



The Dragon Scoop

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St. George Episcopal Church
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Mission Statement:
**“Loving God, Loving Our
 Neighbors”**

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Father Sherman Visits St. George's

On August 8, the congregation welcomed back as guest speaker the Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave. Father Sherman was St. George's Rector from 1993-2002. He currently is the Incumbent at the Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity in the heart of downtown Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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Father Sherman during the Peace.

Father Sherman's sermon was entitled "Signs of the Times."

Some takeaways:

- ♦ The signs of the times are all around us, including climate change, the rise of white supremacy, and the growing divide between the haves and have nots.
- ♦ There is no peace without justice.
- ♦ Don't give up. It took William Wilberforce 40 years to pass a law in Parliament abolishing the British slave trade.
- ♦ The reign of God that Jesus is trying to build is in this present time – now – while we are all here on earth.

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Rector's Letter

Dear friends,

First, a thank you. More of us have been in church this summer than in recent years. The energy level of the congregation is high.

Second, special thanks to Bill Riley for his tremendous, and skilled, work on adding a new section on our Columbarium. It looks like it will be finished before September is over.

I wish I could celebrate the beginning of a new Church School season. We have curriculum and trained teachers standing by to help children learn about God and our church. All we need is children. Could you consider bringing some children to church with you on Sundays? Relatives, children of friends and neighbors, the boy who mows your lawn are all possibilities. You need to get permission from their parents, of course, and persuade them to give us a try. Some kids love the Episcopal Church at first exposure.

Don't stop with children. Consider who you might persuade to visit St. George's for a Sunday Eucharist: a neighbor, a friend, an inactive parishioner, someone who owes you a favor. Just ask them to come and see what is so important in your life, and might be in theirs. You need to invite, to offer rides, or ask for a ride for yourself. Don't forget to mention the great food at our coffee hours. Share why you come to worship God at St. George's Episcopal Church. Perhaps the music, or the preaching, or the people, or the liturgy, or whatever. But you do come, and are generally very glad you do.

Your Vestry and I will be working on additional reasons to invite others to activities at the church. Watch for announcements.

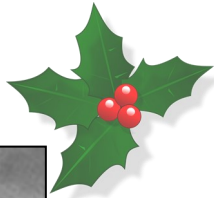
One very good reason to come to worship is to pray, both alone and in community. Roseburg needs prayer. So does Oregon. And the good old USA, not to mention Canada and Mexico, and every other country on earth. And we pray for the Earth as well. Prayer has results. Things happen. People get engaged with the opportunities and challenges around us. And God's wonderful love and power are made manifest in ways both small and grand. You and I have found the beauty of worship, the grace of God, and caring friends at St. George's. Other people can as well.

Thank you for blessing me and Pam with your faith, hope, and love.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim+



In Memoriam



Richard Karl 'Barney' Spielman

Dec. 22, 1945 - July 31, 2019



Barney was the brother of St. George parishioner Bob Spielman. He was on our prayer list for many months as he fought cancer.

Barney graduated from Roseburg High School in 1964 and joined the Army, becoming a helicopter mechanic. Throughout his life he worked for several airlines, including 10 years with Goodyear airships and 34 years with Horizon Air. He lived with his wife, Denise, and his stepdaughter, Alaina, in Portland, retiring to Hood River so that he could do volunteer restoring of antique aircraft.

As Bob writes in Barney's Oregonian obituary:

His special calling, though, was being Santa Claus. After "playing" Santa for a niece's party in 1996, he "became" Santa – he had found his calling.

Naturally a kind, generous man with a hearty laugh and infectious, jolly demeanor, his soul was the soul of Santa. He grew a "real" beard, and his laugh truly became the "ho-ho-ho" that everyone recognizes. Barney carried candy canes with him all year long, since everyone recognized Santa, in or out of his red pickup with its SLEIGH license plates. The cameras came out as people saw him and asked to take a selfie, or "elfie" as he called it.

His deepest joy was putting smiles on peoples' faces and performing countless anonymous acts of kindness. He was truly one of a kind and he, his laugh and his candy canes will be greatly missed.



A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 N.E. Hancock, Portland, OR.

Upcoming

Every Wednesday following the 10 am Morning Prayer service—Bible study.

Tuesday afternoons, September 10 to November 5—CHI Mercy Health Hospice Volunteer Training. Contact Anita Smith, Volunteer Liaison, at 541-464-5462 for a brief interview and an opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Wednesday, September 11, 4 pm—Celebration of Ministry for the Rev. Ann Abdy at Holy Spirit in Sutherlin. Reception to follow.

Friday, September 13, 8 am to 4 pm—UCC's 37th Annual Conference on Extraordinary Living for people 50+. The keynote topic is "DNA and Genealogy." For more information call 541-440-4668.

