

The Dragon Scoop

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St. George Episcopal Church
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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

The Dream of a Church



Let us dream of a church . . .
In which all members know surely
and simply God’s great love, and
each is certain that in the divine
heart we are all known by name; in
which Jesus is very Word, our
window in the Father’s heart; the
sign of God’s hope and design for
all humankind; in which the Spirit
is not a party symbol, but wind and
fire in everyone; gracing the
church with a kaleidoscope of gifts
and constant renewal for all.

Let us dream of a church . . .
In which worship is lively and fun
as well as reverent and holy; and
we might be moved to dance and
laugh; to be solemn, cry or beat the
breast; in which people know how
to pray and enjoy it whether in
silence or word or song; in which
the Eucharist is the center of life
and servanthood the center of
mission.

Let us dream of a church . . .
With a radically renewed concept
and practice of ministry; where
there is no clerical status and no
classes of Christians but all
together know themselves to be
the holy people of God; that is a
ministering community rather than
a community gathered around a
minister.

Let us dream of a church . . .
So salty and yeasty that it really
would be missed if no longer
around; where there is wild sowing
of seeds and much rejoicing when
they take root and little concern
for success, comparative statistics,
growth or even survival; so
evangelical that its worship, its
quality of caring, its eagerness to
reach out to those in need cannot
be contained.

Let us dream of a church . . .
In which every congregation is in
mission and each Christian is
gifted for ministry; in which all
are peacemakers and healers
abhorring violence in all forms,
as concerned with societal healing
as with individual healing, with
justice as with freedom,
prophetically confronting the root
causes of social, political and
economic ills; that is true
community – an open, caring,
sharing household of faith where
all find embrace, acceptance and
affirmation.

Finally, let us dream of a people . . .
Called to recognize all the
absurdities in ourselves and in
one another, including the
absurdity that is LOVE; serious
about the call and the mission but
not so serious about ourselves.

*“The Dream of a Church”
comes from the writings of
the Right Reverend Wesley
Frensdorff, Bishop of the
Diocese of Nevada, delivered
at major church events
during the period 1981-1985.*

The complete text is here:
[http://www.ststephens-
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Letter from Bishop Neff

The Spirituality of Money

It is often said, and I believe it to be true, that the subject that Jesus talks about the most is the relationship between us and our possessions, particularly money. We must not forget that all that we are and all that we have is a direct gift from God or what we have done with the tangible and intangible gifts from God. Jesus' teaching about the role of money and possessions in our spirituality is important to us all as individual Christians and to us as the Christian community of St. George's.

I bring up the subject of the spirituality of money at this time for two reasons. First because this is the time of year when you are asked for your annual pledge for the support of this congregation both inside the church and outside its doors; in Roseburg, in the diocese, and in the wider church abroad. Secondly, I bring the subject up because St. George's has received a generous legacy gift.

All matters of finance in the congregation must be absolutely transparent to avoid any misunderstandings. We rejoice that St. George's has received a legacy gift. The vestry will decide on how to handle the proceeds at a special meeting on November 2. In the meantime, the vestry members will be talking among themselves

and I invite you to express your opinions to the Wardens or other members of the vestry so that they do not make a decision in a vacuum. The vestry's decision will be communicated to the congregation.

Sometimes I am asked what is appropriate to pledge. It is a very personal and actually a very spiritual decision. From my experience I can suggest that one look at percentages rather than just a dollar amount. Dorothy and I return to God through the Church from the abundance God has given to us and what we have done with the many gifts we have been given: Ten Percent, off the top, before taxes. We were led to tithing after hearing a stewardship talk by Bishop Bigliardi in 1974. Considering tithing took our breath away. The first thing we did was to take a look at what percent we were already giving. It took us several years of incremental increases in the percentage before we reached the tithe mark; now it is simply the way we live.

Please prayerfully consider your gift back to God through St. George's this stewardship season.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Neff

October Sunday Worship Schedule

October 5 - Holy Eucharist - the Reverend Tom Murphy

October 12 - Holy Eucharist - the Right Reverend Michael Hanley, Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon

October 19 - Morning Prayer

October 26 - Holy Eucharist - the Reverend Doug Hale

Looking for Organist or Pianist

Luella will only be playing for us through the first Sunday in November. If you know anyone who might be interested in being the organist or pianist for St. George, please contact the parish office.

