



Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving our
Neighbors”

The Dragon Scoop

September 2013

Fall begins September 22!

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU**

As usual, summer has sped by and it's time to start thinking about autumn activities at St. George:

Vietnam Trip

On Sunday, September 15 after worship, Colin Benson will show pictures and talk about his recent trip to Vietnam.

ECW Rummage Sale

The Episcopal Church Women's rummage sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5. Start setting your donations aside now. Bring them to the church starting Monday, September 30.

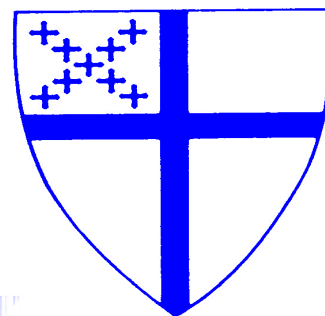
**Get ready to
rummage!**



Harvest Festival Gourmet Fundraising Dinner

On Saturday, October 19, the Harvest Festival Dinner will be held in St. George Parish Hall. Gourmet Chef Diane Clerihue has generously offered her talent and time to work with us to produce a wonderful dinner for folks to enjoy. The proceeds will benefit our Roseburg community.

Please speak with Jewell Gates (541-672-7158) or Nancy Baum to be part of the event.



We have Episcopal Shields
available for your vehicle.

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Oregon Episcopal Church Women
SPIRITUALITY DAY
Saturday, September 21, 2013
St. John Episcopal Church
Bandon by the Sea

(Take your mosquito repellent in case
Bandon is still having problems!)

RECTOR'S LETTER

I know that some of us will be sad that the end of summer is here and others of us will be jumping for joy with the coming of fall. And there might even be a little bit of both sadness and joy dwelling in us as we say goodbye to one and greet the other. The seasons, like much of life, move on whether we are ready or not and it makes me wonder if the goal is to be ready or to simply embrace life where ever and however it happens. Can we truly ever be ready for anything?

The best plans are always subject to change. We make ready our plans and then life happens. The rain that befalls a picnic, the unexpected joy at finding something lost, the gesture of love that we can never repay, the illness that holds us back, the interruptions, the side tracks, and the landslides that roll right over whatever we've been working on. The classic joke about how to make God laugh is for us to make plans.

But what if we approached life differently by allowing our plans to be interrupted by doing our best but not being attached to the outcomes. This is where God has a chance to intervene in our lives. We know that God is always there but we often act as if God is not. Can we turn towards life and let God be part of it?

The recent rains have produced rainbows and life giving water. And if you look at a dry golden brown patch of grass after it receives a little rain you can see waiting within it a bursting forth of green new life. And so it is with God in our lives. If we let God water the dried up patches of our best laid plans there is not death but new life. Wherever our plans go amiss God is there to show us that whatever has died is moving into new life.

What comes to my mind is the medieval French carol set with the words of John M.C. Crum in the 1928 Oxford Book of Carols, "Now the green blade rises." Hymn # 204 in the 1982 Hymnal.

*Now the green blade riseth from
the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many years has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat
that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat
that springeth green.*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat
that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare
have been:
Love is come again, like wheat
that springeth green.*

May this Easter message reign in our hearts throughout the seasons of the year.

Blessings,
Rev. JoAnne



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It is that time of the month again: I need to think of writing an article for the Dragon Scoop. What were you thinking with that opening line? When I awoke this morning, I thought about how lucky I am and how good my life is. I have a comfortable home to live in and food on the table. I live in an area that has good weather and a lot of things to see and do.

I am fortunate to have many friends that I can help and they will help me. I have a great little church to continue my faith in and thank God for all that I have been able to receive into my life. This list can go on and on, but the important thing is that God gave me the ability and know-how to get to the position in life that I am at.

It is also that time of year for every one of you to think about how lucky you are and the good life you have and how you were able to acquire what you have. This is all a lead-up to a note to all that it is that time of the year to think about our stewardship.

Our Stewardship Team will start the annual campaign to ask us to make our pledge to support the church. We need to think about the benefits that we all get out of our pledge to St. George. We can keep the lights on, keep the heat on, and have the office supplies to publish the weekly bulletins and the monthly newsletter. This list can go on and on too. The important thing to think about is *what have I accomplished through the grace of God?*

Jim Eddy, Senior Warden

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Our first ECW meeting will be Thursday, September 19, at the home of Jewell Gates at 11:00. Meet at the church at 10:30 to car pool. You do not need to bring anything—Jewell is providing the meal!

PRAYER by George Herbert (1593-1633)

Prayer, the Church's banquet, Angels' age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth;
Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tower,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days'-world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well dressed,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices, something understood.



OH, WHEN THE SAINTS?

Harry Thacker Burleigh, Composer, d. 1949

Harry Thacker Burleigh was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1866. His grandfather, Hamilton Waters, had been a slave who lost his sight as the result of a savage beating. He taught Burleigh, who had a natural baritone voice, by singing the old songs to him.

In 1892 Burleigh was accepted as a student at the National Conservatory of Music where he studied theory and voice. The great Czech composer Antonín Dvořák was director of the Conservatory at the time, and Burleigh worked for him, copying orchestral parts. He also suggested to Dvořák some of the themes for the Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*.

To support himself while studying at the Conservatory he took a job as baritone soloist at St. George Episcopal Church in New York City. Objections to the appearance of a Black man in the choir were quashed by the intervention of J.P. Morgan, a member of the church.

