



The Dragon Scoop

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Happy Anniversary!



Photo courtesy of Karla Roady

At Faith Lutheran Church on June 21, Rev. Janine Goodrich celebrated the 30th anniversary of her ordination. After our service, several St. George members were able to rejoice with her. Pictured standing are David Jones, Pete Benham, Kathleen Forrest, Rev. Janine, Rev. Matt Goodrich, Steve Thomas, and Pastor Megan Morrow, who preached at the ordination. Seated are Faye Benham, Margaret Thomas, Lynde Keller, and Karla Roady.

Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

***"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them
bear much fruit, because apart from me
you can do nothing."
(John 15:5)***

This month, as we celebrate our Independence Day, I want to share with you a brief study by David deSilva that I found meaningful. I hope it will help you to reflect as well.
Rev. Matt

"Why Christians Should Give Up Independence for Interdependence"

God's Spirit indeed lives in each one of us, but there is another, indispensable dimension of encountering God as a result of our having been brought together with and joined to one another. God has placed each of us in the context of the larger body—whether we conceive of this in terms of our local Christian assembly or in terms of the global body of Christ—so that we could receive the benefits of what other Christians contribute to our lives and our walk of faith and so that we might contribute beneficially to their lives and their walk of faith. If we are to know, experience, and realize God's vision for us, we need to lay aside the value of independence and embrace the New Testament vision for interdependence, each one with each other in the body of Christ, the household of faith.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

Granted that we experience God's presence both in our times of prayer alone and in times of worship in the company of fellow believers, how would you describe the differences, if any, between these two experiences? What dimensions of worship and of encountering God have you discovered in worshiping alongside others that you might not experience in private prayer?

Think about several Christians who have exercised a personal and beneficial impact on your faith formation or your life and who you have seen

exercising such impact on the lives of others in the community of believers. How would you and how would the congregation have been diminished without their presence in the body? What have been some of your own contributions to the faith journey and the lives of other believers? How important are we to one another in this life of faith?

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, your Son redeemed us not to live in splendid isolation but to become one family together in him and to love one another as dearly as our blood relations, for we are all now related by the blood of Jesus. Grant us to grasp more fully the mystery that you have been working out in Christ across centuries and continents—the building of a single, holy temple for your dwelling, the fashioning of a single, well-functioning body—and help us to include ever more fully in our love and care the larger whole of which you have granted us to be parts.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the firstborn of your many sons and daughters.

Amen.



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Nancy Baum hosted our last meeting for the year with a great lunch. We had little to discuss, so our meeting was short and we enjoyed visiting with each other.

Sue Phelps gave her thought for the day from Dr. Seuss:

***"Don't cry because it is over;
smile because it happened"***

—a great quote for the last meeting of the year.



We received a report from United Thank Offering. They awarded nearly \$1M for 25 projects across The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

The grants support 25 innovative mission and ministry projects in the United States and around the world. Projects range from immigrant and migrant ministries to initiatives addressing housing insecurity and food access to support for women and adolescent survivors of violence.

The funds come from the United Thank Offering's yearly Ingathering, including thank offerings collected in "blue boxes" across Episcopal churches.

The UTO Board received 46 applications requesting nearly \$2 million in funding. It was able to fund 25 projects within The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, including one historical grant.

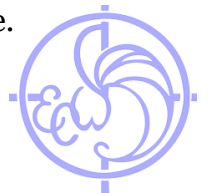
Since its founding in 1889, United Thank Offering has awarded 5,500 grants totaling more than \$146 million.

More information is online here:

unitedthankoffering.com

We will meet again in September and the main topic will be the fall rummage sale. While you are packing away for winter, put aside those items you no longer want or need for the sale.

Have a happy summer.



In Memoriam

in loving memory

We learned that **Tenaya Wright** passed away on June 26.
Tenaya was our dish washer for several years. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.



Parish News

Brewed Theology



Thursday, July 23

Join us in the Upper Room at Brix Bar at 2:00 or 6:00

This month's topic: "When Did Empathy Become a Sin?"

