



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Ash Wednesday, 2026



Episcopalians, Lutherans, and Presbyterians gathered at St. George's on February 18, Ash Wednesday, for Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

**Lent has begun.
Lent—seriously from the word “lengthen”—the days are getting longer.
More sunshine.
More rain.
Grass greens.
Trees bud.
Rhubarb shoots appear.**

**Lent—40 days.
Ash Wednesday to Easter...but we won't count the Sundays.
40 days (not Sundays) to begin to dig in the warming soil—the thawing soil of
your heart.
And find what is there.**

**Take time on those days (not just the Sundays).
To dig deep. In the dirt.
It's okay...it's supposed to be dirt.
From dust you came and to dust you shall return.**

**Yes...dig deep in the dirt because you are there.
The true, honest-to-goodness you.
Child of God you.
Knit together by God in your mother's womb you.
Beloved you.
Umbilical cord still connected to God you.
Dig beyond the shallow into the deep soil of you.**

**Lent...springtime.
Coming back to life.
Coming back to yourself.
Coming back to who you have always been.
Coming back to God.
Resurrected.
You.**

**Welcome to Lent, once again—
Rev. Janine**



In Memoriam

We are saddened to announce the passing of the **Reverend James Boston** on February 22. We were so blessed to have Father Jim serve at St. George's from 2015-2020 while commuting from his home in Grants Pass. A memorial service will be held at 10 am, Saturday, April 25, at St. Luke's, Grants Pass. Bishop Diana Akiyama will preside.



Father Jim with his wife, Pamela.



Father Jim, along with Pam, received the Bishop's Cross Award in 2018.
(Seen above with Bishop Michael Hanley, right)



Left: Father Jim's 1978 ordination photo.

Above: St. George's congregation celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest on January 28, 2018.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

At our Feb. 19 meeting Sue Phelps's thought for the day was from Helen Keller. Sue also shared a great review of Keller's life and accomplishments.

Thought for the Day

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task; but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."

We had an update on the vestment project. And we had a report on the Shrove Tuesday dinner which was not attended as well as in the past. Faye Benham reported that the church will take over the responsibility of purchasing kitchen supplies and paying our dish washer. Lori Combs reported that Kathy Glockner will be our program in March.

We learned that this year's Spirituality Day will be at St. Mary's in Eugene on Sat., April 25. There is a flyer on the Community Events bulletin board with more information.

The dates for the spring rummage sale are (Wed. through Sat.):

April 29 and 30, 4-6

May 1, 9-4

May 2, 9-noon

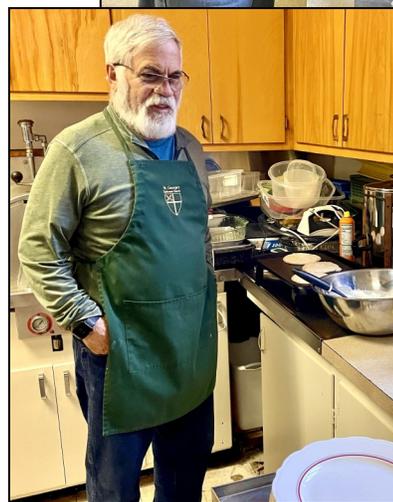
Start putting aside those items you want to donate.

Rev. Janine shared a wonderful review of her life and path from her small town of 23 to a clergy life which included periods of time internationally.

Our next meeting will be March 19.



Above: Shrove Tuesday diners.
Thanks to Karla Roady for photos.



Above top: Tom Hammerle
Jerry Phelps, below

Parish News

We welcome three new Vestry members this year:

- ✝ Tom Hammerle
- ✝ David Jones
- ✝ Karla Roady



They fill the seats vacated by Lori Combs, Lynda Green, and Bob Spielman. Thank you, Lori, Lynda, and Bob, for your faithful service!



As announced last month, we will be having a four-week book study after the Sunday service talking about ***For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*** by Hanna Reichel.



The books have been ordered for those who signed up, but they are on backorder and have not arrived in time to start the study on March 1. Of course we will let you know when they are here.

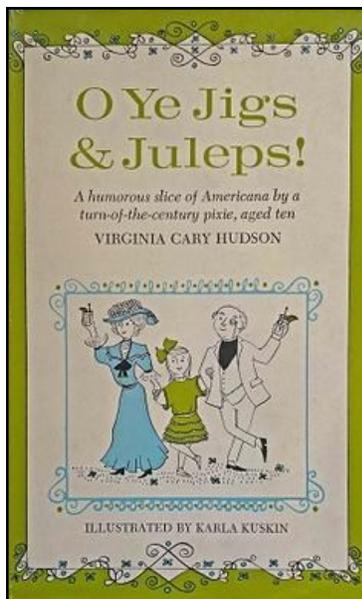


If you are not already on the Sunday mailing list to be notified when the church service video is posted on YouTube and our website, please tell Leigh Van Sickle if you would like to be added.

