



St. George Episcopal Church

The Dragon Scoop

November 2012

Mission Statement:
"Loving God, Loving our
Neighbors"

Harvest Fest Success

Our Harvest Fest, in its first year, was by all measures a resounding success. The tickets were sold out and parishioners, family, friends and community members came together for a truly enjoyable night of food and fellowship with money raised in the process!

Many dedicated volunteers from the church and our community donated their time and finances to help and plan for the evening. Each person gave something of him or herself for the good of the FISH Food Pantry and to fighting hunger in Douglas County.

To everyone who contributed their time, talent and treasure, thank you.

Special thanks for generous support goes to:

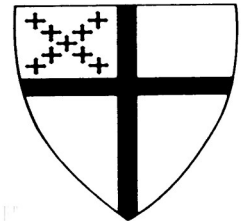
- ◆ Chef Diane Clerihue & Buddy
- ◆ The Harvest Fest Planning Team
- ◆ Henry Estates Winery
- ◆ McMenamins Roseburg Station
- ◆ Our Silent Auction Donors

We are happy to announce that the Harvest Fest Dinner made a profit of

\$2340.34

to help the FISH Food Pantry fight hunger in Douglas County.

**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

Dear Friends,

Tossing and turning into the night are the lyrics from the animated movie Anastasia. The mysterious and sinister Rasputin begins:
In the dark of the night, I was tossing and turning
And the nightmare I had was as bad as can be
It scared me out of my wits
A corpse is falling into bits
Then I open my eyes and the nightmare was me.

Tossing and turning into the night is something we all do and there are many reasons, sleep disorders, worry, fear, depression, excitement, caffeine, too much or too little to eat, alcohol, stress, raising children, pain, restless legs, running to the bathroom, and I'm sure you can fill in a few more. Like a ship adrift on a wild sea our bodies, minds, and souls can find no calm and quite harbor. We might feel like Rasputin's corpse falling to bits especially in the morning when we arise having found no rest.

I've spent a lot of restless nights troubled by sleeplessness so I spent last night at the Mercy Sleep Center. Some of you know what I'm talking about. Connected to wires from your legs to the crown of your head, tubes in your nose and on your lips, bands around your waist and chest, oximeter on your index finger, a bed which sags where many have slept, uncomfortable pillows, someone bothering you on an intercom, watching and recording you by camera all night long, entering the room every time a wire or tube comes loose, and then waking you up at 6:30 am when you feel like you have barely slept.

So tossing and turning is on my mind and maybe yours. What troubles you and from what can you find no rest? What keeps you awake at night, infiltrates your dreams, and keeps you uneasy during the day? I suggest that these are the places where God is closest to you. These are the places where listening may bring its reward. These are the places where a change of heart or action is required. These are places of deep

struggle and holy ground. I always like the example of Jacob wrestling with God as he tried to rest alone one night on the banks of the Jabbok River. He wouldn't let God go and there God blessed him and gave him a new name. He was rewarded as one who had striven with God and with humans and prevailed. He was also left wounded.

On Sunday's we've been following the struggles of Job as he watches and suffers the loss of his good fortunes. He refuses to give up although his friends try to shame him and his wife advises him to curse God and die.

He says:
When I lie down I say, "When shall I rise?"
But the night is long,
and I am full of **tossing** until dawn. *Job 7:4*

The Psalmist of ancient days inquires of God: You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your record? *Psalms 56:8*

Tossings and turnings are the things of a life always calling us into the epicenter of God. When rest won't come and neither sleep nor waking is peaceful God is most assuredly there. We've all recently watched and witnessed with those suffering in the wrathful path of hurricane Sandy, with those who have had their lives tossed and turned by the power of nature and so I close in prayer.

As the waters recede,
As the embers from the fires cool,
As Sandy's winds abate and the sky clears,
As the early morning sun lightens the darkened cities,
Surely the presence of God is with you in this time of destruction and grief,
And our thoughts and concerns for your safety and recovery remain,
While our earnest prayers unite us.
Prayer written by *The CREDO Staff*

Rev JoAnne

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I want to thank everyone that helped and participated in the recent Harvest Fest Dinner 2012. It was a big success and it looks like we will be able to give a great donation to the Fish Pantry.

We will be moving forward on the repairs to the kitchen wall above the sink which will make the kitchen a cleaner area. We recently had our bi-annual fire inspection with just a few infractions. The main infractions were blocked electrical panels and over use of extension cords.

The end of another year is fast approaching and we are in the midst of the churches pledge campaign. We have a great need to maintain the church so that we have a beautiful place for worship and fellowship. We also need to remember that there are members in the community that rely on the church for their meeting needs. This is a part of our stewardship mission statement that we have adapted. It states that our mission is to

help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents and finances that God has entrusted to them.

