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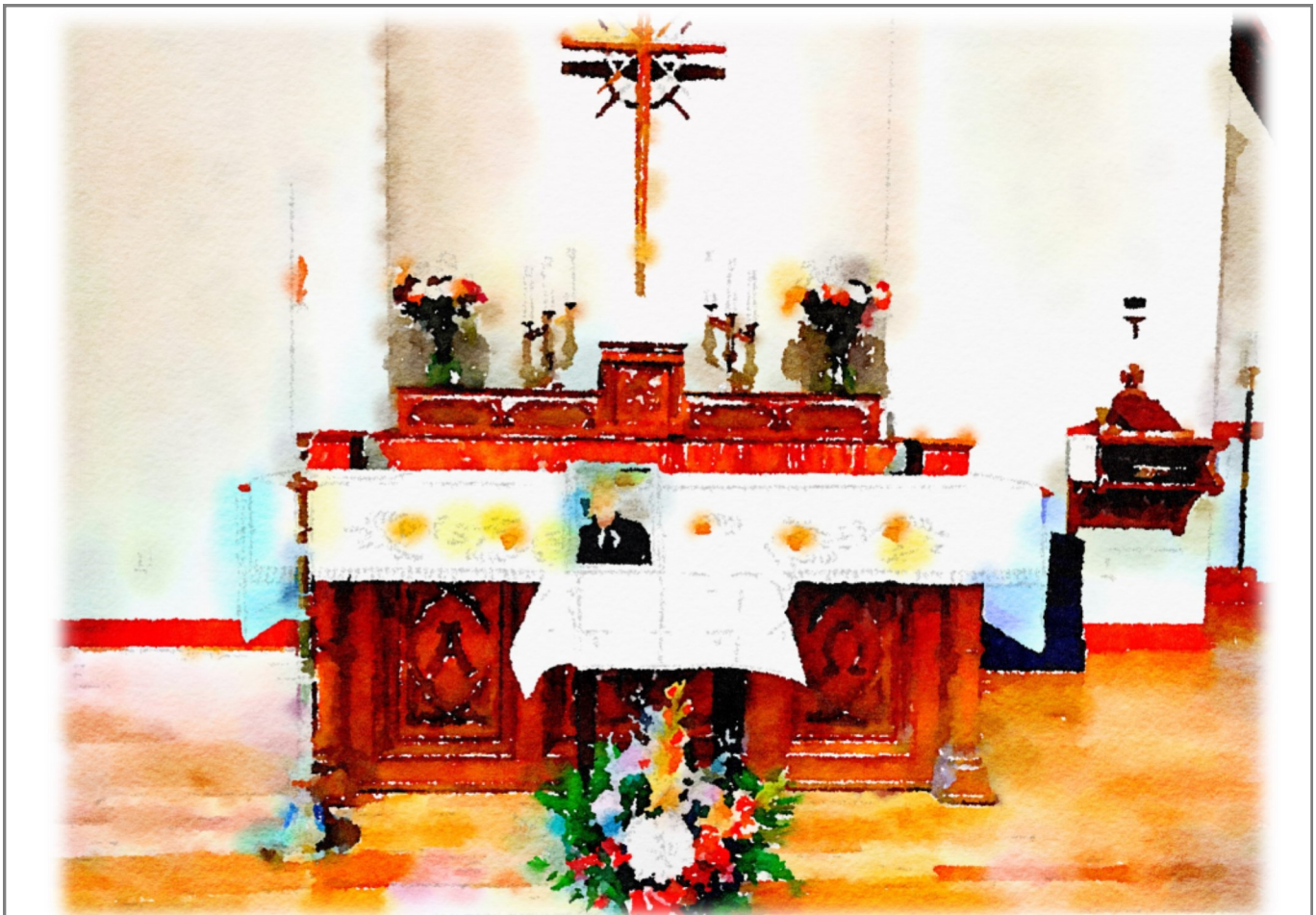
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“Loving God, Loving Our
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Connie Hunnicutt, 1930-2019



St. George's was full on October 26, when family and friends came together for Connie Hunnicutt's memorial service. Her son Greg spoke of Connie's unconditional love for her husband, Wally, for her children and grandchildren, for her wonderful friends, and for this church, where she had served for over 60 years.

