



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Love in Action!

For the month of August, The Schlueter-Greenwalt Foundation's Cooling Resource Center welcomed 355 guests in just seven days.

We provided sandwiches, fresh fruit, snacks, cold water and drinks, hygiene supplies, first aid needs, sunscreen, cooling rags, fans, toilet paper, wipes, pet supplies including over 160 pounds of dog and cat food, and more!

Eleven different organizations were represented, including resources for housing, mental health care, substance abuse care, and even a local artist doing an oil pastel mini class!

This was made possible by the support of our mission, and we owe a huge thank you to St. George's Episcopal Church as well as this month's volunteers:



Jean, Karla, BJ, Cathy, Valerie, Walt, Tim, Sue, Diana, Rev. Janine, Rev. Matt, Lisa, Mary, Dessie, our awesome six Junior Volunteers, and more!

We also greatly appreciate and thank everyone who has donated cash and supplies!

May God bless you all,
Courtney & Jacob



Photos courtesy of Courtney Greenwalt

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter



“Donuts,” they said.

When they were still small, my youngest and their friend were enjoying donuts after church one day when I was reminded by the secretary that I needed to get the newsletter article done for church that day. So I asked what they thought I should write about...and they said, “Donuts!” ... and stuck their tongues out at me and laughed. I shook my head and smiled at their sticky fingers and giggles. But later, I started to wonder if maybe they were on to something.

Maybe it's time to take notice of the small things we are grateful for....like donuts. And dogs with thumping tails. And snapdragons. And dishwashers. And hammocks. And giggling children.

I worry sometimes, in a world where children are scarred by abuse and violence...in a world where communities and nations are ripped apart by war...in a world where human suffering and heartache surround us...that maybe it is petty of me to so thoroughly enjoy just sitting in my hammock on the porch with a glass of wine on a lovely summer day. I worry that I am not compassionate enough. That I am not doing enough to help others. That I am lazy.

Anybody with me? Anybody else's soul get weighed down with worry and guilt and shame? In Psalm 42 and 43...the writer repeats a phrase that I need to hear...over and over and over.

*Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God.*

In the midst of a world that is full of hurt, nothing we do seems like enough. We can't “fix it,” and we often get discouraged. And so we need to be reminded ...over and over and over again...that our hope isn't in our own goodness. But our hope is in God. We need to be reminded that God is faithful. That God is good. And that God loves this world and loves us...and nothing can change that. We don't have to prove we are “enough.”

God comes to us—where we are and as we are—with gifts of grace and goodness—with giggles and snapdragons and thumping tails. With gifts of wine and a summer breeze. May we receive the beautiful gifts God brings with gratitude...because when we do...the beauty flows through us.

That's the way love works after all—we love because God first loves us. Know that you are loved. Take time to appreciate the donuts and remember that God is good. Let God's love give you joy and peace....replacing the worry and guilt and shame. And know that the love that flows through you...is enough. You are enough.

Rev. Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW meetings will resume on Sept. 18 at 11:00. Courtney Greenwalt will be our program speaker.

Our main focus will be the fall rummage sale. Now is the time to be putting aside items you no longer want, especially things for the holidays

since we will not have another sale until they are all over. Remember—people will be shopping for Halloween, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter decor plus winter and spring clothing. Thank you for your past donations; we look forward to what you will have to offer at this time.

Parish News

Former parishioner Nik Grimsby, who moved to Portland to become Administrative Assistant for the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon, wrote to Rev. Matt at the end of July:

“I wanted to let you know, and you can share this with the rest of St. George's, that last week I took my vows as a Benedictine Oblate in the Companions of Saint Luke, and was given the name “Br. Andrew” in remembrance of Saint Andrew's humility in accepting a back-stage role in Jesus's ministry compared to his brother Peter's spotlight role (even though he was the first called and introduced Peter to Christ).

“When I was at St. George's I had many conversations with parishioners about my formation with the Benedictines and I am sure they would be pleased to hear that I have taken my first vows. Next steps include entering a discernment period to see if professional and lifelong vows are appropriate for me.”

Pax,
Br. Andrew (formerly Nik Grimsby)



Property Maintenance

by Bill Riley

DOOR CLOSERS:

Pete Benham pointed out that the door closures for three of the four doors to the Parish Hall are not working. I removed one and took it to North Star in Sutherlin to see if they can fix it. They could not fix them but sold me two smaller ones. I sent a third one to New England Door Closer in Massachusetts. They completely overhauled that one.

