



# The Dragon Scoop

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

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

### A New Year

**W**hat will 2016 bring? Here at St. George we are hoping to have an Interim Priest soon. Our beloved Senior Warden, Donna Litherland, will be leaving us to go to Salt Lake City. We will have three new Vestry members next month. Jeanette Buxton, our sorely-missed organist, will return from Seattle, where Tony, her husband, is undergoing therapy for a serious injury.

The seasons of the Church year remain the same, while in each of our personal lives there will be changes — some good, some challenging. We as a congregation will continue to love and serve God and one another.

As we look to the coming year, let us remember these wise words from Bishop Steve Charleston:

*Wherever you go in the year to come, you will not walk alone. The love that has watched over you since you were a child will remain beside you. It will help you, and guide you, and laugh with you, and comfort you when you need it. You do not have to do anything to earn this love or to keep it. It is the presence of a mind and heart as old as time. It is eternal and unchanging. It is a love so intimate it knows what makes you afraid at night and so strong that it can face any dawn with you. Therefore, you will walk in love throughout this coming year. You will be enfolded by love, sheltered and sustained, enlightened and inspired, challenged and received. What is to come is waiting for you. What has always been is with you already.*



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## Vestry

Don't forget! Three Vestry members are retiring this year. Please prayerfully consider whether you are called to this ministry. We are asking you to write a short personal profile including why you would like to be on Vestry. Please turn this in by January 15.

Our annual meeting is on February 7, 2016.

### 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 30th of November. On November 17, 2015, the Vestry adopted the following process:

“The Vestry requests that you submit your desire to be nominated for election to the Vestry Class of 2019, in writing by January 15, 2016, to the church office and 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, 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, and be willing to work with other members of the Vestry. 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 on February 7, 2016.”

### Vestry Minutes

The *Dragon Scoop* will be publishing highlights of the Vestry meetings. Since the minutes have to be approved first, the reports are a month behind. There was no December meeting, so the November minutes will be published in the February newsletter.

## FISH Report

From the FISH of Roseburg's Facebook page:

- The FISH of Roseburg is proud to say we do not discriminate against clients or employees on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, or sexual orientation. We're all in this together.
- In December the Roseburg Food Project collected a record breaking 13,530 pounds of food from 899 donors coordinated by 73 neighborhood coordinators.
- The students and staff of Jo Lane Middle School collected 1,171 pounds of food - the largest collection of food by a single group in the history of the Roseburg Food Project.

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

# Advent



*Noah Wanamaker  
braved the heights to  
put up greens*



*Frank Graham, Mike Riley,  
and Doug Holloway*



*Thelma Sayers  
announced the success  
of the Christmas Stocking  
project: two vehicles full  
of presents!*

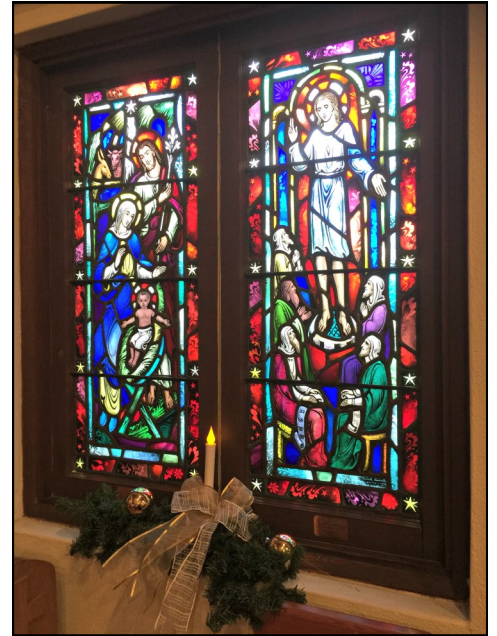


*Susan Brossia  
made the gorgeous  
pew greens*



*Sue Phelps and Penny  
Johnson continued their  
tradition of decorating the  
Parish Hall for Advent*

# Christmas Eve



*Thanks to our choir singers  
and to David Jones, Director,  
and Jean Melo, keyboardist,  
for a joyful pre-service concert.*

*Grateful acknowledgements to  
Donna Litherland (front page),  
Karla Roady (greening of the  
church), and Charles Van Sickle  
(Christmas Eve) for their photos.*



# Christmas Eve and Beyond



*Christmas Eve sermon  
by Father Jim Boston*



*"Silent Night" sung  
by candlelight*



*A cappella singing for  
the Lessons and Carols  
Service on December 27*



# Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

## ECW LADIES EXPERIENCE HOME GROWN HOSPITALITY

ECW met at the home of Carolyn Lee. She, her daughter, and daughter-in-law prepared us a wonderful meal. Everyone had great fun visiting; it felt like a group of sisters getting together after being apart for a while. We all enjoyed Carolyn's Santa collection.

