



Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving our
Neighbors”

The Dragon Scoop

June 2013

Feeling the Heat

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU**

As the temperatures outside rise during the months of summer so also do the temperatures in our front offices. And it gets quite hot because the offices have southern facing windows. What has been done in the past is our current practice. The air conditioner in the parish hall is turned on and fans are set up to carry the cool air into the front offices. This seems to work well, however it causes problems. We waste electrical power and place wear and tear on the system by cooling the entire parish hall when all we need is cooling in the front offices. As well the fans are noisy and prevent the office doors from being closed when privacy and quiet are required.

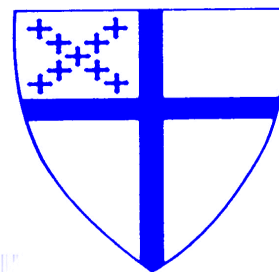
Presently there are two different heaters; one in each front office. The one in the administrator's office is right next to the desk and computer and causes problems for the person sitting there. It gets quite hot on whatever body part is nearest the heater. In my office I don't even use the heater because it is very old, stinky, and uses a lot of electricity.

We have a solution but need your help to raise the monies to install a small heat-pump with two indoor blower units, one in each front office. We have received an estimate from Priest Heating and Air Conditioning, the company that installed our other units during the remodel of the church and currently services us year round, for \$7,747. This includes all electrical work done by Dan's Electrical and all labor and parts provided by Priest Heating & Air Conditioning.

I am asking for your generous support and help with this. Please consider a donation to St. George for this specific work. Mark your contribution for the *Front Office Heating and Air Conditioning Fund*. The sooner the better as the heat “she is arising.”

Thank you and continued
blessing for your life,

Rev JoAnne



We have Episcopal Shields
available for your vehicle.

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RECTOR'S LETTER

The Dragon's Scoop! Does anyone know the history? How did our newsletter come to be called the Dragon's Scoop? Please speak out! In all we do here at St. George Episcopal Church I want us to strive to balance our history with the challenges of moving into the future. We have a wonderful newsletter and we are back in business, so where to now?



Some of the challenges with our present publication of the Dragon's Scoop have to do with the effectiveness of our bulk mailing list, the cost of our bulk mailing and address correction permits, the cost of postage, and the increasing usefulness and success of the Internet as a means of communication.

- ♦ A bulk permit requires that we send out 250 pieces each mailing. We can put together a list of 250 names but is the cost of that mailing an effective way of communicating with the people who are connected or might become engaged with the parish of St. George?
- ♦ We want to reach out to people who might be interested in becoming part of our community of fellowship, worship and ministry, but they are best reached via the Internet. We have no effective way of reaching them with a paper copy of our newsletter. These folks may be moving into town, they may be searching for a church, they may be spending the night in Roseburg, visiting family, or on vacation, and they use the Internet to find information.

Moving forward what seems best for us at this time is to publish a paper copy of the Dragon's Scoop to distribute on Sundays and have available here in the church narthex/breezeway, send out an email linking folks who use the Internet to our newsletter and posting the Dragon's Scoop on our Web site. Moving forward I believe these various avenues of distribution will increase our effectiveness in reaching out to the community and will cover the areas of most importance in the life of St. George as together we find new ways of being in touch with one another.

Many of us might remember a 21 year old senior at Oregon State University who set a gold medal record in 1968 at the Olympics in Mexico City. His unbelievable style of high-jumping head first on his back won him a headline in the New York Times on October 20, 1968, ***Fearless Fosbury Flops to Glory***. "Dick Fosbury had discovered as a schoolboy that by lowering his center of gravity by stretching out on his back he could actually jump higher. Within a decade of his gold medal, the scissors kick had been rendered old-fashioned and the great majority of Olympic high jumpers were using Fosbury's technique."

Often it seems that success comes from our being willing to innovate, to try new things, to follow other's successes, and to remain flexible in our approach. I was reminded of Dick Fosbury this past week while viewing a television commercial for a 2014 Mazda automobile. What they said makes sense to me. "The high jump, approached the same way for decades, is suddenly changed forever when a man dares to jump back first." A positive outcome when Fosbury dared to jump in a new way.

