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Spring and New Beginnings

On March 25, Vestry members, parish leaders, and other interested parishioners met with Susan Ladue, Diocesan Consultant for Congregational Development, in an early step towards calling the next Rector of St. George's. In addition to being a Diocesan Consultant, Susan is also Senior Warden at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Medford. She facilitated a conversation with the group about goals for St. George, noting that Congregational Development can be thought of as a vitamin supplement for a congregation in any state of health.

The Congregational Development program will give tools to staying on the road to recovery so that there is ongoing renewal, revitalization, readjusting, and re-evaluation. In order to move on, it's important to have a major goal but to reach it step by step, living in the near term and always making sure that each step leads to the goal.

Five top priority goals were chosen. After discussion, the group decided on the following first steps:

Growth: first step is to advertise.

Priest: first step is prayer.

Financial stability: first step is awareness.

Children: first step is to partner with a local group such as Boys & Girls Club.

Inviting environment: first step is to live into the welcome.

Susan said that in future meetings we will work on models, first on the Life Cycle of the Congregation and later on Anglican Culture. She will return on Saturday, April 22, from 11:00-2:00.



Susan Ladue, center, with parishioners Tricia Holt, left, and Kathy Glockner, right.

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Rector's Letter

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Lent is already winding down. Soon Holy Week begins, with Palm Sunday. We will gather on Sunday, April 9, in the Parish Hall to bless our palms and march into the church singing, "All glory, laud and honor." Yet it is also the Sunday of the Passion, and we will join in Mark's account of our Lord's suffering, death, and burial. All for us.

The old hymn asks, "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" The answer is both no and yes. Yes, because our sins, our need, and the Father's love for us brought Jesus to Golgotha just as truly as those of Peter, and Mary, and his other disciples.

I hope you will join us at Faith Lutheran for Maundy Thursday, and be at St. George's on Palm Sunday, Good Friday (noon), and Easter. With Easter, a season rich with "Alleluias" will begin, with wonderful accounts of God's victories of love and mercy. I hope you can find someone to bring with you who has not been around for a while, or perhaps ever. I pray that we all will find our faith deepened, our security increased, and our love mobilized for action. (Details on page 3.)

One of the actions that many of you will want to follow, and perhaps join in, is discerning and making the future of St. George's. We have love and talent and goodness to grow and share. On April 16 fourteen of us gathered with Susan Ladue, a "Congregational Development Consultant" for our diocese, and currently the Senior Warden at St. Mark's, Medford. It was better than any of us expected. We identified some preliminary goals and first steps, which you can see listed on the easel in the Parish Hall. We meet next on April 22, from 11 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be arranged. The meeting is open to any who would like to join us.

About three years ago this congregation was accused of lacking in love. I doubt that was true then, and know it is not true now. You have loads of love. We need to nurture that love and let it continue to grow: love for God, love for Jesus, love for the Church, love for the parish, love for one another, and love for the rest of Roseburg and the world. I intend, for now, to emphasize God's love for us and our love for one another at St. George's. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and sharing in your lives for a few seasons.

By the way, you are doing just fine at loving your priest. My successor, when he or she arrives, will be blessed to serve you and share in your lives. That could be soon or, more likely, a year or more. That is in God's hands. In the meantime, thank you and God bless you.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+

Gearing up for Easter

EASTER FLOWER AND PALM DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations toward the purchase of the Easter flowers or palms. If you would like to contribute, please write Easter Flowers or Palms on the pew envelope you put cash in or in the memo section of your check. If you wish to honor someone, please notify the office or include a note with your donation.

JOIN US TO MAKE PALM CROSSES

Join us Friday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. to make palm crosses. We have great conversation and productivity. The more people we have, the sooner we will be done. JOIN US!!!

PALM SUNDAY

The congregation will gather in the Parish Hall at 10:00 on April 9. Palms will be blessed and then we will process into the church carrying them. The choir will provide special music.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will again meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 820 West Kenwood, for the Meal in the Upper Room at 6:30 p.m. on April 13. The service includes a symbolic rather than full meal. There is no charge, but reservations are necessary, so sign up in the Parish Hall or call the Church Office in advance.

GOOD FRIDAY

At noon on April 14 there will be a solemn service centered on the Passion of Our Lord.

HOLY SATURDAY

There will be a brief service at 10:00 on April 15, with readings commemorating the burial of Christ. Afterwards you are invited to stay and help "spiff up" the church to prepare for Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday's joyous celebration is at 10:00 on April 16.



