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Mission Statement:

“Loving God, Loving our Neighbors”

Ash Wednesday

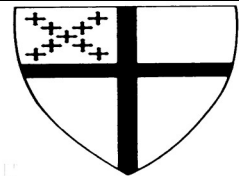
The church’s liturgy on Ash Wednesday invites us “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” This first day of Lent sets the pattern for our Lenten observance: one which leads directly to our recognition that we are mortal, we will die and, indeed, are in the process of dying all the time. Our sin is not the primary focus of our attention. Instead, our recognition that we are sinful moves us to an awareness of our need to change and be changed. Our repentance becomes not an end in itself but a renewed relationship of children to God opening us to accept God’s love, mercy, and peace.

As a result, prayer, fasting, and self-denial are saved from being mere good works for our own benefit, and instead free us and our time and our resources to a new and deeper scope of ministry to others.

Finally, in the scriptures we recover once again the story of God’s mighty acts of salvation for the entire human race: we discover once again that we are part of a vast company of believers in every age on pilgrimage into God’s kingdom.

When we receive the ashes on the first day of Lent, we do so within the Body of Christ. Here, in the company of our fellow sinners, we are not in danger of taking pride in our penitence because we are all alike in our sinfulness. We should consider carefully, however, the words Christ addresses to us in the Gospel reading on this day, asking ourselves, “Can I wear these ashes into the world without feeling a kind of self-righteousness about them? Should I heed the Lord’s word and wash my face before going out from the Body into the world?”

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU



We have Episcopal Shields available if you would like one for your vehicle.

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RECTOR'S LETTER



Dear Friends,

In 2005 I went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land of Israel and in these past few weeks I have been reliving parts of that journey. My roommate and one of my companions during the pilgrimage is a writer and Presbyterian Minister. She recently completed her manuscript about the pilgrimage and sent it to me for my thoughts and comments. I was pleased to read it and remember some of that journey through her eyes and experiences. It was good for me to remember that my feet had once walked within the narrow streets of Jerusalem, had tasted a glass of pomegranate juice freshly squeezed before my eyes, had taken a plunge in the Sea of Galilee, had floated on the waters of the Dead Sea, had journeyed to the top of Masada and seen the caves where the most ancient of scrolls had been found. It was good for me to remember the places where Jesus had journeyed with his Disciples, to experience Palestine amidst its struggles with Israel, and the sadness of the walls that are built to keep people apart. It was good for me to remember. The word that kept coming to me while I was reading her manuscript is vicarious. By definition, living vicariously reminds me of the experiences we have through others rather than first hand. I could identify with my pilgrim companions thoughts because I had been there but I was also conscious of seeing things through her experiences because there were differences. Having vicarious experiences are not bad or undesirable, we do it often. Every time we pick up a book or watch a movie we enter into a narrative and although it is someone else's account we bring our story to the page or the screen and together they become a new but vicarious experience. We journey somewhere but we are using the power of our imaginations.

Being Christian should not be only a vicarious experience. We are all called to participate, to walk and see and do and be and be changed. We hear others stories, we read them in scripture but we are also called to live as the people of God creating our very own stories. Lent is coming and it is a time to remember our Baptismal promises, the Covenant we made with God and with one another as Christians in community. It is time to remember to renounce evil and sinful desires, to turn to Jesus Christ, to put our trust in his grace and love, to follow and obey him, to continue in the apostles' teaching, fellowship, and the breaking of bread, to repent and return to God, to proclaim by word and example the Good News, to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

During my pilgrimage to Israel I received a message from my spiritual director and I'd like to share it with you as we embark on our Lenten journey. "John Bunyon's *Pilgrims's Progress* told of a lifes journey of many encounters, periods of just walking along, and times of challenge and adventure. One of those times now waits for you. You journey to the epicenter of the people of God at war with one another in the name of God. This is about as old as Cain and Abel and as new as this morning's Chronicle. How do peace, reconciliation, intimations of God's Holy Reign, break into this ancient madness? You go to live peace and learn in a primary way. Recall your center Breathe your prayer. Live with not being able to fix a thing. And everywhere, find, live into, and rejoice in the palpable presence of God. Blessings on every step."

Rev. JoAnne

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Well, Christmas and New Years have passed and now is the slow season of winter. At our house, we have been bombarded with calls for donating money to all sorts of organizations. They all have a good cause and the need for help. Along with these organizations, the Church has a great need for pledges to sustain its self in the community. I would like to thank the people at St. George who have pledged for the new season and also to the anonymous giver, who has faith in our little Church, a gift of \$10,000.00. As the Senior Warden, I am asking that we all pledge from our hearts. Everyone knows that they have responsibility as Christians to Tithe, and it is our responsibility to be the best Christians that we can be.