Fr. Jim Boston presided and said of Connie, “God didn't just love her, God depended on her.”

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

I have noticed the folks of St. George's tend to go on vacation after school begins, and in the spring, before schools close for the summer. The weather is better and attractions are less crowded. Good thinking.

Another thing that happens every fall is the annual reminder that the parish needs your support in time, treasure, and talent. In particular, your faithfulness in financial stewardship is how we are now able to seek a 3/4 pay rector. *I am told there are two inquiries now from interested priests, and a third is expected.*

In ancient Israel families gave a tenth of their income each year, and, every seven years, an additional tenth. Such comparisons are never entirely correct. Still they helped inspire me to begin tithing ten percent a long time ago, when I had very little income.

Now Pam and I tithe (10% of our income) to our two parish churches, here and in Grants Pass. Surprisingly, that is a lot harder than it used to be. We also give small amounts to many church and secular groups whose ministries we value and want to encourage. Currently we are investing quite a bit on needy relatives and friends. It is a privilege and a joy to

give. I can only imagine the joy it would be if we were rich.

Whatever you can do to support our church, do it with gratitude for the many gifts God gives us in this life, and especially for the gift of salvation we know in our Savior Jesus Christ.

In October Pam and I were given the results of my second detailed testing of mental ability. It showed slow but real decline. I was advised to give up driving entirely. My visual processing is on the slow side. I am told that my best mental skill is verbal ability. It will go last of all. Perhaps not at all if I die soon enough. That pleases me. I hope that I will still be around many years from now.

In the meantime, it is a privilege and a joy to be with you all, the people of St. George's, as pastor, and friend.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+



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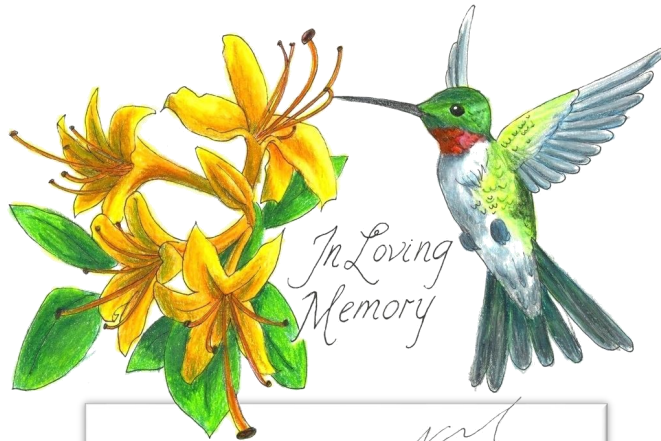
In Memoriam

Connie Joyce Groshong Hunnicutt
August 27, 1930 - October 11, 2019



In Memoriam

Camille Perrault Christensen
February 16, 1928 - October 19, 2019



Camille was a long-time member of St George's. She and her husband, William "Chris" Christensen, came to Roseburg in 1951, where they started Chris' Studio of Photography. She was active in many church and civic projects and received the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce First Citizen Award in 1991.

Camille had recently moved to Portland so that she could spend her remaining time with her family. At their request, no services will be held.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Thelma's thought for the day:

Feed your faith
and your doubts will starve to death.

Thanks to donations from you and the community, Tools-to-Treasure/Fine & Fancy was successful. The current balance is \$1212.26, so we voted to send \$120 to Habitat for Humanity to help put a roof on a home being built locally. We were able to donate items to the Roseburg Dream Center, the Roseburg Mission, Goodwill, FISH, Douglas County Princess for a Day, and Lions. We also learned that the Lions Club takes hearing aids. We shared fun stories and ideas for the next sale.



*Relaxing after the sale.
Photo by Sue Phelps*

We decided to continue to have the children's Christmas gift tree. We are also looking into purchasing some new vestments. We will seek opportunities to make our church name more visible in the community and to reconnect with the women at Samaritan Inn.

Pete Benham told us about the AARP driving review class that he teaches. He answered questions we had about how long to wait for pedestrians to cross, and when we can make turns on red lights and arrows. He will teach a class at church on November 16. **See page 7 for details.** There is a charge, but attendees are entitled to a discount on their auto insurance. Check with him if you are interested.

Our next meeting will be November 21. Please join us. Also remember your Attitude of Gratitude donations.



