



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

Valentines of Ash

I love that Valentine’s Day falls on Ash Wednesday this year. Valentine’s Day—that bane to single people and the unsentimental, the feast day of our culture’s obsession with love and romance—is momentarily subverted by a reminder of what love really looks like: self-denial and commitment. Ash Wednesday in many ways is one of the most passionate and powerful expressions of love—God’s love for us, and our love for God.

It’s because of the tendency to forget our First Love — to rely on emotions and feelings instead of true sacrifice and commitment — that we need Ash Wednesday this Valentine’s Day. In Jesus, God puts aside everything to make us God’s beloved on

the cross. This is not a sentimental gesture. It is a whole-hearted, full-throated commitment. Jesus is all in, and Lent is an invitation for us to join him.

For those who observe, may we be willing and able to say yes.

from “Valentines of Ash:
What Lent Teaches Us about Real Love”
~ Juliet Vedral

Read the complete article here:
<https://sojo.net/articles/valentines-ash>



Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

***The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?***

***The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?***

Psalm 27:1

So...what difference would it make if we were not afraid?

If we were not afraid of failing?
If we were not afraid of being hurt?
If we were not afraid of people we did not understand?
If we were not afraid of not having enough—
enough time, enough energy, enough money?
If we were not afraid of not being enough?
If we were not afraid of the future?
If we were not afraid of our enemies...
whoever they might be?
If we were not afraid of death?

Fear is the root of anger. The root of hate. The root of greed. The root of war. The root of all that destroys life. And it is pervasive and palpable all around us, isn't it? In all that we read and see and hear.

But, dear ones, there is no fear in love. Perfect love casts out ALL fear. (1 John 4:18) *So the question is—how do we immerse ourselves so fully in the love of God that we do not have to be afraid? What can you do to remind yourself each and every day that you are held by God... that God has you, holds you, and won't let you go?*

The “spiritual disciplines” of prayer, Bible study, worship, confession, service, and meditation sound like a holy “to-do” list that we often balk at, dragging our feet with resentment at the time it takes and then feeling guilty that we don't do enough. But the truth is—these are the very things that immerse us in the warmth and light of God's love, poured out for us beyond measure. These “disciplines” are gifts that draw us deeper into the embrace of God, giving us space to breathe and rest...and reminding us indeed that “the Lord is our light and salvation...whom shall I fear?”

Our Lenten theme this year is “When We Are Afraid”—*Putting on God's Armor...Putting on Christ*. On Wednesday evenings, we will draw deeper into the ways love casts out fear. But, since Lent has traditionally been a time of digging deeper into our faith, we also invite you to consider embracing a new discipline during this season of Lent that might draw you deeper into God's embrace. Some people have traditionally “fasted” during Lent, giving something up, which can be a spiritual discipline too. But we invite you to add something instead. Perhaps it is midweek worship added to Sunday worship. Perhaps it is Bible study. Perhaps it is a quiet time set aside for meditation and prayer. Perhaps it is a daily act of kindness and service. Perhaps it is journaling your reflections. There are so many options...but see it as a gift, not a “have to”...that you might be awash in the love of God and know that you have nothing to fear.

In the love of Christ —
Rev. Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

At our ECW January meeting, it was suggested to have people bring magazines to share with others regarding special interests like hunting, fishing, sports, gardening, home décor, etc. They will be placed on a centrally located table for people to help themselves. We also brought attention to the bulletin board by the priest's office which is where thank-you notes to our congregation and other notifications are posted; but it is seldom visited. We hope to make it more noticeable.

We visited the Stained Glass Window Pictures project again, which led to the possibility of refreshing the hall then maybe the parish hall with a new coat of paint.

With Lent coming soon, we discussed upcoming meal plans: Shrove Tuesday and soup and bread meals before the Wednesday services on Feb. 28 and March 13. The other soup and bread and services will be at Faith Lutheran. They will also host the Maundy Thursday meal.

Our speaker was Robert Miller from Family Faith and Relationship Advocates, or FARA. It is a non-profit organization which works with people who "had a rough start" in life. A term you may be hearing a lot lately is ACES-Adverse Childhood Experiences. Their clients are facing crises and

with the help of faith in God, they work to bring and keep families together.

Their organization is growing; they have a number of programs: outgrowing anger issues, building connections, parenting, empowering women. Their goal is to create better connected parents and to keep families together, not pull them apart. "Without connection, there can be no corrections." Six years ago, there were 600 children in foster care in Douglas County and now there are 115.

