



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



Holiday Food and Fellowship



Dear Lord, thank You for your gifts:
food to nourish our bodies and
fellowship to nourish our souls.

Throughout Advent and Christmas,
St. George parishioners enjoyed delicious
repasts and warm companionship in a
cozy family atmosphere after worship .

*Thank you to Sue Phelps and Penny Johnson for
decorating our Parish Hall so delightfully, and to
Jerry and Devon Phelps for the heavy lifting and
clean up.*

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Happy Christmastide, Happy New Year, Happy Epiphany!

The beginning of a new year, whether it be the Church year, the calendar year, or a fiscal year, is a reminder that we live with both change and continuity. The Church, with its almost 2,000 years of history, leans toward continuity. Yet, there are still always changes. For us, among the new in this year of our Lord 2018 are:

1. The election of new Vestry members.
2. The appointment of the Profile Committee.
3. The preparation and adoption of the 2018 budget.
4. An update of our plans for welcoming children and their parents.
5. As the Parish Profile is completed, the appointment of a Search Committee, leading hopefully in 2018 to the call of the next Rector of St. George's.

Much else continues: Eucharist and Wednesday worship, preparing and offering of sacred music, the work of Altar Guild, altar teams, musicians, and the Building and Grounds team, and the service and fellowship of the ECW. We serve the people of Roseburg in manifold ways. We carry on the work of prayer and study, of fellowship and pastoral care, and of sharing in the life and work of the Diocese of Oregon and the "Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement."

I thank God for your generous gifts of time, care, prayer, and service, offered day by day.

I have some hopes for this year: I hope we will be delighted by the findings as our Parish Profile is prepared. I hope we will see new faces and hear the sounds of a few more kids. I hope we have a lot of fun. I know we will bless our neighbors.

When I began serving here, I was touched by the faithfulness and perseverance I encountered. As almost two years have passed, I have delighted to see you grow in hope and joy. God is indeed good, all the time. We are well-equipped for the challenges and opportunities that will come in this year of our Lord, 2018.

I thank God for the privilege of serving as your Rector.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim+



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

St. George Episcopal Church Women gathered in a Christmas setting at the home of Karla Roady. It was a feeling of family: all gathered together with Doug Holloway who presented a lot of information about emergency preparedness. It was an appropriate program considering the disasters that have happened this year, the possibilities of stormy weather, the many travelers on the roads, and the possibility of slides and road closures.

We enjoyed a warm lunch and busy conversation. We also decided to give monetary gifts to Tenaya, Julie, and Elva (our cleaning staff) and to Fr. Boston. We brought socks for the men and women at the Roseburg Mission and Samaritan Inn which were delivered after the meeting.

Join us for the January meeting on the third Thursday (January 18), and please start putting items aside for the spring "Tools to Treasure" sale in May.

Happy New Year!

FISH Report

The December Roseburg Food Project collected 13,011 pounds of food from 788 donors and 70 Neighborhood Coordinators. Included in the total was an incredible 1,700 pounds from the students at Jo Lane Middle School.

Most Needed Items at the Pantry

Non-Perishable Food

Cereal
Hearty Soups
Canned Meat
Canned Fruit
Cooking Oil
Canned Tuna
Canned Beans
Dried Beans
Rice
Soy Milk
Canned Milk
Canned Vegetables
Hamburger Helper
Rice-a-Roni
Baby Food/Formula
Peanut Butter

Especially for Seniors

Dried Fruits
Ready made pudding
Ensure protein drinks
Pull-tab Soups
Single-Serving Meals
Low-sodium Crackers
Tea (regular and decaf)

Non-Food Items

Toothpaste
Toilet Paper
Toothbrushes
Soap
Disposable Diapers

<http://fishofroseburg.org/>

Parish News



Anniversary blessings for Allan and Jeannine Romeril—57 years as of November 24 (left), and Tony and Jeanette Buxton—37 years as of December 14 (right)



Birthday blessings for Nancy Baum (left) and Jewell Gates (right)



Special thanks to our splendid Altar Guild. Their loving attention to decorating the nave for Christmas was apparent in every little detail as seen in these piano adornments (left).

Parish News



Above: Thelma Sayers surrounded by presents for the Christmas Giving Tree. Every year Thelma coordinates this much-needed project.

Below: Melvin Wilcox lights the candles for the Second Sunday of Advent.



Above: Christmas Eve service

The Way the Liturgy Soaks into Your Being

Ben Irwin is Communications Director at Preemptive Love, an organization that brings emergency relief to families in Syria and Iraq. Here is one of the things he loves about the Episcopal Church.

The first few times I walked through those big red doors, I didn't know the code. I didn't know when to sit or stand. I didn't know how to use the prayer book. I didn't know how to cross myself.

While others have sought to make Christianity as accessible as possible, the liturgy of the Episcopal Church feels other, like a strange artifact calling us into a different and slightly foreign reality. Learning the liturgy was like learning a new language.

These days, I'm having to rely less on the prayer book. After months (and now years) of repetition, the words and movements come more naturally from within. Rachel Held Evans described it like this:

At first, the liturgy of the Episcopal Church captured me with its novelty... But we've been showing up for nearly six months now, and so it is a different sort of beauty I encounter on Sunday mornings these days—the beauty of familiarity, of sweet routine. I know the order of service now. I know it well enough to have favorite parts, to skim ahead when I'm hungry or restless, to get the songs stuck in my head.

We are products of a culture that demands everything is new and fresh. We frown on repetition and ritual. But these ancient patterns have a way of soaking into your bones. The prayers and songs stay with me throughout the week in a way no sermon ever has.

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You Might Be an Episcopalian if ...

When you watch Star Wars and they say "May the force be with you," you automatically reply, "And also with you."

You have totally memorized Rite I, Rite II and the first three episodes of The Vicar of Dibley.

You think that the Bible is a holy book because it quotes the Book of Common Prayer so well.

You can rattle off without missing a beat such tongue twisters as: ". . . who made thereby his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the world" and "Wherefore, O Lord and Heavenly Father, we thy people, do celebrate and make here, with these gifts which we offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make."

You not only talk about God, but you can talk to Him at any time.

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Parish News

Thank you to the musicians who helped make our Christmas so joyful!

Jeanette Buxton, Organist

David Jones, Choir Director

Hilary Hall, Concert Accompanist

Nancy Baum, Pete Benham, Betty Jo Hoffman, Sue Phelps, Karla Roady,
Carolyn Spielman, Robert Spielman, Steve Thomas, and Leigh Van Sickle, Choir Members



Top: Pre-concert choir rehearsal (left) with David Jones directing (right)

Middle: Hilary Hall playing for the concert (left) and choir waiting to process for Christmas (right)

Bottom: Nikki Muse with young Cameron joining the choir in "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"



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**God is love, and those who abide
in love abide in God, and God
abides in them.**

1 John 4:16

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

January