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Everyday Adventures: Just How Big Is the Concept of Evangelism?

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Growing up, I learned about evangelism and came to understand it as bringing people to the Christian faith who previously had not had the benefit of a formal introduction to our God. That meant to me that I needed to find those “unchurched” souls and somehow convince them that I knew what was best for them. And, it also meant that evangelism had nothing to do with people I met along the way who already were either nominally Christian or actively attended church.

In the last few years, I have come to believe that evangelism also encompasses assisting others to develop a deeper and closer relationship with Christ than what they might have thought possible. I have been the recipient of evangelistic outreach when I have been invited to attend a particular church, to become a member of church groups, to participate in formation programs and outreach service or events. In turn, most recently I have invited others I meet at work or elsewhere to come to my parish's daily Eucharist, to stay for coffee and conversation after our Saturday morning Eucharist service, and by sharing what I know about The Episcopal Church with people coming from other denominations.

... I believe that I am evangelizing when I am able to create the opportunity or environment in which someone wants to explore their faith in a more robust way than they felt able to do in the past. I feel like it is all our responsibility to welcome anyone who might consider entering an Episcopal Church— without judgment about who they love, what ethnic and gender category they find themselves part of, their economic status or how much or how little they know about what is in the Bible. In this, we help them to become closer to Christ.

Read the full article here:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/evangelism/everyday-adventures-just-how-big-concept-evangelism>

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

I have been grateful for the way attendance has been holding up this summer. Thank you for your faithfulness. We all need encouragement, and a good sized, good singing congregation is wonderfully encouraging.

Other good things are happening around the parish. Karla Roady has taken a lead at landscaping the area of our grounds facing Cass Avenue. Bill Riley is working hard on expanding our Columbarium just when we need more spaces. Jean Bowden and others are starting a study group about women of the Bible on Wednesdays after Morning Prayer. Hilary Hall is planning special music for the summer and fall. New people are training as Eucharistic Visitors. The office team of Betty Jo, Nancy, Faye, Jean, and Margaret continues to hold many things together. Our Altar Guild and ECW are among the best in the Diocese of Oregon, as is our Sunday coffee hour!

What do we need? Every church could use more prayer, more attendance, more giving, and more study. Take your pick or do several!

We also have some opportunities that are not for everyone. Some of Episcopalians in care facilities need regular visitors. Once a month is good, and more often is even better.

Most of them also have telephones. When I take the time to know them, I find that all of these people have led interesting lives and are fun to visit. I am suggesting only taking on just one, or at the most two, of these shut-ins. That would be two or three hours a month. If interested, talk to me, or email me: jtboston47@gmail.com. Training is available. Another helpful role would be for someone who enjoys talking on the telephone. They could check on people sick at home and on those on our intercession list, and they could call visitors. If you feel you might have that gift, drop me a note or phone.

We are in the midst of summer. I hope you all are enjoying it! Enjoying the outdoors is a blessing. Of course, every season has its blessings. All serve to maintain the balance of our world. All are a gift of God. Don't neglect to thank God for these blessings, at home, in the outdoors, and in Sunday worship, either at St. George's or wherever your travels take you.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+



Questions?

There's a new poster on the bulletin board inviting the congregation to ask Father Jim anything you have been wondering about from the Bible.

He will answer one question each Sunday during coffee hour.

Jot down your question and put it in the box provided in the Parish Hall (names not needed).

Take advantage of this opportunity for a mini-sermon on your chosen topic.

In Memoriam

Donald James Roles, Jr. 1945-2018



A Memorial Service for Jim Roles was held at St. George's on July 25, with Father Jim Boston presiding.

Chris Roles spoke movingly of his father, saying that he was a great Dad and remembering how much fun they had sailing, hunting, and fishing. "We miss him here and now, but in the future we'll be reunited."

Other friends had fond memories: Jim Roles had a great sense of humor. He was a gentleman above all else. He was always ready to add positive, joyful, and—especially—funny comments. He never hesitated to help someone in trouble. He was both an accountant and an adventurer, delighting in boats, motorcycles, and physical activity.



Upcoming

Every Wednesday following the 10:00 Morning Prayer service—discussion of the book *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman.

