



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Baptism on Pentecost!

Photo by Charles Van Sickle



The glorious celebration of Pentecost was held on June 4.
We welcomed Cameron Whitaker into the family of God.
Cameron is the son of Nikki Muse and
Jeremy Whitaker and is the grandson of
parishioner Frank Graham.



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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Just a few notes this month:

First, the regular beginning-of-summer reminder to keep coming to church. And worship in other churches when you travel. We should never take vacations from Sunday worship, and, if all were right with the world, would only miss, as the Orthodox say, "For a reason worthy of a blessing." That boils down to illness or urgent service to someone in need.

Second, thanks to all of you for your support and faithfulness to the parish and to me. It is profoundly encouraging and gratefully received.

Third, special thanks to Susan Ladue, for her superb leadership in our reflections of the life of St. George's.

Fourth, I have arranged for the parish to get a batch of *The Path, a Journey through the Bible*. It is produced by our own Forward Movement, and is designed for you, and you, and even me. I will have them on hand soon, and will give each family one that asks, and promises to read it, and to try to join in conversations about it.

Lots of people do great work for St. George's and the Roseburg community. Do remember to thank each other from time to time.

Fifth, the Rector's Discretionary Fund could use some recharging. Gifts are welcome. Just indicate on your check what is for the Discretionary Fund. You will receive a record of your gift along with the one you receive for your pledges for the work of the Church. I will give an occasional update on that. By the way, it is audited annually.

Sixth, thank you to those who have been going the extra mile in providing care and attentions to Betty and Don Severson and to Don Witt. They have been blessed by you.

Seventh, if you have some hymns you would like to sing during the summer, drop a note in the offering plate or give it to me. Let us know if you have a date in mind, or dates to avoid since you will be traveling, and add that information.

It is my joy to share with you all in this ministry. God is good. All the time.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+

GOD is *Good,*
all the time.

Congregational Development

After three months, we are well into the congregational development process led by Susan Ladue, our Diocesan Consultant. It has been a productive journey and we are on the way towards calling a new priest, although there is not yet a timeline set for that to happen.

At our first meeting in April we narrowed down goals and how to achieve them. In May we discussed the life-cycle of our congregation as well as where our church falls in the Anglican tradition. At our third meeting in June we created our transition prayer and completed our Iceberg Model – the things St. George's likes to talk about above the waterline, and the things we don't like to mention below the waterline. Our latest meeting on June 24 was a time to focus on those things below the waterline so that we could move them above.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 5, from 11:00 to 2:00. We hope that we will have the same excellent attendance as we did for the last meeting (21 people!).

Participants had lots of good things to say about the process:

- Encouraging
- Guarded optimism
- Hopeful
- Honesty
- Thought provoking!
- A challenge to get out of our comfort zone
- It was nice to be reminded that attracting youth is not the only way to increase congregation membership.
- Constructive, progressing, slow and steady (that is a good thing), patient and positive leadership.
- I find her [Susan] to be very inspiring and hopeful for the future of St. George.
- Just what we've needed for such a long time. It gives us courage and hope to look forward and know what we have to stand on.

Susan has prepared a five-page summary of the first three meetings: *St. George Journey of Congregational Development April-May June 2017*. Copies are available in the Church Office if you wish to read it.

Transition Prayer

Dear God Our Father,

Hear our prayers.

Bless and guide us with joyful hearts.

Give us the vision to recognize the priest you send to fill our needs.

Inspire us on our journey with patience, faith, love, honesty, caring, and hope.

Thy will, not ours, be done.

Amen

Congregational Development



June 3 meeting—photos left and center by Pete Benham



June 24 meeting (left). There were so many people attending that we moved from the library into the church.

Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman



ECW met at Nancy Baum's home for our last meeting until September when we will meet at Jewell Gates's home.

We received updates on Don Witt and Betty Severson — she celebrates her 90th birthday on June 21. We also tried to decide on a new name for our rummage sale: one that is more positive and more appealing and something that will catch the eye of the public. There were a number of ideas but we still came up with nothing definite. We will try to do a poll of the members in the next few weeks. We discussed additional ways to advertise, with Craigslist sounding like a good option.

We donate 10% of our rummage sale proceeds so we voted to send \$125 to Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala where Bill Riley helped with the building of a dorm. Thank you for your donations that helped us do this.

Start putting things aside now for the October sale. It's never too early to plan for it.

From January 1st to June 1st only \$78.81 was collected in the "coffee donation" box, but \$95.91 was spent just on coffee. Please prayerfully consider chipping in a bit more!



