



Mission Statement:
**“Loving God, Loving our
 Neighbors”**

The Dragon Scoop

December/January

A Pledge Blessing

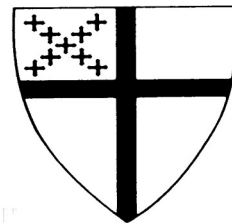
Prayer Over Pledge Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

*The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Diocesan Bishop
 Diocese of Olympia*



**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 WELCOMES YOU**



We have Episcopal Shields available if you would like one for your vehicle.

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RECTOR'S LETTER

Here in the Umpqua Valley, this season of Advent has brought with it heavy rains, a rising river, and overflowing creeks. I saw a double rainbow the other morning and remembered God's promise to Noah and his descendants. "God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.'" *Genesis 9:12-15*

As we continue our journey through Advent toward Christmas we turn to remember another of God's promises. "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of

great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'" *Luke 2: 1-12*

These stories so rich for us with images of God reaching out to creation, reaching out to us, and the world around us. Remember the image of Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. God stretches out his arm towards Adam reaching between dimensions to touch with his finger the created world.

Together we come to the end of our calendar year. We say goodbye to 2012 as we welcome in the yet unwritten 2013. This is a time to let go and a time to be open. A time to behold the sacred journey of our lives within the trusting promises of God. What will reconcile us where reconciliation is needed? What will we forgive and how will we be forgiven? What new adventures will we ask God to bless? What bold undertakings will we set into motion? What must we do that we have been avoiding? From the weakest to the strongest of us it is with God's blessing and our desire that new and amazing things can happen.

Saint Irenaeus in the 2nd century wrote that "The Glory of God is a human being who is fully alive and the life of humanity consists of the vision of God." What a great time this is to think about what it looks like to be fully alive and what it feels like to participate in the vision of God.

There's a song we all know well, an extremely old Scottish song that was first written down in the 1700s. Poet Robert Burns is the person whose transcription got the most attention and so Auld Lang Syne is associated with him. Traditionally we sing and celebrate the start of the New Year at the stroke of midnight singing or hearing the melody of

these words. A good translation of the words auld lang syne is as times gone by, or for the sake of old times. So when we sing this well known chorus we're saying, "We'll take a cup of kindness yet for times gone by."

Should *old* acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind ?

Should *old* acquaintance be forgot,
and *old* lang syne ?

CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my *dear*,
for auld lang syne,
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

And surely you'll *buy* your pint *cup* !
and surely I'll *buy* mine !

And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet,
for auld lang syne.

We *two have* run about the *slopes*,
and *picked* the *daisies* fine ;

But we've wandered *many* a weary *foot*,
since auld lang syne.

We *two have paddled* in the *stream*,
from morning sun till dine ;
But seas between us *broad have roared*
since auld lang syne.

And there's a hand my trusty *friend* !

And *give us* a hand o' thine !

And we'll *take* a right *good-will draught*,
for auld lang syne.

"We'll take a cup of kindness yet for times gone by." What a beautiful image to take through Advent, Christmas, and the New Year. A cup of kindness, Christ's Cup of forgiveness, let us drink deeply, knowing that we are loved, that all is well, and that peace is not contingent because God is kind and merciful. A cup of kindness for all that is and was and is yet to come.

Rev JoAnne



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Here we are in the midst of the holiday season. Thanksgiving has come and gone, Black Friday (which now starts on Thursday) is over and cyber Monday is a thing of the past. Now it is time to think about the reason for the season. We are in the Advent season and we should personally be preparing ourselves to celebrate the first coming of Jesus. We also need to prepare ourselves for the Second Advent. This is all a part of being good stewards of our talents. The season of Advent speaks of preparation, readiness, expectant waiting, and hope. We must live our lives in the trusting context that God's promised new life emerges whenever God is kept at the center. This is our preparation for the Christmas season.

Thanks are needed for all those who have returned their pledge cards. It is appreciated because it helps to determine the monies that the

church has to sustain itself for a place of continuing worship and fellowship for us all. Our tithing to the church is in addition to the offerings made for good causes.

Quoting Rev. Hutchinson of Trinity Episcopal Church, *"When all is said and done, giving to the Church is a matter of personal conscience and life balance. It is not a good act that will help us buy God's favor. We already have God's favor. Alms to the poor and taking responsibility for financing the ministries of the Church remain part of a spiritual rule of life and means of expressing gratitude"*

Our giving to the church is an obligation presented to us by the Bible.

May all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jim Eddy

FINANCE AND BUDGET NOTES

Highlights from the General Fund Income, Expense and budget report:

November Pledges and Offerings Received: \$4,561
Yr. to date: \$ 50,232
Yr. to date budget: \$84,932

November General Fund Income: \$5,361
Yr. to date: \$83,770
Yr. to date budget: \$120,874

November General Fund Expenses: \$14,284
Yr. to date: \$155,542
Yr. to date budget: \$ 177,001

For further financial information contact the Treasurer, Frank Graham.

