



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



*By this everyone will know that you are my
disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:35*



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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

I recently read a short article called "Congregational development: on the rediscovery of Anglican identity." It featured the former rector of St. Paul's, Seattle, a congregation I attended for a year in the early 1970's. St. Paul's was then a thriving, relatively modern, Anglo-catholic congregation. Sunday attendance was about 200. A decade ago, its ASA (Average Sunday attendance, a term with which we should all become familiar) was down to 89 and its finances were in bad shape. The Reverend Melissa Skelton became rector in 2005. When she left in 2014 to become bishop of New Westminster in British Columbia, Canada, the ASA was over 275 and finances were fine.

That's tripling attendance in nine years, a reasonable goal for St. George's. Maybe even faster. Why not tripling in five years?

Bishop Skelton had advanced training in congregational development, which she applied in Seattle, and now does so in Canada. She commented that while the people of St. Paul's wanted their parish to grow, the first step was overcoming shyness. She said, "... it was a very shy congregation ... just figuring out how to talk to people who visited was a stretch." That is not the way I remember St. Paul's from the 70's, nor the way I see St. George's. If anything, the friendly folk here may need to be a bit more sensitive to the shyness of some of our visitors.

Skelton listed five factors in successful congregational development:

- Focusing on the core purpose of the parish and working towards it in a deeper, more connected way;
- Deepening ecclesial identity, in this case Anglican identity, to reflect more deeply who they are;
- Learning to respond to the challenges and opportunities in front of them;
- Working to connect factors such as identity, vision, building, neighborhood, finances, ministry, and people;
- Working on parish culture to be more transparent, collaborative, and forgiving, to engage people and to offer them greater choice.

As a bishop she is now working to recruit the best possible clergy and to give them, and lay leadership, training in congregational development.

To simplify, Bishop Skelton's factors, for us, could be: to know who we are as Episcopalians and what is our purpose; to know our setting in southern Oregon; to connect the varied pieces of parish life; and to work together as a team, practicing openness, variety, welcome, and mercy.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer. Thank you for the way you bless me and Pam. Pray and think about whom to invite to worship with us. Don't miss the parish picnic on August 28.

God bless us all, in Christ,

Fr. Jim+

June Vestry Meeting Highlights

Class of 2017	Nancy Baum	Pete Benham	Steve Thomas
Class of 2018	Jean Bowden	Bill Riley	Bob Spielman
Class of 2019	Mike Brossia	Sue Phelps	David Sayers

June 23, 2016

Attendance: the Reverend Jim Boston, Nancy Baum, Jean Bowden, Mike Brossia, Pete Benham, Bill Riley, Sue Phelps, Steve Thomas, Bob Spielman, David Sayers, and Melvin Wilcox, Clerk.

Visitors: Kathy Glockner, David and Marcia Jackson, and Karen Trone

Notes in brackets indicate actions taken since the June Vestry meeting.

Property Management/Facilities

Plexiglas was added around the stained glass windows. It was suggested that we find a craftsman to refinish the windows. [Bill Riley and Bob Spielman are well along on the project.]

Pete and Steve inspected the building grounds and found the upstairs bathrooms need caulking and the roof needs watching because of external intrusions. [Done by Bill Riley.]

Old Business

The Safe Havens grant application was sent in. ECW will match the funds.

New Business

Ten new prayer books and five large print prayer books will be purchased. [Done.]

Bill suggested that the Greek Orthodox sign be placed at the lower end of the property.

Miscellaneous

Roger Helliwell has been storing the church's original red doors (from before the remodel) and would like to have them stored elsewhere. [They are now in the Parish Hall. Suggestions for re-use are welcome.]

Father Jim wants to have a social or education event with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, such as a potluck meal and conversation about how our churches are similar. Pete will talk to John Trotogott to arrange a date when our congregations can get together.

Starting in September we will strategize about ways we can publicize our church with interesting projects or events.

FISH Report



Thanks to all who helped with the recent food drive for the FISH Food Pantry. Four local grocery stores were involved: Grocery Outlet, Sherm's, Fred Meyer, and Albertsons. St. George volunteers worked at the Albertsons stations, together with First Presbyterian Church congregants. Almost 4,000 pounds of food were collected from all four stores as well as \$876.09 donated. This is about a 750-pound increase in donated food over the summer 2015 food drive.