They have recently added FARA for youth only.

This program includes a food pantry, clothes, and crisis bags. They work with the other family crisis programs in the county.

They are located just down the street from us on the corner of Washington and Main.

Join us Feb. 15 at 11:00 for our next meeting.

Thank you to everyone who decorated, helped decorate, cooked, sang, and/or served to celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons.



FISH

The News-Review reported on Jan. 10 that the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation awarded grants to 83 charities in its fall round of giving, totaling \$817,330. \$15,000 of that went to FISH.

The next Green Bag pick-up day is Saturday, Feb. 10.



FISH Statistics

- * 8,000 to 10,000 pounds of food are given out each week.
- * 400+ family units are helped each month, 23% are seniors, 29% are children.
- * 45% use the pantry only once per year.
- * 75% use the pantry 3 or fewer times per year.
- * 58% live within Roseburg city limits with the remainder throughout Douglas County.

Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2023

	November	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 4,565	\$ 5,338	\$ 70,099	\$ 58,716
Other Income	4,099	3,783	50,588	41,617
Total Income	8,664	9,121	120,687	100,333
Expenses	15,184	12,393	104,778	136,324
	<u>\$ (6,520)</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ 15,909</u>	<u>\$ (35,991)</u>
	December	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 2,990	\$ 5,338	\$ 71,739	\$ 64,054
Other Income	7,220	3,783	57,458	45,400
Total Income	10,210	9,121	129,197	109,454
Expenses	15,702	12,393	120,480	148,717
	<u>\$ (5,492)</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ 8,717</u>	<u>\$ (39,263)</u>

Our pledges were below budget for both November and December. December's was down by \$2,500 which is about 1/4 of the budgeted amount. Ouch. Both months we ended up in the red over \$5,000. Luckily our Year-to-Date amounts kept us in the black overall. So bad news and good news. Still we did far better than what we had budgeted. Yay, team!

Epiphany



For Epiphany Sunday on Jan. 7, Sue Phelps added a stunning poster of the Magi to the Parish Hall décor. Karla Roady made delicious Three Kings Cakes to share with the congregation.

Birthday Blessings



Above, left to right:
Robin Artac,
Lukas Artac—accepting blessings for his Dad,
Chris, and for the family cat, **Dottie,**
Nic Artac, who is now 13,
and **Zeb Goodlet**

Below:
Annalise Clark



Above:
Juliana Marez accepts
blessings for her parents,
David and Marcia Jackson



Thanks from the Bishop of Hawai'i

Last fall St. George's donated \$1000 to Maui relief efforts after their terrible August fires. We received this letter thanking us and letting us know how widespread the generosity has been. The complete contents can be read here: episcopalhawaii.org/



December 28, 2023
Feast of the Holy Innocents

Aloha my dear Siblings in Christ,

Here in the Christmas Season, I write to thank all those who have been so generous in the months following the August fires on Maui. Gifts of financial and personal support have come from around the world. We have been supported by the prayers of many more. I have been moved to tears by all of the love and generosity.

As a Diocese, we have received the following donations (these numbers do not include donations made directly to A Cup of Cold Water or Holy Innocents):

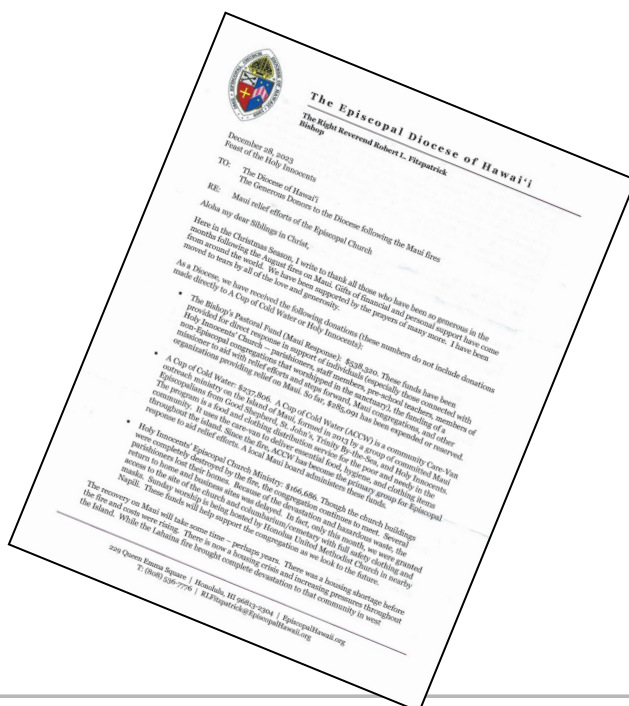
The Bishop's Pastoral Fund (Maui Response): \$538,320. These funds have been provided for direct response in support of individuals, the funding of a missionary to aid with relief efforts and steps forward, Maui congregations, and other organizations providing relief on Maui. So far, \$285,091 has been expended or reserved.

