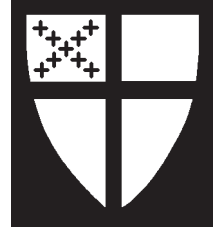


April 26, 2005



Bishop's Visitation – June 19

It will be a great joy to welcome the Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty, Ph.D., Bishop of Oregon, for his first formal Sunday visitation to the Church of the Good Samaritan.

As one of the ancient churches, the Episcopal Church recognizes the bishop as the rector of the diocese and of all of the congregations within it. Because of this, the bishop is always our celebrant and our preacher when he makes his formal visits. Priests, whatever their title, simply serve as "stand-ins" for the bishop when the bishop cannot be present. Deacons serve as the bishop's assistants.

At the time of the bishop's visitation we will be on our summer schedule. Therefore the services will be as follows:

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, in the church

9 a.m. Coffee Hour

10 a.m. Holy Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, Rite II, in the church

11:30 a.m. Reception for the Bishop and those Initiated

For clarification, we do not expect the bishop to be at the 8:00 service.

--WRMcC+

Join the Spiritual Pilgrims for Discussion in May

The Spiritual Pilgrims are folks who meet monthly for discussion and prayer.

There are so many possible topics and they come from anyone attending. If any questions such as the following interest you, please join us. The next gathering is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in Room 12.

* Who or what helped your spiritual faith develop?

* What were your images as a child – of God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

* What impacts your faith now? Are there times when you feel more securely connected, and times when you feel more distant?

* Is it awkward to discuss your faith and your spiritual experience with others? Would you like to?

* How would you describe your spiritual journey – like a smooth path or stream, or one with potholes or rocks, one with signposts or fog?

We hope to see you on May 18 at 7 p.m.

--Linda Gelbrich



Annual Consignment Sale

We hope you have started collecting items for the annual consignment sale on Saturday, June 4.

Items valued at \$20 or more may be placed on consignment, with 75 percent of the proceeds going to the seller and 25 percent to ECW. Items of lesser value may be donated, with the total proceeds going to ECW.

To have your item(s) listed in the Gazette-Times ad, information must be given to Joan Dunlap or Ruth Burns by Monday, May 30. Items may be brought to Simpson Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, June 3. The seller is responsible for delivering items for the sale to the church, and for picking up unsold items by noon the Monday following the sale.

Remember, this is not a rummage sale. Items must be clean and in good condition. Keep the consignment sale in mind as you do your spring cleaning and organizing. Suggestions: furniture, area or throw rugs, china, crystal, silver, paintings and other wall decor, special books, lamps, linens, like-new small appliances, power tools, antiques, collectibles, artwork. Normally we do not include clothing, but some very special item might be an exception, so please call and ask.

For questions and to volunteer to help in setting up the sale, pricing, selling, cashiering, etc., please call Ruth Burns (758-3551).

--Ruth Burns

June Bird-Watching Trip

Planning Meeting on May 1!

A bird-watching trip to southeastern Oregon is being planned.

We'll visit the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and the Three Forks area. The four- to five-day camping expedition will begin on Friday, June 10. Good Sam bird-watching adventures have been going on for 20 years – you're encouraged to join the fun. (It's a lot cheaper than Ireland!)

Families are welcome. Inexperienced birders can learn from those with more expertise. Non-birders are welcome to come along for the scenery and company.

There will be a planning meeting at the Magees' at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Please bring an appetizer. For more information, or if you'd like to be part of the trip but can't make the meeting, please contact John Magee at 753-7440 or at hasslecastle@proaxis.com

--Rosemary Magee

A Shortage of Financial Support

We currently do not have enough in pledges to support our approved budget for this year. People who have made pledges are paying them, but we are running about \$4000 more in expenses than income each month. The vestry is initiating a mailing and personal contacts to help our unfortunate financial situation.

Please reflect upon your level of financial support. Contact a vestry person or myself if you would like to have a discussion.

--Maggie Lang, parish treasurer



Fourth Sundays at Four

The final concert for the Fourth Sundays at Four concert series will be a Service of Remembrance and a Celebration and Thanksgiving for Our Gifts built around the BCP liturgy for evensong. It will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 4 P.M., Performers will include the Good Samaritan Choir with soloists, Jeff Parsons on harp, John Turman on violin, Be and Jack Herrera, as well as more performers. Music will be from all style periods, and the *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G Major* by Charles Villiers Stanford will be included. There is no admission, but donations will gladly be accepted at the door. A reception will follow in the parish lounge. Please call the office (757-6647) for more details.

