



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Your Household the Church



*Keep, O Lord, your household the Church
in your steadfast faith and love,
that through your grace
we may proclaim your truth with boldness,
and minister your justice with compassion;
for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.
(Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)*

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

I am writing this on Friday morning, the day after the British voted, by a narrow margin, to leave the European Union. As a lifelong student of international affairs, this is very depressing. Not the end of the world, certainly, but a setback for values that can be traced back to the not-so-simple law that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

I won't go any deeper into that. It's complicated. But so is much of life. One complication that faces us at St. George's is having a beautiful old building in a neighborhood that is, to put it gently, rundown. That is the case for many and complex reasons. We can ignore it. We might possibly flee it. Or we can do what we can do to make it better. We cannot fix it ourselves, but we can make it better. We are off to a good start by keeping the building and grounds looking good. I have been impressed with the great job a talented group of members do in maintaining the building and grounds. Do thank them.

The ECW is looking at other ways to love our neighbors, especially some of the women who find themselves living precariously with the help of Samaritan House and Safe Haven. A couple of weeks ago I met with the leadership of both places and some interesting ideas were hatched. The leaders of Safe Haven, a home for women expecting or caring for babies, remember St. George's Episcopal Church as their founder! Wow! Good for us! More on all that will be coming from Juliana Marez.

A parish church plays many roles. Being a good neighbor is one. Being a place apart from the neighborhood is another. St. George's is a place of shelter and beauty, a space for healing and comfort, a school for followers of Jesus Christ, a community of friends, an outpost for gospel evangelism, and a center for worship of the living God in the tradition of Anglicanism. Pastors of other parts of Christianity have told me many times how grateful they are for the witness of their local Episcopal Church. Our grounding in scripture and historical Christianity, in sacramental worship and daily prayer, is widely valued.

Thank you for all of your faithful service. Please prayerfully consider who you know that might be blessed by joining us. Some are former members, or have been members of Episcopal churches elsewhere. Some used to attend other kinds of churches. Some have hardly even visited a church. Yet there are, I know, quite a few people in Roseburg that would be drawn to St. George's and the Episcopal Church. In the fall I am planning to have a number of Sundays that might be particularly good times to bring friends to church. But any time might be the right time. Just think and pray, talk with friends, and then invite as you feel called.

When you are travelling, make a point to seek out a place to worship each Sunday. Then bring back a bulletin. We will post them in the Parish Hall.

Watch for some variety and some adjustments on Sunday mornings during the summer. Feedback is welcome.

I am glad to be your priest.

Jim+

May Vestry Meeting

Class of 2017	Nancy Baum	Pete Benham	Steve Thomas
Class of 2018	Jean Bowden	Bill Riley	Bob Spielman
Class of 2019	Mike Brossia	Sue Phelps	David Sayers

Attendance: the Reverend Jim Boston, Nancy Baum, Pete Benham, Jean Bowden, Mike Brossia, Sue Phelps, Bill Riley, David Sayers, Bob Spielman, Steve Thomas, and Margaret Thomas, Clerk

Visitors: Kathy Glockner

Finance

Kathy Glockner was appointed Treasurer. Frank Graham will remain as an authorized check signer.

Property Management

Bill updated the memorial plaque area to include Bob Robins and Mary and Jack Pierce.

Old Business

The third security camera has been installed and one more will be installed in the area by the Columbarium. The camera in the parish hall captured a video of a person suspected of stealing money and a cell phone during a meeting held by Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. There will be signs that say the property is under surveillance from security cameras.

Legal Aid can't afford to pay for repairs to their portion of the parking lot. Pete offered to contact the owner of their building and the owner of the building next door and invite them to participate in paying \$912.75 for the resealing and restriping work.

The Reverend JoAnne Bennett's unemployment appeal case was postponed until June at our attorney's request.

Betty Fretwell Memorial

Pete was authorized to use the funds to repair or replace window frames and broken Plexiglas around our stained glass windows.

New Business

Father Jim said he would like to have a Commissioning Service for Bill before Bill leaves in July for Peace Corp duty in Guatemala.

Miscellaneous

Father Jim would like us to have a social or educational event with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. Pete will talk to John Trogott to arrange a date when our congregations can get together.

Juliana Marez will be asked to write a grant requesting funds from the Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness to help the women at Safe Haven Maternity Home.



Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW met June 16.

- We learned that the new coffee cupboard should be ready in a few weeks.
- The rummage sale will be September 30 and October 1, so start gathering those items you want to donate.
- Julianna read the grant application she is writing for funds that will help our congregation develop a relationship with the women and children at Samaritan House. One of the requirements for the grant is to have matching funds in place, so ECW voted to pledge \$500 for the matching funds. We also filled out questionnaires regarding our talents, which will be gathered into a notebook for future reference.

