



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



The Annual Parish Picnic took place on August 28 at the home of Jeannie and Jon Burpee. It was a wonderful afternoon of food and fellowship in a serene green setting.

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

~ Hebrews 10:24-25

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends,

The turnout for the picnic was terrific. Many thanks to Jon and Jeannie Burpee for their hospitality and to all who contributed with food, seating, and labor. Also to the committee on weather. (That's me.) A good time was had by all.

We are moving into the "Program Season." It is not on the liturgical calendar, but all clergy know that it begins on the Sunday after Labor Day. We will be ready. Smiles and gentle, warm interest for visitors. Teacher and classroom for the kids. Great hymns, ancient and modern. Kindly, Bible-based preacher. Best of all, the rich liturgies of our Anglican tradition.

All we need are newcomers. Much has been written on how to invite them. Space does not allow me to list the good ideas out there. But research says that the most fruitful strategy for sharing the Good News with prospective Episcopalians is a personal invitation. I know some of you have been doing that. I ask all of you to consider sharing your faith in personal ways and following up with an invitation to "come and see."

As for program, the summer has flown: beads and prayer, stained glass window repairs, suggested hymns, parking lot renewal, FISH, grant writing for an ECW project with women in shelters, training for worship helpers, starting archive renewal, Fir Grove School support, new roof for the rectory, and the church picnic.

In September and beyond, I plan to be encouraging Bible reading. After coffee hour on September 18, I will offer a one-hour program on resources for approaching the Bible. You can bring a sandwich or salad for yourself if you like. The Bible is our book. It shapes our worship. We hear more of it on Sunday than other churches. Yet we don't read it that much. Could you commit to reading at least one book of the Bible this fall? I suggest one of these: Mark, Luke, Ephesians, Psalms, or Genesis.

To finish, continue to consider these opportunities for our congregation from last month's newsletter:

1. to know who we are as Episcopalians and what is our purpose;
2. to know our setting in southern Oregon;
3. to connect the varied pieces of parish life; and
4. to work together as a team, practicing openness, variety, welcome, and mercy.

I am still having fun. Thank you all.

Jim+

July 2016 Vestry Meeting

Class of 2017	Nancy Baum	Pete Benham	Steve Thomas
Class of 2018	Jean Bowden	Bill Riley	Bob Spielman
Class of 2019	Mike Brossia	Sue Phelps	David Sayers

Attendance: The Rev. Jim Boston, Nancy Baum, Jean Bowden, Mike Brossia, Pete Benham, Bill Riley, Sue Phelps, Steve Thomas, Bob Spielman, David Sayers, Melvin Wilcox Clerk

Visitors: Susan Brossia

Treasurer's Report

Doing OK. More details later.

Old Business

Holy Cross representatives gave a presentation on signs. A motion was passed to place their Orthodox Church signs on the other side of the St. George's signs.

One more security camera will be placed near the Columbarium.

Bob Spielman and Bill Riley are restoring window frames and replacing Plexiglas as needed on the stained glass windows.

ECW is waiting for approval of a \$500 grant for a project with women in shelters.

Reroofing of the Rectory has been completed.

Father Jim suggested putting the old red doors next to the Parish Hall fireplace as decoration.

Building and Grounds

A kitchen flood was caused by the dishwasher thermostat, sending overheated water into the overflow pipe. Thanks to Bob Spielman, Nancy Baum, and Doug Holloway for cleaning up the mess.

The upstairs bathroom will be used by the Greek Orthodox Church and AA will use the downstairs one.

New Business

Mutual ministry review: Strengths and challenges of the Vestry, Parish, and Rector were listed and discussed.

After a very positive review, the Vestry and Jim+ extended their Letter of Agreement through 2016, with the expectation of further extending it into 2017. Father Jim's car allowance was increased from \$100 to \$400 per month.

Fir Grove Elementary School

Blessings to you all for your very generous donations to our children at Fir Grove. Someone commented that it didn't look like we had as much as usual this year but I think that is because Fir Grove said they had plenty of backpacks and didn't need so many more. They were pleased and amazed with the supplies we came up with.

~ Marcia Jackson



Father Jim blessing the school supplies on August 21.

