



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

Ordinary Time

After Pentecost and after Epiphany come long stretches of time without the dramatic feasts such as Christmas and Easter. But the season is called ordinary not because it is mundane, but because the word derives from “ordinal,” meaning counted. Thus we have the “First Sunday after Pentecost” right up through the “24th or Last Day after Pentecost.”

An essay by Melody Wilson Shobe called *No "Ordinary" Time* has a wonderful description of this green season:

The very fact that the church has a time called “Ordinary” is a profound theological statement. It is a reminder of the presence of God in and through the most mundane and ordinary seasons of our lives. God is not only on the mountaintop or in the valley, but walking alongside each of us when the flat road stretches interminably into the horizon.

In fact, the gospel reading for one of the first Sundays in ordinary time reminds us of this very fact. In Matthew 6:24-34, Jesus tells us to

remember the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. They are ordinary and seemingly insignificant parts of the natural world, small and unimportant compared to us. And yet God remembers and cares for each of them.

It is a reminder that when God came and lived among us in the person of Jesus Christ, he experienced the same ordinary reality that we all experience. And that God, in Christ, offered us the opportunity to transform the most ordinary, mundane experiences into extraordinary events infused with the presence of God. God is there, present in the midst of the ordinary, just waiting for us to recognize it.



http://www.episcopalcafe.com/daily/church_year/no_ordinary_time.php

Bishop Michael Hanley will be at St. George on Thursday, July 24 to discuss our future. He will meet with the Vestry at 6:30 pm and then afterwards with the congregation.

It is suggested that parishioners arrive around 6:30 since the Vestry meeting won't take long.



Never confuse the ordinary with the simple, the static, or the boring. Living an ordinary life well can be a very complicated thing to do. It takes great talent to make a great life out of a routine one.

~ Annie Dillard

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth May Fretwell
July 17, 1923—May 13, 2014

“She was the best sister, the best aunt, and the best friend one could ever have.”



I searched along the changing edge
Where, sky-pierced now the cloud had broken.
I saw no bird, no blade of wing,
No song was spoken.
I stood, my eyes turned upward still
And drank the air and breathed the light.
Then, like a hawk upon the wind,
I climbed the sky, I made the flight.

— Elizabeth J. Buchtenkirk

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Betty Fretwell was held at St. George Episcopal Church on June 7.

Quote and poem are taken from Betty's memorial service program. A photo album of the reception can be seen on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view the page.
facebook.com/episcopalroseburg

“Picnic in the Church”

Mark your calendars for a "Picnic in the Church" on August 10.

A picnic potluck will be held in the Parish Hall after church. Bring picnic food and your favorite board game.

Call those people you have been missing at church. Get the word out!

We will make a sign-up sheet just so we don't all bring dessert or potato salad.



Sooo! YOU ALL COME! to church and the "picnic."

Episcopal Church Women

Nancy Baum was kind enough to host our meeting and lunch June 26 at her home.

We elected officers:

BJ Hoffman and Thelma Sayers, Co-Presidents
Jewell Gates, Vice President and Program Chair
Nancy Baum, Secretary
Faye Benham, Treasurer

Marcia Jackson has agreed to be the coordinator for the Fir Grove School Supply project.

We also voted to support the decision made by the kitchen stove committee to purchase two new kitchen stoves that are to be paid for out of the funds donated to the church for this purpose.

Jewell Gates has graciously invited us to meet at her home again for our next meeting on Thursday, August 21, 11:00. Juliana Marez, daughter of Marcia Jackson, will talk about her work with the school district to help children with special needs and how St. George ECW can help these local homeless and very low income children.

I hope you are all putting aside those items you don't need for the rummage sale. The Fall Rummage Sale will be Friday, October 3, 9:00-4:00 and Saturday, October 4, 9:00-noon. We will start setting up on Sunday, September 29.



~ BJ Hoffman, Co-President

Rueben James Needs a New Home

Rueben James is an affectionate Tuxedo domestic shorthair.

He was adopted from Saving Grace in 2012 and will be two in July. He is neutered, micro-chipped, has all of his shots, and was just wormed.

We need to re-home him because our other cat, adopted at the same time, has decided to be aggressive and won't allow Rueben to stay here.

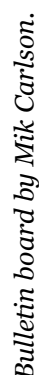
He is chased off into the woods and we have been able to find him each time and bring him home, but he is afraid to be here. We have three family members with allergies so he can't be an inside cat here.

He is a hugger, and just wants someone to love him and give him lots of attention. He will be fine with kids, and probably also with cat-friendly dogs (he likes our three), but other cats *might* scare him.

Food and litter included.



Call Sue Phelps at 541-672-8324



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Cathedrals of the World

Salisbury Cathedral Salisbury, England

This cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese of Salisbury and the seat of the Bishop of Salisbury.



Work was started on the main body of the cathedral in 1220 and completed in 1258—only 38 years—although other parts of the building were not completed until 1280. The spire, which is the tallest church spire in the United Kingdom at 404 feet, was not completed until 1320. Even

today the land around that part of the city is still farmland and the spire can be seen from many miles away. However, since the church was built on marshland, over the centuries many buttresses, bracing arches and anchor irons have been added to prevent the spire from falling down.

The church contains the world's oldest working clock, although from 1884 until 1956 this clock was not in working order.

The cathedral has one of only four original copies of the Magna Carta—which was signed in 1215—due to the fact that an official who was responsible for distributing this document after the signing at Runnymede retained one and later became a canon at Salisbury whilst supervising the building of the church.

Although the cathedral lacks a ring of bells, it does strike the time every 15 minutes with bells. The current organ was built in 1877 and a faithful restoration was carried out on the site in 1916. There is both a boys' choir and a girls' choir, which sing at daily Evensong, Sunday Matins, and Eucharist services.

~ Doug Holloway

FISH Report

FISH's summer food collection was on July 19. St. George along with First Presbyterian Church collected nonperishable food at the Albertsons grocery store.

FISH is looking for someone from St. George to serve on their executive board. Each of the supporting churches has two voting members and we need another one to fill out our slots. If you are interested, talk to Mik Carlson at 541-464-0634.

It is more
blessed to give
than to receive.





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Open Monday, Tuesday, and
Wednesday.
Please call ahead if you can.

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

