



# The Dragon Scoop

## November 2024

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**Mission Statement:**  
"Loving God,  
Loving Our Neighbors"

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



## Blessing of the Animals



We celebrated the Feast of St. Francis here at St. George's on Oct. 6. The service included Bible readings and the singing of "All Creatures of Our God and King." It ended with individual blessings by the Revs. Goodrich of about 25 critters .



## Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

*And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.*

*May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.*

*( 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24)*



In this season of Elections and Thanksgiving, these are the verses that have been running through my head. In the past, I have often quoted just verse 18, where Paul says “give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” But this year, I need the whole context. This year, particularly, I need all the verses around it, acknowledging the complexity and messiness of life. I need Paul’s acknowledgement that some people are idlers and don’t seem to contribute to the common good and that some people are weak and aren’t able to even take care of themselves, but even so, we need to be patient with all of them—encourage, admonish, and help them. In other words, we can’t just give up on them or ignore them...we need to stay in relationship with them. I get so frustrated with some folks, I just want to throw up my hands... but Paul doesn’t let me off the hook. I need to always seek to good... *even when they do evil*, Paul says. Yes, even when they do evil, we do good.

*Hold fast to what is good*, Paul says. Hang on to the goodness, in the midst of all that is ugly and twisted in this world. In these days when so many of the words we hear from people in power devalue and degrade others...when evil seems to be holding the megaphone...don’t forget what the prophets taught us. Don’t forget how they taught us to welcome the stranger and do justice for the oppressed. Hold fast to what is good. Don’t give up...God is good.

*Hold fast to what is good*. Don’t get so focused on everything that is wrong that you miss what is beautiful. Don’t let the goodness in your life

slip through your fingers unappreciated. Hold fast to the goodness of love and friendship... the goodness of fresh air and rainfall...the goodness of a cup of coffee and puppy snuggles... the goodness of libraries and schools...the goodness of food pantries and youth shelters.... the goodness of kindness and respect....the goodness of hospitality and forgiveness. Hang on to the goodness...especially now...because God is good.

Rejoicing and praying and giving thanks isn’t always easy, in a world threatened by greed and power and hate. Life is messy and complex and people don’t make it easy for us. But hang on, friends. Hang on to the goodness...because God is faithful. And God will keep you—spirit, soul, and body. God has you, God holds you, and will never let you go. God is good...and God’s got this. And for that, we give thanks.



Peace be with you—spirit, soul, and body,  
Rev. Janine

# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

Before our October meeting, eight of us walked up to the corner of Lane and Kane which is the location of the Judge James Watson Hamilton House. It has also been known as the Helen Jane Clark House, which is how I remember it.



We enjoyed an amazing tour by the current owner. It is hard to describe all of the wonderful woodwork, furnishings, and decor. I don't know about tours by other groups. Some of our ladies know the

owner and Sue Phelps set up our tour.

*ECW members pictured above left to right: Karla Roady, Faye Benham, BJ Hoffman, Margaret Thomas, and Valarie Bruffett.*

*Photo by Sue Phelps.*

The meeting was short; we just firmed up rummage sale times and provided some general information. Please bring your donations starting Mon., Nov. 4, and continuing through Thurs.

The advertised sale times are:

**Wed., Nov., 6, 4-6 pm**

**Thurs. Nov. 7, 4-6 pm**

**Fri., Nov. 8, 9 am to 4 pm**

**Sat., Nov. 9, 9 am to noon**

We can always use helpers to set up the room dividers, tables, and racks, and then with putting out all of the donated items.

Also, the best time to **drop off donations** for the sale is **9-11 and 1-2** unless you have a key to the church—then you can come anytime. The parking conditions are best during those hours.

Sue provided a great lunch. Please join us for our next meeting on Nov. 21.



