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Calling a New Priest

On Saturday, October 21, Father Jim Boston and twenty-two members of the congregation met with Canon Neysa Ellgren Shepley from the Diocese of Oregon and Susan Ladue, our congregational development facilitator. Canon Neysa went over the next steps for calling a new priest. She explained how important it is for every parishioner, from youngest to oldest, to have input into the process.

The Vestry will appoint a committee to work on a profile of our parish and a profile of what we are looking for in our priest. If you feel called to work on that committee, contact Pete Benham or any other Vestry member. People with research, interviewing, writing, and editing skills are best suited to this task. Once the profile is put together, it is sent to Bishop Michael for his approval and then placed on the Episcopal Church deployment website.

A search committee will be appointed after the profile process. We can choose to do the full search by ourselves as a congregation, or we can ask for assistance from the Diocese. Finalists must have the proper background checks and approval from the Bishop. Then the search committee will interview candidates and give their recommendations to the Vestry. If the right person isn't found, the process can start over.

Canon Neysa emphasized that the search process is flexible and will meet our needs.



*Canon Neysa above.
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 on the meeting.*

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

Grace to you and peace!

We had a fine gathering on Saturday, October 21, with Canon Neysa Ellgren Shepley from the diocesan office. She told us that there is more flexibility in both the search process and the calling of a new rector (or priest-in-charge). The Vestry will appoint a Profile Committee. Their job is to make sure every member of St. George's contributes to the profile and that it is both complete and honest. The Vestry will need to determine what is available for stipend, housing, and benefits. Most of all, we need to pray. When the time comes for decisions the Vestry must be reasonably confident that they are calling a suitable person for St. George's. If not, the search will continue. In any case, I am happy to stay on until you have called your next pastor, or I run out of steam.

October 27-28 Jean Bowden, Nancy Baum, and I will be your delegates at Diocesan Convention. New diocesan canons are likely to be adopted, as well as a budget. Many reports will be heard. We will have great music and worship. Watch for a report in the December newsletter.

And now to a topic close to my heart: Stewardship. Sometime this month you will receive a pledge card with a cover letter from me. You will be invited to make a pledge to support the work of the Church here in Roseburg, and beyond.

Your response is your decision. You can pray about it or not. I hope you do pray. I hope you will remember that you have free will—an awesome gift, and a dangerous one. You are a steward of many things. Not just your finances and property. God wants us to manage our spiritual, mental, and physical health, our time, our relationships, and our responsibilities to the neighborhoods we live in. (That is not just on your street. It includes the whole town, the whole county, the whole state, the whole church, the whole nation, and the whole world.) Yes, you are only one person. You can't do it all. Still, you can do what you can do. You can do what God would have you do.

When I started college I had a good friend, Steve Livengood. He was the son of a Methodist pastor. He had partially lost his faith in God, but he still had a firm belief in the mission of the church. So he tithed 10% of his income, which was not much. That's the classic tithe of 10%. When I learned what he did, I felt compelled to stop putting a few random dollars in the offering plate and begin again to tithe. I could not excuse myself because I did not have much money. I have never stopped. Sometimes it has been hard. Mostly not. Often I do better, but only because God has blessed me in many ways to be able to do so.

The main reason to give to the church is always because God wants you to be a good steward of his gifts, and the Church is the Body of Christ on earth. Still, there are other reasons. Our pledges will determine what is available to the Vestry as they discuss money with potential rectors. Our pledges support an amazing amount of good ministry at both the diocesan and national levels and a fair amount internationally. If you to talk to me privately, I will be glad to make time for you.

It would be a joy to see our giving at St. George's take a leap. Thanks.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+

FYI

Vestry Nominations for 2018

Each year, as put forth in the bylaws, the Vestry is charged to adopt a process to nominate persons for election to the Vestry and publish a description of this process to the legal voters of the Parish by the 30th of November. The Vestry would like to recognize the gifts of eligible candidates and will put forward a slate of nominees to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Vestry requests that anyone who desires to be nominated for election to the Vestry submit their desire in writing by January 15, 2018 to the church office or to the Senior Warden. Please give a brief biography and comment on how you feel called to this ministry. No experience is necessary, but to be eligible you must:

- Be a lay member in good standing.
- Be eighteen (18) or more years of age.
- Not be a member of the household of a current Vestry member.
- Be willing to create more active involvements from parish members who are not Vestry members.
- Faithfully attend parish functions and worship services.
- Encourage and support parish members in mutual ministry.
- Be willing to work with other members of the Vestry.

New members will replace the Class of 2018, which includes Nancy Baum, Pete Benham, and Steve Thomas.