*Thank
you*

DECEMBER 2012

Dragon Scoon December 2012/January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
2 1 Advent 10:00 Holy Eucharist 7-8:30 NA Group	3 Noon- AA	4 10:00 Prayer Group Noon- AA	5 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7::30-8:30 Alanon	6 Noon -AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church	7 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	8 6 p.m. Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
9 2 Advent 10:00 Holy Eucharist 7-8:30 NA Group	10 Noon- AA	11 10:00-Prayer Group Noon- AA	12 11:00 a.m. ECW Meeting Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA	13 Noon- AA	14 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	15 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
16 3 Advent 10:00 Holy Eucharist 7-8:30 NA Group	17 Noon- AA 3:00 p.m. Christmas Tea & Goodies	18 10:00-Prayer Group Noon-AA	19 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA	20 Noon- AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church	21 Noon-AA 7-8 Live NA	22 6 p.m. Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
23 4 Advent 10:00 Holy Eucharist 30 Lessons & Carols 10:00 7-8:30 NA Group	24 Noon-AA Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Church Office Closed Noon-AA	26 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 12:45 Pastoral Care Card Team	27 Noon-AA	28 Noon-AA 7-8- Live NA	29 8:00 p.m. AA

REGULAR WORSHIP, MEETINGS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. GEORGE

SUNDAY

SERVICES/SUNDAY EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30a.m. Adult Christian
Formation (when scheduled)

TUESDAY

ST. GEORGE PRAYER &

MEDITATION GROUP meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Meditation Room. All are welcome to attend.

VESTRY MEETS the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

SERVICES/EVENTS

Noon Holy Eucharist II
PASTORAL CARE CARD TEAM meets after the Service the last Wednesday of the month

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
7:00 PM TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 24th

December Birthdays:

5 Pete Benham
7 Dorothy Wilson
10 Frank Graham
12 Ramon Williams
16 Roger Helliwell
19 Jewell Gates
20 Al Armstrong
21 Tim Williams
22 Butch Aller
31 Joan Bennett

December Anniversaries:

14 Tony and Jeanette Buxton
14 Stan and Cheryl Donahoo
16 Tim and Cora Williams
28 David and Marianne Jones

SUPPORT GROUPS

Sun 7-8:30 pm: Narcotics Anonymous
Mon-Fri @ noon: Alcoholics Anonymous
Weds 7:30-8:30 pm Alanon
Fri 7:30-8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous



JANUARY 2013

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed Noon- AA	2 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	3 Noon- AA	4 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	5 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
6 Epiphany 10:00 Holy Eucharist Epiphany Potluck after Service 7-8:30 NA Group	7 Noon- AA	8 10:00 Prayer Group Noon- AA Vestry Meeting 6-8 p.m.	9 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	10 Noon- AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church	11 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	12 6 p.m. Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
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- 1 Elizabeth Martin
- 3 Vicki Murray
- 9 Joy Ballard
- 10 Marcia Jackson
- 24 Gregory Cadwallader
- 27 David Jackson

January Anniversaries:

- 25 David & Joan Bennett

WEDNESDAY

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

EPIPHANY POTLUCK
 Sunday, January 6 after Service

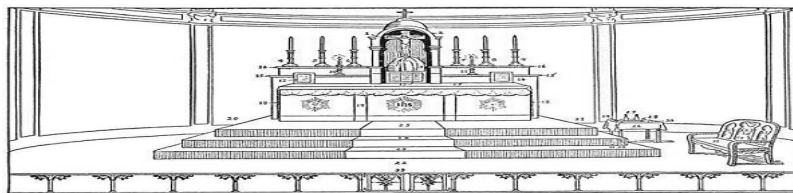
BIBLE CHALLENGE
 Sunday, January 13
 after Coffee Hour

THURSDAY

SUPPORT GROUPS

Sun 7-8:30 pm: Narcotics Anonymous
 Mon-Fri @ noon: Alcoholics Anonymous
 Weds 7:30-8:30 pm Alanon
 Fri 7:30-8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

NEW YEARS DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



OH, WHEN THE SAINTS?

By: Betty Fretwell



1829-1910 Channing Moore Williams, Bishop of Japan

Born in Richmond, Virginia in 1829, the son of a farmer, he was raised by his widowed mother. He attended the College of William and Mary and the Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained a deacon in 1855 and volunteered his services for work in China, where he was

In 1871, the General Convention established The Women's Auxiliary of the Board of Missions. In 1876, at the age of 24, Julia Chester Emory succeeded her sister Mary as secretary, a post she held for forty years.

Her goal was to help the Church recognize its call to proclaim the gospel both at home and abroad. At a time when travel was not easy, she visited every diocese and missionary district in the United States. After serving as a delegate to the Pan-Anglican Congress in London in 1908, she travelled around the world visiting missions in China, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Hawaii. On her return to the U.S. she visited all the dioceses on the Pacific coast before returning to New York.

ordained a priest in 1857.

After two years he was sent to Japan to continue his work. Greeted as an "evil corrupter" and a "foreign devil," his progress was slow. He eventually gained the confidence of the Japanese people and his first convert was in 1866.

