

The Dragon Scoop

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St. George Episcopal Church
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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

Annual Parish Meeting

The Right Reverend Neff Powell will be here on February 8 to preside over Holy Eucharist and to attend the Annual Parish Meeting that will be held after worship.

The 2015 budget will be presented, and the congregation will have the opportunity to vote on Vestry candidates and hear commission reports.

Refreshments will be served, of course!

Equipping the Saints

“Equipping the Saints” is an intensive two-day workshop to be held at Trinity Church in Ashland on February 26-28.

It will provide congregational teams with new tools to help faith communities of all sizes to develop perspectives, processes, and practices for congregational vitality. A combination of teaching sessions, small group work, and project development will equip teams to return to their congregations with new skills and specific action plans.

The cost of the training is \$75/person plus accommodation, and includes all meals. Scholarship assistance can be requested.

More information can be found online at www.diocese-oregon.org/equipping-the-saints-building-healthy-faithful-sustainable-congregations/ or you can call the church office at 541-673-4048.



There is a clipboard over the drinking fountain in the church hallway for recording any maintenance problems that members may find. The Facilities Team will monitor this board and make any repairs

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Letter from Bishop Neff

January 15, 2015

Dear friends in Christ,

It has been just a week now since Bingham and I began our father and son pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We arrived a couple of days early in case of weather delays and to allow our bodies to catch up with the time zone change before the program began on Monday the 12th.

We are staying at St. George's College which shares a campus with the St. George's Guest House, the offices of the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, and the Anglican Cathedral of St. George the Martyr. This campus is just a few blocks from the Old City.

Sunday we attended Eucharist at the Cathedral. The Cathedral is a lovely stone English style building. The service was celebrated with a blend of English and Arabic. The hymns were familiar. The Dean and the Bishop are both Arab. We guessed that there were about forty people in church. After church there was a nice reception which gave us a chance to visit with our fellow worshipers. We met people from the United States, England, and Australia as well as from Israel and Palestine.

Our program is titled *Palestine of Jesus*. Each day we visit sites associated with the life of Jesus where we read the foundational scriptural passages associated with the site and have a

lecture about the site. For example yesterday we visited Nazareth. We read the stories of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-40) and Jesus' first sermon in his home synagogue (Luke 4:14-30). We visited the Roman Catholic Church of the Annunciation, which is new, but built on ancient ruins. We then visited "the Synagogue Church" where the first sermon is commemorated. There was time to explore a Syrian Catholic Church where I discovered a lovely icon of St. George.

We will continue in this manner each day, more or less following the chronology of Jesus' life until we walk the Way of the Cross/Via Dolorosa and visit the Holy Sepulchre, and ultimately in Emmaus where we will encounter Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

I am already growing with new insights into the life of Jesus. I think of you every day and particularly held you in my prayers at the cathedral dedicated to St. George and when I discovered the icon.

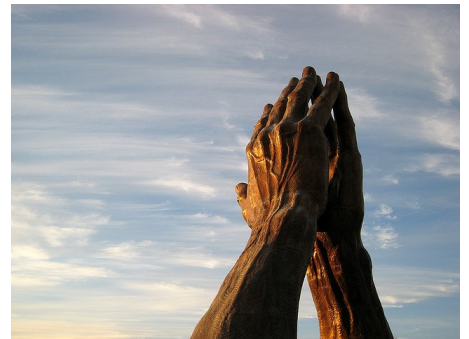
I have attached some pictures which I hope you will enjoy. (*See page 3*)

Please keep Bingham and me in your prayers as you are in ours. I look forward to being back with you all soon.

+Neff
From Jerusalem

We are never outside the reach of prayer. No matter who we are, no matter what we do, we are always within the circle of someone's prayer. We live each day in this field of prayer. We sleep within its embrace, we rise within its blessing. Somewhere, every day, someone of some faith is praying in a way that includes us. They are asking the holy, by whatever name they know, to have mercy, to heal, to protect others. We walk within that prayer without even knowing it, without ever recognizing its source in the person who prayed it. In the same way, our own prayers reach the most distant stranger, until none of us are ever beyond the hope we share.

