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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

Thank You, Pastor Gail!



While the Goodriches are on vacation, Pastor Gail Duba has kindly agreed to preside over Holy Eucharist for three Sundays at St. George's. We welcome her back joyfully!



Photo by Karla Roady

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

I write this, I am preparing to take Andrew and Malena to the ELCA National Youth Gathering next week in New Orleans. It is a powerful experience, gathering 16,000+ young people together to encourage and embolden them to live out their faith in their lives. The last time we gathered it was in Houston in 2018 30,000+ youth gathered in those pre-COVID years) and it was just as hot and muggy as I'm sure New Orleans will be. But, it turns out, we didn't melt, and the speakers and the music and the opportunities to learn and serve with local folks were powerful and transformative. And each of us came home inspired and hopeful.

For me, particularly, one speaker gave me a new mantra which I still use often. As he shared his story, he said the words that made all the difference when he was struggling to understand himself, to accept himself, to love himself, were simply ... "There's grace for that."

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I don't think I can say it enough. I know I need to keep hearing it. Most of us do...over and over and over again. When we're struggling to understand ourselves, accept ourselves, love ourselves. When we're kicking ourselves for not getting something "right" or when we're

stressing out over whether we made everyone happy or got everything done or when we're frustrated that things didn't work out the way we wanted them to...we need someone to say—"You know what? **There's grace for that.**"

Churches, more than anything, need to be places where grace is freely given. Here, grace should be the automatic default—when things go wrong or don't go our way. It's ok...there's grace for that. When people disappoint us or when you disappoint yourself...there's grace for that.

There's grace for you—just as you are—with all your imperfections. This is the place where the flawed and ordinary children of God gather to be reminded that whatever we face, God's grace is greater. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less. We are enough. We are beloved, just as we are. We are the messy yet beautiful Body of Christ. Friends, whatever is eating at you...whatever is fueling your anxiety or your anger, your fear or your depression, just remember—**There's grace for that.** There is grace for YOU here.

Resting in the promise— Rev. Janine



In Memoriam

Wallace "Wally" Lee Hunnicutt

June 27, 1929 — May 31, 2024



Friends and family attended a beautiful memorial service on July 6 in the Columbarium Garden, presided over by the Rev. Matt Goodrich. Wally's ashes were placed in his niche beside that of his wife, Connie. (A full memorial page is in the July Dragon Scoop.)

Cathlin "Kit" Barry

September 4, 1954 — July 29, 2024



Kit was born in Lakeview, Oregon, and moved to Roseburg with her family in 1960. Most of her adult years were lived in Reno.

Her sister, *Dragon Scoop* editor Leigh Van Sickle, asked her to help proofread the newsletter, and she did that faithfully from 2014 on.

She returned to Oregon in 2017, first to Coquille and later to Oakland when her health grew worse. Steve Thomas and Pastor Gail took her Communion at her home there.

She died at Forest Glen in Canyonville, well loved by the other residents.

Blessings



Above: Birthday Blessings for Lori Combs

Right: Bill Riley accepts Anniversary Blessings for himself and his wife, Barbara





Birthday Blessings for Jimmy Schlueter

Graffiti Night at St. George's







42nd Annual Umpqua Flatheads Roseburg Graffiti Night Cruise July 13

St. George's has sold popcorn and drinks for several years for this occasion. We don't make money at it but it's a good way to let the community know we are here.

Pictured above left: Rev. Matt Goodrich serving three customers

Above right: Jean Bowden and Rev. Matt and Rev. Janine Goodrich

Left: Jerry Phelps and Mel Wilcox

Photos by Sue Phelps

The Preacher & The Teacher

Excerpts from 1961

If 1961 was not quite as hectic as 1960, it still showed plenty of activity. There were 200 out for the Annual Parish Meeting, and four younger men were elected to the Vestry: two up-and-coming lawyers, Eldon Caley and John Horn, along with Bob Walker, car salesman, and Art Sevall of Umpqua Dairy.

