



# The Dragon Scoop

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“Loving God, Loving Our  
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



*Whatever devotion you practice this season of Lent, either giving up something that ties you to this world or taking on a spiritual task or discipline, let it be something that helps you participate in the movement of God's love in this world, following in the footsteps of Jesus and loving one another.*  
~ from the Most Reverent Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

# Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

At the start of Lent most U.S. Episcopalians sing, "The glory of these forty days, we celebrate with songs of praise." That might seem odd if you think of Lent as a dreary time, perhaps without chocolate, or TV, or sleeping very late on Sunday. Yet, for me, and for many, Lent, combined with Easter, is the best part of the year. Now is the best nourishment, now is the greatest joy, now is the renewal of all the good news of God's love for us in Christ Jesus.

My first encounter with the Episcopal Church was in a military chapel at the headquarters compound for the Atlantic Fleet, in Norfolk, Virginia. I was 16 or 17. My grandparents were visiting. When Sunday came, only my grandmother and I wanted to go to church. So my dad decided to take us to someplace new, rather than to our usual place of worship on the Naval Air Station. The service was different from what we were used to. Some psalms were chanted. Wow! Although Navy chapels always had kneelers, no one ever used them. Here they did! The preacher talked about Jesus in the present tense! And the prayers sounded like they were addressed to God, and not the congregation, even though they were in a book! It felt holy.

Only after I got to college did I figure out that the service we attended was Morning Prayer from the *1928 Book of Common Prayer*. I was confirmed by the Bishop of Washington (D.C.) during my second year of college.

One of the books I read about our church was *Canterbury Pilgrims*, by Bishop Pike (before he got odd). It told the stories of people who had been drawn to the Episcopal Church from other backgrounds. Several themes emerged. Our church connects closely with all other Christian traditions. It takes worship seriously as an encounter with the living God. It takes sin seriously. And it loves life, in all its variety and beauty. Episcopalians know how to have fun. There are rhythms of joy and sorrow, serious effort and playful sharing. It invited me to a balanced life.

All of that is especially apparent as we journey now to Easter.

May your prayers be ardent, your love of others be expressed in kindnesses of many kinds, your humility as one sinner among many be real; and may your awareness that you are loved by God and destined for glory give you endless delight and thanksgiving.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Jim+

Father Jim will be teaching the Gospel of Mark on Thursdays from noon to 1:30 pm through April 12. See St. George's website for more ideas for Lent. <http://www.saintgeorgesepiscopal.com/>

# Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held after the worship service on February 12. Copies of the *2016 Annual Report* are available from the Church Office if you weren't able to pick up one that day.

In the report, Father Jim notes that St. George's is on an upswing, and he lists some of our accomplishments as we continue to serve both the larger church and our community:

- We were able to pay in full our Diocesan Program Assessment (DPA) for 2016.
- We were engaged with our Diocesan Convention and the Southern Convocation, as well as supporting ministries of the whole Episcopal Church.
- We shared Maundy Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church.
- We have been leaders in the FISH Food Pantry and supporters of the Rescue Mission, Samaritan Inn, Safe Haven, local schools, and more.
- We have provided hospitality to our sisters and brothers of Holy Cross Orthodox Church and various twelve-step programs.

Nancy Baum, Pete Benham, and Steve Thomas were re-elected to the Vestry.



## Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW enjoyed lunch and very interesting information about the Roseburg Senior Center presented by Linda Cornett. She told us about many different programs and activities which are available to members and the general public. They serve snacks and meals for economical prices, celebrate special holiday events, and have different game days. They publish a newsletter and monthly calendar (which we have at church) and, of course, they are on social media. Their website is [www.roseburgseniorcenter.org](http://www.roseburgseniorcenter.org). For more information you may call 541-671-2634. They do have a membership fee but you can go in as a guest for a couple of times. They are in the process of a capital campaign for a number of improvements needed, so your help will be greatly appreciated. Next month, someone from the new Human Services center will be with us.

Remember to put away items for the rummage sale the first Friday and Saturday in May.

Spirituality Day is coming up in Salem, at St. Paul's, May 20th. It will be all about health—spiritual and physical. It is open to all women. The registration forms will be coming and pre-registration is required. \$25 will cover lunch and snacks.



# Pancake Supper

St. George's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was on Tuesday, February 28.



# FISH Report

Did you know that 1 in 5 people in Douglas County are food insecure? Learn how you can help to reduce hunger in Douglas County by joining the Roseburg Food Project. It really works!

