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Dispatches from TEC Convention

As the Rev. Janet Fullmer's photo (above) indicates, a revised version of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon's Open Table resolution handily passed the House of Deputies at this summer's General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

EDEO's resolution called for inviting all to Holy Communion "regardless of age, denomination or baptism." Revised wording said that TEC "reaffirms that baptism is the ancient and normative entry point to receiving Holy Communion and that Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to go into the world and baptize all peoples. We also acknowledge that in various local contexts there is the exercise of pastoral sensitivity with those who are not yet baptized."

The House of Bishops, however, rejected the amended resolution, defeating it on the last day of convention. *More convention news, photos: Pages Four and Five*

An estimated 500+ schoolchildren get free school supplies thanks to church fundraiser

St. Matthew's is school supply central

At a three-hour event in mid-August, parishioners at St. Matthew's, Ontario passed out school supplies to 345 schoolchildren, with another 150 to 200 students expected to get free supplies by the time school started.

The church program, funded by its annual charity golf tournament, makes a real difference in Malheur County, where almost a quarter of the residents live below the poverty line, and free school lunches are the norm. School supplies also go to low-income children in neighboring Idaho towns.

The Rev. Jim Mosier, rector at St. Matthews, said it's great to see children leaving the church outfitted with the items they need for school, from paper and pencils to binders and glue sticks-- "all the stuff they have to get, that oftentimes parents don't have money for."

St. Matthew's annual charity golf tournament pays for the school supplies. The 2012 tournament yielded \$6,300, with \$1,000 allocated to the community food pantry, which is located in a church-owned building. The remainder was divided between

Ascension School camp scholarships and school supplies.

"We've been doing it so long now that people have really gotten to count on it," Mosier said.

The outdoor temperature on distribution day neared 100 degrees, but several dozen people already were waiting in line when workers arrived at the church to set up supplies on

tables. Each child, or their parent, got to fill a plastic bag with items on their school's supply list.

The program succeeds because of community partnerships, Mosier said, including the Oregon Department of Human Resources, which certifies the people who qualify for free supplies, and also ensures that clients know about the program.



Workers at St. Matthew's, Ontario unpack, (top) and then distribute, (bottom) school supplies to low income area schoolchildren.

Top photo, L-R: Jane Padgett, Cheryl Quigley, Prudi Sherman, Trina Sherman, Vicki Mosier, Jim Skeesucks, the Rev. Jim Mosier. Bottom, L-R: Mary Craft, Trina Sherman, Vicki Mosier, the Rev. Jim Mosier.



Photos by Tim Lanterman

Introducing St. John's newest acolyte

By the Rev. Dan Lediard, rector St. John's, Hermiston

Martha Helsa is a long time member of St John's, along with her mother Joyce Hesla. Martha is a very special member and she is quite a character.

About six months ago Martha reminded me that I often say something like: "all people are good enough." I often say this when I am inviting all people to receive Holy Communion. Martha pays strict attention.

She then asked me if this is true. I obviously said "yes." Martha told me she wanted to become an acolyte. After a few moments of silence I thought: "why not?" My reply: "Yes, you will be a wonderful acolyte; so let's get you fitted right away for an acolyte robe."

Martha was elated and her smile was telling me a million messages.

Her mother was a bit apprehensive at first but she too became excited.

For many years Martha would always sit near the front pews. I now wonder what her thoughts were about the honesty of "all people are good enough?" We all need to "push the envelope" -- for God's sake.

Our congregation is very happy and very proud of Martha. I often glance at Martha when she is serving and she gives me a big grin. She too is proud to be an acolyte.

I believe Martha is in her mid-thirties? Martha has Down Syndrome and sensitivity is paramount.

The first time I met Martha, more than 18 months ago, was at the passing of the peace. I was immediately drawn to her—but Martha was not drawn to me. She has quickly become my buddy, and I hope she feels the same towards me?

After she asked to be an acolyte. I began to wonder how many millions



of very special people are overlooked as we innocently perceive them to be "a little too broken"?

We claim we are called to love unconditionally, and in addition I discovered that my issues of trust have need of being "adjusted" at times.

I have given much thought how to explain this, but Martha helped me expand my vision and increase my trust. She was my messenger from God. Thankfully I did pay attention this time.



Bishop Nedi Rivera, above, greets a parishioner at St. Andrew's Episcopal/Peace Lutheran, Burns. The Rev. Matt Littau is on her left.

