



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Let Things Go ~

A message for fall:

“The trees are about to show how lovely it is to let things go.”



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19

... a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away ...

Ecclesiastes 3:6

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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Pastor Gail's Ponderings

Grace, peace, and mercy from
our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

First, I want to thank you for the collective vote of confidence you gave me by approving the new title you and our Bishop said I could have: Priest-in-Charge. I have an ELCA Lutheran friend in Spokane, WA, who about five years ago accepted a "Priest-in-Charge" position at St. David's Episcopal Church. I have been in touch with her numerous times during the process of becoming your Interim Rector and now the Priest-in-Charge. Like me, she found the similarities far greater than any differences in our denominations and she congratulates us on this journey.

Second, I feel very fortunate to be welcoming our *relatively* new Bishop Diana Akiyama to St. George's for a visit on October 10. I am excited that we are among the first of her visits since becoming our Bishop in January due to the difficulties and challenges of dealing with COVID. Let's welcome her with open arms and hearts. On that Sunday, we will be having a coffee hour, with socially distanced tables and individually wrapped treats. WELCOME, Bishop Akiyama!

With this in mind, I want to talk about Building Unity. In the Old Testament we find that before Israel had Kings, they had a series of leaders that were called Judges. One of their judges was Deborah, and from Judges 5:1-2, we read of a victory hymn that is ascribed to her, "*When locks [hair] are long in Israel, when the people offer themselves willingly—bless the Lord!*"

In their earliest days the tribes of Israel were scattered and fragmented. They were not yet an organized people, a single nation. But Deborah was a dynamic prophetess and a judge over the tribes of Israel. Unity, loyalty, and community increased under her charismatic leadership. Deborah sang a song of thanks to the leaders of the people who had caught the vision of being Yahweh's people and to the people themselves for their faithfulness. A nation was being born.

Believing in the potential and ability of the people around you—as Deborah did, and as Bishop Akiyama is doing—is like blowing upon the coals

of a fire. It is one life feeding and being fed by another life; it is animating and life-giving. Others know you believe in them by the confidence that is placed in them, the responsibility committed to their care, and the respect accorded their insight and instruction. Believing in others created a community of coequals. It makes a scattering of humanity into a gathering of community. The Church, and more specifically our Episcopal Church, is this gathered people. We are the bony structures, sturdy muscles, and throbbing heart of a God still active in our world. We need each other. We can share with each other. And we are more than each individual person when we worship and serve together.

The exercise of leadership is often the act of blowing a gentle breath of life across the vision and talent found in those around us. It has inspired and will continue to inspire unity of faith and commonness of purpose. It is to walk faithfully with God alongside one another. It is to "break bread and share the cup of God's blessing" with one another at the sacrament of the Eucharist. It is to sit at table with one another, offering prayers and thanksgiving for the One who is, Yahweh, and the one who is among us, Emmanuel.

Let us pray,

*Breathe on us, Breath of God,
and
ignite us with your celestial fire.*

*Grant us a spirit of oneness and faithfulness
that we may truly be
the Body of Christ
for the sake of the world.
Amen.*

*God's peace be with you,
Pastor Gail*



Parish News

Bishop's Visitation



Sunday, Oct. 10 at 10 am—

The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama will preside over Holy Eucharist here at St. George's. Coffee hour with Bishop Diana will follow the service.

Photo from the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon

Episcopal Church Women

ECW will meet on **Thursday, October 21**. Time and place will be announced.

Morning Prayer/Bible Study

Led by Pastor Gail, the Wednesday Morning Prayer service and Bible Study will resume on **November 3**.

Morning Prayer will be at **10 am**, followed by study of the Gospel of Luke at **10:30**.

Guest Speaker

Dwayne Brown, Roseburg VA Chaplain, will speak at Morning Prayer on **Sunday, Oct. 24, at 10 am**.

News of Old Friends

Mik Carlson reports that her daughter, Jessica Carlson, has returned to the United States after many years of working for the Danish Refugee Council, mostly in Eastern Europe. Jessica has taken employment with the Red Cross in Spokane, WA.

Jacek Berka has accepted a position with the Law Offices of Rebecca Whitney-Smith in Klamath Falls. The firm specializes in civil law, specifically personal injury law, medical malpractice, family law, and estate law.

