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Planting a fruit tree at the new Margaret Dement Garden of Eatin', on property owned by St. Mark's Episcopal/Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Madras. L to R, gardeners are Al Kozak, LaRae Friederichs, Taylor Friederichs, Jeanne Linn and Vern Nelson. Dement, pictured below with the Rev. Jan Kozak, will be 100 in August; she still plays the church organ at least once a month.
Photos by Judy Barker

God's garden grows in Madras

Parishioners at St. Mark's Episcopal/Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Madras are planting their community garden with an eye to the future.

Church members see their permaculture garden as a sustainable, secure source of healthy food--for generations.

The Margaret Dement Garden of Eatin'--named for a parishioner who turns 100 in August and who still plays the organ at least once a month--will offer community garden plots, but it's also being planted with

fruit and nut trees.

It's funded by memorials, as well as \$3,000 in grants from ELCA, the city of Madras and the garden's designer.

Fruit and nuts from the garden will be donated to the Jefferson County Food Bank as well as to women and children in the county who lack a secure source of healthy food.



Wearing red for Pentecost, Carol Howe (left) and Bev Cederstam greet each other during the Peace at St. Mark's, Hood River. The church was decorated with red foil balloons inside and out for the June 12 celebration of Pentecost--(also see page 4.)
Photo by Cathy Peck

Parish visits will focus on listening, diocesan future

When teams from Diocesan Standing Committee and Diocesan Council visit EDEO parishes in June and July, the meetings will be a chance for diocesan leaders to listen to, and talk with, fellow Episcopalians about the current state of the diocese--and about planning for its future.

Key items on the agenda include a summary of the mutual ministry review questionnaires received earlier this year, a look at the work of the task force on diocesan futures, plus a review of the Haiti and Here effort.

The sessions also will provide a chance for people to weigh in on possible models for the next bishop of EDEO.

The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera is a provisional bishop, working half-time; her letter of agreement with EDEO extends to March 2012. It can be extended for a year at a time.

The five bishop models are presented on a graph that measures each for relationship potential as well as financial impact.

Leaders will be asking the people attending the meetings how they see the models affecting mission and ministry, both in the diocese and in individual congregations.

They also want to know which models look like they have the most flexibility for future change, as well as most resilience.

The models include:

- Traditional bishop: full-time, traditional responsibilities in both diocese, national church; full-time executive secretary; financial services would be outsourced. Bishop is tenured.

- Missional bishop: full-time with a part-time secretary; bishop would spend majority of time working with parishes; be available to other dioceses on a contractual basis. Salary would come from reduced parish assessments and contract services.

- Part-time provisional bishop. What the diocese currently has; full-time executive secretary, outsourced financial services. Bishop's primary pastoral role is to diocesan clergy; bishop would visit each congregation annually.

- Rector/bishop. The priest at one of the EDEO churches also would be bishop, with time, expense and responsibilities divided between parish and diocese. Many variables about how costs would be shared; process for calling a rector/bishop would have to be decided. Diocese could cover half of expenses of a full-time executive secretary; financial services would be outsourced.

- Divide the diocese and merge it with neighboring dioceses, or merge it with a single neighboring diocese. Diocese assets would merge with the other diocese or dioceses; Ascension School Camp and Conference Center would revert to the French family or be negotiated with another diocese.

Pendleton priest honored by state

The Rev. Douglas Jerome, who started volunteering at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in Pendleton in 1994, four months after he lost his sight, recently was named Volunteer of the Year at EOCI and also Corrections Volunteer of the Year for the State of Oregon for his prison ministries; .

Jerome, ordained to the priesthood for about a decade, has led EFM classes at EOCI for 12 years.

In that time, 21 inmates have graduated from the four-year course; others have dropped out or been transferred.

"I'm proud to say seven are out on the street and not a one has come back to prison," Jerome said.



Last Supper mural from the destroyed Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port au Prince will be restored when the cathedral is rebuilt. See Haiti appeal, page 4.

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“Great opportunities to continue in apostles’ teachings”

Beloved Sisters and Brothers,

Summertime! Well it may not actually feel

like summer,

but it is summer by the calendar.

As you read this, the days are getting longer and (we hope)

warmer. It's been such a

strange year for

weather. I have been in awe of the thunder and lightning storms we have at home in Cincinnati – we even had tornado warnings a couple of weeks ago.

Meanwhile, here in Oregon, the lightning is more spiritual and intellectual.