Photo by Charles Cagle



At St. Matthew's, Ontario (above) Bishop Rivera and the Rev. Jim Mosier chat with a parishioner at coffee hour.

Photo by Tim Lanterman

Greetings from Bishop Rivera

Convocations liked partnerships

Like the seventy sent out by Jesus, members of Diocesan Council returned to the August meeting in Prineville filled with joy and enthusiasm.

They had been to Convocation meetings, and they were excited by what they heard and saw. They had eaten good food, joined in lively conversations, and heard about great ministries.

They went on to say that although sometimes conversations started slowly, almost always the energy built and in some places, folks didn't want to leave--they were having such a good time.

The good time was all about being together. Although it's hard to gather folks in one place at one time, when we do, we enjoy one another – of course we do. Episcopalians in Eastern Oregon are fun people, with a good sense of humor and a palpable sense of joy in God's love.

At least one person mentioned that taking the time to do truly deep introductions worked well in fulfilling the goal to really meet one another.

The theme that emerged was partnership: How are we and how can we be more effective in our ministry?

How do and will we join forces with folks somewhat different from us?

What new possibilities are revealed when we are in partnership?

Partnership was not only the subject, it was also the question:

How are our partnerships limited?

How do we go about partnering with other congregations that aren't Episcopal?

How do we partner with other congregations in EDEO that aren't close to us?

What other possibilities for partnership are there? With communities? Schools? Service clubs? In what areas? Liturgy? Ministry? Music? Mission?

The night before I left Oregon in August I had dinner with Bishop David Brauer-Rieke of the ELCA Oregon Synod. It was a wonderful evening (including a fabulous South American dinner) about partnerships, change, futures, and possibilities.

We had some specific conversations about current partnerships, and we had some more general conversations about the future:

How can we work together more as bishops?

How can we support one another in Eastern Oregon?

How do we move into change that is more about possibilities than about responding to budgets?

How do we adapt to the future rather than trying to recreate an idealized past?

A second theme in most of the convocations was an appreciation of increased communications: weekly EDEO e-newsletter, *Blessings!*, *Ministry Matters*, and *The Oregon Trail Evangelist*.

It isn't perfect, but it's better. We're working on ways to make communications more interactive

so that we can be in better communication with one another. I have a couple ideas and I know Jeanie Senior and Bob Thomson do too, so keep your eyes and ears open. We are living into the future!

Finally, I want to thank you for your love and support. The feedback I got from most convocations warms my heart and feeds my soul. I return to work this fall with joyful anticipation knowing that God has called us together in mission, ministry and love.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus."

1 (1 Corinthians 16.23f)

Blessings!
+Nedi

PS: Sneak preview: The 2012 Convention theme is *Hand in Hand Into the Future* and if that sounds a little familiar notice the convention symbol is the "fireman's carry" – where one grasps one's own left forearm with the right hand, and a partner's right forearm with the left hand so they can carry more than either could alone.

Together we are, in fact, greater than the sum of our parts and since God is also in the partnership, 'all things become possible,' and work together for good.

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Discerning the future of Ascension School

The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey, former bishop of Eastern Oregon, in mid-August sent an email message to most everyone in his address book.

His request to the dozens of recipients: help with the discernment process for the future of Ascension School Camp and Conference Center.

“Some of you have been there and some of you only know Ascension through the stories of others. Either

way, your life has probably been shaped a bit by what has happened there since 1924 when Bishop Remington cranked up the first summer school youth sessions.”

Kimsey is part of an effort that hopes to ensure Ascension’s future with capital funds that would create an endowment. Erin Weber-Johnson of the Episcopal Church Foundation is assisting. “With Erin’s guidance

our first step is to determine if our endowment hopes for Ascension School are realistic and feasible.” A listening survey--at right--will help.

“We know that the context for (Ascension’s) ministry is changing...as well as its needs,” said a press release about the parish events, which it is stressed are not for fundraising but rather an opportunity to discuss Ascension’s future.

September ministry workshops focus on music, pastoral care

The Diocesan Commission on Ministry is sponsoring two events at Trinity, Bend in September, one aimed at pastoral care, the other at music ministry.

“Caring in the World,” aimed at helping people to be a healing presence in their daily lives, is Sept 15 from 9 am to 4 pm. The workshop will look at understanding spiritual pain, being with someone during the grief process, and finding hope in everyday relationships.

