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Love and Support in Sad Times

November opens with the Feast of All Saints, followed by the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed on November 2. We honor and remember the dead who have gone before us. We keep in mind our own beloved friends and relatives, and this year we especially think of those who died in the horrific shootings at Umpqua Community College on October 1.



The Sunday after the tragedy, the Reverend James Boston made an unscheduled trip to Roseburg for a Service of Healing at St. George. In his sermon, Father Jim talked about Ecclesiastes 3 saying that there is a time for every season. Right now we are in a difficult time – a time to mourn, pray, honor, search for ways to do better, ask questions, and seek for trust and hope in our lives. Jesus came to share our lives – sorrows, hopes, and joys – and to share our deaths. We must do what we can to be a sign of love, peace, mercy, and hope. There is no security in this world, only in Jesus Christ.

*Grant to them eternal rest. Let
 light perpetual shine upon them.*

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Letter from Bishop Neff

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is time to say goodbye. November 29, the First Sunday of Advent, is my last official Sunday with you. I also look forward to sitting with your delegates at the upcoming Diocesan Convention.

Bishop Michael Hanley appointed me to be priest-in-charge because he felt that by appointing a retired bishop living downstate he would be showing his full support for St. George's. Dorothy and I have joined you all for over a year now and I think that the time is right to pull back.

Advent is the beginning of a new church year and a perfect juncture as you continue your journey of new beginnings.

I am proud of St. George's and I cannot tell you how much we have both enjoyed our time with you. You are a wonderful congregation filled with talented and faithful people providing a witness of worship and of presence in the community. Your response to the UCC shooting was an inspiration to all. Restarting the choir is an outward and visible sign of your healthy spirit.

I want to publicly thank Donna Litherland for her leadership as Senior Warden during this time that I have been your priest-in-charge. We have met by phone every week. Her reflections and advice have been invaluable to me. I know there are so many others among you who selflessly volunteer your time and talents, doing such important work as vestry leaders, altar guild, music leaders, worship leaders, office volunteers, hospitality, communications, finance, and all the other ministries that make for a vital congregation.

Looking to the future, I encourage you to constantly ask the question, what is God calling us to do? Individually and collectively pray for guidance. I have every confidence that God has given you the gifts you need to carry out the mission and ministries to which you are called.

There are many surprises and unexpected turns in church life. So for me, a good motto for small churches (and actually for all congregations and for all of us) is when life gives you a lemon, let God help you make lemonade.

Take care and God bless,

+ *Neff*

The Small Church

In a big world, the small church has remained intimate.
In a fast world, the small church has been steady.
In an expensive world, the small church has remained plain.
In a complex world, the small church has remained simple.
In a rational world, the small church has kept feelings.
In a mobile world, the small church has been an anchor.
In an anonymous world, the small church calls us by name.

~ Carl S. Dudley

FISH Report

The FISH food pantry has a position open for Interim Pantry Manager. The position announcement and job description will be posted on the church bulletin board. Applications will be accepted through Monday, November 16.

In October the Roseburg Food Project collected 9,695 pounds of food from 618 donors coordinated by 67 neighborhood coordinators. The next Roseburg Food Project pickup day is Saturday, December 12th.

Ford Family Foundation has renewed the Holiday Cheese grant. Their support allows FISH to distribute 1400 bricks of cheese. Starting in mid-November each family who wants one can receive one 2-pound brick of cheese while supplies last.

Volunteers Needed



The first Sunday of Advent is November 29. That means that the following Saturday we will need volunteers to help put up the greenery in the church. The time will be announced later this month.

We appreciate you!



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"Eugene, you've shared the same prayer request for 47 years. Now either forget about it, or *buy* yourself a pony!"

Parish News



On October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis, St. George celebrated the Blessing of the Animals. Everyone was very well behaved! In the center panel is a basket of stuffed animals that were blessed and taken to the Roseburg Fire Department by Jean Bowden. The Fire Department was grateful to receive them and will give them out to children needing comfort.