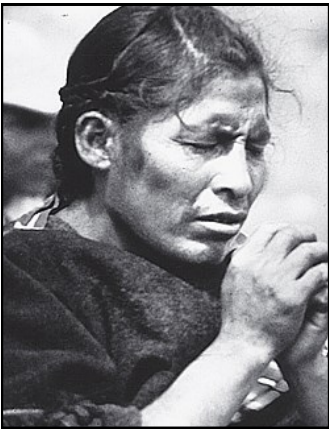
If you are thinking about donating food to FISH, here are some of the items the pantry always needs.

Preferred Food Items

Canned Goods Meats, Tuna Fish Vegetables Fruit	Dried Foods Pasta Rice Dried Fruits
Baking Goods Flour Sugar Cornmeal	Condiments Cooking Oil Mayonnaise Ketchup
Cereals Sugar free cereals Oatmeal	Peanut Butter Soups/Sauces Baby Food

Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez



From time to time as part of my work I get to see “the rest of the story.” I had the honor of attending one of my Indian Education student’s tribal ceremonies. It is a ceremony that includes tests of endurance and personal, psychological, physical, and spiritual strength. The event would require him to learn the boundaries of his endurance. I stood in prayer with his young wife and mother. It was hard to watch and stand silently by. At one point his body started to crumble. His mother turned to me and said, “Can I give him my strength?”

I told her that she could give him her love but her strength would not be enough. At some point he would realize that only God can save him. I told her to pray with all her might that he find that thought. Later I spoke to him about his ordeal. He told me about his turning point. He told me that God’s strength is limitless. He told me that he had learned to pray with all his being. His ego was defeated, his spirit was triumphant in God.

This last month we made Episcopal style rosaries: a little reminder and tangible tool to remind us that our help is as close as prayer. Our own strength is not enough, only He can save us. The battle is already won; we just have to remember to claim the promise of victory.

but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14

Fir Grove School Project

Dear Members of St. George,

It is time to prepare for our annual collection of school supplies for Fir Grove Elementary School on Harvard Avenue by the VA entrance. Our newcomers may not know that we collected school supplies for many years, taking them to Rose School as they were close to our neighborhood. But when Rose closed and many students were moved to Fir Grove we voted to move too. Thelma Sayers chaired this project in the past and our parishioners have been very generous. One costly item needed was backpacks (and we had 27 donated last year despite the cost!). But thanks to COSTCO who donated I think it was 250 or 300 backpacks to Fir Grove last year (blessings to COSTCO) we do not need to provide backpacks this year.

Please bring your contributions for the kids on Sunday, August 21. We usually bless them on the altar during the church service. They will be delivered to Fir Grove August 22.

Be at the church at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, August 22 if you would like to be part of the delivery.

Items wanted are:

- Pink Pearl erasers
- Notebook paper (college or wide ruled)
- Zippered pouches
- Rulers
- Kleenex
- Crayons (24)
- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Glue sticks
- 3-ring binders (1.5 or 2")
- No. 2 pencils
- Set of highlighters

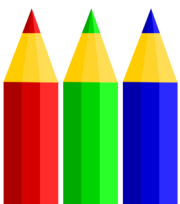


and

- Socks, underwear, and even pants and tee-shirts. These are greatly appreciated. Accidents do happen and need does occur due to other situations. If you have ever seen a grateful child, it is one who has clean clothes before facing the other children after accidents. Surely we will feel the blessing by blessing them.

Thank you,

Marcia Jackson
Project Chairman



Spotlight on Rick Williams

Since long-time parishioner Rick Williams will be leaving Roseburg in August and moving across the country to live with his son Kevin in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania, this seemed like a good time to get to know him better.



"I was born dead," Rick says with a twinkle in his eye. And then he explains, "I wasn't breathing and my mother was hemorrhaging, so the doctor concentrated on her." If it hadn't been for the nurse who worked on Rick for twenty minutes, he wouldn't be here today, but she was able to revive him. Rick's father was head of the UCLA math department and his mother was a script judge for MGM. Rick went to work for MGM at the age of six and a half. He could dance before he could walk.

If you want to see Rick on film today, watch the 1964 movie *Mary Poppins*. He is one of the dancers in the "Step in Time" rooftop dance, a stunning—and dangerous—work of art. He is the only red-headed chimney sweep and is distinctive enough that he is easy to pick out in the scene.

