

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 10
July 10, 2011

The Word of God

Prelude

Rule Beasley

Opening Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Hymnal 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy, be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 119:105-112

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- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.
106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.
107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.
109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.
110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.
111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.
112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet

Handout

Refrain: *Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (verse by cantor, then refrain)

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for all victims of violence and intolerance;
for all places of unrest and need;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Nedi, our Bishop, for Janet, our Rector, and Stephen, our Deacon;
for St. Stephen's, Baker City: Aletha Bonebrake and Connie Boone;

For all who serve God in the Church and the world.

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Gavin McIlvenna, Doris Abrams, Deb Hucke, Paul Beasley, and Marta Moser. We pray for healing and all special needs and concerns of this congregation.
The People add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

This quarter, Thank offerings are designated for HAVEN- Help Against Violent Encounters Now

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Lead me, guide me

LEVAS 194

Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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The Doxology 8:00- *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.;*

10:00: *Hymnal 380*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus 8:00 Said:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:00 Sung- WLP 858:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

8:00

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

10:00- S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

We encourage everyone to come forward to receive the bread and wine-grape juice or gluten free bread are available-or blessing.

This is God's Table, and God's food and presence are for all.

For private intercessory prayer for healing for yourself or others, please go to the station at back of the nave during communion.

The Communion Hymns *The Spirit Song- O let the son of God enfold you*

LEVAS 118

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, with His Spirit and His love.

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove,
will descend upon your life, and make you whole.

Refrain: Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, as your hearts are filled with joy,

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,

and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Every time I feel the spirit

LEVAS 114

Refrain Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

Jordan river chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul.

There ain't but one train runs this track, runs to heaven and runs right back. *Refrain*

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Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Postlude

Rule Beasley

Servers~

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Worship Leader: Lowry Browning; Acolyte: Kristin Manciu;
Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer; Lectors: 8:00 Jenny Curtis, 10:00 Jerry Frazier;
Prayers of the People: Barbara Telford, Jerry Frazier; Altar Guild: Joann Manciu, Monte Dickinson;
Flowers: Shirley Bjelland, in celebration of Lou Jr. and Wendy's wedding anniversary; Piano: Rule Beasley;
Greeters: Jack and Audrey Thornton; Coffee Host: Ron Fullmer*

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, St. Stephen's, Baker City: Aletha Bonebrake and Connie Boone.

For Repose of Soul for Bonnie Myatt and Carol Fullmer, and comfort for the families.

For Healing and Strength for Don Lewis; Nadyne Reynolds; Patrick Martin; Don Grey; Harold Kirby; Margaret Savage; Hyun Joo Yi; Chuck Hartmann; Jack Howe; Doris Abrams; Jane Schafroth.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joann Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: Kelsey Neubauer, Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

CALENDAR:

<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm	<i>Mill Creek</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon	<i>Diocesan Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon	<i>St. Paul's</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE WIDOW'S MITE: *"As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in her two mites. "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." (Luke 21:1-4)*

What is stewardship about? Well, as the quotes that begin and end this paragraph indicate, the big answer is that it's all about giving our all to our God who is the beginning, end and everything between of our being as children of God! We are entrusted with graces and blessings as we come to live and move and have our being in the Lord we love. As we come to know and treasure fully what that means, we come to love more and more in appreciation of the abundance of God's grace and mercy and love-- it is a big part of what it means to learn to live as people of faith.

Thankfully, we do not start from scratch! We have excellent instruction in scripture and the Living Word, Jesus- thanks be to God!- and we have each other to help and add insights, encouragement, and reminders, as well. Ned Kice and Amy McIlvenna have graciously agreed to assume leadership of our intentional efforts to inform and develop our stewardship of St. Paul's and all that God has given us. They will help us to embrace spiritual growth and to respond with full and open hearts. They ask only that we join in. So, please know that all thoughts and ideas are welcome—the participation of many will help us to fully enjoy the infinite ways that stewardship is a gift from God, and to God. Please give thanks to Ned and Amy and then jump in!

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things (food, clothes, all material needs) will be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

COMING UP: Are you interested in considering the proposed Anglican Covenant, and doing it in the company of each other, as well as with the insights of, people who have studied the Covenant, lived and taught in the Communion and Episcopal seminaries? If so, great- we'll be scheduling a parish screening of a conversation with three professors from CDSP- Church Divinity School of the Pacific- for early August. This will be a casual and informal screening, popcorn provided! And it will be a time that we can discuss and share thoughts, hopes, fears, confusion...whatever, and all, that we think and feel. After the parish screening, the DVDs will be available for personal use as needed. Come, share and prepare to embrace change!

WHAT DO YOU THINK? OR, HOW DOES ST. PAUL'S MAKE DECISIONS: This is the question put to us from the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon. Please take a moment and think about the following questions, and then, by email, note, telephone, or in person, give your answer...our responses will help the COM to frame suggestions and to incorporate information about how we really do reach decisions as we consider the big decisions before us- including the Anglican Covenant, the future of the dioceses, and the myriad of other things that come up in the life of a parish and diocese. The questions put to us by the COM are:

Regarding discernment going on in each parish:

1. In what ways do folks at St. Paul's The Dalles listen/hear the Holy Spirit?
2. What's an important decision you made and how did you come to define it?
3. Where and how does your congregation find themselves in conversation with the Holy Spirit?
4. What have you learned that you could share with the rest of us?

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE AND THE VISITS TO PARISHES: Every parish will receive a visit from the Standing Committee, as we did on Wednesday July 6. The hope is that these visits will be instrumental in our discernment of where we, as a diocese, are to go, and what we are to do. The Diocese has asked our prayers for all of these meetings- please keep each meeting, parish and all of the members of the Standing Committee, Council, the Bishop and all of our leaders in your prayers they participate in these visits.

Here is a prayer from the diocese that you may wish to use:

Gracious God, We thank you that we are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion.

We thank you for the abundant gifts you have bestowed upon us and our congregations, empowering us to continue the ministry to which you have called us. May your Church pursue with greater zeal the mission given to us by Christ that men and women, young and old, may draw closer to God and one another. Inspire us to be a prophetic voice in a bewildered world. Give us the courage to be Christ's hands, in a saddened world.

At this time guide those bearing responsibility for this Diocese as we engage in the process of visioning a model for our next bishop that will allow us to develop an infrastructure that truly supports and encourages mission and ministry.

Give us understanding, courage and wisdom as we seek your vision for your Church and for our Diocese and grant us all that we need to live into that vision. Help us to listen to one another and to you as we seek to partner with you in transforming the world with love. Amen.

As we pray for the diocese and the visits, please also pray for the convention which will be held in Hermiston, October 14-16. There is a notice in the narthex about the preparations for the Annual Convention, and some of those preparations are properly begun now. In particular, please note that Resolutions for consideration by Convention are due by midnight on August 15, 2011; Candidate nominations for open positions on Diocesan committees and commissions- e.g. Commission on Ministry, Ecclesiastical Court- are due by August 30, 2011.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- From John Adams, Re: Janeal's House - 6/26: The temporary water and electricity are being hooked up. We are waiting for the city's final clearance and building permits, before we can start the foundation. Stay tuned, and be ready to jump in when the time is ripe!

VESTRY ORGANIZATION- Vestry news including an organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development as they respond to emergencies throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex, the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the office, and the web site.

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