FISH Report

The Summer Food Drive will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 9:00 — 3:00. Volunteers will be collecting food at the following local grocery stores: Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Albertsons, and Sherm's.

The results of the June ROSEBURG FOOD PROJECT collection are in: 9,063 pounds of food collected from 542 donors by 63 neighborhood coordinators. The next RFP pick up day is Saturday, August 12.

<http://fishofroseburg.org/>

**“Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself,
your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.”**

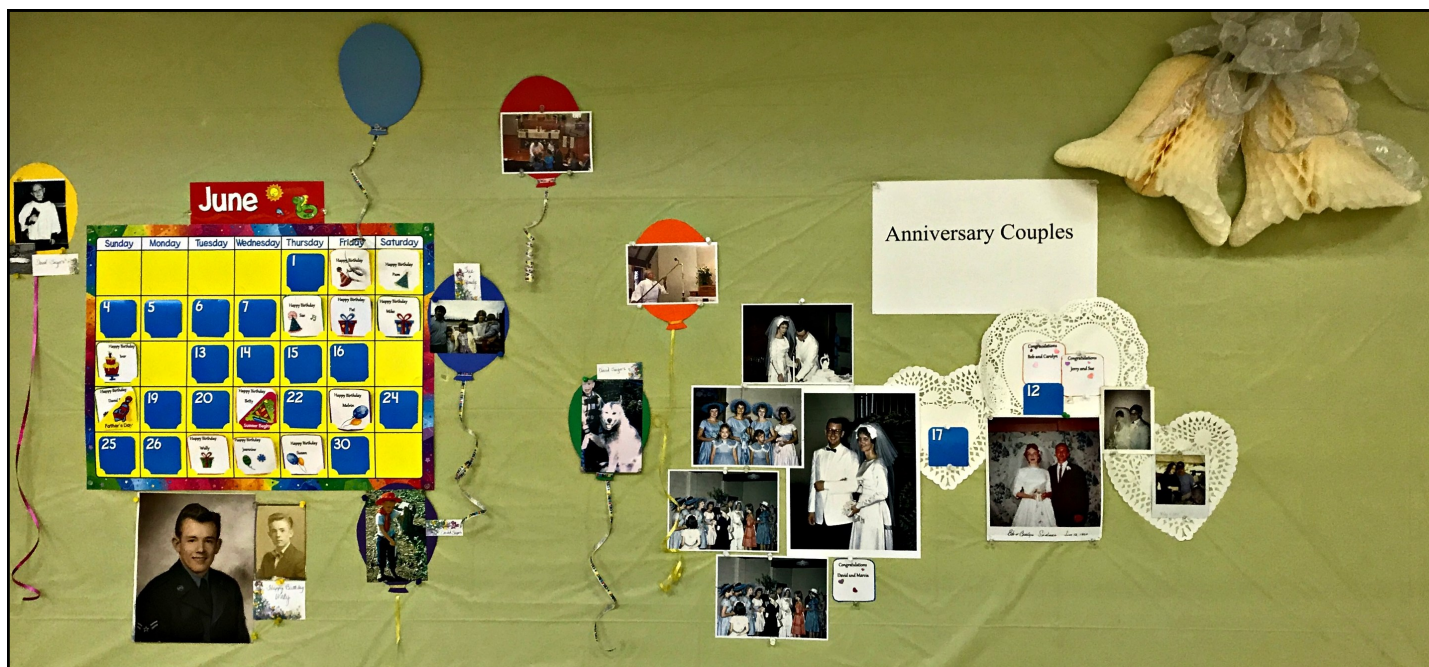
~ C.S. Lewis

Parish News



Happy Birthday, Pam Boston!
Thank you for your ministry here
at St. George's — we love you!

Trinity Sunday 2017



Sue Phelps does a wonderful job decorating our bulletin boards. But she can't do it without our help. Be sure to lend her your photos for display. They can be of you and/or family at any age.

Our fellow parishioner Don Witt is recovering at Callahan Village following an auto accident. He sustained a fracture of one of the vertebrae in his back. Several parishioners have pitched in to furnish his apartment and to help him get settled. Thanks are due to Nancy Baum, Steve and Margaret Thomas, Pete Benham, Fr. Jim, Jewell Gates, Juliana Marez, Dave and Marcia Jackson, Paulen Wrigley, Frank Graham, and please forgive me if I have left someone out!

Visitors can drop in or call Callahan Village at (541) 673-4500 since Don doesn't have a phone yet.

