
- 27 – James Smith
- 29 – Mildred Sutter

October Anniversaries

- 5 – Jim Bittle & Patty Linn
- 10 – Shara & Jim Elton
- 28 – Kris & Pam Solberg

**Thanks to Florence for
sending out cards!**

Lessons for October 2016 Revised Common Lectionary Read Along and Think

October 2

Track 2

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9

Track 2

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16

Track 2

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Track 2

Sirach 35:12-17
or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-6
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-8
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

You can always find the readings in the Revised
Common Lectionary online at **The Lectionary Page**
With Track 1 and Track 2

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Bishop Thornton's **"One Buck Seminary"** starts on
Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 8 am – with location
TBD. The readings will be ready October 2 so that
everyone can "do their homework" first and be
ready to discuss.



St. Martin's Monthly Raffles!

Join the "Fun-Raisers" and help support the church.
Tickets sold at coffee hour. \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5

October – Jeanne James - Autumn Tea Party

November – Ray Hendricks

December – Neva Klee

Thanks to Jennifer Munk for the September pies, which
Florence Christ won! Yum!

CUB SCOUTS / BOY SCOUTS TROOP / VENTURING CREW 420

Doug Young, Scoutmaster, Troop 420

Kay Young, Assoc. Crew Advisor, Crew 420

Christina Young, Scout Master, Cub Scouts 420

Zach Hall's Court of Honor for Eagle Scout on September 11 and camping at Waterloo Park at the end of the month



Our scouts now meet at First Christian Church, 170 E. Grant Street, which has a large meeting room, and a big storeroom for their supplies.



City of Lebanon's Summit on Homelessness Engage to Transform

This event could connect well to our ministries with Personal Care Kits and Mountain Path. Some of us plan to attend.

Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 6 to 8 pm
Boulder Falls Event Center 505 Mullins Drive

LOOKING GOOD!

Thanks to St. Martin's Men and the hard workers with St. Martin's Mountain Path Ministry (helps the needy with jobs) for making the church look bright and fresh with new white paint! More painting is planned.



Sunday School Penny Drive

Sunday School Students are working on a penny drive to benefit **Doernbecher Children's Hospital** in Portland to help other kids.

Check for spare change and share in the big mason jars (any coins or currency gladly accepted). **It will run until October 16.** Ask Amy if you have questions.

3rd Annual Parking Lot Trunk Sale



Thanks for everyone's generous help and donations. Despite the rain which chased us inside, the ECW raised over \$500 for our community outreach ministries.

Next ECW meeting is Saturday November 19.

SAVE THE DATE ---

If you get the CLOAK by email, you can find the monthly event calendar on the webpage. Otherwise, the monthly event calendar is on the back of your address page.

Updated Parish Address List is now available while we wait for new Directory! Ask us.

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Getting the Rectory ready for Rev. Melodie+ !

Thanks to all who are helping with cleaning and fencing, and offers of furniture and dishes to get everything ready for Melodie+ to be right at home.

As Jim said in announcements last week, we should hold off on putting any furnishings inside until she has a chance to see the space and the options. Let's not startle her with a bright pink velvet sofa!

Vestry Snapshot

Now that we have Rev. Melodie+ coming, the Vestry is working on getting "our house in order" for her arrival. If you have any questions, check with Senior Warden Kathy Johnson, Junior Warden Roger Munk, or Vestry members Barbi Thomson, Jim Rutledge, Sue Coakley and Machele Davis.

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