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Mission Statement:
“Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Christmas Eve, 2025



Come
ALL YE
FAITHFUL

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

In the dark night, when grief overwhelms your soul,
and the black emptiness is too great to bear –

– *remember your baptism.*

When family gathers round the table,
and the day's news is shared or tempers flare or milk is spilled –

– *remember your baptism.*

As you look at the face in the mirror, and feel anger, frustration, disappointment, or dislike –

– *remember your baptism.*

When you drop the ball at work or school, or let your neighbor down –

– *remember your baptism.*

When it feels like the weight of the world is heavy on your shoulders,
when you become uncomfortably aware of your own limitations –

remember your baptism.

This new year, each day, and every moment ... *may you remember your baptism.* May you remember the first and most important truth about you ... that you have been washed in the water, named and claimed by God. That you, just as you are, are loved by God, and that God has chosen to love a world through you. May you remember your baptism ... God's promise to you. God's promise to never abandon you. God's promise to bring life from death. God's promise to use you in God's love – to use failing, questioning, struggling, unsure you. May you, each of you, this new year ... *remember your baptism.*

For it is this - your baptism - that is the most trustworthy measure of who you are ... of your value, your life. Not your accomplishments. Not your talents. Not your family, your physical or mental health, your IQ or the numbers on your W-2 form. No, it is that single moment that is most important ... that moment you got wet and a voice proclaimed the promise of God for you. And you were named. You were claimed ... and declared as the beloved child of the God of the cosmos – the God of galaxies and tree frogs and storms and jump-ropes and tears ... the God Incarnate.

It is that moment of baptism, remembered and renewed at supper tables and in showers and through tears... that declares to the world .. "You are my beloved child." May you, dear people of faith, in this new year ...

remember your baptism.

Living in the water,

Rev. Janine

In the Silence, Name Me

Holy One, untamed by the names I give you,
in the silence, name me, that I may know who I am,
hear the truth you have put into me,
trust the love you have for me,
which you call me to live out with my sisters and brothers
in your human family.

Ted Loder - taken from "Imaging the Word," vol. 1

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Kathy Glockner invited us to her home for our Christmas meeting. She served a great meal and provided a tour of her decorations.

We finally decided on the way to honor Jewell Gates with her memorial funds. We will purchase new white vestments.

We discussed the Giving Tree and decided that next year we should go back to monetary gifts which would be lumped into one donation to Peace at Home.

Sue is our new “Thought for the Day” provider:

Thought for the Day

Sue Phelps

Tomorrow is a mystery.

Today is a gift.

*That is why it is called
“the present.”*

We had a nice time visiting and enjoying a wonderful meal.



The 2025 Giving Tree
and some of the presents



Please join us at our next meeting at church on Jan. 15, 2026.

Parish News



*Birthday Blessings
for
Pete Benham*



*Birthday Blessings
for
an Eight-Year-Old!*



*8th Anniversary Blessings
for
Courtney Greenwalt and Jacob Schlueter*



*Birthday Blessings
for
Frank Graham*

Parish News



*Birthday Blessings
for
Nancy Baum*



*Birthday Blessings
for
Kelly Arnold*

Inspiration

Wise words from a St. George parishioner:

I recognize you as you come into the parish hall. You are my friend and I remember what you look like and perhaps how you walk. It would be tempting to say that I know you, but your face, your walk, and your voice are not you. What I recognize is your body which serves as a conveyance, a vessel for the soul within. It is only when I have spent time with you and have glimpsed your soul that I can say I truly know you.

With so much emphasis on outward appearance in today's world listen to the words of Peter:

*Do not let adornment be merely outward—
arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on
fine apparel—rather let it be the hidden person of
the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a
gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious
in the sight of God.
1 Peter 3:3-4*

*“For beautiful eyes, look for the good in other;
for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness;
and for poise, walk with the knowledge
that you are never alone.”
~ Audrey Hepburn*

Parish News



St. George's Choir presented a concert on Dec. 21: "Hope Has Dawned. Noel!" by Mary McDonald.