### Thelma's Thought for the Day

***"Goodness is the only investment that never fails."***





## Blessings



**Birthday Blessings for Walt Combs and Anniversary Blessings for Samuel and Carolyn Lee (shown with their daughter Cathryn) and Robin and Chris Artac**



**Birthday Blessings  
for  
Margaret Thomas  
and  
Gary Flowers**

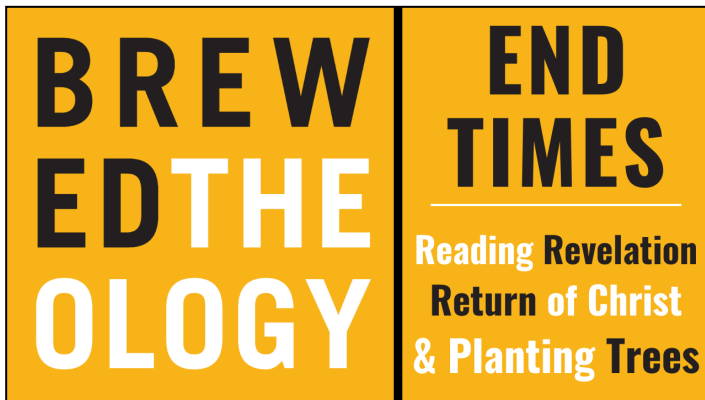


*Thanks to Sue Phelps for providing this photo.*

**Carolyn and Samuel Lee's  
1959 Wedding Day at St. George's**



## ParishNews



Poster by Rev. Janine Goodrich

We will continue our Brewed Theology gatherings on the first Thursday of every month in the Upper Room at Brix Bar, 527 SE Jackson.

This month we will be talking about “End Times—Reading Revelation, the Return of Christ, and Planting Trees.” You can join us at 2:30 or 6:30 that day. If you are planning on eating dinner, we encourage you to come at 6:00 to order your meal.

Looking forward to the conversations!

### 136th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon



Above: Bishop Diana Akiyama  
Right: St. George's delegation—  
Margaret Thomas  
Rev. Janine Goodrich  
Steve Thomas  
Rev. Matt Goodrich  
Nancy Baum



*Thanks to Steve for providing the photos!*



# FISH

## Board of Directors Meeting Executive Director Report October 21, 2024

### Pantry Operation

- Number of Families/Door Dash Served for September 2024  
Families—876/Individuals—2671  
Door Dash—23 home deliveries  
Outreach (unhoused and community agencies) - 175 (both Door Dash and Outreach are included in the total)
- Food Purchased  
2023: April—\$3,198/ May—\$3,900/June—\$5,024/July—\$8,932/ Aug—\$5,411/  
Sept—\$5,407/ Oct—\$6,257/ November—\$14,832/ December—\$9463.47  
2024: January—\$8567.11/ February—\$4699.24/ March—\$4645.29/ April—\$3976.71/  
May—\$4895.26/ June—\$3341.07/ July—\$5,597.02/ August—\$6229/  
September—\$6671
- Voucher activity  
Hotel—2 nights=\$182.24  
Fuel voucher—4 fuel vouchers \$100 (gift cards to Costco)

There will be an open house on December 12 for volunteers and donors.

## Financial Report by Kathy Glockner

Pledges	\$ 6,456	\$ 6,558	\$ 63,321	\$ 59,022
Other Income	2,826	2,683	32,036	24,150
Total Income	9,281	9,241	95,357	83,172
Expenses	12,291	12,114	85,412	109,023
	\$ (3,010)	\$ (2,872)	\$ 9,945	\$ (25,851)

The last two months our pledges have been down, but that usually happens during the summer months when people are vacationing. The pledges almost reached the budgeted amount for September. We did have a significant expense in September. We replaced the windows in the offices, but that has already led to a decrease in utilities as well as making the office more energy efficient and more comfortable. Though we were in the red for the month of September by about \$3,000, we are still in the black for the year to date bottom line when we budgeted a loss of about \$26,000 for the budget at this point in time.