Thursday, September 19, 11:00—ECW meeting at the home of Jewel Gates.

Saturday, September 21, 9:30 am to 2 pm—Diocese of Oregon ECW Annual Meeting at Holy Spirit in Sutherlin. Preregistration requested by September 14 (forms available in the Parish Hall).

Saturday, September 21, 9 am to 3 pm—Liturgical and Spiritual Workshops, St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville.

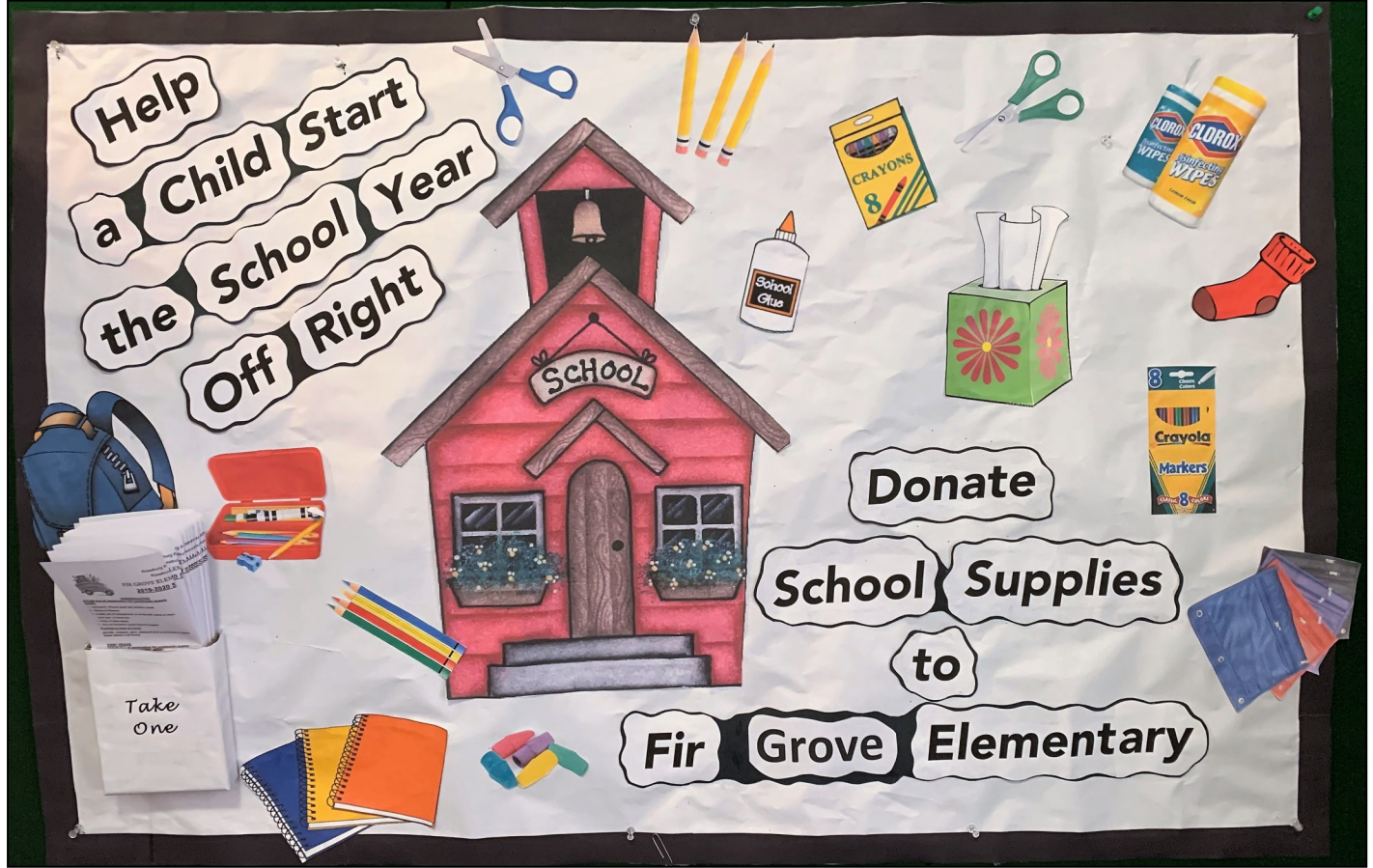
Tuesday, October 1 deadline to apply—the Episcopal Evangelism Grants Program is designed to grow Episcopal ministries, resources and gatherings that energize the Church to boldly and fearlessly share and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Grants Committee will consider proposals for up to \$2,000 for an individual congregation. Apply online at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/evangelism-grants>

Saturday, October 5, 9 am to 4 pm—Carl Daw Hymn Festival & Workshops, St. Paul's, Salem.

