



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
**“Loving God, Loving Our
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



The Resurrection, Gift of Divine Love

Love does not exist unless it is given away. In the Christian faith, God gave God’s love away by creating the Incarnation – which was the person of Jesus. And Jesus’ love for humanity was given away when he offered himself up to death. God gave Jesus, and Jesus gave his life – all done in a love that was given away. And in both cases, the love continues.

Easter is the witness that love is stronger than death.

That is sometimes hard to believe, and difficult to embrace. It certainly was for Peter, who has a rather famous conversation as recorded in John’s Gospel. Three times the risen Christ asks Peter, “Peter, do you love me?” (John 21:16) Three times Peter answers that he indeed does love Jesus. And three times, the risen Lord asks Peter to “feed my sheep.” Pass the love on, because it doesn’t exist unless it is given away.

On this Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection, which is the gift of a divine love that cannot be shut down by death. Or by fear or anger or disappointment or grief. This enormous gift of love has been given to us.

And we are challenged to pass it on. Otherwise, it doesn’t really exist.

Meditation for Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
The Episcopal Diocese of Newark



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Rector's Letter



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are in the midst of the Lenten season. I hope any Lenten reading, praying, service to others, or personal disciplines are going well and blessing you.

If not, do not fret. God is merciful and loves each of us.

Consider a new start, a less demanding one, or just commit yourself to God's love and mercy.

Right now, I am about to leave Grants Pass for the Dominican Republic, where I will attend a meeting of the Global Episcopal Mission Network board, take part in a one-day training event, and then be part of GEMN's Annual Conference. We fly home on Saturday, April 6.

Do say a prayer for the conference. Remember also Susan Ladue in your prayers, as she and her family bid farewell to her late husband Peter.

It is a continual privilege and blessing to serve as your rector.

Thank you all,
In Christ,
Jim+

The Global Episcopal Mission Network (or GEMN) is people working together to discern God's call to be the face of Christ in the world. GEMN began in 1995 as a consortium of Episcopal dioceses interested in fostering a strong missional presence in the Episcopal Church. In recent years, membership has been opened to invite any individual, church, deanery, diocese, or organization with a passion for mission, within or beyond the Episcopal Church.

GEMN exists to equip and encourage global mission in the Episcopal Church. We create a space for people to exchange ideas and best practices, offer global mission education, and provide resources to those who are exploring their call to engage in mission.

~ from <http://www.gemn.org/about/>

"Now is our time to go. To go into the world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. To go into the world and help to be agents and instruments of God's reconciliation. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free."

~ Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Our ECW group met for food, conversation, decisions, and a photo-trip to Venice, Italy—courtesy of Mik Carlson.

"If you weren't there, you missed something fantastic!"

***~ Delpha Hammerle
on Mik's presentation***

President Thelma Sayers started us off with her thought for the day: "Sometimes we are so busy counting our troubles, we forget to count our blessings."

We made, what we hope, is our final decision regarding our Tools-to-Treasure/Fine and Fancy Sale coming up the first weekend of May. Be sure to start collecting the items you want to donate. And it was decided that the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was successful because the food, as always, was great and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time visiting while they ate.

There will be a **potluck April 7**, when Canon Neysa Ellgren Shepley will be here to celebrate Holy Communion. We will make **palm crosses at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 12**. Plan to join us. We are inviting the congregation to bring Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday as we had them bring poinsettias a few Christmases ago. And we decided it would be fun to have "Hat Sunday" some time during summer.

Please join us for our **next meeting April 18**.

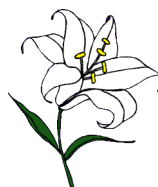
Mik showed us slides of her trip to Venice and some of the surrounding islands. We learned that it is the perfect place to visit for relaxation, because the art and architecture is wonderful and there are no cars on the island. You either walk or ride on the famous canals.



You are invited to bring Easter Lilies to place in front of the altar on Easter. Please **bring them between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to the church office before Good Friday**. After the second week you may retrieve them and deliver them to nursing homes, hospital, friends, or your home.

If you prefer to donate money, please write *Easter Lilies* in the memo section of your check or on the envelope you put your money in.

If your lily or the money you donate is to honor someone, please **notify the office before Wednesday of Holy Week (April 17)**.



Upcoming



Free Cooking Class, Dinner, and Meet & Greet

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Call 541-671-5878 to reserve your spot.

Hosted by

Blue Zones Project - Umpqua

NeighborWorks Umpqua

St. George Episcopal Church

Umpqua Community Veg Education Group

Maundy Thursday Meal in the Upper Room

April 18, 6:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church

Sign up in the Parish Hall or call the Office by Sunday,
April 14, for reservations.

There is no charge.

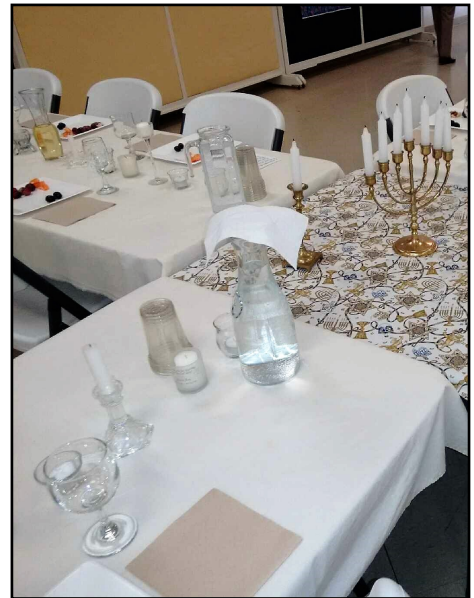


Photo by Pete Benham

Good Friday Service

April 19, at 6:00 p.m.



