



The Dragon Scoop

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**“Loving God, Loving Our
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CHARLES CORNWELL MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium addition (right) was completed on September 6, thanks to many willing workers. Bill Riley shares the whole story on pages 5 and 6 of the *Scoop*.

Mike Riley, Pete Benham, mason Randy Dukart, and Doug Holloway (below left to right) line up the holes in the brass facing that they are attaching to the metal frame in the brickwork.



Photos by Bill Riley

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

One of the my joys here at St. George's is our music. The congregation sings well. Our organist is wonderful. The choir she leads is remarkable for such a small congregation. Sunday by Sunday we join in the praise of God in hymns, service music, and the occasional psalm. Hilary Hall is an outstanding pianist and organist. We are fortunate we have her to lead all of us, and our choir, in offering praise to God.

I am thinking about having a service in November when, in addition to our normal four or five hymns, we sing a series of hymns in place of the sermon. I might add a little commentary. The November readings tend to focus on God's triumph and justice at the end of our lives, the end of world, and the fullness of life in heaven. The Church Militant becomes the Church Triumphant. There are plenty of great hymns that would fit with those themes. If you want to make suggestions, just drop a note in the offering plate, in the office or in the mail.

We celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 3, transferred from November 1. The word saint can mean those Christians who have shown courage, grace, wisdom, love, and deep faith. They are traditionally recognized

by how they are remembered and by how their prayers continue to bless.

But saint is also a word for all the people of God, the whole Church. We are all God's holy people. (We can also find saintliness even beyond the Church.) So, at St. George's, you are invited to bring photos of people who have been saints in your own life, or simply a piece of paper with their names. One description of saints is "*the people the light shines through.*" Although we might think of stained glass windows from that phrase, the deeper meaning is that the saints, and we, let the light of God's love shine through our lives. You do that in many ways.

Thank you for your patience with my occasional lapses of memory or attention. I delight to be your pastor. Do not hesitate to phone me with any pastoral concerns you may have. It is 541-218-1688.

Bless you all,
in Christ,
Fr. Jim+



Parish News

The Vestry has decided St. George's can afford to call a three-quarter time Rector rather than only half-time. It is hoped that this will encourage a wider range of candidates to apply.

Canon Neysa Ellgren Shepley will be working with Junior Warden Steve Thomas to update the advertising with, in her words, "Excitement and Prayer in Christ."



Father Jim announced that \$500 will be donated to the Roseburg Dream Center from the Rector's discretionary fund. The Dream Center is housed in the former Baptist Church at 813 SE Lane Ave. Their ministry provides food and clothing as well as a warming center.

From their website:

The Roseburg Dream Center is a place of hope for the people in the city of Roseburg. Not only is it a place where those who are looking for help can find what they need, it is also a place where people who want to help others can gather to help be the arms of Jesus in our community. Our goal is to follow the example of Jesus and bring hope to the hopeless, shine light in the darkness, and bring peace to the restless.

November 3 is All Saints Sunday. Find a picture of a loved one who was a saint to you and bring to church that day to put near the altar.

Old glasses—or hearing aids—can be left with Sue Phelps. They will be donated to the Lions Club.



If anyone would like to do table toppers you are more than welcome. Remember that is *your* Parish Hall and gathering place.

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW's first meeting this fall was again at Jewell Gates's home with a wonderful view of many, many geese taking off and landing and meeting, maybe just like us. Our main focus was the Tools-to-Treasure sale and correspondence. We scheduled our work times at the sale and signed up for future lunches. We still need ideas for programs.

We invite our men to join us despite the name "Episcopal Church Women" because they support us so much. If anyone has an idea of something you would like to learn more about, tell us and join us.

Our next meeting will be at church, October 17, at 11:00. We ask for a \$5 donation, not to pay for the lunch, just a donation for the work of ECW to help our neighbors: local, national, international, and of course, our church.

On September 21, Jean Bowden and I attended the Diocesan Annual Meeting at Holy Spirit in Sutherlin. We heard an update on Rahab's Sisters, a ministry to women in need that has grown over the years. We learned that Oregon increased our United Thank Offering by 53%. Nationally, thirty-three grants totaling \$1,535,740.55 were awarded this year from the donations last year. We elected officers, worshiped, visited, and ate, of course.