Burleigh composed original music and wrote settings for famous African American poets including Langston Hughes and James Sheldon Johnson. His enduring fame will be in his arrangement of many Negro spirituals for solo voice and piano, making them available to everyone.

Burleigh died on September 12, 1949.

Written by Betty Fretwell



FISH FOOD PANTRY NEWS

On August 7 and 8, the Roseburg Food Project (green bags) collected a total of 8,479 pounds of non-perishable food. St. George's contribution was about 150 pounds. The next collection will be October 12. Parishioners can leave their green bags in the parish hall anytime, and I will deliver them to FISH.



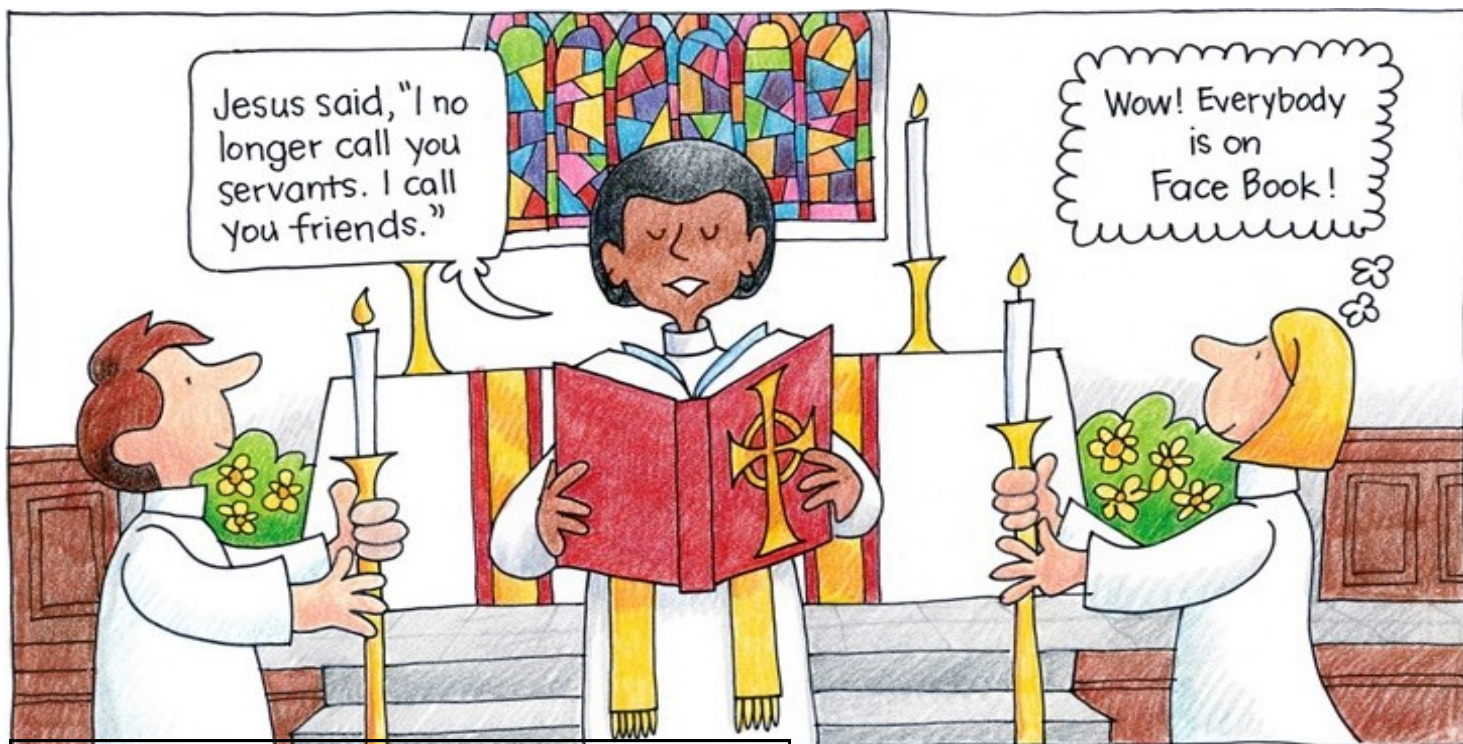
Some food suggestions especially for seniors are dried fruit, Ensure protein drinks, low-sodium crackers, pull-tab soups, and ready-made pudding.

ALL of our donations to FISH stay in Douglas County. Of the 1088 households served in July, 564 were in Roseburg, 255 in north county, 24 in east county, 75 in the south, and 170 in the west.

~Mik Carlson

THANK YOU!

- * Jeannie Burpee for her gardening around the church.
- * Everyone who made our worship and picnic at River Forks Park a joyous day. B.J. Hoffman, Betty Fretwell, and the Altar Guild; Leigh Van Sickle for leading us in our singing for worship; Jon and Jeannie Burpee for bringing the parachute game; and all who brought food for our potluck.
- * Susan Brossia for our birthday and anniversary cake; Nancy Baum for coffee hour goodies; and Donna Litherland for the sausage, cheese, and half and half.
- * B.J. Oswald and the Burpees for our flowers in the sanctuary during August.
- * Luella Cox, B.J. Hoffman, Sue Phelps, and Leigh Van Sickle for organizing, cleaning, and sprucing up the choir loft.
- * Jim Eddy and Leigh Van Sickle for their Communications Team ministry working on our website, Facebook page, and Dragon Scoop.
- * Everyone attending our prayer group who lift us up each Tuesday morning in prayer.
- * Jewell Gates for hosting the Episcopal Church Women meeting in September.



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Wednesday.
Please call ahead if you can.

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

