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“Loving God, Loving Our
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



On Saturday, October 22, we feasted with the congregation of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. Their chapel is upstairs at St. George's. They hosted a delicious potluck which featured Greek, Serbian, Russian, and Japanese ethnic dishes. Members of our parish supplied desserts. Before the meal, we were invited to attend their Divine Liturgy, and several parishioners did so. After dinner Father Jerry Markopoulos from Holy Cross and our own Father Jim Boston spoke about the Orthodox and Anglican traditions.

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

Our journey through the Church Year is winding down. A new year begins on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. So we begin November with All Saints, have one Sunday to consider the wind-up of things (in several ways, all wonderful), and then finish the year with Christ the King on November 20. As you can read elsewhere in this issue, Faye and Pete Benham are hosting Thanksgiving Dinner at St. George's. It is the place to be unless you have another family gathering that needs your presence.

Pam and I are fairly busy in November, between Diocesan Convention, a family celebration in Missouri, and Thanksgiving with Pam's father and his new wife in Idaho. The Missouri event is for the 70th wedding anniversary of my Uncle Bill and Aunt Helen, and their 90th birthdays. I have enjoyed their love all my life and am delighted to be able to be with them. They still live in their home, on their own, although both have become somewhat precarious. They just had a chair lift installed in their home, and Helen is using a walker at the moment. My brother Joe will join us from Alexandria, VA, and the party will be managed by cousins Randy and Susan and their spouses.

Aunt Helen served as librarian of her church for something like forty years. It is a gorgeous library, and one that is actively used and well maintained. St. George's has a gorgeous library as well, though smaller. What it lacks is a librarian. I would love to find one or two or even three persons who would care for the library. It needs pruning, renewing, and marketing. It needs articles in the newsletter and displays of various sorts. Please talk to me, or email me (jtboston47@gmail.com) if you might help.

It will suffice to say that the Thanksgiving trip is a bit more complex, as families often are.

I was absent on October 30, having just returned that day from a meeting in Alabama of the board of the Global Episcopal Mission Network. I encourage you to look it up on the web: www.gemn.org. We worked and prayed and blessed one another. Another month I will use this space to tell you more about it.

Earlier I wrote to you all about our annual request for pledges. Jesus died that we might live. We can let go of some things in order to support His work in our own community and our parish church. Do think in percentages and do consider the invitation to "Strive to Tithe." It has been good for me and Pam. If you want to talk about it, write or phone me. St. George's needs and deserves more members, more attendance, and more giving. We can do it.

I am grateful to be able to serve you all. You are a delight. And you are a blessing to the people of Roseburg and Douglas County. Thank you!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Jim+

September 2016 Vestry Meeting

Class of 2017	Nancy Baum	Pete Benham	Steve Thomas
Class of 2018	Jean Bowden	Bill Riley	Bob Spielman
Class of 2019	Mike Brossia	Sue Phelps	David Sayers

Attendance: The Rev. Jim Boston, Nancy Baum, Jean Bowden, Mike Brossia, Sue Phelps, Bill Riley, Bob Spielman, Junior Warden Steve Thomas, Treasurer Kathy Glockner, and Acting Clerk Betty Jo Hoffman. Absent: Pete Benham and David Sayers.

Old Business

Financial Report: Offerings have been a little low and expenses higher than usual, but this will all even out over the long term. The parking lot expense will come out the Kitchen Fund, with the agreement of the donor.

Sue reported that she can purchase a season concert ticket for four people for \$120 as an appreciation gift for Jeanette Buxton.

A new thermostat has been installed for the water heater.

New Business

Father Jim advised that we don't have enough resources to have an efficient shut-in visitation service. We need a committee, and Jean will invite Nancy, Thelma Sayers, and Jewell Gates to join her and Steve to meet and discuss how it can be improved.

Stewardship: Various ideas were discussed. There will be a thank-you dinner.

Christmas: Father Jim will do a service at Linus Oaks at 2:00, then our service at 4:00 on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day we will have Lessons and Carols.

Rector's Discretionary Fund: \$1062 has been received. A separate checking account will be set up and audited annually.

Bishop's Discretionary Fund: Grant proposals are being requested by the Diocese. Father Jim would like us to consider applying for funds for our future search for a priest and a better salary for that person.

Blind Spots, Peripheral Vision, and Faith **by the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hutchinson**

By their very nature, blind spots are not apparent to us because we do not see them.