We may not be going for Olympic Gold but we are in the business of innovating for our church, trying new things, creating successes, and remaining flexible and in tune with the movement of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to working with and listening to everyone as we dare to take these next steps with our communications and ways of being in touch with one another.

Rev JoAnne



Dick Fosbury

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Hooray, the Dragon Scoop is back. It has been brought to my attention that the Scoop has been missed by many, especially those who do not regularly attend the Sunday services. With the return of the monthly newsletter, we all should be in the know. I urge all to participate in our church services whether it is on Sundays or the Noon service on Wednesdays. It is important that we all show our respect to Jesus and His Father.

A lot of has happened over the past months that should be mentioned. The Greek Orthodox Church has completed their expansion to include the class room on the west end of the upstairs area to accommodate their increasing number of members. The work was done in such a way that if the rooms need to be divided again, it would not be difficult to build the walls back.

Special thanks go out to all of you for your support and to Milt Baldrige and Doug Holloway for their work in raising \$7500.00 for the renovation to the organ pipes. Sunday, Milt announced that the work was moving along and the installation will have been completed by the time you read this. Our music accompanist, Luella Cox, is using the organ

more for the Sunday Service and it should sound great when the work is complete.

A big thank you needs to go out to Frank Graham for keeping the books up to date and keeping the bills paid.

Canon Neysa Ellgren made her biennial visit to our church on April 21. She participated in the Sunday service, gave an excellent homily and talked to the parishioners during the potluck lunch after the service. Canon Neysa said that she had a great visit and said that she just might come down on an off Sunday when she doesn't have prior commitments. I feel it was a good day for all of the attendees.

We are still in search of a tenant for the rectory. If anyone knows of someone who needs a good space, let them know of what we have.

In closing, I want to remind everyone that the church is operated through our support. Without our support, we will not have a church to call our own. Any gifts to the church are very much appreciated.

Respectfully, Jim Eddy

Jamie - God how long is a million years to you?
God - it is but a second Jamie.
Jamie - God how much is a million dollars to you?
God - it is but a penny to me.
Jamie - God can I have a penny?
God - just a second.



FINANCE AND BUDGET NOTES

I'm pleased to announce that at my request the diocese has agreed to go through our entire Chart of Accounts so that we will have more consistency in our records and reports. Therefore, I can't give you an exact income figure, but I believe we are about where we expected to be at the end of April.

I can tell you that Sandra is doing great and has already found ways for us to save money. Not

having an administrator for so long has saved us nearly \$6,000 this year through April. However, we do need more financial support.

Please remember our Church in your Estate plans. To learn how, please ask Colin Benson or me for information.

Frank Graham

Oh, When the Saints?

Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr, d 1896

Born in Portugese East Africa, Bernard Mizeki fled to Cape Town, South Africa in his teens to escape the oppression of his native country. He was taken in, educated, and baptized by Anglican missionaries. When he was thirty years old he volunteered to serve as a teacher at Nhowa, a small mission in Mashonaland, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). The mission was isolated and primitive, but Mizeki worked for five years making many converts. In 1896 a native uprising occurred, but Mizeki, although warned to leave, remained and was brutally stabbed to death. His body was never recovered, but a shrine was built on the site of his martyrdom. He is still revered by the Anglicans in Central and South Africa.

Betty Fretwell



Meet Our New Administrator

Hello everyone,

I'm excited to be here, and look forward to meeting each of you over the next few months.

California was my home until I moved here in 2001 to be near family. Prior to that I worked in Silicon Valley where I spent 30 years as a system administrator and technical writer for companies such as Compaq Computers, RedBack Networks, and Microsoft Corporation.

After moving to Roseburg I worked for a local non-profit as a program manager and also provided technical support to the organization. In March 2011 I returned to school (UCC) to earn a Business Marketing degree, and I look forward to graduating this June.

While attending school I have started my own business as an independent contractor providing technical administrative services to small businesses. I have a son, a granddaughter, 2 cats and 6 acres (mostly weeds) to care for and enjoy many hobbies. I love to travel and have visited many countries.

My goal here is to use my technical and creative expertise working with Rev. JoAnne to build more efficiency into our processes and to improve the effectiveness of our communication programs. I welcome any ideas you would like to share with me.

