



THE CLOAK

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St. Martin's Episcopal Church

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WELCOME REV. MELODIE KIMBALL



The Vestry of St. Martin's, in Lebanon, is pleased to announce the hiring of a settled part-time Rector. The Rev. Melodie Kimball, presently serving in Kilborn, York, which is located in the United Kingdom, will begin her duties on Sunday, December 18, 2016. Melodie+ is originally from Seattle, WA and is very excited to return to the Pacific Northwest after being in England for 16 years. She is looking forward to living in the rectory.

Some of Rev. Melodie's qualifications that were deemed important to St. Martin's are:

- * her education and experience in both the Chaplaincy and Leadership Management areas;
- * her certification as a Grief Recovery Specialist;
- * her experience working with all age groups;
- * her overall attitude towards the care of both parishioners and herself

We give thanks for our Interim Rector and the many Supply Priests that helped us during our time of searching. We also thank the Profile and Search Committees for finding Rev. Melodie for us at St. Martins!

We eagerly look forward to welcoming Rev. Melodie Kimball in December. An official service of Installation and Celebration of a New Ministry is planned for Spring, 2017

Meanwhile, we look forward to celebrating Holy Eucharist with Bishop Thornton and Rev. Deb Vanover worshiping with us in September, October, and November.

Join us in Worship

Sundays at 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Bishop John Thornton

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

Holy Communion with Pastor Wally Gustav twice a month

✦ **Sept 4 - 16th Sun after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers**

✦ **Sept 11 - 17th Sun after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist**

✦ **Sept 18 - 18th Sun after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers**

✦ **Sept 25 - 19th Sun after Pentecost - Holy Eucharist**



Diocese announces new position: Canon for Christian and Leadership Formation

“...The Diocese of Oregon is pleased to announce that beginning August 1, the Rev. Carol Westerberg Sedlacek is the new Canon for Christian and Leadership Formation. The position of Canon for Christian and Leadership Formation is new to the Diocese of Oregon. Its purpose is to strengthen western Oregon’s capacity for ministry across generations in our whole region.

Sedlacek graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1994. She has served at St. Bartholomew’s in Beaverton, Oregon; Good Shepherd in Austin, Texas (while her husband, The Rev. Wes Sedlacek, went to seminary); and was the rector at St. Martin’s, Lebanon, Oregon for 12 years before joining the diocesan staff as missionary for camping & youth ministry in 2013. Sedlacek will continue her current (and beloved) ministries of camping and youth programs and the Fresh Start program for new clergy and clergy in transition. Among her new duties Sedlacek will work with congregations to find them the resources they need to flourish in the areas of Christian formation, leadership development and congregational development. She will coordinate annual vestry/BAC & treasurers workshops, congregational development workshops (called “Equipping the Saints” in our diocese), organize the Diocesan Consultants Network and develop connections among leaders engaged in Christian formation and youth ministry....”

<http://www.diocese-oregon.org/diocese-announces-new-position-canon-for-christian-and-leadership-formation/>

St. Martin’s is here for you....Let us know how we can help

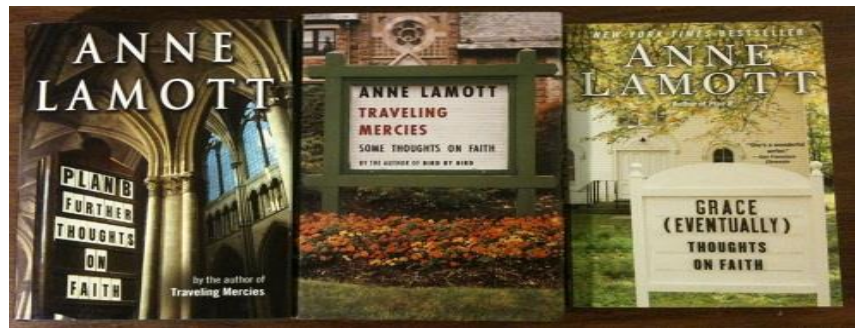
DON’T SUFFER IN SILENCE: Please call the church office (541-451-1159 Tues-Friday, from 9-noon or email the church at smartinslebanon@gmail.com) when:

- * 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.

From The Deacon's Desk



One of my favorite authors is Anne Lamott. I have read and enjoyed many of her books. I quote part of her post on Facebook of July 15,2016.

“Life has always been this scary here, and we have always been as vulnerable as kittens. Plagues and Visigoths, snakes and schizophrenia; Cain is still killing Able and nature means that everyone dies. I hate this. It’s too horrible for words. When my son was seven and found out that he and I would not die at the exact same second, he said, crying, “If I had known this, I wouldn’t have agreed to be born.” Don’t you feel like this sometime? ...

