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"Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors"

The Dragon Scoop

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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



See page 6 for details.

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

*"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6*

During these warming spring days, we are celebrating Easter—resurrection and new life. And the blooms are all around and the grass is lush and baby sheep are bouncing on the hillsides, all bearing witness to God's penchant for rebirth—for joy and beauty and life that persists in the face of death.

Yet, during these days, we are also reminded that the world is still as broken as it has ever been. As the innocent are still imprisoned and the powerful still take advantage and the bombs are still exploding in nations all around the world, all bearing witness to our human penchant for death—for cruelty and fear and hate that persist in the face of God's beautiful creation.

And this is our world. Beautiful and Terrible. A world of resurrection and a world of death. A world of Easter and a world of Good Friday. This is our world...and into our world, Jesus came. Jesus came, like a lamb, gamboling on the hillside, only to be slaughtered. Jesus came to us—to the ones who perpetuate cruelty and fear and hate—to show us the way to walk in this world. To tell us the truth about this world. To give us life when it feels like we are dying inside. He came to show us God's way...God's truth....God's life....to reveal to us what is holy and good and sacred in our midst. And what is that?

Jesus shows us that **God's way** in this world is servanthood and humility, generosity and kindness. And he shows us that **God's truth** is welcome and mercy, love and forgiveness. And he shows us that **God's life** is hope and delight, compassion and healing.

There are so many voices calling on us to reject Jesus' way in this world—calling us to live in other ways. Voices that accuse Jesus' way of being dangerous and weak. But those voices are just empty promises, petty posturing, clanging gongs, and they will leave us unmoored and filled with self-righteous resentment. Jesus calls us to live as lambs in this world—joyfully (and perhaps defiantly?) gamboling on the hillsides of God's unending grace and trusting in God's abiding goodness. Even in the face of death. Because Jesus knows...he KNOWS God wins.

And so we follow Jesus. Foolishly, dangerously... we follow Jesus along God's way. Trusting only in God's truth and living the beautiful and holy life God has given us.

Blessed Easter, dear friends—

Rev. Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

We met at Bridgewood Rivers Assisted Living where we gathered for a presentation. Community Relations Director Connie gave us a lot of helpful information. One of the most important was not to wait to do our research of all the different facilities. If you end up in the hospital and then are ready for discharge but you need to go to an assisted facility, where do you want to go?

There are assisted living facilities where you only need one person to help you with whatever need you may have. If you have memory issues, you will need a memory care facility. Some retirement facilities have a limited number of assisted living apartments.

We then went to their dining room for a really nice lunch and then on a tour of studio and one-bedroom apartments. Residents bring their own furnishings and decorations. For an appointment for your own tour and more information you can call Connie at 541-505-4705.

After the tour we had a short meeting. We decided to have the rummage sale the first weekend in May. A committee will be formed to help Sue and Jerry Phelps decorate for Advent. Spirituality Day will be at St. Paul's in Salem May 31; more information will be coming.

We also decided to support the Roseburg Mission by bringing a food item to our next meeting like we did a while back. This time, however, we won't identify what to bring except that it be something off the list in their newsletter:

items needed

Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetti, Egg Noodles
Tomato Sauce
Diced Tomatoes
Canned Pork & Beans
Refried Beans
Cold Cereal
Spices, Salt, Mayo
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Ground Coffee

Please join us April 17 for our next meeting.

Thelma's Thought for the Day

*Not truth, but Faith it is
that keeps the world alive.*



February 25 Visit to Guatemala

by Bill Riley

On 10 FEB I left home and flew to Guatemala arriving about 0600 on the 11th. Waiting until about noon at the airport for our son Mike who was flying in from Virginia. We then took a bus to Los Amates, Izabal, where Sandra met us and took us to her home to visit in Seminola Arriva. This was Mike's first visit to Guatemala and my chance to return to a village where I worked from JUN 1991 until NOV 1995.

When I first lived in Los Amates it was a small, friendly village of perhaps 4 to 5 thousand people who were all friendly and knew each other. The economy was based primarily on grassfed beef, acres and acres of corn, and fewer acres of black beans and rice. Lots of fresh fruit. Del Monte had 9 banana fincas which covered an area of 2.5 miles wide by 25 miles long. Del Monte employed around 2,500 people and provided houses for their employees plus their families and provided schools and medical care for them. Life was wonderful. Then in 1998 Hurricane Mitch hit the area and drowned hundreds of the cattle and wiped out several of the banana fincas. Many of the employees lost everything and left the area.

It took a long time to reestablish the banana industry. In the meantime lots of new people moved into the area. But they were a different class of people. They were not interested in working and introduced cocaine to the area. By 2010 the census for Los Amates and its surrounding villages was listed at 57,000. It jumped to 60,000 by 2018. Violence had risen drastically as had inflation.

