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The Peacock



“The ‘eyes’ in the peacock's tail feathers symbolize the all-seeing God and—in some interpretations—the Church. A peacock drinking from a vase is used as a symbol of a Christian believer drinking from the waters of eternal life. The peacock can also symbolize the cosmos if one interprets its tail with its many "eyes" as the vault of heaven dotted by the sun, moon, and stars.

“By adoption of old Persian and Babylonian symbolism, in which the peacock was associated with Paradise and the Tree of Life, the bird is again associated with immortality. In Christian iconography, the peacock is often depicted next to the Tree of Life.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_symbolism

Pastor Gail had a wild peacock visitor at the Duba home in Spokane Valley WA. It was such a magnificent bird that the *Dragon Scoop* decided to do a little research and found that peacocks have a special place in Christian iconography.

According to Wikipedia, “Ancient Greeks believed that the flesh of peafowl did not decay after death, and so it became a symbol of immortality. Early Christianity adopted this symbolism, and thus many early Christian paintings and mosaics show the peacock. The peacock is still used in the Easter season—especially in the east.



In Memoriam

Jeanette Margaret Buxton

April 6, 1929 — August 31, 2023

Jeanette Margaret Buxton, age 94, joined the Eternal Guild of Organists on August 31, 2023. She was born in Dobbs Ferry, New York, on April 6, 1929 to Henrietta and Richard Braithwaite.

Jeanette peacefully left her "earth suit" behind on the island of Maui at the home of Maggie Welker, daughter from her first marriage. Her husband from that marriage, William Cook and two sons, Joseph and Daniel, preceded her in death. She is survived by three other children from that union, daughters Mary Catherine Saunders and Theresa Cook, and son Richard Cook. She is also survived by her second husband of 42 years, Barrie Anthony (Tony) Buxton and stepson, Ian Buxton.



Jeanette was an accomplished pianist and church organist for more than 50 years. She spread God's Love through her music in Hawaii, Arizona and seven different Oregon congregations in Grants Pass, Riddle, Roseburg (two), Tigard, Park Rose, and Portland. She added Joy to countless

weddings, Strength and Solace to funerals and Celebration of Life to many memorials. She shared her knowledge and love of playing with piano and organ students, both young and, her favorite, older adults who wished they hadn't quit on childhood lessons.

Jeanette was often asked to accompany musicians and singers because she had a gift for being in tune with others that gave them added confidence. One musician/singer said, "She literally breathed with me." While assisting her husband on a two-month publishing project in Hood River, Oregon, she volunteered to spend many hours as pianist for their annual musical event that raised funds for a performing arts center.

Back in the "old days" when career choices for women were often limited to nursing or teaching, she graduated from State University of New York in New Paltz. She did not find the same joy in classroom teaching as music. Finding herself needing more income at age 49, she went to Maui Community College and earned a degree in Hotel-Restaurant Management, finishing at the top of her class.

Jeanette met husband-to-be, Tony, at Wailuku Union Church on Maui where she was organist. They married in 1980. After a vacation trip to Oregon, they decided to relocate and begin a new life there in 1982 in Merlin. They settled in Oakland in 1995 where Jeanette was on the Library Board, volunteered for the museum and Community Response Team, and was accompanist for the Oakland Singers. She was a member and officer of Roseburg PEO Chapter ES.

Obituary and photo by Tony Buxton.



Inspiration

Pastor Gail suggested this devotion from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations for our October newsletter:

With Compassion We Change Sides

A compassionate presence is one of the fruits of contemplation. Richard Rohr writes about the great compassion St. Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) had for others, which is inspired by the great compassion of Jesus.

The most obvious change that results from the holding and allowing that we learn in the practice of contemplative prayer is that we will naturally become much more compassionate and patient toward just about everything. Compassion and patience are the absolutely unique characteristics of true spiritual authority, and without any doubt are the way both St. Francis and St. Clare led their communities. They led, not from above, and not even from below, but mostly from *within*, by walking *with* their brothers and sisters Only people at home in such a spacious place can take on the social illnesses of their time, and not be destroyed by cynicism or bitterness.