Share your Thanksgiving gratitude and joy! Donate to the 2017 Thanksgiving Offering. The money collected supports the Fund for the Poor and Homeless. Parishes are able to apply for grants to fund their own programs that combat poverty and homelessness.



Doug Holloway is taking a break from his Cathedrals of the World column. He has written about 44 cathedrals in the last 40 months. Let him know what you would like to see him write about next.

Parish News



On October 1 the Blessing of the Animals was held at Umpqua Community College. Officiants for the service were the Rev. Nancy Gallagher (center) of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutherlin and the Rev. Canon Carol Sedlacek (left) of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. St. George parishioners Pete and Reggie Benham are at left (thanks to Faye Benham for the photo), and Charles and Dougal Van Sickle on the right.



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club held their 2017 Stampfest in St. George's Parish Hall on October 21.

Parish News



Canon Neysa thoroughly answered questions from the congregation throughout her presentation. The program and lunch were held in the Sanctuary to accommodate the Stampfest in the Parish Hall.

Canon Neysa brought the welcome news that St. George's past-due Diocesan Program Assessment (DPA) money, in arrears for 2013, 2014, and 2015, has been cancelled. We have paid in full 2016 and 2017 and are on a clean slate going forward.

“Bless, O Lord, thy gifts to our use”

by Jessi Pullen

Even though she is the busy mother of an active toddler, longtime parishioner and trained chef Jessi Appell Pullen still finds time to create delicious meals for her family. Here she shares with us one of her original recipes, perfect for fall.

Baked Fall Acorn Squash

Ingredients:

*2 good-sized Acorn Squash—halved, seeded and sliced 3/4 of an inch thick

*Ground Cinnamon Powder to taste

*Brown Sugar

*1/4 teaspoon of Nutmeg

*About a 1/2 stick of butter (or more, depending on if you are a huge butter fan or not. You can also use Corn Oil for a sweeter taste, and Olive Oil gives the squash more of a savory taste.)

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees.

While your oven is warming up, mix together the Ground Cinnamon, Brown Sugar and Nutmeg in a bowl and set aside.

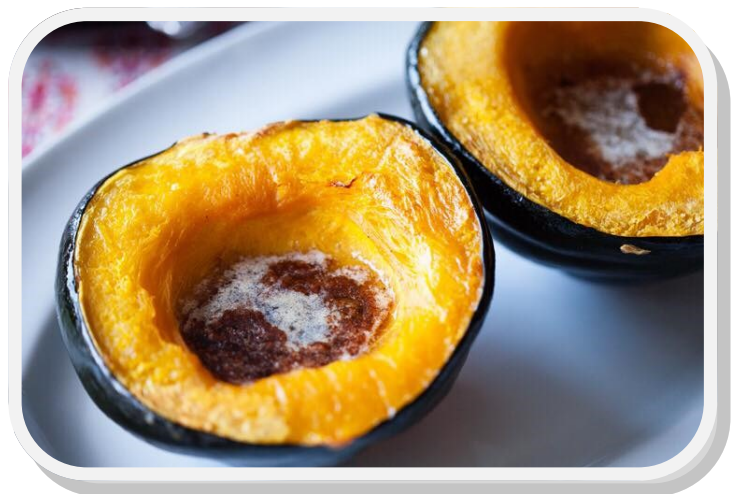
You will need to melt your butter either in a little sauce pot on the stove, or if you prefer, you can easily melt down the butter in the microwave.

You will need a pretty sturdy chef knife to cut through the squash. Once you have your knife, you'll need to cut off a tiny bit on either end of the squash so it is stabilized during the cooking process. Cut the squash in 1/2 length-wise, and then cut both halves, one at a time, in about 1 inch (or thicker depending on how you like them) strips. Then, using a foil-lined casserole pan, use a pastry brush to evenly coat the acorn squash pieces with the melted butter.

After that, take your Brown Sugar and Nutmeg mixture and lightly pat it onto the pieces of acorn squash.

Finally, place your Acorn Squash in the oven after the oven is done pre-heating. Roast the squash until fork-tender or desired consistency.

Enjoy what you just made!



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

St. George Episcopal Church Women met October 19. We learned that our Tools-to-Treasure/Fine & Fancy sale made \$1956.60. \$306 of that is from our new Boutique. We voted to send \$300 to Episcopal Relief & Development for Puerto Rico and \$100 to FISH for their holiday cheese program. In the future, we will be discussing an "Early-Bird" sale for Thursday before the regular sale and putting some of the large coffee makers from under the stairs in the sale.