Pictured above are (front) Myana Clark, Director;
(first row left to right) Lynda Green, Leigh Van Sickle, Betty Jo Hoffman,
Valarie Bruffett, Sue Phelps;
(back row left to right) Tim Bruffett, Joel Koford, Steve Thomas, David Jones,
and Pete Benham.

Not shown are narrator-soloists Janine and Matt Goodrich.

FISH

Nearly 1400 "Green Baggers" donated over 16,000 pounds of food via the December 13th pick-up day. That's a record for the Roseburg Food Project!

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians gifted \$34,000 to 17 food banks across Douglas County Thursday, providing \$2,000 to each organization, which included FISH, to help ensure families have access to food during the holiday season and beyond.



Parish News

The Schlueter-Greenwalt family is moving to St. Louis soon, and we at St. George's are going to miss Courtney and Jacob and the children so much! They have been a great joy and blessing to our church and to our community.

In December their Foundation held a free event—"Winter Is Coming"—on Friday, Dec. 12 to give away supplies for the cold months. Afterwards Courtney posted on Facebook:

"145 folks are a bit more prepared for the winter season. Tummies are a little more full. Animals are fed. Living situations are hopefully a bit more bearable. We set out to clothe, feed, prepare and befriend as many people as we could in our community. And because of our volunteers, our community partners, St. George Episcopal Church and our people, we are another day closer."



Photos courtesy of Courtney Greenwalt

The Preacher & The Teacher

1970, continued

It's still July and the Tysons are coming to an end of their summer in England.

Sunday Caroline and I got up and went to the early service at St. Martin's Church, about two miles from Canterbury. It was there in 698 A.D. and attended by Queen Bertha when St. Augustine and his monks arrived in England to Christianize the natives, coming from Rome at the behest of the Pope, not knowing that Christianity had been in England already for some 400 or 500 years! The gate in the city wall leading to St. Martin's is still known as "Queen Bertha's Gate."

Back to the Cathedral with the Sayers for the late service, commenting that 'the service was exactly the same as that at St. George's at 11 o'clock'—minus, of course, the magnificent choir, organ, vestments, and big congregation. In the afternoon, Caroline and I took separate bus tours: I went to Dover to see the castle, while Caroline and others went to Elstest to visit two Tudor homes and to be entertained at "high tea" by the owners.

Monday we had two excellent presentations, one by a Dr. Coulton, renowned mathematician and physicist. Caroline went back to St. Martin's to do brass rubbings of ancient brasses on the floor of the center aisle. (In those days people were still permitted to "rub" the original brasses—later all brass rubbing was moved to London and tourists were not permitted to rub the ancient originals.)

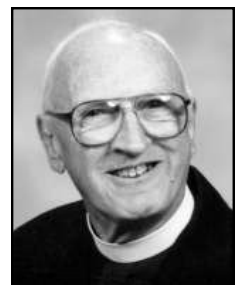
That afternoon Caroline went to Favorsham while I stayed around Canterbury. In the evening we had an illustrated lecture on the harpsichord (there was one in the college chapel), as well as a "show" of the new Roman Catholic Mass—only we were cautioned that only Roman Catholics were allowed to receive Communion. So few did! Their "new" mass is almost word-for-word that of our "Rite II" in the "new" American Prayer Book.

Tuesday the lecturer was a Mrs. Ridley, favoring the ordination of women as priests; in my diary I commented, "I hope it doesn't happen in my day." (But it did!)

Wednesday was the final day of our CANTESS stay. Canon Hill, the well-versed historian of that area, took us all on a conducted tour of the famous stained glass windows of the cathedral, one of which is especially interesting as it had not been removed early enough during WWII and had been shattered by German bombs. No effort had been made to restore the picture, but the myriad pieces of broken glass had been gathered up and put hit-or-miss in the "new" window. It made a memorable memorial to the war and its destruction.