--R. Ward Scott

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

Get out your Bible and join the Adult Forum as we accept Marcus Borg's challenge to "take the Bible seriously but not literally." Borg's historical-metaphorical approaches distill 35 years of teaching and studying the Bible into important and illuminating insights, "to help Christians see and read their sacred scriptures through a new lens."

May 1 : Foundations

Peg Bernhard guides a discussion of the three "reading lenses" that Dr. Borg offers us: "Seeing the Bible Again"; "The Bible and God"; "History and Metaphor". (From four Hebrew Bible choices, we offer two.)

May 8: Reading the Creation Stories Again

Steve and Kristi Amsberry guide us through the sources of the two Genesis stories, and the powerful messages of the historical metaphors: God as Creator, The God-World Relationship, The Nature of Reality, Human Nature and the Character of Human Existence.

May 15: Reading the Prophets Again

John Hays facilitates discussion of Borg's journey from viewing the prophets as primarily predictors of Jesus' coming to emphasis on the calls for social justice, to a comprehensive and deeper understanding that culminates in "Prophet Energizing: The Language of Hope."

May 22: Reading the Gospels Again

Peg Bernhard, facilitator. This chapter first compares the four gospels, particularly "Jesus' Inaugural Scene" and then addresses selected texts, including three miracles as metaphors: walking on water, feeding the multitudes, and sight to the blind.

May 29: Reading Paul Again

John Hays, facilitator. The treatment of Paul, whom Borg admits to "admire", despite his bad press among some modern Christians, begins with an overview of the lives of the "Pre-Damascus" and "Post-Damascus" Paul. He then illuminates the recurring messages that emerge from the letters: "Jesus is Lord", "In Christ", and "Justification by Grace", and "Christ Crucified".

--John Hays

Spring UTO Ingathering

On May 8th and 15th, we will hold the spring ingathering of our United Thank Offering. Blue envelopes will be available at each service for you donations. Save your blue box and your new "expression of thanks" fund. We will gather again in the fall.

We can each help support the good work this fine international organization accomplishes by expressing our thanks for all the blessings we receive in a monetary way that helps others.

--Maggie Lang

ECW Steering Committee

The Episcopal Churchwomen Steering Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 3 in the lounge.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in participating. Among items for discussion will be plans for the June 4 consignment sale.

--Ruth Burns

Our Web of Opportunities

The updated Ministry Opportunities Booklet and the Gifts and Talents Survey will be distributed at the Celebration of Ministries Dinner on April 30.

Copies will be available at the church as well. Please get your copy, complete the survey and return to Brenda Seehafer's mailbox in the parish office. Many thanks, and I look forward to working with you to find the perfect fit for each of your interests and developing your growth within the church and community.

--Brenda Seehafer, Volunteer Coordinator
and Ministry Development Committee Chair



Opportunities for Prayer

The chapel is open and available for private prayer Monday through Friday from about 8 a.m. until about 9 p.m. each day. It is also available on most Saturday mornings and most Sundays after the 8:00 service. Chapel services are offered most weekdays at 8:30 a.m. On Wednesdays, a Rite I Eucharist is offered at 10 a.m.

--WRMcC+

Opportunities for Baptism

The Feast of Pentecost and the bishop's visitation are two of the five Great Days for Baptism.

Pre-baptismal preparation will be offered on Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, June 4. Both of these sessions will be at 10:00 a.m. and will last about one hour. (Note: This is a change. The session originally scheduled for April 30 is cancelled.)

Those seeking baptism on the Feast of Pentecost, May 15, will need to attend the May 7 session. Those seeking baptism on June 19, the time of the bishop's visitation, may come to either session.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

--WRMcC+

Attention High School Seniors!

If you're graduating this year and plan to go on to a school or college next year, apply for the Helen Fabricius Scholarship through Good Samaritan. Please send a letter of application to the Fabricius Scholarship Committee describing your involvement in parish life, your plans for further education, and how a scholarship would help. Applications are due in the parish office by Sunday, May 22. Questions? Call Sandy Potter (753-2709) or Ruth Burns (758-3551).

