



# The Dragon Scoop

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## Celebration of New Ministry



On February 2 the Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon, presided over the Celebration of New Ministry of the Rev. Janine Goodrich and the Rev. Matt Goodrich.

Pastor Gail Duba participated, on behalf of Faith Lutheran Church, as did the Rev. Vicky Brown and her husband, Dwayne Brown, Chaplain at the VA, representing the First Presbyterian Church of Roseburg.

Bishop Akiyama also confirmed three parishioners, Patricia Hennings and Tim and Valarie Bruffett, pictured on page 4.

# Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

## A Theology of the Fuse Box

I do not know about you, but I have found myself at times feeling exhausted, irritable, and at loose ends. There seems to be a never-ending list of concerns that are vying for my attention. And, that list keeps growing. Climate change. Book bans. The homeless. Food insecurity for millions, Palestine, and on, and on, and on. Our faith beckons us to care for God's people and God's world but there is just so dang much to care about.

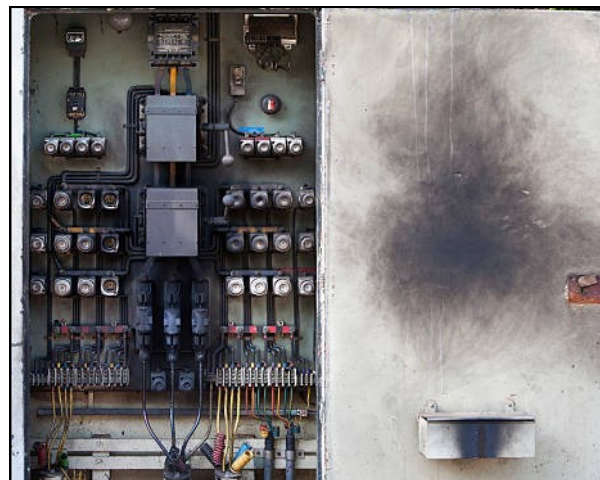
There are a lot of things I know I could be better at that would aid in relieving that heaviness. Exercise more, eat better and get better sleep. Janine mentioned in a sermon not long ago to limit one's social media. Stop doomscrolling on your Facebook or news feed. These things are good in and of themselves but, in my head, I have a huge list of "shoulds" and "should nots" which only add to the exhaustion, the irritableness.

I came across an article by Nadia Boltz-Weber, a Pastor in the ELCA, entitled "If you can't take in anymore, there's a reason." She tells of a time when she lived in an old apartment building. She assumed she could have the stereo on while blow-drying her hair. When she did, she would blow a circuit breaker and have to find the fuse box and flip it back on again. She reflects on this and comes to this conclusion:

"I think of that fuse box often these days, because my friends, I just don't think our psyches were developed to hold, feel, and respond to every tragedy, injustice, sorrow, and natural disaster happening to every human across the entire planet."

She continues ...

"My emotional circuit breaker keeps overloading because the hardware was built for an older time."



*"the hardware was built for an older time"*

I do not want to be exhausted, irritable or at loose ends and yet we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ. So, what is one to do?

1. "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) I have been reminded of this, that I am a disciple of Jesus. I have been given the privilege to carry a cross or two but at no time was I ever told by our Lord to die on the cross. Only one has the qualifications to do that for the sake of the world, and his name is Jesus.
2. During this season of Lent, lift up in prayer where our Lord may want you to invest yourself and find people to wrestle with. Remember WE are the Body of Christ. Life and Faith is a team sport.
3. Remember that if God leads you to it, He will lead you through it.
4. This is, for me, the most important ... remember ... Our Lord Jesus has you, Jesus holds you, and Jesus will never let you go!! If you forget, we'll keep the light on for you at Church.

Rev. Matt

# Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

In light of the fact that the dishes don't seem to be getting totally clean, we have started a discussion about getting a new dishwasher. Jean Bowden has checked with her son who does appliance repairs and he recommended Bosch. Also, a water heater closer to the dishwasher was proposed. It was suggested too that the shelves just need to be cleaned and shelf liner put down. Tenaya Wright has agreed to do that. This will be an ongoing conversation.