The United Thank Offering Prayer

Gracious God,
we come before you in the knowledge
that although we are varied in our gifts
we are united as laborers in your harvest.

With grateful hearts, we give thanks
for the blessings and challenges that inspire
the work of the United Thank Offering.

May the offerings given to UTO
as an expression of gratitude go on to address
the needs of our ever-changing world.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ
whose life is a blueprint we strive to follow.

Amen.

FISH

Thank you to all those who donated food and money during the fall community food drive. A combined total of 4,590 pounds of food and \$1,084.36 were donated to the FISH Food Pantry on October 26 at local grocery stores Albertsons, Safeway, Fred Meyer, and Sherm's Thunderbird. Mik Carlson reported that 990 pounds and \$617 were donated at Albertsons, where St. George and Faith Lutheran volunteers staffed the booth.

Final results for the October Roseburg Food Project collection of donated food are 11,868 pounds by 73 Neighborhood Coordinators from 712 food donors. The next pick up will be Saturday, December 14.



FISH is doing their part to make a positive impact in the community now and in the future. They are recycling all paper products though Sisters Shredding:



Paper and Cardboard Recycling – Sisters Shredding is opening their doors to the public.

With the lack of paper recycling in Douglas County, Sisters Shredding is stepping up to handle all of your paper recycling needs. Paper does not have to be sorted, and the best part is: It's absolutely FREE!

Drop Off Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 12 pm

Location:

193 NE Exchange Dr.
(Behind Franz Bakery)
Roseburg, OR 97470

<https://www.sistersshredding.com>

The Blue Box Prayer

Almighty God, I give you praise
for blessing me in many ways.
Create in me a grateful heart
and with this gift a blessing start.
Amen



Upcoming

There will be an **AARP Smart Driver** class **Saturday, November 16** in St. George's Parish Hall. The instructor will be Pete Benham. To register, call 541-672-1016 or visit www.aarp.org

The class will be from 9 am to 4 pm. It is suggested that all participants bring a sack lunch.

Cost for AARP members is \$15.00 and for non-members \$20.00.



At the 131st Annual Diocesan Convention in October, delegates approved a resolution of policy titled "**Welcoming the Stranger**," which urges Oregon congregations and members to support and participate in training and educational opportunities to offer sacred welcome to immigrants and refugees.

As part of these training opportunities, the diocesan Commission for Sanctuary will offer workshops in partnership with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice. The first two will be this month:

November 16 at St. Francis of Assisi
Episcopal Church, Wilsonville

**November 23 at St. Thomas
Episcopal Church, Eugene**

Read more about this resolution and register for one of these workshops here:
<https://www.diocese-oregon.org/welcoming-the-stranger/>

Sunday, November 10, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
at Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall:
Æbelskiver Breakfast.

Æbelskivers are traditional Danish round pancakes/donuts, somewhat similar in texture to pancakes crossed with a popover. Sausage, fruit cups, and Juice and coffee will also be served. A free-will offering will benefit the FISH Food Pantry.



Opportunity to Make a Difference

On October 27, Pam Boston shared with the congregation that she and Fr. Jim have been ministering at the Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility in Grants Pass for over 23 years. Most of the boys in this facility are in their late teens, but they are still excited by all holidays and especially Christmas.

At Christmas, the Bostons will take sodas, pizza, and candy and they will be allowed to tell the Christmas story. Each boy will get three inexpensive presents (usually one is a pair of socks) and there will be gifts such as soccer balls, basketballs, and footballs, as well as Legos and art supplies, for the unit. If a young man is a father, he will receive an outfit, a toy, and a book to give to his child. One young father, upon holding up his baby's tiny outfit, was thrilled to see just how big his son was, since he had not yet met him in person.

And yes, we can contribute to make this occasion even more joyful. Write a check to St. George's and note on the comments line that it goes to "youth prison."



