

The Dragon Scoop

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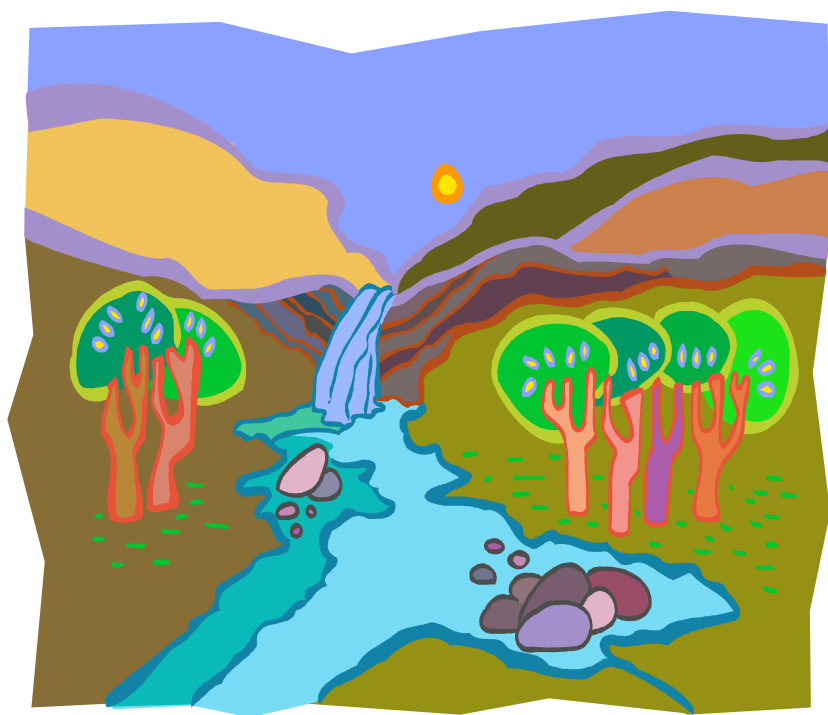
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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

Open the Gates

“Open the gates of your love, O God, and let your blessings flow out like water, let them run quickly like streams in the desert, making new paths of hope in old soil, nourishing young lives, overflowing into the places of illness or despair, spreading out to bring joy to whole communities,



mingling like rivers to carry weary travelers home, until they come to rest in that gentle sea, that limitless horizon of your mercy. Your people have waited for a very long time, dear God, through many long nights of hurting, through many long days of worry, they have been patient through it all, trusting in your grace and justice. Open the gates of your love.”

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Choctaw

The Right Reverend Neff Powell will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Sept. 14. He will meet with the congregation during coffee hour and then with the Vestry after that. As priest in charge, he will be with us periodically, so don't miss a chance to spend time with him whenever he is here.

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A Letter from Bishop Neff

Dear Saints of Saint George's,

Bishop Michael has appointed me as your new Bishop-in-Charge which, if I understand the charge correctly, primarily means that I will be with you on Sundays from time to time, be available to the Senior Warden for consultations, and meet with the Vestry as is appropriate or needed. I am looking forward to being with you all at St. George's and I have enjoyed meeting some of you when I came down with Bishop Michael for the Vestry and parish meetings.

I want to thank John Miller for serving faithfully as Senior Warden and for Donna Litherland for agreeing to serve as the new Senior Warden and Steve Thomas for agreeing to be Junior Warden.

A little about myself. I grew up in Salem, attending St. Paul's, where I was baptized, confirmed (by Bishop Carman), married, and ordained deacon. After seminary in Massachusetts I served as a curate at Trinity, Portland, and then eight years as vicar of St. Bede's, Forest Grove. In 1991, after serving on bishop's staff in North Carolina, I returned to Oregon to serve on Bishop Ladehoff's staff before being elected Bishop of Southwestern Virginia in 1996. Like the Diocese of Oregon, Southwestern Virginia has lots of small towns with small Episcopal churches.