I have heard people talking about the feelings they get when they give to the church. They all having a feeling of goodness within themselves and feel that their blessings increase. This is the feeling that I have when I can help either the church or someone that is in need of something that I have been blessed with. I have found that the more I give of myself, the more I get in return. The Bible tells us in Psalm 24:1, "*The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD;*"

The Holiday season is fast approaching and I hope that everyone has a safe and great Holiday.

Jim Eddy

FINANCE AND BUDGET NOTES

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

August Pledges and Offerings Received:
\$4,788.00

Yr. to date: \$43,409.60

Yr. to date budget: \$61,768.68

August General Fund Income: \$6,861.48

Yr. to date: \$69,231.87

Yr. to date budget: \$87,908.92

August General Fund Expenses:

\$11,459.83

Yr. to date: \$128,517.64

Yr. to date budget: \$129,732.62

For further financial information contact the Treasurer, Frank Graham.

Thank you

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 handling the Fire Inspection.
- ◆ Our Counters: Donna Litherland, Jewell Gates, Faye Benham, Margaret Thomas, B.J. Hoffman and Jean Bowden.
- ◆ All who worked on the Harvest Festival Dinner.
- ◆ Faye Benham for her help with the copier.
- ◆ Our Pastoral Care Card Team and their caring messages.
- ◆ Nancy Baum, Sally Appell, Donna Litherland and Rev. JoAnne for representing us at the Diocesan Convention.

- ◆ All who contributed to the Joy of Cooking Gift Bag. especially Karen Trone.
- ◆ ECW for re-plating our altar vases.
- ◆ Betty Fretwell for bringing in the trash cans every Sunday.
- ◆ Our worship leaders on Sundays and Wednesdays..
- ◆ All the providers of the monthly birthday cakes.
- ◆ Those who pray for one another, the peace of the world, and the mission of the church.
- ◆ And always for the many of you who work behind the scenes doing many things we often don't see or hear about.
- ◆ Our hard working Vestry.



To Be More Aware

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month and many of us have participated in some activity or event to heighten awareness about the importance of prevention, early detection and treatment for breast cancer. Statistically one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer—every year.

We, as a church, have been praying for one of these women. Her name is Erin.

We have been praying for Erin Hughes. She is a forty year old single mom with two young boys living in Spokane, WA.


She went in for her first mammogram and was

diagnosed with an advanced stage of breast cancer. When she started treatment it was found that most anti-nausea and anesthesia medications aggravate a rare heart condition that affects both Erin and one of her sons. She received a pacemaker and has recently completed her third course of treatment and is doing well.

She has a great support group. They have started a blog site and are helping with fundraising for her treatment.

One in eight women...each year.

NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
TURN CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT NOV 3.	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS AT 2:00 A.M. NOV 4.			1 Noon- AA	2 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	3 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
4 All Saints 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 4 7-8:30 NA Group 7-8:30 NA Group	5 Noon- AA	6 10:00 Prayer Group Noon- AA	7 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	8 Noon -AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church	9 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA 7-8 Live NA	10 8:00 p.m. AA
11 24 Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 5 7-8:30 NA Group	12 Noon- AA	13 10:00-Prayer Group Noon- AA Vestry Meeting 6-8 p.m.	14 11:00 a.m. ECW Meeting Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA Worship Team Mtg.	15 Noon- AA	16 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	17 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
18 25 Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 6 7-8:30 NA Group	19 Noon- AA	20 10:00-Prayer Group Noon- AA	21 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed Noon- AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church	23 Noon-AA 7-8 Live NA	24 6 p.m. Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
25 Last Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 7	26 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Lunch with Rev. JoAnne & Hana Noon-AA	27 10:00-Prayer Group Noon- AA	28 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 12:45 Pastoral Care Card Team	29 Noon-AA	30 Noon-AA 7-8- Live NA	

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

L KING AHEAD

Remember to turn your clocks back on Sunday November 4th.

Sun	11/4	Holy Eucharist—All Saints Sunday 10 am
Tues	11/6	Prayer Group 10 am
Wed	11/7	Holy Eucharist Noon
Sun	11/11	Holy Eucharist—24 Pentecost 10 am
Tues	11/13	Prayer Group 10 am
Tues	11/13	Vestry Meeting 6-8 pm
Wed	11/14	ECW Meeting 11:30 am
Wed	11/14	Holy Eucharist Noon
Wed	11/14	Worship Team Meeting 1:30 pm

Sun	11/18	Holy Eucharist—25 Pentecost 10 am
Tues	11/20	Prayer Group 10 am
Wed	11//21	Holy Eucharist Noon
Thurs	11/22	Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)
Sun	11/25	Holy Eucharist—Last Pentecost 10 am
Mon	11/26	Lunch with Rev. JoAnne & Hana noon-1
Tues	11/27	Prayer Group 10 am
Wed	11/28	Holy Eucharist Noon
Wed	11/28	Pastoral Care Card Team 12:45 pm

ECW NEWS

First and foremost, so many thank yous to all who helped set up, sort, work and clean up the rummage sale. We made close to \$800.