We installed the officers for next year who are the same as this past year, with the exception of Marcia Jackson, who is cutting back on her activities. Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to watch Mik Carlson's Venice pictures, but we look forward to seeing them in the fall.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Jewell Gates in September.

~ BJ Hoffman, Co-President

FISH Report

The FISH of Roseburg needs you!

The organization is taking applications for the position of Executive Director, most recently held by the late Vern Haas for 38 years. It is a part-time, salaried position with variable hours of work. Copies of the application package may be obtained at the FISH Food Pantry (405 Jerry's Drive, Roseburg, Oregon) and at UCAN (280 Kenneth Ford Drive, Roseburg, Oregon). To receive copies by email or to ask questions, email thefishrbg@gmail.com. The application process will be closed on Monday, July 11, 2016.

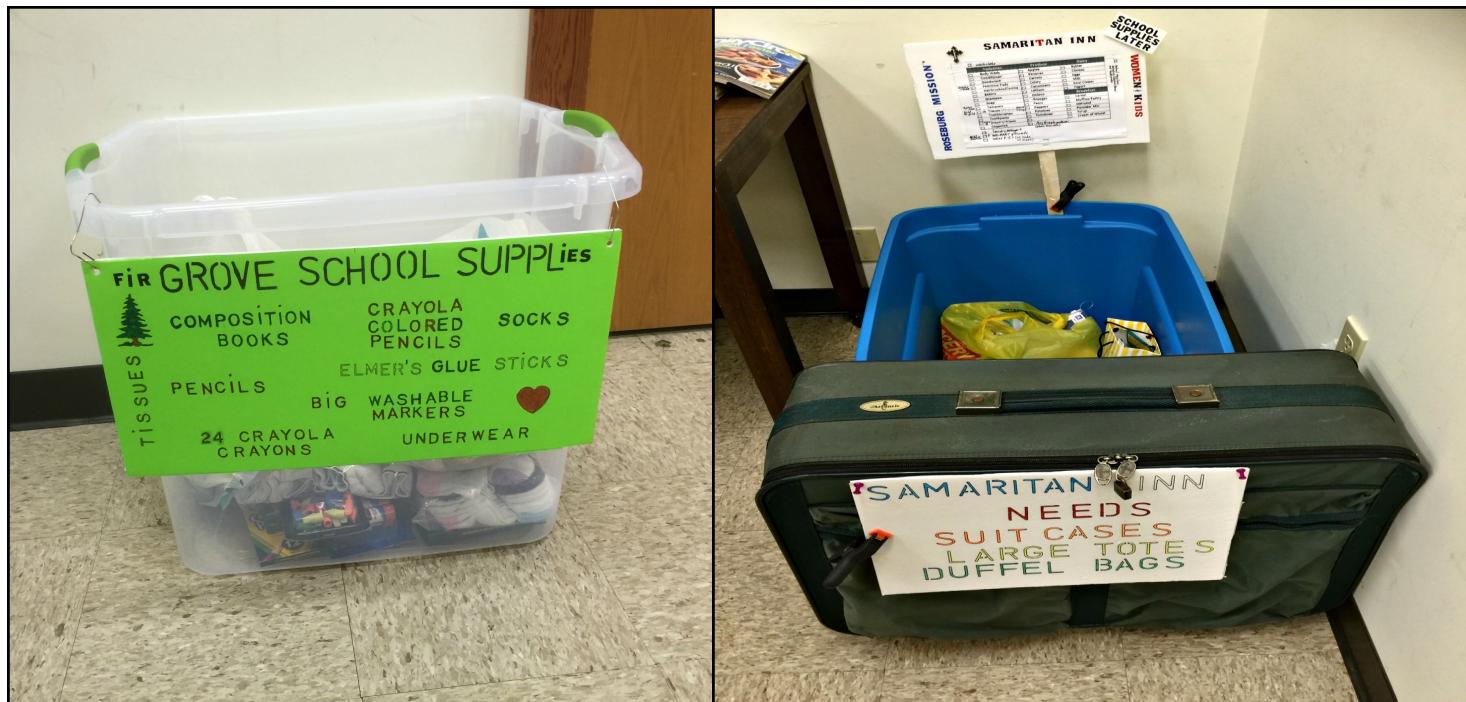
The Fish Pantry is greatly in need of more volunteers for Thursday and Friday mornings. If you don't want to be committed every week, you might consider being an occasional substitute.

On Saturday, July 23, there will be a FISH Food Drive. St. George always takes Albertson's, and six people are needed to staff our booth there on that day. Talk to Sue Phelps or Mik Carlson if you are able to help.