Rick was forced to leave Hollywood because of severe pollution poisoning. He moved on to New York and then to London (still too much pollution!) and finally to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, where he worked as the

school's choreographer. During a winter storm in Lincoln, he was severely injured by an unexpected encounter with a forklift. A doctor told him to prepare for his leg to be amputated, but a male nurse in attendance interrupted to say that Rick was a brilliant choreographer and couldn't possibly lose his leg. Instead he was flown to the medical school in Omaha, where surgeons worked on him for 19 hours and gave him only a 15% chance of being able to dance again. He beat the odds.

Knowing he had to walk 20 miles a day in order to regain his ability to dance, Rick decided to move his family to Lakeside, Oregon and then later to the University of Oregon, where his wife left him and their three children. The marriage had been rocky, but it was still a shock for Rick. It was through a theatre class at U of O that Rick met his future wife, Joy. "I never in my life met anybody who was as easy to talk to," he says. They courted over the next couple of years and started attending St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eugene.

In 1979 Rick and Joy married and moved to Roseburg along with his three sons, Kevin, Dennis, and Brian (sadly, Rick's oldest son Charlie had died at age two). Rick taught humanities at Phoenix school and was UCC's choreographer. Rick and Joy joined St. George's and Rick soon became a lay reader and Eucharistic minister. Over the years he was acolyte master, high school religion teacher, and of course, choir member. Summers he directed plays with St. George children.

Last year Rick lost Joy, the love of his life. It has been extremely difficult for him without her. Recognizing how important it is for him to have family around him, he decided to relocate to the East Coast. Portland wasn't an option for him because of the climate.

We will miss you, Rick! God bless and keep you and make his face to shine upon you and give you peace!

Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 28, 2016, 3:00 PM

at Jon and Jeannie Burpee's Home



games



swimming



food

*Bring your family, beverages, plates and utensils,
swim suit, and container for harvest*



Sign up in the Parish Hall
before August 28. Bring a
salad or dessert or a cold
watermelon — hotdogs,
hamburgers, and corn on
the cob will be provided.

Two or three volunteers are
needed to come an hour
early to help set up.

Parish News



*Thank you, Frank Graham, for
your service as St. George's
Treasurer.*



*Happy 67th Anniversary,
Don and Betty Severson!*



*The Reverend Sherman
Hesselgrave, left, with Father Jim
Boston. Father Sherman was St.
George's Rector several years ago
and is now the Incumbent at the
Church of the Holy Trinity in
Toronto, Canada. He visited
Roseburg in July. Thank you, Pete
Benham, for the photo.*

More Parish News



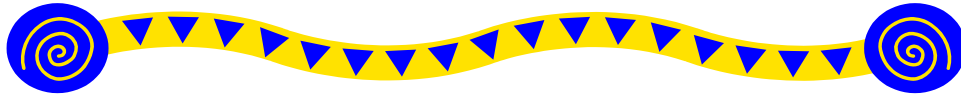
The Rectory has been roofed with one-inch tongue and groove solid sheathing. These shots were taken on July 21 by Bill Riley.



Pam Boston, Carolyn Spielman, and Margo Wilkins led an Anglican Rosary workshop on July 14. Participants learned how to make rosaries and how to pray using them. A follow-up workshop took place a week later.

More Parish News

Nancy Baum reported that she and Father Jim Boston, along with Steve and Margaret Thomas, attended the July meeting of the Southern Oregon Convocation in Grants Pass. Steve gave a report on St. George at that time. The big question discussed at the meeting was how to determine the size of a parish. Do you count pledging members, baptized members, or average Sunday attendance? Let Nancy know your thoughts.



What in the world is Pokémon GO? The original video game of Pokémon started in the late 1990's in Japan. Its goal is to collect virtual creatures. What's new is the release in early July of a free version of the game that runs on smart phones. It uses the phone's GPS to detect the player's location and then make Pokémon's seem to appear on the screen. The player captures the Pokémon and continues on a quest to "Catch 'em all." People of all ages, especially twenty-somethings and families, are playing. The game gets them out walking around neighborhoods as they search for the Pokémon's.

Why should we care? Because St. George was designated a Pokéstop by the game designers. This means we may well see some new faces in and around the church. Let's use the game as a chance to engage with people who might otherwise never come to us.



This is what a player will see on the game screen at our Pokéstop.



