



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

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Come Down, O Love Divine



“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 and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” ~ Acts 2:1-4

We celebrated Pentecost on May 15 with Father Tom Murphy presiding. The sanctuary was decorated with "tongues of flame" overhead, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit. See more Pentecost pictures on page 8.

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

I have been bragging about you all. Family, friends, other clergy all get to hear about the great people of St. George's, Roseburg. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor for a season or two.

My goals are simple and few.

- First, to strengthen the morale, skills, devotion, and numbers of the parish.
- Second, to be a good rector and to prepare the way for the next rector.
- Third, to have fun.

We have had a great start as we journeyed through Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Now we are entering the long season of green, of ordinary time.

Actually, no time is ordinary. All time is holy. All time is God's time. The Sundays after Pentecost are often described as a season for application. How do we live as followers of Jesus, as Christians, in the light of scripture, tradition, and reason? How do we love our neighbors as ourselves? How do we handle joys and sorrows? How do we give and receive mercy? How can we grow?

The answers to those questions are of two sorts. First, we do the normal things of Christian people and communities, informed by our own church's traditions. Second, we do things that are not normal, at least not for us. Pretty simple, and yet both can be hard. Let us covenant to support one another in our journey together as a parish, as a community, as God's people.

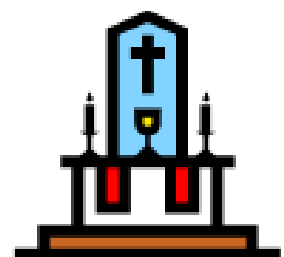
In Christ,

Fr. Jim+

Altar Party Update—June 12

That does not mean cake and coffee. The altar party is the people who are up front during our liturgies: clergy, Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, etc. As in most things, there are lots of different ways to get things done. So far I and those helping up front have been faking it. That works well enough, but is less than ideal. Helpers should not have to wonder, "What will Father Jim do next?" quite as often as they do.

So, after coffee hour on **Sunday, June 12**, we will spend an hour in the church, coordinating the choreography. (Also, since the Altar Guild does the set-up, would BJ and one or two others from the Altar Guild please join us?)



~ Fr. Jim+

April 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, Jean Bowden, Mike Brossia, Sue Phelps, Bill Riley, David Sayers, Bob Spielman, Steve Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Clerk.

Excused absence: Nancy Baum, Pete Benham

Visitors: Kathy Glockner, Treasurer: Frank Graham, and Thelma Sayers

Father Jim said he had received a letter of resignation as vestry clerk from Margaret and accepted it with great thanks for her years of service.

Finance

Bill presented the finance report as of April 12, 2016, which included a new one-page condensed report. There has been a 100% return on pledges and we have a balanced budget.

The recent high gas bill from Avista was explained by cold winter weather and Parish Hall functions requiring extra heating of the building. The thermostat reset function has been adjusted.

Southern Convocation Report

Jean gave a very good presentation for St. George at the meeting on April 23 in Grants Pass.

St. George needs a Diocesan Lay Representative to the Diocesan Council, which meets ten times a year.

Bid for Seal Coating of Parking Lot

We have received a bid of \$5,684.50 to seal coat our parking lot. The bidder is donating \$684.50, so our cost will be \$5,000 less Legal Aid's portion which is \$759.25. The re-striping bid is \$1,341.05; St. George's portion is \$1,187.55; Legal Aid's portion is \$153.50. A motion was made to use additional monies from Janet Hallcraft originally intended for the Kitchen Fund, with her permission.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Request to Install a Permanently Fixed Sign

A motion was made to approve the request in principal—design and location to be determined.

Anonymous \$5,000 Memorial Gift in Betty Fretwell's Name

A suggestion was made to use the funds toward repairing our stained glass windows.

Miscellaneous

A group of parishioners will be trained to operate the sprinkler system.

Dobson Roofing Company plans to reroof the rectory in May.

There may soon be funds to hire a skilled person to work in the church office for 16- 20 hours a week, although there would be more money available to hire a future priest if we continue to use volunteers. Since the current volunteers may want to be relieved by a paid person, they were asked to discuss the matter with each other.



Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW met May 19. We had a successful rummage sale, taking in \$1240.65—thanks to all of your donations and help. We approved the construction of a new coffee cabinet by Scott Taylor. We voted to accept the list of officers for next year. All officers agreed to remain in their positions except Marcia Jackson, our program chairman, who is taking a break. We will have programs suggested by individuals each month; if there is something or someone you would like to have for a program, let us know. The officers will be reinstalled at the June meeting.

