



# The Dragon Scoop

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"Loving God,  
Loving Our Neighbors"

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## Easter



**Mary Magdalene in the Garden with Jesus**  
*Detail of Mosaic in Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral*

## Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

**When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.**

—*John 20:19-20*



Every morning, I am reminded that I am a frail and vulnerable Human Being. I can't miss it. There, in the mirror, I see the scar from my heart surgery. I was not aware of the severity of the condition except one day, something just seemed ... off. It was a lengthy process between awareness and the eventual healing. In between discovery and recovery, I was (and still am) humbled and blessed because there were so many people who walked with me in my darkest valley to bring me to where I am now.

I have been thinking about scars. You can't live life without acquiring scars. And scars are more than just physical. Emotional, psychological and spiritual ... scars are part of what it means to be a Human Being.

So, it means something that Jesus showed up to the disciples, who were deeply scared, and His first words were words of peace ... and then He showed them His own scars. Those scars are physical words, and they proclaim, "I know!" The scars we carry will never be the conclusion of our story because:

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too will live a new life. For if we have been united in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."

—*Romans 6:3-5*

# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

The Showcase of Quilts Tour was a topic of discussion at our March meeting. It will be a tour of four historic churches on June 13. Our church will be one of those churches in which Umpqua Valley Quilters Guild will display their quilts. They are asking us to display any pictures and articles we might have of St. George depicting our history. Let us know if you have any to share.

We also talked about the ECW Spirituality Day, April 25, at St. Mary's in Eugene. Let me know if you are interested. I have information about the workshops or registration.

We continued to discuss how to respectfully use the Jewell Gates Memorial Funds.

Kathy Glockner presented a beautiful and entertaining video of her last trip to Africa while we enjoyed a great lunch.

Sue Phelps's "Thought for the Day" from Gandhi (also printed on the back of the shirt she had on):

The greatness of a nation  
and its moral progress  
can be judged by the way  
its animals are treated.

Jenn Reida, the FISH Pantry Director, will be our speaker at our April 16 meeting.

Remember to put aside items for the rummage sale.

**Rummage Sale:**  
**Wed. & Thurs., April 29 & 30, 4-6**  
**Fri., May 1, 9-4**  
**Sat., May 2, 9-noon**

## Inspiration

### Communion

There's no bread.  
The bakers have gone into hiding.  
The seats at the table are empty.  
The Twelve are out marching with the thousands.  
The streets are filled with a new song.  
Only Judas sits at Target Plaza, counting his silver,  
while Pontius Pilate issues a carefully-worded statement.  
Meanwhile, the centurions have quotas to fill.  
But out on the streets there's a Communion.  
Jesus takes the city in his hands and says,  
"This is my body, broken for you."