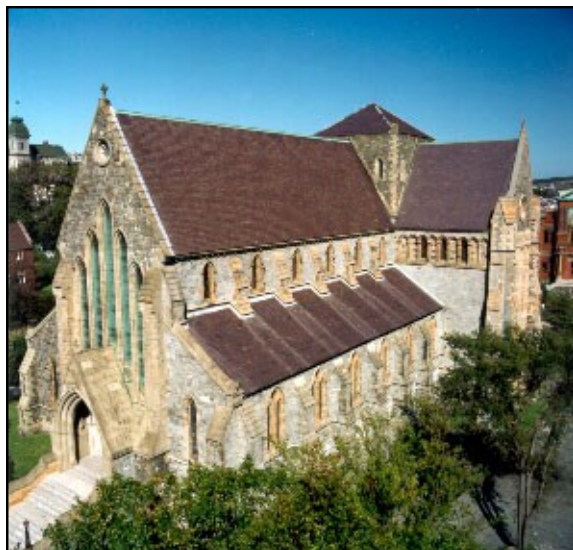
Here is a wild Zubat that Leigh Van Sickle failed to catch. Ask her after church if you'd like to see more Pokémon's.

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

St. John the Baptist St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada

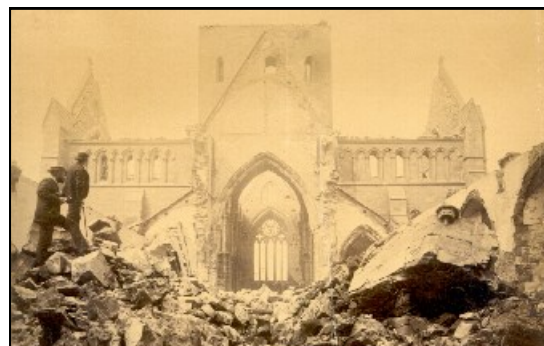
The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is the seat of the Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.



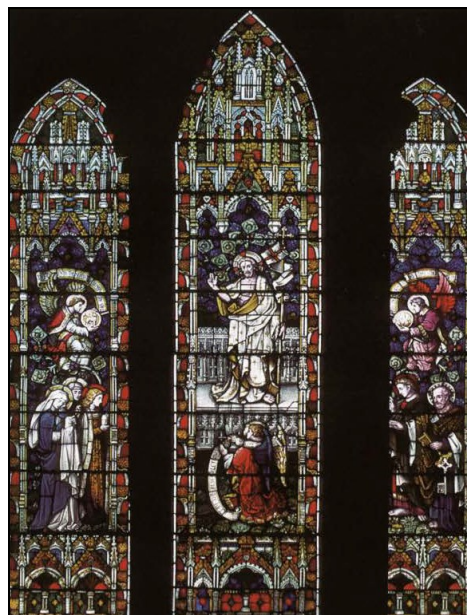
The parish was founded in 1699 in response to a petition by the Anglican townsfolk sent to the Bishop of London. In this petition, the people also requested help in the rebuilding of their church, which had been destroyed by fire by the French.

The parish is the oldest Anglican establishment in Canada. At least six wooden structures had stood on the site but the first stone church was begun in 1843. After the nave was completed in 1847 no further building was undertaken for 35 years until the choir and transept were completed in 1885.

In 1892 the cathedral was extensively damaged by fire, causing the roof and some of the walls to collapse. The intense heat caused most of the leaded glass windows to melt. One of the two surviving windows can still be seen in the Sacristy.



After the fire of 1892



The tripartite Resurrection Window (1886) by Lavers, Barraud, and Westlake, which survived the fire of 1892. The "tears" visible on Mary's face are molten lead, a direct result of the fire's intense heat.

Restoration of the Cathedral commenced the following year and was completed in 1905. The original plans called for a spire but due to the high cost this has yet to be achieved.

The original organ was installed in 1904 and was rebuilt in 1927. It has four keyboards for the hands, a pedal keyboard for the feet, and 3,600 pipes.

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amaritan Inn is the Roseburg Rescue Mission's shelter for women and children. They are always in need of suitcases, large totes, duffle bags, laundry detergent, fresh produce, and toiletries. Please note that donated mouthwash or rinse cannot contain alcohol.

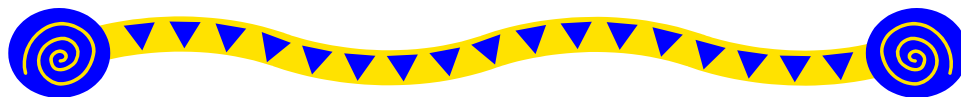


God's Portrait

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



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**10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday**

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

**Sunday
10:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer**

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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**