Since 2012, over 650 Roseburg households have donated over 260,000 pounds of food...one bag at a time! Each green bag of donated food provides 10 meals for one of your hungry neighbors. You want to help—we make it easy! Here's how:

1. Each week, you buy just one extra non-perishable food item when you go shopping.
2. Store it in our green food project bag.
3. On the second Saturday of every other month, a neighbor will pick up the bag and bring it to the FISH Food Pantry

It's that simple! [RoseburgFoodProject.org](http://RoseburgFoodProject.org) or you may also call 541-673-9804.

## Oregon Hunger Response Day April 13th, 2017 Salem, Oregon

This all-day event includes:

- Networking with food banks and partner agencies from across the state
- Visits to legislative offices to advocate for the Oregon Food Bank Network's legislative agenda
- Speakers and trainings
- State Capitol tours
- Complimentary lunch

Anyone is welcome to attend. Advocates are needed to be a voice, reminding our legislators to keep anti-hunger policies a priority.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Nicole Forbes at [nforbes@oregonfoodbank.org](mailto:nforbes@oregonfoodbank.org).

~ from the February newsletter at <http://fishofroseburg.org>

## Breaking News

FISH just received a check for \$1000 from Coastal Farm & Ranch.

The results of the February ROSEBURG FOOD PROJECT collection are in: 10,205 pounds of food were collected from 645 donors by 70 neighborhood coordinators.

The next RFP pick up day is Saturday, April 8th.





# Lutheran Warming Center

by Sue Phelps

The Warming Center has been in place for four years and is a project that is very dear to Pastor Jane Baker of Faith Lutheran Church in Roseburg. From November 15 to March 30th, the center is activated when the temperature is 30° or below. The guests are the face of homelessness in Douglas County and they are able to have a warm meal, a place at the table, a warm place to sleep, and the comfort of knowing they are safe through the night. Their canine companions are welcome and are well-behaved as they are very socialized.

The cots, blankets, and pillows are provided by the Douglas County Housing and Homeless Coalition. They are stored behind the church in a semi-trailer that is on loan. The sheets, pillowcases, clothing, and toiletries are donated, and a local laundromat washes the linens free of charge. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with a hot meal ready. The dining room never closes: there is always something to warm up and serve regardless of the hour. Breakfast of biscuits and gravy begins at 7:00 a.m., and afterwards the guests gather their belongings and leave by 8:00. The parish hall is cleared and mopped, restrooms are cleaned, and tables and chairs are set up for the after-church socializing. Some of the guests stay and help the volunteers.

The warming center would not exist without the many volunteers who give of their time and the generosity of the Lutherans who share their parish hall. While some of the volunteers are from the Lutheran church, many are affiliated with other churches or have no connection to a church, but want to make a difference in the lives of Douglas County's homeless.



*What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?  
Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,  
and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,"  
and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?*

*~ James 2:14-16*

## Parish News



We are delighted to welcome Hilary Hall to our music ministry. Hilary will be sharing organist duties with Jeanette Buxton, playing for services twice a month. Hilary has played for churches since she was eight years old, beginning with the Methodists but later accompanying for many other denominations. She was received with warm applause at her first full service on February 19.



*The choir is gearing up for Easter. All voices are welcome. Rehearsals are at 9:00 a.m. in the choir loft Sundays before the service and are lots of fun.*

# Umpqua Valley Habitat for Humanity

Umpqua Valley Habitat for Humanity's vision is for everyone to have a decent place to live. The group is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization founded in 1976. It is operated on Christian principles and seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. It's a hand up, not a hand out. Alongside community volunteers, Habitat homeowners help build or improve a place they can call home and pay an affordable mortgage.

This year, Habitat is building two homes in Sutherlin on the corner of Sixth and Oak. They are also planning a wheelchair ramp construction program in order to help local families age in place and maintain a sense of dignity and independence.

Members of St. George's can help with financial support (no donation is too small), with donation of materials, property, or vehicles, and with the giving of time, talent, and expertise. Cheri Page, Board Chair, says, "You don't have to be a skilled carpenter to make a difference."

More information is available online at <http://www.umpquavalleyhabitat.org/> or call (541) 672-6182 or email [umpquavalleyhabitatforhumanity@gmail.com](mailto:umpquavalleyhabitatforhumanity@gmail.com)



## Disaster Volunteering

### Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

COAD's mission is to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination by helping to ensure that community members are prepared in such an event. Doug Holloway is our COAD Coordinator and he is looking for church members who might be available to help.