Although Thelma Sayers was not at the meeting, she sent me her thought for the day. She wants us to really think about this:

Our guest speaker was Laurie Garner who told us how she came to know God. She has spent many years bringing the Good News to people around the world. She joined Operation Mobilization, a Christian missionary organization, in 1974. She spent 1975-1988 and again 2004-2016 in Turkey. She shared a few stories of her experiences.

Mik Carlson brought us sliders and other great food for lunch.

Please join us for our March 21 meeting.

Thelma's Thought for the Day  
"You are not something,  
you are someone."



## Ash Wednesday



Parishioners from the First Presbyterian Church, Faith Lutheran, and St. George's all gathered together for the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday.

# Blessings



**Anniversary Blessings  
for Betty Jo Hoffman  
and Birthday Blessings for  
Faye Benham and David Jones**



**Birthday Blessings  
for Betty Jo Hoffman**



**Confirmands  
Patricia Hennings and Valarie and Tim Bruffett**

# 2024 Annual Meeting

2024's Annual Meeting was held on February 11. Pictured below are the Rev. Matt Goodrich, who led the discussion, along with Senior Warden Pete Benham. Faye Benham, Co-Vestry Clerk, took notes.

St. George is in good shape, financially and physically. Since no new Vestry applicants came

forward, the current members will stay on, including the Senior and Junior Wardens.

Many thanks to ECW for the delicious meal!

The meeting ended in plenty of time for everyone who wished to go home and watch the Super Bowl.



# Lent and Easter Schedule

**Wednesdays**  
**February 21, 28**  
**March, 6, 13**  
**and 20**

**6:00 Soup and Bread**  
**7:00 Service**  
*"When We Are Afraid"*  
*Putting on God's Armor...Putting on Christ*

February 21 - Faith  
February 28 - St. George  
March 6 - Faith  
March 13 - St. George  
March 20 - Faith

**Fridays**  
**February 16, 23**  
**March 1, 8, 15**

**Lenten Meditations**  
**in Music 2024**  
First Presbyterian Church at 12:15

**March 28**

**Maundy Thursday**  
Seder Meal and Service at 6:00  
Make Reservations

**March 29**

**Good Friday**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Service at 12:15 p.m.  
St. George's Episcopal Church  
Service at 4:00 p.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Service at 7:00 p.m.

For detailed information:  
**Contact your church office**  
**541-672-2231 (Faith)**  
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# FISH

## Most-Needed Items for FISH Pantry

**Non-Perishable Food** (can/plastic vs glass and smaller vs larger)

- Cereal (box vs bag and regular size vs family)
- Hearty soups (and Top Ramen)
- Canned meat
- Canned fruit
- Cooking oil (smaller plastic bottles)
- Canned tuna
- Canned beans (pinto, garbanzo, great northern, etc.)
- Dried beans
- Rice
- Soy milk
- Canned milk
- Canned vegetables
- Hamburger Helper
- Rice-a-Roni
- Baby food/Formula
- Peanut butter (smaller 15 oz size vs larger)

- Low-sodium crackers
- Tea (regular and decaf)

### Non-Food Items

- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo (smaller sizes best)
- Disposable diapers
- Soap

## February Green Bag Totals

- 67 Neighborhood Coordinators
- 667 Donors
- 12,180 pounds of food and non-food items  
(52 pounds more than ever collected!)

### Especially for Seniors

- Dried Fruits / Nuts
- Ready-made pudding / Applesauce
- Ensure protein drinks
- Pull-tab soups
- Single-serving meals

Next **Green Bag** collection is Saturday, April 13.

Thanks to Sue Phelps for this update.



# Wisdom from Bishop Steven Charleston

Like children sleeping, keep an eye on your dreams, through the long nights, when doubt is awake, whispering that you are too old to have an imagination. Chase that thought away. You are never past the time of dreaming for you are never past the time of becoming. Each step forward reveals the next you.