Sacraments are what you do in Church. What you do at home is something else. Cooking and sewing and running the Bissels sweeper and eating and sleeping and praying and scrubbing yourself are not sacraments.

When you are little and ugly somebody carries you in church on a pillow, and you come out a child of God and inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven. They pour water on your head and that's a sacrament. When you are twelve you walk back in yourself with your best dress and shoes on, and your new prayer book your mother buys you, and you walk up to the Bishop, and he stands up, and you kneel down, and he mashes on your head, and you are an Episcopal. Then you are supposed to increase in spirit. Then everybody kisses you and that's a sacrament. Only I left out the bread and the wine. That's a sacrament too. I tasted some of that bread in the choir room and it tasted just like my gold fish wafers.

Humor



Karla Roady brought this excerpt to her first Vestry meeting.

It's from the book *O Ye Jigs & Juleps!*—a short work by Virginia Cary Hudson first published in 1962.

It is a series of ten unintentionally funny essays written in 1904 by the then 10-year-old

Hudson while she attended an Episcopalian school.

Parish News



*Left (left to right):
Birthday Blessings
for
Sasha Crisp
(Steve Thomas accepting for
his daughter),
Faye Benham,
and
David Jones*

***Anniversary Blessings**
for
Lori and Walt Combs*



*Cake courtesy of
Lori Combs.
Thanks to Nancy
Baum for the photo.*



***Birthday Blessings**
for **Shawn Smith** and **Betty Jo Hoffman***

Parish News



We said goodbye to Jacob Schlueter and Courtney Greenwalt and their family in January. Courtney gave us permission to use these wonderful photos of their journey to St. Louis.

Upcoming

Lenten Meditations in Music 2026

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

February 20

Justus Mackintosh, Cello

3 Flutes

Michelle Juett, Steven Lounsbury, Pat Mehlhoff, flutists

February 27

Women's Vocal Trio

Tonnie Bernhardson, Sharon Kercher, Donna Spicer

Luella Cox, Accompanist

March 6

Bone Dawgs Trombone Quartet

Jeff Plummer, Trevor Thompson, Bob Carwithen, Dave Wolf

March 13

UCC Chamber Choir

Dr. Jason Heald, Director

March 20

Celestial Tollers Handbell Choir,

Pat Mehlhoff, Director

Evensong Handbell Choir,

Elizabeth Lonergan, Director

March 27

Karen Gibbs, Piano

April 3

Traditional Good Friday Readings and Music

The Rev. Sue Van Stelle, Readings, Luella Cox, Piano

The Preacher & The Teacher

1970, continued

The Tysons have been staying with their friends Henry and Sheila Harold near Plymouth for the final stretch of their summer in England.

Wednesday we drove into Plymouth for me to cash a traveler's check and to pick up Thelma [Sayers]. In the afternoon we all visited Buckland Abbey, the home of Sir Francis Drake. Friday we said goodbye to Henry and Sheila, took Thelma, and left in a downpour of rain.

The traffic on the motor way ("Freeway") was so heavy at several points that all traffic came to a dead stop, especially around Exeter. We drove through Taunton and Bristol to Chepstow near the Welsh border, seeing the castle. That night we stayed at the Wilton Court Guest House ("bed-and-breakfast"). Saturday we went north to Shrewsbury where we visited the castle.

From there we drove to Lichfield (cathedral) and on to nearby Beeston where we drove, by sheer good luck, to the home of Stanleys—parents of Nancy Diedrich of St. George's in Roseburg. They were very hospitable, putting us up for the night and feeding us well.

Leaving Beeston, we drove through Southwell (Suth-ell) through the area made famous by Robin Hood to the ancient town of York, whose Archbishop is second only to the Archbishop of Canterbury. But a lot of reconstruction work was going on at the cathedral and we didn't get to see the interior. Hitting the road again we drove northwest, crossing the Pennines (hills) and heading for Westmoreland.

We drove through Kendall, where my Grandfather and Grandmother Tyson were married. Going around Lake Windemere we drove through Ambleside and Hawkshead and, seeing the "Grammer School" where my Great, Great Grandfather went to school (probably) at the same time as Wordsworth.

