



The Dragon Scoop

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

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Calling a New Priest



The Search Committee was commissioned on September 9. Members include Pete Benham, Jean Bowden, Betty Jo Hoffman, Sue Phelps, Thelma Sayers, Margaret Thomas, Steve Thomas, and Melvin Wilcox.

In their mission to call a new priest, Father Jim counseled the group to choose someone who

- believes in the Gospel and in sharing the faith.
- cares about people and is kind.
- is willing to visit the sick.
- is not just a priest in the office but is a priest of the people.
- is willing both to challenge us and to be challenged.

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

There is lots of good reading in this edition of the "Scoop." Thanks to all the writers.

First, a few personal notes. I am deeply grateful for the support and friendship that you all give to me and to Pam. You, and my ministry in your midst, are a source of deep joy.

God is being good to me in a time that has its challenges. My energy level and focus are not as good as they used to be. It is as if my attention deficit disorder is noticeably worse. I only figured out about ten years ago that I have had ADD all my life. Typically, people with ADD are especially good in emergencies and function very well in the moment. That's me. When things are not urgent, procrastination is a problem, not to mention being easily distracted. So, that's my dark secret, which many of you figured out a long time ago. (For those who don't know, tests showed that I am also in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease earlier this year.)

We were blessed this week with the arrival of Pam's niece Shyla and her baby, who will live with us for a while. Shyla's mother is coming to help out. Please pray that Shyla and her husband, Shawn, can renew their marriage.

And now, on to St. George's. You are terrific. Capable men and women manage the regular programs of the parish, run the office, the kitchen, the Episcopal Church Women, the choir, and the building and grounds. You welcome visitors, and members who have not been around for a while, with grace and joy. You have produced an outstanding, and honest, profile for prospective rectors. You have served Roseburg and Douglas County in a variety of ways. Most of all, you know God's love, and you share that love both within and beyond the parish.

Stewardship season is coming. Do prayerfully consider your investment of time, talent, and treasure to the work of God through our church and diocese. I have been a tither since childhood, and yet the process of deciding how to manage my resources always demands careful thinking and earnest prayer.

Bless you all, in Christ, in whose death and resurrection we are given life eternal.

Fr. Jim+

God is
Good
ALL THE TIME

In Memoriam

Sheramy Nell Barry 1951-2018

Father Jim Boston presided over a Memorial Service for Sheramy on September 13.

Although not a member of St. George's, Sheramy was a former church secretary here. Father Jim spoke warmly of her spirit and determination. She was a US Navy veteran. Friends and family came to the service from all over Oregon.



Thank you so much, Altar Guild and ECW, for making the service and reception so beautiful. Special thanks to the parishioners who didn't know Sheramy but attended in order to support me.

And Father Jim, your sermon was a magnificent tribute to my sister.

Leigh Van Sickle



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

The first ECW meeting of this year was hosted by Jewell Gates at her home. This has become a pleasant annual event.

We normally give funds to the Heifer Project at Christmas to purchase animals. But we received a request from them for funds that would be matched for general use. We voted to do this and we will donate again at Christmas, if we have the ability.

We learned that Francis Dickson of the Adopt-a-Village-Guatemala fund, which we have contributed to, will be visiting us sometime in October.

Sue Phelps gave us an update on the "Pill Bottle Project." She has filled the bottles with shampoo, conditioner, and body wash and has delivered some. We will be preparing more after our next ECW meeting. Sue will keep us updated. And she will continue to research ways we can help Safe Haven and Samaritan House.

Because the street construction is causing parking issues and even problems for pedestrian access, it was decided to change the Tools-To-Treasures sale dates to

Thursday, October 18, 4:00-7:00

Friday, October 19, 9:00-4:00

Saturday, October 20, 9:00-noon

We will start setup on Sunday, October 14, after coffee hour and cleanup Saturday at noon. The Salvation Army will have a man here at 1:00 and he will need help loading his truck. And we are already hearing people are planning donations. So, we thank all of you for your time, help, and contributions.

Because of this date change, our regular ECW meeting needs to move to the following Thursday, October 25, at 11:00. We will have a conversation with Tenaya, Julie, and Alva.

FISH Report

CCCU's Annual Fall Carnival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
12-4PM - HARVARD BRANCH

Cascade Community Credit Union's Annual Fall Carnival on October 29 will benefit the FISH Food Pantry. Enjoy a bounce house, face painting, coloring contest, pumpkin painting, raffles, food and beverages, and many freebies and games for the whole family!

Upcoming

Get Ready-----It's Coming-----

The November 2018 United Thank Offering Gratitude Challenge

The United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. It is an opportunity to express gratitude for your daily blessings through prayer and dropping coins into your blue and white UTO box.

100% of the offerings are then distributed by the National UTO Board to support innovative mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. This year the UTO Board received 68 grant applications and funded 34 for \$1,257,778.18. Next year they plan to fund

up to five Young Adult Grants and up to five Seminarian Grants for as much as \$5,000 each.

On **October 28** you will find a calendar and a UTO envelope in your bulletin and we will pass out the UTO boxes. The November calendar has suggestions each day for ways you can express gratitude. This will also help you remember to drop coins or currency into your box reflecting gratitude for something that day.

At the end of November write a check to St. George with UTO in the memo for the amount in your box. Place it in the UTO envelope and bring it to church **Sunday, December 2.**

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



Parish News



The City of Roseburg's street repair project is nearing completion around St. George's.