The Reverend Jane Baker from Faith Lutheran Church gave us a lot of interesting information about their warming center.

We talked about the new refrigerator and the way David Sayers sold and delivered our old one.

Just a little too big  
to fit through the  
kitchen door!

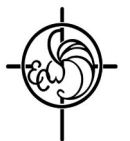


We sent Christmas bonus checks to Elva, our cleaning lady, and to Tenaya, our dishwasher. We also decided to give Tenaya a well-deserved raise. We sent Christmas cards to various people whom we have not seen in church lately. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season.

Our next meeting will be at 11:00 on Thursday, January 21. The speaker will be announced later.

## THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU

- Thank you to all the people who helped decorate our church for Advent and Christmas.
- Thank you for helping make our first congregational poinsettia collection a huge success.
- Thank you to all of our Altar Guild ladies for their hard work, particularly during the Christmas and Easter seasons.
- Thank you to the fellas who cover the office so our ladies can attend ECW when it is not in the church.
- Thank you to the property commission for their faithfulness when we have something that needs fixing.
- Thank you to all who donate their time, energy, and products to the FISH Pantry.
- Thank you to all the ladies who staff the office each week.
- Thank you to Donna and the Vestry — we survived an interesting year! Happy New Year!
- Thank you to all for a successful stewardship campaign.
- Thank you to Leigh for an amazing website and newsletter.
- Thank you to David Jones for providing music when we were in need.

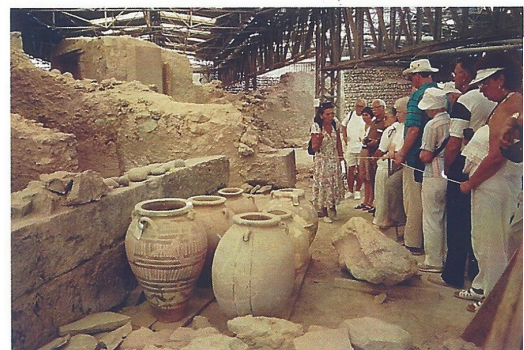
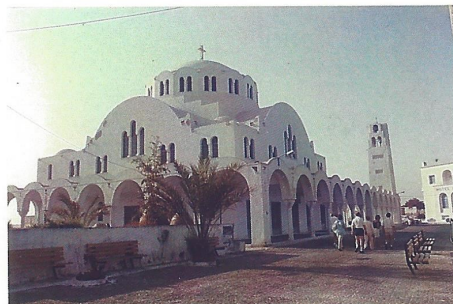
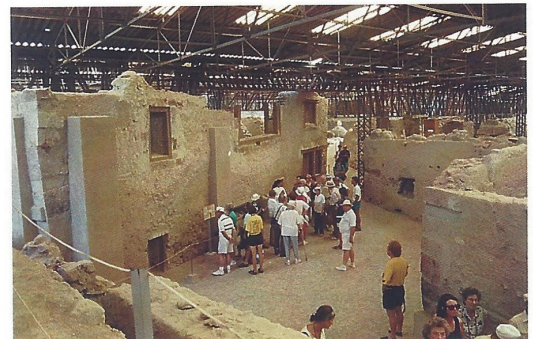
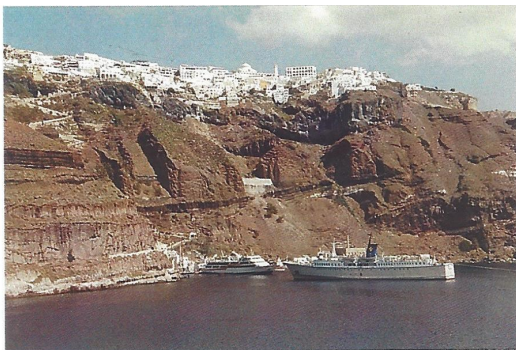


# Wonderful World

by Bob Robins

## SANTORINI - might this be the original Atlantis?

The Island of Santorini is what remains of a volcano in the southern Aegean Sea, about 120 miles southeast of the Greek mainland. Sailing into the caldera of this remnant of a volcanic eruption of about 3,000 years ago seemed to me like sailing into an open side of Crater Lake, and looking up to see Fira, the principal city and capitol, about 1300 feet above, on the rim. Evidence of human habitation here can be traced back even earlier into the Minoan Civilization Period, and one theory holds that the eruption here is the source of the Atlantis legends. At the least, current excavations here reveal prosperity, including paved streets, an extensive drainage system, and the production of high quality pottery and other crafts. The residents apparently had enough warning of the impending eruption that there is no evidence of human remains. The art work indicates that the people here had trade with residents of Crete. The current architecture is striking, with all buildings painted white, with colorful decorations. The Orthodox Church of Santorini stands prominently on the caldera's rim, and can be seen from a great distance. Rolling arches on the exterior are painted white, as are all of the other buildings on the Island. Inside, the Church is adorned with beautiful frescoes.



# Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

**T**wo stories from work:

One night I got a call from a dear friend. She had just experienced something that no grandparent wants to know — a man who was dating her daughter turned out to be an abuser. While her daughter had run to the store he had beaten her grandchild and left him for dead.

That night her emotions went from fear to rage. She could only pray and hope. When I went to see the little guy later the telltale signs on the two-year old's arms told the story. His little arms were too small to fend off the blows to his head from the metal pipe, but they were black and blue from wrist to elbow on the underside. His eyes were black and his legs and back too.

When he was released from the hospital a few weeks later we celebrated with pizza, his favorite. Having seen this kind of abuse before, I suggested my friend ask him if he was alone when the man hurt him. Mercifully he told her that some one, an angel, came and got him out of there shortly after the second blow. He was not alone. He and the angel waited for his mommy to come. A modern day miracle. We are never alone in our pain; with the faith of a child we know this.



One of the first hard lessons I learned as a homeless advocate was that of healthy boundaries and courage. One day I was contacted by a local pastor because someone had asked for sanctuary in that church. It was a 15 year old boy. He had

come up from California to meet his father who had been incarcerated most of the boy's life. The teen had dreamed of living with his father who he imagined a wonderful man. However, while in the company of his father he had witnessed a major crime. His dad then turned on him and the boy feared for his life and rightly so.

The pastor and I listened carefully to his story and both felt it was the truth. I urged the boy to call his mother in southern California. I arranged for him to leave Roseburg at 11:00 that night on a Greyhound. His mother gladly agreed to meet the bus when it arrived home with him in the morning. We contacted the police and when he shared with them what he knew they confirmed it. They collected his statement. The pastor prayed with us for safety. So we waited at the bus depot after grabbing a hamburger. While we sat there I tried to engage the youth in light conversation knowing his criminal father was looking for him too. Hoping the bus would find him first. It did.

About a year later I received a nice letter from that boy saying that now he believed in angels and that one had protected him at that bus station that day. "You are and always will be my guardian angel." Faith and belief in miracles gives us the courage to do His will. Jesus was with us that night.

Soon we will be celebrating Epiphany, marking the three miracles of Jesus that proved his truth as Son of God. Those miracles were the star that guided the Magi from the East, the water turned into wine, and the voice of the Father ringing out from the heavens, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17). If we believe with all our hearts in these miracles as a child believes then we know 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."*

# Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

## Washington National Cathedral Washington D.C.

The Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, usually known as the Washington National Cathedral, is an Episcopal church and the seat of the Presiding Bishop and also of the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington D.C.

The foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid in September 1907 but the building was not completed until September 1990 – 83 years later – although the idea of a cathedral was first declared in 1791 and with the first parcel of land of the present 57 acres being purchased in 1898.

Built in the Neo-Gothic style of Indiana limestone, it is the second largest cathedral in the United States. It is a solid masonry structure with the roof being held up by a separate steel beam frame. The Bethlehem Chapel was opened for services in 1912, the nave in 1976, and the west towers completed the construction, although decorative work such as carvings and statuary is still ongoing. The Great Organ consists of 10,650 pipes and has been enlarged many times as the Cathedral was built and expanded.



An earthquake in 2011 caused an estimated \$25 million in damages and the building was closed for several months. However, Phase I of the restoration has already cost \$10 million and Phase II is estimated to cost another \$22 million over the next 10 years. To help offset these expenses the cathedral began charging a \$10 admission fee for tourists.



Average attendance at Sunday services is over 1,600 people, the majority being tourists from all over the world.

### Star Wars Villain



*In the 1980s, while the west towers were under construction, the Cathedral held a decorative sculpture competition for children. The third-place winner was a drawing of Darth Vader. The final carving was placed high upon the northwest tower.*



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**Junior Warden: Steve Thomas**  
**Treasurer: Frank Graham**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**

**Sunday**  
**10:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**or Morning Prayer**