Dorothy and I met at the fall youth dance at St. Paul's in 1964 when I was junior at South Salem High School and she was a sophomore. We married in 1970 after I graduated from college

and was preparing to enter seminary. I retired last summer and Dorothy and I moved to Eugene to be with our children and their families, which includes six grandchildren.

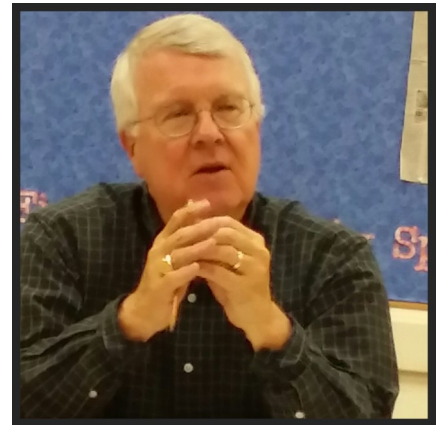
I know that you have been through something of a rough patch lately, but I do know for certain that God loves us each and every one more than we can ask or begin to imagine and that God has given St. George's the gifts that St. George's needs to carry out the mission and ministries to which the congregation is called.

I am looking forward to my first Sunday, September 14. I will preach and celebrate, and tell a story to the children if there are any present. After church we will have a Bishop's Forum, and then a meeting with the Vestry if needed.

In the meantime be assured that Dorothy and I are holding you in our daily prayers.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Neff



Prayer Circle Starting Up

Several years ago we had a Prayer Circle for the church. Thelma Sayers would like to get it going again. Anyone with a prayer request would call someone on the Prayer Circle telephone list. Each person on the list would be responsible to call the next person in line to ask for prayers, and eventually many people would be praying.

If you would like to be part of this much-needed ministry, please contact Thelma or the office.



pray one for
another

Ringling the Changes

There are lots of changes at St. George right now. Here is a cheat sheet to help you keep up to date.

VESTRY

Senior Warden—Donna Litherland
Junior Warden—Steve Thomas

Treasurer— Frank Graham
Vestry Clerk—Margaret Thomas

Class of 2015
Frank Graham
Bill Riley
Bob Spielman

Class of 2016
Betty Jo Hoffman
Doug Holloway
Donna Litherland

Class of 2017
Nancy Baum
Faye Benham
Steve Thomas

There is a Vestry bulletin board in the Parish Hall. It includes pictures of Vestry members, meeting minutes, and financial reports. It will be kept current and informative, so take a look at least once a month.



NEW DIRECTORY

We have an up-to-date church directory, thanks to Faye Benham. If you don't have one yet, you can pick one up on a Sunday or drop by the office.

PARISH OFFICE

The office will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 to 2:00, staffed by volunteers Nancy Baum, Faye Benham, Jean Bowden, Betty Jo Hoffman, and Margaret Thomas.

WORSHIP

Most Sundays services will be Morning Prayer, but at least once a month we will have Holy Eucharist. We will also have Morning Prayer every Wednesday at noon. The Rev. Tom Murphy will be here September 7 and Bishop Neff September 14.

MUSIC

Luella Cox will play for Sunday services through the first Sunday of November.



Thank You

To the St. George Episcopal Church Family:

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Whitney-Wise on our recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,
The Food for the Poor Family



Father Stephen Whitney-Wise
July 27, 2014

Spotlight on Bob Robins

Bob Robins has been leading Morning Prayer services for much of this summer. In addition he chooses the music and leads it when it's sung *a cappella*. The Dragon Scoop asked him for his biography, and we are delighted to present it below.



I am a “cradle Episcopalian.” Born in Salem, Oregon in 1927, I was baptized at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church there and regularly attended Sunday School. When of Junior High School age I sang in the Junior Choir and began to serve as an Acolyte. I was confirmed on November 8, 1939, by Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell. As a high school student I continued to help with Communion, carried the cross, tapers, and flags, began to read lessons in the services, and for a short time taught a Sunday School class.

