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“Loving God, Loving Our
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



New Priest for St. George's

We rejoice that the Rev. Gail Duba has accepted the 2/3-time position of Interim Rector.

On June 3, 2017, the congregation wrote the prayer that led to Pastor Gail being sent to us. The formal process began in October 2017 with a meeting between the congregation and diocesan representatives. By July 2018 our Parish Profile was approved by the Bishop and an ad for a half-time position was placed. Fr. Jim commissioned the Search Committee in October 2018. And now Pastor Gail has been called to St. George's where she preached the sermon on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.



Transition Prayer

Dear God Our Father,

Hear our prayers.

Bless and guide us with joyful hearts.

*Give us the vision to recognize the priest
you send to fill our needs.*

*Inspire us on our journey with
patience, faith, love, honesty, caring, and hope.
Thy will, not ours, be done.*

Amen

*Pastor Gail with her husband, Dr. David Duba,
on Ash Wednesday.*

Parishioners met with Pastor Gail after the Ash Wednesday service. She shared her history and the story of her calls to the ministry and to St. George's. She emphasized that she wants to get to know each of us personally and is always open to conversations.

She will begin her time with us on Palm Sunday, April 5.

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

Happy Lent! On the Sunday before Lent and on Ash Wednesday, Pam and I shared various Lenten suggestions, plus some good books with those present. Do take advantage of them.

Ash Wednesday had a larger attendance than I have ever seen at St. George's. It is easy to know why. Your soon-to-be rector, Pastor Gail Duba, and her husband David were here. They were here for both the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Pastor Gail preached at the Ash Wednesday Eucharist.

I found Pastor Gail to be delightful. Also wise. Also faithful. She is eager to get to know everyone in the congregation. Her ministry as Interim Rector will begin on Palm Sunday, April 5. Mine will conclude then. Next month's newsletter will be my last, but you will see me from time to time in future months. You all can happily note that her Letter of Agreement with the Vestry and our Bishop sets her compensation at 2/3 time. Mine was for 1/4 time.

So now we are in Lent, a season of preparation. We prepare with prayer, worship, service and generosity, self-denial, self-examination, repentance and renewal. That is a lot to throw into one sentence, so you might consider them one at a time.

For now, I want to consider the last three in the light of a change of rector:

Self-examination: How have I fallen short of what God desires of me? In my self-care, my duties for others, and my service to God through my parish church. Today, I emphasize the last. At a change of rectors some people stand back, others push forward, but all should be reliable in prayer, worship, and participation in their parish.

Repentance: It is a word that means to turn around, to change course. For St. George's that first of all means showing up on Sunday, the Lord's Day. After that, it is a matter of prayer and exploration to discover God's call to new or renewed service. Give thanks that God finds each one of us useful.

Renewal: Renew your own faith in God and in our parish. Invite others to worship with you. Renew your hopes for St. George's. A resident rector will be a blessing. Renew your attendance, your giving, your love, your hope.

I teach acolytes four rules:

1. Show up.
2. Pay attention.
3. If in doubt, ask.
4. Act like you know what you are doing.

They will work pretty well for you, as they have for me, for many years. And love everyone!

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+



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Ash Wednesday



In her sermon, Pastor Gail said that God invites us to come together to recommit ourselves during Lent. We can become channels of God's blessing to each other and to our community.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Father Jim and Pastor Gail exchanged imposition of ashes after they marked the congregation.



Lent Spring Training

LENT

Spring Training for Disciples

Lent is like Spring Training for Christians—a time to do things, and to give up others, in order to strengthen our relationship with God. As with athletes, we begin training by making a plan. We all have, consciously or unconsciously, a “Rule of Life,” a pattern by which we fulfill our religious duty to God, the Church, our neighbors, and ourselves. Lent invites us to review our “Rule” and make it more deliberate. A prayerful assessment of your present Rule will help you determine what, if any, changes will draw you closer to God during these weeks. Whether you need a more challenging rule, or a more relaxed one, here are some basic elements for Lent:

WORSHIP: You may strengthen your pattern of worship, perhaps being more regular at Sunday Eucharist, or adding a weekday service. You can offer worship alone, too, at church or home. Resources are available. We never really worship alone, but in union with the whole church, in Heaven and on earth. Some Christians find the Daily Offices helpful. During Holy Week try to attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

PRAYER: Perhaps you will pray more often, or just a little more quietly and thoughtfully. Having set times can encourage daily prayer. So can having a friend with whom to share your spiritual journey. The Lord’s Prayer daily is meaningful to many. Try to include various types of prayer: praise, presence, “Sorry,” “Thanks,” “Help,” blessing.