BJ Oswald receiving her birthday blessing on October 11 from Father Doug Hale while Steve Thomas looks on.

BJ is 91 this year.

More Parish News



October 11 Painted Pumpkin Contest winners are pictured above along with the prize provider. From left to right:

- Carolyn Lee, accepting for Karra Manuel for Scariest Pumpkin
- Sue Phelps, pie baker extraordinaire
- Faye Benham for People's Choice
- Rick Williams for Funniest Pumpkin



Episcopal Diocese of Oregon Bishop Michael Hanley took time away from his sabbatical to attend the service on October 11 and show his support for Roseburg and our congregation after the tragedy at UCC.

More Parish News



The October 18 service— our wonderful organist, Jeanette Buxton, is on the left. Below, Bishop Neff reads the Gospel.



Many of the photos seen in the Dragon Scoop appear first on Facebook. You don't have to have a Facebook account to view the page: www.facebook.com/episcopalroseburg

Some unexpected benefits can come because of Facebook. Most recently, one of Jeanette's former students, now living in Iowa, saw this Facebook picture of her playing the organ. They were able to reconnect after 18 years. And of course it's gratifying to know that people all over the U.S. see our page.

Love and Support

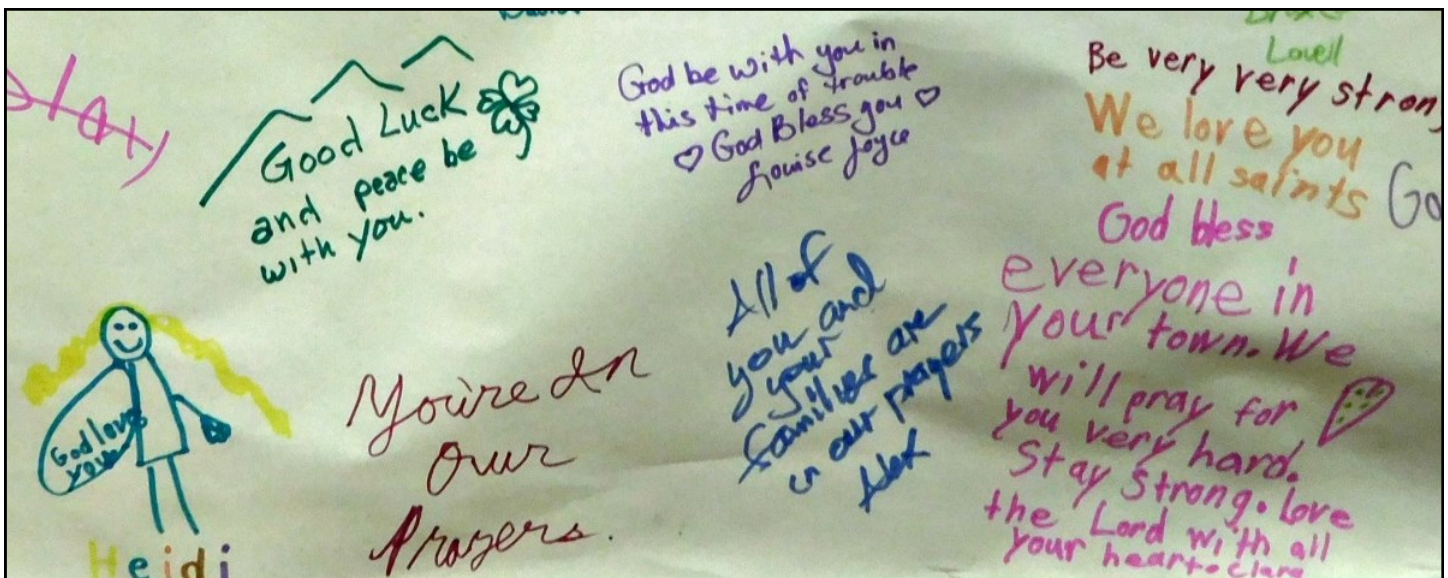
There were so many expressions of love and caring extended to St. George after the shootings at UCC. Bishop Neff wrote from England on October 4, "We attended communion at York Minster this morning. In the Prayers of the People the congregation prayed for the community of Roseburg, Oregon, for the victims and all those affected by the shooting. Bishop Michael, on sabbatical in Spain, sent prayers and his concern. Father Sherman Hesselgrave, former Rector at St. George, phoned the office to give his support. The White House called to express condolences.

