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“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



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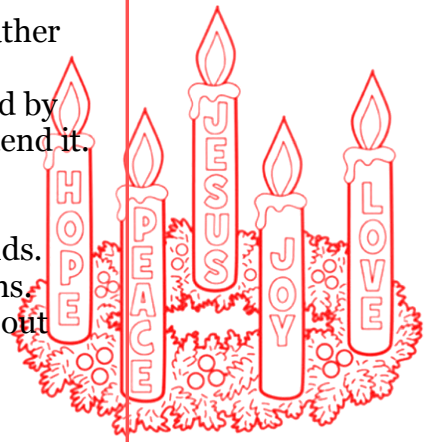
Be on the alert for symptoms of inner Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of the **Advent Virus**

- ♥ A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- ♥ An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- ♥ A loss of interest in judging other people.
- ♥ A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- ♥ A loss of interest in conflict.
- ♥ A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- ♥ Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- ♥ Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- ♥ Frequent attacks of smiling.
- ♥ An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- ♥ An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

Please send this warning out to all your friends.
This virus can and has affected many systems.
Some systems have been completely cleaned out
because of it.

~ Anonymous



Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

It is Friday evening, after our second Thanksgiving dinner. We had Barry for dinner yesterday, and our grandniece Shyla with her parents, Sarah and Shawn, came this afternoon for another Thanksgiving dinner. In just two days it will be the first Sunday in Advent. The church goes purple for four weeks. And then comes Christmas! Pam and I will start decorating for the great holiday. The Christmas records and tapes and CD's will come out. But the main nativity scene, the one my family started when I was nine years old in Naples, Italy, will not see the Babe arrive until Christmas Eve.

Meanwhile, St. George's will mostly be doing Advent, with its own special color, music, and scriptures. We will consider God's promises. Promise of a Messiah. Promise of healing. Promise of a renewed Earth. Promise of forgiveness. Promise of grace. Some of those promises were fully (or partially) fulfilled with the coming of Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah. Many more are fulfilled in our day-to-day lives, as we practice what Jesus taught us. Some remain to be accomplished.

So we wait in hope. We try to love **all** of our neighbors, knowing that there is no one who is not, in some way, our neighbor. You and I are created in "the image of God", along with the rest of humanity. And, in a mysterious way, the rest of creation (animals, plants, stars, rocks, and all the rest) also awaits the full revelation of God's love. Each person, and especially each Christian, gets to share in God's final revelation and victory. We will be in the company of the saints.

In the meantime, we are about our daily lives, in all their variety.

The official stewardship campaign, under Jean's careful management, is about to end. Most of us have made our pledges. Do

remember that it is possible at any time to make a pledge, increase it, decrease it, or even cancel it. Life happens. We do our best. Pam and I give at least a tenth of our income to God's work, primarily through our parishes, and then beyond. We find it a blessing. Some years have been easy. A few years have been hard, with the occasional need to pull back from really sweet plans for giving. Our giving is a joy, as is our giving of time and talent.

May each of us know joy giving and serving, blessing and refreshing, weeping and safekeeping, working and playing, learning and teaching, giving and receiving love.

Have a blessed Advent with its music, drama, and hope.

Then join in the joyful celebration of our Savior's birth, the King of kings and Lord of lords, come as a baby in a stable, yet serenaded by angels. Six p.m. on Christmas Eve.

God bless each of you in this holy season.

In Christ, Fr. Jim+



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In Memoriam

Sybilla “Billy” Avery Cook

Aug. 20, 1930 - Oct. 27, 2019

Longtime St. George parishioner Billy Cook died at her Portland home early Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019.

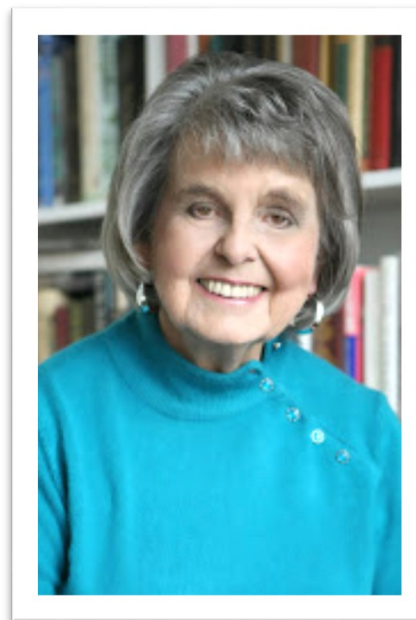
Born in Buffalo, N.Y., she and husband John D. Cook moved to Roseburg in 1976 after raising their family near Chicago, Ill. An educator, school librarian and author, she moved to Portland in 2010 after John died in 2007.

