



St. George Episcopal Church

The Dragon Scoop

October 2012

Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving our Neighbors”

Harvest Fest Gourmet Dinner

On October 13th at 5:30 p.m. St. George Episcopal Church is hosting a benefit dinner for the local FISH Food Pantry, *fighting hunger in Douglas County.*

Catered by locally renowned Chef Diane Clerihue, *The Girl on Grapes.* Come and enjoy a four course gourmet dinner for \$25.00 per person. Wine and beer will be served for a donation. Seating is available at tables of six for groups. There is also a Silent Auction with many items donated by Douglas County Merchants.

Seating is limited:
 For tickets call 541-673-4048

Dinner to Include

Salad Course:

Baked herbed Goat Cheese with Arugula Pesto on Shitake Sesame Dressed Baby Greens

Soup Course:

Roasted Granny Smith Apple and Butternut Squash Soup with a Kiss of Curry

Entre Course:

Grilled Steak with Blue Cheese and Gruyere, Chive Sauce Served with Garlic Potato Mash and Roasted Broccoli

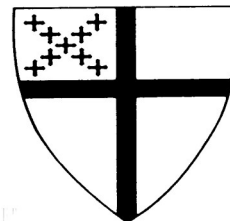
Or

Baked Spicy Asian Salmon Served with Pecan Parsley Rice and Roasted Broccoli.

Dessert:

Best Ever Cheesecake with Caramel Sauce.

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 WELCOMES YOU**



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

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ECW Fall Rummage Sale

It is time for the Fall Rummage Sale. Time to bring all of the treasures you have set aside to share with someone else to church. Please bring your items starting Monday, October 15. The sale will begin October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and continues on October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We will need help setting up and arranging the tables on Sunday, October 14 after Coffee Hour.

Remember, a successful Rummage Sale is the result of everybody's hard work and contributions.

Betty Jo Hoffman,
 ECW President

RECTOR'S LETTER

I took notice this week when 2 parishioners at St. George told me about a show they had watched on PBS: The Happiness Advantage taught by researcher Shawn Achor. His research shows that regardless of our genes and upbringing we can change our happiness because happiness is a choice. He outlays 5 ways and invites the viewer to try just 1 of them for 21 days.

One way is to charge your happiness battery by reconnecting to your social support network. For 21 days in a row think about one person in your social support network (a new person each day) and for 2 minutes write them a positive note or email of praise or thanksgiving. He points out how research shows that the people around us motivate our happiness more than anything. Our social support network is as predictive of our longevity as smoking, high blood pressure, and obesity. Having friends who care about us is our greatest buffer against depression and death.

In closing he talks about how we've all heard these things about happiness from every major religious tradition, every ancient philosopher, and every motivational speaker. And yet the question remains why don't we follow the advice. He points out something we already know. Common sense is not common action. Information alone does not cause transformation.

He says that we can change our actions by changing what he calls the activation energy. What we do is put what we want to do 20 seconds closer and what we don't want to do 20 seconds away. It's about the time it takes us to get to what we want to do. If you want to read a book don't put it in a drawer in another room put it beside your reading chair. If you don't want to watch TV take the batteries out of the remote and put them away in a drawer. We tend to access what is closest and avoid what is farther away. If you want to play your guitar take it out of the closet and put it on a stand where you can see it and easily pick it up.

This reminds me of what Jesus said about how: 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

We cannot put away or hide that which brings light to the world, that which brings true happiness. So please join me in a 21 day challenge to change not only your own happiness but to cause a ripple effect and increase the happiness of those around you. For the next 21 days take 2 minutes of your day and send a positive note or email to someone new. Fill it with praise or thanksgiving. Be and become the light which brings true transformative happiness to the world.

Rev. JoAnne



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It is coming to the time of the year for all the churches to start their pledge campaigns. This is the time when we all must dig down deep and think about what the blessings are that God has given to us. We must be respectful of these blessings because it is through God's will that we were able to advance our selves through life, whether it is in our occupations, family life or the riches that we have acquired for ourselves and family. Our pledging is a part of our stewardship ministry. Stewardship should be a spiritual matter that lies close to each one of us and helps us to close the gap to bring our relationship closer to Jesus. When we are pledging, we are showing our appreciation for what we have been blessed with. Starting October 7, 2012, a series of six reflections will be on the website <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/blessed-be-blessing> from different writers within the Episcopal Church. The series is presented to compliment the readings from The Book of Mark and to help us to understand stewardship and the gift of giving during the annual giving campaign.

The biggest thing that I have found in life is no matter how bad things are or can be there is always something positive that we can get out of our

experiences.

There is a new program on the television called The American Bible Challenge. It is on the Game Show Network on Thursday evenings. I have found it to be interesting in trying to guess the answer the questions about biblical history.