August 11—Annual Parish Picnic at the home of Kathy Glockner, at 173 Roband Lane.

Directions: Travel west on Garden Valley. When the road forks to either continue on Garden Valley or turn onto Del Rio, take Del Rio. Travel 2/10 of a mile. On the right is Roband Lane. Turn onto Roband Lane. Kathy's is the first driveway on the right.

Kathy says, "I will provide, plates, silverware, ice tea, lemonade (I will make it much stronger), and bottled water. I look forward to having you all. If you have out-of-town guests you are welcome to bring them too."

The Diocese wants to hear from you!

The Diocesan Vision and Relocation Committee and the 11th Bishop of Oregon Search Committee invite you to attend one of the following diocesan-wide listening sessions:

St. Luke's, Grants Pass, August 10, 1:00 – 3:00
St. Barnabas, Portland, August 17, 9:30 – 11:30
Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis,
August 17, 2:30 – 4:30

Each group will provide a short presentation on their work:

The Vision Subcommittee will share a new diocesan mission statement, core values, proposed vision statement, and draft logos. The Relocation Subcommittee will provide an update on the sale of the Bishop's Close and relocation of the diocesan office.

The Search Committee will cover the timeline and a number of FAQs regarding the 11th Bishop of Oregon Search and Transition. The election of the new Bishop will be in June of 2020.

These presentations will be followed by an opportunity for you, the people of the Diocese of Oregon, to ask questions and provide feedback in a variety of interactive activities and discussions. Carpooling is encouraged.

For those unable to attend, the listening session will be filmed and shared online along with digital opportunities to provide input and commentary.

Questions? Contact Heidi Pitts, Director of Communications (heidip@diocese-oregon.org; 971-204-4108).

CHI Mercy Health Hospice Volunteer Training—Tuesdays, September 10 through November 5.

"Volunteering for hospice takes a special calling and is not for everyone, but the one whose heartstrings are pulled to help with hospice is a jewel."

Various ways volunteers can help include

- Sitting with the patient while family get out for errands or appointments.
- Helping to provide comfort during stressful times for patients and their families.
- Assisting in the office.

Contact Anita Smith, Volunteer Liaison, at 541-464-5462 for a brief interview and an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

"The last good thing that might happen in a person's life is a Hospice Volunteer."

Spotlight on Jewell Gates

Jewell Black was born on Dec. 19, 1928, in Redmond, Oregon. Her parents had a sheep ranch in nearby Ashwood (between Madras and Prineville), now a ghost town.



Jewell at age 9 with her brother, Stanton. He was tragically killed in an auto accident when he was 19. Jewell named her first son after him.

After her parents divorced, Jewell went to live in Bend. Trinity Episcopal Church was adjacent to the high school Jewell attended and had a very active youth group. Although her family was 1st Christian, they were not unhappy when she became an Episcopalian.

Right: Jewell at 16—her high school graduation picture.



Left: Jewell leading the Bend High School Band's majorettes.



Jewell graduated from Eastern Oregon College (now University) in La Grande with a degree in public relations. She worked for West Coast Telephone Company and it was there in La Grande that she met her future husband. Dick Gates was working on his master's degree in special education at the University of Oregon. They married in December of 1949 in La Grande.

Dick's first job was in La Grande, where their son Stanton was born. Dick took the position of special education director in Roseburg, where they lived from 1953-1956. Their son Jeffrey was born in Roseburg.

After Roseburg the family moved first to Cedar Hills, near Portland, where their daughter, Michelle, was born, and then to Oregon City. But Dick was asked to go to Astoria to start the first Job Corps in the U.S. Jewell says, "You can imagine the surprise of the urban kids from Back East when they arrived in Oregon!" Jewell noted that Grace Episcopal in Astoria is one of their favorite churches.

Dick's special education jobs took him across the country. They moved to New Jersey ("like another world") and then to Pennsylvania, where he worked in the main office of Philco-Ford. Besides producing appliances and radios, Philco did lots of government contracts and vocational training. Jewell became an estimator for Greyhound National Moving Company. It was her job to look at someone's belongings and decide how much room was needed in the truck. She got very good at it.

