

# August 2013

**Mission Statement:** "Loving God, Loving our Neighbors"

# **Special Worship**

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

#### Sunday, August 18th **River Forks Park**

Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m.

**Eucharist** 11:00 a.m.

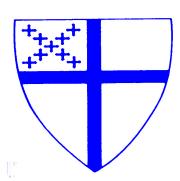
Lunch (Pot Luck Style) Noon



Bring your camera, smiles, and a dish to share. The potluck sign-up list is available in the Parish Hall.

> Enter the photo contest and submit your entries to stgeorge@stgeorgeepiscopal.com by 8/25/2013.

Winning photos will be displayed on our Web site, Facebook page, and may be used in future publications.



We have Episcopal Shields available for your vehicle.

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### **RECTOR'S LETTER**

There is one last thing to do before I take my three weeks leave from St. George embarking on a combination of continuing education and vacation and that is to write this letter to you. I thought you might want to know what the Rector is up to.

Week one I will be at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista participating in a 5 day Christian/Buddhist Silent Retreat with about 25 people. This is something I have done annually since 1995. Until a few years ago the retreat was held at the Wellspring Renewal Center in the little town of Philo, California. This is a time of prayer, rest, and renewal for me, and of letting the Holy Spirit enter more deeply into my life and ministry. The whole retreat is in silence except for instructions given by the teachers. Even the meals are in silence. I hope that each of you will find a time this summer to be in silence to quiet the outside demands of the world so that you might hear God more clearly in your life.

Week two I'll be roaming around probably here at home in Roseburg enjoying the produce of my garden and local farms. I intend to enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables of our summer with a glass or two of our Umpqua Valley produced wines. I'll be throwing something on the BBQ and maybe taking time to look up at the stars once the sun sets enjoying the coolness of the night. I'll be playing with my cats, visiting with family and friends and hope you too are taking some time to enjoy these days of summer with the fullness of God's bounty.

Week three I'll be in Portland at Trinity Cathedral participating in and Icon workshop. Last year I was able to write and Icon of St. George and the Dragon which we used in the sanctuary during Lent. I don't know yet what Icon I will do but this is a wonderful week of prayer, art, and fellowship with other iconographers as we work away from 8:00 am until about 4:30 pm every day. I hope that each of you are taking time this summer to co-create with God, writing, painting, praying, reflecting, meditating, working in the garden, trying a new recipe in the kitchen, or paddling down the river.

And lastly I am reminded in the moment of our need to stretch. My back is bothering me and so this morning I spent some time stretching the tight muscles caused by too much sitting, too much stress, and probably too much of several other things. When our bodies, minds, and souls, get too much of something, or not enough of something else, they tend to cramp up and we need to stretch. Our bodies need movement, rest, and tender care and so too our hearts, minds and souls. Summer may be a good time to stretch and allow old tensions and cramping habits, hurts, and hindrances to find a new sense of spaciousness. Whatever you can do the Spirit of God will provide what you need if only you ask.

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7)

Enjoy your blessings and find time this summer to be with the Spirit of God where ever it might be calling you. Many blessings,

Rev. JoAnne

# SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

We are coming into the throws of summer and vacations with family get-togethers. We all know that as we get older, the importance of family seems to grow on all of us. I think it is because we start to slow down and think about what is happening around us and we appreciate what we have. We need to remember the importance of our church family also. The Church should be more than a place to go on Sunday morning to see who is coming and who is not. We all need to work as one to maintain and take ownership in our Church. Taking ownership can range from our tithing to volunteering. Our pledges are very important to the Church, which is what keeps the power on for lighting, heating and cooling the Church, for buying the paper for the Sunday bulletins, and for paying our staff. Together with our staff it is the volunteers that keep the Church going, the money counters to the altar guild to the

maintenance of the property. Everything we do supports the ongoing ministry of the church. We all need to step up and stop waiting for the special invitation to do something that is important to you and the Church. In the coming months, we will be starting our annual stewardship pledge campaign. This is an essential part of supporting our Church by sharing what God has given us to put together a budget for the coming year. It is important for us to do our part. Jean Bowden has taken on the job of a stewardship team, but she cannot do it alone. If you like talking to people and like being involved with the Church, give Jean or the Church office a call.