In 1986 one chicken egg sold for Q0.15. Today the same egg sells for Q2.00. In 1991 a 100 pound bag of 22.5% protein chicken feed cost Q74.6. One US \$1.00 equaled maybe Q3.00. Today the same bag of feed costs Q250.00 and \$1.00 equaled Q7.80. In 1991 one pound of chicken meat sold for Q4.50. Today it sells for Q16.00 a pound. Inflation has really hurt.*

The picture is our son Mike who helped me build the chicken house in 9 days. He is standing with Sandra the owner. After completion of the hen house Sandra and her two daughters took us to Castilo de San Felipe in Rio Dulce for a picnic.

Mike and I departed from Seminola Monday morning, 24 FEB, flew out of Guatemala at 0200 hrs on the 25th and arrived home that evening. Mike is already talking about returning in 2026.

**Note: Q is Quetzal, the Guatemalan currency. One is currently worth .13 USD.*



Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Savannah Kennon
and
Doug Holloway**

**Savannah
is also our newest
Acolyte!**



Parish News



48 people attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. Jimmy and Owen (photo on the left, left to right) decorated the tables, and Owen helped bus. Nancy Baum is shown on the cover along with Manny, who is wearing the Mardi Gras mask.

Many, many thanks to Karla Roady for all the photos!

Wisdom of Bishop Steven Charleston

I WILL NOT STOP CARING
I will not stop caring, whatever the cost.
I will not cease loving, no matter the consequences.
The political winds may howl above me
Scattering people like leaves in a storm
But I will hold fast to the common ground
The wisdom that once formed us.
Difference is not a crime.
Diversity is not a threat.
Disagreement is not a failure.
Community requires of me what it requires of others:
A commitment to share in the process of justice.
There are no expendable human beings in that process.
Only a sacrifice of privilege.
For the sake of the many,
I will not stop caring for the few.

From his book *Spirit Wheel*

Upcoming



Worship with us during Lent & Holy Week

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - March 4

4:30-6:00 - St. George Episcopal (make reservations)

Ash Wednesday Services - March 5

Noon - St. George Episcopal

7pm - Faith Lutheran

Lenten Wednesday Soup & Worship

@ Faith March 12, 26 and April 9

@ St. George March 19 and April 2

5:30 - Soup Supper

6:30 - Holden Evening Prayer

Lenten Friday Meditations in Music (March 7 - April 11)

12:15 - First Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Service - April 17

6:00 - Faith Lutheran Church (make reservations)

Good Friday Worship - April 18

12:15 - First Presbyterian

4:30 - St. George Episcopal

6:00 - First United Methodist

Easter Vigil - April 19

6:00 - Faith Lutheran

Easter Worship - April 20

6:00 am - Sunrise Service - First United Methodist

9:30 - Faith Lutheran

10:30 - St. George Episcopal

Poster by Rev. Janine Goodrich

The Preacher & The Teacher

1968, continued

Fall also brought high school football games. Fr. Albert Sayers from Grants Pass, along with his wife Thelma, son Nokie, and their friend Vernon Ho had supper with us and we all went to see the Roseburg-Grants Pass football game. Roseburg won, 13 to 7.

We had a father and son in the parish, along with the son's wife, who frequently had serious problems. On November 3, Elmer (father) came to talk to me about his son (Tommy), probably in his 20's, who the father said had never finished the first grade. Three days later, their problem became bad enough that the police had to intervene. And I was called to talk to Judge Woodrich, Irma Platt, and Mrs. Marsh from the County offices. Marie W. had planned to marry Elmer, but when she discovered that he had previously been divorced she married son Tommy instead. Tom loved to sing in the choir, but other choir members noticed that he frequently held his hymnal upside down! It didn't matter, since he couldn't read anyway.

One of the upper lights in the church nave burned out, so I borrowed an extension ladder from the mortuary a block down Kane Street, climbed up to the ceiling in the nave and changed the light. I have often wondered why a mortuary would need such a long extension ladder. Do they bury them that deep?

1969

One often wonders afterwards, in looking back over a year that is past what—if anything—would have been done differently had it been possible to look ahead. There were several indications both ways at the beginning of 1969. So, how did it turn out? I'm sure I wished I had known at the time!

More on this entry next month: there was tension over Joe Russell, the new curate (assistant), who was recommended in 1968 by the Bishop. It sounds like his sermons may have been a bit too controversial for some of the congregation!