Her book *Walking Portland* was published in 1998 and 2013. She co-authored *Battle of the Books and More* in 2001 and 2004. Her last book, *Drawn Together in Art, Love, and Friendships; The Biography of Caldecott Award-winning Authors Berta and Elmer Hader*, was published in 2016.

She will be sadly missed by her St. George family.

Billy's complete obituary, a longer version of the one found in the *Oregonian*, is here:

<http://biographywriting.blogspot.com/>



On Nov. 3, All Saints' Sunday, parishioners brought photos of loved ones who were saints in their own lives. The pictures were placed in front of the altar and members of the congregation went forward to light candles in their honor.

Right to left: Bill Riley, Kathy Glockner, Charles Kittendorf, Thelma Sayers, and Susan Brossia.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

In November we met for food, fellowship, and a busy agenda.

Our program came first this time. Captain Kristi from the Salvation Army gave us so much information that, for many, was new. The first thing she told us was that the Salvation Army is really a church. Beside their thrift store, they have a chapel and a fellowship area. They not only help those in need, they have many programs like their youth program, men's and women's ministries, Corps family night, and a mobile canteen which goes to events to provide hot cocoa and food.

All of their programs and provisions for those in need are funded by the money that comes in from the bell ringing and the thrift store. Various businesses help them with funds and services like Douglas Electric and Avista. Some businesses help with various kinds of vouchers for the low- or no-income families.

The Salvation Army also provides school supplies, which they start collecting in July so they will be ready for September. They go to camp and retreats in Boring, Oregon. They recently started a "Food Pantry Garden" on the idle property behind the chapel. In May there is Salvation Army Day when they visit the first responders and bring them goodies to show their appreciation for their service.

Since they have only one full-time staff, volunteers are always needed. The bell ringers are so important. Various churches and organizations volunteer at least one day to help. Their donation goal this year is \$65,000. Also seen around town this time of year are the Angel Trees which are placed in various locations. The Roseburg Corps also does the "Dress-a-Child" day and they need a lot of volunteers for that.

If you are looking for donating and volunteer opportunities contact the Salvation Army. There are brochures and business cards on the table in the hall. Please keep in mind Captain Kristi's favorite saying—

Heart to God, Hand to Man.

Business meeting agenda:

- We decided to make a donation to Fr. Jim and Pam's prison ministry and to the Salvation Army.
- Also Christmas gifts were decided for Hilary, Tenaya, Julie, Elva, and Fr. Jim and Pam.
- We were asked by the Vestry to do a potato-bar meal Dec. 1, which will be the Stewardship Sunday Pledge In-gathering.
- We also discussed the possibility of visiting the Samaritan Inn residents with food and fellowship. This will be discussed further when more information is available.
- The Christmas Giving Tree will be ready for Sunday.
- And the Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 pm this year.

Due to a request from the Vestry, our future meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month, which means our Christmas meeting will be Dec. 12 at Karla Roady's home. (Vestry will now meet on the third Thursday.)

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, ECW President



Preparing Our Church for Christmas

Your donations toward the purchase of the poinsettias and wreaths are greatly appreciated. Please write that information in the memo portion of your check or on the brown pew envelope used for cash. If you would like to honor someone with your donation, please put a note with your donation or contact the office.

Dec. 1 is the first **Sunday** in Advent, so the Advent candle wreath will be put up.

Dec. 7, Saturday, 10:00, we will put up the greens and other decorations.

Dec. 15, Sunday, we will light the greenery.

Dec. 20, Friday, the large wreaths should arrive.

Dec. 21, Saturday, we will hang them.

Dec. 24, Tuesday, we will put out the poinsettias and other finery to celebrate the Birth of Christ

We will need help on **Dec. 7 and Dec. 21**.

Christmas Eve Service is Dec. 24, Tuesday, at 6:00 pm

Lessons and Carols on Dec. 29, Sunday, at 10:00 am

This is a great time in the church year and everything always looks so beautiful with the help of all of you. God bless you and all that you do to support our church.

~ BJ



Children's Christmas Tree

The 2019 Children's Christmas Tree is set up in the foyer, with the names and dearest wishes of 30 local children on its handmade ornaments. (Thank you, Mik Carlson, for these wonderful decorations!)

This year Thelma Sayers and Peggy Reiter are working together to coordinate our annual drive to get presents to youngsters who would otherwise have nothing for Christmas. Time is short, so chose a child or two and put your name and phone number next to their name(s) on the sign up sheet on the nearby clipboard.

Bring WRAPPED gifts to church by **Sunday, Dec. 8**. Put the child's name on each gift!

If you don't have time to shop, Thelma and Peggy will do it for you. Give them your monetary donation.

Questions? Ask Thelma or Peggy.



Left, Thelma tells the congregation about the Children's Christmas Tree and Peggy holds up Mik's ornaments.

