



# The Dragon Scoop

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**Mission Statement:**  
**“Loving God, Loving Our Neighbors”**

**The Episcopal Church Welcomes You**

### Fall is a great time to study the Bible!

After Sunday's service on September 18, Father Jim Boston presented an "Introduction to Bible Study" class. It was both interesting and encouraging. Some of the points he made:

- Commit to reading the Bible with one or two people, even if it's just one book. It keeps you accountable.
- Get the big picture first—start by reading a children's Bible or an online outline.
- Read whichever version works for you. Father Jim recommends the New Revised Standard Version as well as the New International Version. The King James Version is good because the translators decided to keep its structure as consistent as possible with the original languages, but it can be more difficult for modern audiences to read.
- Start with the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Paul's more important Epistles (such as Romans, Ephesians, or Colossians), Genesis, or the Psalms.
- Study Bibles can be useful—such as the Oxford Annotated Bible, the Harper Collins Study Bible, or the NIV Study Bible.
- If you want to dig deeper, try a one-volume commentary such as the New Jerome Biblical Commentary.
- Gospel harmonies and parallel Gospels can be helpful, as can Bible atlases.

You will be surprised and rewarded by your faithful study.



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# Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

First, late news on the Blessing of Animals. It is this Sunday, October 2, at 2 p.m. at the traditional spot at Umpqua Community College, near the vineyard. The Reverend Nancy Gallagher and I will be officiating.

Second, we are invited to join our friends and guests from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church on Saturday, October 22, for a potluck meal and program. The meal begins about 11:15 a.m. You might try to arrive by 11 a.m. The Divine Liturgy (Eucharist) begins in the chapel about 10:00 a.m. (It is preceded by morning prayers starting about 9:40 a.m., which only a few attend. I would encourage you to come for the Liturgy. It is the best way to encounter the heart of Eastern Orthodox Christianity. After we eat, Father Jerry, the priest for Holy Cross, and I will give short talks introducing our own traditions, Anglican and Orthodox, and how we are related.

Please do come. The fellowship, the food, and the learning will all be excellent. We will have more information on the preceding Sundays. I have asked John Trotogott, the lay leader of the Holy Cross congregation, to encourage their people to bring some ethnic foods. Think of some of us bringing food which is distinctly American or British, like spaghetti. (That is a semi-serious joke.)

Third, our outreach to women in shelter will have its first session on Thursday, October 20, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This will be a class, actually a set of classes, designed to be fun, encouraging, educational, and spiritually uplifting. We have a terrific design from Juliana Marez. My wife, Pam, was totally inspired and will be there to help Juliana and me and all those who participate. If you join in, and men may join in too, you will have a good experience with women who have had rough lives, but who are deeply motivated to be good mothers and good citizens. What we do together will bless all who participate.

Fourth, we are coming up on that season where we are invited to make our plans for supporting our church in the coming year. We will have the traditional "thank you" dinner on Saturday, November 19. Your Vestry and I will arrange a great meal and some fun entertainment as we celebrate our common life in Christ. I have a goal in mind. I want St. George's to be able to support a resident rector with at least half pay. We need both to take care of the church's current financial needs, and also to lay away funds to get the next rector of St. George's off to a good start.

Fifth, special thanks to Leigh Van Sickle and David Jones for playing while Jeanette Buxton took a vacation. And also to David for leading the choir, which is now rehearsing on Sundays starting at 9:00 am. And to all who helped with the clean-up day on September 17.

Sixth, I love you all. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your faith, and your commitment to the sharing in the life and work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Jim+

# August 2016 Vestry Meeting

Class of 2017	Nancy Baum	Pete Benham	Steve Thomas
Class of 2018	Jean Bowden	Bill Riley	Bob Spielman
Class of 2019	Mike Brossia	Sue Phelps	David Sayers

Attendance: The Rev. Jim Boston, Nancy Baum, Mike Brossia, Pete Benham, Bill Riley, Sue Phelps, Steve Thomas, David Sayers, and Melvin Wilcox, Clerk

## OLD BUSINESS

- AA group will remove the electric wall heaters, which we will, for now, store in the basement.
- Bob reinstalled the Plexiglas protection for our stained glass windows.
- Bill will see about reconnecting the sprinkler system to timers.
- The water temperature thermostat may need to be replaced.
- There has been a request to start a Heroin Anonymous group. Someone will discuss it with our AA contacts.
- Pete and Steve will talk to Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church about insurance and review our agreement.

