



# The Dragon Scoop

## December 2024

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**Mission Statement:**  
“Loving God,  
Loving Our Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



### All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024



**Lord Jesus,** on this day we recall all the saints from whom we inherit our faith. Some have died in recent days, some have been gone many years. Grief is not a straight line, so we seek your comfort today as we remember all those we have loved and lost, and now name aloud or in our hearts.

**Amen.**

## Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

I'm sitting in front of our gas fireplace on a rainy Monday morning when this verse from Exodus pops up. For context ... the Hebrew People are between a rock and a hard place. The Egyptian Army is advancing and there is this big body of water in front of them. And Moses speaks

...

"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the Lord's salvation, which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again.

**The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.**

(Ex. 14:13-14)

Something about verse 14 (in bold) struck a chord with me. Why?

Advent is the strange and inconvenient Church Season where we pay particular attention to the whys, the longings of our heart, and the sighs that are too deep for words. Not only ours but the sighs of the world we live in as well. We long for a Savior to come who will release us from our bondage and guide us ... who will make Psalm 23 tangible. We long for a shepherd. We long for "God with us!"

And how does this Savior, this King, this Emmanuel come? In the backwater town of Bethlehem with vulnerable parents, in the skin of a vulnerable baby, and birthed in a less than ideal location. His throne is a manger ... and then a cross ... and between those two thrones is how God chose to "fight" for us!

And, because of the way God chooses to fight, the Truth is revealed, summoned up in John 1:5 ...

"The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

A Blessed Advent to you all!

Rev. Matt

*In Him was life, and the life  
was the light of men. And the  
light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not  
overcome it.*

*John 1:4-5*





# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

The rummage sale was the main topic of discussion at our November meeting. We made \$1404.75 thanks to your donations and some from friends of the rummage sale. We gave most of the leftovers to the Roseburg Senior Center, and Habitat for Humanity picked up the furniture that didn't sell.



We had a great warming lunch thanks to Lori Combs, Sue Phelps, Jean Bowden, and Kathy Glockner.

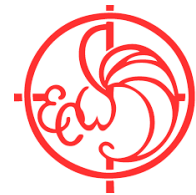
Our own John Pace was our guest speaker. He gave us a very inspirational and fascinating view into his background about his Italian family, and about his life partner. He told us that at age 18, he was doing makeup and hairdressing, and by the time he was 25 he had his own business and was also doing it for beauty pageants.

John gave credit to his family and God for their support and help during difficult times and for his success. He brought pictures of himself and his family. It was fun seeing him from "back in the day."

Karla Roady will host our next meeting on Dec. 12, which is one week earlier than normal.

We had a great group of volunteers and a great potluck after cleaning up. We will donate \$300 to the Episcopal Relief & Development fund to help with the hurricane relief.

We also decided to send the funds we will raise by the Christmas Giving Tree to Peace at Home.  
**See page 4 for further information on the Tree.**



### Thelma's Thought for the Day

***"Our life is frittered away by detail  
- SIMPLIFY! SIMPLIFY!  
SIMPLIFY!"***



## Parish News

### CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of the wreaths and poinsettias, please put your cash or check in one of the brown pew envelopes and write your name and wreath/poinsettia donation on it. If you want to honor someone or something with your gift, advise the office before Dec. 18.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Mik Carlson has already made the ornaments for the annual Tree. They will have a brown envelope attached in which you may put cash or a check. Be sure to put your name on the envelopes with cash. Then put the envelopes in the offering plate. You may detach the ornament and keep it, if you wish.

### PARISH HISTORY

Excerpts from *The Preacher & the Teacher* by Fr. Tyson will return in January.

### BREWED THEOLOGY

There will be no Brewed Theology gatherings in December. They will return Thurs., Jan. 2, 2025, at 2:30 and 6:30 pm in the Upper Room at Brix Bar, 527 SE Jackson.

### PLEDGE CARDS

Return your pledge cards quickly, please, and prayerfully consider whether you can afford to give more since our operating costs are rising.



Photo by Bill Riley

With the help of Mike Riley, Retired Naval Radiation Officer (pictured above), and Wendy K. Riley Heintz, former Captain in the Garrison New York Volunteer Fire Department and current officer of the same, we moved one fire extinguisher, mounted two others, and mounted four smoke detectors to comply with the findings of a Church Insurance Inspection. For sure had plenty of technical guidance.