--Sandy Potter

Pilgrims' Progress

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have returned. Our plane lands in Portland on Tuesday evening, April 26.

Happily, we will have the same opportunity that we had with the Israel pilgrimage. Sidney and Mary Lee Nolan, assisted by camera person Bernie McCarthy, will provide a video log of our journey. As soon as it has been edited, we will schedule a time for all to see it on the big screen in Simpson Hall.

On behalf of all of us who made this journey, thank you for your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

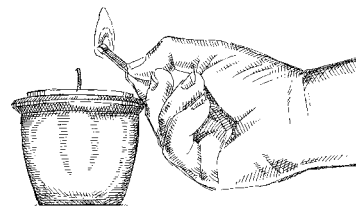
--Bill+ and Bernie McCarthy

Come to the Water

There was an excellent turnout for the March 12 Lenten retreat.

Linda Gelbrich introduced the theme of thirst and the scriptural invitation to come to the water. Fr. Wes Sedlacek invited us to examine what clogs up our own spiritual well-spring. Bill Becker offered instruction and practice in becoming quiet and using meditation techniques. Be Davison Herrera provided visual and tactile experience with objects related to water. If you are interested in events such as this, please notify Linda, Bill or Be.

--Linda Gelbrich



For Mature Audience Only

Please join us for "Romero," starring Raul Julia, at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8 in Simpson Hall.

This film chronicles the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated in 1980. Popcorn is provided; you're welcome to bring other snacks to share. Discussion will follow the movie.

--Nick Sesnak

For Reflection...

Spring brings evidence that all things are made new, that renewal comes in its season and that new life emerges even in the seemingly most unlikely places.

Even on the bare stalks that I left last year when I pruned the front-yard rhododendron that is trying to reach the stars, buds have formed.

Seasons bring changes in us, too. People, events, prayer and the passing of time impact us, sometimes changing our course. Spring can be a good time to take stock of what is emerging in our lives, what growth is happening and what has been filling our reservoir.

Writing about this can be revealing. Talking with others on the spiritual journey can be reassuring. You are always invited to gather monthly with the Spiritual Pilgrims as we discuss topics such as this. The next gathering will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 in Room 12.

--Linda Gelbrich

ECW Annual Spring Luncheon

The ECW annual spring luncheon is planned for noon Tuesday, June 7 in Simpson Hall.

The Rev. Carol W. Sedlacek will present a program following the luncheon. ECW does not meet during the summer months, so this will be the last meeting until Sept. 6.

--Ruth Burns



Youth Group Activities

The Good Samaritan Youth Group is alive and well. On April 6, we gathered at the church for an excellent dinner provided by Ric and Synthia Bergey. Then about 17 of us went to the Corvallis High School-Crescent Valley High School production of "Oklahoma!"

Adam Cole and Thomas Riehl of our parish both did an excellent job! We have talent in our midst. We should also recognize the efforts of Emily Scott, who choreographed the whole production. Thank you all for a great evening!

Our activity for April is a visit to the Dixon Climbing Center. DeeDee Larew is organizing this activity.

On May 4 we will meet at the church at 6 p.m. for Dinner and a Movie. The Coles are providing dinner. The movie? Put your votes in Fr. Bill's office mailbox. We will decide based on the interest of the group. See you all on May 6 – bring your friends!

4 --Fr. Bill McCarthy



Help us with Memorial Receptions

ECW is responsible for receptions following funerals or memorial services at the church.

This is an important ministry, and one very much appreciated by bereaved families. If you would like to volunteer your help, please leave your name and telephone number with Jane in the parish office. We currently have three teams providing this service in rotation, but could use more volunteers to work on a regular basis or to be on call when needed. Please call Ruth Burns (758-3551) if you have questions.

--Ruth Burns

Basics Class

A defining mark of an adult Episcopalian is having received the laying-on-of-hands by an Episcopal bishop.

This is the essential action of confirmation – and ordination. We are a people united in Christ through baptism and the Holy Eucharist, and united in our tradition through the Episcopal laying-on-of-hands. That is why baptisms, confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations are at the heart of what we do during the Eucharist when the Bishop makes his formal visitation.

