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Pentecost 2018



Father Jim Boston presided over Holy Eucharist on Pentecost, May 20, 2018. In his sermon that day, he invited the congregation to include in our devotions a prayer to the Holy Spirit:

- To strengthen our faith
- To feel and know God’s love for us
- To help us love our neighbors, near and far
- To tell us what to do (practically) about this love

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your patience with me as I slowly regain strength after my bout with sciatica. The physical therapist just added a diagnosis of bursitis. I am coming along, but still have a ways to go.

I am deeply grateful for the privilege of preaching week by week in this parish, and the even greater privilege of presiding at the Holy Eucharist, not to mention the joy of being with you all on Sunday mornings.

The Profile Committee has finished their work, had it approved by the Vestry, and sent it off to the Diocesan office in Portland. There may be a little back and forth conversation, but I am confident that the profile will soon be posted to the whole Episcopal Church. This is a good time to start praying for God to move suitable priests to apply, and for the Search Committee to be blessed with abundant discernment. The speed of the discernment and call process is in God's hands. It could be very fast, or I may get to enjoy you for some time. We shall see.

In the meantime, you and I continue with the regular work of the Church. We worship and pray, with beauty, joy, and hope. We show love to one another and to those who visit us; not the smothering love that scares, but the gentle interest and practical support that blesses. We serve our neighbors in various ways. We are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement in Roseburg.

Part of my work as Rector is pastoral care. Visiting the sick, comforting the troubled, being a resource for those seeking God's will in their lives, and much more. I have been particularly grateful to join some very wonderful longtime parishioners, and their families, through their journey from this life to the next.

At the last Vestry meeting I asked the Vestry to give me a list of members of the parish who they think could benefit from a visit from me. When I got the list, I felt somewhat overwhelmed. It was a page and half, double spaced. I have had it for a week now, and have not yet started making phone calls. Besides being a natural procrastinator, my energy level is still a lot less than it used to be. So, do say a little prayer that I will get fired up. Most of the people on that list are names I have seen, but people I don't recall having ever met. I look forward to getting acquainted with them in the coming months. (If you think you might be on that list, feel free to call me and set up a visit!)

When I visit, I hope we will get to know each other a bit. I hope that past problems will be shared, and reflected upon, and perhaps prayed over. I hope we can share some joys. I hope for healing and hope to be made real. Feel free to pray for this project.

Also, feel free to phone me at home:
541-479-0452

I remain, your friend, brother, and servant,
in Jesus Christ.

Jim+



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

We had a nice meeting on May 17, with a few gentlemen joining us, and culminating with the slide show of Pete and Faye Benham cruising through the Panama Canal.

We discussed the Tools-to-Treasure sale, which was very successful. It brought in \$1812, the best we have done in several years! We will talk about the use of 10% of the sales, which we donate from each sale, in June.

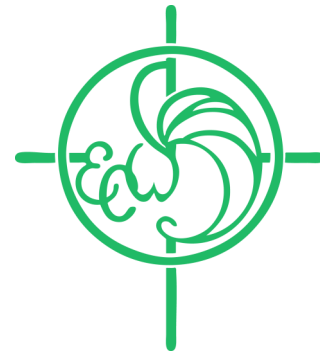
We also discussed possible use of the remaining grant money. We voted to donate \$110 to the Boys & Girls Club for two scholarships honoring mothers.

We voted to invest in a table-top popcorn popper to sell popcorn at the Graffiti cruise. We will be able to use it for other events as well. We also

decided to have cupcakes for Pentecost in place of a cake; we will still have the flames.

We will meet at the home of Nancy Baum on June 21.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman,
Co-President



FISH Report

The final results for the April Roseburg Food Project collection of donated food are in:

9,135 pounds were collected by 63 Neighborhood Coordinators from 574 food donors.

That equals approximately \$13,7025 worth of food donated from friends and neighbors within the community.

The next RFP pick up day will be Saturday, June 9.

In addition to the Roseburg Food Project's collection days, the first-ever RFP Spring Canvass Event took place on Saturday, April 28. Approximately 30 Neighborhood Coordinators canvassed to let more of their neighbors know

about the Roseburg Food Project and how simple it is to donate food. 85 new food donors were signed up during this event.

Did you know that 85 green bags is equal to at least 850 meals? Your donations really do make a huge difference.



<http://fishofroseburg.org/>

In Memoriam

Virginia (Jinny) Skala May 2, 1928—January 17, 2018

On May 6, 2018, the celebration of Holy Eucharist at St. George's included a memorial of the life of parishioner Jinny Skala.

Linda Sloan (pictured below) remembered her dear friend during the service, speaking of Jinny's joy and zest for life. Jinny had a paid job with Northwest Airlines in California, but she was also a volunteer working with guide dogs for the blind until she and her husband retired to Roseburg in 1989. Linda remarked on Jinny's quick wit and bright sense of humor, her love of music (she was an accomplished pianist), and her fondness for See's chocolates, which were served at the reception.



A Visit to Wales

by Hellene Chapman

In April, my husband, Ivor, and I visited family in Wales, near St Davids City. St Davids is the smallest city in the United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland).

It is called a city because it has a cathedral, St Davids Cathedral, one of the oldest cathedrals in the United Kingdom. A cathedral building has been on the site for over a thousand years. The present building was established in the 12th century and remains an important focus for prayer and pilgrimage.



The cathedral is very large, with many small chapels surrounding the main chapel. One of the small chapels is a shrine to St David (who is the patron saint of Wales), with paintings as well as candles to light in prayer. While we were there, the choir sang while the organ played, and a soloist from the Welsh National Choir sang with piano accompaniment. It was a beautiful experience.



