



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
"Loving God, Loving Our Neighbors"

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

"For I **know the plans**
I have for you,"
declares the LORD,
"plans to prosper
you and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a
Jeremiah 29:11 **future."**

As you probably already know, our Repeal of the Unemployment Claim by the Reverend Bennett was successful. We owe no money! I'm sure you appreciate the great job done by our attorney, Tony Griffin.

I want to thank everyone for your help and support. Now we can proceed with the work of our church.

~ Donna Litherland,
Senior Warden

Invitation to Communion

This is the table not of the church
but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him,
and for those who want to love him
more.

So, come,
you who have much faith
and you who have little;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been here long;
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed;

Come,
because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his wish that those who want him
should meet him here.

(paraphrase from the *Iona Community Worship Book*)



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Letter from Bishop Neff

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is a time for new beginnings. September may not be the start of the calendar year, nor of the Church's liturgical year, but it is often seen as a time of new beginnings since it is the start of a new school year. Typically September is the time of year in the church when we resume programs suspended for the summer and look ahead to the coming year of activities. When I was vicar of St. Bede's, Forest Grove, we would brainstorm subjects and issues we would like to visit during the coming months in our adult education. What would we like to talk about? What would we like to learn about? Who could we invite to speak to us? We would write these ideas down on newsprint and go at it, as it were. Then midyear we would review what we had accomplished and add more ideas.

St. George's is also in the midst of a different season of new beginnings. You are working toward the day when you will call a new rector or the Bishop will appoint a new priest-in-charge. My time with you is part of this transition. My philosophy when planning for the future is to identify strengths and successes. What in particular do we do well that we want to hang on to and strengthen? In the last year or last five

or ten years what have we done that would make Jesus say, "Wow!" What do we do that makes a difference in this community? Then, in planning the new beginning, include those successes and strengths which build on the positive assets of our church and our community. And, as in all things, are we doing what God is calling us to do?

Bishop Hanley has given the diocese a fine template for congregational vitality: Sacramental Hospitality, Joyful Leadership, Formation in Christ; and Mission in the World. Let us continue to use this resource as we move forward with Christ to carry out God's vision for St. George's.

You and I have been together for a year now and I expect to be finishing my part in your new beginning before the end of this calendar year. I will let you know more as the fall progresses. In the meantime I hope you all know how much



Dorothy and I enjoy being part of your life at St. George's. We hold you in our daily prayers and it remains an honor to serve as your priest/bishop-in-charge.

Grace and Peace,

+Neff

Invitation from our Orthodox Neighbors

The Umpqua Valley Orthodox Christian Mission, which meets at St. George, has invited our congregation to their special event. Please let the office know if you wish to attend.

*With the blessing of our Hierarch,
His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
of San Francisco,
We invite you to celebrate with us
The Naming of our Mission Parish on
Saturday, September 12, 2015*

Matthew 19:14

by Juliana Marez

Mary, mother of Jesus, was believed to be under 15 when she gave birth to him. She was a woman of deep courage and faith at that young age. In today's society she would be considered still a minor but in that time she was of age.

Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness
of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call
me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for
me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of
their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our
ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

- 1) She was a very godly woman, who was blessed among women (Luke 1:28,42) to be uniquely privileged to bear the Savior of the world. She was chosen by God to bear the Redeemer. She humbly described herself as God's handmaiden (Luke 1:48, KJV), which is another way of saying she was a servant or slave for the LORD.
- 2) She was willing to risk her own life to obey God and become impregnated with Jesus, for in those days adultery would be punished by stoning to death (Leviticus 20:10), which is what it would appear she was guilty of, though she was innocent. Hence, she was going to serve God to the point of death, regardless of the cost.
- 3) She was willing to imperil her marriage with Joseph by her obedience to God, as it certainly was until Joseph had a dream from God regarding this situation (Matthew 1:18-20). That saved their marriage!
- 4) She was also ready to be the topic of slanderous, untrue gossip and evil suspicion by those that would see her pregnant. Such untrue words can be crushing to the innocent and conscientious (Job 19:2), such as Mary.
- 5) She was also a person of great faith. Mary was still a virgin at that point, since she and Joseph never had sexual contact until after Jesus was born (Matthew 1:25); yet Mary had faith to believe the impossible.
- 6) Without a doubt, after Jesus and Mary's other children were born, (Joseph and) Mary raised them in the ways of God, since they were both godly themselves.