~ Karla Roady

FYI

Rick Williams would love to hear from you. He will answer your letters, too! Write to him at

14825 SW Farmington Road
Beaverton, OR, 97007

An Episcopal Cursillo weekend will be held Thursday evening, July 27 – Sunday afternoon, July 30 at the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner (just outside Salem). Cursillo is a ministry in the Episcopal Church, designed to give participants a lived experience of the love of God and the love of the Christian community. Many report that Cursillo wonderfully deepens their faith, empowers their ministry to others, and continues to nourish their spiritual lives. There is no charge to attend. Ask your priest (i.e., Father Jim) about Cursillo and see www.oregon-cursillo.org for more information.

Donna Litherland, formerly Senior Warden at St. George's, is planning to visit in September!

Someone noticed we have not had Vestry and financial notes lately. That will be corrected. In the meantime, we are doing OK financially. As always, we could muddle through on less, and do ever greater things with more. Thank you for your tithes and offerings. Fr. Jim+

Save the Date! August 6, 2017

Yes, it's almost time for our **Annual Parish Picnic**. This year it will be at Kathy Glockner's home. There will be more information coming soon. So far we know that we will hold our regular celebration of Holy Eucharist at the church at 10:00 and the picnic will be at 2:00 in the afternoon. Susan Ladue will be attending both the service and the picnic as she is staying overnight after the Saturday Congregational Development meeting.



Pentecost



Left: Choir warmup. Left to right Karla Roady, BJ Hoffman, Fr. Jim Boston, Director David Jones

Center: Presentation of newly baptized Cameron

Below: Congregation beneath "tongues of flame" decorations



Pentecost banner painted by our dear sister in Christ, Joy Williams (1950-2015)



Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

Eine Träne in einem Lied (A Teardrop In A Song)

Someone asked me if I believed in love at first sight. Love is blind, I answered, there are many kinds of love. My initial response is love upon seeing someone. I believe true love comes only from God and we have the privilege of being a conduit of that love. I look and listen for what God wants me to know.

One evening my brother and I were doing some family research. We stumbled upon some possible relatives. One particularly interested me, Siegfried Chambre. He was a distant cousin born and raised in Wiesenheid, Romania, (part of Hungary until the Trianon Treaty of WWII), the home of my great-grandfather Jacob Welsch. I contacted Siegfried on social media and learned his mother was named Juliana, too. We were about the same age. He is an accomplished writer, well known in Europe.

Through the magic of the Internet and our shared curse of insomnia we enjoyed many great conversations. He was working on his next book and invited me to read the draft. He wanted to translate it into English but keep the spirit and intent of the poems. We worked several days to get it just right. The finished book on love, grief, and healing was published and sold copies internationally.

In the course of our conversation we spoke of our childhood, teens, and becoming adults. At eighteen I was graduating from high school and excited for college. At eighteen he was experiencing his third and final attempt to escape communist Romania. The border guards beat him within an inch of his life but he said freedom is worth it. That little village of Wiesenheid has withstood attacks from Muslims, Germans, Russians, Romanian dictators, and much more. My grandfather left and farmed land in North Dakota, and with the courage of his ancestors faced the bitter cold winters.

Yes, there are many kinds of love. Each one a glimpse of Heaven. Together my cousin from far away and I healed in the process of writing this book. It may seem just a series of simple poems but it is much more.