While we were in Wales, we visited two woolen mills. One, Melin Tregwynt (Welsh), is located near St Davids. The other, Solva Woolen Mill, was a little further away. Both have huge electric looms, continuously moving to weave large cloth with wool from Wales and Scotland. The mill in Solva still has the old water wheel. It has running water which turns it, but it no longer powers the looms. One can purchase items made from the woolen fabric, or have tea in their tea rooms.



Above: one of the looms at Melin Tregwynt



Left: the old Solva water wheel

Note: There are no apostrophes or periods in the official names of St Davids City and St Davids Cathedral.

Room for All to Simply Be

Ben Irwin is Communications Director at Preemptive Love, an organization that brings emergency relief to families in Syria and Iraq. Here are the fifth and sixth of his “Eleven Things Ben Irwin Loves About the Episcopal Church.”

5. How it makes room for those who’ve been burned out, worn out, or otherwise cast out.

I love how one of my favorite preachers, Jonathan Martin, describes what drew him to an Episcopal church:

I went out of sheer, bold-faced desperation for someone to preach the gospel to me, someone to lay hands on me, and someone to offer me the Lord’s Supper. There was no motivation more noble than hoping to not starve.

A lot of us have burned out on our faith at some point—or been cast out. Maybe it’s because we grew tired of always having to pretend we have it all together. Or maybe someone’s gender or some other part of their identity excluded them from service. Maybe we were told we had to choose between science and faith. Or maybe we were just beaten down by the relentless drum of condemnation.

The Episcopal Church is a refuge, a respite, a place where we can come as we are and learn to receive grace again.

6. The way you can simply be, if that’s all you can do.

You feel it sometimes when you visit a new church. The hungry looks, sizing you up as another potential cog in the church wheel. The pressure to join this program, sign up for that group, volunteer at this event . . . all before anyone’s even learned your name.

I’ve been part of two Episcopal churches now, and neither one has been like that. They’ve given me space to just be. They’ve let me move at my own pace. To quote Jonathan Martin again, they’ve been places where “I can love and be loved as a human being, without my gifts or my life being commodified in any way.” Or as Lindsey Harts put it, “It’s the only place I’ve ever stepped foot into that didn’t seem to expect something of you.”

It’s not that the Episcopal Church won’t invite you to become more deeply connected. They will. But they seem to get that each person is different—and, more importantly, that people are not commodities.

(That said, if you hang around long enough, watch out. They might ask you to join the vestry when you least expect it.)

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News from the Diocese

Statement from the Diocese of Oregon Regarding Elk Rock Gardens

As Rick Grimshaw, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, shared at last year's Diocesan Convention, diocesan leadership has for several years been contemplating the best stewardship plan for Elk Rock Gardens. This historic property was generously gifted to the diocese by Peter and Laurie Kerr more than 60 years ago and houses the diocesan office (The Bishop's Close) and a privately-managed public garden.

Today the Diocese of Oregon is very pleased to announce that it has signed a Letter of Intent to sell the Bishop's Close and Elk Rock Gardens to Mr. Jordan Schnitzer. Mr. Schnitzer is a lifelong Portland resident with significant experience in civic, religious, non-profit, and community-based organizations and causes, including sixteen years on the Board of Trustees for the Portland Japanese Garden.

Mr. Schnitzer intends to develop a long-term master plan to restore and revitalize Elk Rock Gardens in a way that honors the history and tradition of the garden as well as the legacy of

the Kerr family's intention in donating it to the diocese, maintaining it as a private/public green space with a deed restriction that prevents any subdivision of the property for redevelopment.

In addition to the important preservation of this beautiful and beloved garden, Mr. Schnitzer agreed to a favorable lease-back option for the diocese for up to five years, which allows us time to enter into a diocesan-wide conversation planning for the future location of the diocesan office.

We give thanks for Mr. Schnitzer's generous commitment to the future of Elk Rock Gardens and invite your prayers for the diocesan leadership and staff as we journey together into the next location from which we can best serve the Episcopal churches of western Oregon.

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Parish News

Photos by Bill Riley



On Tuesday, May 22 , David Sayers pulled the four stumps at the south side of the Parish Hall.

Bill Riley said, “It took a total of 25 minutes. He would have done it much faster but he had to take several breaks to rest his thumb from all the exertion working the control button on his winch.” (Tongue in cheek, of course!)



Diaconal Discernment Meeting

Are you called to servant leadership? Have you felt a desire to serve God and the Church in the world among those who are on the margins and underrepresented? Do others see you as someone who inspires others to engage in action? If so, you might have a calling to the diaconate.

On Sunday, August 19, Archdeacon Carter Hawley and Academy Director Maureen Hagen will be holding a conversation on discernment and the diaconate. During this time, participants will hear stories of calls, examine what the Book of Common Prayer says about the diaconate, and learn about the process.

This session will be from 1:30 – 3:00 at St. George’s in Roseburg on Sunday, August 19.

We hope you will join us.

Please RSVP at

<https://doodle.com/poll/nbrrqz72utksfkr4>

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Carter at carterh@diocese-oregon.org or Maureen at maureenhagen@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you!

Parish News



In remembrance of Memorial Day, May 27, the US and Episcopal flags were carried in procession.

Parishioners brought photos and armed services memorabilia to display during coffee hour.



St. George's Veterans

Front row, left to right: Bob Spielman, David Sayers, Wally Honeycutt, Don Severson, Jean Bowden

Back row: Charles Van Sickle, Father Jim Boston, Doug Holloway, Bill Riley



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OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