Cost is \$10, payable at the door, which includes lunch. Please contact Peggy Ziegler at 541-388-1138 by Sept. 9 so organizers have an accurate lunch count.

Sing a New Song! Encouraging Congregational Singing, is a workshop for clergy, church music leaders, church musicians and anyone who’s interested. It will be at Trinity on Sept. 20 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Leader is Dent Davidson, missionary of liturgy and the arts for the Diocese of Chicago and music chaplain to the House of Bishops.

The \$10 registration includes lunch.



Southwest Convocation--St. Barnabas, Bonanza, St. Luke’s, Lakeview and St. Paul’s, Klamath Falls--met at Big Springs Park in Bonanza in July to discuss the Mutual Ministry Review. L-R: Jean Schadler, Pat Phillips, John Bunch,, Terry Joakimides, Karen Bunch, the Rev. Rich Landrith, the Rev. Dcn. Sherry Hartley, and Linda Hammerich.

Photo by the Rev. Martha Hurlburt



At General Convention: former EDEO Bp Bill Gregg; deputies the Rev. Nancy Green and Amy Martinez. Nedi Rivera photo

Ministry reviews help shape fall convention

Members of Diocesan Council and Standing Committee found common themes when they looked at EDEO Convocations’ mutual ministry reviews.

Among them, according to Council Chair Terry Rahmsdorff of Trinity, Bend, “many attendees expressed appreciation for the increased communication within the diocese.” Also, he said, “Virtually every congregation talked about their involvement in outreach and partnerships” and participants said the present part-time bishop model is working.

The 2012 Diocesan Convention, hosted by Trinity, will have the theme “Hand in Hand into the Future.” Rather than a convention speaker, the gathering will feature a number of workshops, to include many of the requests put forth during ministry review meetings.

Treasurer Jerry Frazier said finances for 2012 are tight but manageable. “Many congregations are paying less to the diocese because of the lower assessment rate and the continued difficult economic times.

For 2013, the diocesan finance committee recommended the diocesan assessment continue at the current and most programs stay intact.

The committee recommended Ascension staff be included in the personnel section of the budget.



The Rev. Nedi Rivera took this photo of the temporary labyrinth at Ascension School, staked out behind Morris Hall by Adult Ed participants Dale and Barbara Brandt, Pendleton; the Rev. Jan Kozak, Madras and the Rev. Ted Rodrigues, Sisters.

Ascension listening survey

The questions below are part of a diocesan-wide effort to chart the future of Ascension School Camp and Conference Center. They will be asked at parish “listening events” to be held around the diocese.

“Remember that Discernment is a spiritual exercise. Please take time to pray and seek God’s guidance and direction before and as you answer these questions,” the survey begins.. “May the Holy Spirit work in our hearts and minds to lead us into God’s future for Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center.”

- 1.) How (if) are you affiliated with Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center? If you are, please explain why:
- 2.) How have you experienced Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center?
- 3.) How have you been spiritually impacted by Ascension School, Camp, and Conference Center?
- 4.) What are the barriers (besides distance) to experiencing Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center?
- 5.) What are your hopes for Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center Camp?
- 6.) What are your fears for Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center?
- 7.) If Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center could be all you want it to be, what would the mission programming look like?
- 8.) If Ascension School, Camp and Conference Center could be all you want it to be, what would it look like?
- 9.) In order for your dream camp to become a reality, what needs to be done between now and then?

Diocesan Calendar

September

- 8 Ascension School Board meeting, 9 am -3 pm, Cove
- 15 Safeguarding God’s Children, St. Andrew’s, Burns, 9 am-noon
- 15 Continuing Ed for the baptized: pastoral care 10 am -3 pm, Trinity, Bend
- 16 Bp Rivera at St. James, Milton-Freewater
- 20 Music in the church training for lay and clergy, 9 am-3 pm Trinity, Bend
- 23 Bp Rivera at St. Patrick’s, Enterprise

October

- 12-14 Diocesan Convention, Trinity, Bend

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

September

- 2 St. Thomas, Canyon City: Dan Gardner
- 9 St. Paul’s, The Dalles: Janet Fullmer, Stephen Schafroth, Georgia Giacobbe
- 16 St. Matthew’s, Ontario: Jim Mosier
- 23 St. Brigid in the Pines Community Church, Sumpter: Aletha Bonebrake
- 30 St. John’s, Hermiston: Dan Lediard, Chuck Barnes

October

- 7 - St. Mark’s, Hood River: Anna Carmichael

EDEO deputation gathers for a group photo



A FEW DAYS INTO GENERAL CONVENTION 2012 in Indianapolis, members of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon deputation gathered for a group portrait. In the front row, L-R: the Rev. Janet Fullmer, St. Paul's, The Dalles; Peggy Ziegler, Trinity, Bend; Sue Powers, St. Mark's, Madras; the Rev. Alison Dingley, Redeemer, Pendleton; the Rev. Jim Mosier, St.