Wednesday was the usual luncheon meeting for the Women of St. George's. I had paid no attention to what the program was to be; the women always took care of that. So, surprise! I was the program, based on the popular TV show, "This Is Your Life!" And was it ever! Jim Macke of KQEN was Master of Ceremonies, Fr. Charles Neville, rector at Corvallis, and his wife, Mary Jeanette, portrayed our wedding. He had been my Best Man and she was Caroline's Matron-of-Honor. Bishop Hal Gross was in seminary when I was, so he took care of that part. Fred Bernau did the part about starting our church in Sutherlin, as he and Shirley had gone their Sunday afternoons for several months to round up the congregation, which had been dead for some 40 years. Fr. Dave Lane from Dallas came since he had been one of our first full-time assistants. Dorothy Schmidt portrayed both my first congregation at St. Helens, where she and Heinie had lived and been active at Christ Church before moving to Riddle, being a hard worker there. Fran Elliott, of course, since she was parish secretary two different times. And it was all planned and choreographed by Sally Gibbons and Helen Bauer. I was really flabbergasted! No one had dropped any kind of hint. It was hard to live up to.

On Wednesday January 22 Joe Russell had his first communion service as a priest: it was held in the Parish Hall that evening, using the new liturgy, a folk mass with three guitars, 2 bass, and me at the piano. At least I tried to cooperate!

*The Preacher & the Teacher:
the story of our years at St. George's
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Salisbury Cathedral Salisbury, England

This cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese of Salisbury and the seat of the Bishop of Salisbury.

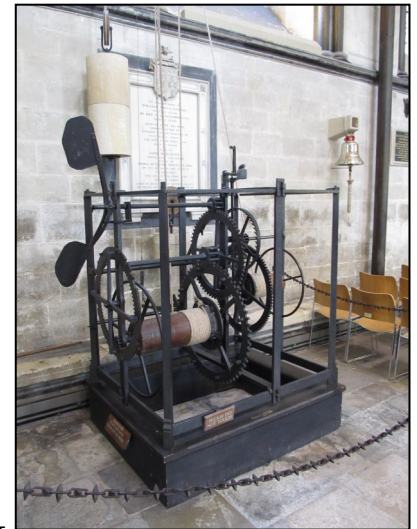
Work was started on the main body of the cathedral in 1220 and completed in 1258—only 38 years—although other parts of the building were not completed until 1280. The spire, which is the tallest church spire in the United Kingdom at 404 feet, was not completed until 1320. Even today the land around that part of the city is still farmland and the spire can be seen from many miles away. However, since the church was built on marshland, over the centuries many buttresses, bracing arches, and anchor irons have been added to prevent the spire from falling down.

The cathedral has one of only four original copies of the Magna Carta—which was signed in 1215—

due to the fact that an official who was responsible for distributing this document after the signing at Runnymede retained one and later became a canon at Salisbury whilst supervising the building of the church.

The church contains the world's oldest working clock, ⇨ although from 1884 until 1956 this clock was not in working order.

Although the cathedral lacks a ring of bells, it does strike the time every 15 minutes



with bells. The current organ was built in 1877 and a faithful restoration was carried out on the site in 1916.

There is both a boys' choir and a girls' choir, which sing at daily Evensong, Sunday Matins, and Eucharist services.

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Upcoming



the
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in WESTERN OREGON

DIOCESAN *Renewal* GATHERING

MAY 3, 2025 – ST. PAUL'S, SALEM
9 a.m.–3 p.m. (doors at 8:30 a.m.)

Join us for a day of worship, learning, reflection, and renewal! All are welcome at this special event that will bring together clergy and laity from across the diocese for a time of connection and spiritual growth. **The Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre**, Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at the Iliff School of Theology will speak. A Gift Basket Raffle will benefit Latino Ministries. Lunch will be provided, along with many opportunities for fellowship. Use the QR code or visit qrco.de/ecwo to register today!



Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the April Stamp of the Month

April is National Grange Month

The National Grange was founded December 4, 1867, in Washington D.C as a family and community organization with its roots in agriculture and was officially celebrated for the first time in 2010. The Grange actively lobbied Congress for free rural mail delivery by the Post Office.

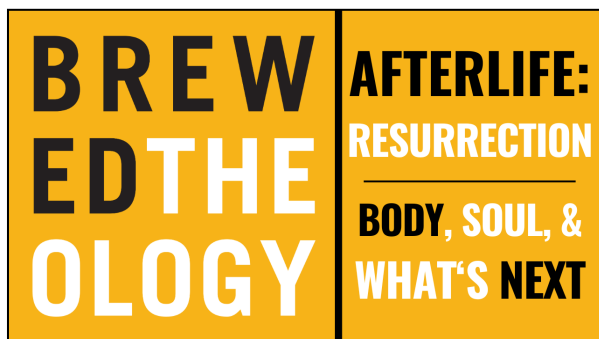
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The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December.
Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

*Poster by Clarence Adams,
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

Brewed Theology



Graphic by Rev. Janine Goodrich

Join us for Brewed Theology at Brix—
Thursday, April 3rd, at 2:30 or 6:30.
(Come early if you are eating!)

This month, as we celebrate Easter and resurrection, we will be talking about what comes next after this life. What do you think? What do you hope? Join us as we wonder together what God has in store for us.



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