STUDY: Read the Bible or a spiritual book. (The library has lots of good ones.) Join a study group, or start one. Use *Forward Day by Day* or a Lenten meditation booklet. Read

a book to children, such as C.S. Lewis’s *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

Listen to the sermon. Think and talk about it. A variety of Lenten meditation booklets are available. Some people find reading the Psalms or Proverbs helpful. Others appreciate doing a study of one of the Gospels. Do something!

SERVICE: Volunteer, at church or in the community. Do something kind—perhaps for someone with whom you live or work, or one to whom you owe an obligation (such as a letter or a kind word), or even someone who annoys you. Examine the result and repeat.

ALMSGIVING: This is giving beyond your regular tithe or pledge for the advance of the Gospel or the relief of those who suffer. For some that may mean using their United Thank Offering “Blue Box” to help cultivate an “attitude of gratitude.”

SELF-DENIAL: Make it possible to add these changes by cutting back elsewhere, maybe giving up a TV show, or a hot-fudge sundae. Simple measures, such as meatless Fridays (a fine and ancient custom), prepare us for more productive forms of Self Denial, such as jogging. Our Church particularly asks the faithful to fast (which means to eat less than usual) on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Other days are okay, too, health permitting.

A WORD OF CAUTION: You may not succeed fully in keeping your Plan for Lent. The point of Spring Training is to grow, not to feel guilty. Assess your progress as you go, and just keep at it, making adjustments as seem good to you. Have a joyful and blessed Lent.

You are welcome to call on me for more specific needs or questions.

Fr. Jim+

Suggestions for Lent

from Fr. Jim Boston+

Be kind to yourself.
Be kind to your family and friends.
Be kind to strangers.
Be kind to anyone you fear.
Pray daily.
Pray often.
Pray briefly.
Pray and listen, and slowly.
Pray for yourself.
Pray for others (no exceptions).
Read something that is good to read.
Read the Bible.
Read Christian stuff.
Pay attention.
Forgive yourself.
Forgive everyone.
Forgive God.
Show up for Eucharist.
Show up for your friends.
Show up to help.
Show up with hope.
Show up with kindness.
Choose wisely.
Choose kindness.
Choose with hope.
Choose love.
Manage oneself.

Try not to manage others.
Be generous with your time.
Be generous with your talents.
Be generous with money.
Think.
Think about God.
Think with hope.
Think wisely.
Think realistically.
Live frugally.
Live well.
Enjoy life.
Talk about God.
Talk about your blessings.
Talk about your failings.
Talk kindly.
Talk with hope.
Talk with love.
Listen more than you talk.
Listen fully.
Listen kindly.
Listen with hope.
Listen with God.
Listen to God.
Limit worrying.
Be wise.
Be kind.



Spotlight on Wally Hunnicutt



Wallace L. Hunnicutt was born in Roseburg on June 27, 1929. He attended grade school in Winchester, Portland, and Eugene. After high school in Eugene and nearby McKenzie, where he graduated, he went on to Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth.

On September 5, 1950, Wally enlisted. He had planned to go into the Navy, but that recruiter was out when he got there so he signed up for the Air Force instead. He had to fight to go to Denver to remote-control turret technician school, where he landed the coveted CFC or Central Fire Control Gunner position on the B-29 Superfortress. This was the choice spot to have since there were no inflight duties involved and you could go visit with the others during the flight.



He flew 25 combat missions during the Korean Conflict and was awarded the Air Medal for his part in the raids that resulted in heavy damage to Communist installations and equipment. After returning to the U.S. in 1952 he volunteered to go to French Morocco to instruct bombardiers in aerial gunnery on B-29 bombers.



Wally (above right) receiving the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Wally came back to the U.S. in 1953 and was discharged from the Air Force. He returned to Roseburg where he went into the grocery business with his father at the South Stephens Market. In seven years he never took a day off work.