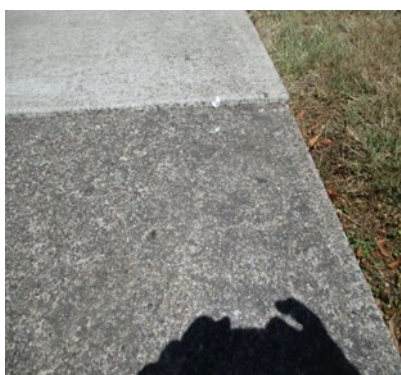
Doug Holloway (right top) and Bob Spielman helped install them. The right door at the entrance of the Parish Hall works perfectly. The two at the exit towards the Rectory close okay but do not lock. One has to pull them the last 1/4 inch to get them to lock. I checked with New England Door closer and the technician believes an adjustment is needed in the door closer arm. It may need to be lengthened or shortened. Otherwise just have to pull the door a bit.



GRINDING UNEVEN SIDEWALK:

I rented a small grinder and ground quite a bit off the raised edge of one slab of the sidewalk. See pictures below. I purchased two tubes of mortar and applied them to the edge that still exists plus some other cracks Pete pointed out.

In the picture below left, the lip is about the size of a quarter. After grinding, the picture on the right is down to the size of a dime.



KNEELER REPAIR:

On the north side of the church a screw holding the padded kneeler to a wooden foot was broken. Bob took the kneeler home to redrill and reattach it. He reinstalled the kneeler on Friday, 25 JUL.

Parish News

PICNIC!

We have scheduled a joint worship and picnic for Faith and St. George Sept. 21 at the large pavilion at Stewart Park. Worship will be at 10:00 with a potluck picnic following.

Bring your own lawn chairs (and if you have extra, bring those too!). Bring a dish to share, and remember we have some folks unable to bring things, so keep that in mind! Drinks and plates and utensils will be provided. We're looking forward to our time together sharing in God's love!



Courtney Greenwalt changes the lightbulb in the Ascension Window. Don't try this at home!



Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Lynda Green and Myana Clark**



**Rev. Janine's Children's Sermon
August 24**

Right: The Farmers' Market donated produce for the Cooling Resource center. There was so much that parishioners could take some too!

Photo by BJ Hoffman



**65th Anniversary Blessings
for
Pete and Faye Benham**



The Preacher & The Teacher

1970, continued

In our last episode, the Tysons had just arrived in Paris.

On Monday we took a tour of Paris: Les Invalides, Montmartre, Sacre Coeur, Eiffel Tower, Place de la Concord. For dinner, we ate at a small restaurant near our hotel. The sign on their window said they were serving “Bouillabaisse,” a Mediterranean style fish soup I had eaten at Aunt Mabel’s neighbors’ in 1937, so I suggested we eat there as Caroline should try it. We went in and placed our order. A few minutes later the headwaiter came up to our table and began jabbering away at Caroline. Neither of us could understand a word he said. So I dredged up my best French and explained that she didn’t understand French very well. He drew himself up straight, looked at me scornfully, and replied: “I AM SPEAKING ENGLISH!” If I could have crawled under the table I would have done so. He just wanted to explain that the order would be a little delayed. Anyway, she did eat Bouillabaisse!

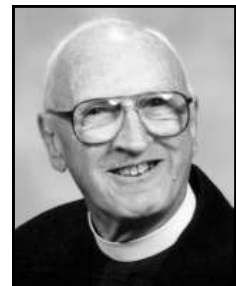
Tuesday morning we turned in our “Opel” to the Avis garage, then walked around a bit and took a boat ride on the Seine, seeing Notre Dame Cathedral and Tuileries, Louvre, and St. Chapelle. We took the Metro (underground) back to the “Place de la Madeleine” and our hotel. Supper at a “working man’s café” — very interesting. Our last night in France.

Wednesday morning we walked to the American Express office and found a letter there from Charlotte, forwarded from the Ascot Hotel in London. After a hectic time at the Gare du Nord we finally got our baggage on the train headed for Calais, arriving about 4 o’clock and getting on board the “Invicta” which had taken part in the Normandy Invasion that spelled the end of WWII. Landing at Dover we traveled to London where we took a taxi (as we had done in Paris, too.) Thursday morning we left our hotel—which we described as “not too hot” and took another cab to go to Westminster Abbey where we were

to meet our tour. The cabbie said he would try to get as close as he could but most of the streets were blocked off as the Queen was opening Parliament. We did get there, and we did see the Queen ride by in her royal coach. We did meet our tour, ate lunch at “Church House” connected to the Abbey, and began our journey going to Crawley to the George Hotel (excellent) and touring Guildford Cathedral, one of only two cathedrals built in England after WWII. It was magnificent, and Caroline was impressed with all the hundred of kneelers, all done in needlepoint by women of the congregation. Canon Hammer was our tour guide and was excellent, seeming to know everything about every cathedral we visited. We spent twelve days on the bus tour, each day visiting another cathedral and getting there in time for Evensong to hear the resident boys choir sing. It was a marvelous time.