I hope everyone will come to the Service in the park on August 18 and share a good time with your Church family. Don't forget your cameras.



#### **PRAYER**

The most important prayer is intercessory prayer. Praying for others. This kind of prayer puts us between God and people in need. We are never more like Christ than when we pray for others. When you know someone needs prayer, and we have a list in our bulletin for starters, please pray for them. Prayer anytime or anywhere will give you joy.

Imagine if we all prayed (storming heaven) what would happen.

Thank you for your prayers for me.

Jean Bowden

SHE STOOD
IN THE STORM,
SHEN THE WIND
DID NOT BLOW
HER AWAY,
SHE ADJUSTED
HER SAILS.
ELIZABETH EDWARDS

# **OH, WHEN THE SAINTS?**

#### **Thomas Gallaudetwith Henry Winter Syle**

Hartford, Connecticut Priests-1902, 1890

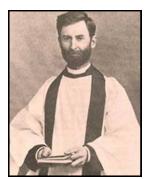


Thomas Gallaudet was the son of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and his wife Sophia who was a deaf mute. His father was the founder of the West Hartford School for the Deaf.

After graduating from Trinity College his intention was to be confirmed and become a priest in the Episcopal church. At his father's request he first became a teacher in the New York Institution for Deaf Mutes. There he met and married a deaf mute, Elizabeth Budd. He

was ordained a deacon in 1850 at St. Stephens Church where he established a bible class for the deaf. He was ordained a priest in 1851 and became Assistant at St. Ann's Church where he planned to establish a church that would be a spiritual home for deaf people. This was accomplished in the following year with the founding of St. Anne's Church for Deaf Mutes. They purchased a church building in 1859, which became the Center for Missionary Work to the Deaf. As the result, mission congregations were established in many cities. Gallaudet died in 1902.

One person who benefitted from Thomas Gallaudet's work was Henry Winter Ryle who lost his hearing at age 6 as a result of scarlet fever. Determined to get an education he went to Trinity College in Hartford and earned a Master's degree from Yale University. He became a lay reader at St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. There he read for orders and became the first deaf person ordained in America. He was a tireless worker for Christ and the deaf, and founded the All Souls Church for the Deaf in Philadelphia in 1888. He died in 1890.



**Betty Fretwell** 



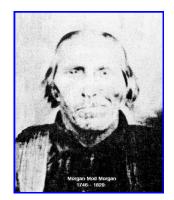
### **ROSEBURG FOOD PROJECT**

On July 13th the FISH Food Pantry held their summer food drive at four local grocery stores. St. George volunteers worked with members of the First Presbyterian church to gather food at Albertsons. We collected 1,092 pounds and \$144. The totals for all four grocery stores were 3,696 pounds of food and \$450. These are preliminary numbers since faith Lutheran Church will continue the food drive at Sherm's on July 27th.

Thanks to all who helped with the organization and collection. If you are interested in volunteering for the next food drive, please let me know. Mik Carlson

### **EPISCOPAL HISTORY**

Colonel Morgan A. Morgan (1746—1829) First white settler in W. Virginia



Morgan Chapel and Graveyard, also known as Christ Episcopal Church-Bunker Hill, is a historic church in Bunker Hill, W. Va, and is the oldest Episcopal church congregation in West Virginia.

In 1741 Colonel Morgan 'Morg' Morgan, the first white settler in W. Va and my great-great-great-great grandfather, built the original log church on the site and the cemetery was established. The current Greek Revival building was constructed in 1851. Morgan Morgan I, II, III, and IV are all buried in the church cemetery. Colonel Morgan's descendants founded Morgantown, W. Va. The current

building was constructed in 1851 and is the third built on the site. The church has no indoor plumbing and is rarely used.

In 2001 the Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia, hired workers to restore the old two-room brick church. As the workers scraped layers of paint from the inside walls they found writings and drawings done by Civil War soldiers that had been hidden for decades. Morgan's Chapel had provided housing for both Confederate and Union soldiers during the war. The earliest notation is dated March 5, 1862.