Matthew's, Ontario. Back row, L-R: the Rev. Ted Rodrigues, Transfiguration, Sisters; Terry Rahmsdorff, Trinity, Bend; Amy Martinez, St. Paul's, Nyssa; the Rev. Nancy Sargent Green, All Saints of the Cascades, Sunriver; John Adams, St. Paul's, The Dalles; the Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, Bishop of Eastern Oregon.

Deputies send dispatches from General Convention

Editor's note: Eastern Oregon's deputies to General Convention in Indianapolis kept subscribers to the EDEO e-newsletter abreast of convention happenings--including the status of EDEO's open table resolution-- with dispatches and photos. Below, a sampling of their observations.

The Rev. Alison Dingley, Clergy Alternate, Redeemer, Pendleton: Bp. Nedi and members of our deputation gathered early this morning for the hearing of our Open Table resolution before the Evangelism Committee. The Bishop, Jim Mosier and I spoke in support of it.

So many folks wanted to speak that the hearing will continue this evening. There were powerful witnesses for the theology as well as the value of welcoming all to communion. The chair called the speakers alternating between those of us speaking for the resolution with those opposed.

The contrast between the speakers struck me as a contrast between the Church as it has been with the Church that is becoming. A young woman who is a member of the parish in which I was ordained and first experienced open communion spoke of the new life and growth they are witnessing through that practice.

The Rev. Jim Mosier, St. Matthew's, Ontario: The hearing room was filled to overflowing. The testimony was passionate and from the people of congregations throughout the Episcopal Church USA.

As you can probably suppose, given the nature of our church, we were not in agreement.

The issue before us was the proposal from the diocese of Eastern Oregon and North Carolina that we should offer Eucharist to all who would come for it. This invitation would not require baptism prior to participation.

There were so many people who wanted to speak to the issue that it required two hearings. Both were to overflow crowds with people spilling into the hallway.

It was wonderful!!! Many were in agreement with the Eastern Oregon position that we open communion.

Many were adamant that it should not happen. Most agreed that the hospitality of Jesus is present in this Holy Meal.

How we as a church offer it to the world is the question at hand. I do not know how the House of Deputies or the House of Bishops will deal with this yet. But deal with it we will.

My biggest fear was that it might not rise to the level of discussion we have seen today. I

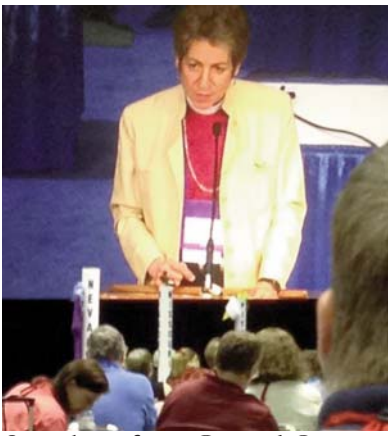
can't imagine that this question will go away. We as a church now have to look with a critical eye at the nature of these two holy mysteries and how we offer them in a way that is most pleasing to God and of benefit to God's Kingdom.

God forgive me! I must admit that I am so proud to be of the Episcopal Church and that part of it we call the Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Peggy Ziegler, Trinity, Bend:

This morning we heard two minute testimonies for an 90 minute period on our Diocese's Open Table resolution. Most people had something to say I could agree with. Many were young people who eloquently spoke of their experience and our need to be welcoming. Others talked of the value and meaning of Baptism and how wanting to partake in Communion was an entrance into talk of Baptism.

The Rev. Janet Fullmer, St. Paul's, The Dalles: We just had a great a remarkable moment of unity in the HoD- the vote to appoint a task force to present to the next convention a plan to reorganize the church. That moment and unanimous vote was followed by singing to the tune of *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, a song to birth a new church.