Here is a star quilt, a gift meant for you. Wrap it around your shoulders, let the universe enfold you. The warmth of faith is a quilt of many colors. It embraces all who put it on, who look at the

stars, who search for meaning. Look again with confidence and wonder. The quilt will shelter you, the stars will welcome you, until the dawn lifts you, on wings of light.



When your words are gentle and true, when your language is careful and loving, when your voice is calm and comforting: then you are speaking in the way of heaven. Our ability to communicate is a miracle, a gift beyond measure. When we use that gift as it was intended, we heal the world of its hurts, one word at a time.

# The Preacher & The Teacher

## Excerpts from 1957

In January there was a national meeting of Diocesan representatives regarding the training and education of women Church workers and deaconesses, so Bishop Dagwell sent [my wife] Caroline, paying her way. I drove her to Eugene on Saturday, January 12, and we had dinner at the Eugene Hotel with the Bishop, after which I put her on the train for Berkeley where she met Dean Katherine Grammer of St. Margaret's House, and they went on to Los Angeles together. Among other business they took care of was a visit to Disneyland, which I never got to see until 1987!

Baptisms were quite frequent, but two stand out in my memory: Those of Nicholas and Steve Trapalis, done at different times. George, the father, was Greek, as was the mother. But George had become a loyal and faithful member of the Episcopal Church. He had gone back to Greece to marry his second wife, mother of the two boys, after his first marriage broke up. The wedding was all arranged through family and friends in San Francisco; the couple never met until the wedding. I had to write the official Church letter required by the Greek government to secure permission for the wedding to take place. So in spite of the baptisms being in the Episcopal Church, they had to be in close conformity to Greek Orthodox baptisms as possible. So I read up on the subject. The baby had to be baptized by triple immersion: once on each side, then once face down. It was impossible to do that in our font, so we improvised by using a bathinette and trying to disguise it. The godfathers were all Greeks from San Francisco who came to the baptism armed with olive oil blessed by the Orthodox priest there. Following my baptism of the boy, they proceeded to bathe him thoroughly in the Chrism. Our ministry to the Greek Orthodox in our area added a most interesting dimension, which included several patients at the Veterans' Hospital, too.

## Excerpts from 1958

My diary records that at times I had to "hide out" in one of the upstairs Sunday School rooms in order to get my sermon written without too many interruptions! I also sang in the "Messiah," an annual production by the Roseburg Choral Society, along with many of the members of our Church choir. Bob Robins, our choir director, was director several times, following Clarence Trued of the First Christian Church. In addition to singing our own "Lessons and Carols" service at Christmas, our choir also did it at the Veterans' Hospital.

Another interesting occurrence was that acolytes or GFS [Girls' Friendly Society] Choir members or most any of the young people got a kick out of ringing the Church bell before the rope was put down through a pipe so they couldn't get it. One unhappy result was that at times someone would ring it too hard and the bell would turn over in its cradle so it could not be rung any more. Then Dick Hagen or the rector would have to climb up in the attic above the Sunday School room over the rector's office and turn the bell back. A person could just barely squeeze through the opening, and then brave the dust and cobwebs. It was not a job one relished.

*From The Preacher & the Teacher:  
the story of our years at St. George's  
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*





# Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the March Stamp of the Month

## Celebrating the First National Park

Created on March 1, 1872, Yellowstone was the first national park in the U.S. and is also widely held to be the first national park in the world. The Park spans an area of 3,468.4 sq. mi. making it the largest wildlife preserve in the United States. Old Faithful (The stamp subject) sends a 100-foot stream of boiling water into the air about every 73 minutes.



# 744, Issued on July 30, 1934, in Washington, DC

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,*

## FYI

Just a reminder that offerings should be left in the plate as you enter the sanctuary (just behind the pews where the choir sits). But if you need to flag down the usher, that's fine too!

Newcomers won't be aware that we had to stop passing the plate when COVID hit. It's hard to believe that was four years ago.





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**Bob Spielman & Sue Phelps**  
**Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10 am—2 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10:30 am**  
**Sundays**  
**and**  
**10 am**  
**Wednesdays**