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Matthew 19:14 (continued)

- 7) After Jesus started his earthly ministry at the age of 30, Mary is to be commended again as she told the people at the wedding at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5). In other words, she knew that Jesus had the answers for life's problems. Simple obedience to God's word is exalted here, even if it doesn't always make sense in the natural world. Mary pointed people away from herself to the teachings and directives of Jesus. She also encouraged us to have faith in Jesus and not in herself.
- 8) Mary was at the foot of the cross mourning and sympathizing with the other disciples over the harsh and unfair treatment given to her firstborn (Luke 2:7), as he alone paid the price for our redemption. This was a dangerous time to be associated with Jesus, yet she (and other disciples) were there at the cross grieving over what cruel and ignorant people did to him.
- 9) After the ascension of the Lord Jesus into heaven, she was in the upper room patiently awaiting to be filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit along with the other 120 disciples. We, however, never see her afterwards doing any exploits or miracles in the name of the Lord, as the other disciples did in the book of Acts, who were also filled with the Holy Spirit at the same time she was.
- 10) She is mentioned both in the Bible and the Quran. She is the only woman for whom a whole chapter of the Quran is devoted.

FISH Report



During August the Roseburg Food Project collected 8,135 pounds of food from 508 donors coordinated by 64 neighborhood coordinators.

The next Roseburg Food Project pick up day is SATURDAY October 10th.

Questions about FISH? Call Mik at 541-464-0634

St. George Choir

Choir practice for the Christmas season began August 23. David Jones is our Choir Director, bringing his experience and enthusiasm to the group. He is backed by Jeanette Buxton's impressive keyboard skills as accompanist.

The choir will meet most Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (before the service). Be sure to check the bulletin each week to see what the schedule will be.

All voices are welcome. This promises to be a wonderful Christmas!



Parish Picnic

Barbara Crosby's Sauerkraut Salad

2 pints or 1 quart of Seinfeld's Sauerkraut
1 cup sugar
1 cup (or 1/3 cup) chopped green pepper
1/2 large onion, chopped
1/4 cup chopped pimentos
1/2 cup of oil (scant) plus 1/2 cup of vinegar – to equal 1 cup

Drain sauerkraut and combine with other ingredients.
It's good to make this ahead and let the salad marinate.

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Parish Picnic

Food and Fellowship



Karla Roady bicycled over six miles to the picnic!



Waffle Feast



Kathy Glockner reports a total of \$286 from the Waffle Feast. Per Kathy: "Good food, good company—a good time was had by all. 72 people made it a very special day."



More photos can be seen on our Facebook page: facebook.com/episcopalroseburg. Anyone can view the page—you don't have to make a Facebook account.



Waffle Feast



Episcopal Church Women

ECW met at the home of Jewel Gates on August 20. We spent time reviewing how we are helping Julianna help the homeless children in our area. We discussed the idea of bringing back the United Thank Offering program as well as a future Christmas project for the children in our neighborhood.

Sue Phelps presented her idea for inviting members of the congregation to pick a month where they would plan a special coffee hour or an evening social event like the Flag Day celebration, the pie social evening or the spaghetti feed. This could also include the festive dinners for Epiphany, Shrove Tuesday, or Maundy Thursday—or something for All Saints Day, which is coming up.



It is now time to get ready for the rummage sale. We are planning a new design for the tables and, hopefully, an easier pricing method. We will need some extra help setting up since we may need to move the tables around until we get them in the right place. We always need your donations. Please set your items aside at home or some other place until Monday, September 28, through Thursday, October 1, when we will start sorting and pricing. The sale will be October 2 and 3 (Friday and Saturday).

Our next meeting will be September 17, 11:00, at the church.

Betty Jo Hoffman, Co-President

Fir Grove School Supplies Project

Fir Grove Elementary School is very appreciative of the many contributions the caring members of St. George has sent them the last two years. David and I collected a car and a half load full of school supplies from the church and delivered them to the school. Juliana Marez took several other items over that came in later.

The Principal and Secretary said that the wonderful items from St. George's were the only donations they have received this year so far. They went on to explain the teachers and secretaries find themselves sometimes filling the needs when they find it necessary. The new Women and Children Shelter has opened close to Fir Grove and houses, I think, 62 folks. Many will attend Fir Grove this year.

One of the things Fir Grove Children have done for the community for years is to put out the little American flags on the graves at the VA Cemetery each year. We thank them for that service.