Jim Eddy

Thank you

FINANCE AND BUDGET NOTES

We are experiencing a drop in contributions so if you are behind on your pledge, please catch up. We will be sending out statements with your current contributions by Oct. 7.

I think year to date figures at the end of July will give you a good idea where we stand: Expenses are just \$3,390 more than we budgeted for. This is really good considering we had to pay an unexpected expense of \$3,441 to repair the plumbing. Income is low which resulted in \$54,114 in expenses over and above our total income year to date. We anticipated a shortfall, just not that much.

SAINT GEORGES NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

Don't forget the church when you plan your estate. Your Church family does a great deal of good in the world and it needs to be here in the future. The people pass on but the Church has continued for 150 years and much of the good deeds have been financed by our predecessors' gifts.

There are many ways to do this that it may cut your taxes now. The National Church foundation can supply free confidential information to make it happen.

DON'T PUT IT OFF! DO IT NOW!

Frank Graham,
Treasurer

Successful Ministry Training Day

On Saturday September 15th, fifteen members of our Church attended the Ministry Training Day at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Wilsonville. Everyone learned something and some of us learned quite a bit. Here's what some folks had to say:

My trip to the ministry training in Wilsonville was a worthwhile experience. I attended the session regarding lectoring, intercessing, & what can help our church to be a welcoming church. I learned that I read too fast, my diction is sloppy & I should actually practice reading the lesson before I get to church on Sunday; I learned that we can write our own Prayers of the People, & something I have always complained about can actually help a church be friendly. Betty Jo Hoffman

The classes for relicensing were beneficial reminders that things have changed from the way it was when we were first instructed. The presenters did their best in the time allotted. The host

did excellent in welcoming, providing snacks and lunch. Thanks to the "Mystery Lady" who rode with us. Pete Benham

I was impressed by how well the trainings were organized and the professionalism of the presenters. It all seemed to run like clockwork! Jim Hart, lector workshop presenter with his wife Deaconess Laurel Hart, has been a lector for 50 years and he told us to be mindful that to be a lector "is a ministry, and what a privilege it is to be able to minister in this way. It is your gift to your worshiping community, and the challenge is to approach it with the goal of doing it to the best of your ability."

Margaret Thomas



It was my first experience of the training. I was impressed by the care that was taken to give each person what they needed in order to serve well. And the hospitality was wonderful.

Hana Rubens

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:

- ◆ Steve Thomas for bringing us our new door bell.
- ◆ Jim Eddy for installing the door bell.
- ◆ Helen Lockyer for her faithfulness in preparing for the Sunday Coffee Hour.
- ◆ Chenelle Travis for donating computer services.
- ◆ Tenaya Wright for painting the kitchen trash area.
- ◆ Our Pastoral Care Card Team and their caring messages.
- ◆ All who helped at the Old Town Market.
- ◆ All who contributed to the Rose School Donations.

- ◆ Karen Trone for driving the donations to Rose School.
- ◆ Betty Fretwell for leading us in Morning Prayer.
- ◆ Our worship leaders on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- ◆ BJ Oswald and Jeanie Burpee who often provide fresh flowers from their gardens.
- ◆ The anonymous friend who has been taking the recycling for us.
- ◆ Pete Benham, Nancy Baum and Rev. JoAnne for rides to the Ministry Training in Wilsonville.
- ◆ Diane Clerihue for donating her time and all who are working on the Harvest Festival Dinner.
- ◆ 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 humbly work behind the scenes doing many things we often don't see or hear about.
- ◆ Our hard working Vestry.

OCTOBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Noon- AA	2 10:00 Prayer Group Noon- AA	3 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon-AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	4 Noon- AA	5 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	6 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
7 19 Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist Stewardship Presentation 7-8:30 NA Group	8 Noon- AA	9 10:00 Prayer Group Noon- AA 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	10 11:30 a.m. ECW Mtg. Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	11 Noon- AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church	12 Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	13 5:30 p.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL DINNER 8:00 p.m. AA
14 20 Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 1 7-8:30 NA Group	15 Noon- AA	16 10:00-Prayer Group Noon- AA	17 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA Worship Team Mtg. 1:00 p.m.	18 9-4:00 ECW Fall Rummage Sale Noon- AA	19 9-12:00 EWC Fall Rummage Sale Noon- AA 7-8 Live NA	20 9:30-1:30 Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
21 21 Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 2 7-8:30 NA Group	22 Noon- AA 3:00- 4:00 p.m. Tea with Rev. JoAnne	23 10:00-Prayer Group Noon-AA	24 Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 7:30-8:30 Alanon	25 Noon- AA 4-8:00 Orthodox Church Diocesan Convention	26 Noon-AA 7-8 Live NA	27 6 p.m. Orthodox Church 8:00 p.m. AA
28 22 Pentecost 10:00 Holy Eucharist 11:15 Living the Questions 3 7-8:30 NA Group	29 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Lunch with Rev. JoAnne & Hana Noon-AA	30 10:00-Prayer Group Noon-AA	31 ALL HALLOWS EVE Noon- Holy Eucharist Noon- AA 12:45 Pastoral Care Card Team	ALL SAINTS Daylight Savings Set Your Clock	SUNDAY Time Ends! ONE HOUR	NOVEMBER 4 BACK!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Tues 10/2 Prayer Group 10 am
 Wed 10/3 Holy Eucharist Noon
 Sun 10/7 Holy Eucharist—19 Pentecost 10 am
 Tues 10/9 Prayer Group 10 am
 Tues 10/9 Vestry Meeting 6-8 pm
 Wed 10/10 Holy Eucharist Noon
 Wed 10/10 ECW Meeting 11:30 am
 Sat 10/13 Harvest Festival Dinner 5:30 pm
 Sun 10/14 Holy Eucharist—20 Pentecost 10 am
 Tues 10/16 Prayer Group 10 am
 Wed 10/17 Holy Eucharist Noon
 Wed 10/17 Worship Team Meeting
 Thurs 10/18 ECW Rummage Sale 9-4pm

Fri 10/19 ECW Rummage Sale 9-1 pm
 Sun 10/21 Holy Eucharist—21 Pentecost 10 am
 Mon 10/22 Tea with Rev. JoAnne 3-4 pm
 Tues 10/23 Prayer Group 10 am
 Wed 10/24 Holy Eucharist Noon
 Thurs 10/25 –10/27 Diocesan Convention
 Sun 10/28 Holy Eucharist—22 Pentecost 10 am
 Mon 10/29 Lunch with Rev. JoAnne & Hana noon-1
 Tues 10/30 Prayer Group 10 am
 Wed 10/31 Holy Eucharist Noon
 Wed 10/31 Pastoral Care Card Team 12:45 pm

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

ECW NEWS

Congratulations to the ECW Officers for this year.

President: Betty Jo Hoffman
 Vice President: Marcia Jackson
 Treasurer: Faye Benham
 Secretary: Nancy Baum
 Program Chair: Jewell Gates

Thank you for your willingness to serve.

October Birthdays

16 Cody White 21 Melissa Griffin
 18 Harry Jones 31 Perry Murray
 19 Margaret Thomas 31 Jon Hill 31 Susan Wafer

October Anniversaries

4 Samuel and Carolyn Lee
 7 Perry and Vicki Murray
 26 Roger and Jody Helliwell

Tea With Rev JoAnne

Please join Rev. JoAnne on Monday, Oct. 22
 from 3-4:00 pm for Tea and conversation.

Lunch with Rev. JoAnne & Hana

Please bring your lunch join us at noon on
 Monday Oct. 29. We look forward to our time
 together.

Adult Christian Formation

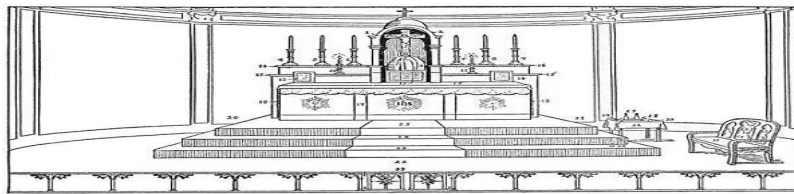
People know that at its core, Christianity has
 something good to offer the human race. At the
 same time, many of us have a sense that we are
 alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that

"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 on-
 ly 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 theolo-
 gies 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

15. A Kingdom without Walls	Oct. 14
16. Social Justice:	
Realizing God's Vision	Oct. 21
17. Incarnation: Divinely Human	Oct. 28
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

Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary



Henry Martyn was born in England around 1871 and educated at Cambridge University. He intended to become a lawyer but under the influence of Charles Simeon, Rector of Holy Trinity, he was inspired to go to India as a Church of England Missionary. He traveled to Calcutta in 1806 as Chaplain to the East India Company. In addition to his missionary work, Martyn who was unusually gifted in languages, translated The Book of Common Prayer and the New Testament into Hindi. He also learned Persian and translated the New Testament into Persian. His yearning to go to Persia was realized in 1811. He became the first Christian Clergyman in Shermas where he engaged in theological discussions with learned Muslims. This allowed him to make needed corrections to his Persian translations. His hope to go to Arabia to translate the New Testament into Arabic was cut short on the journey by his death at age 31 in Tokas, Armenia in 1812. He is honored for his many accomplishments and remembered as one of the founders of the modern Christian Church in India and Iran (Persia).



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

Food and supplies: 114 lbs

Monetary donations: \$1,000.00

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 to offer something 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.