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Loving Our Neighbors"

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The Time that Is Given to Us

"I wish it need not have
happened in my time,"
said Frodo.

"So do I," said Gandalf,
"and so do all who live to
see such times. But that is
not for them to decide.

*All we have to decide is
what to do with the time
that is given us."*

J.R.R. Tolkien
The Fellowship of the Ring

TerryHershey.com

They say the classic plot line of human storytelling throughout the centuries, from ancient myths to Star Wars, has been the struggle between good and evil. Do you ever feel you are living in one of those stories right now? It is not for us to judge, but it is for us to be aware. Some things are what the old stories teach: evil outcomes that steal the lives of the innocent. It is against that outcome that we must resist with all our might. It is an old story, but one that we must conclude for the sake of all that is good.

The Right Rev. Steven Charleston
April 16, 2026

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

I didn't realize when I became a pastor how much time I would spend wrestling with computers, working through issues with websites and online service providers—for everything from word processing, email, zoom, church finance software, websites, live streaming services, domains, copiers, phone systems, and much more. Over at the Lutheran church, Jackie and I keep trying to simplify our technology—both to save money and also to make it easier to manage—but every step seems to just raise a whole host of new issues. They often ask for our IT (Information Technology) department...and we simply say, “Unfortunately, that’s us.”

The reality is that churches are run by amateurs for the most part. Every once in a while an expert gets involved in things....but that usually just makes it worse for the amateurs that follow them because we're left trying to manage complicated set-ups that we don't completely understand.

I'm guessing some of you can relate to this...the frustrations of the technology we all live with that both makes our life so much easier and so much harder at the very same time. Some of us might remember and long for the days when an electric typewriter and answering machine were the height of technology. There was so much less to go wrong. Sure, we can put together and print fancy bulletins and newsletters and have a snazzy directory on our phones. We can get information out to everyone with the click of a mouse...but every one of those cool things comes with extra costs and extra headaches. The good and the bad come together...and that is the world we live in.

Of course, that has always been the world we live in. The good and the bad always come together. With every gain, something is lost. With every change, we have to say goodbye to what is familiar. With every exciting new development and every beautiful new relationship, life gets more complicated. And as we try to navigate a path through it all, we can lose our bearings and get frustrated and discouraged. And it's understandable...because we're **all** just amateurs, really. This is our first life, after all. And even if we have some expertise in one area of our lives... there are so many other areas that we will just have to muddle through. We are all simply human and there is no getting around it.

And that's the good news. You get to be human. This is your first life and you aren't supposed to have all the answers. You get to make mistakes. You get to grieve. You get to feel overwhelmed at times. You are not God.

But...dear friends....you are **beloved** by God. So very *beloved*. And this ordinary, sometimes overwhelmed and exhausted life you live is utterly beautiful. And at every step along the way, God wraps you in grace that is exceedingly more than you could ask or imagine. You were never supposed to know it all or be it all or have it all. You are simply created to be the beautiful ordinary amateur you are, living your first life. And there is grace for you...so much grace. You are enough.

And to that I say, “Thank God.”

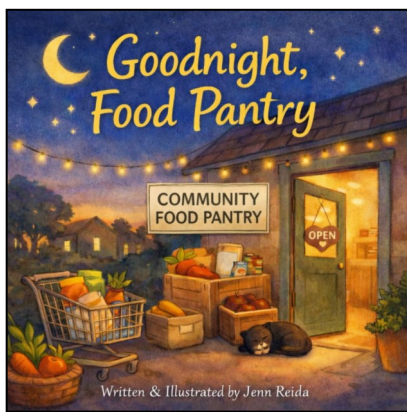
Rev. Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

At our April meeting we had a great lunch and a wonderful conversation with Jenn Reida, Director of the FISH of Roseburg Pantry. She shared so much interesting information about her background which led to her passion for feeding those in need. She is a great artist and the author of several children's books which are now on sale at Amazon.



She told us of so many ways FISH now serves Roseburg and its surrounding communities and described some changes in the ways that the Pantry serves. One of the fun things is a

treasure chest for children, and we can donate small, clean toys to that (i.e., the toys from Happy Meals). She has also developed partnerships with so many agencies. ECW members brought items for her to take back to the pantry.

Next month we will be bringing pasta and sauce for the Roseburg Rescue Mission.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up and donated time and potluck food and all the donations for the Spring Sale. You all are a blessing. Thank you!

Thought for the Day from Sue Phelps

“Death does not extinguish the light,
it turns off the lamp because dawn has come.”

~ Rabindranth Tagore

Our next meeting will be May 21, and the Umpqua Valley Quilters will come to tell us all about their Showcase of Quilts: a tour of four historic churches where quilts will be displayed, St. George being one of them.

