



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Two Churches, One Priest?



St. George's Vestry met with Holy Spirit's Vestry on June 10. They have been searching for a 1/4 time priest for some time, while we are looking for a 3/4 one. It was decided that yes, the two churches will combine forces and look for one person to fill this need.

We will still be two separate churches, but we are hoping it will be easier to find someone for a full-time position than for two part-time ones.

The photo was taken in the nave of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Sutherlin.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Karla Roady hosted our meeting. It was a small and informal one.

We decided to visit the Senior Center for their Friday Buffet on the third Friday of August and ask the members of the congregation to join us. More information will come in August.

We got updates on Bob Robins' picture display and on the search process for a new priest. We were reminded of the popcorn sale on Graffiti Cruise evening and to contact Sue Phelps if we can help. BJ will do Graffiti decor and food on that weekend.

It was decided we should have potlucks or, at least, finger foods when we have visiting priests so they don't go on the road hungry.

Our next meeting will be in September.

Thelma's Thoughts for the Day

Put your trust firmly in God,
but lock your door firmly
when you leave.

The more you live in the light of God,
the less power
the darkness has over you.

Upcoming

A message from Bishop Diana Akiyama ~

Dear friends in Christ,

It is with joy that I invite you to Coos Bay Day on September 9. This is an opportunity for our diocese to gather in person and officially bless and open our Coos Bay location, also known as Shepherd House. Shepherd House will serve as a residence and office space for me, the missionaries, and other diocesan staff as they travel through the southern part of our diocese.

To celebrate this milestone, we are throwing a little block party at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We will begin at 12 noon with a blessing of Shepherd House, then enjoy a time of refreshments and fellowship. This will also be an opportunity for folks to tour Shepherd House.

I hope you join us on September 9 at 12 noon at Shepherd House, located at 420 Highland Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Blessings,

+Diana



the
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
in WESTERN OREGON

Parish News



Above: **Jean Bowden and Wally Hunnicutt—Birthday Blessings**

Below: **Marcia and David Jackson—Anniversary Blessings**
and
Melvin Wilcox, David Sayers, and John Wrigley—Birthday Blessings



The Lost Sheep

Digging a little deeper into the *Parable of the Lost Sheep*—a reflection by Carl Glen Henshaw on Facebook, May 24, 2021. Reprinted by permission of the author.

We found this lamb hiding under a bank of the creek that runs along the back of our property this morning. This is the near bank, which means she could not be seen from our side of the creek—we had to wade the creek or jump the bank to see her. She was not making a sound, and it took some careful counting to realize she was missing, and some careful searching to find her.



The scene we encountered this morning included all the sheep except four being right where they should be, in the barnyard. But the electric fence at the back of the pasture had been vandalized. It was lying on the ground and had wool all over it. The hay feeder had been flipped upside down, and the water in the waterer was all muddy. Someone had been committing some mischief.

And then this ewe lamb was hiding from us. She was with another, older ewe, who was standing in the brush on the far side of the creek, barely visible.

You would be excused if you thought that these sheep were up to no good. The evidence is all there. Something had destroyed the fence, and these two ewes had made a series of bad decisions that culminated in them leaving the flock and ending up in the creek in the rain. Clearly, these two are bad news.

But that's only because you don't know what actually happened. What actually happened is that we have a new 18-month-old sheepdog who will be a good dog someday, but today he was a very bad dog. We left him in the backyard unsupervised for two hours early this morning. Except he didn't stay in the backyard; he went through a hole in the fence, showing our other two dogs how to follow, and they entertained themselves by running the sheep. The first we noticed was when we went to let the dogs in and discovered they were missing. Then we saw a dead ewe lying in the far corner of the pasture. They had run her to death. That's what led to us counting the sheep in the barnyard; we had to know whether there were any more sheep missing.

The Christians among you should know the parable of the lost sheep. In it, Jesus tells of a shepherd who notices that he is missing one of his hundred sheep, and searches for it until it is found and returned to the flock. If we are being particularly insightful we note that sheep aren't simply misplaced; they end up where they are by walking, so—we say—this lost sheep had wandered away from the flock, and therefore we should diligently seek out and help those who have gotten to where they are through their own poor decisions.

This is probably wrong.