Saturday, October 5, 2:00 pm—Blessing of the Animals at UCC. This non-denominational annual service will be presided over by the Rev. Nancy Gallagher, the Rev. Anne Abdy, Pete Benham, and a representative from the Salvation Army. You are invited to bring farm or other large animals as well as pets. Local police dogs will be in attendance too. New stuffed animals will also be blessed for needy children and distributed by the Salvation Army.



Fir Grove School Supplies









If you would like to purchase school supplies for Fir Grove Elementary, you will find a complete list in the little box on the School Supply bulletin board in the hallway. If you would prefer to donate money and have it reflected on your church donations statement, one of us will shop for you. Make your check out to St. George and write "school supplies" in the memo section. You can also put cash in a small brown pew envelope and write your name on it.

Bring the supplies or money to the church office Mondays-Fridays, 10:00-2:00 until Sept. 13. Of course you can put the money in the collection plate on Sunday, Sept. 15.

We would like to take everything to Fir Grove on **Monday, Sept. 16.**

FIR GROVE ALWAYS NEEDS EXTRAS OF:

-  Packages of college- or wide-ruled notebook paper
-  Black bullet-tip dry-erase markers (not big wide ones)
-  Boxes of 8 color paints (water colors)
-  Packages of 8-tab dividers
-  Highlighters, glue sticks, colored pencils, red pens
-  Zipper pouches for notebooks

~ Betty Jo Hoffman

Father Sherman's Visit



Blessings



Happy Birthday Blessings

*Delpha Hammerle and Connie Hunnicutt
(above, left and right)*

Father Jim Boston (left)

Happy Anniversary Blessings

*Pete and Faye Benham (right)
59th Anniversary!*



Parish Picnic



The Annual Parish Picnic was held at the home of Kathy Glockner on August 11. Beautiful surroundings, delicious food, and a wonderful church family—what more could anyone ask?

Columbarium

The Columbarium expansion project is proceeding as planned and should be finished in October.

Bill Riley reported:

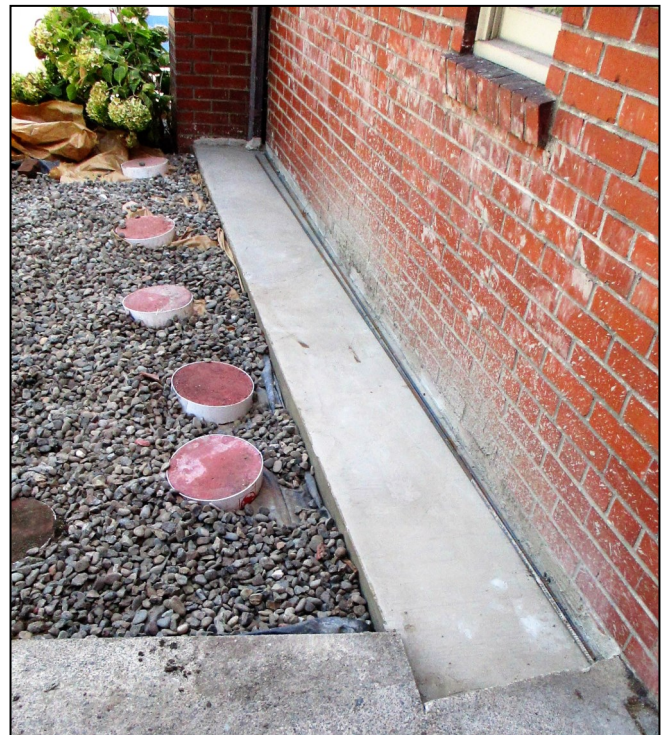
On August 20, Mari-Jo Miles helped pour two cubic yards of pre-mixed concrete in the trench. In the photo below she is tapping a form to bring the small aggregate to the edge, making it smooth. The picture on the top right shows the trench with rebar after the County Inspector approved construction. The picture at bottom right was taken August 23 after the forms had been removed and the ground cleaned up a bit.

On August 28 our son Michael and I plan to pick up the new prefabricated Columbarium in Pittsburgh, PA and will drive to Bend, OR, where on September 3 we will load up 350 bricks, delivering all to St. George that day. On or about September 4 we plan to start working with Randall Dukart of Duke's Masonry, Winston, to install the new Columbarium.



Photos by Bill Riley

When finished, there will be 64 additional spaces along the west-facing wall. You are invited to purchase your own niche for \$550. It is not necessary to be a member of St. George's to buy one.





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*Treat each person as if their heart is breaking.
More often than not, you'll be right.*

~ Maz Gilmour



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Senior Warden: Pete Benham
Junior Warden: Steve Thomas
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

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

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am—Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays
10 am—Morning Prayer

September