Financial reports were deferred until the next Vestry meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Clean Up

- Sue and David will set up volunteers for cleanup on September 17 from 9:00 a.m. until done.
- Sue will take care of extension cords used for decorative lights.

### FISH Pantry

- Sue will find out about getting a cleaning lady to clean the Pantry.
- ECW will pay for one month and the church will pay for September.

### Bread for the World

- Their mission is to advocate in Washington, DC, for programs to address hunger in the USA and beyond. Father Jim proposed that he ask the congregation members to consider supporting its work. No objections.

### Program Possibilities

- The purpose is to increase individuals' spiritual lives and to bring in new members.
- Ideas include classes, bringing in speakers, discussion groups, and Bible study.

# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW met at Jewell Gates' home on the river—beautiful venue and weather, great food, and great turnout including Father Boston.

We revisited some old subjects:

- The coffee cabinet will be delivered September 20.
- St. George was awarded the \$500 grant to help the women at Safe Haven and Samaritan Inn. ECW will match those funds. Father Boston talked in more detail about the purpose of the grant and other charitable organizations our church might want to help as well as how to enable parishioners to do that.
- Most everything is in place for the rummage sale.

A few ladies talked about the wonderful time they had at Spirituality Day in Corvallis. Sue discussed the clean-up day on Saturday, September 17.

Some Beatrice Potter ornaments from the rummage sale turned out to be less valuable than we thought and difficult to sell; but while Thelma was on vacation, she and some of her friends pitched in and bought them for their host family. Thelma turned in that money. It just goes to show that the rummage sale never seems to end!

Our next meeting will be October 20 at church. Jewell hopes to have some of the administrative people from Safe Haven and Samaritan Inn present our program to help us understand their needs so we can begin thinking just how to implement the grant.

Thank you for all the work you all do to help make our rummage sales successful.

Betty Jo Hoffman, Co-President

## FISH Report

The FISH Food Pantry's September newsletter has a history of the organization and its partnership with UCAN (United Community Action Network). Here is a summary from the article.

The FISH of Roseburg came into being in 1971 when six local churches came together and formed the FISH Food Pantry in order to provide low-income families with an emergency food source. The Pantry partners with UCAN, providing food directly into the hands of those in need while UCAN stores and distributes food from a variety of sources for the county's network of kitchens and food pantries. The original founding churches, including St. George, continue to work tirelessly every day to support FISH, because they still believe in the mission that our friends and neighbors are too important to go without food.



## FYI

From the end of October on into November and December, flower donations/memorials for the altar are needed. Remember, if you would like Sue and Penny to purchase and/or arrange them for you, put one of their names in the column marked Home or Florist. They charge \$25 for beautiful arrangements. If you would like the flowers to be a memorial or to honor someone or something, call the office so we can get it in the bulletin.

Another opportunity for service is to provide some kind of refreshment for the coffee hour. You can sign up for that on the clipboard above the coffee money box by the kitchen.

Coming in October:

We will be wrapping new lights on the greens which decorate the Sanctuary during the Christmas season and we will need some help. The date has not been set but if you would like to participate, let me know if there is a particular date that you will or will not be available.

Thank you.  
BJ Hoffman



You asked, so here's the recipe for the cookies Jeannie Burpee brought to coffee hour on September 18. The recipe is that of the mother of a friend in her 80's, hence from the 1930's or 40's, if not earlier.

### Ice Box Cookies

2 cups brown sugar  
1 cup white sugar  
1 1/2 cups Crisco  
3 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream shortening and sugars together.  
Add eggs separately and mix well after each.  
Add vanilla

4 1/2 cups flour  
1 tsp. soda  
1tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 cup chopped pecans

Mix dry ingredients and stir into mixture.  
Add chopped pecans.

Form dough into long rolls about 2 inches in diameter and roll in waxed paper.  
Place in refrigerator until thoroughly chilled and firm.

Preheat oven to 350°.  
Slice cookies about 1/8 inch thick. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet.  
Bake 10 minutes. Watch carefully, as they burn easily. Enjoy!

Jeannie Burpee



# Safe Haven Grant

St. George's has received a grant of \$500 from the Diocese of Oregon Fund for the Poor and Homeless. That fund is supported by the Thanksgiving Offering in churches of the Diocese, by the raffle at Diocesan Convention of many baskets provided by our parishes and missions, and by other contributions. The grant is for a project to serve women who are sheltered at Safe Haven (for new and expectant mothers) and the Samaritan Inn. The grant from the Fund is matched by a \$500 grant from St. George's ECW.