~ The Right Reverend Steven Charleston, Choctaw



Bishop Neff in the Holy Land



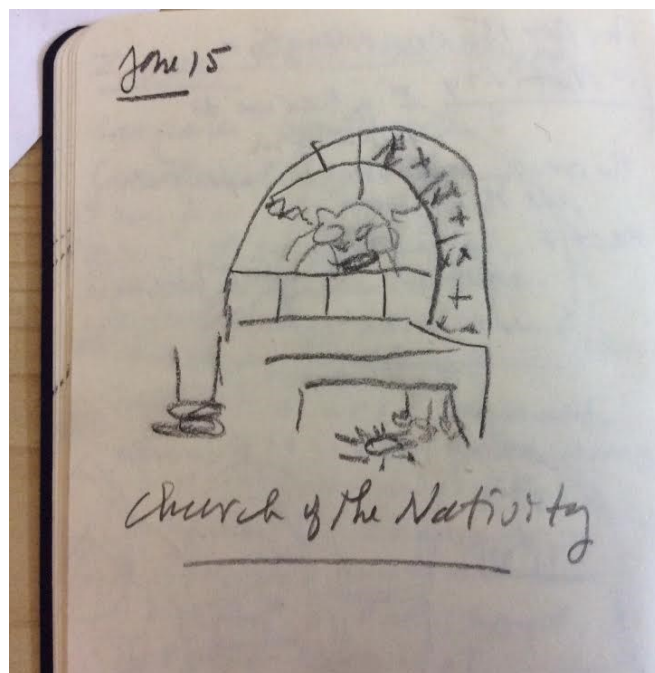
Bishop Neff with icon of St. George in Nazareth



The Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the traditional site of Mary's home



The nave of the Cathedral Church of St. George the Martyr



Bishop Neff's sketch of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Underneath the altar is the traditional site of Jesus' birth.

In Memoriam

Archie Rutter 1929-2014



Friends and family of Archie Rutter gathered Sunday, January 18, for a Service for Committal of Ashes at the Columbarium.

Joy Williams 1950-2015

There will be a Memorial Service for Joy Williams at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, presided over by the Reverend James Boston. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided at the reception following.

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.*

"Amazing Grace"

Vestry Candidates Class of 2018

Gregg Henton

We moved to Roseburg when my wife found full-time employment in September of last year. We have been regular attendees and now members of St. George's. With great concern for the affairs of St. George Episcopal Church and in response to the request for someone slightly "younger" to serve on the Vestry, I submit my name to the list of candidates.

Though I have only been an Episcopalian since 2008 when my wife Susan and I joined St. James in Birmingham, MI, I have been a lifelong Christian of strong faith. I have served at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Prineville, OR as Lay Minister, and have served on the Mission Council at Grace Episcopal Church in Spring Hill, TN where I was responsible for all church communication, both internally to the congregation and externally to the community. In addition, I actively participated as a Eucharistic Minister, led and trained the Lay Readers, assisted the Junior Warden with repairs, attended Bible Study, performed the duties of President for the Men's Club, and sang in the choir.

Though baptized in the Methodist Church in Corry, PA, my religious upbringing was mostly in the Lutheran Church. Susan is a "cradle Episcopalian," baptized at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Prineville. I was confirmed in the American Lutheran Church in Copenhagen, DK. While living and working in Beaverton, OR, I was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and served on the Stewardship Committee to raise funds for the new church building. In Illinois, while attending Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Naperville, we became members of

Alleluia Lutheran Church, a new mission growth church of the parent. Though I was not on the Mission Council at Alleluia, I was on the committees for church growth and stewardship.

I have only just found part time work at the Umpqua Business Center where I am the Lead Advisor for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and part of the UCC faculty. My wife's job – that of a caretaker – could change at any time; e.g. - if her charge becomes ill or relocates to warmer and dryer climes on a permanent basis. In that instance, my wages would not be sufficient to keep us in Roseburg unless I was able to find alternate employment or become full-time at the SBDC.

I am attempting to become more involved in local community affairs, which my position at the SBDC is going to help. I am involved with the Oregonians for Sound Fuel Policy that is attempting to stop the Oregon Legislature's push of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS), which will take me into other political arenas and opportunities to serve this state and its citizens in other capacities. I have joined the YES (Young Entrepreneurs Society) and will be seeking further involvement in the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations. With my background, I believe I will have both a different perspective and some fresh ideas to offer St. George's.