Opportunities for Service

You can still donate supplies for Fir Grove Elementary School and for Samaritan Inn. Samaritan is particularly in need of suitcases, large totes, and duffel bags. Bring your items to the Parish Hall.



We need people to sign up to bring refreshments on Sundays. July is pretty much open!

Sue Phelps invites us to bring pictures for the Parish Hall bulletin board to celebrate our upcoming birthdays and anniversaries. The photos can be of you at any age, and don't feel like you have to limit yourself to just one.

Let David Sayers or the Office know if you have the answer to this question:

⇒ During our 150-year anniversary at St. George, Bob Robins created several beautiful displays which were shown in our Parish Hall. Unfortunately we do not know what happened to these items. If they can be found, they will be used in creating an historical record of St. George Episcopal Church.

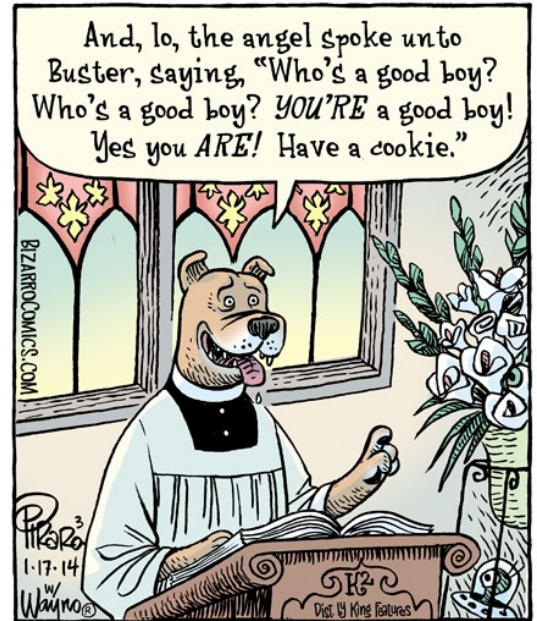
**The annual church picnic will be held Sunday, August 28,
at the home of Jon and Jeannie Burpee.**

Just for Fun

Gifts of the Holy Spirit Word Search



Words can go diagonally as well as vertically and horizontally. They can also go right to left. Answers on page 10.



Our church

wisdom	fortitude	fear of the Lord
understanding	knowledge	
counsel	piety	

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You can tell you are in an Episcopal church when

- The real reason the front pews are always empty is because of the shame of being standing when everyone behind is sitting and they might think that you don't know proper Episcopal choreography.
- People know that instinct is not the opposite of extinct.
- Passing the Altar Guild test qualifies you for college Latin.
- The Rector speaks about a surplice and is referring to vestments and not the parish revenues.
- People disagree about all manner of things but still pray together and pass the Peace.

~ Philip Cooke at <http://philabusterpreaching.blogspot.com/>



Not our church

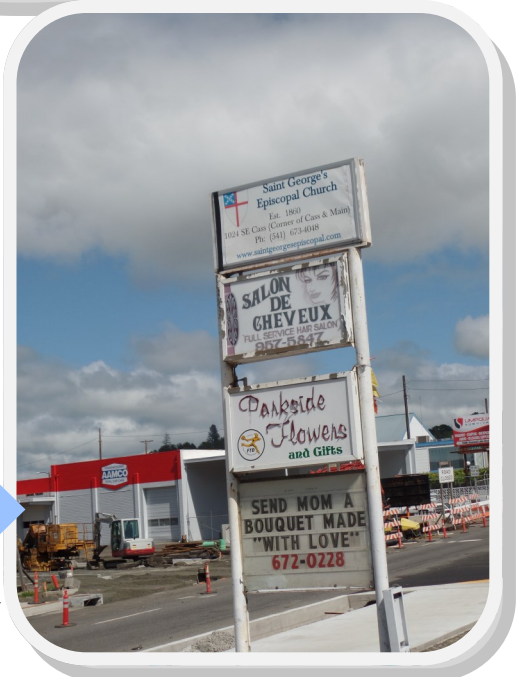
Parish News

*June was a big month for birthdays
and anniversaries!*

Watch over these, Thy servants, Lord.



*On May 5 Bill Riley, Doug Holloway, and
Bob Spielman reinstalled our St. George sign
at the Oak Street location.*



Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

Home: the word evokes many thoughts and feelings. Each year at least one or more of the children I work with will "go home."