The project will bring women to St. George's on four afternoons, one each month from October to January. They will meet with, learn from, and share with women (and perhaps a few men) from St. George's. Each event will offer three activities, all of which can be both fun and educational. (*See below for more information.*) The goal is to encourage, inspire, and equip these women as they move forward in their lives. There will be a strong spiritual component, reminding all of us that we are created in God's image and privileged to share in God's mission in the world.

A more detailed outline of the program will be posted in the Parish Hall, and available upon request.

Father Jim

The Third Annual Safe Haven Baby Shower will be held October 15 at 1:00 at the New Life Christian Center. We have flyers with additional information and THERE WILL BE A PIE AUCTION.

Our first set of classes with the mothers of Safe Haven will be on Thursday, October 20, from 1:30-3:30 at our church. Three classes will be offered:

- greeting and bedtime strategies and rituals
- prayer beads
- self care ideas (relaxation, rose or lavender sugaring scrub)

Each class will be about half an hour with a rotation between each class so each girl will have a chance to participate in each class or take the same class again. A fourth session will then bring everyone to wrap up the day with sharing.

Future class days will be November 10, December 8, and January 12. Sign up in the Parish Hall if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

BJ Hoffman

Please join us for the **3rd Annual**

**Safe Haven Maternity Home  
Baby Shower**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 1:00pm**

at  
New Life Christian Center  
1723 NE Vine St.  
Roseburg, OR



*A baby will make love stronger; days shorter, nights longer, bankroll smaller, home happier, clothes shabbier, the past forgotten, and the future worth living for.*  
~ Anonymous

Please RSVP Rebecca Gremillion at 541-670-0947



# Parish News



*Melvin Wilcox shows off his breakfast during the Belgian Waffle Feast at Kathy Glockner's house on September 11. The fundraiser was for both St. George Episcopal Church and Wilbur United Methodist Church.*



*Anniversary blessings for Connie and Wally Hunnicut, who celebrated 62 years of marriage.*



*David Jones revives the choir for the new church year.*

And has everyone noticed our freshly repaved and repainted parking lot and our new Rectory roof?

# Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

The teen pregnancy rate for Douglas county is dropping slowly. These are young women 10 to 17 years old.

2014.....83  
2013.....101  
2012.....110  
2011.....128



Young women find themselves growing up way too fast. Sometimes they are abandoned by the father of the child and by her family. They are left to face one of the most difficult and joyous times of their lives alone. When any of us have trials in our lives, we can meet them with the strength, forgiveness, and salvation that are demonstrated in the scriptures.

Some Bible pundits believe Mary, mother of Jesus, was about 14 when she conceived Christ. She could have been stoned to death according to law at the time because she was betrothed to Joseph. Joseph protected her and was obedient to God's instructions.

## Matthew 1:18

18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.
19. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.
20. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.
21. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."
22. Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:
23. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."
24. Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,
25. and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

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."*



# Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

## Cathedrals of the World St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Scotland

The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary the Virgin is a cathedral of the Scottish Episcopal Church and is the mother church of the Diocese of Edinburgh.



In Scotland in 1689, Presbyterianism replaced Episcopacy in the Church of Scotland and so the Episcopalians lost their cathedral in Edinburgh.

In 1873 funding for a building was provided by two wealthy sisters and the foundation stone was laid in May, 1874. Progress on the building of the new cathedral was rapid and the nave was completed by January, 1879. From that time, daily services have been held every day in the Cathedral and these choral services consist of choristers from the cathedral's own choir school.

The cathedral has three highly visible spires and the two at the west end are named "Barbara" and "Mary" after the two sisters. The spires were not completed until 1917 and were designed by the grandson of the church's original designer.

The organ was built in 1879 by Henry Willis, who was a leading organ builder of his day and the company he founded is still in business to this day. The cathedral also has a Steinway concert grand piano which is used to support the many recitals, concerts and visiting choirs throughout the year.



*This window was designed by Eduardo Paolozzi in 2002, to replace the plain glass rose and lancets in the Resurrection Chapel. When the sun floods through the window, it transforms the plain stone and woodwork into a kaleidoscope of color.*



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The Diocese of Oregon is beginning their “Pennies to Prosperity” campaign. This campaign will fund programs that provide micro-finance loans, small business training, and educational opportunities to allow people to rise out of poverty. By providing a small amount of capital (Pennies), people are able to start and expand small businesses, pay school fees, save money and plan for unanticipated emergencies (to Prosperity). Put your donations in the offering plate this month and mark them “Pennies to Prosperity.”



St. George Episcopal Church publishes THE DRAGON SCOOP each month. 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**

