



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
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A Farewell and a Welcome

Donna Litherland has been St. George’s Senior Warden for the last year and a half. She is leaving us to live near her family in Salt Lake City, and we will miss her so much. Donna has been a great blessing to this church and to each of us individually. We pray that every joy will be hers in her new life. Her last Sunday with us will be February 7.

This is not a “good-bye” or “so long.” It is “we shall be together again,” hopefully. I do thank everyone in this church for all the help and support you have given to me.

I really did not feel I had the knowledge or experience for the job. But I know this has been a great experience and a help for me to adjust to a life without Don.

I shall miss everyone and the friendships I have at church. Now my life will be filled with eight great-grandchildren and grandchildren.

The best benefit from this time at St. George was the fact that I became much closer to God and grew much deeper in my faith. As a friend told me, “Let go — let God.”

*Blessings for all,
every day,
Donna*



We have an Interim Priest! The Reverend James Boston from Grants Pass will begin his new position here in February. More details will be available soon.

Welcome, Father Jim! We are delighted that you will be here.



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Vestry Nominations

The following parishioners are running for the Vestry Class of 2019:

Mike Brossia Sue Phelps David Sayers

The election will be held on February 7 at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Many thanks to the outgoing Class of 2016: Betty Jo Hoffman, Doug Holloway, and Donna Litherland.

November 2015 Vestry Meeting

The *Dragon Scoop* publishes highlights of the Vestry meetings. Since the minutes have to be approved first, the reports will be a month behind. (The Vestry did not meet in December of 2015.)

- ♦ A falling ceiling tile in the entry to the church needs repair, and the entry ceiling lights still need to be replaced.
- ♦ Donna Litherland and Bill Riley inspected the rectory on November 3. The inside of the house was clean; there was some damage to the plasterboard around some of the outlets; the garage door needed repair which we will have done by Overhead Doors. The yard is in poor shape so Bill removed a small tree outside the laundry room and dug out three blackberry sprouts.
- ♦ A motion was made to accept the bid from Dobson Roofing, Inc. to reroof the Rectory. When we receive the roofer's bill we will send it to the insurance claims department.
- ♦ The Vestry approved the ECW buying a Whirlpool refrigerator.
- ♦ We have filed an appeal on the unemployment dispute, but no date for a court hearing has been set.
- ♦ Mik Carlson reminded us that St. George pays for two month's cleaning of the FISH Pantry.
- ♦ The Vestry set the date of February 7, 2016, for the annual parish meeting. Next year there will be three vacancies on the Vestry.

FISH Report

From the January 2016 FISH newsletter:

“December 12 was an amazing day at the FISH Food Pantry. It was the primary collection day for the December pickup of the Roseburg Food Project. Neighborhood Coordinators were dropping off their green shopping bags of donated food, and students from Jo Lane and Fremont Middle Schools along with adult volunteers were unloading and sorting the donated food. The Food Project collected a record 13,600 pounds of food in December from over 900 individual food donors and groups.”

“Also, on the 12th another youth group from the Douglas County Juvenile Department repackaged several hundred pounds of donated pet food. Later that afternoon a church youth group from three of the sponsoring churches of the FISH put holiday greeting labels on 2-pound bricks of cheese our clients began receiving on December 14. It was truly a busy and exciting day!”

The next Roseburg Food Project pick up day is Saturday, February 13th. Don't forget to leave your green bag on your doorstep.

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



Thank You for Your Pledges!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Our annual Pancake Dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 9. A delicious meal will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per person, or \$12 for a family of three or more.

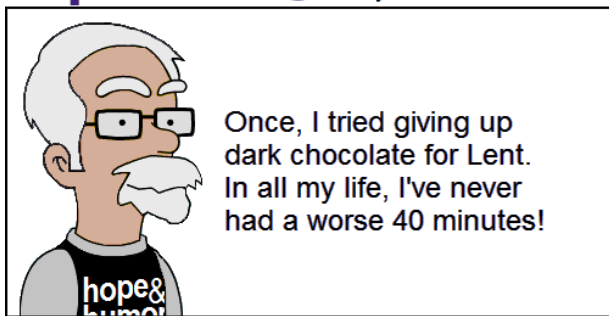
Please sign up ahead of time at church, or give the office a call at 541-673-4048, so we can be prepared.



Cooking for the 2015 Pancake Dinner

Lenten Humor

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Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW NEWS

Our January meeting was centered on Donna Litherland since this was her last meeting. We gave her cake, cards, and some gifts.

We talked about the United Thank Offering boxes (see below) which will be given out on February 7 to be filled during Lent. We also set the date for the spring rummage sale—May 6 and 7—so start planning for your donation.

Our next meeting will be February 18.

UNITED THANK OFFERING "MITE BOXES"

For Lent this year, we are bringing back the United Thank Offering boxes: the "mite boxes."



"United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world." (Statement from the UTO web site.)

The mite boxes will be inserted in the February 7 bulletins.

We hope you will find the "little blue boxes" helpful to offer thanks to God for your daily blessings.

"Three Gratitudes"

*Every night before I go to sleep
I say out loud
Three things that I'm grateful
for,
All the significant, insignificant
Extraordinary, ordinary stuff of
my life.
It's a small practice and humble,
And yet, I find I sleep better
Holding what lightens and
softens my life
Ever so briefly at the end of the
day.
Sunlight, and blueberries,
Good dogs and wool socks,
A fine rain,*

*A good friend,
Fresh basil and wild phlox,
My father's good health,
My daughter's new job,
The song that always makes me
cry,
Always at the same part,
No matter how many times I
hear it.
Decent coffee at the airport,
And your quiet breathing,
The stories you told me,
The frost patterns on the
windows,
English horns and banjos,
Wood Thrush and June bugs,
The smooth glassy calm of the
morning pond,*

*An old coat,
A new poem,
My library card,
And that my car keeps running
Despite all the miles.