In order to prepare those interested, we have established the Basics Class. Basics Class regularly meets on Sundays at 2 p.m. While these classes began in February, we will be offering make-up classes to give everyone the opportunity to participate. The remaining Sunday schedule is:

Date	Topic	Presenter
May 1	The New Testament	Deacon Bernhard
May 15	The History of the Church	The Rector
May 22	Moral Vision and Pastoral Care	Deacon Bernhard
June 5	Spiritual Life: Prayer and Hope	The Rector

We will meet on Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m. to rehearse in preparation for the service on Sunday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

Make-up classes will be scheduled on Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. or as needed. Two sessions have been scheduled:

Date	Topic	Presenter
May 7	Belief, Doubt, Faith and the Episcopal Church	The Rector
May 14	The Prayer Book and the Worship of the Church	The Rector

--WRMcC+

Stephen Series Workshop – Lay Pastoral Ministry

On Saturday, April 30 there will be a Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 14175 NW Cornell Road in Portland. This is a half-day event, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at 1 p.m.

The Stephen Series offers an excellent method for training people for lay pastoral ministry. The Church of the Good Samaritan has been registered as a Stephen Ministry parish for many years. For a time, this program was transferred to Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center where the training was offered in an ecumenical setting. Lately the program has become dormant. However, we still have trained Stephen Leaders who are qualified to guide this program.

This seems to be an appropriate time to consider resuming active involvement in training for lay pastoral ministry, either through Stephen Ministry or alternative programs offered by the Pastoral Care Department of Samaritan Health Services.

As a beginning, I would like to invite anyone interested to join me at the Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop in Portland on April 30. The workshop will provide an introduction to the format and program of Stephen Ministry. I assure you it will be worth your time.

There will be no charge for participation in this workshop. We have registered as a group to avoid individual cost. However, I do need to have participants pre-registered. Please let me know if you are interested in this event. By the way, if you are interested in training for lay pastoral ministry, but you can't make it on the 30th, please let me know that also.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this ministry.

--William R. McCarthy+

Missing...

...from Easter brunch: clear glass bowl, approximately 16 inches in diameter, with ridges on outside. Treasured gift from mother. Please call Rebecca Bordreaux, 760-4908.

--Rebecca Bordreaux



Congratulations

Bishop Johncy Itty has been awarded a Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church.

The degree is the highest honor that GTS bestows in recognition of outstanding contributions to and distinguished standing in the Episcopal Church. The award will be conferred upon the bishop at Convocation on Oct. 20 in New York City.

--Deirdre Steinberg,
Diocesan Director of Communications

New Rector Search Process

We are completing Step 1 as outlined in the last newsletter.

As you know, the all-parish survey is under way. If you have not yet picked up your survey at the church, please do so this week. The last day a vestry member is scheduled to be at the parish office to receive your survey is May 1.

As a reminder, we must send off the surveys to be tabulated on May 4, so make sure yours reaches us by then so you can be involved in this important phase of the process. Step 1 should be complete when we receive the report from the Hartford Institute. We'll have reviewed our mission statement, evaluated our goals, and, with your help, identified problems and potential solutions, gaining a better knowledge of who we are.

Step 2 will be right on schedule. Your vestry will meet with the bishop, the first task in Step 2, on April 26. Because I am writing this before that meeting, I can tell you only that we expect him to cover our rector's exit process and our responsibilities associated therewith, to review the search process, and to appoint his consultant to us for the process.

We should be in a position to complete the Parish Status Report based on our current records and your help in providing the results of the all-parish survey. The bishop's approval of the Parish Status Report will complete Step 2 (target date: mid-August).

Step 3 is the development of our Parish Profile, which will be the working document for review by priests interested in being our parish rector. The task of developing that will be much easier, thanks to your participation in the all-parish survey. Following the bishop's approval of the profile, the search committee members will be selected and begin developing a nominee list.

Please remember that neither Fr. McCarthy, any other clergy at the parish level nor any of the parish staff are involved in this process in any way. Your vestry is conducting this process; therefore, if you have comments or suggestions pertinent to it, please talk to a vestry member and not the clergy or staff.

Next issue: Update on the status of Steps 1 and 2.

--David Bucy (753-6041), dabucy@aol.com

Lost And Found

Have you lost a set of keys? Your favorite jacket? Are you missing a serving plate or baking dish? Is the crock to your crock-pot missing?