Nancy Baum informed us of two opportunities the congregation will have to help our community. The first is that we can bring toiletries, breakfast items, laundry products, and other things for Samaritan Inn, which is the extension of Roseburg Mission for homeless and battered women and their children. We will also plan a birthday party for them periodically. The other opportunity will be supported by a grant that we hope to receive which will be written by Juliana Marez for money to give baby showers for Safe Haven. We will also be providing school supplies to Fir Grove again which will need to be collected before August. *More information about Fir Grove is below.*

Karen Trone joined us to tell us about her ministry of Chaplain Visitations. Ask her to tell you more about it.

Thelma Sayers shared and told us about her collection of items made of different kinds of ivory. (Did you know there is more than one kind of ivory?)

Come join us in June to hear about Mik Carlson's trip to Venice.

~ Co-president, Betty Jo Hoffman

Repurposed Room

The room formerly known as the Prayer and Meditation room has had a makeover. It is now an inviting space that is available for any number of uses.

Planning to use the library for your group? Consider using this new space. It is a cozy place to gather and we would love to see it utilized.

Check it out on Sundays—it is unlocked and left open for you to see.

It may be named the “Gathering Place,” but that is yet to be determined.

~ Sue Phelps



FISH Report

Highlights from the FISH Newsletter for May, 2016:

During April, 66 neighborhood coordinators for the Roseburg Food Project collected over 10,400 pounds of food for the Food Pantry from 630 food donors. Over the last twelve months more than 60,000 pounds of food was donated (value of over \$90,000). This has had a huge positive impact on the amount, variety, and quality of food FISH is able to provide to the Pantry clients. Each green shopping bag of donated food to the Roseburg Food Project provides about ten meals for one of our hungry low-income neighbors.

During the past two years the Food Project has been very consistently collecting about 10,000 pounds of donated food every other month. However, the need and long-term goal is to collect between 12,000 and 15,000 pounds every two months and for that to happen, more food donors and coordinators are needed. For more information see <http://www.RoseburgFoodProject.org> or call 541-673-9804. The next collection date for the Roseburg Food Project is **Saturday, June 11.**

The FISH Board of Directors is actively working on filling the vacant Executive Director position, with hopes of having a person in place by the end of July.



FYI

Corrections to the May 2016 Parish Directory

Marcia and David Jackson—phone is (541) 673-4040

Juliana Marez—phone is (541) 530-1501

Please double check your own phone number in the directory and let the Office know if changes need to be made.

Help for Lectors

We now have a copy of *A Guide to Pronouncing Biblical Names* in the office. If you are a lector and your reading has difficult names, stop in or call the office to get help. The small navy-colored paperback should be sitting on the second shelf of the large wooden bookshelf with other books pertaining to the worship service.

Opportunities for Service

Start Making A Reader Today

Do you enjoy books? Do you have two hours a week to volunteer? Consider being a part of the S.M.A.R.T. program next school year. **Start Making A Reader Today** pairs volunteers with kindergarten and first-grade students who would benefit from being read to. It is not a tutoring program—it is simply sharing the joy of books. For more information see Sue Phelps.



READING MATTERS!

Reading is the gateway to learning, opening doors to faraway adventures, new possibilities and promising futures. Without it, children will face challenges throughout their lives.

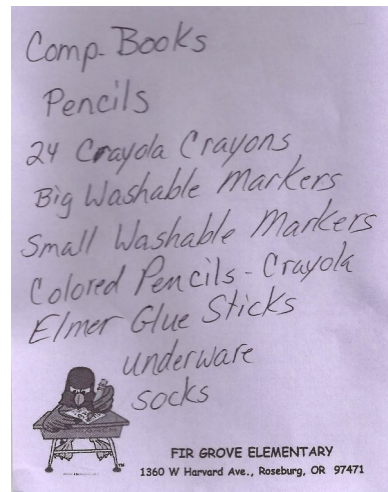
<http://www.getsmartoregon.org/>

Fir Grove School Supplies Project

Marcia Jackson went to Fir Grove School Monday, May 23, and got this list of things from head secretary Mrs. Pommarane that they need for the next school year. Marcia confirmed that they had received not 150 but 300 backpacks from COSTCO last year! So we do not need to buy backpacks this year. The principal and secretaries were very complimentary about how we help the children at Fir Grove.

We will deliver items after mid August.

Composition books
Pencils
24 Crayola crayons
Big washable markers
Crayola colored pencils
Elmer's Glue Sticks
Underwear
Socks



More Opportunities for Service

For History Buffs, Collectors, Archivists, and Scrapbookers

St. George's has a fascinating history going back to 1865. The time has come for a new round of renewing the memory. We need a history team to review and update the archives. What, you may ask, does that mean?