And after three things,
More often than not,
I get on a roll and I just keep on
going,
I keep naming and listing,

Until I lie grinning,
Blankets pulled up to my chin,
Awash with wonder
At the sweetness of it all.*

~ Carrie Newcomer

Parish News



On January 10, Donna announced that she would have a surprise for us. That surprise turned out to be



Father Doug Hale reading the Gospel

Many of the photos seen in the Dragon Scoop appear first on Facebook. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the page: www.facebook.com/episcopalroseburg



*Father Jim Boston,
our new Interim Priest!*



Food and fellowship after the January 17 service

Praying in Color

Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God by Sylvia Macbeth is a wonderful book on a way to pray that automatically focuses one's mind. Sylvia discovered that for her, "the action of drawing was a wordless offering of friends and family into the care of God. The page of drawings became a visual reminder to pray." Her website—<http://prayingincolor.com/>—offers a wealth of information on the practice as well as templates for seasons of the year, including Lent 2016. She has written several other books as well.

Here is her basic outline for praying in color:

- 1) You want to pray but words escape you. 2) **Sitting still and staying focused in prayer are a challenge.** 3) *Your body wants to be part of your prayer.* 4) **You want to just hang out with God but don't know how.** 5) **Listening to God feels like an impossible task.** 6) **Your mind wanders and your body complains.** 7) You want a visual, concrete way to pray. 8) *You Need a new way to pray.*

Here's what you need to get started:

- 1) Paper
- 2) Pen
- 3) Colored markers or colored pencils or colored gel pens or just 1) and 2)
- 4) A table or clipboard or book to put your paper on.

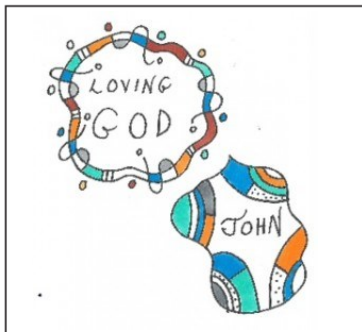
1) Write your name for God on a piece of paper. Draw a shape around it or just start to doodle. The drawing becomes a prayer space.



2) Continue to add marks and shapes. Focus on the name you chose. If words come, pray them; if not, enjoy the silence.



3) To pray for a person, write their name on the page. Draw around it. Add color, if you want. Keep drawing as you release the person into God's care.



4) Add other people to your drawing. Think of each stroke of your pen as a prayer for them. Take a breath or say "Amen" between each person.



Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

Several children boarded my Title X van to go to their various shelters, motels, and camps after school. One little five-year-old was crying and shattered. She had earned a prize at school and an ornery little student had taken it and broken it. For her with so little it was a crushing blow. Just the week before, her Christmas presents and dress were stolen by a “family friend.” One of the other little boys—who lives in a car—dug into his backpack and produced a plastic motorcycle from the dollar store. He offered it to her and said, “Please don’t cry.”



These are the moments when I know why I love my job. A child with so little can give so much. If we come as a child with open hearts and minds, anything is possible.

Juliana works with Homeless and Runaway Youth Services and Native American Services for Roseburg School District 4. She has chosen Matthew 19:14 for the title of her column:

but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Let us have the courage of innocence, not unwilling to see the reality around us, but unable to submit to it as the defined limits of our imagination. In the midst of war, let us see peace. In the heart of hunger, let us see lives fulfilled. In the face of greed, let us see a new season of sharing. Let us have the vision of innocence, the clear sight of hope, the youthful possibility in every life, insisting that we can do better, believing that we will become what only poets now dream.

~ Bishop Steven Charleston, January 21, 2016

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Wells Cathedral, Wells, England

The Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, known as Wells Cathedral, is an Anglican cathedral in Wells, Somerset, England, and is the seat of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.



In the early days the seat of the Bishop was moved around between various local cathedrals but eventually the title of “Bishop of Bath and Wells” was established by a ruling of the Pope in 1245 and has remained until this day.

Work on the buildings, built in the Early English Gothic style, commenced in 1175 but there had been a church on the site from around 705. With the broad west front and large central tower, the cathedral has been described as the most beautiful cathedral in England.

Although the major building program was completed by 1306, enlargement and additional building continued until around 1500. Unusual are the cloisters, built between 1430 and 1508, because the cathedral was secular rather than monastic and so there was no need of an area for monks to assemble.

The Cathedral contains several fine examples of medieval stained glass dating from 1310 to 1330.



A portion of the stained glass in the Jesse Window

An astronomical clock was installed in 1390. The mechanism was replaced in the 19th century and removed to the Science Museum in London, where it continues to operate still.



When the clock strikes every quarter, jousting knights rush round above the clock and the Quarter Jack bangs the quarter hours with his heels.

More than 1,000 services are held in the building each year, consisting of one each day and three on Sundays, and a total of over 150,000 people attend. The day-to-day running costs of the cathedral and adjacent buildings are around \$3.3 million per year so the 300,000 tourists who visit are encouraged to donate towards this expense.



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Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Frank Graham

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10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