Spiritual leaders who lack basic human compassion have almost no power to change other people, because people intuitively know they do not represent the Whole and Holy One. Such leaders need to rely upon roles, laws, costume, and enforcement powers to effect any change in others. Such change does not go deep, nor does it last. In fact, it is not really change at all. It is mere conformity. [1]

We see this movement toward a shared compassion in all true saints. For example, St. Francis was able to rightly distinguish between institutional evil and the individual who is victimized by it. He still felt compassion for the individual soldiers fighting in the crusades, although he objected to the war itself. He realized the folly and yet the sincerity of their patriotism, which led them, however, to be *un-patriotic* to the much larger kingdom of God, where he placed his first and final loyalty. What Jesus calls “the Reign of God” we could call the Great Compassion. [2]

Theologian Judy Cannato (1949–2011), who worked to integrate the gospels with the new cosmology, believed this Great Compassion was Jesus' primary objective. She writes:

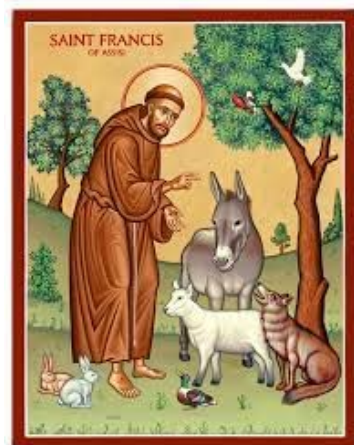
The realm of God that Jesus preached and died for was one that was known for its kindness and generosity, its compassion and healing. There was no one deemed outside the love of the Holy One whom Jesus called “Father.” No one was excluded from fellowship, not the rich or poor, male or female, slave or free. Jesus went beyond superficial divisions and called for a culture of compassion.

Compassion changes everything. Compassion heals. Compassion mends the broken and restores what has been lost. Compassion draws together those who have been estranged or never even dreamed they were connected. Compassion pulls us out of ourselves and into the heart of another, placing us on holy ground where we instinctively take off our shoes and walk in reverence. Compassion springs out of vulnerability and triumphs in unity. [3]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Eager to Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi* (Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2014), 28.

[2] Rohr, *Eager to Love*, 157–158.

[3] Judy Cannato, *Field of Compassion: How the New Cosmology Is Transforming Spiritual Life* (Notre Dame, IN: Sorin Books, 2010), 8.



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW had a very casual brown-bag lunch meeting. Naturally there was rummage sale discussion and no changes. We will, however, delay the initial setup to Monday. The rest of the week will be organizing the donations and some pricing.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month so we decided to send cards to all of the supply clergy.

We had a nice visit with Hilary Flowers and got to know a little more about her. She and her husband recently moved here from Medford. We also learned a little about Nancy's "baby" sister who is visiting with her husband, They all flew back to New Hampshire on Sunday.



RUMMAGE SALE

I can't believe it is time to do this already. It will be

Thurs., Oct. 5, 4-6
Fri., Oct. 6, 9-4
Sat., Oct. 7, 9-noon
and then clean up

So, now is the time to start bagging and boxing up all the things you have put aside for the sale. Go through all the decorations, clothes, and household stuff you forgot you have, since you haven't used it for so long.

Setup will start on Sun. Oct. 1 and then Monday-Thurs., 10-2. Due to parking limitations, it is best to come 10-11 or 1-2.

And, remember, we are our best customers! You never know what you might find that you can't do without.

~ bj

Southern Oregon Convocation

by Margaret Thomas

The Southern Convocation held their second annual worship service and picnic at TouVelle State Park in Jackson County on Sunday afternoon, September 12. Jean Bowden, Pete and Faye Benham, and Steve and Margaret Thomas represented St. George; and Pete and Steve served as Lay Eucharistic Ministers during the worship service.