Bishop Warner celebrated the communion at 5:30 with Canon Hammer being the preacher. After dinner we packed our belongings until nearly midnight. So our CANTESS experience came to an end. Little did we know that Caroline and I would be back six years later. But the 1970 version was great.

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



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, British Columbia

Christ Church Cathedral is the cathedral church of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster. The first services were held in 1888 without any church buildings. Christ Church's basement was built in 1889 but by 1891 the unfinished building was becoming an eyesore. So after an intensive financing scheme was developed, the cornerstone was finally laid in July 1894.

Over the years plans had been drawn up to build a bell tower, but before this could be done, city by-laws changed to where church bells were restricted. However, in 2015-2016, the Cathedral undertook the latest phase of its Restoration and Renewal project, replacing the roof and raising a bell spire.

By 1911 the first organ was worn out and was replaced by one manufactured by Wurlitzer. This one was replaced in 1949 and then this too was replaced in 2004 by a 2,500 pipe organ.



The church membership voted in 1971 to demolish the building and to build a multi-story high-rise tower complex. However, due to strong opposition and intensive lobbying, the plan was rejected and the building was listed as a Class A Heritage building.

The church was built in the Gothic style with cedar ceilings and old-growth Douglas fir floors. So in the present day, this design stands out in comparison to the modern buildings in downtown Vancouver. The Celtic Cross features prominently both inside and out and represents the roots of the Anglican Communion in the British Isles.

There is a wide range of music used in the worship, and Holy Communion is celebrated using both the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Alternative Services.

This article was first published here in the April 2015 issue and has been updated slightly.



Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2025

	August	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 6,058	\$ 7,169	\$ 75,081	\$ 71,688
Other Income	2,985	2,318	33,324	23,183
Total Income	9,043	9,487	108,405	94,872
Expenses	14,459	14,283	135,835	142,825
	<u>\$ (5,415)</u>	<u>\$ (4,795)</u>	<u>\$ (27,430)</u>	<u>\$ (47,953)</u>
	September	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 5,766	\$ 7,169	\$ 80,847	\$ 78,857
Other Income	4,849	2,318	38,173	25,502
Total Income	10,615	9,487	119,020	104,359
Expenses	14,733	14,283	150,568	157,108
	<u>\$ (4,118)</u>	<u>\$ (4,795)</u>	<u>\$ (31,548)</u>	<u>\$ (52,749)</u>

We had some outlying expenditure. We overspent on conferences. We sent Manny and Savannah to camp during the Diocesan Convention, so we had the camp expense as well as the conference expense for our attendees. Under equipment, we had maintenance done on our furnace and air conditioning as well as the equipment used by the Greek Orthodox church, for which they will reimburse us for their portion. We also paid for our liability insurance for the quarter, so we had extra expenses. To top it off, our pledges were down for the months of October and November by over \$1,000. The good news is that we are still above our Year-to-Date budgeted amount and our expenses are below budget as well.

In November we did take in a large amount of revenue from our parking lot. We were able to rent our empty spaces to UCC students who are living downtown. Our big expenditures were taxes. We paid a little over \$2,700 in taxes for the parking lot and the rectory.

The good news is that we took in more than we budgeted for income and our expenses were \$7,000 under budget. The bad news is that we had a \$31,548 deficit, but that is under what we had budgeted Year-to-Date. Our DPA is current. So far we have not had to reach into our investment funds. Yay team!

Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the January Stamp of the Month

January is National Clean Your Computer Month

Everyone has a computer in their home or office or both which is several times more powerful than those early models and deserves a little T.L.C. The stamp design is based on an image of a human brain taken from an old anatomy textbook and cubes surrounding the brain showing photos of parts of computer circuit boards.



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

*Poster by Clarence Adams,
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

Brewed Theology

**BREW
EDTHE
OLOGY** **DIVIDED
TIMES**
**— GROUNDED in
GRATITUDE**

Thurs., Jan. 22—Gather at 2:00 and 6:00.
Conversations start at 2:30 and 6:30.

This month's topic:
"Divided Times: Grounded in Gratitude."

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