Have you read any good books lately? I recently read a book called "*Heaven is for real*" by Todd Burpo. Todd Burpo is a pastor in a small town in Nebraska. It is a story about a young four year old boy's dealing with near death and going to heaven. He sees his miscarried sister and grandfather that had passed away before he was born. It is one of those stories that is hard to believe but is yet intriguing and makes you want to continue. I, personally, cannot discount what a four year old child says.

Another book I recently finished is "*70 x 7 and Beyond*" by Monty Christensen. It is a story of a young man involved in stealing and drugs and how the belief in Christ turned his life around. It is very moving to read how prayer and forgiveness can bring people to a new life as a true Christian.

Jim Eddy,
Senior Warden

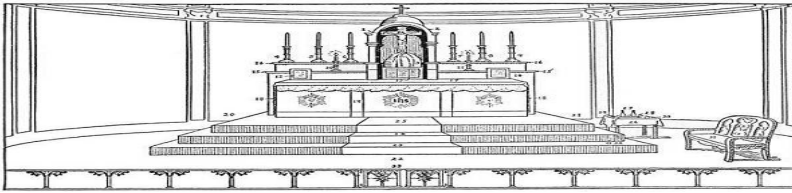
FINANCE AND BUDGET NOTES

Highlights from the November General Fund Income, Expense and budget report:

November Pledges and Offerings Received: \$15,988.26
Yr. to date: \$91,245.79
Yr. to date budget: \$113,861.00

October total General Fund Income: \$2,537.06
Yr. to date: \$28,205.17
Yr. to date budget: \$36,664.84

October General Fund Expenses: \$16,634.85
Yr. to date: \$173,324.00
Yr. to date budget: \$184,744.51



OH, WHEN THE SAINTS?

By: Betty Fretwell

Eric Liddell
Missionary to China



Eric Liddell was born in 1902 to missionary parents in China. At age 6 he and his older brother Rob were sent to a school for missionary children where he remained until he enrolled in Edinburgh university. He was an outstanding athlete, and won a place on England’s track and field team for the 1924 Olympics in Paris. He set a world record in the 400 meter, winning a gold, and a bronze in the 200 meter. His personal commitment to keep the Sabbath decided him not to run the 100 meter on Sunday, although he was expected to win. The film, “Chariots of Fire” is the story of his participation in Olympiad VIII.

After graduation from Edinburgh University, Liddell returned to China as a missionary where he served from 1925—1943. He was ordained in 1932, married in 1934, and had 3 daughters.

Because of the conflicts between China and Japan during the 1930’s life was difficult, and after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941 his wife and children fled to Canada. He and his brother Rob stayed and continued their work.

In 1943 Liddell was interned in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp. He died shortly before the camp was liberated in 1945. He is remembered by the survivors for his ministry among them.

Source: Holy Women, Holy Men



For the month of December St. George Church donated:

Food and supplies: 997.50 pounds
Monetary Donations: \$375.25

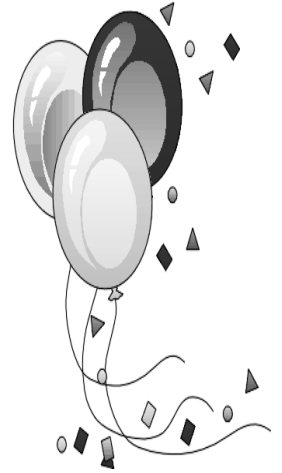
The FISH of Roseburg is a non-profit organization that provides emergency basic needs to our friends and neighbors during their difficult times. FISH is very proud to be a volunteer run organization with a low overhead and only a single part time paid staff person. An incredible 85 cents of every dollar that is donated goes back out in direct client services. This would not be possible without the help of over 70 enthusiastic volunteers. Your donation to FISH stays in Douglas County to help Douglas County residents. Help us reach out to give our neighbors a helping hand during these hard times, because we all know that hard times can fall on anyone.

L KING AHEAD

- Sun. 2/5 Living the Questions: The Prophetic Jesus
- Mon 2/6 Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Wed 2/8 ECW Meeting & Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
- Sun 2/12 Living the Questions: Evil, Suffering & God
- Sun. 2/19 Annual Meeting 2:00 p.m.
- Mon. 2/20 Office Closed: President's Day
- Tue 2/21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wed 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service Noon
- Sun. 2/26 Living The Questions: The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- Tue 2/28 Lenten Soup Supper & Program 5:30 p.m.

