



The Dragon Scoop

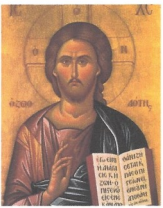
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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

Kudos from the Community



*From God,
every family in
heaven and on earth
is named.*

- Ephesians 3:15

Thank You
For Celebrating With Us
the Naming of our
Mission Parish!

*In Christ -
the Roseburg Mission*



Aug. 22, 2015

Dear Parishioners,



*Your kindness is
greatly appreciated*

*Thank you so much For letting us
use your beautiful church For our
wedding and making our Wedding
Day so special.*

*Love in Christ,
Tatyana and Nathan*

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September 10, 2015

Dear St George Episcopal Church :

Thank you for your gift of School Supplies which you donated to Fir Grove Elementary. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gerry C. Washburn
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Superintendent

Letter from Bishop Neff

Let Me Tell You a Story

Dear Friends in Christ,

I loved the family stories when I was growing up. There was the story of the wagon train coming to Oregon. There were stories of the Great Depression and what happened when the bank in Woodburn was closed. I loved hearing that Dad spent a summer on a working cattle ranch when he was a boy. Mother told how her father started a cannery and how the family would camp under the oak trees when they went to the State Fair. I loved the story of how Mom and Dad met at Willamette. I heard stories of Great Grandfather Neff who was a minister. Endless stories, so well known that they could be retold just by referencing them by title. Those family stories helped shape who I am.

Everybody loves a good story.

I started telling Bible stories (plus occasionally a saint's story) when the parents at St. Bede's encouraged me to do a "children's moment" during the family service. I learned the craft of Bible story telling from the late Joe Russell who was rector of the then St. Peter's, Albany. I started by telling stories that I remembered from my Sunday school days, such as David and Goliath.

About that same time, outside of the church setting I started to tell other stories appropriate for the time and place. For Cub Scouts, I told national American stories according to the theme of the month. In President's Month I told a story

about one of the presidents and in Black History Month I told a story from *The People Could Fly* by Virginia Hamilton. In school settings, I might tell a fairy tale or Norwegian folk tale. "The Princess on the Glass Mountain" was one of my favorites. In the YMCA Indian Princesses and Indian Guides programs I made an effort to tell Native American stories, such as "How the Bluebird Got to be Blue."

The Bible stories (and the saints' stories) are our Christian family stories, as important as the family stories we learn as children.

I tell Bible stories to children to help build a biblical frame of reference. I tell Bible stories to adults to reinforce and expand their biblical frame of reference. In the Old Testament or Hebrew Scripture I would like the children to know the Patriarchs and Matriarchs, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, and King David along with others. In the New Testament I want them to know the story of the Birth of Jesus and other Jesus stories: the Coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of Jesus, the Feeding of the Five Thousand, and the Parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son and the Woman at the Well. And, of course Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter, along with the Road to Emmaus. And many other New Testament stories, too. It is up to us to share those stories with our children and our grandchildren and among ourselves. The culture around us will not do it for us.

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Bishop Neff telling the children the story of David and Goliath after the service on September 30.

Letter from Bishop Neff, continued

I do not for a minute regret the academic study of scripture we used in seminary and academic settings, but it was in the telling of Bible stories that I began a closer reading of scripture, catching little details that my eye had previously missed. In the academic studies my brain was engaged. Bible storytelling engaged my heart.

My next visit to St. George's will be October 18. I will be telling the story of Ruth for my sermon. I have not decided yet what story to tell the children.

And why does God give us the stories? It is because God loves us.

Now, go out and share those family stories and the stories from scripture.

Grace and Peace,

+Neff

Psalm 78

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1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the
LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

FISH Report

Allan Romeril will be our new representative on the FISH of Roseburg Board. Thank you, Carolyn Lee, for your past service.

Mik Carlson brought the FISH financial report. For their fiscal year of July 2014 through July 2015, St. George parishioners donated \$3,742.82 in cash and \$2,696.25 in food donations. As Mik said, it is truly our FISH Pantry.