Maya Jaguar

by Bill Riley

Last Fall Fr. Jim invited me to Grants Pass to meet Frances Dixon, the creator of Maya Jaguar, a private high school located on the top of a tropical jungle mountain in northwest Guatemala. As a result of this meeting I applied for a position as a volunteer to help her start a rabbit project at her school.

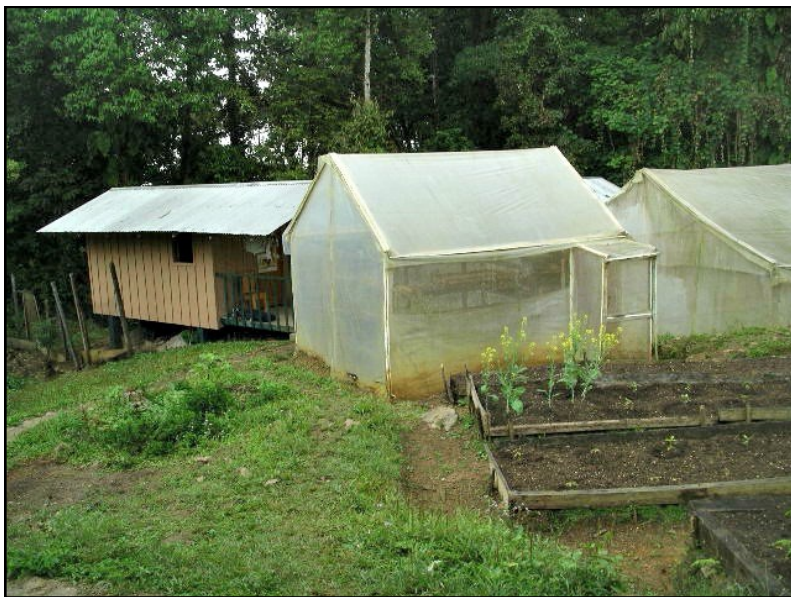
However, after this meeting Frances received a sizable donation of money and decided to switch her priorities from rabbits to the construction of a dormitory for her students. It was decided that Ken Smith and Gary Owens of California and I would fly to Guatemala on 28 February and go to Maya Jaguar to site the dormitory and start work on the concrete foundation.

Getting to and from Maya Jaguar was a challenge. It took four days to get from Eugene to the village. On the last leg of our journey we passed an area where construction had started on a hydroelectric dam and the area where demonstrators destroyed 30 huge earth-moving trucks by fire. What a waste to destroy the trucks, but on the other hand you cannot blame the people for not wanting to be evicted from their homes a second time (the first was after a civil war where many Mayan people were persecuted). It took me the same four days to get from Maya Jaguar back to Eugene.



By constructing ten each of a 12-inch square form which was held together by screws, we could pour ten piers for the foundation one day and the next morning I could unscrew and remove each form and put them back together so we could pour the next ten piers the second day. Except for one day where our work was stopped by rain, we were able to pour all 42 piers and the three stem walls by 10 March. So on the 11th, with the help of Don Pedro, our guide, we hiked about two hours into the jungle to a lake where Gary and Ken swam. We passed through some very primitive area where families

were struggling to survive partially by slashing and burning areas of the jungle to raise coffee.



Back at the school, I did have several opportunities to talk with Frances and Don Pedro about their egg laying project. Frances has 62 of the healthiest young hens that I have ever seen. Frances also has about six huge plastic-covered green houses and many raised-bed planter boxes where they grow most of their fresh vegetables. For sure I do believe that Gary, Ken, and I ate the most healthful and delicious food I have ever eaten. The staples were, of course, black beans, corn tortillas, rice, and eggs with some potatoes and pasta plus lots of vegetables. It was delicious but unless you could eat as many tortillas as a native can, I do not believe we took in as many

calories as we expended each day. Our day started at 0700 in the morning with an hour for lunch and we quit about 15 minutes until 4 in the afternoon.

The weather was great, warmer than I had expected. In fact the second day the sun was out and we all got sunburned. Our only source of water was rainwater collected off the roofs of our bunkhouses and the dining/cooking hall. We did get some rain almost every night though and this was considered the dry season.

Maya Jaguar currently consists of one two-story school building where courses include mathematics, Spanish, computer science, and cultural subjects. There are numerous bunkhouses for students and teachers and Frances also has her own home which was completed about two years ago. Once the new dormitory is finished (scheduled to be constructed in May), her next project is to build a four-room secondary school which Ken, an architect, is already starting to design.

Unfortunately Maya Jaguar is not self-sufficient. It does raise a lot of its own food but must depend upon a continuous source of donations to pay teachers and buy what supplies they can't raise. Frances does have her own web page: <https://www.adoptavillage.com> and also a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/adoptavillage>. She always welcomes donations, which are tax deductible, and is looking for volunteers either to teach or to help with construction.