People who say that they somehow do not believe in God usually mean they do not believe in a guy (always a male, usually with a white beard) “out there” somewhere who interferes on occasion with matters and demands our love and worship. (“He is, after all, a ‘jealous’ one, he!”) This is, however, a petty caricature of the living, creating Ground of Being and Love Itself. God is not “out there” somewhere. God is beneath and behind all. Luke describes St. Paul speaking to the Athenians and saying of God, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

If we try to look at God head-on, and think of God as “out there somewhere,” we diminish the idea of God. We reduce the object of our worship to a kind of supernatural wacky great uncle or an imaginary friend with super powers. Such a god is not really God, but a sort of demiurge or daemon. When we feel hurt or encounter hardship, it is easy to feel betrayed by such a Deity. God thus diminished is far removed from the good we see all about us, all of which comes from God directly.

But again, using peripheral vision, our night vision, we get little glimpses of the Love beneath all things. If we let ourselves follow, we find brighter and brighter clarity in our vision. And when we just can’t seem to see God at work in the world about us, it is either because of intermittent clouds rolling by or because he is in one of our own blind spots.

The key thing is following the glimpse of peripheral vision, pursuing the glory, keeping with the sweet scent on the air, however faint. The crucial thing is to remember where we last saw God, and realize that he’s still there, hidden. Gratitude is the emotion that best connects us with God. Trust is a close second. Both of these are in fact expressions of love. And God is, in fact, Love Itself. Love, trust, service, and gratitude give us eyes to see God, first in peripheral short glimpses, later in deeper and deeper glory. And perseverance in looking in wonder and gratitude even when things get obscure, or when our own failings cause blind spots, keeps us steady until things become clear.

Grace and peace,

Fr. Tony+

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Diocesan Resources

<http://www.diocese-oregon.org/resources-for-the-new-church-program-year/>

We have received a batch of suggestions for the new program year. Some are great for individuals, couples and families. Others could be used by a small group. Feel free to start one. Others might be useful for parish leadership. Look them over. Use what you feel led to use.



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

At our recent meeting we learned that we made \$940.71 at the rummage sale thanks to all of your donations, purchases, and time. We also discussed some other ways to make money that would not be quite so much physical labor. We would appreciate your input.



The coffee cabinet has been delivered. Be sure to take a look and check out the drawers! Thank you to Scott Taylor of Scott Taylor Custom Cabinets & Wood Working.

Thelma Sayers reviewed the prayer chain procedures, the Christmas Tree for the Children's Services children (help is needed to trace and cut out the mittens and socks and put the children's info on them), and the Holy Spirit Tea on November 12 at 2:00. The cost is \$10 for the tea and the tickets are in the office. Thelma also brought up the Heifer Project. We voted to donate the same items we have in the past: three rabbits for \$60, one flock of geese for \$20, and \$30 for bees. Karla suggested that this is a great gift to give grandchildren also. Donate to the project and then tell the grandkids what you bought in their name.

We also voted to donate \$100 toward the purchase of two-pound bricks of cheese by the FISH Pantry. They are purchased from Sherm's, which gives them a very good price. (The Pantry's holiday cheese project is made possible by a grant from the Ford Family Foundation and cash donations from groups and individuals.)

Linda Greco from the Samaritan Inn spoke to us about all of the services and requirements they have to keep women safe and to help them to return to life outside of the facility. See page 7 for a summary of their program.

Our next meeting will be November 17, 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Pete and Faye Benham will share pictures of their last cruise along the northeast coast of the USA and Canada.

FISH Report

The results of the August Roseburg Food Project collection are in. An August record of 9,427 pounds of food was received from 592 donors coordinated by 66 neighborhood coordinators. The next RFP pickup day is Saturday, December 10.

Watercolors by the late Rev. Phyllis Stelson have been reproduced as note cards. She was a champion of food pantries in Douglas County. Proceeds from the sale of the cards, which can be purchased at the Pantry, benefit FISH. (Set of four cards for \$4.)



Safe Haven Grant

Be sure to read Juliana's column on page 10. Presenters for this first program were Jewell Gates and Joyanna Ellis Bezdek (making sugar scrubs), Juliana Marez and BJ Hoffman (greeting and bedtime strategies and rituals), and Margo Wilkins and Pam Boston (prayer beads). Other assisting that day were Father Jim Boston, Carolyn Spielman, Leigh Van Sickel, Nancy Baum, and Marcia Jackson.