On Tuesday, August 11, we drove on a one-lane road, over Wrynose and Hard Knot pass to our destination, Eskdale. The name comes from the

"dale" or valley of the little Esk River. Many grades on the road were marked 25%. At Eskdale we found St. Catherine's Church on the banks of the Esk and its churchyard full of Tyson graves and markers. We also found the old Tyson home, now just a pile of rubble, where my family had lived from at least 1650 to sometime in the last century (1800's). Known as "Borrowdale Place," it is located in the tiny town of Boot, about a quarter mile from the post office—the center of "town."

We met the vicar of St. Catherine's, the Rev. J. M. Pedder, who lived in the vicinity. At the Church we also met a Roger Burnet (accent on the first syllable) who was an Oxford Don who returned to his childhood home in Eskdale and did much to take care of the Church. He told us much of the history of the area and the church, which was located across the little valley of the Esk, down a narrow farm lane with high stone walls on both sides. But it was obviously well attended and cared for.

Later, we drove down to Bootle on the Coast looking for a Rev. Teddy Tyson who was vicar there around 1920 according to my Uncle Gerald. But we found no trace of him, visiting with the present vicar's wife. (Later, our son Steve, tracing genealogy, found that there are two towns by the name of Bootle, and Teddy was vicar of the other one, further south near Liverpool. So Uncle Gerald was half right!)

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



Cathedrals of the World

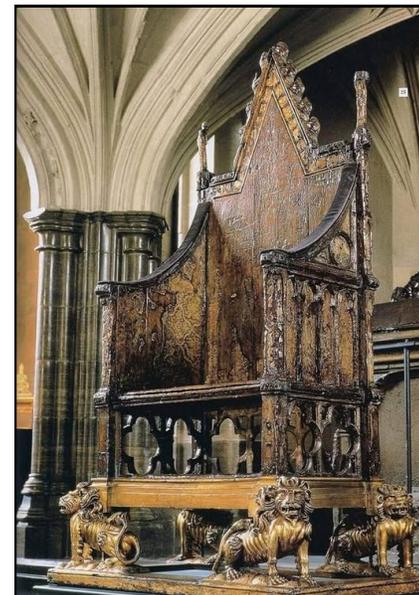
by Doug Holloway

Westminster Abbey, London, England

Westminster Abbey is a Gothic church in the City of Westminster, London. It is one of the most notable religious buildings in Great Britain and is the traditional place of coronations and burials for British monarchs.



King Edward’s Chair (right), the throne on which British sovereigns are seated to be crowned, has been used at every coronation since 1308. It was last used by King Charles III at his coronation in 2023.



The organ is relatively new, having been built in 1937 and the ring of bells consists of 10 bells cast in 1997.

Since 1100 there have been 16 royal weddings held in the abbey—the latest being that of Prince William to Kate Middleton in April 2011. In the floor of the nave is the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior and is the only grave in the abbey on which it is forbidden to walk.

There has been a church on the site since early 600 AD, and the first coronation was held there in 1066. Construction of the present church was started in 1245 and continued until 1517. Later additions included the two western towers, which were added between 1722 and 1745.

Between 1540 and 1556 the abbey had the status of a cathedral but since 1560 it has been classed a “Royal Peculiar”—a church responsible directly to the Sovereign, rather than to a diocesan bishop, and it is governed by a Dean and Chapter of Westminster, as established in 1560.

Surprisingly, the abbey suffered only minor damage during World War II.



The Royal Couple is pictured above stepping around the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

This article was first published here in the July 2015 issue and has been updated slightly.

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club
presents the March Stamp of the Month.

Founding of the Camp Fire Girls March 16, 1910



Scott catalog #1167
issued November 1, 1960
in New York, NY

Released for the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Camp Fire Girls. Established in 1910 to give girls the outdoor learning experiences that boys had with the Boy Scouts. In 1975, the organization changed its name to Camp Fire Boys and Girls, when membership eligibility was expanded to include boys. In 2001, it adopted the name Camp Fire USA, and in 2012 it became Camp Fire. Today, Camp Fire welcomes all young people serving nearly 150,000 youth each year.

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

Brewed Theology

**BREW
EDTHE
OLOGY**

...it's going to happen to
all of us, so let's talk about

**DYING
WELL.**

PREPARING,
PROVIDING,
PROMISES.

Thurs., March 26—Gather at 2:00 and 6:00.
Conversations start at 2:30 and 6:30.

This month's topic:
"Dying Well: Preparing, Providing, Promises."

Brix Bar, 527 SE Jackson



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