United Thank Offering



May 17 will be the intake day for your UTO Blue Boxes. It would be appreciated if you could convert large amounts of coins to a check or paper money. (Be sure to write UTO offering on your check or envelope.) Congratulations on sharing your thankfulness.

Upcoming

Memorial: A memorial service for **Bud Arnold** will be held here at St. George's at 10 am on May 9.

New Bible Study: Beginning on Sunday, May 10, we will have a Bible study on Genesis. We look forward to exploring how the ancient origin stories we find in Genesis give us the foundation for our understanding of what it means to be human and how we relate to God. We will meet every other week in the Library after worship.

2026 Diocesan Renewal Gathering: Saturday, June 6, 9-3 at St. Timothy's in Salem. Cost: \$20 (lunch included). Complete description and signup info at tinyurl.com/26renewal

FISH

The Pantry has a new mascot, a self-styled “goose of refinement and remarkable charm.”

I am Haddock Allister FISH the 3rd... but you may call me Haddock. I've recently taken up residence at The FISH of Roseburg, where I serve as your official Community Ambassador, Snack Supervisor, and Occasional Fashion Icon. You'll find me keeping an eye on things around the Pantry—

Making sure our neighbors feel welcome
Cheering on our incredible volunteers
And reminding everyone to make good choices (especially when snacks are involved)

Around here, we believe something pretty simple:
Food should be a right, not a privilege.

I'll be sharing updates, stories from the pantry, ways you can help, and—on occasion—my latest outfits (you're welcome in advance).

If you believe in taking care of your neighbors...
If you believe kindness matters...
If you've ever needed a little help—or given a little help...You're in the right place.

We could use a little help restocking:

- * Canned fruit (for balance... obviously)
- * Nuts & dried fruit (tiny but mighty snacks)
- * Ready-made meals (easy open, hot or cold—no fuss, just food)
- * Baking necessities (because sometimes you just need a cookie)
- * Cereal (a breakfast classic... and let's be honest, a dinner option too)
- * Toilet paper (because... let's not be reckless)
- * Soap shampoo (we like to stay fresh around here)
- * Toothbrushes & toothpaste (your smile deserves it)
- * Deodorant (for the sake of the community)
- * Laundry detergent (nothing beats clean clothes)
- * Diapers & feminine hygiene products (absolute essentials)

If you're out shopping and feel called to toss an extra item in your cart, I would personally consider you a hero. A legend. Possibly my favorite.

Together, we keep these shelves full and our community fed—and that's something worth honking about. Now carry on...and as always—Make good choices.

Sir Haddock has a Facebook page (search for **Haddock Allister FISH the 3rd**), so if you use Facebook, be sure to follow him.

Don't forget—you can bring items for FISH to St. George's and someone will deliver them to the Pantry.



Parish News



Above: ***Birthday Blessings for Bonnie Arnold and Rev. Matt Goodrich***



Birthday Blessings for Steve Thomas



Kathleen Forrest is formally welcomed into the congregation

Orthodox Easter



Our Holy Cross Orthodox friends celebrated Easter on April 12, decorating the Parish Hall in glorious array.



The Preacher & The Teacher

1970, continued

The Tysons and Thelma Sayers arrived in Portland at last, spending the night at the Bishop's Close.

Albert was not there to pick up Thelma so we drove her on to Grants Pass. Back in Roseburg, we spent a lot of time looking at the slides I had taken in Europe. I had mailed each roll back to Roseburg as soon as I had taken it, so we never saw any of them until we got home. Wednesday we spent most of the day trying to get over the "time lag." By Thursday we were still trying to get adjusted to local time and ended most days "dead tired." Friday I got my checkbook back from Frances and brought it up to date. We spent roughly \$3,000 on our trip. We couldn't begin to do it today (2002) for that amount.

Saturday was my 55th birthday, and Frances gave me a birthday present, telling me that Bob (her husband) insisted that she quit her job as secretary by the end of September. So we were faced with having to find a good secretary to fill her place in a month's time. Joe Russell came to welcome us home.

Sunday I celebrated Holy Communion; I had preached in Tamerton Foliot, but had not conducted a service other than the baptism of Katherine Hogg. Charlotte and Steve cooked chicken and we took it, along with Mrs. Laney, to the Brands for supper. On Monday Caroline, Charlotte and Steve went to Siltcoos and left me to fend for myself. Frank Snell had left, so we had no Senior Warden. I got George Gratke to finish out his term. Then the Vestry had their regular meeting that night.

Tuesday I showed some of my slides to Kiwanis at noon. Caroline phoned from Siltcoos to check on me! Wednesday I had a good conference with Joe Russell. After communion at 10:30 I worked in the office until after 3, then I drove the Rambler to Siltcoos where the family was waiting for me with dinner.