~ Bill Riley

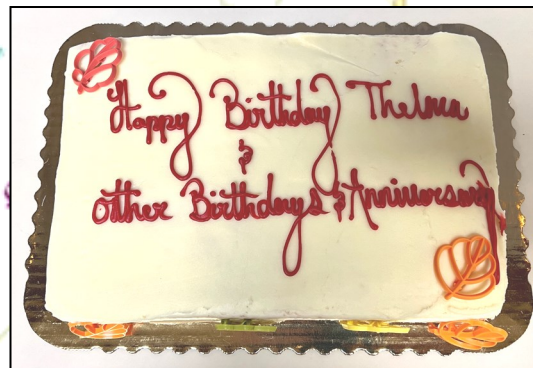
*Mike and Wendy are Bill's son and daughter. The three of them also put up the Advent greens in the sanctuary.*

### WARMING CENTER

Jacob Schlueter and Courtney Greenwalt will host a warming center in the Parish Hall for a couple of afternoon hours on the coldest winter days, providing emergency supplies. More information will be forthcoming.



## Blessings



### Birthday Blessings for

**Karla Roady** (top left)  
**Thelma Sayers** (top right)  
**Becky Fendall** (left)

**Thelma is our Birthday Queen  
104 Years Old!**



Photo by Karla Roady



## St. George's Kids



Photo by Karla Roady



Photo by Karla Roady



Photo by Sue Phelps

## FISH

### Pantry Operation Highlights

Strike Out Hunger fundraiser at Ten Down Bowling was well attended, with \$400 raised via the raffle and \$865 received from the proceeds.

Trunk or Treat at Jerry Bruce Community Campus parking lot. It was a huge success. About 1100 people came through.

Pantry open Saturday: The plan is to be open one Saturday each month starting in March of 2025. The first choice would be the fourth Saturday. Volunteers are being recruited to work on the Saturday with regular volunteers doing the training.

### Notable Donations:

Janet Hallcraft — \$300  
Ten Down Bowling — \$1,265.07  
Pampered Chef fundraiser — \$540.18  
Thelma Guffy — \$2,000  
Ken Lomica — \$600  
Apostolic Faith Church — \$1,200  
Dynamic Martial Arts — 1069 lbs of food

### Grants Received:

EFSP (Emergency Food & Shelter Program) — \$2000  
United Way quarterly — \$1981.70  
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians — \$2,500  
The Ford Family Foundation holiday meat and cheese — \$9,500

**Next Green Bag Pick-Up Day**  
**Saturday, Dec. 14**

## God Made a Dog

And on the 9th day, God looked down on his wide-eyed children and said, "They need a companion."

So, God made a dog.

God said, "I need somebody willing to wake up, give kisses, pee on a tree, sleep all day, wake up again, give more kisses, then stay up until midnight, basking in the glare of a television set."

So, God made a dog.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit, then stay, then roll over. Then with no ego or complaint dress in hats they don't need and costumes they don't understand."

"I need somebody who can break wind without a first care, without a second thought, who can chase tails, sniff crotches, fetch sticks, and lift spirits with a lick."

"Somebody who no matter what you didn't do, or couldn't take, or didn't win, or couldn't make, will love you without judgment just the same."

So, God made a dog.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to pull sleds and find bombs, yet gentle enough to love babies and lead the blind. Somebody who will spend a day on a couch with a resting head and supportive eyes to lift the spirits of a broken heart."

So, God made a dog.

It had to be somebody who remained patient and loyal, even through loneliness. Somebody to care, cuddle, snuggle, and nuzzle, and cheer, and charm, and snore, and slobber, and eat the trash, and chase the squirrels.

Somebody who would bring a family together with the selflessness of an open heart. Somebody who would bark, and then pant, and then reply with the rapid wag of a tail when their best friend says, "Let's go for a ride in the car."

So, God made a dog.

~ Paul Harvey



# Vestry

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10, 2025 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, worship services.
- ✓ Encourage and support parish members in mutual ministry.
- ✓ Be willing to work with other members of the Vestry.

Your Church needs you –  
Please consider serving on the Vestry

# Vestry



## Stamp Club News



**Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the December stamp of the month**

### December 1st is International Antarctic Day

This stamp was issued on the ten-year anniversary of the 1961 adoption of the Antarctic Treaty, an agreement to promote peaceful uses of the Antarctic and its resources. Antarctica Day is an international holiday and along with Midwinter Day, it is one of Antarctica's two principal holidays.



**Scott #1431 was issued on June 23, 1971  
in Washington, DC**

**The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday  
except for June and December.**

*Poster by Clarence Adams,  
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

## Bishop Charleston's Wisdom

Do not underestimate yourself, for all the experience of a lifetime is contained in your mind and heart. You carry the sacred within you.

You wake up each day by the grace of the Creator who has fashioned you for a purpose. You have the help of angels. You stand on the shoulders of so many who have gone before you. You are a deep well of wisdom and a river of compassion.

Do not underestimate the power of the love you hold in your hands.

~ The Right Reverend Steven Charleston



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**Bob Spielman & Sue Phelps**  
**Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

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

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

*December*