Given that, I am willing and able to serve on the Vestry in any capacity necessary as long as we are able to remain in Roseburg. With Christ's guidance and help, we can.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Gregg Henton

Our Facebook page has a new, easy-to-remember address. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the page!
facebook.com/episcopalroseburg

Episcopal Church Women

Our speaker for the January 15 meeting was Shawn Ramsey-Watson. She gave us some valuable information about how we can and should care about senior citizens who appear to be in need of medical, physical, or economic assistance. She left some pamphlets which are on the table in the hallway. There are also some folders containing miscellaneous information in the bookcase in the church office.

Next month, Carrie Case from Hospice will provide our program. Please join us on February 19 at 11:00.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, ECW Co-President

FISH Report

In December 2014, the FISH of Roseburg served 1054 households or 3963 persons. 430 of the households were in Roseburg, while 624 were in the rest of the county.

On December 13th the Roseburg Food Project collected a record 13,205 pounds of food from 790 donors coordinated by 76 neighborhood coordinators.

The Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded a grant of \$10,000 to FISH.

Questions about FISH? Call Mik at 541-464-0634

Can You Help?

Donations to help Rick Williams with immediate expenses for the death of Joy Williams are gratefully accepted. St. George has paid the Chapel of the Roses their fee from our general fund. It is our wish to have enough donations to cover the \$1,000 invoice. Any extra funds will be given to Rick. Please make your donations payable to St. George Episcopal Church.

Thank you!

**Man plans,
God laughs**

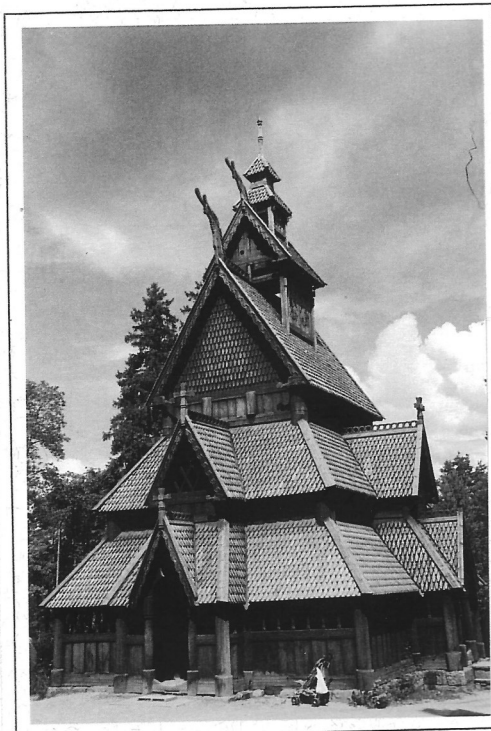
(Words of wisdom via our Senior Warden)