A long-time hobby of Wally's was shooting, which he had done a lot of in the service. In 1954 the local Rod and Gun Club hosted the Pacific International Trap Shoot and Wally shot 100 straight—the first person to do so at the Roseburg club.

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Wally Hunnicutt, continued

Wally's sister worked at PP&L with Connie Groshong. One day she said to Wally, "Connie is a nice gal—why don't you ask her out?" Connie and Wally were married in 1953 and they raised three wonderful boys in Roseburg. They celebrated their 65th anniversary in September, just before Connie's death in October.

Connie started attending St. George's in the late 1960s. Wally came with her one Easter and then attended Fr. Sayers's confirmation class in the early 70s. Wally has been very active in fundraising for the church in the past and is currently an usher.

In 1964 Wally bought the Colony Market in the Hucrest area. The local beer distributor told him the business was for sale, so Wally went to the bank for a loan. The bank said, "Write a check; we'll cover it." The business "grew like crazy" and Wally ran it for almost 20 years, only selling it in 1983.

Wally kept busy after leaving the grocery business. He served on the federal housing advisory board for 23 years, and then was executive director until retiring in 1991.

Sue Phelps and Leigh Van Sickle plan to continue this series focusing on individual members of St. George's. Let them know if you would like to be featured or want to suggest another parishioner.

Palms and Easter Lilies



If you would like to donate toward the purchase of palms for Palm Sunday and Easter lilies for Easter, please indicate that in the memo section of your check. If you give cash include a note with that information. If you want to remember someone with your donation, include that information also or call the office. If you would like to just donate a lily, you can bring it during Holy Week. Your gifts are always appreciated.



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Our next meeting will be March 19 (thanks to the Vestry for changing their meeting to the fourth Thursday). The program will feature Savannah Jones, Executive Assistant at Sunrise Enterprises, the local nonprofit that provides employment opportunities and skill building to people with developmental disabilities. Please talk this up, especially for those who don't have email.

At our February 6 meeting we finalized the plans for two new donation opportunities for the congregation that should be really fun. On the second Sunday in March (March 8) watch for the posters reminding us what to bring the following two weeks. The first opportunity will "Socks-Sunday" when you can bring new socks on March 15 and 22. The second opportunity will be "Undie-Sunday" and you will bring those in June. The items will be donated to organizations in the community that are in need of these items. Watch for reminders.

We also discussed a sign-up list for various volunteer opportunities like spring cleanup, decorating the Parish Hall or tables, seasonal decorating of the church, FISH pantry backup, rummage sales, Graffiti Cruise popcorn sale, plus more you may think of.

We were moved by the account by Pat Law of her experience of losing her home in Paradise during the devastating California wildfires in November of 2018. She described evacuating, returning, and eventually moving here; and she spoke of the outpouring of donations from all over the world. She said that they received so many gift cards that they were able to donate them to other people in need. She also shared how thankful they were for God's presence throughout their ordeal. Pat is attempting to stay in contact with friends who are still there.

Please join us March 19 at 11:00 for our next meeting.