The position is paid \$75.00 per Sunday. If the musician wishes to play for weddings, that additional pay is \$100.00.

Welcome to the Household of God



Karen Lee was baptized at St. George on September 14, 2014 by Bishop Neff.



Sing praise to our Creator,
O you of Adam's race —
God's children by adoption,
baptized into his grace.

To Jesus Christ give glory,
God's co-eternal Son;
as members of his Body
we live in him as one.

And praise the Holy Spirit
poured forth upon the earth;
who sanctifies and guides us,
made strong in our rebirth.

~ Mark Evans (1962)
Hymnal #295

Prayer Circle

St. George's Prayer Circle is a group of your fellow parishioners who participate in a ministry of prayer for others. The Prayer Circle participants pray daily for the needs of those on this specific list.

When you have a need for prayer for yourself, a family member, or a close friend, notify Thelma Sayers, someone on the Prayer Circle or the church office 541-673-4048; they in turn will pass the information on to the next person on the list. Let the person you talk to know if you would also like that person placed on the Intercessions list for the Sunday bulletin and Prayers of the People. The two lists are handled separately.

When you call in your request, we would like the correct spelling of the person's name, their relationship to you, brief information about the need (God knows why we are praying), and your name. All information is confidential. We will pray for that person and need for one month. If you need to renew your request, just start the process again.

Prayer Circle Members

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|------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Thelma Sayers | 541-672-8858 |
| 2. Margaret Thomas | 541-957-8289 |
| 3. Jean Bowden | 541-672-5364 |
| 4. Joy & Rick Williams | 541-440-1070 |
| 5. Betty Jo Hoffman | 541-679-7883 |
| 6. Sue Phelps | 541-672-8324 |
| 7. Connie Hunnicutt | 541-673-6111 |
| 8. Carolyn Lee | 541-673-9756 |
| 9. Jewell Gates | 541-672-7185 |
| 10. Marcia Jackson | 541-673-4040 |
| 11. Faye Benham | 541-672-1016 |
| 12. Joy Ballard | 541-672-6837 |
| 13. Mik Carlson | 541-464-0634 |
| 14. Nancy Baum | 541-673-5570 |
| 15. Carolyn Lee | 541-673-9756 |



Episcopal Church Women

Don Severson shared his memories of his trip to Washington D.C. via the program that offers a group of veterans and their companions a trip to visit the war memorials. It was a very interesting and moving program.

We voted to donate \$200 to pay for the supplies for the "Snack Bags" so we can continue to help feed the poor. We recently ran out of filled Snack Bags, and we don't want that to happen in the future. We encourage you to continue to donate to this outreach program and to pick up bags so you can participate in the program also. You can pick one or more bags up at church on Sunday or during the week during office hours.

We also agreed that we as part of St. George Church want to help Juliana Marez with her "Food Security Bags," which provide food for needy children for weekend consumption. (See Juliana's article on page 6 for more information about helping with this project.)

We also decided to set up some containers for everyone to donate socks and weather-related items such as umbrellas and ponchos. Socks are needed all year round and they are also used as gloves when necessary. If you live in Oregon, you know weather items are going to be needed soon! Mik Carlson agreed to make a bulletin board for this project.

We discussed the new twist to our Rummage Sale. On Saturday a person may purchase a paper grocery bag for \$1 and fill it with clothing. This is an effort to get more clothing into the community and will be less for us to pack up.

Donna Litherland will present our program on October 16. Please join us at 11:00.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, Co-President

Rummage Sale

The ECW Rummage Sale is October 3 and 4. Clean out your attics, closets, garages, etc. and recycle those things you're never going to wear or forgot you had or will use again!



Tables will be set up after church on September 28 and you can bring in your items Monday through Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Sale hours are 9:00-4:00 on Friday, October 3, and 9:00-noon on Saturday, October 4.

Belgian Waffle Feast

Kathy Glockner's Belgian Waffle Feast made \$272 for St. George and Wilbur United Methodist Churches.

About sixty people attended the breakfast.