February Birthdays

- 1 Paula Larsen
- 2 Carolyn Lee
- 3 Leonard Shulz
- 5 Faye Benham
- 7 Lois Jones
- 9 David Jones
- 11 Betty Jo Hoffman
- 16 Camille Christensen
- 18 Patsy Peeler
- 19 Elsie McCurdy
- 21 Joy Williams
- 23 Mik Carlson
- 24 Rebecca Morris



February Anniversaries

- 1 Zach & Betty Jo Hoffman
- 14 Dick & Wilma Hanlin
- 19 Bill & Barbara Leary

Happy Valentines

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

Despite her broken wrist, Clara Scallon welcomed the ECW ladies into her home again this year for our annual Christmas lunch. We had an abbreviated meeting & heard some Christmas readings & stories. Then we enjoyed wonderful food & had fun playing a game for everyone to choose a small gift. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who contributed food & helped Clara prepare.

Now it is on to the big project for the year (on top of the rummage sales we usually have)-the Spirituality Day May 19. We are collecting bio's & workshop information that will go in the registration mailers which should go out in March. We will need people to help put the mailers together, fold & seal them & sort for the bulk mailing. So even if you do not normally participate in ECW activities, we will need your help. Please tell me, Faye, Clara, Rebecca, or Marcia if you would like to participate.

Happy New Year
Betty Jo Hoffman, ECW President



Dear Friends,

On behalf of our entire parish family we thank you for your response to the stewardship call with your pledge for 2012. Your willingness to step forward in faith, love, and trust believing in the future of St. George's is gratefully received. Together our time, treasures, and talents will become part of the legacy of our church.

Your generosity makes the ministry we do here possible maintaining our programs, our outreach, our worship, our facilities, and our staff. Your pledge gives us confidence that we will continue to journey in faith and grow in understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Thank you again for your support. May God bless you and your loved ones in this new year.

Faithfully, The Vestry and Rector

The Rev. JoAnne Bennett

Class of 2012

Sally Appell
Jean Bowden
Bill Riley

Class of 2013

Jon Miller
Jim Eddy
Frank Graham

Class of 2014

Joy Ballard
Donna Litherland
Doug Holloway

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THE BAD NEWS IS I LOST EVERY PENNY I OWNED IN SOME BAD INVESTMENTS ... THE GOOD NEWS IS I'M FINALLY READY TO START GIVING 10%

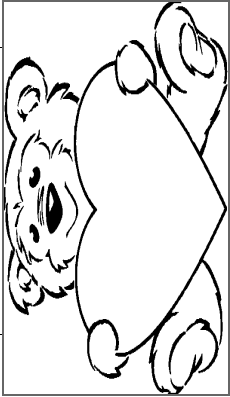
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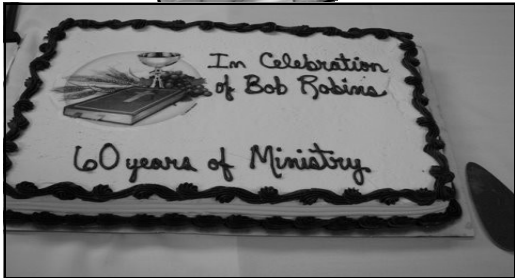
OH, IT'S YOU GUYS ... I THOUGHT I HEARD THUNDER OVER HERE