Sheep don't wander away from the flock. It isn't in their nature. A sheep who has left the flock left because it was driven away. It was terrified and did not know where to look for safety, so it ran. And the reason it was terrified is usually due to poor shepherding—the shepherd has led the flock to a pasture where there are predators, or has left it out in a storm. Or the shepherd has neglected

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that hole in the fence and left unsupervised a young, inexperienced sheepdog, who is supposed to be a helper but has discovered that terrorizing sheep is darned fun. And then that shepherd went back to bed.

In other words, very often the person we are to seek out is not “lost,” and is not missing because he or she made poor decisions. They left because we drove them away. They did not look or talk or think or love like we do, and we did not create spaces they felt safe in. We looked the other way when they weren’t admitted to school because they weren’t a “good fit,” or they were given a hard time because they were a woman in a man’s job or a man in a woman’s job. We did not invite them into our neighborhoods, or our clubs, or

our churches. They were being abused by other members of the flock, wolves in sheep’s clothing, and we did not protect them. They were being harassed by police and we told ourselves that it was their fault for being where they were, behaving how they behaved. If they would just make different choices, they could help themselves.

This lamb was hiding from a predator who terrified her and had killed one of her sisters, and that was not her fault. It was ours.

If you would seek the lost sheep, first admit that you may be part of the reason they aren’t already here.

Inspiration

*More wisdom from
the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston*

Ten Signs of Spiritual Life

1. You find yourself smiling more.
2. You don’t mind listening to another opinion.
3. The biggest conspiracy theory talked about at your house is who ate the last cookie.
4. Life isn’t easy, but you think that is pretty much true for all of us.
5. Instead of counting the days you prefer to live them.
6. You enjoy a good mystery, even on the cosmic scale.
7. Kindness has started to become instinctive.
8. You may be easy going, but you have some non-negotiables.
9. No matter how hard it gets, you know there is a power that will help you get through.
10. More than once you have been blessed, pulled back from danger, and shown a way to follow.

Facebook 6-14-23

Parish News



The Very Rev. Gail Greenwell from Portland was our guest priest on June 25.

Be Alert to Possible Scams!

Senior Citizen Scams

Scammers directly target elders and seniors for several reasons. Scammers see them as less technically savvy, people who have retirement income ready for the taking, and people who perhaps lack daily contact with others—all making them prone to several scams.

Common senior citizen scams include:

Grandparents scam

Criminals pose as a relative—usually a child or grandchild—claiming to be in immediate financial need. The stories vary, yet they typically involve an urgent call for help, like being stranded somewhere with an expensive car repair.

Tech support scams

The scammer will reach out to seniors under the guise of a security pro or as a rep from a major software or computer company, and then falsely claim there's something wrong with their device. They'll promise to fix this non-existent issue for a fee and take their money for nothing in return. Some may even install malware on the senior's device to cause further harm, all as part of the "repair."

Friendship and romance scams

Scammers will prey on loneliness. Pure and simple. As with other victims, scammers will reach out with a "wrong number" text that leads to a longer conversation. As the relationship develops, the scammer then starts asking for money, gift cards, or even payments into phony investments.

Government impersonation scams

Scammers will pose as a government employee and threaten victims with arrest or prosecution if a payment or demand is not met. In some cases, the scammer will pose as an IRS agent and demand immediate payment for back taxes. Other versions of this scam include impersonating an immigration agent.

Avoiding scams:

Be cautious and resist pressure to act quickly

Watch out for unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door services offers—particularly those that create a sense of urgency or use scare tactics to lure you into immediate action. Those are telltale signs of a scam.

Keep your personal information to yourself

Scammers will pose as a person of authority in the hope that you will follow along. They'll ask for things like your Social Security number, credit card number, and other financial details—and may bully or pressure you into doing so. If you find someone asking these questions, particularly on a call you didn't expect to receive, it could be a scam.

Beware those seeking gifts

Whether it's money, jewelry, or gift cards, scammers will often ask for funds in payment methods that are tough to track and even tougher to refund in the event of fraud. This is often a top sign of fraud and that the friend who asked you for those funds really isn't your friend, as difficult as that may feel to realize.