Thank you all,

David and Marcia Jackson and Juliana Marez

Jean Bowden, Outreach Chairman



Wonderful World

by Bob Robins

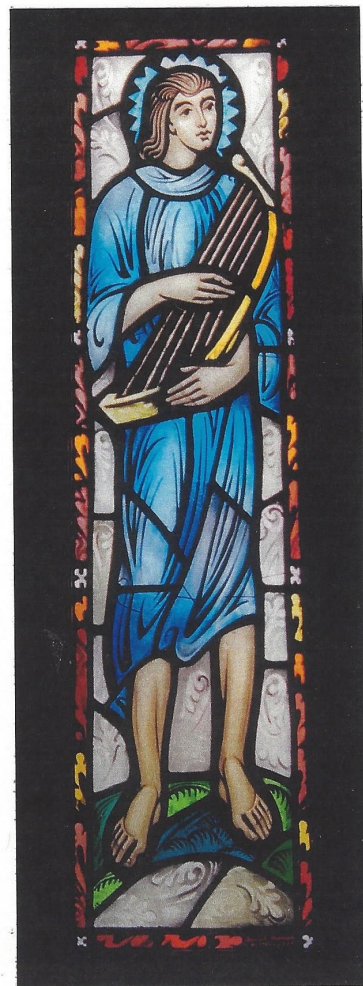
St. George's David Stained Glass Window

David and his harp (or lyre) is the only Old Testament personage pictured in any of our St. George's stained glass windows. Ancient Israel's most important King, his story is told in the biblical books 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 1 Chronicles, from which our First Readings have come throughout much of Pentecost this year. David is said to have been born about 1040 B.C., and to have died about 970 B.C. One of the grandest and most brilliant characters of all human history.

We know of him as the young shepherd boy, chosen to play his harp to soothe the "evil spirits" of King Saul, then becoming the King's armour-bearer. He becomes a major personage when he slays the giant Philistine, Goliath, with a sling and stone. His leadership and wisdom raised a small, disorganized nation to the status of a powerful kingdom. As a King he became the central figure in the history of the Jews, and is thought to be the author of some of the psalms which we read in our Sunday worship services and, notwithstanding all of his faults and shortcomings, is said to have become the "type" or symbol of the Messiah - the name which we now ascribe alone to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The David window is located to the right of the Sanctuary as you face the altar. On the opposite wall the single window depicts "Christ, The Good Shepherd", cradling a lamb in his arms.

Photo by Bob Robins



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity The American Cathedral, Paris, France

This Episcopal cathedral is the gathering church for the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, which consists of nine parishes and seven missions in five European countries. The church, which became a cathedral in 1922, is also the seat of the bishop in charge of Episcopal churches in Europe. The church is situated beside the River Seine in central Paris.

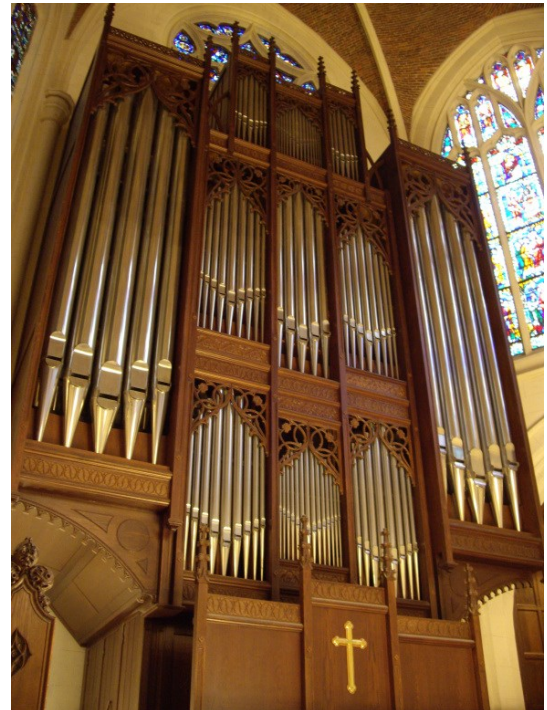


The 278-foot-tall spire, which peaks above the roofs of the Right Bank, is one of the tallest in Paris.

In the 1830s, American Episcopalians in Paris started to meet for services, and eventually a formal establishment of a parish took place in 1859 and the first church was consecrated in 1864.

As the congregation grew there was the need for a larger church and so after a successful fund raising effort, a new building, built in the Gothic Revival style and which took four years to build, was consecrated in 1886. The chancel and aisle vaults are stone but the nave has oak, so as to lessen the weight of the ceiling. Other work continued for two more decades, with the stained glass windows being installed in 1893 and the tower being dedicated in 1909.

The organ was built by a noted French organ maker and is one of the largest in Europe.



During World War II the cathedral was taken over by the German military chaplaincy.



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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

