



# The Dragon Scoop

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**Mission Statement:**  
“Loving God, Loving Our  
Neighbors”

## Pentecost: Filled with the Holy Spirit

### “celtic christians

centuries ago were onto something when they imagined the wild and crazy third member of the Trinity as a wild goose. What did these early believers have in mind? Scripture portrays the activity of the Holy Spirit with many metaphors and analogies, including unpredictable wind, uncontrollable fire, and untamable energy.

“In short, the Holy Spirit invites the person of faith to the wild side of divinity . . . . A wild goose is a true force of nature, just as likely to attack you and disturb your complacency as it is to float sleepily and swan-like on the nearest pond . . . .

“If my ‘faith walk’ is tame, placid, orderly, and predictable, there is something amiss. Surprise, the unexpected, disturbance, and even what feels for all the world like being pecked by the divine are the hallmarks of our world being invaded by what is greater than us.”

from “Come Holy Goose”  
by Vance Morgan, April 30, 2019.  
Complete article here:  
<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/freelancechristianity/come-holy-goose/>

*Great Spirit, Wild Goose of the Almighty*  
*Be my eye in the dark places;*  
*Be my flight in the trapped places;*  
*Be my host in the wild places;*  
*Be my brood in the barren places;*  
*Be my formation in the lost places.*

~ Ray Simpson



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# Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

First, I want to thank the people of St. George's for their love and support of me and Pam. You are a blessing to us.

Last Sunday, Senior Warden Pete Benham announced that the priest the Vestry had invited to be our rector had withdrawn from consideration. That was sad. Then Pete announced that I had agreed to continue as your interim rector. I will indeed continue to serve St. George's until a new rector is called, as long as my health permits, which I expect to be a good while.

I am happy to do that. But, I cannot do all that needs doing for our church. The congregation already does a great job of sustaining our worship, study, outreach, community life, and care for administration and the building and grounds. Your giving has been faithful. So what is lacking? It is the work of sharing our story so that we have more visitors and to help some of them to join in our common life. This is called evangelism, proclaiming the Good News, the Gospel, to those who need to hear it, perhaps again.

Pam and I cannot do very much of that. It is time to stop awaiting the arrival of a resident rector to lead in that. You can. Invite people you know to join us in worship. Offer rides, answer questions, tell them about our worship, our fellowship, our service. Some you invite may be old friends, others may be the most casual of acquaintances. Mention St. George's. Wear a Christian symbol. Ask about people's faith journeys. Invite.

Some of those most likely to be blessed by coming into our community are lapsed Episcopalians, as well as people who have given up on other churches. You might ask what happened. And then you could suggest St. George's. The Episcopal Church has always drawn people from both liberal and conservative Protestant groups, Roman Catholics, and people who have described themselves as "spiritual but not religious." I became an Episcopalian because I found this church to worship God in deeper and more meaningful ways than the middle-of-the-road Protestantism of my youth. I was thrilled to find a church that spoke of Jesus, our Lord, in the present tense. Jesus is so much more than a first-century preaching and social reformer. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the Lord of Love, the Son of God the Father, united with the Father and the Holy Spirit in a Trinity of expansive love.

Men and women who already serve their neighbors, but who have not been church connected, can find a home in the Episcopal Church. Our worship, teaching, and fellowship are able to sustain them and renew them, even when serving the needy and advocating for a better world becomes very hard.

I am inviting you to an evangelism whose goal is **not** to fill pews and make pledges. Our goal is to join together in living as Christians, in worship that honors God, taught by the Bible and the stories of two thousand years of Christian witness and service. We are called to invite others to join us in becoming God's saints.

Have a blessed summer!

In Christ,  
Fr. Jim+

GO INTO ALL THE *World*  
AND PREACH THE *Good News* TO ALL *Creation.*

MARK 16:15



# Pentecost



The congregation worshipped under our traditional “tongues of flame,” fashioned and hung up by Sue and Jerry Phelps.

*When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit . . . .  
Acts 2:1-4*



Karla Roady (far left) and BJ Hoffman are obviously filled with the Holy Spirit at the end of the Pentecost service.



# Grandpa Jakab Welsch

## by Marcia Jackson

*Last month the Dragon Scoop promised you more about Marcia Jackson's grandfather. Here is "the rest of the story" that we didn't have room for in June.*

Everyone enjoyed the different items Episcopal Church Women members brought to our May meeting. Mine was a picture of my grandfather, Jakab Welsch, born in 1871 in a town in Transylvania, Hungary (now part of Rumania), called Rathat, later Wisenhaid, and now Tisa Noua.

He attended carpenter school in Budapest, where he married my grandmother, Agnes Gyujto. After my Aunt Mariana was born, they moved to Glen Ullin, North Dakota, where he build everything from houses, barns, and cupboards, to coffins.



*Photos by Matt Jackson*

My husband, David, our son, Matt, and I went to Glen Ullin a few years ago and visited an abandoned house and barn Jakab built in the early 1900s. I quietly picked up a couple of large toothpick-sized barn pieces off the ground as a remembrance. Later Matt showed me a whole board he put in our pickup. David made a frame which holds the pictures of barns and the area.

Less than a year later someone bulldozed the barn and the house. I'm so glad Matt took the board and David made the frame. I think Grandpa was looking down and smiling.



*It brings our St. George family closer when we know more about each other's personal histories. Please contact Leigh Van Sickle if you have a story you would like to share with the congregation.*



# History of the American Church

## EARLY PERIOD

Establishment of parishes in North America began to spread steadily following the first recorded celebration of Holy Communion in New World in 1607 in Jamestown, Virginia. (In 1579 Sir Francis Drake and his crew gave thanks to God in the San Francisco Bay area using the 1559 prayer book.)

During the American Revolution, northern clergy tried to maintain ties with the English Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG) and to support England, while those in the South tended to be more sympathetic to the Revolution.

After the war, support for the SPG was cut off, and public support of churches was withdrawn because of the newly accepted principle of separation of church and state.

## ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD

By 1784, most states agreed on the need to

- (1) draft a binding constitution for the whole church;
- (2) revise the English Book of Common Prayer to make it appropriate for use in the American church; and
- (3) obtain consecration of bishops in Apostolic Succession to give the American Church proper episcopal oversight and ministry.

However, church leaders were split on the position that organization of the American Church could proceed without bishops in Apostolic Succession.

On March 25, 1783, ten Connecticut clergy elected Samuel Seabury as their bishop. Seabury traveled to England, but English canon law prevented the consecration of any clergyman who would not take the Oath of Allegiance to the English Crown. Seabury then sought consecration in the Scottish Episcopal Church, where he was ordained on Nov. 14, 1784 in Aberdeen. Thus, Seabury became the first bishop of the American Episcopal Church.

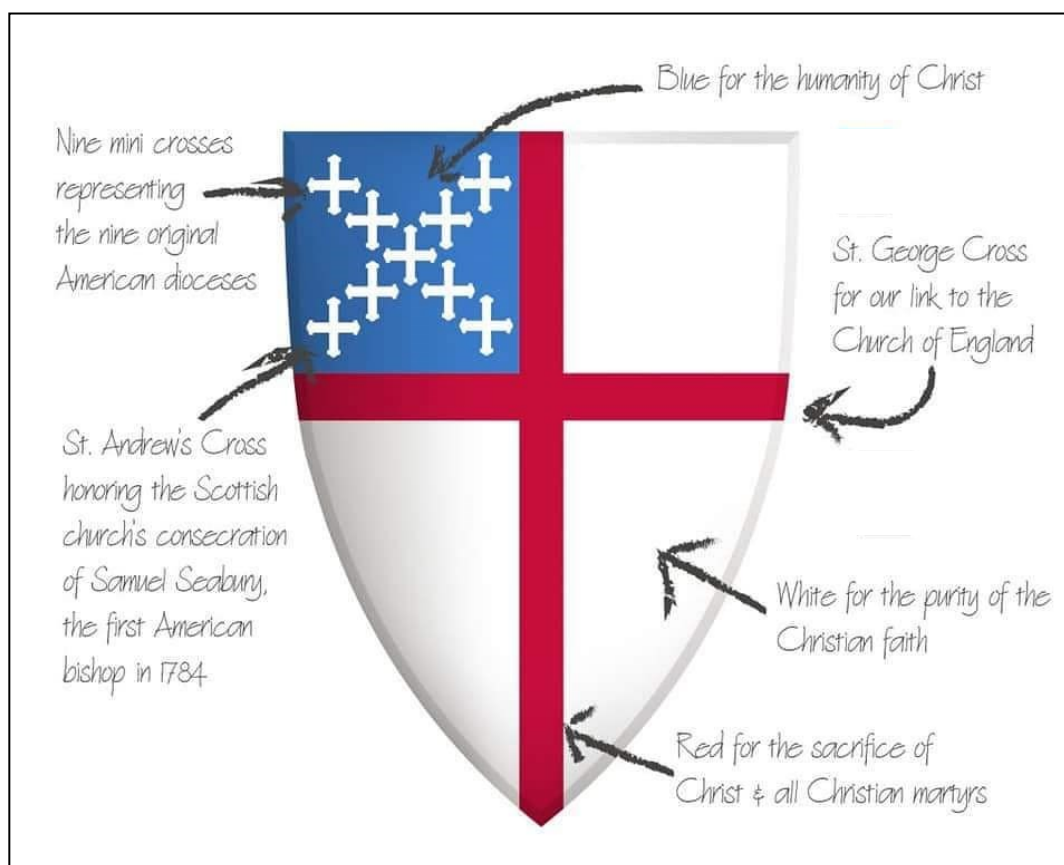
By 1786, English churchmen had helped change the law so the Church of England could offer episcopal consecration to those churches outside England,

An assembly of the American Church met in Philadelphia in 1789 to unify all Episcopalians in the United States into a single national church. A constitution was adopted along with a set of canon laws. The English Book of Common Prayer was revised (principally in removing the prayer for the English monarch). This first American Book of Common Prayer was based mostly on the English Book of Common Prayer of 1662. Its consecration prayer was based on the Scottish Book of Common Prayer of 1764.

The new constitution provided for annual diocesan conventions with the bishop of the diocese as presiding officer. A national General Convention was established, composed of two legislative houses, modeled after the United States Congress.

from <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/>

# History of the American Church, cont.



## Episcopal Church Women by Betty Jo Hoffman

We met for lunch and business at Nancy Baum's home on June 19. This was the last meeting for the year.

We discussed and approved the purchase of a new TV for the Parish Hall. We also approved a \$200 donation to Fr. Lance Peeler's memorial fund. We installed the officers for 2019-2020.

Delpha Hammerle invited us to her home in July. It will be on our regular meeting day and time (Thursday July 18 at 11:00) but it will not be a meeting, just a gathering.

Remember to put aside items for the fall Tools-to-Treasure sale.

### Upcoming events at Holy Spirit in Sutherlin

Saturday, July 20, 1:30-3:00—Patriotic Bingo

Saturday, September 21—ECW annual diocesan board meeting (time will be announced later)





## Parish News



Rector candidate the Rev. Peter F. Roberts presided over Holy Eucharist at St. George's on Wednesday, June 5. Although the Vestry offered him the position, he asked to be withdrawn from consideration since Ann, his wife, has been unable to expedite the credentials needed for her employment with Oregon schools.

However, we rejoice that the Bostons have agreed to serve here as long as they are needed. Thank you, Father Jim and Pam—we love you!



Birthday Blessings on June 2

Above, left to right: Bob Spielman, Pam Boston, Jean Bowden, and Judy Thayer  
(Father Jim and Frank Graham in the background)



Happy 90th Birthday, Wally Hunnicutt!

*Photo by Kathy Glockner*



# Parish News

## *Men of St. George's*

*Front row, left to right: Darrell Thayer, Frank Glass, Charles Van Sickle, Bob Spielman, Melvin Wilcox, Steve Thomas, Don Witt (seated), and Wally Hunnicutt*

*Back row, left to right: Frank Graham, Doug Holloway, Pete Benham, and Fr. Jim Boston*



*Although it was officially Father's Day, Marcia Jackson realized that not every man is actually a father. She brought this cake to recognize all the men of the parish.*



*Bob and Carolyn Spielman receive their 59th Anniversary Blessings on June 23.*



# FISH Report

**The FISH Pantry Summer Food Drive will be held Saturday, July 27, collecting donations at Albertson's, Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, Safeway, and Sherm's.**

Emergency food service is the major focus of the efforts of FISH. The FISH Food Pantry is one of the first food banks in Oregon designed to allow low-income families to choose the groceries most appropriate for their family. The Pantry is open for direct client services four days per week and serves any Douglas County resident.

**Pantry Hours:**

Monday and Wednesday – 1:30 to 3:30 pm  
Thursday and Friday – 9:30 to 11:30 am

**Location:**

Jerry Bruce Community Campus  
405 Jerry's Drive  
Roseburg, Oregon



# Fish Report

Sue Phelps brought three Siamese fighting fish to live in the Parish Hall. Their official job title is Table Topper. They have settled in nicely, with office staff agreeing to feed them.

On June 23, Birthday Boy Wally Hunnicutt, seen here with his wife, Connie, drew names for the individual fish. The red one on their table is now "Saint Beta," and at right are "Blue" (top photo) and salmon-colored "Oscar."





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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** ★★