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Pray for Peace



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I have been praying for peace. I know you have too. Not only in Ukraine, but in all the countries of the world experiencing conflict.

Peace to every land that faces stress, crisis, tension, or struggle.

Peace to every community that searches for justice, reconciliation, and restoration.

Peace to nations suffering from natural disasters and trying to rebuild.

Peace in the hearts of leaders who can resolve the divisions between human beings.

Peace to those of every faith who pray for peace and work for peace.

Peace in the kinship of hope between us all.

Peace for our elders and our children.

Peace in our minds and in our hearts.

Peace to all living things. Peace, we pray, peace.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston
Facebook post, Feb. 20, 2022

Pastor Gail's Ponderings

Dear People of God at St. George's,

I invite you to the observance of a holy Lent, a time to renew our repentance and faith, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word (Book of Common Prayer's Ash Wednesday liturgy).

On Ash Wednesday, the day when we Christians focused our hearts on prayer and repentance, we began the season of Lent. During Lent, we start again our practice of discipleship through spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and generosity. As we focus on Christ's life and ministry, leading to his sacrifice and resurrection, we begin a season of living an intentional Christian life. Christians often observe the Lenten custom of "giving something up" like chocolate or lattes as a practice of self-denial and repentance.

The prophet Joel, the psalmist, and Jesus, in Matthew 6 from the Sermon on the Mount, each call for sincere, interior repentance. The psalmist cries out: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me!" The prophet Joel urges us to return to God with all our hearts, with fasting and repentance. Jesus offers us some guidelines for a spiritual practice of repentance: giving alms, praying, and fasting in secret. Charity (or giving alms), prayer, and fasting are manifestations of the repentance and faith we are to practice with cheerful and humble hearts during Lent.

Jesus' directions for the correct methods of practicing our faith are clear. We are not to practice our piety in order to be seen and recognized by others; rather, we are to give alms, pray, and fast in the privacy of our homes and hearts. When Jesus teaches us to beware of practicing our piety before others in order to be seen by them, he urges us—indeed, commands us—to avoid self-righteousness, to fast in secret, and when we give alms, to not let our left hand know what our right hand is doing. Humility is an

essential quality of the practice of giving alms, of charity. The word "charity" suggests a magnanimous act by the wealthy for the benefit of the poor and needy. For most of us, giving anonymously is more difficult than giving generously. Storing up treasures on earth might include having your name at the top of a list of generous donors, while storing up treasures in heaven may take a bit more thought and prayer.

During this season of Lent let us focus on charity as penitence and prayer, a practice of discipleship and intentional Christian life. Say "Yes" to storing up treasures in heaven! Establish a Lenten practice of charity, of simple, local acts, done quietly. Put some change in your United Thank Offering box and remember your "40 Days of Gratitude." Include simple acts of hospitality and welcome in your practice. Smile, be kind to a stranger, write a note or card, let someone ahead of you in line. If you have an impulse toward a charitable act, do it. Act. Now. Cultivate the habit of being open to opportunities for charity. Discipline yourself to give anonymously and give thanks to God. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Christ is our compass on the Lenten road which begins on Ash Wednesday. With him as our guide we pick up our crosses and follow him. Christ is our compass, our guide, our redeemer and our friend. As we journey through Lent together, we are invited by God to let the invigorating breezes of Lent flood our souls.

*Let us Journey with Jesus,
Pastor Gail*



In Memoriam

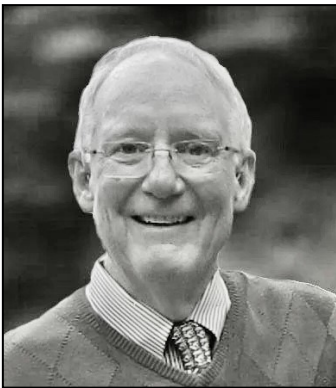
Julie Ortiz

July 8, 1974 - February 3, 2022

A memorial service for Julie will be held at St. George's on Friday, April 1, at 3 pm.

Dr. Jon Charles Burpee

November 14, 1941 - February 15, 2022



Jon, formerly of this parish, passed away in Edmonds, WA. He will be laid to rest at the Veterans Administration Roseburg National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be planned in the coming months, although no details are known at this time. *The News-Review*—nrtoday.com—has his obituary, which is free to read without an account.

