



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
"Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors"

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Welcome into the Family of God!



**Urijah Edward Kennon,
Savannah Katlynn Kennon,
and
Emmanuel Ryan Kennon
were baptized on Jan. 12.**

More photos on page 5~

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

In our former community, as the rhetoric was heating up between political parties and getting more and more nasty, the local Interfaith group (Buddhist, Christian, Bahá'í, Mormon) wanted to help us focus on what brings us together, instead of what divides us. So we made banners saying "Welcome Diversity. Choose harmony. Show kindness."

Our church council decided to hang one of the banners under our church sign on the highway, ...only to hear from some folks in the community that we were "being too political." They were angry that we were "pushing an agenda" and it was inappropriate.

Now mind you, the big non-denominational churches in our community had voting pamphlets and huge rallies with speeches by their favored candidates...but our sign...now THAT was too political.

Welcome. Harmony. Kindness. How dare we?

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you." Romans 15:7

"Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are." Romans 12:16

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

It is interesting, isn't it... how simply reminding people of faith what the Bible calls us to do can sound so "political" when the political voices around us are justifying cruelty and intolerance and hatred.

Last week, when Bishop Budde preached at the Inauguration prayer service, many bristled that her words were "too political." But if you read her sermon (and I encourage you to do so), she simply reminded us all of the compassion and mercy we are called to live out as children of God...that all God asks of us is to *"do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God."* (Micah 6:8).

She simply reminded us that we are to treat every person as holy and precious... "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

The fact will always remain that God's word, calling us to compassion and mercy...calling us to love our neighbors, will often rub up against the powers of this world that seek to justify greed and nationalism...and often may sound "political." The prophets in the Bible were all hated for being "too political." Jesus was hated for being "too political."

But may we pray for the courage of Bishop Budde, to speak the truth anyway and not back down. May we remain steadfast in seeing every person as God's beloved child.... and may **we welcome diversity, choose harmony, and show kindness.**

Always.

Rev. Janine



You can watch Bishop Budde's Jan. 21 sermon at the Washington National Cathedral here: tinyurl.com/BuddeSermon

In Memoriam

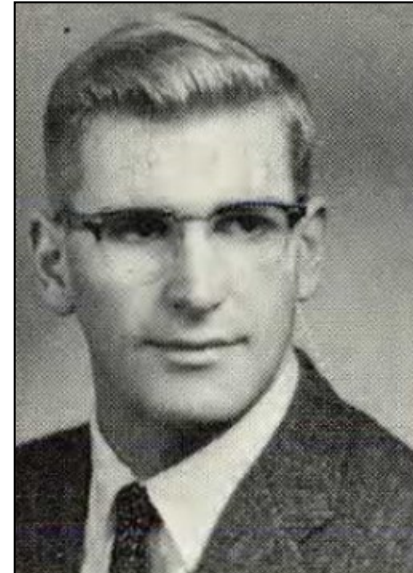
Samuel Wallace Lee, Jr.

May 16, 1938 — January 12, 2025

Samuel is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 65 years, his daughter Cathryn K. Lee, and his son Samuel W. Lee III and wife Karen Gail Lee. Other family members are his grandchildren Dalton Jackson, Annabel Kathleen, stepdaughter Karra, Robert Manuel, and great-grandchildren Dylan and Dreyson Manuel. His parents Samuel Wallace Lee Sr. and Beatrice Betters Lee and his daughter Carolyn Elizabeth Lee predeceased him.

Samuel and Carolyn were married at St George's on Oct. 4, 1959.

The family plans to have a get-together outside when the weather is nice.



What makes us human? There is a question to explore like a traveler in a new country. I have searched out many answers, but here is one that remains in my mind over the years. We are human because we know what it means to grieve.

We cannot always tell what or how another person feels when it comes to joy or satisfaction or even peace, but we know with an immediate instinct what it feels like to grieve. We know loss and longing. It washes away our differences. It makes us want to hold one another.

Grief is our love revealed, as natural to us as smiling.

~ The Rt/ Rev. Steven Charleston

Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

We discussed the Giving Tree and will visit it again later in the year. Donations for it resulted in \$367. We will consider going back to getting names from Children's Services, setting it up earlier, advertising it more, or setting a goal to beat.

We also discussed making some sort of donation toward the California fires. We decided to wait until Senior Warden Pete Benham requests contributions from the congregation and then see how much they give. It was suggested that we donate directly to St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena, which was burned to the ground in the Eaton Fire. We will decide on the amount at the February meeting.

Courtney Greenwalt gave us a detailed report about the needs for the Warming Resource

Center and how the first opening went. There are so many and varied things needed that it is easier to check your emails, the church Facebook page, and even listen to and read local news outlets for lists, which can change almost daily. Volunteers are also needed **so be sure to read page 7** for Courtney's description of what volunteers do.