The World Day of Prayer was held at St. George's on the first Friday in Lent in 1961, and I played the organ for the service, which was conducted by women from various different churches in Roseburg.

Easter is never really Easter without the preparation of Lent, especially Good Friday, and especially the Three Hour Service, which I have missed in retirement. This year Fr. Blaker and I did the Three Hour Service together; he preached the seven sermons while I did the service and led the singing.

Our young people held a picnic on April 2 followed by a dance April 8; it is noteworthy that this was the turning point when they ceased to be YPF (Young People's Fellowship) and instead became the EYC (Episcopal Young Churchmen). It seems doubtful that it made much difference either to their numbers or their enthusiasm.

This was the summer to re-varnish the dormers on the rectory, which was now eleven years old. It was an unpleasant job, using the long ladder we borrowed from the neighboring mortuary, but I did it. To rest up, there were two picnics: The Church of the Holy Spirit held theirs at Bullock's farm on the Umpqua River below Tyee, while the next week St. George's picnic was again at Elton Jackson's and my diary records that it was "one of the best in several years."

Cissy Smith was elected president of the Women of St. George's, and with her usual vim and vigor tried to make real movement in the activities of our women. But most of our women were too conservative, plus the normal lethargy, so not much moved. Cissy resigned in October, remaining loyal and active in the parish but deciding that leading a group of women was not her "thing."

And once again it was recorded that the Rector and his son had to climb up into the attic above the Sunday School room over the rector's office and turn the Church bell back over. Some overly enthusiastic young Churchman had turned it over so it could no longer be rung.

Caroline had a dinner at the rectory honoring Lucy Dezendorf, probably our oldest living communicant, along with Mabel Murray and Fr. John Welch and Alberta, on Thanksgiving Day. It was at this time that the new light fixtures were installed in the Church nave, making a big improvement both in appearance in in having enough light to be able to read. Then came the annual Bazaar for two days. My diary makes these comments: "in many ways the finest Bazaar we've ever had" "but people aren't spending their money freely."

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



History of the American Church

EARLY PERIOD

Establishment of parishes in North America began to spread steadily following the first recorded celebration of Holy Communion in New World in 1607 in Jamestown, Virginia. (In 1579 Sir Francis Drake and his crew gave thanks to God in the San Francisco Bay area using the 1559 prayer book.)

During the American Revolution, northern clergy tried to maintain ties with the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) and to support England, while those in the South tended to be more sympathetic to the Revolution.

After the war, support for the SPG was cut off, and public support of churches was withdrawn because of the newly accepted principle of separation of church and state.

ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

By 1784, most states agreed on the need to (1) draft a binding constitution for the whole church;

- (2) revise the English Book of Common Prayer to make it appropriate for use in the American church; and
- (3) obtain consecration of bishops in Apostolic Succession to give the American Church proper episcopal oversight and ministry.

However, church leaders were split on the position that organization of the American Church could proceed without bishops in Apostolic Succession.

On March 25, 1783, ten Connecticut clergy elected Samuel Seabury as their bishop. Seabury traveled to England, but English canon law prevented the consecration of any clergyman who would not take

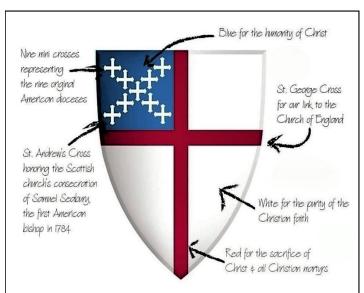
the Oath of Allegiance to the English Crown. Seabury then sought consecration in the Scottish Episcopal Church, where he was ordained on Nov. 14, 1784 in Aberdeen. Thus, Seabury became the first bishop of the American Episcopal Church.