Snapshots from General Convention: Clockwise from top left: the presiding bishop's opening remarks in the giant screen; alternates Terry Rahmsdorff, L and the Rev. Alison Dingley join the Rev. Ted Rodrigues; outgoing House of Deputies President Bonnie Anderson; photos of historic St. Thomas, Canyon City are projected on a giant screen in the convention center; EDEO deputies, L-R: Peggy Ziegler, Sue Powers, the Rev. Jim Mosier, John Adams, visitor, Amy Martinez, the Rev. Nancy Sargent Green.

Photos by the Rev. Janet



Bishop Rivera summarizes convention proceedings

A report from the Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera on the General Convention of The Episcopal Church., held in July in Indianapolis, IN.

The General Convention 2012 meeting in Indianapolis was a wonderful experience of the church taking council together.

The hearings were always respectful and the one on our resolution on Open Table was positively holy.

I believe the stories changed the thinking of some members of the Evangelism Committee (to which our resolution was assigned) so that they came up with a great substitute that was passed overwhelmingly in the House of Deputies and then gutted by the House of Bishops.

However, the quest is not ended. I have some ideas about how to move forward towards General Convention 2015 (in Salt Lake City) that I will share with you at our Convention in Bend in October.

In other business, we tackled other important topics, issues and questions. Below I'll share two or three highlights in each area. There is SO much more.

Plan to be at our Diocesan Convention to hear the report from our Deputies.

At General Convention, our work was

focused by the Five Marks of Mission: **To Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom we:**

Created a pilot student loan fund for seminarians who agree to begin their ordained ministry with three years in underserved areas (that's us folks!)

Reminded all Episcopalians that they are called to be evangelists

Challenged all congregation to use social media in its current and future forms (let's be the first to get every congregation on Facebook. You don't need to have a website to do this. We can make this happen by the end of the week — or at least the month — if we want to!! I want to be the first to "Like" you!!)

To Teach, Baptize and Nurture New Believers, we

Updated our list of authorized translations of the Bible (with considerable conversation, I might add!)

Authorized the use (with the bishop's permission) of the BCP lectionary

Affirmed that transgender persons are guaranteed an equal place in the life, worship and governance of the church

To Respond to Human Need by Loving Service, we

Approved a \$111 plus million three year budget supporting mission and ministry in TEC

Made a churchwide response to bullying

Provided rites for folks grieving the loss of a companion animal

Provided rites for Blessing of Same Sex Unions

To Seek to Transform Unjust Structures of Society, we

Commended our Office of Peace and Justice, which includes the TEC/ELCA Office of Governmental Relations (OGR) to ask Congress to support the DREAM Act

Encourage positive investment in Palestinian territories

Repeal federal laws that discriminate against same-gender couples who are legally married in the states where that is permitted

To Strive to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation and Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth, we

Chose to stand in solidarity with poor and indigenous peoples who bear great burdens because of climate change

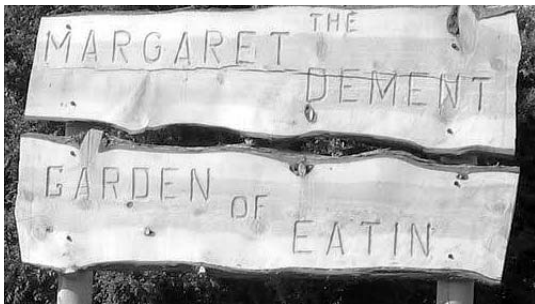
Through the OGR advocate for stricter controls on the use of carbon-based fuels

In Addition we

Established a committee to rethink our church structures

Voted to move the Church Center out of NYC

Across the diocese, church gardens flourish



Members of St. Mark's Episcopal/Good Shepherd Lutheran in Madras gathered Aug. 12 to formally dedicate the Margaret Dement Garden of Eatin', and to celebrate the 101th birthday of the garden's namesake. Besides raised beds, the permaculture garden also boasts a greenhouse, fruit and nut trees and berry bushes. In The Dalles, the Rev. Dcn. Georgia Giacobbe saw to the installation of new beds just south of the church; the garden at St. Alban's, Redmond, is growing well. Clockwise from top left: Margaret Dement and granddaughter Margee Granby Moshcetti; parishioners at inspect the Garden of Eatin'; St. Paul's garden, with church in background; St. Alban's, St. Paul's beds; greenhouse and beds in Madras. St. Mark's photos, Judy Embanks; St. Paul's, Georgia Giacobbe; St. Albans, Virginia Scott.



EO Cursillo sets Grand Ultreya September 21-22

Grand Ultreya for the Cursillo Community of Eastern Oregon will be held at Church of the Redeemer, Pendleton Sept. 21-22. The meeting begins at 3 p.m.