Thank you, Thelma, for over 25 years of coordinating this wonderful ministry, and thank you Peggy, for stepping up to work on this project!

The James Marshall Judd Family

by Bill Riley

The two stained glass windows located in the northeast corner of our nave are dedicated to James Marshall Judd and his wife, Emile Evangeline Judd, *née* Plann.



*The Crucifixion
In Memory of
James M. Judd*

Left window,
The Crucifixion,
and right, *The
Resurrection*.

*The Resurrection
In Memory of
Emily Evangeline Judd*

James Marshall Judd was born July 27, 1874, in Chester, Wabasha Co., Minnesota. James's father was born in New York and his mother in Illinois. He married Emily Evangeline Plann January 15, 1907, in Pepin, Wisconsin. Emily was born Sept. 26, 1884, in Lake City, Wabasha Co., Minnesota. Her father, Charles Erick Plann, was born in Sweden as was her mother, Johanna Christina "Hanna" Olson.

According to the April 23, 1910 census, James and Emily were living in Ellendale, Dickey, North Dakota along with their daughter, Eldress, who was born there Feb. 2, 1908. James was working as an insurance agent. Daughter Jessie Mildred Judd was born there October 7, 1910. Their son, James Elwood Judd, was born July 28, 1912 in Oregon.



The family was living at 446 Jackson Street in Roseburg at the time of the Jan. 9, 1920 census. Their house (shown above), which is now listed as 1042 South Jackson, was built in 1910 according to Douglas County Assessor's Office.

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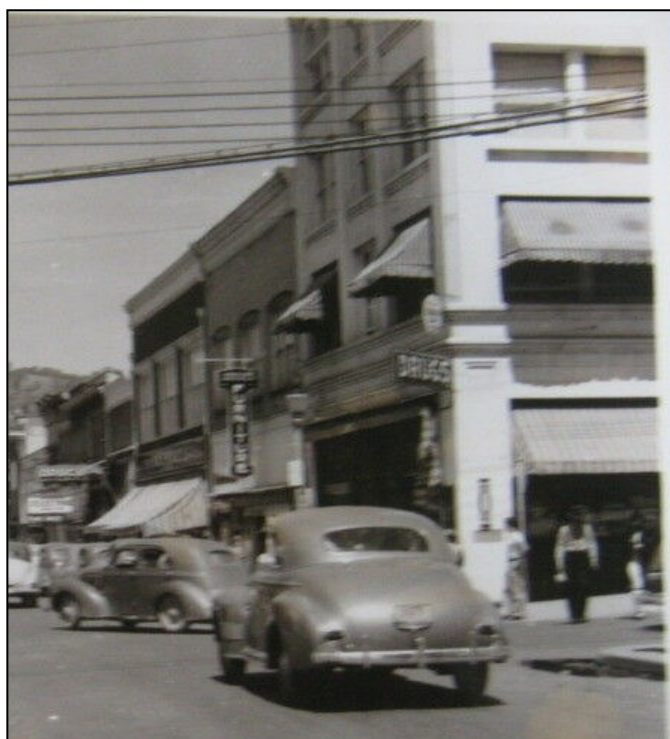
The James Marshall Judd Family, continued

Eldress V. Judd and Robert Emmett Kelly were married July 31, 1938, probably at St. George Episcopal Church by the Rev. Perry Smith. Jessie Mildred Judd married Frederick Milton Chapman Nov. 3, 1934, also probably at St. George. James Elwood Judd married Dorothy Ida Shoudy on May 31, 1936.

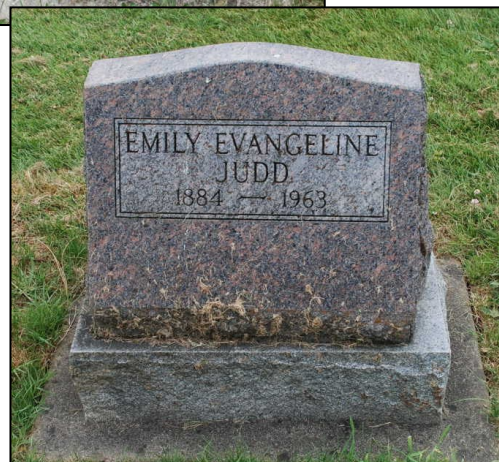
At the time of the 1920 census, James Marshall Judd was employer and owner of a feed store in Roseburg. By 1930 he was owner and manager of Judd's Furniture Store which was located on Jackson Street. Eldress's husband, Bob Kelly, worked in the furniture store until he and Eldress moved to Myrtle Creek. Jessie's husband Frederick was a pharmacist and owned and ran Chapman's Pharmacy on the corner of Jackson and Cass for many years.

In 1940 James Elwood Judd was a bookkeeper with one year of college. Jim enlisted in the Army August 10, 1943 and served in the Pacific.