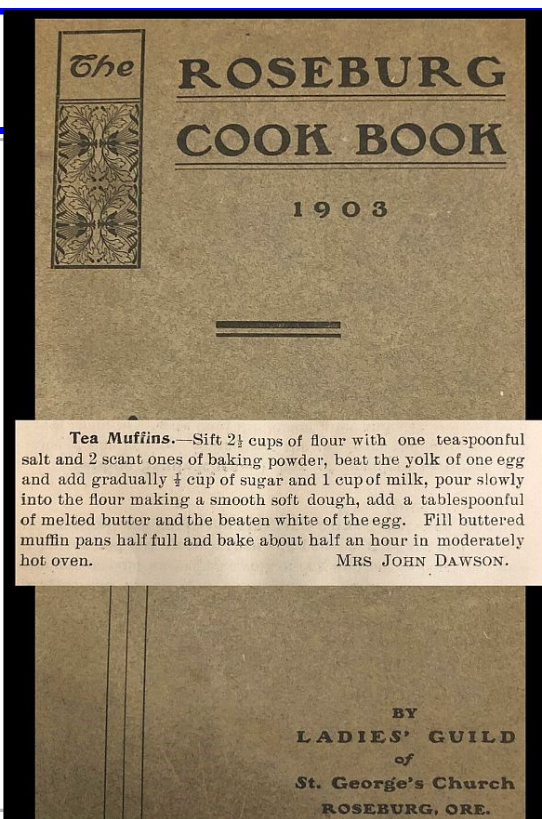
History

The State Library of Oregon posted this photo of *The Roseburg Cook Book* by the Ladies' Guild of St. George's Church, 1903, on their Facebook page on Feb. 20 in honor of National Muffin Day. The *Dragon Scoop* has received permission to reprint it here.

Tea Muffins

Sift 2½ cups of flour with one teaspoonful salt and 2 scant ones of baking powder, beat the yolk of one egg and add gradually ½ cup of sugar and 1 cup of milk, pour slowly into the flour making a smooth soft dough, add a tablespoonful of melted butter and the beaten white of the egg. Fill buttered muffin pans half full and bake about half an hour in moderately hot oven.

~ Mrs. John Dawson



Annual Parish Meeting



The Annual Meeting was held on February 16 after the worship service. Most parishioners were able to attend, but if you weren't there you can get a copy of the 2019 Annual Report from the Office. The meeting covered all aspects of St. George life, including the various ministries, property maintenance, Episcopal Church Women, Altar Guild, and finances.

We are doing well with our finances. Treasurer Kathy Glockner reported that we stayed in the black all year and are current with our DPA (Diocesan Program Assessment).

Vestry members Mike Brossia and David Sayers retired, and Bob Spielman and Bill Riley were elected to take their places.

Fr. Jim announced later that Pete Benham will continue as Senior Warden, and Jean Bowden is our new Junior Warden.

Recycle!

Just a reminder that Sisters Shredding recycles cardboard and all kinds of paper, including magazines. The paper does not have to be sorted, and staff will help you unload it from your vehicle.



The best part is: It's absolutely FREE!

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Congratulations & Blessings

Fr. Jim has been a priest for 42 years!

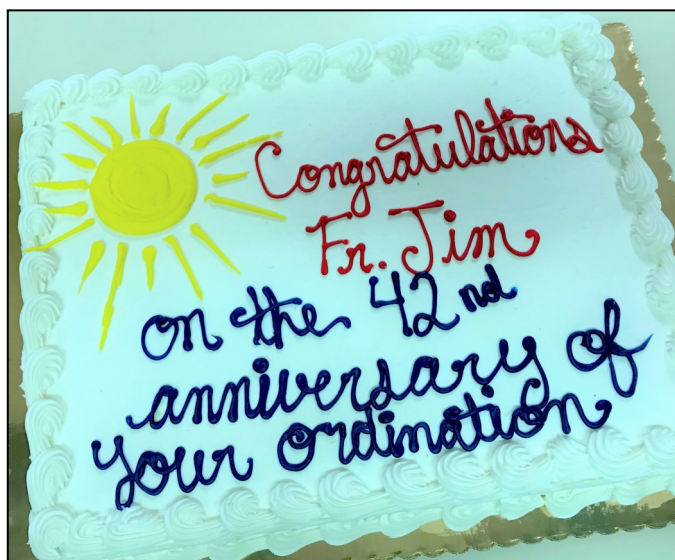


Photo by Karla Roady

Right:

45th Anniversary Blessings for Betty Jo Hoffman (just to the right of Fr. Jim)

and

Birthday Blessings for David Jones (center) and Faye Benham (right)



Left:

Birthday Blessings for Betty Jo Hoffman (center)

and

26th Anniversary Blessings for Charles and Leigh Van Sickle

Parish News



Above: Julie Jeanmard shows off Baby Paul, the youngest member of the congregation.

Below: Parishioner Jay Custer shares some of his coloring art. He finds his hobby as colorist to be relaxing and satisfying.

Jay uses a combination of colored pencils and felt-tip pens in his work, producing stunning results.





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***Mik Carlson reported
that the FISH Green
Bag pickup on Feb. 8
brought in almost
12,000 pounds of food
and other items.***

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ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays
10 am—Morning Prayer