A Cup of Cold Water: \$237,806. A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW) is a community Care-Van outreach ministry on the Island of Maui, formed in 2013 by a group of committed Maui Episcopalians. The program is a food and clothing distribution service for the poor and needy in the community. Since the fire, ACCW has become the primary group for Episcopal response to aid relief efforts.

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church Ministry: \$166,686. Though the church buildings were completely destroyed by the fire, the congregation continues to meet. These funds will help support the congregation as we look to the future.

The recovery on Maui will take some time – perhaps years. Your gifts have helped the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i to respond. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
The Right Rev. Robert L. Fitzpatrick
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i



Upcoming

ANNUAL MEETING

Feb. 11 after the Worship Service

There will be a potluck lunch. The meeting will be over well in time to watch the Super Bowl!

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

Feb. 13—4-5:30— **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at St. George’s

Feb. 14—noon—**Ash Wednesday Service** at St. George’s

Wednesday 6 pm Soup Suppers and Worship:

Feb. 21—at Faith

Feb. 28—at St. George’s

March 6—at Faith

March 13—at St. George’s

March 20—at Faith

March 28—6 pm—**Maundy Thursday Seder Service** at Faith (*make reservations*)

March 29—12:15 Lenten **Good Friday Meditation** at First Presbyterian Church

March 29—7 pm—**Good Friday Service** at Faith

March 31—10:30—**Easter Service** (Faith’s service is at 9:30)

Fridays during Lent—12:15—**Lenten Meditations in Music** at First Presbyterian Church



Kyrie, Eleison

The word mercy in English is the translation of the Greek word *eleos*. This word has the same ultimate root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; a substance which was used extensively as a soothing agent for bruises and minor wounds. The oil was poured onto the wound and gently massaged in, thus soothing, comforting, and making whole the injured part.

The Hebrew word which is also translated as *eleos* and mercy is *hesed*, and means steadfast love. The Greek words for “Lord, have mercy,” are “*Kyrie, eleison*” that is to say, ‘Lord, soothe

me, comfort me, take away my pain, show me your steadfast love.”

Thus mercy does not refer so much to justice or acquittal a very Western interpretation, but to the infinite loving-kindness of God, and his compassion for his suffering children! It is in this sense that we pray “Lord, have mercy,” [during Lent].

~ Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris (1926-2020)

The Preacher & The Teacher

Excerpt from 1955

It had been the custom for several years for us to rent the entire skating rink after Christmas, during vacation, and to take all the Sunday School children skating free. All had fun, including the rector, who had to put on skates and show everyone that he was not too old to skate. This year, however, two of the junior high boys, David Montgomery and Jimmy Webster, decided they would show up the rector. Skating much faster, they came up from behind me, and the next thing I know, I was on the floor with my left arm in the shape of the letter "L." The *News-Review* head-lined their front-page article: "Local Rector Skates into the Hospital." That ended the skating parties; no more were ever held.

Local Minister Skates His Way Into Hospital

The Rev. Alfred S. Tyson, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, climaxed an evening of roller skating with a crash Wednesday.

He was in Douglas Community Hospital in Roseburg today with a broken left arm.

The 40-year-old rector had spent the evening at a skating party at Rolletta Skating Rink and was just nearing the entrance on his last time around the floor when he lost his balance and fell. He had skated all evening and had even given his two children, 6 and 8 years old, their first skating lessons without mishap.

After the accident, H. H. (Hod) Turner put on an emergency splint. The Rev. Mr. Tyson was then taken to the hospital for permanent treatment.