Congregational Visits: Members of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council are coming to your congregation! They will be there to share the results of the Mutual Ministry Review, to present some of the possible futures for our diocese, and to listen to you. This is your opportunity to have in-depth conversations about what it means to be the Diocese of



Eastern Oregon and how you hope we can do ministry together in the future. There will also be more information about **Haiti and Here**. I do hope you and your congregation are part of this important effort! This is one way we can be a missional diocese here and now!!

Adult Ed: The first weekend of August (4-7) includes the Feast of the Transfiguration, and so, at Ascension School we are exploring ways to deepen our awareness of God's presence. We have leaders who have experience in spiritual practices who will help us go aside and pray, to be still and be filled with God's love. Scholarship support is available – please don't say, or let anyone else say, they can't come because of lack of funds. Come – drink deep and be filled.

Family Camp: From the sublime to fantasy and fun! The last full weekend in August (25-28) we will be welcoming families to 'Hogwarts' for a Harry Potter Camp for all ages! We'll have a Sorting Hat, Olivander's Wand Shop, and Bertie's Every Flavor Beans (would you believe bacon-flavored jelly beans?) Themes

for our days include what it means to be Marked (as Christ's own forever), Faith and Friendship. Such a great way to be on vacation – let someone else to the cooking, the planning and the building of the campfire. You show up and have a good time!

Convention: Finally, I want to invite you to join us for Convention this October (14-16). **The Rev. Eric Law of Kaleidoscope Institute will be our keynote speaker.** He's been writing some insightful and creative essays about Sustainability, Money and Ministry – perfect timing for us (as well as for our world) to be thinking about these questions. He'll also be leading a workshop on being an Inclusive Church in the days before Convention. Those of you who are leaders are especially encouraged to join us at this dynamic pre-Convention conference.

There are so many great opportunities to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. You will be wise to take advantage of at least one or two of these.

Come and join us!
Bendición, Nedi

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The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, founded as the Missionary District of Eastern Oregon in 1907, became a diocese in 1970. It includes all of Oregon east of the Cascade Mountains as well as Klickitat County, Washington—some 69,000 square miles. There are 22 parishes and more than 2,600 Episcopalians in the diocese.

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Time to consider the Anglican Covenant

By the Rev. Anna Carmichael

The idea for a Anglican Covenant began with discussions of the need for an agreement within the Anglican Communion to address issues around communion disputes and conflict.

By supporting such an agreement, a church (Province) would be accountable and obligated to the other provinces within the communion--and to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

After many revisions, the Covenant Design Group presented the Covenant in its current form to the Standing Committee of the Primates in November 2009. It currently is being considered for adoption by each Province.

The document includes an Introduction, Preamble, and four sections addressing the theological, biblical, and relational needs for a covenant. The idea of the Covenant is that we need a structure within which we can resolve our conflicts while continuing to proclaim the gospel, respond to the needs of those in our communities and the world, and maintain unity.

The four sections of the Covenant are: 1) Our Inheritance of Faith

2) The Life We Share with Others: Our Anglican Vocation 3) Our Unity and Common Life 4) Our Covenanted Life Together.

It is the fourth section that gets most of the attention, chiefly because of this subheading, “The Maintenance of the Covenant and Dispute Resolution”, which states in part that

should a Church (Province) within the covenant act in a way not compatible with the other Churches, it can be asked to defer controversial actions.

Refusal could lead to the Church's being suspended from the Instruments of Communion --Lambeth Conference, Primates Meetings, and the Anglican Consultative Council.

A Church's failure to maintain compatibility and unity could result in its withdrawing from the Covenant, and possibly the Anglican Communion.

The issue of the Covenant matters when we consider the fact that the most “controversial actions” facing the Anglican Communion at this time are the blessing of same-sex unions and the ordination/consecration of LGBT clergy.

Supporting the Anglican Covenant as it is now written would deny individuals the gift of having their partnerships recognized and blessed by the Church, as well as denying the Church the ability to recognize and support the vocational call of some to ordained ministry.

Are we willing., then, to ignore those in our Church for the sake of uniformity and conflict avoidance?

Some feel that the Covenant in its current form is flawed; that it is focused on institutionalization and not on reconciliation. They believe that the Covenant denies issues around diversity, and will stifle creative and revelatory evangelism and mission work.

Others feel that without the

Covenant, divisions will deepen; that we need this Covenant to bind us together.

Our task as ministers of the Church, both lay and ordained, is to be educated on this issue so that we can make informed decisions when raising our concerns.