Eldress and Bob Kelly had two daughters, Myra and Ann, and around 1947 had twin daughters. Emily and Frederick had son Frederick Judd Chapman and daughter Evangeline Alice Chapman (named for both grandmothers). All were very active at St. George. Evangeline was one of the Maids of Honor at the wedding of Caroline Jackson and Sam Lee. The Kellys were my godparents. Eldress was a classmate of my mother at Roseburg High School. After Eldress died in 1983 Bob kept busy making golf clubs in Myrtle Creek.



*Above: Chapman's Drug Store
pictured on a 1940's postcard.*



Spotlight on Jacek Berka

Many thanks to new parishioner Jacek Berka for sharing a little about himself.

A few words about Jacek Berka:

As I recently moved to Roseburg to begin my new job as an associate attorney at the law firm of Randy C. Rubin, Attorney at Law, I will say a few words about my background. Despite being born in Warsaw, Poland, I have lived in the US for nearly my entire life, primarily in Oregon, notwithstanding brief forays to Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska.

I attended law school at the University of Oregon and passed the bar exam on my first try. (This outcome is rather surprising, as I did not do much studying beyond the bare minimum, although I read plenty of “Choose Your Own Adventure” books while studying for the bar exam, and took far too many notes on those books.) I then spent over a year looking for a job as an attorney and worked at several part-time jobs during that time, including at McDonalds.

Eventually, I had an interview for a position with a law firm in Pendleton that only handles public defense cases, was offered a position with that firm, and accepted the offer. As I was not comfortable with any of the Catholic parishes in Pendleton or Hermiston, I visited different parishes in Pendleton. One of the parishes I visited was an Episcopal parish—Church of the Redeemer. My initial visit was very positive, and after visiting the other parishes on my list, I joined Church of the Redeemer. I got involved in that church and eventually ended up serving as a lector, a member of the Altar Guild, and a member of the Vestry.

I cherish the hospitality that one finds in Episcopal parishes such as St. George’s, as for me a parish is more than simply people gathering for mass. Rather, for me, a parish is a welcoming community that is a vibrant part of the body of Christ, living the Gospels’ call to evangelism through the lives of its members.



Photo by Karla Rooddy

I appreciate my resilience. Despite all of the interesting experiences I have a knack for finding, notwithstanding my best efforts to the contrary, no matter where I go, I keep moving forward. As I keep walking forward boldly, I accept that I do not know what the future holds for me, but I know that God has a plan for my life, which will almost certainly be different from my expectations.

*Jacek’s name is pronounced **Yaht-zehk** (just remember the game Yahtzee) **Behrka**.*

Blessings



*99th Birthday Blessings for Thelma Sayers!
Anniversary Blessings for Hellene Chapman.*



Birthday Blessings for Karla Roady.



*Left: Steve Thomas leads Anniversary
Blessings for Father Jim and Pam Boston.*

*Below: Birthday Blessings for (left to right)
Hellene Chapman, Carolyn Spielman, and
Nikki Muse (Frank Graham acted as proxy
for Nikki).*



Vestry

NOMINATIONS

Are you called to serve?



Vestry Nomination Process

Each year, as put forth in the bylaws, the Vestry is charged to adopt a process to nominate persons for election to the Vestry and publish a description of this process to the legal voters of the Parish by the 30th of November. The Vestry would like to recognize the gifts of eligible candidates and will put forward a slate of nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Vestry requests that anyone who desires to be nominated for election to the Vestry submit their desire in writing by **January 8, 2020 to the church office or to the Senior Warden.**

Please give a brief biography and comment on how you feel called to this ministry. No experience is necessary, but to be eligible you must be:

- A lay member in good standing.
- Eighteen (18) or more years of age.
- Not a member of the household of a current Vestry member.
- Be willing to create more active involvements from parish members who are not Vestry members.
- Faithfully attend parish functions and worship services.
- Encourage and support parish members in mutual ministry.
- Be willing to work with other members of the Vestry.

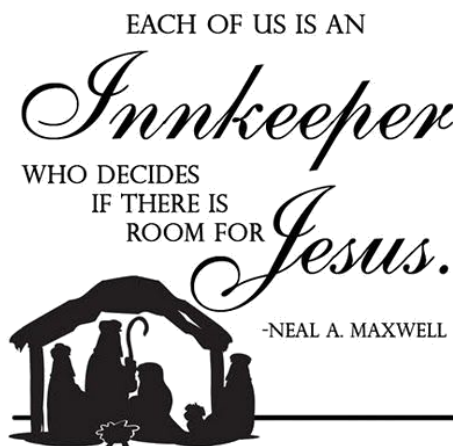
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Monday through Friday

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Sundays
10 am—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays
10 am—Morning Prayer