Stardust

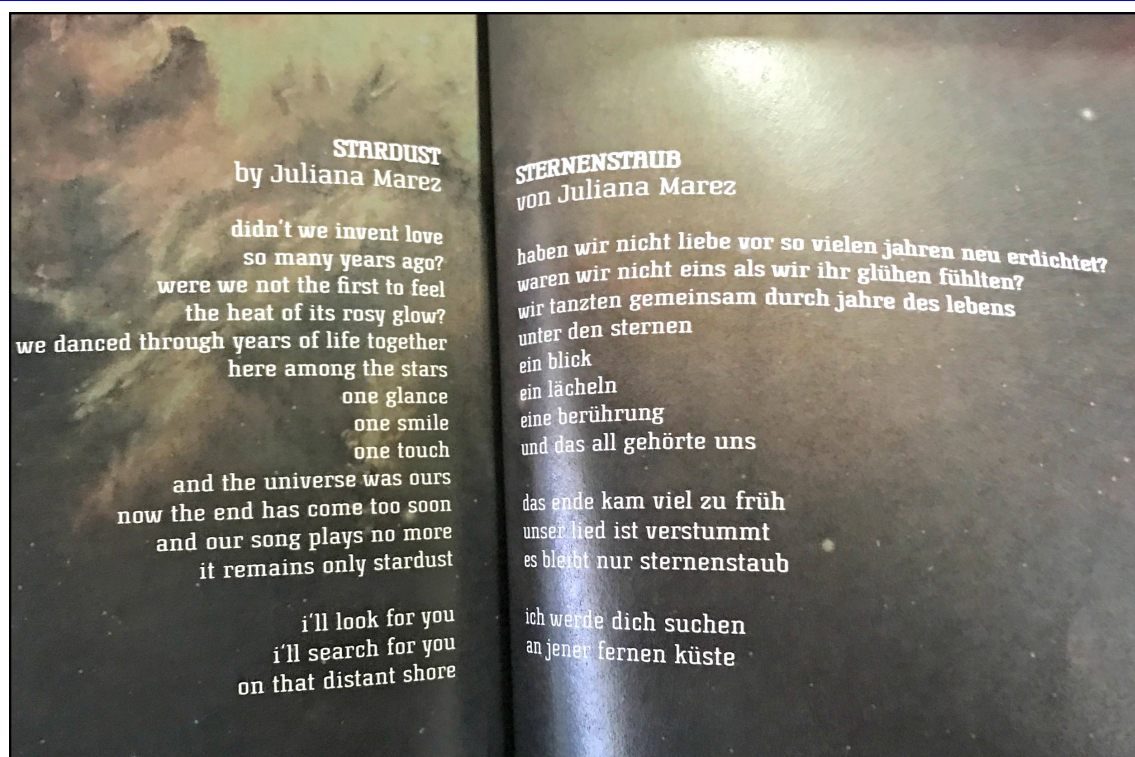
Didn't we invent love so many years ago?
Were we not the first to feel the heat of its rosy glow?
We danced through years of life together here among the stars.
One glance, one smile, one touch and the universe was ours.
Now the end has come too soon, and our song plays no more, it remains only stardust.
I'll look for you, I'll search for you on that distant shore.

With faith and love from the Great Source, I know that I have been blessed to know another facet of love. My dear cousin Sigi, who gave me the courage to write and teaches me about the home of my great-grandfather, thank you.

<https://www.facebook.com/Siegfried-Chambre-302009893245179/>

(See page 10 for a photo of Juliana's poem in the book)

More Parish News



Juliana Marez has had a poem published in the poetry collection *Eine Träne in einem Lied / A Teardrop in a Song* by Siegfried Chambre, 2017. The author also thanked her for her help with the translations in this bilingual book. The title is available through Amazon. See page 9 for Juliana's story of how this poem came to be, as well as the printed text of the poem.



Work progresses on the improvements to the church grounds. Charles Van Sickle refurbished this planter box and screen. He and Bill Riley will soon be working on the hedge against the south side of the church.

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Manchester Cathedral, Manchester, England

Manchester Cathedral, formally the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St. Mary, St. Denys, and St. George is the mother church of the Anglican Diocese of Manchester, seat of the Bishop of Manchester and the city's parish church.



Evidence shows a church on the site around 700 AD and which was destroyed by Danish invaders in 923. The next church on the site was mentioned in 1086 and the predecessor of the current church was started in 1215.

Construction started after a royal charter was granted in 1421 by King Henry V to establish a collegiate church dedicated to St. Mary, St. George, patron saint of England, and St. Denys, patron saint of France.

Over the years, wealthy benefactors provided carved choir stalls and richly carved timber roofs with supports in the form of fourteen life-size angels each playing a different musical instrument. The construction of chantry chapels along the sides of the church in the 16th century created a double aisle around the nave.

Angel playing the recorder, decorating one of the wooden support corbels for the roof of the nave.



The church became the cathedral of the new Manchester Diocese in 1847.

In 1940 a German bomb severely damaged the cathedral and all of the Victorian stained glass was destroyed. It took almost 20 years to complete the repairs.

Because of the use of poor quality sandstone in the original construction, both the external and the internal stonework was replaced between 1850 and 1870. A vestry and porches were added in 1898.

The ten bells in the cathedral tower hung for change ringing were cast in 1925 and are rung for church services on Sunday mornings.

The Cathedral community is devastated by the terrorist bomb at Manchester Arena . . .

Manchester Cathedral will be a place of prayer, reflection, and hope as we seek to deal with this tragedy.

*Rogers Govender
Dean of the Cathedral*



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St. George's altar needs you! Please sign up in the office to provide flowers.

While Sue and Penny have enjoyed preparing your arrangements, they regret that they are no longer able to provide this service.



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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
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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 ★★