Dick found he preferred not to be in the main office, so he went to an Indian school in Madera, CA, and then on to Montana where he trained whole rural families who no longer had a way to make a living on small farms.

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Spotlight on Jewell Gates, cont.

The Gates family returned to Roseburg in 1974. Dick had always been interested in community colleges and was delighted to become Director of Developmental Education Programs at UCC. He was instrumental in getting the Woolley Center going and he landed the Job Corps contract for the college. He stayed at UCC some 20 years before retiring.



Jewell went into real estate for about 15 years until Dick fell ill. He died in 2001. At one time they owned 20 acres out in Melrose, which included a small vineyard.

Jewell's son Stanton lives in the Bend/Redmond area, returning to his mother's High Desert roots. He is a master mechanic and has become an expert on antique guns as well. Her son Jeffrey was working on his doctorate in public health at Columbia University in New York, but sadly, he died before he could finish his degree. Daughter Michelle is employed in the finance section of the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Always active in church life, Jewell is a mainstay of both ECW and the Altar Guild. She also counts the St. George money intake once a month.

Jewell is a blessing to St. George's—a jewel in the crown of our church.



Financial Report by Kathy Glockner

From the report for June, we are doing well so far. Year to date, our pledges are at **\$35,393.00**. Our year-to-date budget is **\$29,763.00**.

Some people paid the full amount of their pledge at the beginning of the year, so as the year progresses, the difference between will decrease. On the other hand, some people give more than their pledged amount, but it gets put under pledges if you are a pledging member.

The Rev. Boston and our wonderful office staff have kept expenses to a minimum. Year-to-date expenses are **\$44,744.04**. Our budgeted year-to-date amount was **\$52,952.14**.

That leaves us in the black by **\$15,969.94**.

Good work, team! Keep it up.

Popcorn and Pop

On July 13 St. George's put on the Second Annual Popcorn and Pop Event for the 38th Annual Umpqua Flatheads Roseburg Graffiti Night Cruise.

Volunteers included Nancy Baum, Jean Bowden, Jewell Gates, Betty Jo and Zack Hoffman, and Sue and Jerry Phelps.

The event was a great success with the community and good publicity for our church.



Left: Nancy and Jewell

Above: Jerry and Betty Jo

Below: Parishioner Frank Graham driving his vintage Mustang. His daughter Baylee is beside him in the front seat and his daughter Nikki is in the back seat with Frank's grandson, Cameron.



Photos by Sue Phelps

Mari-Jo Miles revisits St. George

by Bill Riley

On July 28 Mari-Jo Miles attended church service as a repeat visitor. While talking with her she mentioned that she was looking for work. I semi-jokingly asked if this included physical work and she said it did. After visiting in the Parish Hall she helped me load about 30 partially filled bags of dirt in the back of my pickup.



Despite using a cane to help her walk (she is currently awaiting hip surgery), she had no trouble lifting the bags and it was a tremendous help to me both from a physical standpoint and also morale point of having someone to work with. I said I would be back at 10:00 on Monday and when I got there at 9:30 she was there waiting for me. Not only capable but most certainly eager. We hope to finish digging for the foundation of our new Columbarium on Tuesday.



Photos by Bill Riley

Mari-Jo was born on Oahu, Hawaii in 1962 and was adopted at age two months by William Remington Miles, who went on to retire from the Marine Corps, and his wife Lola Lee Bullard who retired from the U.S. Navy. Mari-Jo graduated from Amador County High School in California in 1978 and the following year the family moved to Roseburg. Her father worked for many years as a volunteer for CASA with their juvenile rehabilitation program and her mother was an RN at the Roseburg VA Hospital until she retired.

Mari-Jo completed two years of nursing school and has worked as a caretaker. She has also worked as a waitress and in fast food restaurants and in construction and gardening. She is currently receiving some financial support due to her disability which helps pay her rent but is looking for work to pay for her food. She does have a driver's license but does not own a car. She most assuredly has my recommendation.