"Ultreya," according to the Redeemer newsletter, "is one of the Spanish language terms that the Cursillo movement has adopted. It means 'Keep on going! Onward!' and in Cursillo, refers to an occasional gathering when cursillistas come together to share and encourage one another.

At this spring's Cursillo weekend at Ascension School, 24 candidates were presented.



News from Eastern Oregon parishes

Trinity, Bend

The Rev. Dcn. Hank Podesta was just 57 when he died of cancer in 2003. Recalling him in a recent issue of the Trinity Trumpet, Jerry Lear wrote that Hank “was a big, strong, handsome and very loving man who was the ultimate example of a humble and giving servant. Hank would gladly fix anything at the church or at one’s home almost before the need was known.”

After his death, members of Trinity decided to form a group in his memory, Hank’s Helping Hands, to follow his example and continue to provide services to parishioners.

That includes the HHH Drivers Team, available to take people to the market or to medical appointments, or to pick up prescriptions. With the church continuing to grow, new drivers are being sought.

The newest offering is Hank’s DME, a closet with a collection of walkers, wheelchairs, shower benches and more, available to loan to Trinity parishioners.

“I think of Hank and his wife Cheryl when we reach out to the people of Trinity Church in his name,” Lear wrote. “We are blessed to have Hank as a role model.”

The annual fundraiser for another long-time Trinity effort, the Condega Project, is set for Sept. 8; the Condega Dinner Auction will include music, dinner, a live auction and a silent auction.

All Saints Episcopal/ Hope Lutheran, Heppner

“I have a dream that one day more husbands will be sitting beside their wives in church on Sunday mornings; that beginning the week by worshipping together as a family will be more important than anything else we do all week,” wrote the Rev. Katy Anderson in the *Shared Ministry News* for All Saints/ Hope. “When that wild vision was shared at the Council-Vestry meeting in July, eyes rolled all around the table. It will never happen here.

“When has God’s imagination ever been limited by our assessment of what is and isn’t possible? Look what happened when not enough loaves and too few fish were placed in Jesus’ hands.

“I may be totally out of step with the modern world and the attractions and demands of life in Morrow County, but I still believe that with God all things are possible. And that when we place our meager efforts and impossible dreams in Jesus’ hands, even an improbable vision becomes possible--one Sunday, one family, one husband, one invitation at a time.”

St. Paul’s, Klamath Falls

Noting the abundance of fruit, vegetables and flowers in August, the Rev. Martha Hurlburt wrote in the August issue of Link that the so-called dog days of August should be called the God days of August-- “we see the glory of God’s created universe and reap the abundance of its fertility.”

She added, however, that “there isn’t abundance for everyone here in our community.” A community meals program serves between 150-200 meals at a time. “The food pantry is very busy and the phone keeps ringing off the hook with people in dire straits needing assistance. And those are just the physical, financial needs.”

Penny Hamilton reported that the last of the community meals prepared by a team from St. Paul’s was served to 166 people; not including 25 “To Go” boxes.

Fort Klamath Methodist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary Aug. 19, with services led by the Rev. Bob Adams, long-time Episcopal priest.

St. Stephen’s, Baker City

Parishioners at St. Stephen’s said good-bye at the beginning of the summer to Bruce and Katie Countryman, active and involved church members who retired and moved to Forest Grove to be closer to their daughters. Bruce was junior warden; Katie was active in woman’s group, choir and more. Joel Bigelow is the church’s new junior warden.

In June, St. Stephen’s teamed with the Presbyterian church to offer vacation bible school, combining resources to reach more children.



Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters

The 17th annual Country Fair and Art Show sponsored by Transfiguration, Sisters, is a fundraiser whose proceeds go to support a wide variety of community organizations. The attractions on Saturday ranged from marionberry cobbler to a petting zoo, fire trucks and face painting, garden produce and a Se art show. The fair is held on the church’s tree-shaded grounds. Top, and below, photos by the Rev. Ted Rodrigues of some of the fun.



Ascension school 2012: summer well spent



The faces say it all --it was another fun-filled summer at Ascension School Camp and Conference Center in Cove. Campers pictured, clockwise from top left:are at Combined Camp, Senior Camp, Discovery Camp, Beginners Camp, Film Camp, Senior High Camp. On page 3, read about the discernment process that is looking at the future of Ascension School.