Dioceses within the United States are beginning to make public statements in support of and against this Covenant, so that our Presiding Bishop can respond to the Anglican Standing Committee as a voice of The Episcopal Church.

It is our voice that Bishop Nedi must hear and respond to as she prepares to make a public statement on behalf of the diocese. My prayers will be with you all in your local communities as you read the Covenant and discern your response.

Carmichael is rector at St. Mark's, Hood River and a member of Diocesan Council

Clergy updates

The Rev. Kenny King, called as rector of Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton at the beginning of 2011, has left the position, effective June 20. Bishop Nedi Rivera announced “with regret and sadness” that the parish and King had parted ways, due to irreconcilable differences.

There was “mutual discernment” on the parts of King and Redeemer “that they really didn't have a future together,” Rivera said.

News from Eastern Oregon parishes

All Saints Episcopal/ Hope Lutheran, Heppner

Sunday evening bible study at All Saints Episcopal/ Hope Lutheran in Heppner resumed June 12, and in good weather it's being held on the parsonage lawn. "So bring a lawn chair and your Bible," said a story in the Shared Ministry News. "In wet and windy weather, we'll meet inside."

Study subject is the book of Judges in the Old Testament. "There you will meet many interesting characters and learn about the colorful and sometimes bloody story of the Hebrews as they conquered and settled into the Promised Land."

The Rev. Katy Anderson also is conducting a brief come-as-you-are Order of Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6:30 pm on Sundays at Hope Lutheran, "especially for those whose work or summer activities make it difficult to worship on Sunday morning."

St. Peter's, La Grande

Bishop Nedi Rivera ordained Kathryn Macek, interim vicar at St. Peter's, La Grande, to the transitional diaconate on April 30. Macek is a graduate of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley.

The church switched to summer schedule on May 29, with one service on Sunday at 9 a.m. Macek also is leading Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

A crew from St. Peter's served the last dinner of the school year May 29 at K-House on the Eastern Oregon University campus. "We had 39 people share a chicken and biscuit dinner with salad, cookies, cupcakes and plenty of chatter. That seems to be what these students come for. They show up right at 6 pm and share a blessing with us," St. Peter's Sr. Warden Meleah Sheehy wrote in the church newsletter.

"After the hungry kids compliment us on how good it smells, they get their plate and pile the food on. Then they sit down and join each other in fellowship and conversation. We find a place at the tables, listen and enjoy as we eat...Thank you to all who make food to contribute. Sometimes we don't know how many will make it there, but they do keep coming. Will start again in the fall," Sheehy said.



St. Matthew's, Ontario

"Cookie Money" raised from donations for the fresh-baked cookies that St. Matthew's Guild provides at AA meetings at the church is helping to purchase 50 new chairs.

In the seven weeks after Pentecost, the Rev. Jim Mosier is conducting Instructed Eucharists. "We will be taking a close look at what we do during the Eucharistic celebration and discussing why we do it," he wrote in *The Messenger*, the church newsletter.

St. Matthew's also has a prayer service at noon on Wednesdays. "If you have Anglican prayer beads, please bring them. If you don't there will be some at the church," according to a note in the newsletter.

St. Matthew's Guild and the Sunday School have "adopted" two soldiers and seek donations of acceptable items plus money to pay for shipping.

St. Mark's, Hood River

Thanks to three grants totaling \$7,500 and a contribution from the church women's guild, St. Mark's has a licensed commercial kitchen to advance its feeding ministry.

Proceeds from \$2,500 grants from the EDEO Bisbee grant fund, from The Episcopal Church's Jubilee Fund and United Thank Offering, plus \$1,000 from St. Mark's Guild, paid for purchase and installation of a commercial dishwasher, a mop sink, a screen door, new wall ovens, a large new refrigerator-freezer--as well as new cooking utensils.

The church has an increasing number of licensed food handlers, including several members of vestry.

St. Mark's kitchen was licensed in time for the church to provide sandwiches, cookies and fruit during the last month that the area's homeless shelter was open. New last fall, the shelter moved from church to church each week. When the shelter program starts this autumn, St. Mark's will provide food each night the shelter is open.

All Saints of the Cascades/ Sunriver Christian Fellowship

The Rev. Ivor Hughes, an Anglican priest who formerly was Priest-in-charge at St. Paul's, Klamath Falls, offered a two day retreat, "More With God," at All Saints of the Cascades/ Sunriver Christian Fellowship.