Following graduation and a brief period of service in the US Navy, I returned to Salem to live at home while attending Willamette University. We had a small Canterbury Club of Episcopalian students attending Willamette which met on Sunday evenings at St. Paul’s, and I conducted an Evening Prayer Service to open each of these meetings. My wife and I were married at St. Paul’s in July, 1950.

When I completed my Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1951 I was hired to teach music in the Oakland, Oregon schools, and immediately began

to attend St. George’s. Father George Swift at St. Paul’s had communicated with Father Alfred Tyson at St. George’s, and on my first Sunday here I was asked if I would like to be the Choir Director (he had been doing it himself!). I now have a certificate reading: “Presented to Bob Robins in recognition of thirty-two years of faithful and devoted service as Choir Director at St. George’s Episcopal Church – September 1985.”

I was also interested in helping with the church services themselves. Father Tyson requested my licensing as a Lay Reader and I began leading Morning Prayer services at the Mission Churches in Riddle, Sutherlin, and the short-lived Myrtle Creek church on occasion, and also at St. George’s when he was ill or needed to do Communion Services at the Mission locations. Over the years I attended several short conference sessions for Lay Readers, and also conducted a Workshop Session for Lay Readers in the Southern Deanery, held in Grants Pass.

I have also served on the St. George’s Vestry for two terms, was on the Committees to purchase the pipe organ, to remodel the church interior, and on a Search Committee when we were seeking a rector. During the past 20 years or so at St. George’s we have had four Rectors and two Interims. Between the terms of each of these Priests there have been periods of a month or two (or more!) when we have needed to employ Supply Ministers for individual Sundays. I was the Chairman of the Worship Commission for most of this period, and it was my task to contact retired clergy in the Diocese to provide services for us. When I could not find someone I usually officiated at Morning Prayer myself.

Since about 2010 I have not been participating in the Altar Group ministry because of medical problems. However, I am deeply grateful for further opportunities to again serve Christ and our Church however possible.

~ ROBERT E. (BOB) ROBINS



Episcopal Church Women

The August ECW meeting was held at the home of Jewell Gates, who provided a delicious lunch for the group.

Guest speaker Juliana Marez spoke about her work with homeless and at-risk children of the Roseburg School District. One of her many projects is to coordinate the putting together of food security bags so that children will have something to eat on weekends. Youth from local churches and the high school can assemble 700 bags in 45 minutes!



She invited St. George to host a time to put the bags together or to donate cash or food for the project. Juliana's prayer to God was to "put me in your service," and He has certainly done so.

The Rummage Sale is coming up soon—Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4. Donations can be brought to the church the week before during office hours (10:00-2:00).

The next meeting will be on September 18 in the Parish Hall at 11:00.



Old Fashioned Pie & Ice Cream Social

Saturday, September 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Please join us for Pie and Ice Cream, plus some fantastic fellowship as we stroll down memory lane.

Several songs, first made famous between the late 1800s and 1950, will be featured with the help of Donna Spicer, Donna Priestley, Leigh Van Sickle, and Luella Cox, plus YOU will have the opportunity to sing along on several of the songs as well. Please join us. You won't want to miss this great evening!

Outreach and Pastoral Care

WE NEED YOU!

Now that Donna Litherland is Senior Warden, she finds it necessary to pass on the responsibilities of Outreach and Pastoral Care to others in our congregation.

If you are willing to help our church reach out to those in our community who are in need or who are not up to par or haven't been to church for a while, let someone on the Vestry know.

Belgian Waffle Feast

Sunday, September 21 after church

Come to a fund raiser for both St. George Episcopal Church and Wilbur United Methodist Church. The money raised will be divided equally between the two churches. Bring your bathing suit if you wish— the pool is 88 degrees.