527 SE Jackson

Worship and Picnic in the Park

The joint worship/picnic in the park will be August 16th in the pavilion at Stewart Park. Worship at 10:00 with potluck following!



Update from the Heinrichs

We had an unfortunate change of plans over the last week, the day after we were approved to rent a house in Roseburg (but before we signed anything) we were told by the school that several of the clinics that Elizabeth would be training at in Roseburg had become unavailable and that we would be spending at least 4 months, potentially 6, out of town at replacement sites. They told us there was space in the Medford region and that it was quite stable and much more concentrated than if we stayed in Roseburg. So we decided to change course in order to keep from constantly moving.

We're very disappointed in this last minute change, but in the same way that we felt God called us from Arizona to Roseburg originally, it does feel like we're being called to Medford. We wish you all the best and we miss St. George's dearly.

Sincerely,
Aaron Heinrich

Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Jean Bowden,
Bob Spielman, and Sue Phelps
and
Anniversary Blessings
for
Sue and Jerry Phelps**



**Birthday Blessings
for
Melvin Wilcox**



**Rev. Matt preaching
the children's sermon.**

Thanks to Karla Roady for this photo and the one on the right.



**Tom Hammerle (left) and Bill Riley
changing lights in the Library.**

Showcase of Quilts

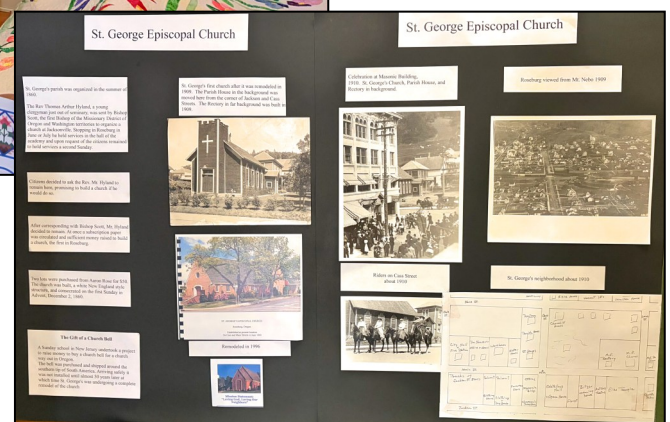
On Saturday, June 13, The Umpqua Valley Quilters Guild exhibited a selection of quilts at St. George's, one of four local historic churches chosen to participate in the tour.



Photos by Karla Roady



Sue Phelps prepared this display showing the history of St. George's. Next month the *Dragon Scoop* will show it in close-up so everyone can get the benefit of the research she did.



The Preacher & The Teacher

1970, continued

It's still September!

Sunday we returned to fall schedule of three services every Sunday: 8, 9:30 and 11, with coffee hours after the later services. That evening we all went to "Chin's" for Chinese food. And a footnote records that "Nicky" and "Thomas à Becket" had two or three fights. All in the family. Monday Dr. Bryant cleaned my teeth—"a miserable experience." For some reason it has always bothered me more to have my teeth cleaned than to have a cavity filled. Tuesday I drove to Prospect, taking Helen Bauer and Pat Alspaugh with me for the Southern Deanery meeting of the ECW. Fr. Jackson celebrated the communion service and then left, leaving me as the only priest there. But it was a beautiful drive via Tiller.

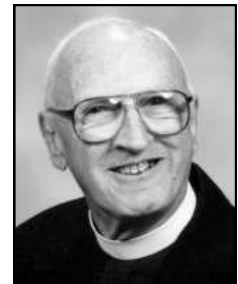
On Wednesday, September 16, Steve and I left before 9 in his yellow VW and drove to Milton-Freewater on the first leg of his return to Dartmouth. We shared the driving, stopping for lunch at Multnomah Falls before going on to our destination where we met Loren and Betty Bush and spent the night in [the] vicarage with them. We also took them to dinner at a Chinese restaurant in Walla Walla. Next morning Steve left for Bozeman, Montana to meet his friend Jim Walters with the two of them driving on to Dartmouth. He called home at 8:30 that night to say that they got there. In the meantime, Loren had driven me to Pendleton where I took the bus at 7:30 A.M. for Roseburg.