The service focused on the desire to lift up prayers and offer healing for those who have died and suffered from gun violence in our country. Jan Martin from St. Mark's, Medford, and Lisa Crane from St. Martin's, Shady Cove, shared their

reflections on gun violence. Jan is a former school teacher, and Lisa is a retired police officer.

It was a great attendance, close to 70 folks gathered for the service and enjoyed wonderful food and great weather.

Saturday, September 11, was a wonderful day blessing and celebrating Shepherd House, our diocesan location in Coos Bay. Thank you to the 17+ faith communities represented and to the folks at Emmanuel Coos Bay for your hospitality. Nancy Baum, Pete and Faye Benham, and Steve and Margaret Thomas represented St. George.

The Preacher & The Teacher

More Excerpts from 1950

Perry Smith had been vicar at St. George's from 1930 to 1943, during the depths of the Depression . . . [His wife, Henrietta,] was unhappy about the fact that there were so many mice and rats around the rectory because next door was Patterson's Bakery. Dick Williams and Henrietta decided the thing to do was to get a bull snake to live under the old rectory to eat the rodents. Dick volunteered to capture the snake, so taking his wife Alda with him, he drove out to where he knew there were bull snakes available, captured one, and put it in the box he had brought along for that purpose. But when Alda saw the snake, she refused to ride back to town with him. So leaving his wife to wait for him, Dick and the snake drove off to Roseburg for the Church rectory. When he arrived, the box was empty. Searching everywhere, they could not find the snake. So Dick drove back, picked up Alda, and returned to Roseburg. And when Alda got out of the car, the snake crawled out with her!

In 1936, when Bishop Dagwell came to the helm in the Diocese of Oregon, he promoted the building of new Church buildings. Finding a bequest designated for an Episcopal Church to serve the Glide area, he decided that St. George's was the only feasible recipient, so the old wood Church that had been constructed in 1860 and remodeled in 1910 was torn down and the present brick structure built at the remarkable cost of \$15,00.

The first St. George's building was built in 1860 and dedicated on the First Sunday in Advent of that year. To the best of evidence, this was the first actual Church building of any denomination to be built in the city of Roseburg. The Methodists were in the area ahead of us, but their buildings had been built at Wilbur, where the early settlers thought was the place to live. At any rate, 1950 was the 90th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the first St. George's and a celebration was appropriately held on the First Sunday of Advent at which Archdeacon Perry Smith preached and there were 165 people in attendance.

Still another "first" for for 1950 was the organization of our GFS — Girls Friendly Society — a branch of the national GFS sponsored for so many years by our national Church. Spearheaded by the rector's wife, Caroline, who spearheaded so many activities, the GFS was born in July 1950 with the added help of Jessie Chapman and Marguerite Siefarth. The group at St. George's was mainly for girls of grade school and junior high age and was filled with enthusiasm and vigor running all over the parish for at least 20 years. It became the main foundation for the girls' choir that blossomed later under two or three excellent leaders and sang at the 9:30 services. They loved to make energy-filled trips to the conference center in Medford at "Black Oaks," and also to the Tyson's place on Siltcoos Lake, after these two locations were acquired. Martha Jane (Mrs. Sherman) Plimpton directed the girls' choir to begin with.

Other names appearing in the youth work records at this period were Thelma Haskin and Lee Webster. Thelma had a son and a daughter, and Lee had two sons, so they got together to organize the Christmas party for our Sunday School. Lee's two boys were Frank and Jimmy, both of whom served as acolytes. One Sunday they were serving at the 11 o'clock service and were sent down by the rector to pick up the offering plates from the ushers at the chancel steps. For some reason or other, the ushers were a bit slow in coming forward, so Frank, in a low voice that could still be heard throughout the whole Church, chided them when they got there: "Slow pokes!" It took the congregation a while to settle down after that into the normal reverence for the Holy Communion!

From The Preacher & the Teacher: the story of our years at St. George's as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson.