- Gather and catalogue the work of past archivists, parishioners, and staff of the parish.
- Gather interesting photos, papers, and artifacts from parishioners.
- Review and update information on St. George's at the Diocese and the local Historical Society, and in County and City records, making copies of the most interesting items.
- Update information on St. George's in the Diocese of Oregon archives.
- Report interesting findings in the Dragon Scoop from time to time.
- Prepare displays of historical interest: one for long term display, and others, with varying themes, for occasional displays in the church and in other venues around Roseburg and at Diocesan events.
- Make occasional reports to the Vestry and in the newsletter.
- Discard excess stuff.
- Have fun.

We have one volunteer, and need two to four more. Fr. Jim will appoint a captain for the team. This is a long-term project, but we hope to have one display ready to go by September.

Why bother? First, in planning for the future it helps to know where we have been in the past. Second, we can be inspired by those who have gone before us. Third, there are fun, and funny, stories to be discovered and shared. Fourth, this knowledge can be used to tell the story of our parish to our community, which may lead to new people being drawn to the "Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement" (to borrow our Presiding Bishop's words) and to join us in the good work and worship of St. George's.

~ Fr. Jim+

Shut-in Ministry

If you might be interested in helping include our less physically or mentally able members to be included in the life of the parish, please join Fr. Jim after coffee hour on **Sunday, June 19**.



A lifelong Episcopalian finally decided to read the Bible. She purchased a large-print edition and read it cover-to-cover. When she finished, she pulled the rector aside at coffee hour and confided, "I really enjoyed reading the Bible, but I was surprised how much it quotes the Book of Common Prayer!"

Parish News: Pentecost



Huberta Murphy discusses with Sue Phelps just how to make those “flames.”



*Above:
Choir rehearsal for Pentecost.
See how much the choir members
enjoy singing together? You are
invited to sing with the choir too!*



Beautiful portrayal of the Holy Spirit as a dove descending by parishioner Joy Williams, who went home to glory last year.

More Parish News



There were lots of May birthdays at St. George. Here are two: Tony Buxton, above left, and Frank Glass, above right.



The Ministry Fair on May 7 was fun and informative. Pam and Father Jim Boston gave pointers on being greeters and taught participants how to be good lectors.



Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

This month I have had a very full route picking up homeless children to go to school. With the number of miles it was bound to happen—a truck hit my van and put a large dent in it. I was able to drive my route afterwards but I was a bit shaken by the experience.

The next morning one of my students presented me with this gift. He is a young man who has very little and he and his mother work very hard to make ends meet. He is only ten but he pulls weeds, mows lawns, and rakes leaves most weekends. Most recesses he is in the classroom making up homework he struggles to finish. The gift he gave me meant that he had to go out and find the materials in free boxes and refuse, then take time out of his survival needs to make it. It is truly from the heart.

His life is very uncertain and always changing. He doesn't always get his needs met and sometimes gets angry and rightfully so. None of this has hardened his heart. His compassion for the old grandma who drives him to school and got in a wreck was a huge tribute to the human spirit. Let us keep alive that light in us, a reflection of His love.



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

Leicester Cathedral, Leicester, England

The Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester, known as Leicester Cathedral, is a Church of England cathedral and is the seat of the Bishop of Leicester, but has only held cathedral status since 1927.

A church dedicated to St. Martin has been on the site for about a thousand years. The present building dates from around 1086 but with various modifications over the centuries and with the 220 feet spire being added in 1862.



The cathedral contains four separate chapels, with one being dedicated to St. George – the patron saint of England. At one time over the ages a wooden effigy of St. George on a horse was kept and paraded through the streets annually on April 23rd. This chapel also contains the battle honors of the local county Regiment – the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

The remains of King Richard III of England were buried in the cathedral in 2015. King Richard was born in 1452 and was a younger brother of King Edward IV. He helped his brother defeat many rebellions and in return was given a great number of titles and lands.

On his brother's death in 1483 he was designated Protector to his nephew but took the throne for himself and imprisoned two nephews, who were possible contenders, in the Tower of London. In August 1485, King Richard's army was in Leicester to do battle with Henry Tudor and his rebellious army of mostly French mercenaries. During the Battle of Bosworth Field the king was killed and his body was buried in the nearby Franciscan Abbey.

Over the centuries the Abbey was demolished and other structures built on the site. Eventually, after 527 years, in 2012, the remains were discovered in an archeological dig in what was by that time a parking lot. These remains, identified through DNA of direct descendants, were entombed between the east end of the cathedral and the sanctuary.



Richard III's tombstone made of Swaledale fossil stone (quarried in North Yorkshire), with a base plinth of black Kilkenny marble from Ireland.

The inset picture is his embroidered funeral pall complete with crown.



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Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