- Sandra Romero



Summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere
on June 21, 2013, at 1:04 A.M. (EDT)



ECW RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS

Thank you to everybody that helped with the rummage sale, whether you donated items, participated, or just prayed. We had a lot of larger items; and thanks to the able bodies, we were able to get them to church and sell many of them. This time we donated leftovers to Sunrise Enterprises, because they provide jobs as well as low priced items for those in need.

We tried having it on a Friday and Saturday this time, which worked out nice because it gave us another day to sort & price items; thus the ladies got time to rest. At the writing of this article, we have not had a meeting, so I don't know how the ladies feel the change of days affected sales. I do feel we had a better turn out customer wise as well as donation wise.

I can never say thank you enough to the men who helped with the heavy work and with helping donors get their items to the church. Thank you also to all who got drawn in to help set up the parish hall after coffee hour on Sunday. And then there are those who came in especially just to help pack up the leftovers and load them into the Sunrise truck. I appreciate the faithfulness you all have to ECW's efforts to remain able to financially help our church.

Now don't forget the Fall Rummage Sale! We will be calling on all of you for donations and your help. Start putting your donations away in a corner so you will be ready!

God Bless you all,
Betty Jo Hoffman, ECW President

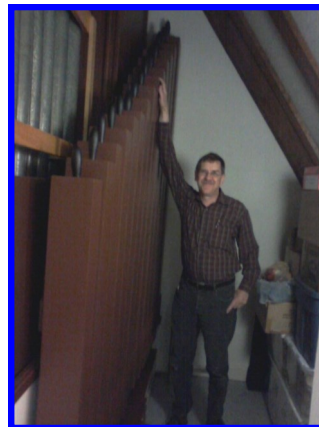
PIPE ORGAN PROJECT



Judy—holding the largest of the 'new' pipes.

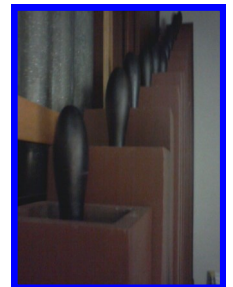


104 year-old pipes—still singing!

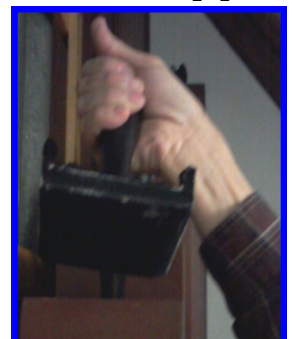


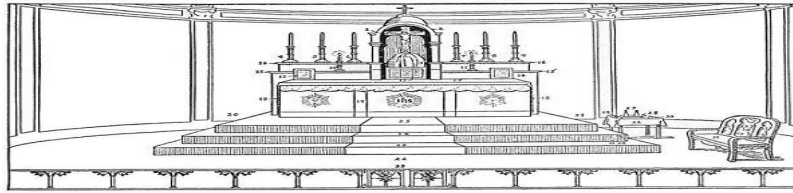
Lanny with some of the pipes

Top of the Stoppers



The stopper from one of the pipes





Roseburg Food Project

GOT A GREEN BAG?

The Roseburg Food Project is one way you can help the FISH Pantry provide emergency food to low income families. It's so easy!

Pick up a green shopping bag in the Parish Hall and gradually fill it with nonperishable groceries. We will collect the bags from the Parish Hall June 2, August 4, October 6, and December 8. The food will be delivered to the FISH Pantry later that week.

Interesting Fish Facts

In April 2013 the FISH Pantry helped:

989 households
3,881 people
1,190 children
721 seniors



By participating in the "Green Bag Program," we can help reduce hunger in our community.

- Mik Carlson

I'M DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER

I've never made a fortune, and
it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry that much;
I'm happy anyhow,
And as I go along life's way,
I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
I remember times when things went wrong,
My faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke,
And the sun peeped through again.
So Lord, help me not to gripe,
About the tough rows I have hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer,
'Cause my cup has overflowed.
If God give me strength and courage,
When the way grows steep and rough,
I'll not ask for other blessing;
I'm already blessed enough.

-anonymous

HISTORY LESSON

Adam was spending the day naming all the creatures in the garden when he realized he was alone as a human being. Then came the very last creature and he named it "frog". He spoke to the frog in his loneliness and asked it if it had any ideas as to how he could not be so lonely.

