

**JUNE 2010**

**A Perfected Praise**

*Let the earth glorify the Lord,*

*Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, \*  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

— From the *Benedicite*, (Canticle 12 at Morning Prayer)

Most Mondays for the first dozen years or so of my ordained life, I woke early and headed out from a sleepy Forest Grove up into the Coast Range for an appointment: to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in the chapel of our Diocesan Anchoress, Sr. Marcia Hobart. [An Anchoress is a solitary monastic living under a Rule and in obedience to a Bishop.] When I was considering serving as Vicar of St. Bede's, the Bishop told me part of accepting that call was to provide weekly sacramental support to Sr. Marcia. While I had done some reading on Eremitic spirituality, I had never before worked with an in-the-flesh hermit.

And so my faithful '69 VW "Eggbert" and I came regularly to journey that 35 minutes up into the mountains, sometimes in the sun, many times in the rain, often in the fog. There were adventures in avoiding hitting various critters, negotiating washouts, tight quarters with log trucks, ice, and the other "opportunities of rural travel" along the way. When I arrived at the Anchorhold (Sr. Marcia's residence, situated in a clearing in the woods), I would be greeted at the door with an embrace, vest for the liturgy, and then enter the tiny chapel of St. John the Baptist, where Sr. Marcia lived out so much of her vocation.

The chapel, though small, was complete in all its appointments. Perhaps best of all, though, was the large window above the altar looking out onto a glade in the forest. Here, in this remarkable and hidden spiritual jewel box, we entered week by week into the unchanging mystery of Redemption while the seasons passed before our eyes.

The glade went from the sodden barrenness of February to the explosive foliage of May in what seemed a heartbeat but was in fact Lent and Eastertide. We traced the record of the lives of the Saints on biting January mornings, with the

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hoarfrost hanging on every stiff stem and branch; we recalled those who had died in Christ at All Souls' while the maples were turning their mellow gold. We praised the Holy Trinity while bathed in a summer morning's rays, gave thanks for the ministry of angels while rain drummed on the roof, prayed for a good harvest cloaked in autumn fog, and mourned loved-ones to the doleful accompaniment of a "whistle punk" directing nearby logging. We celebrated the Incarnation, Atonement, Resurrection, and all the other mysteries of our Most Holy Faith as two tall trees in the distance (whom we named Peter and Paul) held silent vigil.

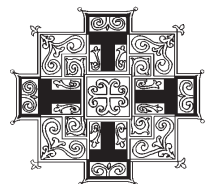
That long tutelage left its mark. No longer did I see any division between the natural world and the world of religious faith and practice. The altar had seamlessly merged with the glade, and both were holy places of encounter with the God who made all things. One of the central teachings of monasticism – that God is *always* and *everywhere* present and that the Christian lives with that conscious knowledge – gradually became the context for my life. For this I am profoundly grateful.

I also learned that being made in the image of the Holy Trinity meant that we are human *beings*, not human *doings*. It is for a restored and healed *being* that God has redeemed us. What we do is important, but it springs from who we *are*. This is all very hard to hold onto in our society and era, but it is a message a weary world desperately needs. When I am tempted to forget it, I recall those early morning Eucharists, when the forest, altar, and congregation became one with the God of all Being.

The liturgical color for the season after Pentecost is traditionally green, the color we associate with growth. Like plants, if our faith stops growing it is in fact dying. This time of year is not about taking a vacation *from* faith as we might from a job, but a season drawing the altar and the world *together* as Christ has drawn together heaven and earth. That is the challenge before us. When we live knowing that the present moment, the present encounter, the present place is on the threshold of eternity with God the Holy Trinity, then our praise is perfected and our lives, like the glorious Creation, shine with the light of God's presence "as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen."

Faithfully in Christ,

Brandon Lee Filbert+



# Community Garden

Greetings from Fuente de Vida — Our Community Garden!

Remember, a few months ago, Fr. Brandon’s sermon on God as our true Life Source? We decided to name our garden Fuente de Vida, which is Life Source in Spanish, since Fr. B. really couldn’t rename our entire church!



All the plots are assigned and planted. For the majority, this is their second planting, as they are already harvesting radishes, onions, lettuce, spinach, peas, and cilantro from spring planting.

On Saturday, May 15, a Corrections crew spent 5+ hours doing the heavy work — moving soil and wood chips, setting fence, etc. The gates may even be in by now. The crew is available now to help us as we have the need, barring policy changes, of course. On May 20, the transplants, seed potatoes, and summer crop seeds were made available and *very* promptly dispersed. Phil Johnson and Steve Cowgill turned Shep’s kiosk design into the real thing —thanks so much!

We continue to see the garden giving focus and dignity to people who have found themselves marginalized, passing on to them the gift of love that was given to us, in this very concrete form, as we have been instructed by Our Lord himself. This includes the young men on the Corrections crew, special-needs children and adults, parents in despair over the ever-widening gap between their families’ needs and their resources, and those who otherwise have few safe places to socialize. God is, above all, generous. Alleluia. Alleluia.

—Pamela Lyons Nelson  
Community Garden Coordinator



<h1>JUNE</h1>		<i>Justin</i> 1 10 am HE	<i>Martyrs</i> 2 <i>of Lyons</i> Crafts 10	<i>Martyrs</i> 3 <i>of Uganda,</i> Discernment Group 7:15	4 ❖ Community Meeting 2	<i>Boniface</i> 5 <i>of Mainz,</i> Diocesan Meeting 10 LTK Retreat 10
		<i>Pentecost II</i> 6 8 am HE 10 am HE Rite 13 Cer. Endowment Talks	7	8 10 am HE	<i>Columba</i> 9 <i>of Iona</i> Court Child Care 9:30 Crafts 10 Potluck & Games 5:30	<i>Ephrem</i> 10 <i>of Edessa</i>
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<i>Pent V</i> 27 8 am HE 10 am HE Adult Study	<i>Irenaeus</i> 28 <i>of Lyons</i>	<i>Saint</i> 29 <i>Peter &amp;</i> <i>Saint Paul</i> 10 am HE  SIHN	30 Court Child Care 9:30 Crafts 10	<div data-bbox="873 893 1115 1153" data-label="Image"> </div>		
❖ Day of special devotion to be observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial.						

## June Birthdays

3 James Hand

14 Aidan Raney

10 Marsha Atchley

15 August Filbert

19 Joy Coulson

13 Alan Maul

19 Zeek Earl

21 Chuck Kuhlman

## Calendar Notes for June

**Friday, June 4:** Community meeting, 2 PM

**Saturday, June 5:** LTK Retreat, 10 AM  
Diocesan meeting, 10 AM

**Sunday, June 6:** Rite 13 Ceremony, at 10:00 Liturgy  
Reception following  
Endowment Talks, after each service



**Wednesday, June 9:** Court Child Care, 9:30 AM  
Potluck and Games, 5:30 PM

**Friday, June 11:** Community meeting, ~ PM

**Sunday, June 13:** Honoring of Graduates



**Tuesday, June 15:** Vestry Meeting, 7 PM  
Newcomers Commission, 7 PM

**Thursday, June 17:** Diocesan meeting, 1-4 PM

**Saturday, June 19:** Convocation, at Regis High School in Stayton, 10 AM

**Wednesday, June 23:** Court Child Care, 9:30  
Potluck & Games, 5:30 PM



**Thursday, June 24:** Guild of Sts. Anna & Simeon, 4:30 PM

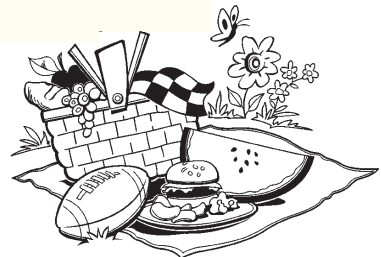
**Sunday, June 27:** SIHN Host Week begins

**Wednesday, June 30:** Court Child Care, 9:30



## Summer Potluck & Games

Every other  
Wednesday  
5:30 PM



## Ensenada Mission Update



St. Timothy's team is preparing to travel south in July to complete one house in partnership with YUGO Ministries for a needy family in Ensenada. The Parish, through the Mission Commission, has provided the initial funding to cover start-up costs and deposits. There have been several generous donations from outside the parish to help fund the house. Our crew is nearly set with a few people still trying to work out the details of their summer schedule.

We are attempting something different this year. The construction of the basic frame of the house is being done at Whiteaker Middle School in conjunction with the Whiteaker after-school program. About 20 middle school students are meeting twice a week constructing a model of the house and then the full size frame itself at the school. The Whiteaker ACE program itself has generously donated the framing lumber, and Salem Habitat has loaned safety equipment for the build. We will section apart the house the first week of June and trailer it down to Mexico in July with part of the team driving.

Several Whiteaker staff will be joining the team this year, including the principal!

At this time we are seeking several things:

1. Please pray for us to have open ears and hearts so we are able to pay attention to God's leading and wisdom. We earnestly want to be following God's direction for this endeavor.
2. Please pray for God's provision; we are especially concerned for safety in travel and financial support for the team- both individual support and financial backing for the mission as a whole.
3. We are trying to sort out what type of a fundraiser is feasible and what form is best. Suggestions are welcome. Please contact a Mission Commission member or Ensenada Team member.

God bless,

Shep Earl  
Ensenada Team Coordinator





## Summer Fellowship

Watch the **Sunday bulletins** for details from the Parish Life Commission about summer activities!

### Bishop's Visit

Save the date! Bishop Hanley will be visiting us on **Wednesday, Sept. 8**, during his first 100 days of getting acquainted with the Diocese. Stay tuned for news on how we plan to entertain him!



### Summer Camps

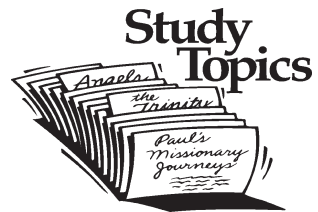
Look in the narthex for registration forms for the Parish Campout, August 27- 29 at Christian Renewal Center at Silver Creek Falls. See Jeanné Cannon for more information.



Booklets listing all of the Diocesan camps for all ages are available on the narthex table.

### Adult Study

Sunday at 9:00, May 30-June 27: Based on Jesus' withdrawal to the garden of Gethemane and His request of Peter, James, and John, we will WATCH and PRAY.



Our final five weeks through June will focus on a study of the Gospel passage for Sunday's liturgy in the Manuscript Bible Study method and follow with intercessory prayer. Come watch and pray with us.

— Carole Ann Crateau

### Soup Kitchen

On Sunday, May 16th, members of the McKay HS wrestling team and Rick Herrin provided soup and served at St Mark's soup kitchen. We fed 66 people. Thank you, wrestlers!



— John Hanson

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