Heaven

Check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Sue Phelps designed it so that parishioners can add “clouds” with their own interpretations of heaven. So far:

- ♥ Lovely music (and chocolate will not be fattening!)
- ♥ . . . He ascended into heaven . . . up from the earth to take us into space . . . is heaven another galaxy? Spiritually heaven is a oneness with God.
- ♥ Peace. Comfort. Beautiful. No more worries or fears.
- ♥ A place with NO hate or pain, just love and peace and God and Jesus to see our family and friends.
- ♥ It will be more beautiful than I can imagine! Joy. Peace. Light.
- ♥ There will be dogs and cats and horses and all His creatures.
- ♥ I've always thought of heaven as being in the sky. I've thought the Lord is in heaven as well.
- ♥ No more pain or tears.
- ♥ Sitting on my cloud, playing my harp—and the harp never needs to be tuned!

September Blessings



Above: Happy Birthday to Leigh Van Sickle and Bill O'Riley



Left:
Happy 64th
Anniversary to
Wally and Connie
Hunnicutt

Right:
Thanksgiving for Juliana Marez's restoration
to health.



Parish News

In Memoriam

Parishioner Ronald W. Lamphere passed away on September 12, 2018, at the age of 88.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.



Ron donated these two icons, which can be found on the wall of the narthex, to St. George's.



August 11, 2018

To the wonderful congregation at St. George's,

Thank you so much for the love and care you gave to Allan and for the support and love you have offered to me. He really considered you "home."

And many thanks to the people who made the reception after his service possible. It meant a lot to the girls and to me.

I will always have warm memories of you.

Jeannine Romeril

Thank You

Annual Waffle Breakfast



Photos by Pete Benham



On September 16, Kathy Glockner hosted the Annual Waffle Feast, a joint fundraiser for St. George's and Wilbur Methodist Church.



Each church was given \$120 from the donations.



Showing Up: The Work of the People

The Rev. Deacon Theresa Floyd

The word liturgy generally means work of the people. If you don't show up it doesn't happen. Our liturgy is a community building event.

Every Sunday we come together to receive the bread from heaven, our Holy Eucharist. But, before we "sit" down at table together our liturgy leads us through a number of other community building activities. I just want to point out a few.

The first part of the service is about learning and teaching. We are reminded of our common and shared history and our relationship with God. After reflecting on the Word and works of God, we stand up. We stand up, as a community of individuals, to emphasize our commitment. Just as we stand for the pledge of allegiance or the national anthem. We stand up to profess a common faith outlined for us in the Nicene Creed. As a community, we stand up and profess our beliefs and state how we believe God has acted for us and for the Church. We are a community that shares in a common belief.

Following the Nicene Creed is the Prayers of the People, the prayers of the community. As a community we offer prayers for the Church, our nation, our local community, and for our personal needs and concerns. We are not alone in our prayers; they are shared and communal.

Our confession is corporate as well. We take a moment to take look at ourselves and recognize that we are sinners, that we have our failings. We ask that we be forgiven for our shortcomings and be returned to God's grace. We are a community of individuals seeking to be in God's favor.

With that grace in our heart, we are then expected to give it to others. We share in the peace. This communal greeting is not just a morning greeting.

When we take someone's hand and say "Peace of the Lord be with you," we are offering them a blessing on their life. We are praying that they know the grace of God and the peace which that brings. When you pass the peace today, do it with the intention. Look each other in the eye before you seek to find someone else. Take your time to convey your prayer for them.

Do you see why we call our liturgy the work of the people? It is not just the altar party up here doing everything for us. We are active participants; we are the community. It doesn't happen without community. It doesn't happen without you.

The strength of our community comes from our faith in God and from God's grace to us. We are fed the spiritual food at Holy Eucharist and nourished to go into the world. We gather as a community in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us and with thanksgiving for the many ways that we are fed by his grace.

In the gospel Jesus is claiming that he is the true source of spiritual nourishment and that those who are fed by him will be spiritually filled. In remembrance of Christ's death and resurrection, we as a community break bread together. Our hunger and thirst can be satisfied by the bread of life which will nourish and strengthen us for God's work.

At the end of our service as a community we are given a charge to take the grace received here today from this community into the wider community:

**Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.**

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Congregation Close-up: St George's



On August 29, 2018, the *Diocesan Digest* featured an article about our church. The *Digest* is distributed electronically, so here it is in case you missed it. Reprinted by permission.

St. George Episcopal Church is located in the southern Oregon town of Roseburg, nestled in the Umpqua Valley between the scenic Oregon Coast and the towering Cascade Mountains. Established in 1860, we are a church with a rich history and a vision for the future. We daily live our Mission Statement, "Loving God, Loving Our Neighbors," within our church, in the community, and globally.

Within our church

- Eucharistic visits.
- Active prayer chain.
- Helped parishioner move to Portland.
- Purchased needed furnishings for parishioner in retirement home.
- Active Episcopal Church Women group.
- Fellowship opportunities including Coffee Hour feasts, potlucks, and an annual picnic.
- Participation in ecumenical worship services.
- Lively choir.

Community

- Supporting the local FISH Food Pantry.
- School supplies for local elementary school.

- Christmas Giving Tree—gifts for local at-risk children.
- Classes and activities for the young mothers of Safe Haven.
- Shared facilities with Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church.
- 30+ year relationship with AA groups meeting at St. George's.



Global

- Donations for Maya Jaguar School in Guatemala.
- Donations to Episcopal Relief.

St. George's is prayerfully waiting to call a new half-time Rector. Each week we say together the Transition Prayer. This was composed by the congregation of St. George's.

Dear God Our Father,
Hear our prayers.
Bless and guide us with joyful hearts.
Give us the vision to recognize the priest you send
to fill our needs.
Inspire us on our journey with patience, faith,
love, honesty, caring, and hope.
Thy will, not ours, be done.
Amen



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Sign up in the Office to provide flowers for the altar!

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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

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer



OCTOBER