The church's newly developed SCF Partnership in Education Scholarship program, in its first year, awarded scholarships to five Bend-La Pine School District graduates. "Through a combination of budgeted monies and two generous donations towards the scholarship program, SCF is able to offer more scholarships this first year than earlier anticipated," according to a story in the church newsletter.

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

The Vestry at Transfiguration is moving forward with plans for a Columbarium/ Labyrinth, with a planning committee set to request final design and another committee charged with organizing and executing a funding campaign with a \$200,000 target. The vestry advised that the project be completed in one phase to minimize overall costs,

St. Stephen's, Baker City

"Shake-It-Up Cafe" is the theme for Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen's, July 25-29.

The Rev. Aletha Bonebrake, vicar, says it will be "an engaging five days of bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, music and drama organized around a cooking theme, that our volunteers provide for our own and any neighborhood children who wish to come...It's a very rich curriculum and lots of fun."

The church reinstated VBS last summer after a long gap, and gauged it a happy success. The St. Stephen's Women's Group is purchasing all the materials for VBS and the Men's Group supplies the foodstuffs for the theme-based snacks.

St. Stephen's Bountiful Baskets program, supported by an \$800 EDEO Bisbee grant, \$2,000 from the Baker City high school's Community 101 program and a \$150 gift from the Community Choir, is providing fresh fruits and vegetables biweekly to nine family groups, including 36 children, in Baker City and Haines.

Next year St. Stephen's plans to be a partner in a local weekend backpack program for area school children, providing a pack of non-perishable foods for needy children to take home for the weekend.

St. Mark's Episcopal, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Madras

There's a list of helpers in the newsletter of St. Mark's/Good Shepherd, with times available, contact information and chores that can be done, from yardwork and loan of a pickup to trips to the dump, transportation to local errands and appointments; grocery shopping, computer help, even cooking. Jeanne Linn also says she'll help with mending, pick up food; Sue Powers's extra offering is "catch and remove snakes or bugs."

St. Paul's, The Dalles

Senior Warden Monte Dickinson offered these insights in her June "Update" column in the St. Paul's Messenger: "I recently had the opportunity to attend an Episcopal church in the Portland area. It was a comfortable worship space and I enjoyed both the service and the sermon. However, during the peace, I was greeted in the name of the Lord--but not really spoken to. And after the service I exited without an invitation to coffee hour and where it was held was not evident.

"It gave me a new appreciation for the gift of hospitality that seems to ooze from the folks at St. Paul's. I hear newcomers/ visitors being greeted and welcomed warmly during the passing of the peace. And I frequently see the 'newbie' almost 'holding court' at coffee hour as there are so many of us gathered to extend a welcome. The warm welcomes are working! We are seeing new people who are returning and immediately jumping in to become active. Thanks be to God!"



Early-season vendors at the Cove Farmer's Market, now next to the red barn on the grounds of Ascension School.

Photo by Lisa Boquist

Small now, bigger later:

The Cove Farmer's Market shifted to the grounds of Ascension School this summer. It's located close to the camp's already-planted vegetable garden, which tripled in size for 2011

Campers again will be building bird houses and selling them at the market.

Sales proceeds will go to the Cove Food Pantry. Campers at spring youth retreat set a fund-raising goal for the summer for \$500.

ASCENSION SCHOOL FAMILY CAMP, AUG. 25-28: A HOGWARTS ADVENTURE

TO THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD OF EDEO

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN THE HOGWARTS FACULTY AT THE FIRST-EVER SUMMER SESSION AT OUR ASCENSION SCHOOL CAMPUS IN COVE, OREGON.

SPECIAL CLASSES IN TRANSFIGURATION, CHARMS & POTIONS, HERBOLGY AND CARE OF MAGICAL CREATURES WILL BE OFFERED IN ADDITION TO THE CORE CLASSES ON THE MAGICAL LIFE.

THIS IS AN INEXPENSIVE AND FUN FAMILY ADVENTURE VACATION, AS WELL AS A CHANCE FOR THOSE OF US WHO WILL ATTEND AS SINGLES TO BE IN AN INTERGENERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT OF PLAY, PRAYER AND LEARNING. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS INCREDIBLE GATHERING OF THE VERY COOL AND MAGICAL PEOPLE OF EDEO.

THIS IS ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOUR NON-CHURCH FRIENDS TO LEARN ABOUT GOD'S LOVE FOR US AND TO DISCOVER WHY LOVE IS TRULY THE GREATEST MAGIC THAT EXISTS.