The Blue Boxes are coming out, so start your Attitude of Gratitude thinking and put your change aside or in the box you saved from the last ingathering.



FISH

Green bag neighborhood pickup is on Saturday, October 12. Start shopping for a few extras now to add to your donation.

The Fall Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. Participating stores are Grocery Outlet, Sherm's Thunderbird, Albertsons, Safeway, and Fred Meyer. As always, St. George parishioners will be asked to staff the booth at Albertsons. The stints are only for two hours and are actually fun!



fish



If you are looking for an unusual but important way to contribute to St. George's, please consider taking on the task of changing the water in the bettas' bowls in the Parish Hall. This might be a great fit for YOU. It won't take up much of your time since it only needs to be done every two weeks. Talk to Sue Phelps if interested.

Columbarium

by Bill Riley

I thank everyone for the opportunity to make this trip, my wife Barbara for allowing me to go, Carol and Debora for taking care of my animals and Michael our son for helping with the driving and for his electronic navigational skills.

I met Mike Tuesday night, August 27, at the Pittsburgh International Airport. We picked up our Penske rental truck the next morning. I had reserved a 12-foot van and they ended up giving us a 16 footer. This cost us a bit on mileage but we made up for that by using the AAA Awards discount offered at Shell stations. Overall we averaged 10.77 miles per gallon of gasoline. And Penske gave us a \$100 refund when we returned the truck.

The Columbarium, which was partially paid for by a gift from the late Charles Cornwell, was ready for us to load when we arrived at Matthews International Corporation. We were in and out of their facilities in less than 20 minutes and on our way to Oregon.

Below: Columbarium loaded into truck.



In 2017 I drove I-80 when I delivered Rick Williams's things to Pennsylvania. This time we returned via I-70 which is a bit further south. We saw fewer cows but lots of corn at various stages of development. We also saw quite a bit of soy beans and a reddish-topped plant which a friend in Kansas said was grain sorghum which is used for cattle feed and making ethanol as additive for gasoline.

Mike and I also saw a lot of huge round hay bales that had been left in the fields. Our friend in Kansas said it was too costly to store the hay in barns. And because of their semi-arid weather the bales were left scattered to reduce fire hazard. They will all be consumed this winter. Everything was a beautiful green all the way from Pittsburgh through Kansas. Then it started getting dryer until we hit Idaho where we saw lots of fields being irrigated.

We did see quite a few isolated oil rigs pumping. According to a man in Hays, Kansas, a mixture of oil and salt water is pumped up out of the ground and stored in maybe a thousand-gallon storage tank until the water settles out and can be drained back into the ground while the oil is trucked off to be refined. We also saw hundreds of wind-powered electrical generators in operation and more being hauled to a construction site. We noticed that not all of the windmills were turning at the same time. We were told that the number of windmills used was based upon demands for electricity.

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(All Columbarium photos by Bill Riley.)

Columbarium, continued

Further west we saw quite a few solar panels and lots of construction both on the highways and in cities. Most highway construction seemed to be done at the county level, which you could tell when you passed from one county to the next.

We traveled through one small residential community that looked like it was mostly military-style single-family houses. A woman at a service station further on said that people working in Salt Lake City buy these houses located an hour's drive from there because it is so much cheaper than living in the city, and they commute to and from the city every day. There was a whole lot of construction going on in Salt Lake City. It is a shame that our TV news does not talk about all the positive activity happening in our great nation instead of just harping on our problems and the negative aspects of a petroleum-based energy system. We also saw lots of "help wanted signs," especially in Roseburg. Seems the demand for help is greater than the number of people willing or able to work.

Our last night on the road was spent in Bend, Oregon. In 1952 the population of Roseburg was 11,120 people and Bend was about the same size. Today Roseburg is a bit over 22,000 whereas Bend is over 100,000. We stayed in the Old Mill section of town and it was filled with young people and had a huge shopping area. On Tuesday morning we picked up a pallet-load of red brick.

We arrived at church about 11:45 on the morning of September 3 and offloaded the small stuff we picked up in Pittsburgh. Randall Dukart arrived on the 4th and started laying brick. He completed the smaller portion that day and started the brickwork on the second larger section. Pete Benham and Doug Holloway joined us on Friday to help offload the larger, heavier section. This would not have been possible had Bob Spielman not donated two dollies which we used for offloading the 400-pound section.