Parish Activities

Bishop Neff's Visit and Fellowship after Baptism



Pie and Ice Cream Social



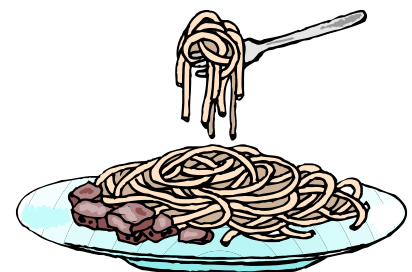
Stewardship Kickoff

You are invited to a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 25, 2014. There will be a social hour at 5:30, with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert, the usual beverages, and wine.

This will be a time for fellowship and for sharing information regarding our financial needs. There won't be any long speeches, but someone will give you needed information to help you decide what your pledge will be for the coming year. There will also be information on one of the bulletin boards for you to look at so you can actually see

what our current expenses are and track our progress in meeting next year's expenses as your pledges come in.

Please come for an evening of good food, helpful information, and fellowship.



Matthew 19:14

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither
are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*
Isaiah 55:8

It's hard for us to understand how God can permit the suffering of children. We watch the news and feel sickened by it. We witnessed it firsthand this month in our community as four children lost their mother in a senseless murder.

I spoke to a Child Development Specialist at one of their schools about it. His own son was awaiting the results of his bar exam and was very anxious about the results. He told his son that whatever the results, his son would still have everything he walked in with, including his father's love. The Specialist told me that one of the children affected by the mother's death returned to his elementary school for comfort. He said that at the end of the conversation the child gave him a hug. Being a father himself and one who had nearly lost his wife recently, he safely hugged him back. The child said "I love you" and the Specialist responded "I love you too" with the paternal instinct of a protective father. I have to believe in that moment Christ was present, hugging them both.

Our children need to know they belong to us, and we belong to them. Skinned knees, broken

vases, failed math paper or prodigal journey, they belong to us. We hope one day to be that child waiting at the gate for open arms.

At this time we have 110 children in our school district experiencing homelessness and 2806 children living below the poverty line. A smile, a kind word, a sense of security can help sustain them. Saturday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. the First Presbyterian Church at 823 SE Lane Avenue will host a Food Security Bag assembly. Please plan to come pray for the children and help feed them too! Each bag is not only paid for, it's prayed for.


*... the present suffering is nothing compared to
the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us.*
Romans 8:18

Amen.

~ Juliana Marez

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."*



Our Facebook page has a new,
easy-to-remember address. You
do not need to have a Facebook
account to view the page.
facebook.com/episcopalroseburg

We also have a new email address
for submitting digital photos for the
Dragon Scoop:

saintgeorgepix@gmail.com

Feel free to take pictures at our
events and send them in!

Cathedrals of the World

St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town, South Africa

St. George's Cathedral is the Anglican cathedral in Cape Town and is the seat of the Archbishop of Cape Town.

In 1827, on a visit to South Africa, the Bishop of Calcutta consecrated land for a new Anglican church. The foundation stone for this church was laid on April 23, 1830 (St. George's day). The building was designed in the Gothic style and based on drawings of St. Pancras' church in London. This new church opened for services in December 1834 with a capacity for 1,000 people and 300 seats for the poor.

With the creation of the Diocese of Cape Town, the church was designated a cathedral in 1847, although it was only a modest parish church.

The foundation stone for a new cathedral was laid in 1901 by the Duke of Cornwall and York (later to become King George V).

Work on the new cathedral was delayed by war and did not really start until 1904. Work continued slowly and only in 1930 was the memorial stone for the North Transept laid. Finally the Transept was finished in 1936 and it could be said that the cathedral was completed.

The glorious stained glass windows include both a white Christ and a black Christ. The cathedral has a wonderful set of ten ringing bells, which are rung every Sunday.

Desmond Tutu made history when he was elected Archbishop of Cape Town in 1986.

~ Doug Holloway



Affectionately known as the "people's church," St. George's kept its doors open to people of all races throughout the apartheid era.

FISH Report

Carolyn Lee will be the new St. George representative on the FISH Executive Board.



Don't forget—the first Sunday of each month is Baby Sunday. Please consider including a baby item or two on your shopping list to add to the FISH Pantry!



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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