Emails to St. George and visitor posts from Facebook included these comments:

- Shock, grief, and prayers for members of the Roseburg community killed and wounded at UCC this morning, and for their many family members and friends, whether St. G's parishioners or not. A huge tragedy; they were to be tomorrow's leaders in various professions.
- Praying for you! From Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix.
- Praying for St George and the Roseburg community.
- May God guide your words and prayers this weekend and may you all be anointed by God's responsive grace.



All Saints' Episcopal Church in Morristown, TN sent us this splendid banner signed by their parishioners. It stretched across two of our bulletin boards. Below you can see a close-up of some of the messages.



Episcopal Church Women



ECW met Thursday, October 15. Marcia Jackson provided the lunch and the decorations, with help from her friends. We had a very interesting presentation by Suzie Cohen, the "Button Lady." There are many varieties of buttons, so she told us about Lucite buttons. She brought a display of hundreds of buttons which could be purchased.

We also discussed the rummage sale. We liked the new setup, but thought a couple of adjustments are needed; let us know what you think. We made \$1177.98. We voted to send \$500 to the Archtrave Health Radio-Telethon Fund for the UCC victims because they will match the funds donated. We also voted to donate \$500 to Casa de Belen because they had scheduled a large fund raiser out at the college for Saturday, October 3, but then it was cancelled because of the shootings. We could not have done this without your donations and help.

Remember, we will be needing both you and your donations in the spring, so as you get out "winter and the holidays" items, put those aside that you can't use any longer.

Please join us on November 19 for the next ECW meeting.

Flower Donations

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the water fountain. Please indicate how you would like to provide the arrangement.

If you would like to bring flowers from your garden or the store, just make provisions for someone to let you into the Sacristy if you don't have a key. If you would like help arranging them, BJ Oswald and some of the Altar Guild ladies are able to help.

If you would like to order from a florist, call them direct and order what you want, for the price you can afford. Fisher's Flowers has a set of our liners for the brass vases. If you want to use a different florist and you or they want to use our liners, we have a second set of liners.

If you would like the church to order for you, call the church. We will order from Fisher's. Their minimum charge is \$50 for two arrangements. You would pay the church. You can also share the cost by signing up with someone.

A new option is available. Sue Phelps' sister, Penny, has volunteered to purchase and arrange your flowers for \$25. If you would like Penny to do this, contact Sue. Write Penny's name in the column where you indicate "florist, home, etc."

If you want to honor someone or something, call the church office so we can put it in the Sunday bulletin.

Thank you for the beautiful arrangements you have provided over the years.