By 1786, English churchmen had helped change the law so the Church of England could offer episcopal consecration to those churches outside England,

An assembly of the American Church met in Philadelphia in 1789 to unify all Episcopalians in the United States into a single national church. A constitution was adopted along with a set of canon laws. The English Book of Common Prayer was revised (principally in removing the prayer for the English monarch). This first American Book of Common Prayer was based mostly on the English Book of Common Prayer of 1662. Its consecration prayer was based on the Scottish Book of Common Prayer of 1764.

The new constitution provided for annual diocesan conventions with the bishop of the diocese as presiding officer. A national General Convention was established, composed of two legislative houses, modeled after the United States Congress.

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FISH

Sue Phelps reports on the FISH Pantry for June:

They served 757 families, equaling 2023 individuals.

They served 130 unhoused individuals.

They made 38 DoorDash deliveries.

They spent \$33, 410.70 for food purchases and received \$930 through cans and bottle refunds (BottleDrop), another way people are able to support the Pantry.

Albertsons donates almost 1,000 pounds of vegetables every two days.

Dollar General in Green donated all their frozen foods when their freezers failed. They tried to share it with local pantries but those didn't have enough room so FISH benefited.

Proceeds Night is August 25 at Little Brothers Pub. A portion of money taken in will be donated to the Pantry.

The next Green Bag pick-up date is August 10.

Most Needed Items

Especially for Seniors:

Dried Fruits / Nuts Ready-Made Pudding / Applesauce Ensure Protein Drinks Pull-tab Soups Single-Serving Meals Low-Sodium Crackers Tea (regular and decaf) **Non-Perishable Food** (can/plastic vs glass and smaller vs larger!):

Cereal (box vs bag & regular size vs family)

Hearty Soups (and Top Ramen)

Canned Meat

Canned Fruit

Cooking Oil (smaller plastic bottles)

Canned Tuna

Canned Beans (Pinto, Garbanzo, Great Northern,

etc)

Dried Beans

Rice

Soy Milk

Canned Milk

Canned Vegetables

Hamburger Helper

Rice-a-Roni

Baby Food/Formula

Peanut Butter (smaller 150z size vs larger!)

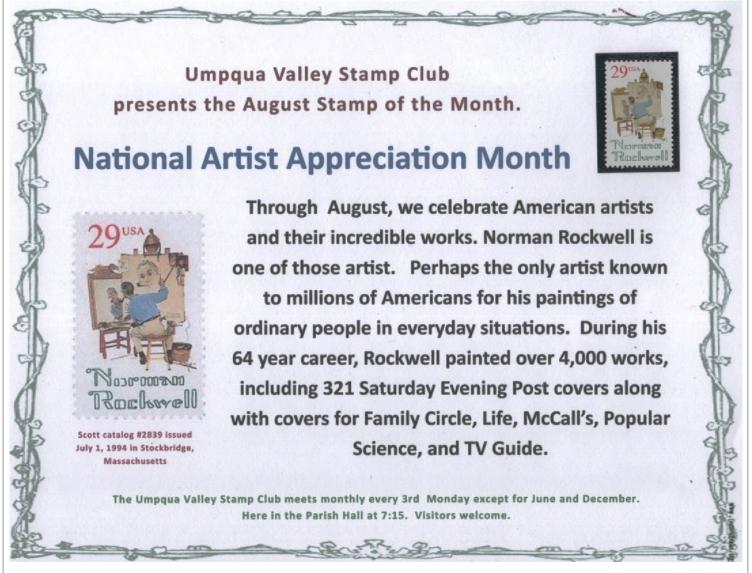
Non-Food Items

Toothpaste Toilet Paper Toothbrushes Shampoo (smaller sizes best) Soap Disposable Diapers



FISH can always accept Green Bags dropped off at the Pantry if you can't make or miss Green Bag Day!

Stamp Club News



Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

Wisdom from Bishop Charleston

The spiritual life is not a maze, but a garden. It is not designed for us to figure out, but to experience. Sitting, walking, working, resting, thinking, doing, feeling, dreaming—the sacred is infused within our reality. Each day we open ourselves to the mystery and the beauty around us, is a day we draw one step closer to the source we are seeking.

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston





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