How on earth do we respond, when we are stunned and scared and overwhelmed, to the point of almost disbelieving?...

Yet, I know that we **MUST** respond. We must respond with a show of force equal to the violence and tragedies, with love force. Mercy force. Un-negotiated compassion force. Crazy care-giving to the poor and suffering, including ourselves. ...

There is no healing in pretending this bizarre violent stuff is not going on, and that there is some cute bumper sticker silver lining. What is true is that the world has always been this way, people have always been this way, grace always bats last, it just does – and finally, when all is said and done, and the dust settles, which it does, Love is sovereign here.”

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There are still free copies of the little ***Forward Day By Day*** on the coffee table by the library. September and October, each with a new author, await your reading.

The August author, William H. Albritton Sr., ended his last devotion on Wednesday, August 31,with his favorite blessing from Swiss poet and philosopher Henri-Frederic Amiel (1821-1881):

“Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the One who made us, the One who loves us, and the One who travels with us, be with you and those you love this day and always.” Amen.

Personal Care Kits Ministry

Next visit Friday, October 28
to the Lebanon Soup Kitchen

We made plans to create 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 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.

Special thanks to Carolyn Brown for the hand-made school bags, which were a big hit in August.

Please pray for our grant application submitted to the Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness. They have been a generous supporter of our outreach.

THANK YOU!

September Birthdays

2 – Ken Christ
3 – Lauren Carroll
13 – Jory Taylor
16 – Rakka Cole
17 – Bill Rees, Patty Nelson
20 – Greg Wiedle
27 – Spencer Smith, Kendall Libra

September Anniversaries

12 – Max & Gerry Thompson
17 – Charlie & Carolyn Brown
19 – Darrell & Sue Coakley



Reading books is great for devotion, education, and entertainment. Check out **St. Martin's Library** in the Parish Hall and watch as it gets a fresh re-organization. If there are books you would like to see, please leave a note. To help with the update, if you have books checked out, please return them so the records can be updated.

Helen's Health Corner: Staying Hydrated



The heat of summer has reminded us how thirsty we are for water as well as for the living water of Christ.

Even when the fall rains return, many of us are trying to drink at least 8 glasses of water per day. Chances are, you are not drinking enough water. Here's why you should:

Water keeps you energized. It boosts your brain and your mood.

Water promotes focus and alertness. Dehydration can affect mood and make you cranky and confused. Think more clearly and feel happier by staying hydrated.

Water fights sickness. When you're ill, drinking water helps flush out toxins that cause swelling and pain. Also, water lubricates and hydrates the cartilage in your joints to reduce joint pain.

Consider getting a refillable water bottle to carry with you – and check that it is BPA-free, a chemical that leaches into the water.

Schools, especially those which have been found to have lead in their pipes and water system, can also use donated new water bottles.

When we distribute the Personal Care Kits, we offer a bottle of water to every guest. In addition, we provide BPA-free reusable water bottles as one option for guests.

When in doubt, drink more water!

<http://newscult.com/when-in-doubt-drink-more-water/>

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 Sept 28

Jim & Loyce Rutledge

Wed Oct 26

Joey Vanpool

Wed Nov 30

Patty & Dale Nelson



Lessons for September 2016 Revised Common Lectionary Read Along and Think

September 4

Track 2

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 11

Track 2

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 18

Track 2

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 25

Track 2

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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/>

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori Speak: Created for Abundance September 11 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

To be presented at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Eugene, September 11, 2016
Her presentation in September will explore what the Christian spiritual tradition has to teach us about the present critical illness in the Garden and how we might respond more faithfully and effectively. For more information, email stmaryskjspresents@gmail.com, call 541-343-9253, or visit the St. Mary's website at www.saint-marys.org

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

August – Thanks to Neva Klee for providing the prized paper products. Lucky Sammy Ramsdell won, again!!

September – Apple pies and treats hand-made by Jennifer Munk – be sure to get in on this. Yum!

October – A surprise from Jeanne James

November – Ray Hendricks – what will it be?



Jennifer Munk's Pies!

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 is September 11 at 3pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Albany. All are invited. We would love to fill the church. **Congratulations, Zach!**



Summer 2016 was successful for the Scouts, Venturers, and Cub Scout Pack. Many enjoyed camping, with some going on the long hikes at Philmont in New Mexico.

Summer Court of Honor was held on Monday, August 29, at Waterloo Park.

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.

Sunday School Starts on September 11

Sunday School starts September 11 with a penny drive to benefit **Doernbecher Children's Hospital** in Portland. The Sunday Schoolers want to do something to help other kids.

This is the time to empty out that car ashtray full of pennies, the milk jug, whatever people have that they use to collect their change.