The next Green Bag collection is the second Saturday in October— the 10th. If you would like to work at the FISH warehouse that Saturday, let Mik or Carolyn or Allan know.

Painted Pumpkin Contest

On Sunday, October 11, we will have a contest after the service. Bring pumpkins that you have painted—not carved—and winners will be chosen for Funniest Pumpkin, Scariest Pumpkin, and People's Choice. The prizes will be pie!

The pumpkins will be left in the Parish Hall as decorations for the rest of the month. Then they will be taken to the FISH Pantry.



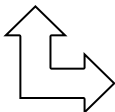
Parish News



*Blessings for Connie and Wally Hunnicutt's
62nd wedding anniversary*

More photos can be seen on our
Facebook page:
[facebook.com/episcopalroseburg](https://www.facebook.com/episcopalroseburg).
Anyone can view the page—you don't
have to make a
Facebook account.

Full house for Bishop Neff's visit on August 30



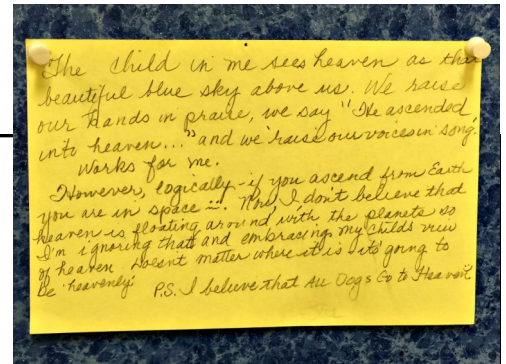
Parish News



On September 6 after the service, the congregation assembled hygiene kits for students from Roseburg schools who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to the St. George ECW, the Douglas County Chapter of the American Sewing Guild that meets at Faith Lutheran, Roseburg Altrusa, and several private donators who made this possible.

~ Juliana Marez

(Photos courtesy of Juliana)



When you think about
heaven...what do you see?
What is it? Where is it?

Sue Phelps has a new bulletin board idea for us to participate in—what is heaven like? One person has replied already.

Post your ideas each Sunday!

The child in me sees heaven as that beautiful blue sky above us.

We raise our hands in praise, we say "He ascended into heaven . . ." and we 'raise our voices in song.'

Works for me.

However, logically—if you ascend from Earth you are in space : ~. Now, I don't believe that heaven is floating around with the planets so I'm ignoring that and embracing my child's view of heaven. Doesn't matter where it is—it's going to be 'heavenly.'

P.S. I believe that All Dogs Go to Heaven :)

Episcopal Church Women

St. George ECW met Thursday, September 17. Our main focus was the upcoming rummage sale. Our vice president, Marcia Jackson, presented a great program with information centered around Roseburg history. She made a wonderful display over a number of tables of sooo many books about Roseburg. We are blessed with a great historian on this subject. Thanks, Marcia.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, Co-President

Our next meeting will be October 15 when Suzie Cohen, "The Button Lady," will give a presentation on the history of buttons. Just from talking to her on the phone and hearing her enthusiasm about history and the buttons, I feel she would be a great presenter. Thank you Thelma for suggesting her. Suzie said she welcomed us to bring any old buttons we may have to our meeting. Connie Hunnicutt and I will be serving the lunch. Of course any of our gentlemen who might be interested are welcome. Just let us know if anyone is coming who usually doesn't come so we can make enough food. We had about 20 people last month.

~ Marcia Jackson, Vice President



ECW Fall Rummage Sale

On Monday, September 28, from 10:00-3:00, you can start bringing in the treasures that you have chosen to pass along to someone else. You are very welcome to stay and help!

The sale will be on Friday, October 2, from 9:00-4:00; and on Saturday, October 3, from 9:00-noon. At noon we will clean up and Sunrise Enterprises will arrive shortly after to pick up whatever is left. Again, your help is really needed to get the Parish Hall back in order to be ready for church.