News-Review, December 29, 1955, p.1

Excerpt from 1956

Another event which came to completion in 1956 was the purchase and installation of a six-rank, two chamber Moeller pipe organ. Minnie Ritter died and left her grand piano to St. George's to

sell for the organ fund. We proceeded to sell it to the Methodist Church for \$1,500, enough to give a big boost in our funds. Our hopes were a little bit dampened when her husband, who was quite elderly, contended that we had stolen the piano and wanted it back. Fortunately, there were plenty of witnesses to his wife's bequest, including her daughter-in-law and his own attorney, George Neuner, so that it was quickly settled with no cost to the Church, and we were on our way to getting the pipe organ the rector had yearned for so long.

The Women's Guild agreed to underwrite the balance of payments and the Vestry signed the contract. Men from the Men's Club did the necessary remodeling to make room for the chambers of organ pipes at one end of a large Sunday School room upstairs that could easily be made to open into the choir part of the Church.

The organ arrived on March 13, 1956; luckily there was no school that day, so several of the schoolteachers who belonged to the parish came and helped unload it. It took some two weeks for it to be installed (it came in self-enclosed units). Then it had to be tuned. Finally, it was ready to play its first services on Sunday, April 8. Bob Robins, our Lay Reader, conducted Morning Prayer that Sunday at the 11 o'clock service so the Rector could be at the console to play for the first service. Some two and a half weeks later, Joseph Schnelker, professor of organ at Willamette University, came to St. George's to play a recital for the formal dedication of the instrument. The instrument was an excellent choice, being just the right size for the building, and being very well made; thirty years it is still serving perfectly with no major repairs.

Make that almost 68 years as of Feb. 2024! Hochhalter, Inc. of Salem has added to it and maintained it.

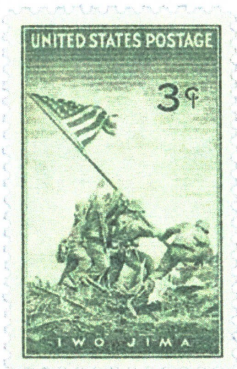
from
*The Preacher & the Teacher:
the story of our years at
St. George's as told by Father
Alfred S. Tyson.*



Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club
presents the February Stamp of the Month.

A Salute To Those Who Served In WW II



Scott catalog #929
issued July 11, 1945
in Washington DC

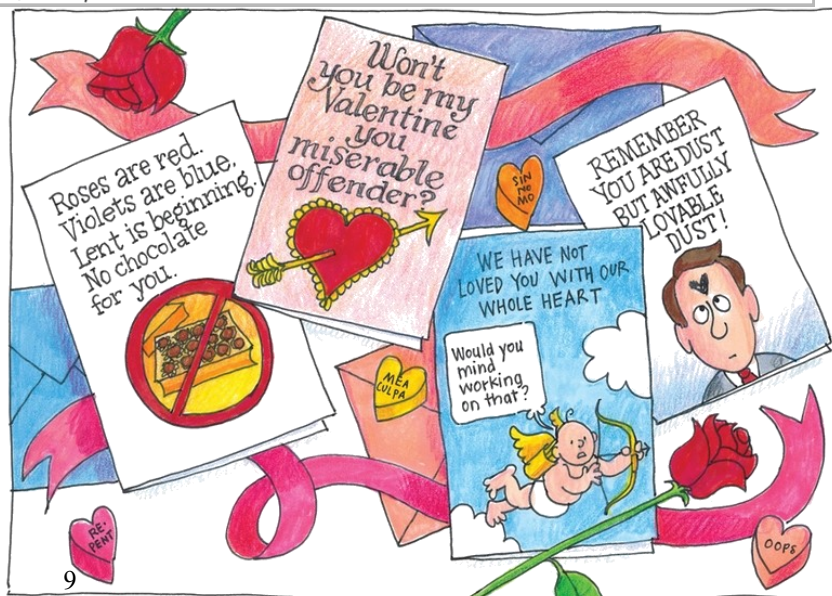
On February 23rd 1945 after hard fighting on Iwo Jima, the Marines captured Mt. Suribachi and hoisted the Stars and Stripes. A Pulitzer Prize winning photograph of this moment has become one of the most famous images of the war, and served as the model for this stamp and the US Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December. Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

Poster by Clarence Adams,
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

ASH WEDNESDAY AND VALENTINES DAY BOTH FALL ON FEBRUARY 14TH?
A WIN/WIN FOR THE GREETING CARD INDUSTRY!

Humor





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