Joyce Mary Ballard

January 9, 1932 - January 10, 2022

After Holy Eucharist on February 27, Joy's ashes were placed in her niche in the columbarium following a brief service presided over by Pastor Gail. Joy's husband, Len, and her daughter, Amelia, were present for the ceremony.



*Left to right above,
Amelia and Len Ballard with Pastor Gail Duba*

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

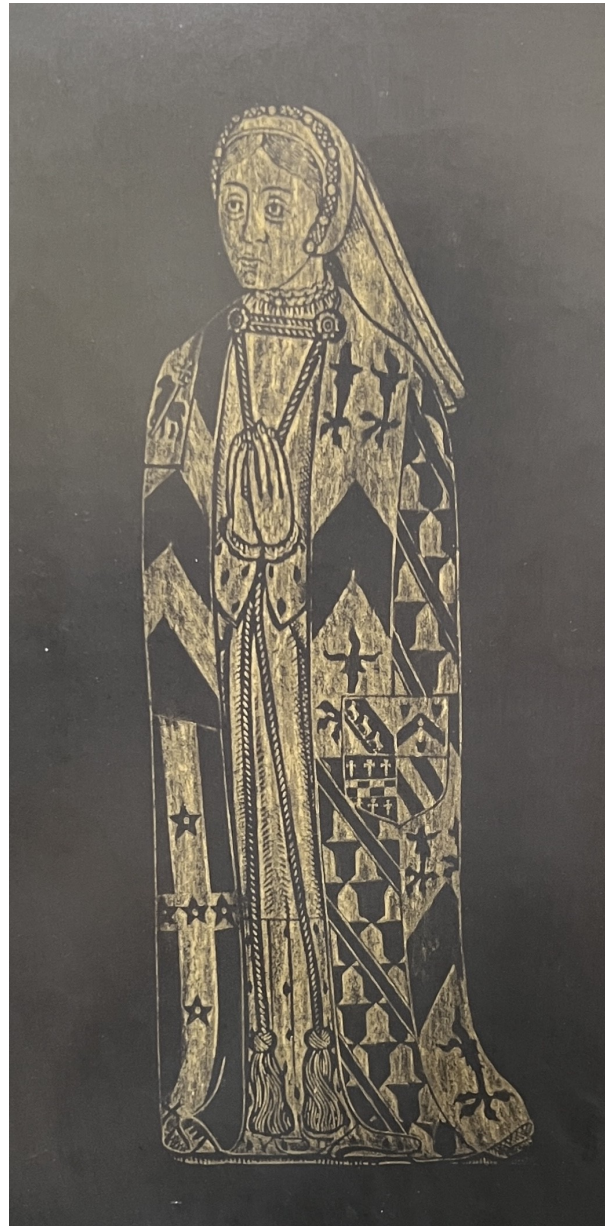
We met in the Parish Hall and, again, Sue Phelps provided us with a homemade sweet treat. We discussed possible future programs regarding diversity and cultural understanding as well as Hospice and Sunrise Enterprises. We are trying to come up with other ideas. If you have any suggestions for a program for our meeting, let us know.

We also talked about the rummage sale setup and pricing. It will be like the last sale with bag sales for two different prices and an area for specially priced items. It will start on Thursday afternoon again, then Friday during the day and Saturday morning. We also had a good time tossing around fun names for the sale:

Browse & Buy, Come & Seek, Bring & Buy.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Thelma Sayers of her brass rubbings. If you look to your right as you enter the Parish Hall, you will see an example of brass rubbings which Bill Riley's family gave to the church. According to Wikipedia, "rubbings are created by laying a sheet of paper on top of a brass [monument] and rubbing the paper with graphite, wax, or chalk, a process similar to rubbing a pencil over a piece of paper placed on top of a coin."

Thelma and her sister enjoyed this hobby when their families visited England. She brought a number of her rubbings to the ECW meeting and they were kept over for the congregation to see on Sunday, Feb. 20. She will be happy to tell you how she did this. You can see one of her favorites in the photo at the right. Thanks, Thelma!



Join us again on March 17 at 2:00.



Love gave us our first inhale of breath in physical life,
and love will be with us
in our last exhale of breath
into spiritual and eternal life.