Thursday afternoon Caroline and I drove to Westlake to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hover, Sr., my cousin Peg's father and mother-in-law who

were living there in a motor home. Friday we worked around our place and talked to a plumber about the septic tank. Steve and I fished off the point near us and I caught a nice sized bass. Saturday I worked on hymns and service schedule while the rest of the family went into Florence to a Laundromat. On the way home to Roseburg we stopped at Elkton for refreshments.

Sunday I assisted Frank Troy at 8 and preached at 10; small attendance at 8 but good at 10. Mollie Dillard's grandson was critically hurt in an auto accident, so I called on her. Dinner at Sybil Haskins' along with Dr. and Mrs. Wilson of the VA Hospital, who had also just returned from a trip to Europe. Sybil's husband had been the administrator of the VA Hospital so she knew most of the doctors. The weather was hot and there was a heavy thunderstorm at 9 on Saturday evening.

On Monday I went with Steve to buy his first car—a VW Beetle, which he drove for a number of years. When my father died, he left some money to both Steve and Charlotte. Charlotte hung on to hers, but Steve "needed" the VW and drove it back to Dartmouth when he left for school. Katherine Kenny, Gray Crittenden, and Frances Gerretsen all came for dinner that night—all of them widows. Tuesday Caroline went to school and I spent most of the day in the office, but also showing slides to the Kiwanis, having just bought a new slide projector. Tuesday night we had the Russells for dinner: Joe, Jane, Parker, and Carolyn. Wednesday was the church picnic at River Forks Park. We took Amy Robinson with us, as she had no transportation.



*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

The American Cathedral Paris, France

The American Cathedral in Paris, formally known as the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, is the gathering church for the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, which consists of nine parishes and seven missions in five European countries. The church, which became a cathedral in 1923, is also the seat of the bishop in charge of Episcopal churches in Europe. The church is situated beside the River Seine in central Paris.



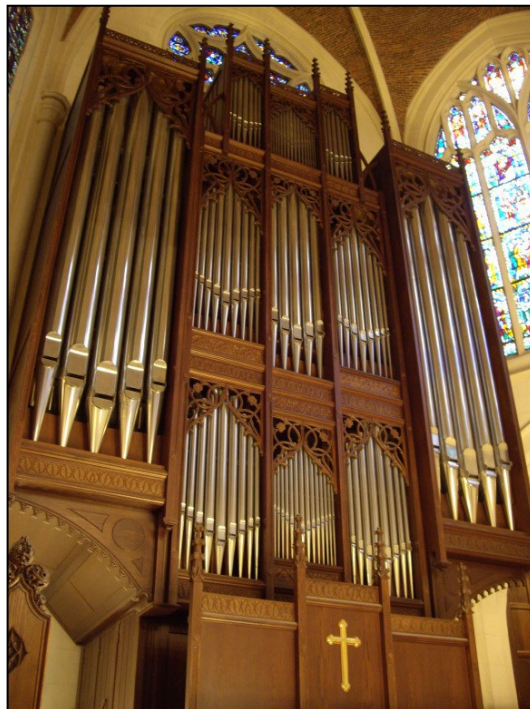
The 278-foot-tall spire, which peaks above the roofs of the Right Bank, is one of the tallest in Paris.

In the 1830s, American Episcopalians in Paris started to meet for services. Eventually the formal establishment of a parish took place in 1859 and the first church was consecrated in 1864.

As the congregation grew there was the need for a larger church. After a successful fund-raising effort, a new building, built in the Gothic Revival style and which took four years to build, was consecrated in 1886.

The chancel and aisle vaults are stone but the nave has oak, so as to lessen the weight of the ceiling. Other work continued for two more decades, with the stained glass windows being installed in 1893 and the tower being dedicated in 1909.

The organ was built by a noted French firm in 1887 and is still one of the largest in Europe.



During World War II the cathedral was taken over by the German military chaplaincy. Lutheran Pastor Rudolf Damrath, who was placed in charge, actually did his best to provide pastoral care and even preached about the moral dilemma of soldiers who attempted to remain faithful Christians.

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Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents the
May Stamp Of The Month

National Family Month



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Family History Month was established on September 26, 2001 through a resolution by the U.S. Senate to encourage Americans to explore their personal and collective histories. This stamp was created as the result of a nationwide contest to engage students in art and citizenship, and to increase positive relations between communities and the post office.

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

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OLOGY** **MENTAL
HEALTH
—
IT'S NOT
JUST YOU**

Thurs., May 28—Gather at 2:00 and 6:00.
Conversations start at 2:30 and 6:30.

This month's topic:
“Caring for Our Mental Health as Part of
Our Faith Journey”

Brix Bar, 527 SE Jackson



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