On Friday Lorraine Cable worked—I think she will do OK to replace Fran when she quits October 1, even though she is not an Episcopalian. I believe she was a Lutheran, but she worked out fine. That same day we received the balance of Edith Curry's estate. The regular Girls Friendly choir rehearsed Saturday morning and I had the funeral at 11 for Herb Sullivan. Larry Mimnaugh came in to talk about problems in the church at Riddle, after which we spent the rest of the afternoon packing Charlotte's things into a U-Haul trailer we rented to use the next day. And the two dogs got into another fight.

On Sunday Fr. Blaker, Joe Russell and I took all three services. After Coffee Hour, Caroline, Charlotte, "Thomas" and I hauled the trailer to Monmouth where Charlotte had rented Apt. #2 at "College Manor." However, she returned to Roseburg with us to spend the night. Monday brought its problems as the Kiwanis was to meet in our Parish Hall, but no one seemed to be in charge. I was to show some of my slides and the last roll from England just arrived this morning. Vestry met last night with "several matters requiring lengthy discussion." Both Caroline and I were back to teaching by now; I wrote that my morning session was full.

On Wednesday Ann Randolph and Effie Hagedorn were both in regarding Joe. I had hoped that the summer vacation would calm things down! That same evening Caroline gave a program to St. Margaret's Guild on brass rubbing in England. Thursday was a hectic day. First, Floyd Walker, the Junior Warden (in charge of our property) about roof leaks. Then Mrs. Clarno, Tommie Wilder's mother, was committed to the State Hospital. Next, George Gratke. And somewhere in between I wrote a sermon for Sunday.

Friday I took Joe Russell and Frank Troy with me and drove to Medford for a clergy session with Bishop Carman. We picked up Al Sayers in Grants Pass. Other clergy present were Warren Frank (Medford), Bob Ellis (Ashland) and Chandler Jackson (Shady Cove). "Beautiful day; too bad the session wasn't equally satisfying!" Friday night Caroline and I spent the evening in the attic going through old family photos.



*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. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist is the Diocese Cathedral of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and is the seat of the Archbishop of Hong Kong. The first Sunday service was held in March 1849 when the church was "Hongkong Colonial Chapel." It was consecrated as a cathedral in 1852, the oldest Anglican Church in the Far East.

The architecture is classed as a plain, unadorned adaption of 13th Century English and decorated Gothic. As the cathedral was built during the reign of Queen Victoria, there is a large "VR" for *Victoria Regina* built into the stonework of the bell tower.



The first pipe organ was shipped from England in 1860 and the first organist held that post for 35 years. However, due to the unforgiving climate, this organ was replaced in 1887. As the pipe organs were too costly to maintain and repair, an electronic organ has been in use since 1949.

After the Japanese occupied Hong Kong in December, 1941, the cathedral was converted into a club and many of the original fittings, including the stained glass windows, were removed.

Almost since the founding, services have mostly been conducted in English, but now each week there are also services in Mandarin and Filipino. The first Chinese Bishop was appointed in 1981.

Members of the Cathedral are of many nationalities and they freely give of their talents and gifts not only in supporting St. John's but also in supporting the local community.

This article was first published here in the November 2015 issue and has been updated slightly.



Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the July Stamps of the Month

In Honor of America's 250th

The Boston Tea Party was significant because it provoked harsh British retaliation, and ultimately helped unite the colonies in the struggle for independence. It remains one of the most iconic events leading to the American Revolution



Scott #1483a Issued July 4, 1973 in Boston, MA

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

*Poster by Clarence Adams,
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

Inspiration

Think of one of the happiest days of your life. Not with any qualifiers to the story, just a simple memory of something that made you glad to be alive. That single memory, that little anchor of hope, is at the core of who you are. Your ability to embrace joy, even in the long narrative of struggle we call life, is the key to unlock your spiritual self. Remember the pure delight of life and you will discover its meaning.

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston



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