Pumpkin Pie Cake

Sue Phelps can't be with us in person, but she sends us her fall recipe:

- 1 large can pumpkin
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 white cake mix



Beat together all ingredients except the cake mix.
Pour into ungreased 9x13 pan.
Sprinkle dry cake mix over the top.
Melt 1 1/2 cubes of butter or margarine, drizzle over top.

Bake @ 350 for 50 minutes

September Blessings



*Anniversary Blessings
for
Paulen and John Wrigley (left)*

*61st Anniversary Blessings
for
Pete and Faye Benham (right)*



Len Ballard wasn't able to be in church for his Birthday Blessing, but the congregation said the prayer especially for him on September 19.

September Blessings

*Birthday Blessings
for
Leigh Van Sickle (right)
shown with Pastor Gail*



Photo by Dr. David Duba



*Birthday Blessings
for
Bill Riley and his daughter, Wendy
(above left)
and
Miggs Hammerle, with his person, Jill*



FISH

The FISH food pantry is in need of one or more volunteers to help on Monday afternoons. They are looking for someone who can help with boxing up produce for the clients. The volunteer needs to be able to lift 30 to 40 pounds in order to bring the boxes of produce out of the cooler and lift them onto the work table. This help is needed from approximately 12:30 to 4:00.

If you are able to help, please call 541-672-5242, and let them know how they can get in touch with you.

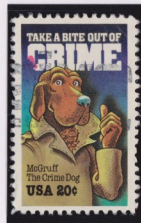
The next Roseburg Food Project collection of donated food is **October 8 and 9**.

Results of the August Roseburg Food Project collection:

63 neighborhood coordinators collected food and cash donations from 660 donors. The total amount of donated food was 10,771 pounds.



Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the October Stamp of the Month.

October is National Crime Prevention Month

McGruff the Crime Dog was used by the Ad Council and later National Crime Prevention Council to increase crime awareness and personal safety in the United States. His name was selected as part of a nationwide contest in July 1980.



Scott #2102 was issued on
September 26, 1984

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December.
Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

Poster by Clarence Adams, Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

Rebuilding a Local Plank House

by Juliana Marez

Parishioner Juliana Marez is the Roseburg Public School's McKinney Vento Program/ American Indian education/ Child Welfare Point of Contact for Roseburg Schools. It is apparent from talking with her that this is more than a job—it's a ministry.

In 2003 a group of local educators worked with a cultural advisor from the Karuk tribe to design and build the Plank House at Eastwood School's Outdoor Education property. Plank houses are the traditional indigenous dwellings of this area, which includes Southern Oregon and Northern California. The Plank House is one of six outdoor classrooms that focus on natural resources.



Currently Jeff Plummer, Cameron Pope, Jennifer Thompson, and I work together all year to bring this site to life. Other retired science teachers including [St. George parishioner] David Jackson have taken the lead on developing cultural science lessons at each site.

In partnership with the nine Oregon tribes and featuring our local tribe, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, we have developed presentations each year to model two perspectives and mutual respect for the students.

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The Plank House Rebuild went very well. Volunteers began arriving early and we officially started at 9 am. Heavy rain had given way to an intermission long enough to get a lot done. A big thank-you to local veterans from One Source and Chadwick Clubhouse volunteers who made up the majority of the group! The roof and two sides of the building were completed. All the volunteers agreed to reunite on another Saturday to be announced to complete the job.

Special thanks to Keller Lumber for donating cedar, and to Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Abby's Pizza, Roseburg Public School's STEAM's Jeff Plummer, Roseburg Public Schools, Chadwick House's Rose Mohslick, and One Source Veteran's Service's Elena Lininger. Two Eastwood Indian Education students helped serve lunch: Eliana and Dominic Marez. Some leftover ECW donations made earlier this summer to a survival class also went towards this project.



Just for Fun

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

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Is there someone you would like to honor or remember at Sunday worship? Sign up to provide altar flowers in their name. It's not too soon to think about November. You can bring flowers or donate money for them. You can arrange them yourself or let Altar Guild members do that.

Thanks to everyone who signed up for October!



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Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

OFFICE HOURS
10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am
Sundays