FYI



Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. George's on Thursday, November 24, at 2:00 p.m.

Pete and Faye Benham will bake the turkey(s) and prepare the potatoes and gravy. The rest of the dinner will be potluck style.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall with a list of suggested food to bring. Please write your name down and indicate what you would like to bring for dinner. Bring your favorite beverage (and enough to share). Coffee will be provided. If everyone wants to we will stay after dinner and play games (bring a game you enjoy playing!).

Holy Spirit in Sutherlin will be holding their annual Tea on November 12 at 2:00. The Tea will be accompanied by a light luncheon. For additional information and tickets contact Thelma Sayers. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Samaritan Inn is the women's branch of the Roseburg Rescue Mission and is the largest women's shelter in the state of Oregon. Domestic violence and mental health issues are the main reasons women find themselves in shelter care. Their new facility is behind Grocery Outlet and has a capacity of 119 but has carried an average of 86 occupied beds most nights. The property and building are debt free and operate strictly on donations and answered prayers.

Samaritan Inn is very structured. It is drug and alcohol free: residents are required to attend chapel every day and attend a church on Sunday and return with a bulletin as proof. The gates are locked at 6:30 p.m. and all are expected to be on site. Everyone has daily chores and classes. Some of the skills they learn are budgeting, housekeeping, and child care. Those with an income are required to save 50% for future housing. The maximum stay is six months.

The director is very thankful for the support they have received from St. George's. She is particularly grateful to Karen Trone for being the liaison and opening our eyes to the needs of the women and children at the Inn.

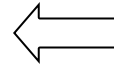
If you would like to know more, there are brochures on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

~ Sue Phelps

Parish News



October 2—there was a good turnout for the Blessing of the Animals, in spite of heavy rain. Father Jim and the Reverend Nancy Gallagher from Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Sutherlin presided over the occasion.

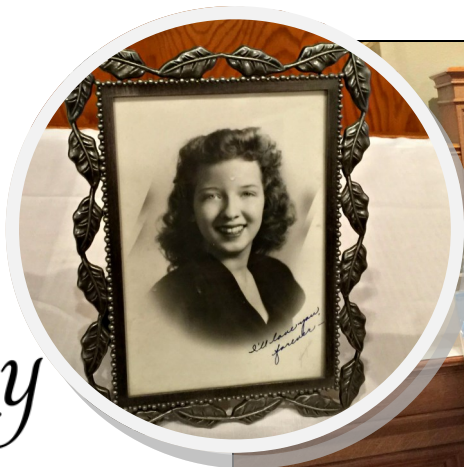


October 9—Jeannie Burpee with her guests Chieko Hishinuma from Japan (left) and local interpreter Chie Furukawa (right).



In
Loving
Memory
of

Beverly Ann Carnahan
1929 - 2016



A Bit of Bible History

THE WYCLIF BIBLE (c. 1380)

MATTHEW III. THE COMING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

In tho daies Joon Baptist cam and prechid in the desert of Judee, and seide, Do ye penance, for the kyngdom of hevenes schal nygh. For this is he of whom it is seid bi Isaie the profete, seiynge, A vois of a crier in desert, Make ye redi the weyes of the Lord, make ye right the pathis of hym. And this Joon hadde clothing of camels heris, and a girdil of skyn aboute his leendis, and his mete was hony soukis¹ and hony of the wode. Thanne Jerusalem wente out to hym, and al Judee, and al the countre aboute Jordan, and thei werun waischen of hym in Jordan, and knowlechen her synnes.

But he sigh many of Farisies and of Saduces comynge to his baptem, and seide to hem, Generaciouns of eddris,² who schewid to you to fle fro wrath that is to come? Therfor do ye worthi fruytis of penance. And nyle ye seie³ with ynne you, We han Abraham to fadir: for I seie to you that God is myghti to reise up of thes stones the sones of Abraham. And now the axe is putte to the root of the tre: therfor every tre that makith not good fruyt schal be kutte down, and schal be cast in to the fire.

I waisch you in watyr in to penance: but he that schal come aftir me is stronger than I, whos schoon I am not worthi to bere: he schal baptise you in the Holi Goost, and fier. Whos wenewynge⁴ clooth is in his hond, and he schal fulli clense his corn floor, and schal gadere his whete in to his berne; but the chaf he schal brenne with fier that mai not be quenched.