Wonderful World

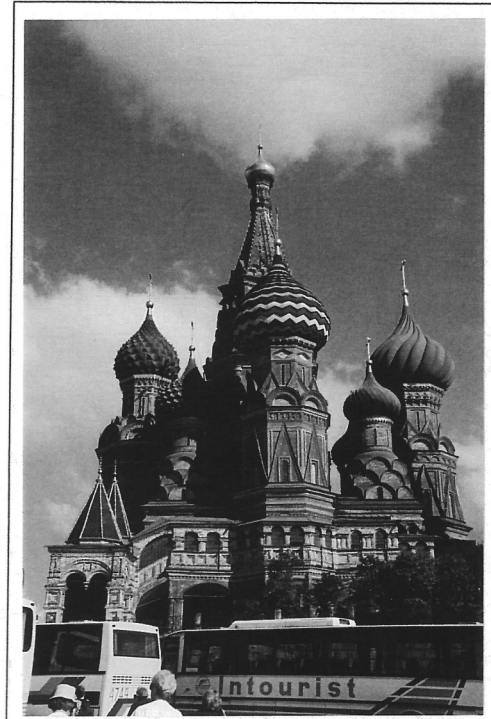
SOME UNIQUE PLACES OF WORSHIP

Photos by Bob Robins

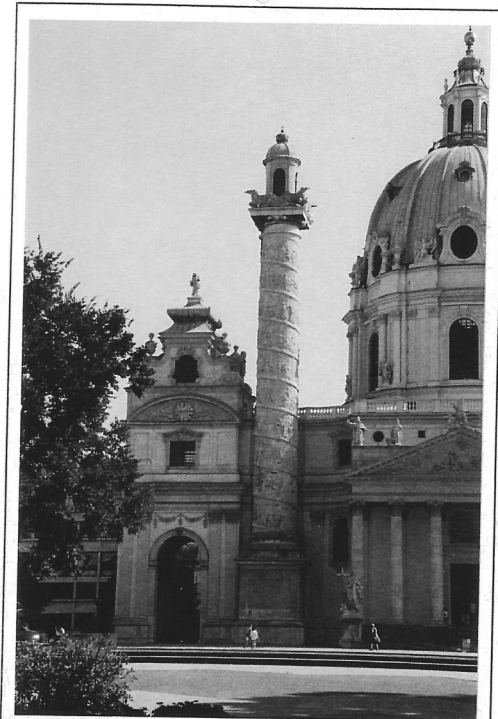


This STAVE CHURCH stands in Oslo, Norway. In the Middle Ages there were probably more than 1000 Stave Churches in Norway - today only 28 remain. They were made of wood, using wooden poles ("staver" in Norwegian). The decoration is a fascinating mix of both Christian and Viking symbolism.

The KARLSKIRCHE (St. Charles Church) in Vienna, Austria, is one of that city's greatest and most interesting buildings. Completed in 1737, it was commissioned by the Emperor in thanks for answered prayer, and the Baroque edifice was also designed to glorify the Hapsburg Empire. The great columns at the front are patterned in imitation of Trajan's Column in Rome.



ST. BASIL'S CATHEDRAL on Red Square in Moscow, Russia, was commissioned by Ivan The Terrible in 1552 to commemorate a military victory on the Feast of the Intercession of the Virgin, and it is officially named the Cathedral of the Intercession of the Virgin of the Moat. (The "moat" has long since disappeared.)



Matthew 5:3-12

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

In the original text the word blessed is *makarios*. *Makarios* was originally associated with gods: only they lived a life of comfort and plenty. Then it was the *makarios* experienced by kings. Today we are offered the wonderful gift of *makarios* for

ourselves. It is independent of material goods, social status, or high birth.

Think of the worst thing you have ever done or the worst thing you know someone else has done. We are offered forgiveness and even blessing. We have been offered eternal life and hope. We are truly blessed. Everyone who meets us should see the grace and joy we walk in. We are truly blessed.

I remember singing this children's song as a child:

Happiness is to know the Saviour,
Living a life within His favour,
Having a change in my behavior,
Happiness is the Lord.

Happiness is a new creation,
Jesus and me in close relation,
Having a part in His salvation,
Happiness is the Lord.

Happiness is to be forgiven,
Living a life that's worth the livin',
Taking a trip that leads to Heaven,
Happiness is the Lord.

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Taking a trip that leads to Heaven,
Happiness is the Lord,
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Chorus:
Real joy is mine,
No matter if the teardrops start,
I've found a secret,
It's Jesus in my heart.

~ Juliana Marez

Cathedrals of the World

St. George's Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral

Perth, Australia

St. George's Cathedral is the principal Anglican Church in Perth, Western Australia and the mother church of the Anglican Diocese of Perth.

Perth was founded as a city in 1829 and the church was built in 1888 to replace an earlier building. It is made from local handmade clay bricks.

Extensive restoration was carried out in the early 2000s to replace the roof and to add earthquake protection.



The cathedral has a peal of eight bells, which were cast in England and installed in 1903. However, due to structural concerns in the tower, the bells were seldom rung. But following an earthquake in 1968, a steel frame was built in which to hang the bells and bell ringing has become active again.

St. Mary's Cathedral is the Cathedral church of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth and seat of its Archbishop.

This church was constructed in three phases. The first cornerstone was laid in 1863 and this phase was completed in 1865. The second stage was started in 1926, but, due to the Great Depression, the original plans were scaled back and although incomplete the cathedral opened in May 1930.

Eventually, in 1999 it was decided to finally complete the expansion started in 1926; but due to lack of funds, work was not begun until 2006. Part of this work consisted of lifting the entire roof structure so that columns could be replaced and walls reconfigured. The roof was then attached to a steel frame.



The completed cathedral was officially opened in December 2009.



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10 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