Thanks to you and the staff, we are still ahead of the game. Keep up the good work!



# Vestry

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10, 2025 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, 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





# The Preacher & The Teacher

## Excerpts from 1965

With 1964 ending with the worst flood in a century, 1965 opened with a snow storm which slowed down our activities a bit—but not completely. . . . And I began teaching Principles of Economics at Umpqua Community College while the regular instructor took time off to have a baby. Attendance at all three services continued to hold up in spite of the weather.

Good Friday and Easter came again. The four resident priests of the Episcopal Church cooperated for the three hour Good Friday service: Fr. Tyson from 12 to 1; Troy, 1-2, Bunnage, 2-3; with Fr. Blaker reading the “service.” Easter was a full house again: 7 A.M. was 175; 9:30, 235 plus those in the Parish Hall (100); and 11, 150. Our choir also sang at the Fair Grounds earlier, directed by Bob Robins. Later in March I visited Jenny Vassal in Dallas, never dreaming that my son would one day be vicar there. My father’s older brother had come to Oregon from France before 1900 with Walter Vassal, Jenny’s deceased husband.

We began May with the notation: “No Coffee Hours. Some one goofed.”

On the not-so-good side, I recorded that the Guild had a big row over the kitchen arrangement. Helen Bauer handled it well. But it simmered and boiled until the following December when Roger Smith and Leonard Roche settled it with a declaration from the Vestry—after which “five or six women got up and walked out.” During the six months in between I was plagued with numerous phone calls from both sides of the squabble. At one point I even talked to the bishop about it and wondered if I should resign. But I didn’t.

[The kitchen saga heats up in 1966, so watch for more news in the December Scoop.](#)

Maxine Henninger’s mother, Ethel Harvey, died and the funeral was in Glendale. I wrote, “I ate lunch in the hearse.”

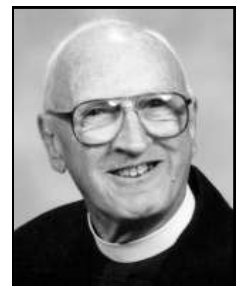
The next big events of the year were that Caroline and five girls from St. George’s went to St. Helens Hall in Portland where Caroline ran a GFS [Girls’ Friendly Society] “camp” while Steve and I drove up to Alaska with the Sayers from Grants Pass. Fr. Sayers had previously served the Church in Nome, and later at Petersburg and then Anchorage. Their son Nokie went with us, making five altogether in the car, plus baggage. It was a beautiful trip, both the driving and the ferry up the inside passage. We didn’t know at this time that Albert would be my last curate at St. George’s and would move to Roseburg.

[The fifth passenger, of course, was Thelma Sayers, wife of Fr. Albert Sayers.](#)

Caroline and I vacationed in Bend, went to the early service, only to find no priest showed up. So I did the Communion service for them. Even on vacation you sometimes have to work.

The year 1965 ends in my diary with this commentary: “So ends another year, with many blessings (financial, good health, etc.) but also with much soul searching about my future. We had a marvelous trip to Alaska, and a good vacation.”

*The Preacher & the Teacher:  
the story of our years at St. George’s  
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*



## Stamp Club News

### Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents the November stamp of the month



It began as a single day, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt set August 19th as Aviation History Day in 1939. It was extended to the full month of November in 2003 by Congress.



#C45 was issued on December 17, 1949 at  
Kitty Hawk, NC

The featured stamp commemorates the 46th anniversary of the first successful flight of a powered heavier-than-air aircraft of 59 seconds and 852 feet by Wilbur Wright in December of 1903.

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*

## Parish News

**Lori and Walt Combs** are officially welcomed into St. George's congregation.







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**Senior Warden: Pete Benham**  
**Co-Junior Wardens:**  
**Bob Spielman & Sue Phelps**  
**Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10 am—2 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10:30 am**  
**Sundays**  
**and**  
**10 am**  
**Wednesdays**