Thanne Jhesus cam fro Galilee in to Jordan to Joon, to be baptisid of him. Jon forbode hym and seide, I owe to be baptisid of thee, and thou comest to me? But Jhesus answerid and seide to hym, Suffre now: for thus it fallith to us to fulfille alle rightfulness. Then Joon suffrid hym. And whanne Jhesus was baptisid, anon he wente up fro the watir: and lo, hevenes weren opened to hym, and he say the spirit of God comynge down as a dowve, and comynge on him. And lo, a vois fro hevenes, seiynge, This is my loved sone, in whiche I have plesid to me. (*Punctuation and capitalization modernized.*)

¹ honey-suckles (Wyclif, translating from the Vulgate, evidently mistook the meaning of the Latin *locustæ*)

² adders

³ will not ye to say

⁴ winnowing

THE KING JAMES BIBLE (1611)

MATTHEW III. THE COMING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

In those daies came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the Prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camels hair, and a leatherne girdle about his loynes, and his meate was locusts and wilde honie. Then went out to him Hierusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordane. And were baptized of him in Jordane, confessing their sinnes.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his Baptisme, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meete for repentance. And thinke not to say within your selves, Wee have Abraham to our father: For I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is layd unto the roote of the trees: Therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewen downe, and cast into the fire.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that commeth after mee, is mightier than I, whose shooes I am not worthy to beare, hee shall baptize you with the holy Ghost, and with fire. Whose fanne is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floore, and gather his wheate into the garner: but will burne up the chaffe with unquenchable fire. Then commeth Jesus from Galilee to Jordane, unto John, to be baptized of him: But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering, said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becommeth us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when hee was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and loe, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. And loe, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Soone, in whom I am well pleased. (*Verse numbering omitted.*)

**Thanks to Allan Romeril
for this fascinating comparison
of early English Bibles.**

Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

What a blessing. We often pray for God to put us in his service. This particular prayer began with a beautiful challenge. Father Boston challenged me to use my grant-writing skills to apply for a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon's Fund for the Poor and Homeless. We inventoried the congregation, met with the Safe Haven shelter staff, researched current best practices, and began writing. There were many twists and turns and surprises along the way. As with all grant-funded projects we had to bravely go where the research and data took us, then filter it through our hearts. The ECW matched the amount requested with their own funding. We received the grant.

On October 20 we had our first event. It was a wonderful experience. We all were touched by the blessing of giving to others while deepening our own spirit. The church fellowship hall was full of laughter and fun. When we finished our workshops the girls asked to see our chapel. Spirit was with us.

Thank you to all the members of St George's Church for an amazing view of what is possible in faith. The young women left so full in their hearts that no one could hurt them. They went home and loved their children.

Please check the sign up on the bulletin board for the next three events:

1:30-3:30 p.m.—November 10, December 8, and January 12 in St George's Parish Hall



*The young women learn about Anglican rosaries from Margo Wilkins and Pam Boston.
More photos on page 6.*

Juliana works with Homeless and Runaway Youth Services and Native American Services for Roseburg School District 4. She has chosen Matthew 19:14 for the title of her column:

*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Worcester Cathedral, Worcester, England

The Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Mary the Virgin of Worcester, commonly known as Worcester Cathedral, is a Church of England cathedral and is the seat of the Bishop of Worcester.



Sitting on the banks of the River Severn, it is one of England's loveliest cathedrals, with medieval cloisters, ancient crypts, and Victorian stained glass windows.

The first building on the site was a priory founded in 680 with later buildings replacing the original. The present cathedral was built between 1084 and 1504 and represents every type of English architecture.

Between 1536 and 1541 King Henry VIII dissolved the Roman Catholic priories and monasteries in England after he had declared himself the Supreme Head of the Church in England, and the now former priory was re-established as a cathedral of secular clergy.

The earliest part of the cathedral is the crypt, built in 1090. The nave was built and rebuilt piecemeal in various styles over 200 years with

several types and colors of sandstone from different quarries. Major restoration work was performed during 1860-1870 and most of the stained glass dates from this time.

The tower has a peal of 15 bells and the cathedral is unique in that it has a teaching center with special training bells linked to a computer.



Church bells are the largest musical instruments but bell ringers cannot see the instruments upon which they perform. New bell ringers at the training center can see the Cathedral's dumbbells working and visualize how the rope's movement relates to the bell's rotation. This visual contact helps explain how a bell 'feels' – for example, 'holding a bell on the balance.'

There have been many new and rebuilt organs since the first was installed in 1417, with the latest and most modern being installed in 2006.



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