Donations

Elmer's Glue Large Sticks 28	Eraser pencil tips 55
Staples Glue 4 oz size 5	Rectangle Erasers several
Staples Glue Sticks 28 oz size 3	Backpacks 2
Three ring pencil pouches 6	12 inch rulers 6
Junior size composition books 6	Individual Kleenex packs 3
Composition books wide ruled 37	Clorox wipe containers 13
Composition books college ruled 32	Sets of math cards 2
Three ringed folders 3	Gym Shorts size 6-6x & 7-8 3
Notebook paper wide ruled 2 packs	Girls' bike shorts size 10-12 1
Notebook paper college ruled 6 packs	Boys' shirts size 4-5 & 6-7 2
Crayolas 13 boxes of 24 Crayolas	Boys' underpants size 10-12 12 pair
Colored pencils 96	Boys' underpants size 14-16 12 pair
Regular pencils 100	Socks—boys' and girls' 40 Pair
Ticonderoga pencils 12 packs of 12 each	Tee shirt size 6-7 1
Crayola Markers 70	Pump dispensers of hand cleaners 6
Yellow highlighters 17	
Several pair of pointed and rounded scissors	

Episcopal Church Women

By Betty Jo Hoffman

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED!!!

**GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF**

I can't believe that it is time for ECW to begin again and to prepare for the Fall Rummage Sale!

Our first ECW meeting will be at the home of Jewell Gates on September 15. We will be getting organized for the rummage sale which will be Friday, September 30, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Table set-up will be Sunday, September 25 after church, and drop-off time for your donations will be Monday, September 26, through Thursday, September 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We always need your help and you have been so faithful in the past. Thank you.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, ECW Co-President

FISH Report



Latest from the FISH of Roseburg website (<http://www.fishofroseburg.org>):

The August Roseburg Food Project collection received 9,427 pounds of food from 592 donors coordinated by 66 neighborhood coordinators. The next RFP pickup day is Saturday, October 8.

The FISH Pantry's gleaning program has been created to encourage healthy eating, getting clients involved in the joy of picking their own fresh foods, and creating friendships through working together for a good cause. Clients, volunteers, friends, family, and community members are welcome. If you join, you get to keep up to 50% of what you pick, while the remaining 50% gets donated to the FISH Pantry. So far, they have picked plums, apples, and walnuts, and have been invited to pick corn and pears in the future.

The FISH Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the hiring of Kim O'Neal as the new Executive Director. She has been Interim FISH Food Pantry Manager for the past seven and a half months. Kim is a University of Oregon graduate and Air Force veteran. Before moving to Douglas County she was the Curry County Veterans' Service Officer. Kim started in her new role on August 1.

And from a recent news release:

The FISH Food Pantry could use any extra homegrown produce or fruit that you may wish to donate. The quality of homegrown food is exceptional. Volunteers are at the Pantry to receive donations of local garden produce and fruit on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 and Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30. Volunteers at the Pantry will help unload the donations and provide a receipt if requested.

FYI

Large-Print Book of Common Prayer

We have five copies of the large-print title *Selections from the Book of Common Prayer*. It contains many of the daily devotions, Rite One Morning Prayer, Rite One and Rite Two Holy Eucharist (which includes Forms 3 and 6 of the Prayers of the People), the Psalter, and many special prayers. It is very easy to read and a nice way to have a large portion of the prayer book in your home or to give as a gift to a friend.

We are offering them to you for a suggested donation of \$14 each or an amount that would best fit you.

We will have a couple out for review on Sundays or you can stop in at the office to take a look.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman

Praying with Beads

On the first Wednesday of the month, September 7, immediately AFTER Morning Prayer at noon, join together for a short prayer time in the Sanctuary.

Praying with beads or other counting devices has been a practice of peoples dating back to ancient times both inside and outside of churches, and includes all major religions and denominations. Did you know that pebbles can also be used?

Praying with beads is a form of contemplative prayer and a form of meditation—holding beads of various shapes, sizes, and makes of various materials in one's hands can be soothing and quiets the mind. Just want to pray without beads? Join in. All are welcome.

Contact Carolyn Spielman at 541-673-2244 or Margo Wilkins at 541-679-0760 for more information.

~ Margo Wilkins

A Timely Facebook Post

From St James' Episcopal Church in Riverton WY—something for every congregation to keep in mind:

A Gentle and Loving Reminder

There are times in the Bible when we are encouraged to look out for our weaker brothers and sisters. One of the areas where we need to be especially aware is in the use of perfumes and scents. For those with sensitivity to scents the church can be a minefield. With fall approaching we will be closing windows and doors to keep in the heat. This however, also, keeps in the scents. For a person with allergies or asthma this creates a problem. Many of the scents linger on long after the person has left the area. It is my prayer that no one have to make the choice to worship and suffer, or to not attend worship. We need each member of the congregation and when someone leaves or is not present we all lose. Please help us keep St. James a place where all are welcome and can participate fully in worship.

Upcoming Events

Episcopal Church Women Spirituality Day

The Church of the Good Samaritan ECW is excited to host the 2016 Spirituality Day, **Saturday, September 10**. The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will deliver the keynote address.