Frances is now in her 70's and is hoping to find a younger person/couple who would be willing to take on her responsibilities. Without such help and outside financial support her entire program could close. It is still not the custom, especially among the Mayan people, to educate daughters. Boys are sent off to school but daughters are kept home to wash clothes in the river, make tortillas, and take care of the babies. It is often a challenge just to get a family to allow their daughters to attend school.

Guatemala is called the land of eternal Spring, but that does not mean that life there is easy.



Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman



St. George Episcopal Women (and men) met March 16. People who planned to attend Father Jim's Bible study joined us. We enjoyed lunch and a great program presented by Courtney Dillon, the new owner of the Cascadian Coffee Company which is in the old Grand Hotel, just two and one half blocks west of St. George.

We decided to take the leftover supplies funded by the Diocese's grant to Safe Haven so the girls who took the classes can teach other girls. We also discussed how the balance of the grant money might be used. A couple of ideas were personal appearance or skin care classes. We will discuss it further and then take those ideas to the Vestry for their consideration.

Sue Phelps talked about the photo albums that she found and a new one that she would like to have someone in the congregation take on as a project. We are hoping pictures and news articles will be gathered and placed in the album so future parishioners will be able to look back to see what we have been doing.

Don't forget to start sorting out items for the rummage sale May 5 and 6. We will set up the tables on April 30 and receive, sort, and price your donations starting Monday, May 1. The sale will be 9:00-4:00 on Friday, May 5, and 9:00-noon on Saturday. Remember, your donations enable ECW to contribute to the needs of our church and community.

Our next meeting will be April 20.

FISH Report

The FISH of Roseburg is extremely pleased to announce the receipt of recent donations and grant funds:

- Oregon Coastal Farm and Ranch gave a check for \$1000.
- Faith Lutheran Church gave \$3703.
- The Nobel B. Goettel Trust awarded a grant for \$2500.
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Small Grants Program awarded a grant for \$2000.
- The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded \$10,000 and the Tribal Council gave an additional \$2000.
- The Faith Lutheran Aebleskiver Breakfast raised \$1,162 for FISH.
- Additional donations were made by the Avista Foundation and the Unity Church.

The funds will be used to provide emergency food boxes for families in our community.

The next Roseburg Food Project pick up day is Saturday April 8th.

(from the FISH website at <http://fishofroseburg.org/>)

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

St. John's Cathedral Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

St John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, is the Anglican cathedral of the Diocese of Rupert's Land. This cathedral marks the birthplace of the Anglican Church in Western Canada and is the oldest Canadian Anglican parish west of the Great Lakes.

There have been four churches on the site. The first was a Church Mission House constructed in 1822 but this was washed away in the great flood of 1826.



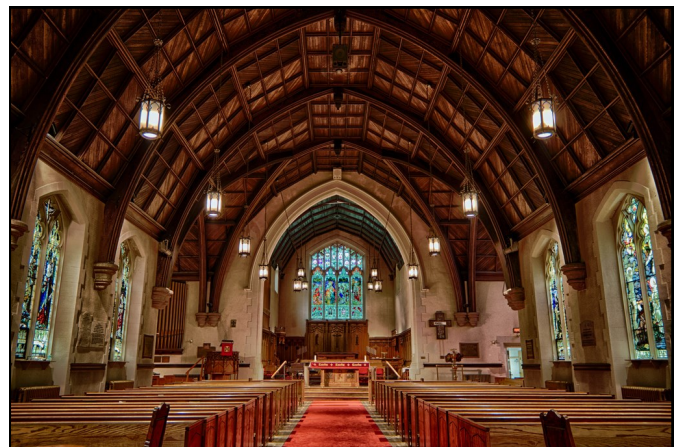
The second building was a stone church constructed in 1833 and this became the first Anglican Cathedral in Western Canada in 1849. However, this building was severely weakened by the flood of 1850 and so a third building was erected in 1863. The fourth and present Cathedral was reconstructed in 1926 using most of the stone of the previous building.

The cemetery, which surrounds the cathedral, was established in 1812 by the original Selkirk Settlers and the oldest marked grave dates to 1832. The design of the present cathedral is Norman-Gothic and the organ was a gift of the women of the parish in 1927.



In addition to a solid brass eagle lectern dating from 1890 and an oak pulpit of 1907, there is a cross made of nails from the mediaeval Coventry Cathedral in England which was destroyed in World War II.

The motto of the Cathedral is “the parish that cherishes its past, looks to the future, and lives in the present.”





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OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

April