336 River Club Drive, Roseburg (directions available at St. George and on our Facebook site)

Fir Grove School Supply Project

Final Count of Donated Items

3-Ring Binders- 13	Composition Books-2	Pencil Pouches- 4
Baby Lotion- 1	Crayon Markers- 11	Pencil Sharpener-2
Baby Shampoo- 1	Dividers- 14 pkg.	Pencil Top Erasers- 127
Back Packs- 8	Dry Erase Markers- 4	Pencils- 320
Ball Point Pens- 92	Elmer's Glue Bottles- 7	Permanent Sharpies- 8
Black Sharpies- 4	Expandable File- 1	Permanent Markers- 2
Crayons- 32 boxes	Girls' Socks- 42	Pink Pearl Erasers- 18
Kleenex- 17 boxes	Girls' Underwear size 6- 21	Rulers-11
Boys' Socks- 10	Glue Sticks- 49	Scissors- 20
Boy's Tee Shirt- 1	Highlighters- 32	Small Notepads- 2
Boys' Underpants size 6 to 8- 20	Lunch Packs- 2	Spiral Notebooks- 67
Clorox Wipes-2 canisters	Notebook Paper- 11 packs	Washable Markers- 114
Colored Pencils- 126	Pee Chees- 17	Water Colors- 2 sets
Colored Sharpies- 12	Pencil Boxes- 9	

Marcia Jackson, Project Chairman, reported that the Fir Grove Office Manager, Lavona Pommarane, was very surprised and appreciative when Marcia showed her the list of items that would be coming. She hugged Marcia and said,

“It was 100 degrees outside and I still had goose bumps looking at the list!”



Cathedrals of the World

Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, California

Grace Cathedral sits on Nob Hill in San Francisco on land donated by the wealthy Crocker family and is the cathedral church of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

The Cathedral is an international pilgrimage center because of its famed mosaics, an indoor and an outdoor labyrinth, many stained glass windows, and a 44-bell carillon as well as three organs and three choirs.

Grace Church was founded during the California Gold Rush in 1849. The first building was a small chapel and the third building on the site was destroyed by fire during the 1906 earthquake. Construction of the present cathedral in the traditional French Gothic style was begun in 1928 but not completed until 1964. It is the third largest Episcopal cathedral in the United States. Although it appears to be built of stone, it is in fact constructed of reinforced concrete that has been beaten to achieve a stone-like effect.

The 35 feet indoor labyrinth is a replica of the 13th century labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral, France. The main entrance doors are referred to as “Doors of Paradise” and are replicas of famed French Renaissance doors. The High Altar is made

of granite and California redwood. The main organ consists of 7,466 pipes. By comparison St. George’s organ has 548 pipes.

Rising from the roof of the cathedral is the central spire, adorned with eight dragons warding off evil from the city.

~ Doug Holloway



FISH Report

9,164 pounds of food were collected during the August 2014 collection for the Roseburg Food Project. There were 634 food donors.

FISH is still looking for someone from St. George to serve on the executive board. Each of the supporting churches is allowed two voting members, and we need another person to fill out our slots. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to be that person. Mik Carlson at 541-464-0634 can answer your questions about the position.

Don’t forget—the first Sunday of each month is **Baby Sunday**. Bring baby supplies to the church on **September 7**. Baby food and formula are among the most needed Pantry items.

Give us this
day our daily
bread.



Parish Activities



Picnic in the Church
August 10, 2014



More pictures on Facebook.
You do not need to have a
Facebook account to view the page!
[facebook.com/episcopalroseburg](https://www.facebook.com/episcopalroseburg)

Parish Activities

The Reverend Anne Bartlett
August 3, 2014
One of our Supply Priests



Bulletin Board by Joy Williams
Remembering Prayers, Birthdays,
and Anniversaries



New Kitchen Ranges!
August 24, 2014



Kathy Glockner
August 24, 2014
Demonstrating our Emergency Defibrillator





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Treasurer: Frank Graham

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