To Adam's surprise, the frog opened it's mouth and replied,
"Rib-It!" The rest is history.



THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Frank Graham for his help and patience while bringing Sandra up to speed on the bookkeeping aspects of the administrator position. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

To BJ Hoffman and the ECW for their great efforts in the rummage sale.

To Milt Baldrige and Doug Holloway and all of you for raising the monies to upgrade our organ.

To Mik Carlson for representing us on the board of the FISH food pantry.

To Thelma Sayers for our tongues of fire cakes during coffee hour on Pentecost.

To all of our wonderful choir members—Sue Phelps, Leigh Van Sickle, Pete Benham, Joy Williams, Steve Thomas, Bob & Carol Spielman, and BJ Hoffman who sing their hearts out for us on Sunday—with special thanks to Luella Cox our wonderful musician and choir director.

To Doug Holloway for cleaning up weeds and putting new gravel in the median areas of our parking lot.

To Jon and Jeannie Burpee who organized, and all of you who helped at the recent cleanup and church landscaping yard party.

To Pete Benham, Roger Helliwell, Frank Graham and Bob Spielman for bringing Bob Robbins to church on Sundays.

To Fay Benham, Jewel Gates, Margaret Thomas, Donna Litherland, and BJ Hoffman for counting our monies and depositing them at the bank.

To Joy and Rick Williams for creating the beautiful art piece of the Holy Spirit Dove to adorn our sanctuary at Pentecost. And to Sue Phelps for always thinking ahead and organizing our decorations for that day.

To our awesome alter guild, Sally Appell, Nancy Baum, Jean Bowden, Jewell Gates, BJ Hoffman, Connie Hunnicutt, and Jan May. You prepare our sanctuary for worship with your gifts and great love.

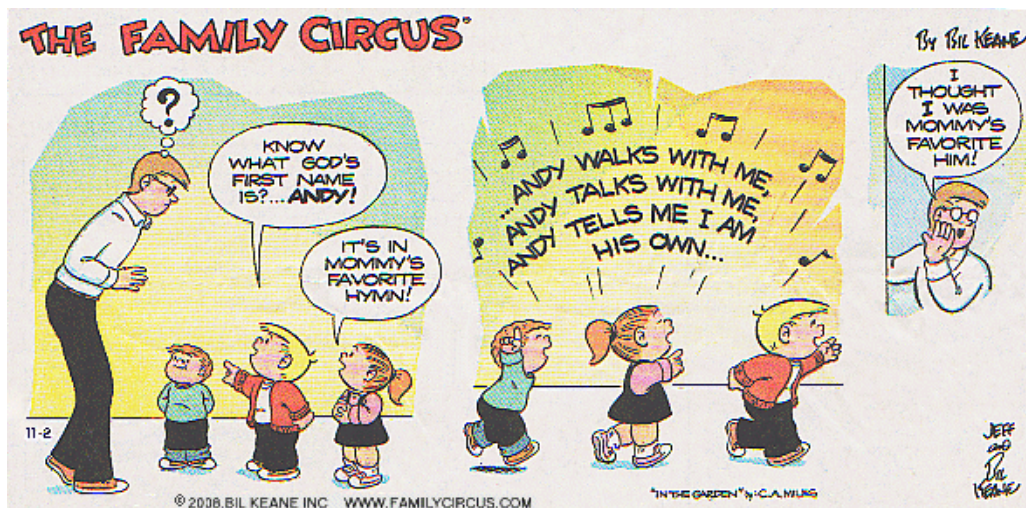
To our wonderful and hard working vestry, Sally Appell, Colin Benson, Frank Graham, John Miller, Jim Eddy, Donna Litherland, Joy Ballard, and Doug Holloway, and for Margaret Thomas our awesome clerk.

To Margaret Thomas for copying and putting together our Sunday bulletins each week.

To the Diocese of Oregon for our new/used color laser printer and cartridges.

For 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.





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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@rosenet.net 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.

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Junior Warden: Donna Litherland
Treasurer: Frank Graham
Administrator: Saundra Romero

OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Closed for Lunch
(Time approx. 12:30-1)

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist