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**“Loving God,  
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# The Dragon Scoop

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## 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:  
[tinyurl.com/holy-geese](https://tinyurl.com/holy-geese)

***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



## Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

I am forever grateful to have been living in a time where Dad was allowed ... expected ... in the delivery room. Being present at the birth of my two amazing children is the greatest miracle I have ever witnessed. Being their dad is the greatest gift I have ever received. From the moment I was informed that a new life would be joining Janine and me, I immediately made a vow to be the best dad that I could be. The kids hadn't done a single thing. They weren't even born yet!! And still, my desire to be with them, take care of them, protect them, love them unconditionally was in overdrive.

Why? Seriously, why would I make .. why would anyone make .. a silly vow to something that hadn't been born and certainly hadn't done anything to elicit such a promise? Well, that's not entirely true, they did do something ... they existed. In my heart, they existed and that was enough. That was more than enough.

Dear Child of God, the Creator of the Universe knew you and loved you unconditionally long before your first breath:

*For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.*  
(Psalm 139: 13-18)



Your existence is God's greatest miracle. God knows and loves you. You are sacred.

**Rev. Matt**



## In Memoriam

### *Thelma Sayers*

*November 5, 1920 — May 24, 2025*

Thelma's Memorial Service was held on Saturday, June 14, at St. George's, where friends and family gathered to say farewell.

The service can be viewed at this link on YouTube:

[tinyurl.com/Thelma-memorial](https://tinyurl.com/Thelma-memorial)

and her *News-Review* obituary is here:

[tinyurl.com/Thelma-obit](https://tinyurl.com/Thelma-obit)



# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

Nancy Baum's home provided a comfortable setting for our meeting and she prepared a wonderful meal over which we visited. Thank you, Nancy!

Sue Phelps decided to retire from her position as Vice President, so Lori Combs agreed to be added to the list of nominees who had consented to continue in their current positions. The officers were elected and will be formally installed in September. Thank you to Sue for all she has done for us, and welcome to Lori. Her responsibility as Vice President is mainly to provide the speakers for our meetings, and throughout the rest of the meeting we managed to give her ideas for about half of next year.

We no longer have Thelma Sayers with us physically, but Sue was gifted with her file of "Thoughts for the Day" notes. She will always be with us through these as Sue shares them at our meetings. Her June "Thought" is below:

We were updated on Tenaya Wright's health. We are looking for someone to fill in for her temporarily. It could become a full-time opening in the future and that will be determined later. It would also include extra events such as larger meals, celebrations, meetings, etc. The position would involve doing the dishes, cleaning the counters and tables, and cleaning the refrigerator and stove when necessary. If you are interested in this or if you know of someone else who might be, please let us know.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 18. Have a nice summer.



### Thelma's Thought for the Day

Laughter is the closest thing  
to the grace of God





## Parish News



Left: **Jean Bowden** receives **Birthday Blessings** from **Pastor Gail Duba**, who presided for us on June 1.



Above right: **Pastor Gail** preaches the children's sermon.



Above:  
**Sue Phelps** accepts **Birthday Blessings** as well as **Anniversary Blessings** for herself and her husband **Jerry**.



Above:  
On June 22 **Bill Riley** brought his friend **Sandra Lorena de la Cruz** whom he first met in 1991 when in Guatemala with the Peace Corps. She has visited before and we are always delighted to see her!

Left:  
**Birthday Blessings** for **Melvin Wilcox**



## Parish News



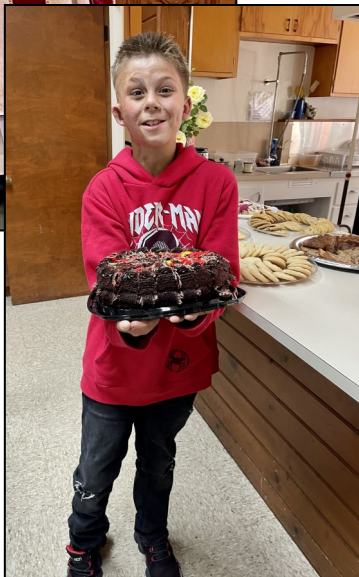
Left and below:  
**Birthday Blessings**  
for  
**Manny—**  
**11 Years Old!**

**Cakes**  
by **Lori Combs**

*Photo by Sue Phelps*



Below: **Bob Spielman** (left) and **David Jones**  
adjust the Pentecost flames before the service.



*Photo by Karla Roady*



**Pentecost flames** courtesy of  
**Sue and Jerry Phelps**



## 2025 Pride Parade



For a second year, many St. George's parishioners joined with Faith Lutheran's to participate in the June 22 Douglas County Pride Parade. Thank you, Karla Roady, for these photos!



## Parish News

The Episcopal Church is becoming more careful about protecting the rights of parishioners. To that end parents/guardians will be asked to sign a media release form in the near future allowing photos of their children in the newsletter or on Facebook. And of course anyone can opt out of having their own picture there.

Also, the question has arisen as to whether registered sex offenders may attend services here. With the Diocese's guidance, the Vestry decided on this:

St. George Episcopal Church may allow a person known to be a sexual offender to remain or become a member of the congregation but they must adhere to specific guidelines. However, first check with the offender's probation/parole officer for any restrictions regarding attending services or other functions where children are present. Ask the probation/parole officer to put any restrictions in writing. If restrictions don't prohibit participation, implement the following four guidelines.

1. A known sexual offender cannot participate in any of the child or youth programs in any way.
2. A known sexual offender can only participate in a predetermined service each week; and
3. A known sexual offender must report in and be assigned to an escort who will accompany him or her at all times.
4. The identity of the sexual offender will be disclosed to the Vestry.

Please note that there are **NO** registered sex offenders in our congregation at this time. This came from a question that was asked, and the Vestry decided it was best to have a proactive policy in place.

## FISH

Service summary  
from June  
FISH newsletter:

**Families:** 986  
**Individuals:** 2444

### Family Size:

**1** 375   **5** 81  
**2** 169   **6** 46  
**3** 102   **7** 33  
**4** 88   **8+** 20

### Age Group:

**0 -4** 147   **25 -44** 526  
**5-17** 431   **45 - 64** 509  
**18 - 24** 189   **65+** 386

**Volunteers:** 58  
**Volunteer Hours:** 643

**Food Donations:**  
**Roseburg Food Project - 0**  
**Community & Churches - 747**



# The Preacher & The Teacher

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Fr. Tyson and Carolyn planned to go to England in the summer to study at Canterbury Cathedral.

[Feb. 7] Sunday attendance was down at both 9:30 and 11—maybe a rebellion against the new liturgy? That evening we had a “Folk Mass” with Joe presiding with 85 there but only 35 received communion. I noted that “there were many Unitarians there.” Albert and Thelma Sayers dropped by to discuss summer plans; Thelma was planning on going with us to Europe.

During Lent we had potlucks on Sunday night with movies I got from our national Church headquarters. Mid-week communions continued all year. . . . On Saturday we had the wedding for Terry Curis and Leslie Wimberly with reception afterwards at the Country club. “Much comment—some humorous, some angry—about long-haired youth and short-short skirted girls” (No comment!)

Tuesday Morning, June 16 . . . Thelma, Caroline and I boarded the Trailways bus at 8 for Sea-Tac airport, arriving on schedule at 11 P.M. We were on our way!! We left at 1 A.M. on the Transavia Holland, a Boeing 707, flying north to the Arctic Ocean, then across Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Scotland, and arriving at the Schiphol airport at 7 A.M. where we got our Avis rental car (which we had booked ahead—other passengers were told there were no cars available!). “After getting lost some we found our Belga Hotel at 11 Hartenstrast. Then Thelma, Caroline and I walked around that evening, getting lost again!” But we were in Holland.

Thursday, Friday and part of Saturday we spent in Amsterdam. We took a ride in a canal boat, ate lunch in a little Italian café, and walked miles—seeing “mini skirts galore (they hadn’t got to the United states yet) prostitutes and sex shops.” Finally we got our car and drove to Zandvoort where we spent two hours eating supper.

All of a sudden we were in Europe—in historic Holland, visiting ancient towns like Alkmaar, the cheese market—and Edam, Volendam, Monnikendam and Markham, with many people dressed in “native” attire for us tourists. And supper at a Chinese-Indonesian restaurant in “traditional” Holland.

On Saturday we said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Loesberg, left Amsterdam and drove to Utrecht—scene of several historic treaties—and on to Gent, where we stayed at a “pension” (rather like our bed-and-breakfast places.) Dinner at a Flemish restaurant. The language in this part of the country is Flemish—but most of them understand English. We were impressed by the ancient town: four great churches and two castles right in the center of town. However, a railroad was located just behind our bedroom and made sleep a bit interrupted.

Sunday we ate breakfast at “pension Azalea,” took Thelma to the R.R. station where she bought a ticket to Stuttgart, and we said goodbye. She was to meet Albert there where he had just bought a new Mercedes to drive around Europe and bring back to the United State as a “used car,” thus saving oodles of money. Then Caroline and I went to Matins at St. John Anglican Church (“Episcopal”) and visited the ancient cathedral, much impressed. Leaving the Flemish area we drove to Dunkirk where the big Allied retreat crossed the Channel and escaped the advancing Nazi armies.



*The Preacher & the Teacher:  
the story of our years at St. George’s  
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*

# Cathedrals of the World

## by Doug Holloway

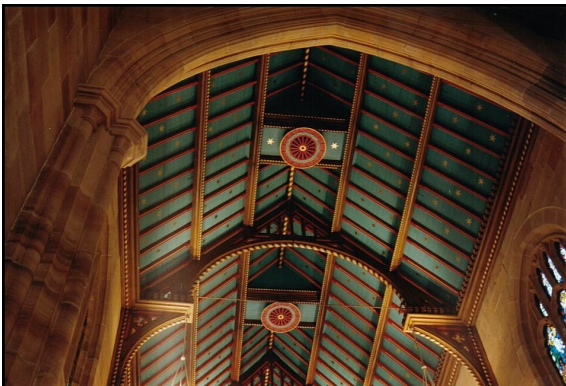
### St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia

St. Andrew's Cathedral is the cathedral church of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and is the seat of the Archbishop of Sydney, Australia.



The first foundation stones were laid in 1819 but then further building was soon abandoned. New foundations were laid in 1837 but as the original layout was rather small, the architect had to use a style known as Perpendicular Gothic, similar to the style of Canterbury Cathedral. The building was consecrated on St. Andrew's Day (November 30), 1868.

The interior has a sense of grandeur, in part due to the lofty hammerbeam roof.



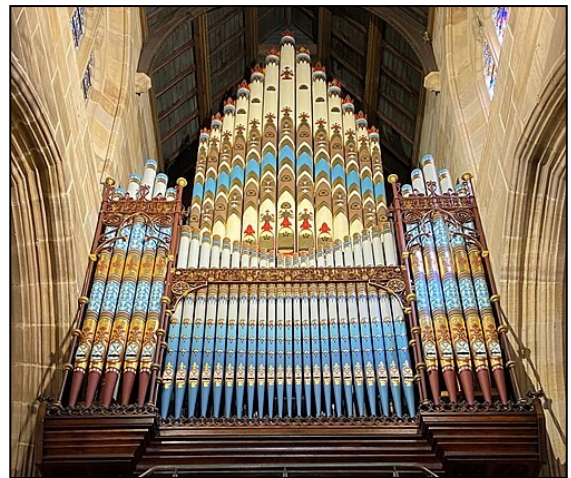
*A hammerbeam roof is a decorative, open timber roof truss typical of English Gothic architecture.*

The stained glass windows represent parables of Jesus and include those at which the Apostle Andrew was present.

The cathedral was traditionally oriented on an east-west axis, with the main door to the west and the sanctuary to the east. Over time this was found to be unsatisfactory as outside a main thoroughfare was put in on one side and a tram line was built on the other side. So in 1941 the interior was reoriented. However, in 1999 the interior was restored to the original layout and the sanctuary was moved back to the east end.

One of the treasures of the cathedral is the Great Bible, printed in 1539 and donated to St. Andrew's by a parish in England in the 1950s.

The organ consists of parts of two organs, one having been installed originally in 1866 and the other in 1932. The cathedral has a peal of 12 bells, cast in England and installed in 1965, and which are rung each Sunday morning.



*1866 Hill Organ*

*This article was first published in the November 2014 Dragon Scoop and has been updated slightly.*



## Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the July Stamp of the Month

### Celebrating An American Classic

On July 21, 1875, Mark Twain's "The Adventure of Tom Sawyer" was copyright registered. Published in 1876 this tale of a young boy's adventures along the Mississippi River has become part of America's cultural heritage.

The stamp depicts a favorite portion of the novel, Tom tricking others to white wash a fence for him.



#1470 Issued on October 13, 1972 in Hannibal, MO

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

*Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

## Graffiti Night Cruise

### Volunteers Needed!

We will once again set up for popcorn, pop, and water for the Graffiti Night Cruise on Saturday, July 12th. The cruise is from 6 to 9:30. We need help with setting up at 5 and we close down by 8:30, earlier if business is slow. And we'll need help again to clean up.

Most of the time it is just a pleasant, nostalgic evening with lots of good conversation, great memories, and far too much popcorn eaten.

So show up, grab an apron, and join us for a memorable evening.





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**10 am—2 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10:30 am**  
**Sundays**  
**and**  
**10 am**  
**Wednesdays**