Parish News



The Rev. Karen Tiegs from Hillsboro was our guest priest on Sept. 3



15th Anniversary Blessings
for
Chris and Robin Artac
Pictured here with guest speaker
Deacon Allan Miles on Sept. 24

October Holy Eucharist

- Oct. 1** — The Rev. Dr. Tony Petrotta
- Oct. 15** — The Rev. Dr. Pastor Gail Duba!
- Oct. 22** — The Rev. Dr. Constance Hammond



News from the Dubas

The Dubas are back from Europe, but they have been traveling in the US.



Pastor Gail with family—Jason, Emily, Abby, and Joanna—on the Heritage Trail outside of Dubuque IA while visiting over Labor Day



Granddaughter Rana wearing the jacket David wore as a four-year-old while his Dad was an OSC student (before it was OSU!)



Granddaughter and photobombing granddaughter in Dubuque



David with a friend after they cut down a snag on the Duba's Spokane Valley property

FISH

The FISH of Roseburg is looking for two volunteers for their afternoon warehouse—one day per week, on Tuesday or Thursday for three hours—someone with a truck is preferred, but all are welcome to apply!



Saturday, October 14, is the next Green Bag pickup day.

Financial Report by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2023

	June	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 5,558	\$ 5,338	\$ 41,288	\$ 32,027
Other Income	3,020	3,783	32,893	22,700
Total Income	8,578	9,121	74,181	54,727
Expenses	8,312	12,393	65,108	74,359
	<u>\$ 266</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ 9,073</u>	<u>\$ (19,631)</u>
	July	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 7,793	\$ 5,338	\$ 49,801	\$ 37,365
Other Income	4,058	3,783	36,231	26,483
Total Income	11,851	9,121	86,032	63,848
Expenses	6,575	12,393	71,683	86,752
	<u>\$ 5,277</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ 14,349</u>	<u>\$ (22,903)</u>
	August	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 4,743	\$ 5,338	\$ 53,824	\$ 42,703
Other Income	2,740	3,783	39,691	30,267
Total Income	7,483	9,121	93,515	72,969
Expenses	8,133	12,393	79,537	99,145
	<u>\$ (650)</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ 13,979</u>	<u>\$ (26,175)</u>

Pledges were above the budget amount in June and July, but fell below budget in August. It looks like some may have paid both July and August's pledge in July. Interestingly enough, our bottom line in August is about the amount our pledges were down for the month. But our pledges overall for the year, are above our actual year-to-date budget amount. We are still in good standing on our pledges. Your mid-year statements should help you determine if you are up to date on your pledges. Though our August bottom line was in the red, our year-to-date bottom line is in the black by almost \$14,000. So far we are looking pretty good. It has helped that we are only paying for supply clergy for the time being. Keep it coming. We want to keep up our good standing. Thank you one and all.

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the October Stamp of the Month



October is Popcorn Popping Month



Scott catalog # 2261, first
issued on July 7, 1988
in Chicago, IL

In 1893 the first wagon to be used solely
for vending popcorn was introduced. The
set of 50 coil stamps featured their own
unique design rather than simply
copying that of the current definitive
stamp, a first in postal history.

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

Inspiration

A Meditation

- ♥ What if you bowed before every dandelion you met and wrote love letters to squirrels and pigeons who crossed your path?
- ♥ What if scrubbing the dishes became an act of single reverence for the gift of being washed clean, and what if the rhythmic percussion of chopping carrots became the drumbeat of your dance?
- ♥ What if you stepped into the shower each morning only to be baptized anew and sent

forth to serve the grocery bagger, the bank teller, and the bus driver through simple kindness?

- ♥ And what if the things that make your heart dizzy with delight were no longer stuffed into the basement of your being and allowed out to play in the lush and green fields?
- ♥ There are two ways to live in this world: As if everything were enchanted or nothing at all.

~ Christine Valters Paintner,
from *The Soul of a Pilgrim*



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