Items that have been collecting in the lost and found cupboard, the kitchen and the parish hall closet will be displayed on tables in the hall ready to be claimed. Any items not claimed by Sunday, May 7 will be disposed of.

--The Storage Committee

Northwest Medical Teams Is Beneficiary of May Special Offering

Northwest Medical Teams International, Inc. will be the beneficiary of the May special offering collected at Church of the Good Samaritan.

This group of volunteer doctors and associates brings new life around the world to those stricken by disasters such as the recent tsunami in Southeast Asia, and to situations where the poor are not able to help themselves and get medical attention when needed.

In 2004, more than 1.6 million people were served by Northwest Medical Teams around the world. More than 1,700 volunteers served in 34 countries. The organization has shipped more than \$600 million of life-saving supplies since 1979. Ninety-six percent of donations raised goes to programs and services. More than 13,200 persons have been served by the Mobile Dental Program.

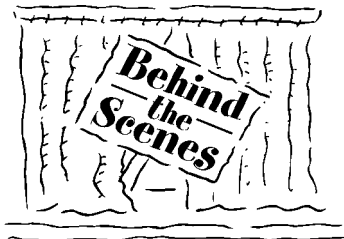
As an example of how you can help, a gift of only \$30 sends more than \$3,500 worth of donated life-saving medicines and supplies to locations where help is needed.

Since the tsunami, Northwest Medical Teams has sent more than 80 medical volunteers and trauma counselors to work in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand. They have shipped over \$27 million worth of medicines and medical supplies – enough to care for more than 500,000 people for a month. They have sent more than \$800,000 to rebuild communities in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Somalia and Thailand.

Volunteers have served in 21 countries around the world. They have provided desperately needed medical care for families living in refugee camps in Liberia, Sudan and Uganda; performed cleft-lip and palate surgery for poor children in Peru; restored sight to blind villagers in Mexico; provided dental care in Mexico, Guatemala, Romania and Ukraine; and trained hospital staff and other healthcare workers in China and Honduras.

Make a gift today!

--Bob Bernhard, Outreach Committee



Thank You!

Many, many thanks to all who helped prepare all the Holy Week and Easter bulletins, letters and other items!

My appreciation goes to Bobbie Beck, Joan Dunlap, Wendy Francis, Jack Gell, Sandy Gell, Cathy Grimes, Dawn Parks, Dee Pepper, Brenda Seehafer and anyone else I may have missed (and if I did, I apologize). We couldn't get through it without you!

--Jane Stoltz, parish secretary

Farewell Reception for the Reverend Wesley H. Sedlacek

There was a grand reception on Sunday, April 3 in honor of Wes Sedlacek+ and his ministry at the Church of the Good Samaritan.

There was an excellent cake with the Samaritan Health Services logo commemorating his new ministry as interim chaplain at Samaritan Albany General Hospital. Thanks are due to Brenda Seehafer, DeeDee Larew and Gina Halter for supporting this event.

Wes+ was presented with an exotic drum made in Africa, and a custom carrying case that could be used as a back pack. This was something Wes+ wanted to support his involvement in services styled after those at St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco. There was also a presentation of a substantial purse, corporate cards, a memorial journal, and several private cards and gifts.

We pray God's blessing upon Wes+ as he begins this new journey in ministry.

--William R. McCarthy+

Holy Family Statue and Shrine

Some time ago, Jan Hedberg, a master woodworker, produced a beautiful shrine which was placed on the east wall of the chapel near the altar rail.

I understand that Helen Hedberg was a great helper in this project. For some time, that shrine has been empty. It is empty no longer.

Michael Edson, parishioner and master woodcarver, has produced an excellent and highly original representation of the Holy Family that now resides in that space. It shows a young, vibrant Mary and a young, vibrant Joseph – they are obviously in love and united against the world. The representation of Jesus is not of a baby, but of a young boy – full of life and faith.

I am hoping that Michael will offer artist's notes in this or a future newsletter, and I will defer to him for details. There is one detail that I feel compelled to offer. Jane Edson, the director of our school, advised me that Michael was surrounded by pictures of Good Samaritan School students when he carved the figure of Jesus. Somehow that seems very appropriate, and makes Michael's offering even more precious. Thank you, Michael!

--William R. McCarthy+

Thank You!