Sign up in the Parish Hall
to supply flowers for the altar!
Or you can call the office.



Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 4, is the feast day of Francis of Assisi. There will be a Blessing of the Animals at Umpqua Community College for the occasion.

The *Dragon Scoop* interviewed Cheryl Donahoo, President of the Board of Directors of Umpqua Valley Humane Society, for this article. 2015 will be the 27th year that she has coordinated this non-denominational ceremony for the Humane Society. This year it will be held at 2:00 p.m. in front of the Ford Childhood Enrichment Center at UCC. Officiants will be Pete Benham from St. George and the Reverend Nancy Gallagher from the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutherlin.

In addition to pets, livestock and horses are welcome too, as there is easy access for trailers. The gate will be open from 1:30 to 3:30. Both city and county police officers will bring their K-9s to be blessed and to meet the public, and a police hat will be passed if anyone wants to donate to the Humane Society for the upkeep of the police dogs.

Besides coming with your critters, please consider bringing a new stuffed animal to be blessed as well. You can choose to donate them either to St. George for the Roseburg Police Department to give to children who need comfort or to the Humane Society for the Salvation Army's Christmas baskets.

Cheryl emphasized that the Blessing of the Animals is for everyone to attend, and is not aimed specifically at any particular church denomination. Last year there were about 60 animals present.

O God, we thank you for making the animals to brighten our lives.
Help us to save them from danger as Noah did.
Help us to love them and care for them as St. Francis did.
And when we see the animals that you have made,
help us to remember that you are holy and worthy of praise.

In the name of the Father (who thought up the giraffe and the zebra)
and of the Son (who was named after the beautiful white Lamb)
and of the Holy Spirit (who came to us as a Dove)

Amen.

From www.stmargaretschurch.org

Wonderful World

by Bob Robins

A GLIMPSE OF PICTURESQUE NORWAY

Norway is an interesting land of magnificent fjords, tremendous glaciers, towering mountains, wooden stave churches, Viking relics, and legends about trolls. It was the site of the 1994 Winter Olympics, the home of composer Edvard Grieg and of ice skating champion Sonja Henie, the location of the "heavy-water" incidents of World War Two, and you can see the Kon-Tiki raft of adventurer Thor Hyerdahl. So many interesting things to do and see!!



OSLO CITY HALL



ORGAN PIPES AT OSLO CATHEDRAL



KATHY ROBINS IN NORWEGIAN
COSTUME FOR JUNCTION CITY
SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL



ORGAN PIPES IN OSLO CITY HALL



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

The Cathedral Church of Saint Deiniol Bangor Cathedral, Bangor, Wales

The location of the present Bangor Cathedral has been a site of Christian worship since 525 AD, being built in a low-lying area so as not to attract the attention of Viking raiders. Originally a monastery occupied the site but today nothing remains of these buildings.

Construction for Bangor Cathedral started in 1130 but was destroyed by the army of King John in 1211. Eventually rebuilding was carried on for many centuries up to a major completion in 1532. In 1870 extensive additional work was started but due to possible subsidence of the foundations, the buildings were constructed with a low central tower and spire, not the tall tower as planned. And even at the present time, restoration of the outside stonework and roofs continues.



The first mention of an organ was of one installed in 1350. However, this was destroyed during the period 1649-60 in accordance with the Parliamentary Order “for the speedy demolition of all organs, images and all matters of superstitious monuments in all cathedrals throughout the kingdom of England and the dominion of Wales.”

A new organ was installed after Charles II became king in 1660. This instrument was replaced by a new one in 1779 and which was in turn itself replaced by one of 4,210 pipes in 1873. After a major rebuild in 1954 this present organ is now the largest pipe organ in Wales and one of the finest in the British Isles. Organists visit from all over the world for the opportunity to play the Bangor Cathedral organ.



Choir stalls and organ pipes



*Carvings
on the
north
transept*



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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