By noon on the 6th, the entire structure was completed. Fr. Jim Boston will bless and dedicate the Columbarium later this month.

At right Mike and Randy secure the large section to the frame as Doug and Pete take a break.



CHARLES L. "TYE" CORNWELL
MEMORIAL
COLUMBARIUM
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Food and Food for Thought

Anita Blair's Wine Cake

1 package yellow cake mix
1 package vanilla instant pudding
4 eggs
3/4 cup oil
3/4 cup crème sherry (Christian Brothers is available in local stores)
1 tsp cinnamon or nutmeg
3/4 cup chopped nuts

Mix together and beat for FIVE full minutes, by hand or in a stand mixer!

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes in a greased Bundt pan. Test with a toothpick for doneness.

Anita brought the cake to coffee hour and is happy to share this, her first-ever, recipe. It dates back to her high school days.



Are there any rules for being part of this community? Well yes, there is one: this is a no-despair zone. While you are here you are welcome to be true to your own feelings. You can be anxious, frustrated, upset, angry, confused, joyful or at peace with the world, but the one thing we don't do here is give up. That's the no-despair rule: around here we don't throw in the towel.

We keep going. We keep believing. If things get hard we help one another. If things don't work we try something different. If someone can't keep up, we slow down. But we never quit. In our community hope is non-negotiable. We believe in love and we always will."

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

Parish News

On Sunday, September 15, Peter Stanton Williams and his wife, the former Patricia Riley, attended our church service. Pat and Pete were married at St. George in 1959 and both sets of their parents were also married here back in the 1930s.

After the service the couple located two stained glass windows in the northwest corner of our church which Pete's grandmother and her sister had installed in honor of their brother Edwin Cole Stanton and their parents Hardy Cole and Jennie May (Sinclair) Stanton. Hardy Cole was appointed Postmaster of Roseburg on October 4, 1867.

Pat's maternal ancestors also were early pioneers of Roseburg. Pat's grandmother arrived in Roseburg by horse and wagon along with her parents in September of 1881. Her grandmother mentioned that the flags were being flown at half mast because President James A. Garfield had just died, having been assassinated earlier that year.



Write-up and photo courtesy of Bill Riley.

Don't hesitate to ask your St. George family for help. After the downpours in September, Don Witt's mobile home developed some leaks. His daughter Robin thought to call the office to ask for volunteer assistance. BJ Hoffman sent out a church-wide email describing the problem and within a few days Bill Riley and Robin had the roof well in hand.



The two of them went up on the roof and peeled back the black tar-like substance around the skylight (see photo by Bill above). Over the years it had dried and cracked. They cleaned up the joint and applied a caulking/sealing compound and later put Gorilla Tape over the lower edges of the skylight and also where the porch roof joins the main house. Now they need to wait for more rain to see if they have made any progress. The roof itself doesn't appear to be leaking. Bill says he is open to suggestions.

Blessings



Happy Birthday Blessings

*Miggs Hammerle
Charles Kittendorf and Bill Riley*



Happy Anniversary Blessings

*Connie and Wally Hunnicutt—65th
Carolyn and Samuel Lee (surrounded by family)—60th*

Parish News



Former parishioners Jeannie and Jon Burpee visited on September 8.



On September 15, Father Jim blessed backpacks stuffed with school supplies that parishioners had donated to Fir Grove Elementary School. Both Fir Grove and Roseburg School District 4 sent letters of thanks to St. George's.

News from Holy Spirit



On September 11, the people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Sutherlin held a Celebration of the New Ministry to install the Rev. Anne Abdy as Vicar. The Right Reverend Michael Hanley, Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, presided.

The service was beautiful and inspiring. Bishop Michael talked about the necessity of strength and courage in our walk with God and emphasized the importance of using our personal gifts in God's service.

Our own Bishop Neff Powell (left) was also in attendance, and he sends his love to St. George's parishioners.



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"Doubt is a difficult animal
to master because it
requires that we learn the
difference between doubting
God and doubting what
we believe about God. The
former has the potential
to destroy faith; that latter
has the power to enrich and
refine it. The former is a
vice; the latter a virtue."
~ Rachel Held Evans

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays
10 am—Morning Prayer