Rob Hardy  
February 2, 2026

# Upcoming

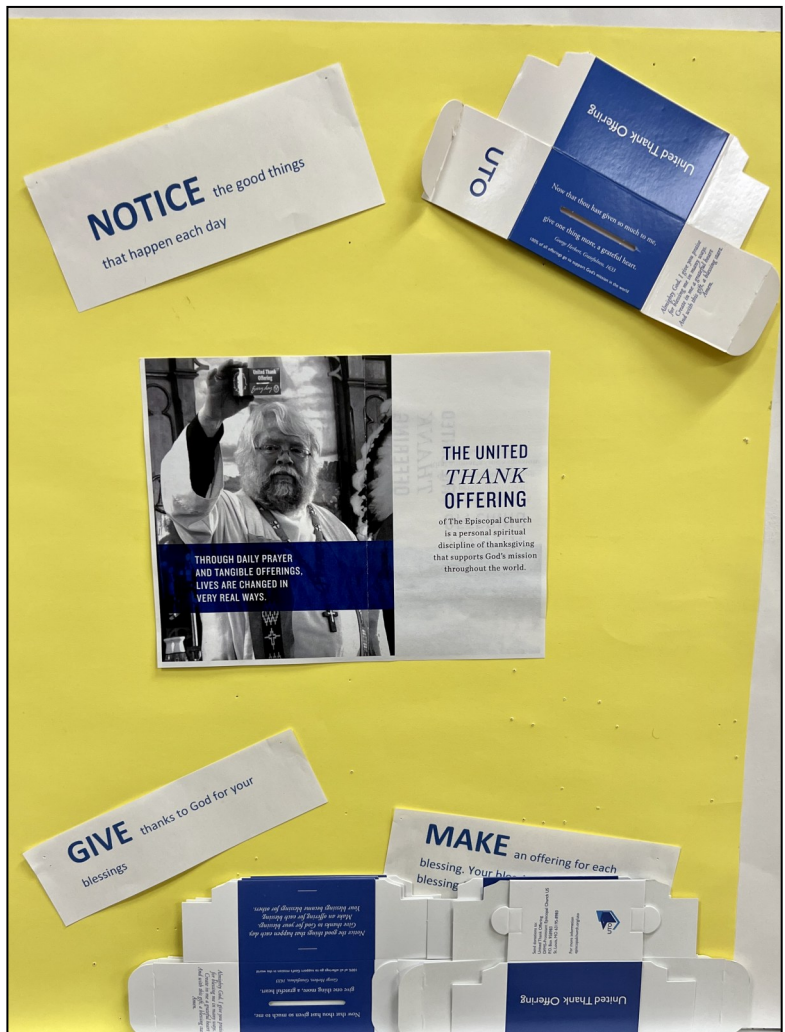
## Dates to Remember

### Memorial

A memorial service for the Rev. Jim Boston will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, at St. Luke's, Grants Pass. Bishop Akiyama will preside and the Rev. Ryan Baker-Fones will preach. Please continue to keep Jim's wife, Pam, and all who love him in your prayers.

### United Thank Offering

There is still plenty of time to make your offerings. The UTO intake date is May 17.



### Out-of-Town

The Revs. Goodrich will be out of town April 20-22 for the Episcopal Clergy Conference in Silverton.

# Parish News

Thanks to Sue Phelps for this photo.



*Clockwise from top left:*

**New Crucifer Shawn Smith**

***Birthday Blessings***  
for  
**Devon Blankenship**  
and  
**Margo Wilkins**

***Birthday Blessings***  
for  
**Doug Holloway**  
and  
**One of Our Favorite  
Young Parishioners**

# The Preacher & The Teacher

## 1970, continued

Father Tyson explores his ancestors' history during the final days of the trip. Then it's home to Oregon at last.

Wednesday we drove to Grassmere and toured Dove Cottage—Wordsworth's home—learning Ann Tyson was his godmother. Then we saw his grave at the village church. Back to Hawkshead for lunch and to visit the Grammer School that both Wordsworth and my great, great grandfather Tyson had attended about the same time. We also visited Seathwaite, a village not far from Eskdale where my great, great grandfather had been vicar for 50 years. There was a shiny brass plaque on the wall honoring him. I photographed it and found later that my own reflection was in the picture! His grave and that of five of his sons was in the parish cemetery.

On Thursday, the three of us crossed Lake Windemere on the ferry and drove along the Roman Wall through Penrith to Alnwick (pronounced Ann-ick). Here, according to my Uncle Gerald, was where Sir Gilbert Tyson built the first castle in this area after the Norman conquest of 1066. He had been the standard bearer for William, who gave him the right to build a castle here as a reward for his service at the Battle of Hastings. However, the castle was not open to the public when we were there as it was the residence of the Duke of Northumberland, one of the wealthiest men in England.

However, when I showed Uncle Gerald's papers and told the officer that we were flying back to Oregon soon he suggested we talk to Mr. Hinds, a barrister, whose grandmother had been a Tyson. He made an appointment for us for the next day and Mr. Hinds said he couldn't get us into the castle itself because the Duke was in residence, but he would arrange for us to have an escorted tour of the Castle grounds (all inside the outer walls). So next we knew we were admitted to the castle grounds and given a personal tour.

There are four round towers on the castle corners with a ring of coats-of-arms around the top of

each. Our guide said, "Do you see those coats-of-arms?" And of course, we did. "Well," he said, "the first one on each tower is the Tyson coat-of-arms!" We were duly impressed!

Leaving Alnwick we drove north to the castle of Warkworth where we had a bite of lunch. On the way we drove out to Lindisfarne ("Holy Isle") and then into Edinburg for the night at the Alden Hotel on Royal Terrace Street, not far from the huge statue of Sir Walter Scott.

Saturday August 17 we spent the day sightseeing around Edinburg, walking along Princes Street, looking at the castle on the hill. We also visited Holyrood Palace and Abbey, famous in history and literature. "We walked miles tonight trying to find a restaurant that suited both Thelma and Caroline." Our last night in Europe.

Monday we drove to the airport where we left our car—an Austin rented from Godfrey-Davis. We boarded a BEA (British Airways) four-motor prop jet to fly to London, changing to a two-motor jet for the flight to Amsterdam, where we had lunch before boarding another Tranavia Holland Boeing 707 for the flight home along with 177 other passengers and waiting in a long slow-moving "queue." We left at 8:30 P.M. for Seattle, arriving at 2:30 A.M. Pacific Coast time. After going through customs we boarded a Trailways bus for Portland where we arrived exactly on time—at 5:45. Steve and Charlotte met us and we spent the night at the Bishop's Close in Portland on the edge of Lake Oswego.



*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

### Belfast Cathedral, Belfast, Northern Ireland



In 1941 the cathedral escaped extensive damage when a German bomb destroyed surrounding properties.

The organ, built in 1907, is the second largest pipe organ in Northern Ireland.