Dear Members of Good Samaritan Church:

We at St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank each of you for your generous donation of food you recently brought over to us. Many people will be served because of your kindness. God bless each and every one of you.

--Lorraine Wollfle, Secretary, SVDP

A Model for an Annual Spiritual Checkup

Here are 10 questions any person could use as an annual review of his or her discipleship and ministry:

Prayer: How has your prayer life been this year? Blossoming? Fading? Faltering? Open? Routine? Is this an area that needs more focus for you?

Learning: What have you studied this year (formally or informally)? What have you learned?

Worship: Are you worshipping at least weekly? How has that time been? Highs? Lows? Are you taking time to prepare, or just showing up?

Leader Skills: Do you sense that your capacity to lead has increased? Are you observing the leadership of others? What are you learning?

Community Building: How are you helping your congregation to thrive, formally and informally?

Action: Where have you been visible in your faith? What blocks you from action?

Serving Others: Where have you served God this year?

Sense of Growth: Where do you feel you have grown this year – spiritually, emotionally, in terms of relationships, or in terms of knowledge?

Balance: How is your sense of living a balanced life? Do you keep Sabbath?

Growing Edge – Stretching Beyond the Comfort Zone: If we accept that we are not living in the fullness of the kingdom, where are you called to focus in the coming year?

--from The Alban Weekly, by Patricia Hayes, Alban Consultant; submitted by Deacon Peggy Bernhard



Frontal for the Great Vigil

This year's Lenten series was different. Wes Sedlacek+ organized the series as an intergenerational event.

Thanks are due to Ann Blegen, who led us each week in opportunities for growth and learning through doing.

Thanks also to Elizabeth Tollerton, who prepared the design for a frontal (altar covering) based on the readings from the Great Vigil of Easter. It was an outline that needed to be painted. We were all invited to participate, but it was Elizabeth, aided by Helen Hedberg, who made sure the frontal was completed and ready for display at the Great Vigil of Easter.

Thanks are also due to DeeDee Larew and Deacon Peg Bernhard for their behind-the-scenes efforts to facilitate this series. Thank you all!

--WRMcC+

Thanks to All who Delivered Flowers

Valentine's Day was on a Monday, so all the work had to be done on one day. In spite of that, we set a new record of \$1,592.85 for our deliveries of flowers for Expressions in Bloom. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Nick Larew for his leadership. We hope we can count on you all for the Mother's Day deliveries.

We will be delivering flowers for Mother's Day on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We will need several teams for each day. Please let Nick Larew know your preferences. We want to have enough teams for each segment, but we don't want to waste people's time. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

These flower deliveries are great opportunities to be bearers of good news in service to our community. It is also a lot of fun and an effective fund-raiser for the parish.

--WRMcC+

Bake Sale Thanks

Thank you for all your help - your donations toward the bake sale raised \$190 for homeless children.

--Pre-Rite 13 class

Latinoamerica in the Valley!

Quick! You can still see the Corvallis Arts Center's show of Remedios Rapoport's Buenos Aires-style painting and our own Karen Dunlap's photographs through Sunday, May 1.

Then there's the music – two remarkable concerts of Latin American music: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14 in the Corvallis High School auditorium (last event before demolition!), and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 15 at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in downtown Albany.

Renowned choral conductor Maria Guinand of Caracas will spend a week in Corvallis, working with the Corvallis Repertory Singers, Heart of the Valley Festival and Chamber choirs, and Jubilate! The Women's Choir of Corvallis. Guinand will speak at 7 p.m. May 12 at the Arts Center. On May 14, she will conduct the Repertory Singers and Jubilate!; on May 15, you can hear all three groups.

Tickets (\$15 for adults, \$4 for students of all ages) are available at the Scandinavian Trading Company, Grass Roots Books, Beard Frame Shop, and Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany. They are valid for either performance.

The concerts are the culmination of six weeks cooperatively devoted to Latin American culture by ArtCentric, the Corvallis Repertory Singers, and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. For details, visit www.thebestlibrary.net.

--Joan Caldwell

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Twenty Dollars

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up among the 200 people.

"I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this," the speaker said. He proceeded to crumple up the bill. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

Next he dropped the bill and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson," the speaker said. "No matter what was done to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

"Many times in our lives we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

"Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or whom we know, but by who we are. You are special – don't ever forget it!"

--Submitted by Jane Stoltz

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 The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

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