Due to the discovery of these writings the restoration will continue, but precautions will be taken to protect the walls and writings, and the church will be open to visitors. The Bishop believes additional writings and drawings may be uncovered in the balcony, but a lack of railings makes the area too treacherous to work in for now.

The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia includes 67 churches in all 55 counties. Many of the churches are old, but nothing of such historical significance has been discovered in them.

Rev. Klusmeyer said the historic treasure discovered on the walls of Morgan's Chapel is important to Berkeley County, the state of West Virginia, and the Episcopal Church.



Visit us on <u>Facebook</u>. Help build our community by clicking **Like**. This is a great place to share your thoughts, stories, and church photos.

#### HELP NEEDED

Wanted—1 Bedroom/Studio Apartment
Single, 61 year old lady, non-smoker, Christian, with a certified companion cat.
\$300/month
Please call Judy at 541 440-2234

### **COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES**

Free Hospice Volunteer Training Classes September 10—November 12

Tuesday's from 1-4:30 pm

Training covers family concerns, hospice care, pain and symptom management, grief and bereavement, and communication and spiritual issues

For information or to register call Anita at 541 464-5462

#### ROSEBURG OPEN STREETS EXPERIENCE

### **Sunday Parking Alert**

Sunday, August 11, 2013 11:00 am—3:00 pm Downtown Roseburg Jackson/Main

For information, visit openstreetsproject.org

Enjoy No Cars on the Road!

Bikes, Trikes, Skates, Boards, and Feet are welcome!

Whacky Wheels Contest Drive-thru Water Tube Kids Games & Activities Biking Events

Presented by Roseburg Parks & Recreation and The Bicycle/Pedestrian Coalition



### **THANK YOU!**

- \* To all of you who volunteer in your ministries both inside and outside of the church.
- \* To BJ Hoffman and Sue Phelps for spending time in the choir loft organizing the music files.
- \* To Jim Eddy for maintaining and operating our grounds water sprinkling system.
- \* To all of you who organized and prepared the delicious refreshments for Father Sherman's visit, and to Father Sherman for visiting.
- \* To our new worship leaders, Sally Appell and Pete Benham.
- \* To Father Lonegran for leading worship on Wednesdays in July.
- \* To all of you who have contributed to the Front Office Air Conditioning and Heating Fund; Donna Litherland, Sally Appell, Joy Ballard, Jim Eddy, Doug Holloway, John Miller, Colin Benson, Hellene and Ivor Chapman, Frank Graham, Jean Bowden, Milt Baldridge, Betty Jo Hoffman, Leigh and Charles Van Sickle, Sue Phelps, Margaret Thomas, Betty Fretwell, Jinny Skala, the ECW, and our anonymous donor. We still need \$2,277 to complete the campaign.
- \* To Betty Jo Hoffman, Jewell Gates, and Jean Bowden for hosing our Sunday Coffee Hour.

\* To the many of you who work behind the scenes doing many things we often don't see or hear about. And for all who support our programs, outreach, worship, facilities, and staff with their pledges.

#### **Vacation Office Schedule**

The office will be closed for summer vacation and will reopen Monday August 12. Sunday and Wednesday worship and any programs already planned will continue as scheduled. If there is a pastoral emergency, a serious illness, hospitalization, or death please call Father Robert Lonergan at 541-863-4290. If there is an emergency of the church please call the senior warden Jim Eddy at 541-679-9551. Rev JoAnne will return for services on August 11th and we will be reorganizing our office staffing moving forward. Thank you and continued blessings for your summer.



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St. George Episcopal Church publishes THE DRAGON SCOOP monthly. If you would like for something to be considered for the newsletter please inform the office no later than the 10th of the month. Submit irregular information and articles to stgeorge@stgeorgeepiscopal.com or to the parish office by 10 a.m. on the 15th of the month. E-mailed articles are preferred, if you have access to a computer.

Rector: The Rev. JoAnne Bennett Senior Warden: Jim Eddy Junior Warden: Donna Litherland Treasurer: Frank Graham

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Closed for Summer from Monday July 22 through Friday August 9

#### ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

**Sunday** 

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