Relieved of his responsibilities for China in 1874, he made his base in Tokyo where he founded a Divinity School later to become St. Paul's University. In 1887 he helped bring together English and American missions to form the *Sei Ko Kai*, The Holy Catholic Church of Japan.

Julia Chester Emory, Missionary



Through her inspired leadership and spirit of adventure, a network of branches of the Women's Auxiliary was established, emphasizing educational programs, social issues, leadership among women and the United Thank Offering.

In 1921, the following appeared in *The Spirit of Mission*: "In all these enterprises of the Church, no single agency has done so much in the last half century to further the Church's Mission as the Women's Auxiliary." (Now known as ECW, Episcopal Church Women.) Julia Chester Emory retired in 1916 and died in 1922.

What shall we do?...

An opportunity to enrich our music program has presented itself. Our organ was originally built by the Moller Company in 1955. As it has been explained to me, they were going through their “thin” phase at the time and the size of the bass pipes (Bourdon) were very small. This smallness limits their output and tends to make the organ sound top heavy.

We have been offered a deal by Lanny Hochhalter, who cares for our organ and pianos, to install new pipes. The pipes he has were built by the Kimball Company and are constructed of wood. These will give the organ a good solid bass. They are large pipes but they are not loud. They produce the rumble that is felt as well as heard. The existing pipes would be kept and would only play on the manuals; the new pipes would only play in the pedals.

The pipes need a little refurbishing (which would make them as good as new), plus a

windchest will need to be built (the mechanism that operates the pipes), a switching mechanism (to electrically operate the pipes), winding and wiring. They would be installed on the sides of the organ case area back where chairs and the music are stored up in the choir loft. They would be mounted on the back wall and take about 13” of depth.

The cost had been figured at about \$6,650 10 years ago when the pipes were acquired for St. George. Lanny would like to install them for \$7,300 (which is much less than a 10 year increase of labor and materials). A new set would cost roughly \$25,000.

I thought that some angels might be interested in sponsoring this endeavor or organizing a campaign to make this happen. Please think, pray, and let me know if any of you are inspired. Rev. JoAnne

A New Year's Challenge

Are you ready for a New Year's Challenge? I invite you to join with one another for *The Bible Challenge* and together over the course of 365 days we will read the entire Bible. Each day you will be told what passages to read and have a meditation written by a church leader or biblical scholar. More than one hundred archbishops, bishops, deans, priests, and scholars have contributed to these meditations. If you never thought you could read the whole Bible, *The Bible Challenge* is a

wonderful way to embark on a holy pilgrimage joined by others from around the world!

On January 13 after Sunday worship we will gather in the Parish Hall to talk about *The Bible Challenge*, how and when we will begin, what tools we will need, and how we can support one another in this journey. We will begin reading the Bible as day 1 on Monday, January 28. I think this is going to be an amazing journey.

Rev JoAnne

THANK YOU

It takes all of us working together to do God's work in shaping a church community. Each of us is called in a special way to prosper the mission of "Loving God, and loving our neighbors as ourselves." Some of what we do is business like, some is just plain work, and some is the creative and grace filled task of sowing seeds which build a community of love. Each month there are many to thank for this work of the kingdom of God. A big Thank You goes to:

- ♦ Jim Eddy for his faithful response to every request made...especially the maintenance issues.
- ♦ Betty Jo Hoffman for using her organizational skills in the service of our Church.
- ♦ All who helped decorate the church. You are appreciated so much. You are blessings to your church family.
- ♦ Sue Phelps and her family for decorating our beautiful Advent Parish Hall.
- ♦ Thelma Sayers for organizing the Christmas Giving tree
- ♦ BJ Oswald for her dried flower Arrangements.
- ♦ Those who pray for one another, the peace of the world, and the mission of the church.
- ♦ All who donated money for new altar linens.
- ♦ Our hard working Vestry.
- ♦ All who support with their financial pledges our programs, outreach, worship, facilities and staff.
- ♦ And for the many of you who work behind the scenes doing many things we often don't see or hear about.

Vestry Nomination Process

Each year, as put forth in the bylaws, the Vestry is charged to adopt a process to nominate persons for election to the Vestry and publish a description of this process to the legal voters of the Parish by the 30th of November. On November 13, 2012, the Vestry adopted the following process. The Vestry invites you to speak informally with members of the Vestry and the Rector to let us know of your interest and to submit your desire to be nominated for election to the Vestry class of 2016 in writing by Monday January 7, 2013 to the church office, addressed to the Rector. Please give a brief background and comment on what excites and inspires you about this ministry. No experience is necessary but to be eligible you must be a lay

member *in* good standing, 18 or more years of age, not a member of the household of a current Vestry member, be willing to create more active involvements from parish members who are not Vestry members, faithfully attend Parish functions, worship services, encourage and support parish members in mutual ministry, and be willing to work constructively, creatively and peaceably with other members of the Vestry and Rector in exercising a commitment to leadership. The Vestry would like to recognize the gifts of eligible candidates and will carefully and prayerfully consider a slate of three to five nominees to be elected at the Annual meeting on February 10, 2012.



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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch
(Time approx. 12-1)

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

***MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!***