We will have a big mason jar or two for pennies (any coins or currency gladly accepted). It will run until October 16.



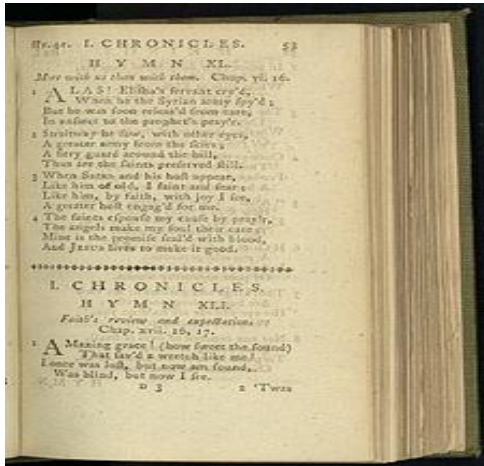
Bishop Thornton's **"One Buck Seminary"** starts on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 8 am in the Parish Hall.

The readings will be ready early in October so that everyone can "do their homework" first and be ready to discuss. There is still room to sign up.



Hymn History

“Amazing Grace”.. Hymn_671



The bottom of p 53 of *Olney Hymns* from 1779 shows the first stanza of the hymn beginning "Amazing Grace!"

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'twas Grace that taught,
my heart to fear.
And grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.....*

Just about three years ago, on August 25, 2015, Bishop John Thornton preached a sermon about “Amazing Grace” at St. Michael’s Cathedral in Boise, Idaho, and it is printed in his book *Consider The Lilies* (p.29). He has graciously given permission to use some of that sermon here. St. Martin’s Library now has a copy of the book to check out once it has its sign-out form, and you can read the entire sermon..

“... John Newton (author of this famous hymn) was, in every sense of the word, a “wretch”... an outcast from his own soul, a fugitive from human-kindness, an exile from all that is holy. “Newton first set sail at age 11, and was frequently a trouble-maker and problem in the British Navy, and transferred to a slave ship. His bad behavior caused him to be “dumped in West Africa, where he himself ended up as a slave in the household of an African duchess. He was rescued by the captain of the merchant ship Greyhound. On March 10th, 1748, his life changed.... In a raging storm off the coast of Donegal [Ireland] the ship was.. close to sinking. Newton pleaded to the Almighty, “Save me and I’ll serve you.”

Newton did make progress in changing his life – he gave up drinking, gambling, and swearing – but he continued slave trading for a few more voyages until he had a stroke and was unable to go to sea any longer. He then worked as a tax collector, studied Greek and Hebrew, and “took up preaching the gospel...In 1757, he applied to the Church of England to be made a priest” but they did not accept him then, nor the Methodists, nor the Presbyterians. Finally, with the help of friends, the Anglican Bishop of Chester allowed Newton to be ordained deacon and priest in 1764 and assigned him as a curate to Olney, where he stayed 16 years before he became Rector of St. Mary Woolnoth in London until his death in 1807.

While at Olney, Newton began to write hymns with poet William Cowper. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon about repentance on New Year's Day of 1773, and it was published in the *Olney Hymn Book* of 1779. Also, as part of his repentance of his wretched early years and deeds and his slave trading ways, and he worked for the passage of the Slave Trade Act to abolish the practice.

Image credit: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/6/68/Olney_Hymns_page_53_Amazing_Grace.jpg/225px-Olney_Hymns_page_53_Amazing_Grace.jpg

Come support our

3rd Annual Parking Lot Trunk Sale

Saturday, September 17, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bring your car and sell your treasures -
Men, please join in! Canopies and pop-up tents would
be much appreciated to protect from the sun!
Crafts-Décor-Books-Clothes And MUCH MORE!

Post a flyer and invite your neighbors!



Funds support local community projects:

- ✦ Lebanon Soup Kitchen
- ✦ Personal Care Kits for the needy
- ✦ Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing Crew
- ✦ Learning Perch reading program at Sand Ridge Charter School, and more!

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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ECW Brief News Notes

At the August 20 meeting, the
ECW planned the **Sept 17
Trunk Sale** (see page 8),
decided on a theme for the
basket to raffle at the
Convention in November, etc.
The minutes were emailed, as
well as printed and posted in
the Parish Hall. Paper copies
are available with all details.

**Ladies Lunch on Tuesday
September 13** at the Lebanon
Veteran's Home on 5th Street.

**Next ECW meeting is
Saturday November 19.**

Vestry Snapshot

There was no regular vestry on
meeting August 17. The next
regular vestry meeting will be
September 21 or TBD.

In addition to the Senior and
Junior Wardens, our Vestry
members are Barbi Thomson, Jim
Rutledge, Sue Coakley and
Machelle Davis.

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