We are going to try a new meeting time at 11:00 and have a speaker at 12:30 with lunch and church in between. This will allow those who wish to attend church to participate in the total meeting. The Nov. 14, 2012 meeting will start at 11:00. Becky of "Becky's Bags" will be our speaker and will be bringing bags for us to see and, I bet, to purchase. This will be a great way to get started on Christmas shopping or just shopping in general for yourself or whoever.

We will be placing a memorial plaque remembering Clara Scallon over the kitchen pass through. We have also had the tall brass vases re-plated. Please take notice of how pretty they look. These things were made possible with funds received by ECW in memory of Clara.

We also voted to donate funds to Roseburg Mission and to the project to pave the driveway into the Veteran's Cemetery.

Please join us Nov. 14 at 11:00. We appreciate a \$5 donation. Betty Jo Hoffman

November Birthdays

5	Thelma Sayers	21	Hellene Chapman
14	Jon Burpee	25	Shirley Frisz
19	Cheryl Donahoo		

November Anniversaries

3	Ivor and Hellene Chapman
24	Allan and Jeannine Romeril

Lunch with Rev. JoAnne & Hana

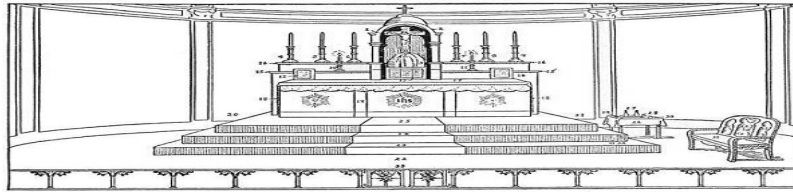
Please bring your lunch and join us at noon on Monday Nov. 26 for lunch and conversation. We want to spend some time with you and listen to your suggestions and ideas about how our church communicates and invites people to participate in our various activities. During the week we are often busy with projects and deadlines so we want to make some time to hear from you. Bring your bag lunch and we look forward to our time together.

Adult Christian Formation

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many of us have a sense that we are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity may be a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask. **Living the Questions** is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Living the Questions creates an environment where participants not only interact with one another in exploring the best of today's theological thought, but together strive to explore what's next for Christianity. Together with 30 of today's leading religious voices we will study and explore beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck. Living the Questions will help us discover the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Call to Covenant

18.	Prayer: Intimacy with God	Nov. 4
19.	Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry	Nov. 11
20.	Creative Transformation	Nov. 18
21.	Embracing Mystery	Nov. 25



OH, WHEN THE SAINTS?

By: Betty Fretwell

Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln



Robert Grosseteste
(1175-1253)

Robert Grosseteste came from a humble background in Suffolk, England. He was very bright and the Church sponsored his education at Oxford and in Paris. Due to his charm, intellect, and piety he was made Rector of Oxford and in 1186 was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln. He was diligent in visiting the people and clergy of his diocese and relieved any clergy of their duties whom he found neglecting their pastoral duties.

He was a commentator and translator of Aristotle, but opposed many of his ideas in favor of Augustine. He promoted greater weight to the study of science, and Oxford began to embrace the teaching of physics, mathematics and geometry. Roger Bacon was a pupil of Grosseteste, and John Wycliff was strongly influenced by him as well.

On a trip to Rome he stood up boldly against some of the corruptions of the Church, and came back to England to the applause of the people. He was a man of piety and courage, defending his diocesan prerogatives against both the papacy and the king. He witnessed the signing of the Magna Carta which he strongly supported. Robert Grosseteste held the position of Bishop of Lincoln until his death in 1253.

For the month of September St. George Episcopal Church donated:

Food and supplies: 596.5 lbs

Monetary donations: 146.72

The FISH of Roseburg is a non-profit organization that provides emergency basic needs to our friends and neighbours during their difficult times. FISH is very proud to be a volunteer run organization with a low overhead and only a single part time paid staff person. An incredible 85 cents of every dollar that is donated goes back out in direct client services. This would not be possible without the help of over 70 enthusiastic volunteers. Your donation to FISH stays in Douglas County to help Douglas County residents. Help us reach out to give our neighbours a helping hand during these hard times, because we all know that hard times can fall on anyone.





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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 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.

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 SERVICES

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

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are updating the Parish Directory. Please send in any change of information to the church office. The current information will be available on Sundays in the parish hall.