~ Paul Bane and Matt Litton
In the Presence of Jesus

Parish News



Anniversary Blessings
for Betty Jo Hoffman (above left)
and
Birthday Blessings
for David Jones (above center) and
Faye Benham (above right)



Photo by Karla Roadly

Birthday Blessings
for Betty Jo Hoffman (above)



Photo by Nancy Baum

Birthday Blessings
for Juliana Marez (above left) and
57th Anniversary Blessings
for Susan and Mike Brossia (above right)



Birthday Blessings
for Mik Carlson (above)

United Thank Offering

by Betty Jo Hoffman


Welcome to a forty-day journey of gratitude for Lent 2022.

Lent: A time to draw near to God with gratitude

Years ago our Youth Director, Mike Gould, wrote an article about doing something rather than giving up something for Lent, or both. Over the years, I then tried reading special booklets and going to the Ash Wednesday service. In the more recent past, I have given you boxes for Attitude of Gratitude donations.

This year I have printed a journal for daily thoughts and reflections provided by the United Thank Offering organization. You will also have the boxes to collect your donations if you want them. Please ask me for a copy of the journal or you can download it for yourself at www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/united-thank-offering/.

Have a blessed Lent as you spend time with God.


"In ordinary life, we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER



School Donations

by Juliana Marez

Remember last fall when we donated money for gift cards for the schools? Here is the result:

Feb. 4, 2022

Please share this note of thanks to the members of St George's. With their help several students have received help they needed.

- ♥ 3 families received gas cards to drive their children to school and to appointments.
- ♥ 6 unaccompanied youth were able to purchase food and school supplies to tide them over the month.
- ♥ 4 students got warm coats.
- ♥ 4 kids got warm blankets for sleeping in cars or mobile homes with little heat.
- ♥ 10 students got warm socks.
- ♥ 1 student got more minutes on her phone to keep in touch with her mother who is in the hospital out of town.
- ♥ 1 student got new bedding for her bed now that they go into an apartment. (She slept in her own bed for the first time this school year. Funny part was she slept in and was late for school the next day but I think that's okay.)
- ♥ 63 homeless students have been served through the McKinney Vento (Homeless) program so far this year.
- ♥ Transportation (I drive every day and work closely with First Students' bussing).
- ♥ Free breakfast and lunch at school.
- ♥ Referrals to programs like the FISH Pantry, Dress-a-Child, and Christmas for Kids.

Thank you so much for making these children's lives better!

Juliana Marez
Roseburg Public School's McKinney Vento Program/
American Indian education/Child Welfare Point of
Contact for Roseburg Schools
Douglas County School District # 4

And here is an email she sent to Pastor Gail and other local pastors that Juliana has agreed to let us print here:

Feb. 25, 2022

Today I will deliver a Happy Birthday bag and a food security bag to a young man high school aged. His mother abandoned him. He has lost quite a bit of weight. Luckily we were able to contact his biological father who has taken him in. Receiving a birthday bag and a couple of gift cards will help him a lot.

I will tell him what I tell the others, that there are people in our community who believe in them and care about them. There are people who want them to have a better life. We challenge youth to pay it forward one day and build a better world. The people who gave the cards and bags did this out of faith.

I spoke with another young lady who has been overwhelmed lately. Sometimes life seems too much, too hard for a child. The hardship of the cold nights we have been having and insecurity on her own. It all was too much. I was glad to be able to listen and hear what her true needs were. Sometimes a simple need fixed can change everything. We are put in His service.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on Feb. 6.



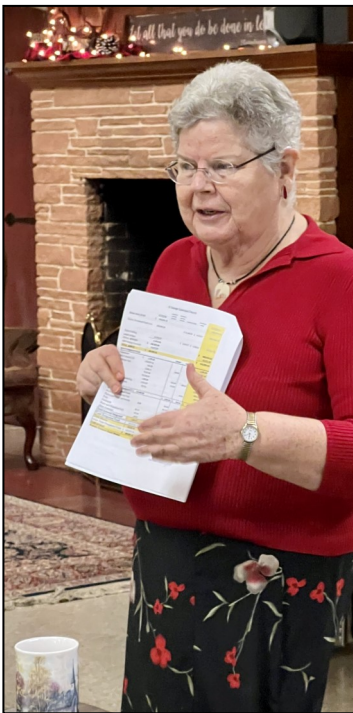
Above left to right:
Faye Benham, Co-Vestry Clerk, Pete Benham,
Senior Warden, Pastor Gail Duba, Priest-in-
Charge, and Dr. David Duba.