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			<p>1 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA</p> <p>7:30-8:30 Alanon</p>	<p>2 Noon- AA</p>	<p>3 Noon- AA</p> <p>5:30-6:30 P.O.R (AA)</p> <p>7-8 Live NA</p>	<p>4 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church</p> <p>8-9 P KISMIF (AA)</p>	
<p>5 Epiphany 10:00-Worship Living the ?'s Adult Formation 7-8:30 NA Group</p>	<p>6 Noon- AA</p> <p>6:00-Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:00- Prayer Group Noon- AA</p>	<p>8 11:30 ECW Luncheon Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA</p> <p>4-8:00 Orthodox Church</p> <p>7:30-8:30 Alanon</p>	<p>9 Noon- AA</p> <p>7-9:30 AA Dist 13</p>	<p>10 Noon- AA</p> <p>5:30-6:30 P.O.R (AA)</p> <p>7-8 Live NA</p>	<p>11 8-9 P KISMIF (AA)</p>	
<p>12 Epiphany 10:00-Worship Living the ?'s Adult Formation 7-8:30 NA Group</p>	<p>13 Noon- AA</p>	<p>14 Valentines Day 10:00- Prayer Group Noon- AA</p>	<p>15 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA</p> <p>7:30-8:30 Alanon</p>	<p>16 Noon- AA</p>	<p>17 Noon- AA</p> <p>5:30-6:30 P.O.R (AA)</p> <p>7-8 Live NA</p>	<p>18 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church</p> <p>8-9 P KISMIF (AA)</p>	
<p>19 Last Epiphany 10:00-Worship 2:00 Annual Meeting 7-8:30 NA Group</p>	<p>20 Office Closed President's Day Noon- AA</p>	<p>21 10:00-Prayer Group Noon-AA</p> <p>5-7 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p>	<p>22 Noon-Ash Wednesday Service Noon- AA</p> <p>4-8:00 Orthodox Church</p>	<p>23 Noon- AA</p>	<p>24 Noon-AA</p> <p>5:30-6:30 P.O.R (AA)</p> <p>7-8 Live NA</p>	<p>25 8-9 P KISMIF (AA)</p>	
<p>26 1 Lent 10:00-Worship Living the ?'s Adult Formation 7-8:30 NA Group</p>	<p>27 Noon- AA</p>	<p>28 10:00-Prayer Group Noon- AA</p>	<p>29 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA</p> <p>12:40 Pastoral Care Card Team</p>				



Epiphany 2012



Bob Robins Celebration: 60 Years of Ministry



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Living the Questions

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many of us have a sense that we are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity may be a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask.

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Living the Questions creates an environment where participants not only interact with one another in exploring the best of today's theological thought, but together strive to explore what's next for Christianity. Featuring 30 of today's leading religious voices we will study and explore beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck. Living the Questions will help us discover the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Reclaiming the World

8. Restoring Relationships	January 29
9. The Prophetic Jesus	February 5
10. Evil, Suffering & God	February 12
11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence	February 26
12. Practicing Resurrection	March 4
13. Debunking the Rapture	March 11
14. Reclaiming the World	March 18

Directory Updates

Jim Eddy has a new e-mail address: jameddy96@gmail.com

B.J. Oswald would like for you to not use her home number any longer. Please use her cell phone number to contact her: 541-647-8010.

Mike & Susan Brossia corrected address: 1318 E Second Court * Sutherlin OR 97479

Lenten Bread/Soup Suppers & Program

The Lenten Suppers will begin on February 28th and continue every Tuesday through March 27th. Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by a program with an approximate end time of 8:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you would like to bring soup, bread, and/or refreshments. If you have any questions please call the front office.

Father Alfred Tyson's Memorial Service

Father Alfred S. Tyson's Celebration of Life Service was well attended in Eugene on January 7th. His son, Father Stephen Tyson, did a wonderful eulogy without a single note. We laughed and a few tears were shed throughout the service. Mine came when we sang "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God" as I could still hear Father Tyson's voice loudly singing that song for many years. The Bishop and many ministers were in attendance. Members of St. George's attending were: Bob Robins, Clara Scallon, Don and Betty Severson, Thelma Sayers, David Sayers, Roger Helliwell, Rosemary Sansom, Pete and Faye Benham, David and Marcia Jackson. Former members of St. George's attending were Carol Hill, Effie Hagedorn and daughters Jenny and Sharon, Jim Anderson, Jim and Terri Mackey, Matthew Jackson, Juliana Jackson Marez and friend Kevin Snodgrass and of course Father Steve Tyson and his sister Charlotte "Ty" Zeller. The Tyson family were well represented. Hope I did not miss anyone. Many were so pleased to visit with Bob Robins again. Thanks to Pete and Faye for taking him. Respectfully submitted, Marcia Jackson

LENT WORD SEARCH

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Rector: The Rev. JoAnne Bennett
Parish Secretary/Administrative Assistant: Juanita
Senior Warden: Jim Eddy
Junior Warden: Donna Litherland
Treasurer: Frank Graham

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch
(Time approx. 12-1)

ST. GEORGE SERVICES

Sunday
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Administrative Day on Thursdays

Every Thursday will be Administrative Day. What this means: I will check messages several times that day. I will only return emergency messages. The office will be closed to daily business. This allows me to stay on top of important projects with minimal disruption. If it is **not** an emergency then please take care of it on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. Thank you for your understanding.