COME AND JOIN US!!

PROFESSOR MINERVA (AKA NEDI) MCGONAGALL



Quite a few parishioners at St. Mark's, Hood River remembered to wear red for Pentecost, a theme carried out by balloons in the sanctuary and an all-red food at coffee hour, from salsa and red corn chips to sweet cherries and red velvet cake.

Photo by Jeanie Senior

Diocesan Calendar

July

13-18 Bp Rivera in the diocese

14 Finance committee meeting, 10 am Diocesan Office

28 Diocesan convention delegate certification forms due at Diocesan office

August

4-14 Bp Rivera in the diocese

4 Commission on ministry, 9 am-3 pm Ascension School

7 Ascension School Board, Cove, 1-5 pm

8 Deacon's Collegium, 10 am-4 pm, St. Paul's, The Dalles

10-11 Bp at St. Paul's, Klamath Falls, 4 pm; meet with SW Convocation clergy, 6:30 pm

12-13 Diocesan Council, Standing Committee meet, St. Paul's, Klamath Falls

13 Bp at St. Luke's, Lakeview

14 Bp at St. Barnabas, Bonanza

30 Deadline for candidate forms for Convention

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

July

3 St. Andrew's/Peace Lutheran/Church of the Living Waters, Burns

10 St. Stephen's, Baker City: Aletha Bonebrake, Connie Boone

17 St. Andrew's, Prineville: Janet Warner

Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters: Ted Rodrigues, Jane Dey, Roger Fairfield

24 St. James, Milton-Freewater: Rebecca Hendricks

31 Transfiguration, Sisters: Ted Rodrigues, Jane Dey, Roger Fairfield

August

7 Adult Education Camp

14 St. Peter's, La Grande: Kathryn Macek

21 St. Paul's, Klamath Falls: Alison Dingley, Martha Hurlburt

28 St. Patrick's, Enterprise

September

4 St. Thomas, Canyon City: Dan Gardner

Adult Ed retreat aims at soul, body and mind

"This is the retreat you have been asking for," the Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera says of the Adult Education retreat at Ascension School, Aug. 4-7.

Titled "Up to the Mountain to Pray; Nourishing your soul+body+mind," the retreat is billed as "an opportunity for men and women to join the disciples on the mountain of the transfiguration."

Sessions include yoga and guided meditation, led by Susan Erickson; Labyrinth, with Joyce Powell-Morin; and Tai Chi, with Susan Albee.

There will be several options offered for each session, including tai chi, yoga, guided meditation, labyrinth, arts and crafts and more.

The bishop emphasizes that scholarship money is available to anyone who wants to attend.

ASCENSION 2011

*Senior High Camp
Grades 10-12

July 5-11

cost: \$300

*Beginners Camp

Grades 3-5

July 13-18

cost: \$300

*Junior High Camp

Grades 7-9

July 21-27

cost: \$300

*Combined Camp

Grades 4-6

July 30-Aug. 5

cost: \$300

*Adult Education Retreat

Aug 4-7

cost: \$200-\$570; \$105

for program only

*Discovery Camp

Preschool-Grade 2

(parent or adult must

attend with child)

Aug. 7-9

cost: \$110

*Girls Writing and Arts

Camp

Grades 9-12

Aug. 14-19

cost: \$325

*Family Camp

all ages

Aug. 25-28

cost: couple, \$135 per

person; \$105 per person

for family of 4

*Fly Fishing Retreat

Sept. 23-25

adults

cost:\$175-\$530

Rebuild the church in Haiti

In times of trouble, people turn to the church. Within days of the earthquake in Haiti, people flocked to parishes and Episcopal schools for food, water, and a safe place to stay. Bishop Duracin and his priests passed out tents and clothing to a crowd that grew to 3,000 before temporary housing could be found.

In Haiti, many of the services people associate with the government, such as education and medical care, are provided by the Episcopal church. Imagine the difficulty of leading nearly 100,000 faithful during a crisis without functioning headquarters.

There is governmental and NGO aid available to help rebuild housing,

clinics, and schools, but only we can rebuild the Episcopal Church.

In a country with a per capita income of only \$480, the Haitian people are giving sweat equity to this project, in some cases literally clearing the rubble by hand.

And now you can help.

TEC has committed to "buy bricks" for a suggested donation of \$10 each to help rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral. You don't have to wait for the official kickoff. Be a leader and help run a program in your church. Please contact the Rev. Dcn. Roger Fairfield for more information at 541-549-6417.