Holiday items at the sale



We discussed the Christmas Giving Tree for Douglas County Children's Services. Thelma Sayers will get the names, and she will need assistance making the paper mittens and stockings and putting the children's information on them. Then your help will be needed to fulfill the requests.

Donna Anderson from Holy Spirit in Sutherland came by to tell us about and sell us tickets for their annual tea which sends the proceeds to charitable programs.

Our next meeting will be November 16.

Altar Guild

I will be making next year's Altar Guild schedule soon and I would like to add more names. If you are looking for a way to serve St. George, we would love to welcome you. If you are not sure, feel free to join us on a trial basis. Please contact any of us.

~ BJ Hoffman

FISH Report

The October Roseburg Food Project neighborhood collection brought in 9000 pounds of food.

The Food Pantry is especially in need of volunteer help on Thursday mornings. Here is a good opportunity for service to the community.

<http://fishofroseburg.org/>

Thelma Sayers

Thelma didn't rest on her laurels after her Alaska adventures. Here is an overview of the last nearly sixty years. We can only wait and see what she has planned for the future!

After their ten years in Alaska, Thelma moved with her family to Grants Pass, where Albert served as Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church from 1959 to 1974. Thelma's local church work continued and she also became secretary of Christian Action for the Diocese. She volunteered with the Grants Pass Community Concert Association, the United Fund Board, and the American Field Service while managing to raise two sons.

Thelma tells the story of the house they built in Grants Pass:

I had in mind the color I wanted to paint it, but couldn't find it at the store. So I baked a red devil's food cake and took it to the people at the paint counter to show them exactly what I wanted. I painted the outside of the house and Father painted the trim.



In 1968 Thelma and Albert celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Grants Pass.

In 1974 Albert came to Roseburg to assist the Reverend Alfred Tyson at St. George's Episcopal Church. He retired in 1976 and the Thelma and Albert stayed on in Roseburg. Thelma was active in the Roseburg community too, as well as in the local church and Episcopal World Relief.

When Thelma won the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Award in January of 1996, she had no idea it was coming. A friend, Beverly Paulson, had invited her to the presentation banquet, saying she had an extra ticket and needed someone to use it. When the Emcee began to describe the winner, Thelma remembers thinking that the person was doing the kind of things she herself did, including activity in the Conference on Aging at UCC, RSVP, and the Roseburg Community Concert Association. Her reaction when she found out she won:
What a surprise. I didn't know at all. I don't know what to say.



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The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. George's in 1993.

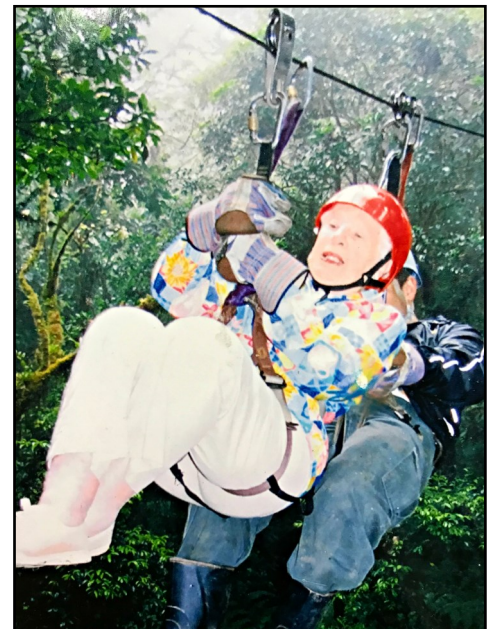
After Alfred's death in 1999, Thelma became quite the traveler. On a boat trip on the Colorado River in 2005, the guide found out it was her 85th birthday and insisted that she pilot the boat.



Thelma remembered her father's picture of the Sphinx and took a trip to Egypt to see it for herself in 2007 in spite of two broken wrists.

She was 90 when she went zip-lining in Costa Rica and was recovering from wrist surgery at the time. They told her she was the oldest woman ever to participate.

Thelma celebrates her 97th birthday on November 5. She isn't slowing down though—right now she is gearing up for St. George's annual Christmas Giving Tree project. Keep an eye on her. You never know what she'll be up to next.




Thanks to Thelma for sharing her life with us, and thanks to David Sayers for his input on this story.



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St. Luke's chapter of Daughters of the King invites the women of St. George's to their Quiet Day on Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Led by the Rev. Mary Pieper, the theme is "God Danced the Day You Were Born . . . Being the Beloved."

Bring a sack lunch.

St. George Episcopal Church publishes THE DRAGON SCOOP monthly. If you would like something to be considered for the newsletter please talk to Leigh Van Sickle. E-mailed articles and photographs can be sent to saintgeorgepix@gmail.com.

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Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

OFFICE HOURS
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