Myana Clark is our newly elected Vestry member. She has a background in music as well as in business administration with a focus on finance.

Outgoing member Jean Bowden will remain as advisor to the Vestry.

Twenty-six people attended the meeting. Pastor Gail thanked everyone for calling her to be our shepherd. She invited us all to join in being part of seeing our vision become even more of a reality in the days ahead.



Treasurer Kathy Glockner said the budget is looking good overall—we came out “in the black.”



Inspiration

Betty Jo Hoffman brought these gardening instructions to the attention of February's ECW attendees, and they were so well received that the group wanted the whole congregation to know about them.

Think Spring!!!

Directions for a Spring Garden
(Reprinted from the SCKC Newsletter/
Colorado Sheltie)

Plant 5 rows of "peas"

- a) Prayer
- b) Preparedness
- c) Perseverance
- d) Promptness
- e) Politeness

Plant 3 rows of "squash":

- a) Squash gossip
- b) Squash criticism
- c) Squash indifference

Plant 5 rows of "lettuce":

- a) Lettuce be unselfish and loyal
- b) Lettuce be faithful in all obligations
- c) Lettuce be forgiving
- d) Lettuce be truthful
- e) Lettuce love one another

Plant 3 rows of "turnips":

- a) Turnip for meetings
- b) Turnip with a smile
- c) Turnip with new ideas

--Submitted by Ray Mehaffey



"The question should not be "What would Jesus do?" but rather, more dangerously, "What would Jesus have me do?"

The onus is not on Jesus but on us, for Jesus did not come to ask semidivine human beings to do impossible things. He came to ask human beings to live up to their full humanity; he wants us to live in the full implication of our human gifts, and that is far more demanding."

~ Peter J. Gomes

When I say I'm a Christian

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost! That's why I chose this way."

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak with human pride,
I'm confessing that I stumble—needing God to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success,
I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't think I know it all.
I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartache which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I do not wish to judge.
I have no authority—I only know I'm loved.

~ Carol Wimmer (1988)



Inspiration

Lenten Meditations in Music 2022

A Time for Gathering and Prayerful Contemplation

Fridays During Lent from 12:15-12:45 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

823 SE Lane Street, Roseburg, Oregon

Also Streaming on Facebook and YouTube

March 4

UCC Chamber Choir

Dr. Jason Heald, Director

March 11

Presbyterian Church Women's Ensemble

Donna Spicer, Brenda Olson,

Tonnie Bernhardtson, Sharon Kercher

March 18

Celestial Tollers Handbell Choir

Pat Mehlhoff, Director

March 25

Roseburg Baroque Ensemble

Justus Mackintosh, Steven Lounsbury,

Cynthia Turner, Hannah LaGassey

April 1 (This program will last longer)

Jim Thompson, Organ

Returning to Roseburg & Lenten Meditations after 45 years

Bone Dawgs Trombone Quartet

Jeff Plummer, Trevor Lavery-Thompson,

Dave Wolf, Bob Carwithen

April 8

Karen Gibbs, Piano

April 15

Traditional Good Friday Readings and Music

Rev. Vicky Brown, Readings and Tammy Finch-Johnson, Piano

Masks are required when inside the church.

FISH

Roseburg Food Project—February!

The numbers are in: 635 individual Green Bags returned us full of over 11,000 pounds of food. 62 Neighborhood Coordinators collected all those bags. 26 Donors gave cash instead of food.

FISH has a new electric forklift! At right, Board President Nis Jessen mans the cab of the new delivery - weighing in at just over 12,000 pounds. It's a bit more than 6 feet tall and sports adjustable tines. This electric forklift will be charged from the energy pulled from solar cells. It will be a great help in FISH's warehouse.



from The FISH of Roseburg Facebook page, Feb. 15 and 28, 2022

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the March stamp of the month



March is Irish-American Heritage Month



Scott catalog #3286, issued in
Boston, Massachusetts
on February 26, 1999.

Congress designated March as
Irish-American Heritage Month
in 1991.

The world's first New York City
St. Patrick's Day parade occurred
on March 17, 1762, becoming an
annual event.

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

Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club



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and
Wednesdays