Blessings

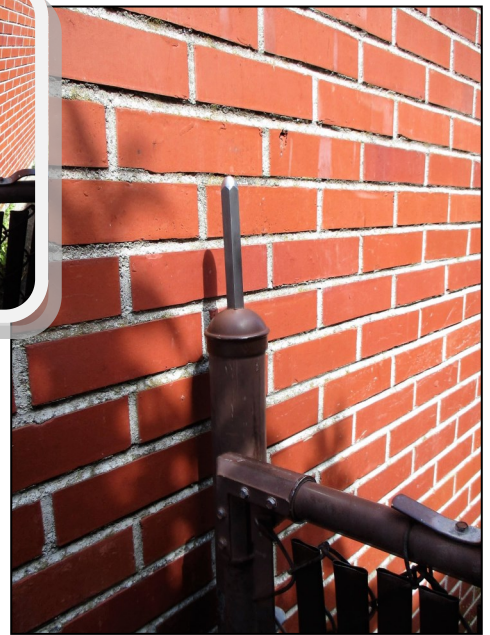
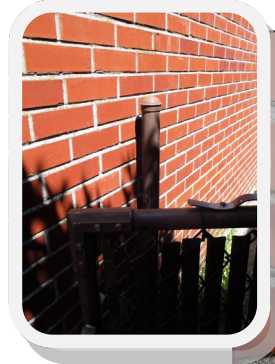


Clockwise from top left:

- 1. Happy Birthday to Melvin Wilcox, Susan Brossia, and Mike Brossia*
- 2. Happy Birthday to Jill Hammerle and Kathy Glockner*
- 3. Happy 58th Anniversary to Judy and Darrell Thayer*
- 4. Happy Birthday to Betty Andrews*
- 5. Healing prayers for Melvin Wilcox; Happy Birthday to Lucille Sellers and to Cameron, Frank Grahams's grandson, age 3.*

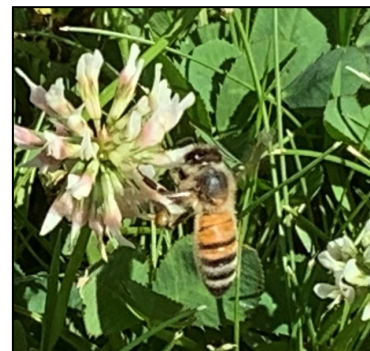
Parish News

A while back one of the leaders of the AA group which meets at St. George explained that unknown persons were stepping on the gatepost located between the Parish Hall and Rectory so they could climb up onto the roof of the Parish Hall. It appears someone actually broke into the AA rooms and stole some things. He suggested that a spike be added to the top of the post. I took the cap from the gatepost to a welder located off Diamond Lake Blvd. to have a spike attached. The welder informed me that two people, including a City Manager, cautioned him about attaching a spike as it might lead to a liability suit if someone got injured. So he attached a rounded top spike. (See before and after pictures right.) Hopefully this will help to deter any unwanted visitors.



Property updates & gatepost photos by Bill Riley

We are planning to expand our Columbarium. We currently have 33 empty spaces in our two existing sections but all but one have been spoken for. Pete is currently checking with people who have paid for them to verify that they still want them. At the last Vestry meeting approval was given to purchase 64 additional spaces which we will install along the west facing wall.



Karla Roady organized the new landscaping on the south side of the Parish Hall. Donations are gladly accepted to offset the cost of the plantings. And notice the bees reveling in the clover!

Parish News



Episcopal Church Women held an informal gathering at the home of Delpha Hammerle on July 18.

Left to right from top left: Nancy Baum, Carolyn Lee, Margaret Thomas (standing), Jewell Gates, Jean Bowden, with Karla Roady in the foreground.

The group celebrated Jewell's birthday too.

Photo by Mik Carlson.

Umpqua Valley Arts Association is holding their Annual Members' Exhibit through September 20. Don't miss this chance to see some terrific local artists, including our own Hellene Chapman, whose artwork is seen at right.

Titled "Star Paths," this stunning mixed media painting is done in acrylic paint, beads, sequins, yarn, and glue. The photo doesn't begin to do it justice.





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The FISH Summer Food Drive at local grocery stores on July 27 brought in 3710 pounds of food and \$831.35 for the Pantry. At Albertson's, which was staffed by St. George parishioners, 585 pounds of food were collected along with \$85 in cash.



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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

August