The building houses many fine examples of carved stonework as well as intricate needlework on cushions and kneelers.



Belfast Cathedral, also known as St. Anne's Cathedral, is a cathedral of the Church of Ireland. It serves two separate dioceses and although it does not house the seat of a bishop, is none the less classed as a cathedral.

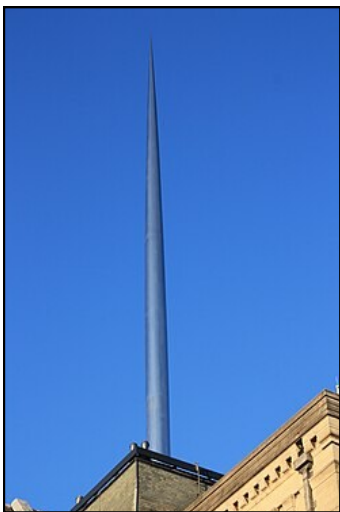
There was a parish church of St. Anne on the site dating from 1776. The foundation stone of the new cathedral was laid in 1899 and was built around the parish church, which was eventually demolished in 1904.

Initially just the nave was built, and this was consecrated in 1904. The central crossing in which the choir sits was added in 1924 and the west front

A tradition which started in 1976 is for the Dean to sit outside the cathedral for the 10 days before Christmas collecting donations for local charities. The first Dean to do this was dressed in his black Anglican clerical cloak. He was soon recognized as the Black Santa.

in 1927. The Baptistry was dedicated in 1928 and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in 1932.

More recently the south transept and organ loft were dedicated in 1974, the north transept in 1981, and a stainless steel spire (left) was added in 2007.



*The Very Rev. Stephen Forde  
as the current Black Santa*

*This article was first published here in the August 2015 issue and has been updated slightly.*

# Financial Report

## by Kathy Glockner

### Finances 2026

	January	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 11,235	\$ 7,321	\$ 11,235	\$ 7,321
Other Income	3,655	2,331	3,655	2,331
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,890</b>	<b>9,652</b>	<b>14,890</b>	<b>9,652</b>
Expenses	10,859	14,718	10,859	14,718
	<u>\$ 4,031</u>	<u>\$ (5,067)</u>	<u>\$ 4,031</u>	<u>\$ (5,067)</u>
	February	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 6,905	\$ 7,321	\$ 18,140	\$ 14,642
Other Income	3,421	2,331	7,076	4,662
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10,326</b>	<b>9,652</b>	<b>25,216</b>	<b>19,304</b>
Expenses	16,439	14,718	27,299	29,437
	<u>\$ (6,113)</u>	<u>\$ (5,067)</u>	<u>\$ (2,082)</u>	<u>\$ (10,133)</u>

Our January pledges greatly exceeded the annual budget as we have some people paying for the whole year upfront. It also made our bottom line look good for the month of January.

In January our pledges were down, but we were above budget for the year-to-date amount. Our expenses were over budget in February. Our big expense was liability insurance. We pay that only every other month or quarterly. Though the month's numbers are not as encouraging, our year-to-date numbers are better than budgeted.

## Wise Words from Bishop Charleston

### A PRAYER OF PROTECTION

Come stand in the center of the circle  
 Come stand beneath the wing of the sacred.  
 There is a heart who knows your name  
 There is a mind who knows your struggle.  
 More ancient than Earth herself  
 More wise than all the wisdom of the world.  
 Close your eyes and open your spirit

This love enfolds you in its wings.  
 Do not lower your head to fear  
 But raise your hands to receive this blessing.  
 You are safe within the arms of grace  
 You are sheltered within the home of hope.  
 Rise up in your strength renewed  
 Rise up and receive the gift of glory.

# Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the Stamp of the Month

## April is International Amateur Radio Month



Scott #1260, issued on  
December 15, 1964  
Anchorage, AK

An annual celebration held to honor  
and promote the hobby of amateur radio,  
also known as ham radio.



On March 27, 1964 a massive 9.2 earthquake hit  
Anchorage, Valdez, and the surrounding areas. In  
the aftermath, amateur radio operators provided  
essential emergency communications, which greatly  
aided relief and rescue operations. #1260 was  
issued on the 50th Anniversary of the American  
Radio League.

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

Poster by Clarence Adams,  
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

# Brewed Theology

**BREW  
ED THE  
OLOGY**

**MADE IN  
WHOSE  
IMAGE?**

**GENETIC ENGINEERING  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
AND WHAT IT MEANS TO  
BE HUMAN**

Thurs., April 23—Gather at 2:00 and 6:00.  
Conversations start at 2:30 and 6:30.

This month's topic:  
"Made in Whose Image: Genetic Engineering,  
Artificial Intelligence, and What It Means to Be  
Human"

Brix Bar, 527 SE Jackson



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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10 am—2 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10:30 am**  
**Sundays**  
**and**  
**10 am**  
**Wednesdays**