I remember one street kid telling me his first morning in the shelter it hit him that he was home, in a comfortable safe bed, with a full belly and rested. This year was no exception. Adverse childhood experiences affect a child for a lifetime. Research tells us that these experiences change the brain and physiology of the child. The cascade of adrenalin, cortisol, and other fight-or-flight hormones creates the changes. The immune system is weakened and healing is compromised. It's hard to measure what it does to the soul, but new research on moral trauma may give us those answers.

Comforting the parents and survivors of those taken too young is more about listening than talking. It's not fair. It's not ok. It's not fixable. The good news is that this life is just a brief stop on the way to eternity. This week I walked with a mother whose child was "going home" with cancer. I told her she was midwife to an angel. Our faith gives us the answer and makes it all fair. We will see her again radiant and joyful as ever she was. This life tempers our souls for the next.

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

St. John the Baptist Buenos Aires, Argentina

The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is the Mother Church of the Diocese of Argentina and is where the Diocesan Bishop has his seat of honor.

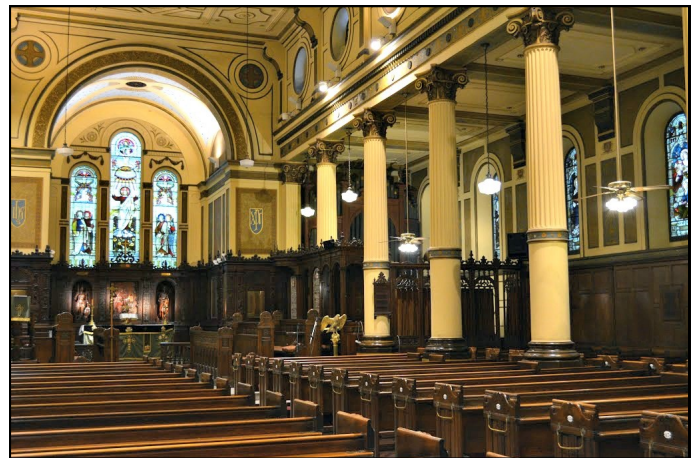
Construction started in 1830 and was completed in record time in 1831. It is the oldest non-Catholic building in South America.

The site was originally a cemetery of a convent of friars and was donated by the then ruler of Argentina. It was built with the aid of a generous subsidy by the British Government after a treaty was signed between Great Britain and Argentina in 1825. This treaty granted tolerance for the religion of British subjects resident in the country.

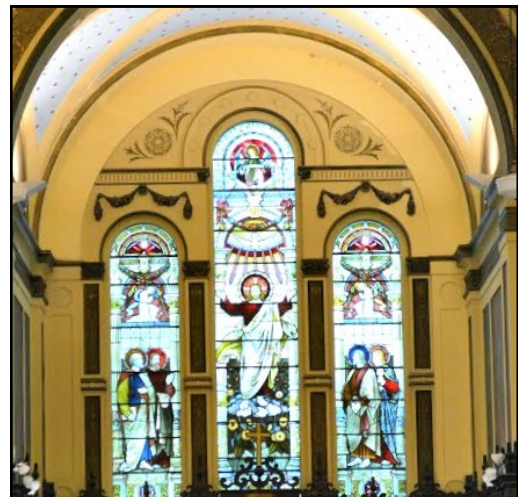


British settlers had been arriving in Argentina since 1806. Originally the settlers were businessmen and traders but later richer English families bought land, founded banks, and developed an extensive import and export trade.

From then until the present day and in the midst of numerous civil wars and conflicts the church has maintained a continuous presence and ministry.



Over the years numerous changes have occurred to the fabric of the building. These include the addition of a chancel and the construction of choir stalls, canon stalls, and a Bishop's throne. An excellent organ was donated in the early 1900s and is still in use today. Also the windows have been filled with magnificent stained glass.

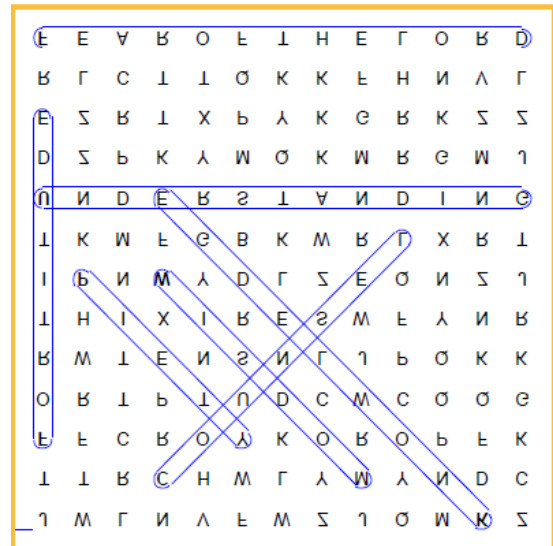




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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

July ★★