Thanks and Praise

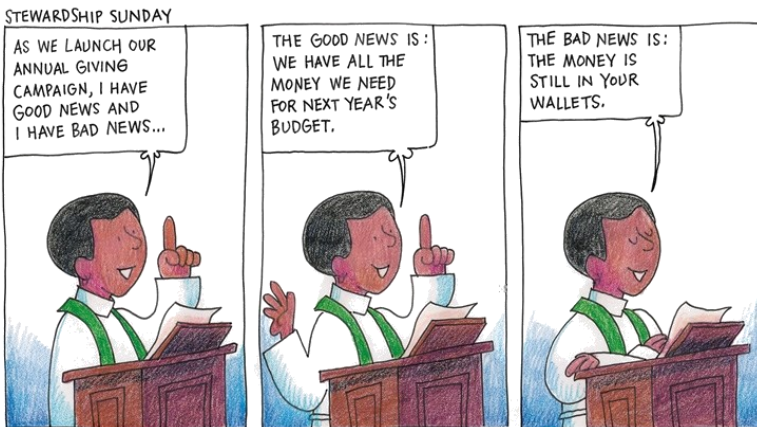
Stewardship Drive

Each November Episcopalians make a financial commitment to their church. We pray and reflect in order to come to a spiritual decision about how much to give.

By promising to donate regularly, we show that we are committed to God's work and that we are not afraid we won't have enough for ourselves. We demonstrate our love and gratitude to God in a tangible way.

Consider tithing (10% of what we earn) as your pledge. But in any case, realize that proportional giving is the biblical standard—those who have more are expected to give back more. Often, the smallest gift is the largest, as told in Luke 21:1-4, the story of the Widow's Offering.

If you haven't already received your pledge envelope, check with the office. The forms need to be returned by the end of **November**. And remember, a stewardship commitment can be changed at any time.



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The November 2019 United Thank Offering Gratitude Challenge

The Gratitude Challenge funds grants to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. 100% of the received funds are distributed.

The focus of the 2020 UTO grants is Bless—share faith, practice generosity and compassion, and proclaim the Good News of God in Christ with hope and humility.

Take a moment each day to reflect on what you experienced throughout the day for which you are grateful—sunshine, breakfast, gas in the car, a child's hug, a spouse or friend's smile, clean clothes Then toss some change into your UTO box to express your gratitude. (Boxes and a calendar of gratitude ideas are available at the church.)

At the end of November, write a check and place it in the UTO envelope. Be sure it is at church by **Sunday, November 24**. If necessary, cash in the envelope is okay also.

Keep your box and keep counting your blessings and we will have another ingathering in the spring or next fall.

Give thanks for all good things.

~Betty Jo Hoffman

For more information, you can go to episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering

Blessings



The Blessing of the Animals, Oct. 12, 2019



***Happy Birthday Blessings
Margaret Thomas and Anita Blair***



Pastor Appreciation Day:

***Fr. Jim and Pam
are a blessing to us!***



Diocesan Convention

The 131st Annual Convention of the Diocese of Oregon was held October 25-26 in Salem . About 350 people attended.

St. George's delegates were Nancy Baum, Fr. Jim Boston, Margaret Thomas, and Steve Thomas (pictured below, left to right).



- ♦ The sale of the Close fell through because of extensive water damage to the building. Because of its age there are probably other problems, but it can't be sold until the damage is repaired.

Margaret reports on their experiences:

- ♦ For the first time we voted electronically which saved a lot of time and we finished ahead of schedule.
- ♦ To save money only the service bulletin was printed. Otherwise we went online and printed copies of the documents or used our electronic devices. I did both and observed many people using only their phones or tablets.
- ♦ The proposed 2020 diocesan budget passed easily; however, developing it was a challenge due to a substantial drop in DPA income. One of the people on the budget committee was our former administrative assistant Hana Rubens—she is very active at St. Luke's, Grants Pass.
- ♦ The delegates voted to approve the Resolution of Policy: Welcoming the Stranger. All congregations and their members are urged to support and participate in training and educational opportunities to offer sacred welcome to immigrants and refugees. The Diocesan Commission for Sanctuary will present workshops on offering sacred welcome to immigrants and refugees in the Portland metro area and to the central and southern portions of the Diocese beginning this November. See page 7 for locations and times.

Vestry

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Are you called to serve?



Vestry Nomination Process

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 8, 2020](#) 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.
- Eighteen (18) or more years of age.
- Not 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.

Your Church needs you – Please consider serving on the Vestry.



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**Sign up
in the Office
to provide flowers
for the altar
in November.**



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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays
10 am—Morning Prayer

November