On Friday we saw Chichester Cathedral as well as the first Roman Catholic cathedral in England, built in 1880. Then past Portsmouth to Winchester and the castle of the Duke of Norfolk who lives there (Why?) Norfolk is in the NORTH of England, not the south!). Spent the night at the Wessex Hotel. Wessex had been the city of King Alfred and there was a statue of him just outside our bedroom window. The Romans, Saxons, and Britons had all made their headquarters here. And of course, the cathedral was magnificent. Charles Wesley’s brother had been organist here for many years.

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



Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

Ely Cathedral Ely, England

Ely Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop of Ely and is the principal church in the Diocese of Ely.

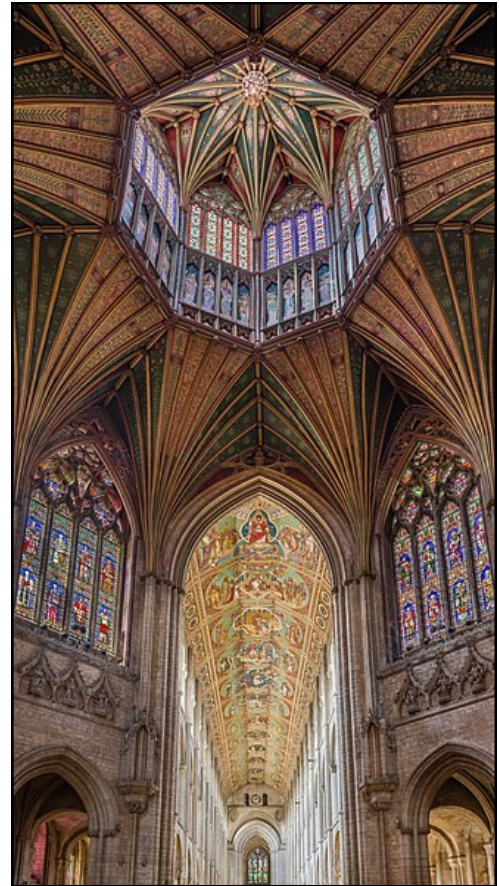


Because it stands on a slight rise - 85 feet above the surrounding farmland - it is known as "The Ship of the Fens."

The present building was started in 1083 by William the Conqueror, but it was not completed until 1375 although it attained cathedral status in 1109. The design was changed several times during the building as each successive Bishop implemented their favorite ideas, and even as late as 1500 chapels were still being added.

In 1322 the central tower collapsed due to ground movement. Instead of the tower being replaced, the whole design was changed so as to include a much larger, open area in the center of the building in the shape of an octagon.

Most of the stained glass and statues were destroyed around 1539—during a period known as the Dissolution of the Monasteries. Around 1650 the cathedral was closed for 10 years and was used as a stable for horses. Major repair work has been carried out over the centuries, with the latest being done from 1986 to 2000.



The Octagon

Ely has been an important center of Christian worship since the seventh century. A monastery was built in the area in 673, was destroyed by Danish invaders in 870 but restored again in 970. Although the actual City of Ely is relatively small (around 20,000) the cathedral itself is a major tourist attraction.

The cathedral's website says it costs £10,000 a day to care for their historic building, maintain their worship and music tradition, and carry out their contemporary mission of education, outreach, and care. That's over \$13,000.

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Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the September Stamp of the Month
September 13th is Uncle Sam Day

Uncle Sam originated during the War of 1812 based on meat packer Sam Wilson, nicknamed Uncle Sam, who furnished supplies to the troops. Uncle Sam Day became official in 1989 with a joint resolution of Congress. Uncle Sam was first illustrated as we know him today during World War I. His most famous appearance was on a recruitment poster created by James Montgomery Flagg.

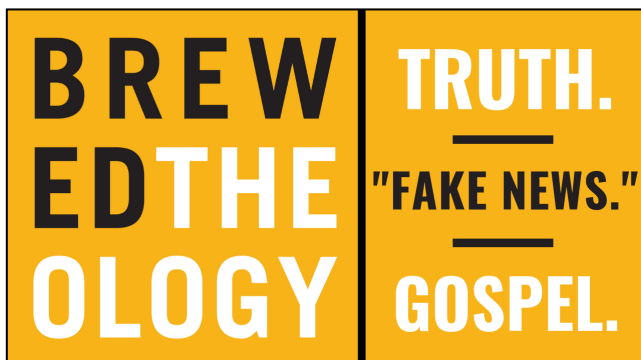


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The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December.
Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

*Poster by Clarence Adams,
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club*

Brewed Theology



Brewed Theology Thurs., Sept. 25—Gather at 2:00 and 6:00—Conversations start at 2:30 and 6:30.

This month is a conversation about "Fake News." Looking forward to seeing you!

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