Here are some examples of what volunteers might do:

- Help distribute food and water
- Register people displaced or those seeking relatives and friends.
- Receive and distribute non-monetary donations.
- Assist with emergency phone calls.
- Relay latest updates on the local situation.
- Be present at the church to assist those needing comfort.
- Coordinate with emergency services.

If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. There is no obligation if you do sign up, because you might be affected by the disaster yourself. Those who register will be kept up to date on the progress of COAD and any training available.

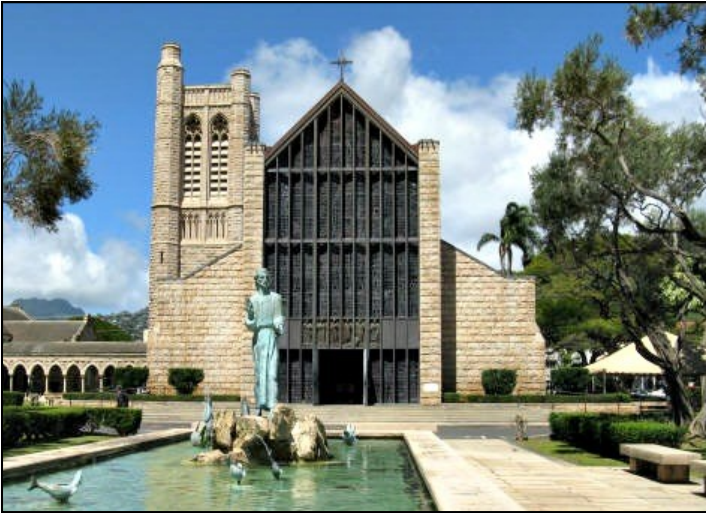


# Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

## St. Andrew's Cathedral Honolulu, Hawaii

St. Andrew's is an Episcopal Church and the home of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii. The Diocese consists of 39 congregations on five islands. Some congregations were founded to serve a particular ethnic group but have since evolved to include peoples of very many different races and descent. It is one of four cathedrals in the Hawaiian Islands – the others being two Roman Catholic and one Greek Orthodox.

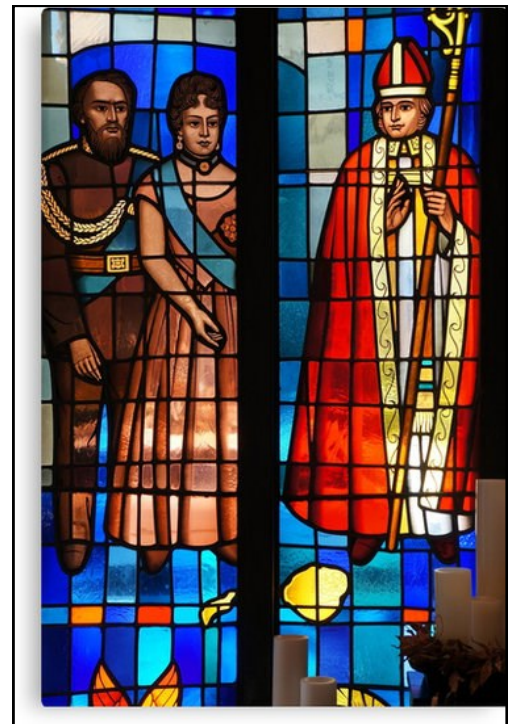


In the mid-1800s King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma were devout members of the Church of England and gave part of the royal gardens on which to build a cathedral. Prior to the arrival of the first bishop, the King had translated much of the Book of Common Prayer into the Hawaiian language.

As planning and fundraising began, a small wooden cathedral was built and this would be in use for the next twenty years. Stone for the new building was shipped from France as ballast in sailing ships and the first phase of the cathedral was completed in time for Christmas 1886. The King, however, died on St. Andrew's Day 1863 and so the new cathedral was dedicated to St. Andrew as a memorial to the King.

The current arrangement of eight bells came from a church in Shrewsbury, England, and was first rung in that church on Easter, 1812. The nearly 5,000 pipe organ was built in 1961 and is the largest in Hawaii. It requires expert maintenance in a tropical environment of extreme temperatures and humidity. Even so, there are currently over 700 pipes and notes which are unplayable due to water leaks and termite damage.

Originally there were two congregations – one Hawaiian speaking and one English speaking. Eventually these congregations were dissolved and now there is one Sunday service in Hawaiian and the other two in English.



*This is a section of the beautiful stained glass window at the Cathedral. It depicts the arrival of Thomas Nettleship Staley, received by King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma. Staley was appointed the first Bishop of Hawai'i in 1862.*



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The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer



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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**

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