In Memoriam

Peter Ladue

We received word a little bit ago from Susan Ladue that her husband Peter died March 27. Susan wrote, "Please thank all of my family in Roseburg for their steadfast prayer, and tell them to rejoice in the fact that for the first time in years, Peter is without pain."

May Peter rest in peace and rise in glory, and may God richly comfort Susan and all who mourn.

~ Fr. Jim



FISH Report

Saturday, April 13, is the next pickup day for the Roseburg Food Project. Here is a list of the Pantry's most-needed items.

Non-Perishable Food

Cereal
Hearty soups
Canned meat
Canned fruit
Cooking oil
Canned tuna
Canned beans
Dried beans
Rice
Soy milk
Canned milk
Canned vegetables
Hamburger Helper
Rice-a-Roni
Baby Food/Formula
Peanut butter

Especially for Seniors

Dried fruits
Ready-made pudding
Ensure protein drinks
Pull-tab soups
Single-serving meals
Low-sodium crackers
Tea (regular and decaf)

Non-Food Items

Toothpaste
Toilet paper
Toothbrushes
Soap
Disposable diapers



Parish News

The Covenant Players

Father Jim surprised and delighted the congregation March 24 when he brought three members of the Covenant Players to perform during the service.

Kurt and Cathy Purucker and Jennifer Morris (below, left to right) gave three dramatic interludes throughout the service.



“Since 1963, Covenant Players has pioneered the use of drama as a communications resource for the church, for the school and for the community. Units of Covenant Players travel throughout the world performing Charles M. Tanner’s original plays to bring impact and positive change to any user group.” (covenantplayers.org)

The organization is not affiliated with any particular church. It is a worldwide, interdenominational, para-church ministry. The Players are not paid a salary but depend entirely upon donations for their livelihood. Theirs is a full-time missionary commitment.

"Covenant Players will continue to go to where the people are, to do our part in turning the world upside right for the Lord. We will continue to be His missionaries, the beneficiaries of our friends' and supporters' prayers and petitions. We continue to seek our loving God's blessings as we continue into the next generation."

~ Bobbi M. Johnson-Tanner,
Covenant Players' International Director



“Together” – set in a church parking lot after the service. A man is talking with a new Christian:

“Being a Christian without reading the Bible is like being a swimmer without water.”

Donations may be made on the Covenant Players website.

Parish News



*Birthday Blessings for Don Severson and
Travel Blessings for Tricia Holt,
who is moving to North Carolina.*



*Happy Birthday to Darrell Thayer (center)
and Doug Holloway (right)*



*Happy 54th Wedding Anniversary to
Mike and Susan Brossia!*



*St. George Choir members Pete Benham,
Sue Phelps, and Steve Thomas
(above, left to right) performed with the
Roseburg Concert Chorale on March 9-10.*



*Left: Charles Van Sickle removes branches
broken by the storm's snow and ice.*

Parish News

Flooding in the southeast corner classroom this winter brought a prolonged battle to repair a drainage problem, but everything is sorted now. Bill Riley led the team that resolved the situation, documenting the process with photos.



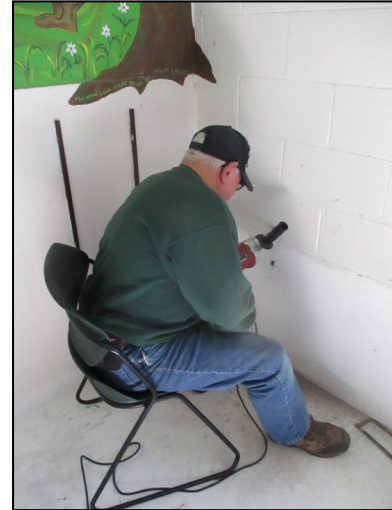
"I sent so many in order to explain what the 'white thing' was. If you look at the pictures you can see the white 5-gallon buckets stacked in a hole. The 'white thing' is a lid that I placed over the top bucket to keep dirt from falling into the buckets [and] to protect the sump pump that is located in the buckets."

Right: Steve Thomas dumping gravel into the trench. Any water draining into that area will settle towards the buckets which have holes drilled in them so water can move from the gravel to the space inside the buckets. When water reaches a certain level the sump pump automatically starts pumping it out and into the existing drain line. This is the same drain line that gets runoff from the roof of the Parish Hall and also from two downspouts attached to the Rectory.



Special thanks to Sue Phelps and John Trotoatt of Holy Cross who were involved in the process and offered many suggestions. The corner room will be used by Holy Cross in the future.

Below: Bob Spielman drilling the hole through the block wall. We ran an electrical cord through that hole and attached it to the sump pump. The other end of the cord plugs into a special electrical outlet that will trip if anything goes wrong.



Bill applied two coats of latex battleship gray paint on top of two coats of white sealer paint on the floor. Holy Cross personnel plan to purchase rugs to put on the floor after they paint over the mural on the east wall. As soon as it is decided between Sue Phelps and Holy Cross what furniture will be placed in the room, Bob will install covers over the electrical wire to the sump pump to attach the wire to the wall so it won't be left hanging. The room is ready to be turned over to Holy Cross now.



*Photos and story
by Bill Riley*

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes



Top left: Sue and Jerry Phelps working behind the scenes.

Top right: Jean Bowden and Mik Carlson serve Don Witt.

Left: Food and fellowship.

Photos by Pete Benham





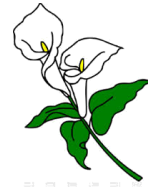
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*Let us love,
not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.*

1 John 3:18



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Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