Wonderful World

by Bob Robins

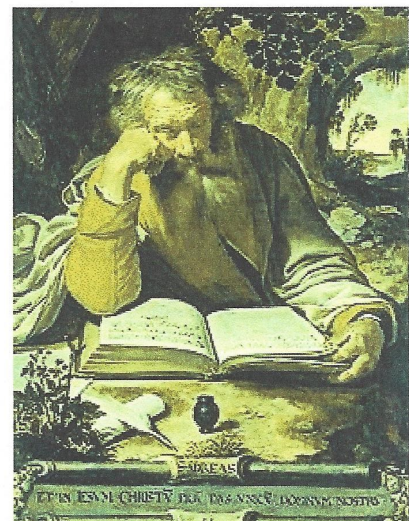
ST. ANDREW CROSS and ST. ANDREW CHURCH

The Bible tells us that Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, and that the two of them were the fishermen whom Jesus called as the first of the Apostles. It is believed that Andrew served as a missionary in Asia Minor and Greece in the first century, A.D. He was martyred by the Romans on an X-shaped cross at Patras in 69 A.D., as he did not feel worthy to be crucified on such a cross as Christ was. Present-day Patras is a city in Greece, with a population of about 240,000. The Saint Andrew Church there was founded in 1908 by King George I, and was inaugurated in 1974. The church is the second largest temple of the Byzantine style in the Balkans, and can hold a congregation of some 5,000 people. Inside are kept relics of Saint Andrew, consisting of a small finger, part of the top of the cranium, and small portions of the cross. They are not put on display for the public. Saint Andrew is usually depicted as an old man, with long white hair and beard, holding a Gospel Book or scroll. Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia, Greece, the Ukraine, Sicily, Cyprus, Romania, and other countries. On our Church Calendar, November 30 is St. Andrew's Day.

The cross on which Andrew was crucified is called a **SALTIRE**, and is a diagonal pattern, like a letter X. It appears on a number of national flags, notably the Scottish flag, where it appears as the entire pattern.



Andrew the Apostle



Saint Andrew the Apostle by Artus Wolffort

Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez



We recently took a class at Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutherlin taught by Father Peter Fritsch—scholar, teacher, priest, and spiritual director. As the workshop description put it, the day “took a deep look at the Myth of Parsifal and the search for the Holy Grail. This myth was enormously popular at the turn of the new millennium a thousand years ago. As we enter the third one thousand year period of Christianity, the myth speaks to us today of how we can renew a sense of soul and vitality of spirit.”

The myth is rich and complex, but because of space considerations it must be abbreviated here. *Parzival* by Wolfram von Eschenbach is the reworking and completion of Chretien de Troyes' tale of Perceval and the Holy Grail. Wanting to become a knight, Parzival leaves home and seeks adventure, gaining renown for his exploits, and then searching for the Grail, which leads to many sorrows and misfortunes. *Parzival* is one of the first tales in Arthurian legend that introduces the Holy Grail legend, and the story is entertaining and exciting.

After adventures at King Arthur's court, Parzival leaves and is trained by an old knight in the ways of knighthood and chivalry. He finds lodging at the Grail Castle one night where he sees the mysteries surrounding the Grail, but he fails to free Anfortas, the Fisher King, by asking a question about the King's wound. Later, Parzival is made a Companion of the Round Table. Unfortunately, the celebrations are cut short when Parzival is chided for failing to ask the Question of Anfortas, causing him to leave, swearing to find the Grail. Parzival spends some time with a hermit, learning about God, sin, and the Grail. After many adventures Parzival is chosen to become the Grail King and frees Anfortas from his suffering by asking the Question.

This story was a game changer for the Christian faith at the time it was published. It carries several important themes: the individuation of the parent and child, the importance of good faith between men and women, and the idea that we don't have to know all the answers but just need to learn the right question, "Does this serve God?"



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist is the Diocese Cathedral of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island and is the seat of the Archbishop of Hong Kong. The first Sunday service was held in March 1849 and St John's is the oldest Anglican Church in the Far East.

The architecture is classed as a plain, unadorned adaption of 13th Century English and Decorated Gothic. As the cathedral was built during the reign of Queen Victoria, there is a large "VR" built into the stonework.

*The letters VR
(Victoria Regina),
commemorate
the foundation
of the Cathedral
in 1847*



The first pipe organ was shipped from England in 1860 and the first organist held that post for 35 years. However, due to the unforgiving climate, this organ was replaced in 1887. As the pipe organs were too costly to maintain and repair, an electronic organ has been in use since 1949.

After the Japanese occupied Hong Kong in December, 1941, the cathedral was converted into a club and many of the original fittings, including the stained glass windows, were removed.

Almost since the founding, services have mostly been conducted in English, but now each week there is both a service in Mandarin and in Cantonese. The first Chinese Bishop was appointed in 1981. Members of the Cathedral are of many nationalities and they freely give of their talents and gifts not only in supporting St. John's but also in supporting the local community.





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Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

November
Thankful