Be careful what you click and download

Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you. Even messages that look like they are from friends, families, and colleagues can contain sketchy links and malware-loaded attachments. Reach out to the person who sent it and confirm that it's legitimate and that they meant to send it.

Information from McAfee Corp. a computer security software company.

Greetings from the Dubas in Europe



Toledo, Spain. Top row is the Cathedral.
Below are the Dubas at Puerta del Sol, a city gate of Toledo.



The paintings are by El Greco, Greek artist of the Spanish Renaissance. They are hung in the El Greco Museum. They depict St. Peter on the left and Salvator Mundi (Latin for Saviour of the World) on the right.

Greetings from the Dubas in Europe



Sestriere, Italy

A hike to the small mountain village of Besse Haut



FISH

Artice Moore, who lives at Linus Oakes Village, heard of the Pantry’s need for extra food through an announcement at First Methodist Church. She went home to Linus Oakes and asked her neighbors and friends for help, and they donated an amazing 785 pounds of foods to The FISH of Roseburg!



Photo and story from The Fish of Roseburg Facebook Page.

FISH AND DOORDASH

FISH has been partnering with DoorDash for a year now, delivering emergency food and supplies to those who are housebound and unable to get to the pantry. The Project DASH initiative makes it possible to discount deliveries so that food banks, pantries, and cities across the U.S. and Canada have been able to provide over 60 million meals.

“DoorDash and The FISH have proved the value of this service here in Roseburg,” FISH Executive Director David Graham told the *News-Review*. “In this first year of operation, we have delivered over 600 food boxes to those who would not have had access to this kind of service. That impact is enormous.”

FISH was one of the first food pantries in Oregon to pilot this program and has worked closely with DoorDash to develop it.

DoorDash will now deliver emergency food boxes to your home free of cost. There is an 11-mile radius limit for deliveries, which allows them to deliver into Sutherlin or even parts of Winston.

If you are house-bound, injured and temporarily unable to drive, elderly, or if you are without a car or transportation, just call the FISH office, leave a message and they will get your details. The client’s order will be processed, then a DoorDash driver will come to the warehouse, pick up the order, then deliver it to the client.

Perfect for a new mom (they have baby food and diapers), great for the elderly (if they use Meals on Wheels, they can use this service for groceries too!), good for someone in recovery from a broken leg or too ill to leave the house.

Give FISH a call at 541.672.5242 to get more information!

THE WALLS ARE UP!

The Pantry’s shed expansion is almost finished.



Photo from The Fish of Roseburg Facebook Page.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Aaron Heinrich	11th
Pat McClure	11th
Kathy Glockner	16th
Tenaya Wright	27th

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Delpha Hammerle	2nd
Myana Clark	2nd
Nolan Pullen	4th
Lynda Green	8th
Marianne Jones	17th
David Duba	27th
Fr. Jim Boston	29th

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara and Bill Riley	9th
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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Faye and Pete Benham	28th
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Summer Holy Eucharist Schedule

- July 9** — The Rev. James Abbott, Brookings
- July 16** — The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell, Eugene
- July 23** — The Rev. Mary Piper, Ashland
- August 6** — The Rev. Dr. Pastor Gail Duba!
- August 13** — The Rev. Karen Tiegs, Hillsboro
- August 20** — The Rev. Dr. Constance Hammond, Portland
- August 27** — The Rev. Canon Linda Potter, Hillsboro



Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the July Stamp of the Month

July 1st is National Stamp Day



Scott catalog #2199, issued in
State College, PA
on January 23, 1986

July 1st is the unofficially
recognized National Stamp Day
because on July 1st, 1847 the
United States issued its first postal
stamps. A 5 cent featuring
Benjamin Franklin and a 10 cent
featuring George Washington.

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



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the August Stamp of the Month

August 1st is the birthday of Francis Scott Key

Born on August 1, 1779, Francis Scott Key
is best known as the author of the U.S.
national anthem. It was originally the 1814
poem "Defence of Fort M'Henry" and
within a week was published with the
popular song "To Anacreon in Heaven".
President Herbert Hoover made it the
Official National Anthem in 1948.



#962 was issued on, Aug. 9, 1948
in Fredrick MD

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Posters by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club



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10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am
Sundays
and
Wednesdays