There will be workshops designed to help women look at their roles in communities and churches. If you find that you cannot register before the morning of Spirituality Day, please bring your own lunch.

Detailed information is available on the Diocese of Oregon's website: <http://www.diocese-oregon.org/event/ecw-spirituality-day-finding-our-home-in-god-in-new-ways/>

Belgian Waffle Feast

This annual fund raiser for both St. George Episcopal Church and Wilbur United Methodist Church will be held at the home of Kathy Glockner after church on **Sunday, September 11**.

Toppings for the delicious waffles include frozen peaches (warmed), strawberries, and/or blueberry sauce.

Bring your bathing suit if you wish. The pool is 87 degrees.

UCC Memorial Event at St. Joseph Catholic Church

This is a community-wide event on **Friday, September 30**, to bring healing to all who reside in our area. Various pastors from local Christian churches, including our own Father Jim, will be present from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for spiritual support for individuals who need it, as well as attending the dedication of the Memorial at 4:00. A more detailed poster is linked to the Events page at St. George's website.

Potluck and Program with Holy Cross

In October we will have a potluck and program with our upstairs guests, Holy Cross Orthodox Church. Watch for an announcement of the date.

Parish Picnic



Picnic photos by Charles Van Sickle

Parish Picnic



Attending Church

Here are a couple of ideas for drawing people to church—or not, as the case may be. The complete articles are available online.

Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Today, wrote in a recent blog post that this is the time of year people are apt to go looking for a church. He says to follow St. Benedict's rule—"Let all who come be welcomed as Christ."

"This is a big shift from thinking of these people as 'visitors' to our club, people whom we try to persuade to pay their dues and join up. Instead, we welcome people, offering the most gracious hospitality we can. If they find that God is calling them to join the congregation, terrific, if they're looking for something else, then let us send them on their way with a blessing."

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Forward-Today--Welcoming-Guests-As-Christ.html?soid=1101062454179&aid=JYboY1LMOOg>

There is another excellent online article by Mary Lee Wile called "My grandkids don't go to church. What can I do?" In it she talks about how she and her family went to church faithfully from the time she was a child, through her college years, as a young mother when church was a second home for her, and now that she is a grandmother. Yet her own grandchildren aren't baptized and her adult children don't attend services.

The author says that what helped her was the words of Catholic writer Ronald Rolheiser in response to a grandmother who feared for the souls of her unbaptized grandchildren:

"We are the Body of Christ. Don't ever forget that. Do you love them? Do you pray for them? The grandmother replied, "Of course." "Then," he said, "through you, they touch the hem of his garment. They are fine. They are bound to Christ through you."

Mary Lee goes on to say, "Your children will follow the Way of Jesus, though they may not call it by name, and their children will learn from them – and from you."

<http://www.growchristians.org/2016/08/19/my-grandkids-dont-go-to-church-what-can-i-do/>



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Lichfield Cathedral Lichfield, Staffordshire, England

Lichfield Cathedral is a Church of England cathedral and is dedicated to St. Chad and St. Mary. It is the only medieval English cathedral to have 3 spires. The current Bishop of Lichfield is the 99th to hold that title.



The first cathedral on the present site was built in 700 AD to contain the bones of St. Chad. This wooden building was later replaced by a stone cathedral which in turn was replaced by the present building. This was begun in 1195 and completed in 1340. It is built of locally quarried sandstone and the walls of the nave lean outwards due to the great weight of the stone used in the ceiling vaulting.

The cathedral suffered extensive damage during the English Civil War (1642-1651) with all the stained glass being smashed, part of the outer walls being destroyed by explosives, and the central spire demolished. It was not until some 200 years later that all the damage was repaired.

Although only 30 miles from Coventry, the cathedral was spared from damage during World War II as the Germans used the cathedral with the three spires as a navigational aid.

In 2003 a sculptured panel of the Archangel Gabriel was discovered under the nave. Through analysis of pigment found on the panel it was surmised that this was part of the chest that contained the relics of St. Chad.

“The angel also bears glowing witness to the understanding that the sober white and grey interiors of Europe's historic churches once blazed with colours as lavish as any fairground carousel.”
The Guardian,
February 20,
2006



The Lichfield Angel



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The St. George Choir will be starting up soon, directed by David Jones. We need all voices, and everyone is very welcome to sing with us! Watch the bulletin and the website for further information.



St. George Episcopal Church publishes THE DRAGON SCOOP each month. If you would like something to be considered for the newsletter please talk to Leigh Van Sickle. E-mailed articles and photographs can be sent to saintgeorgepix@gmail.com

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 am

Holy Eucharist
or Morning Prayer