While we enjoyed the great lunch provided by Jean Bowden and Valarie Bruffett, Karla Roady presented a program regarding her trip to England with a friend. She had beautiful pictures of "The Ancient Churches of the Cotswolds."

Join us at our next meeting on Feb. 20. Becky Fendall will tell us about her hobby of raising lavender and creating items from the home-grown plants.

Thelma's Thought for the Day

To lose patience
is to lose the battle.



FISH

Help Stock the FISH Pantry's Cookbook Lending Library!

The FISH of Roseburg is looking for gently used or new cookbooks—especially simple, basic, easy-to-use ones—to expand their cookbook lending library. This resource helps clients discover creative ways to turn pantry staples into delicious and nutritious meals.

If you'd like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at 405 Jerrys Dr, Roseburg, during pantry hours. Thank you for supporting FISH's mission to feed and empower our community!

If you bring the cookbooks to church they can be taken out to the pantry for you. There will be a box in the Parish Hall by the piano for them.



Holy Baptism



Rev. Janine baptized the three Kennon siblings, shown left to right:

Emmanual, Savannah, and Urijah,

with their Godparents Walt and Lori Combs.



Blessings



Birthday Blessings
for
Nik Artac
and
Robin Artac



Birthday Blessings
for
Annalise Clark

Parish News



Welcome Back, Rev. Matt!



Annalise Clark
retired as Choir Director
after holding the position since 2021. We will miss her!

Warming Resource Center by Courtney Greenwalt

What does volunteering at our daytime Warming Resource Center look like? It's pretty easy! Our crowd has been pretty chill. We are only open 2 hours each activation day. We ask for about 3 hours of your time each time.

Greeter/check in: welcome folks in, ask about weapons or tools, hand out an anonymous survey, keep a tally.

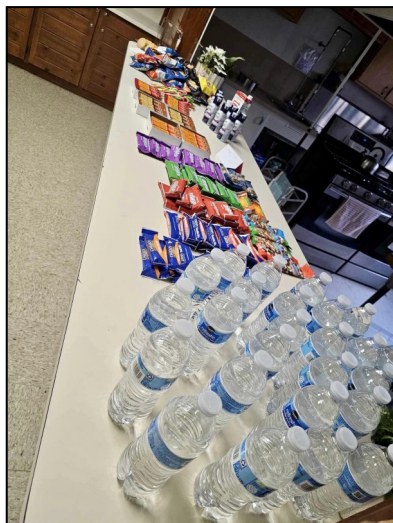
Set up and break down: help bring out supplies and set up tables with supplies. Pack up after we close.



Restocking: pull supplies from boxes to fill up give-away tables when they get low, help guests get needed supplies.

Food service: be the snack fairy! Be sure snack counter is stocked, keep coffee station stocked.

Extra support: jump in to cover other volunteers so they can get a break or grab things. Walk through space, check bathrooms.



Bagging supplies: mostly bagging doggie food, bundling socks or gloves.

Chatting with guests: just be a pal, chat with folks that want to, see how we can best support them.

Keeping things tidy: just how it sounds! Wipe down tables after, walk around and be sure things are in order, bag up trash.

Contact myself or Jacob Schlueter if you want to come hang out and help! We are a hoot! Please share.



Note: Our regular volunteers are trained in de-escalation, Narcan use, and more. We are here to support all of our volunteers and guests.



Photos courtesy of Courtney Greenwalt

Parish News

Tim Bruffett is shown cutting the wires to the fixture ballasts and bypassing them so he could install LED bulbs in the Parish Hall.

Tim Bruffett is quite a fellow. Officially he is a retired electrician, but as BJ Hoffman said, he is a true MacGyver! He has worked at various jobs involving electricity and pipelines and is able to jury-rig what ever it takes to get a job done successfully. By converting our fluorescent tubes to LED it will make more light in our Parish Hall, reduce our electric bill, and eliminate the need for frequently replacing burnt out fluorescent tubes.

~ Bill Riley

Editor's Note: And Tim says that without Bill's help the job would have been much harder and taken much longer!



Let There Be Light!

Photos by Bill Riley



Warming Resource Center Volunteer Photos

Below: Jean Bowden helps a guest find supplies.
Right: Kathy Glockner and Jenn Reida, Executive Director of FISH (foreground), staff the snack section.



Photos by Karla Roady



The Preacher & The Teacher

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On the 4th of March, we had a rather unusual wedding for St. George's. Fr. Lane performed the ceremony while Caroline and I sat in the congregation!

The next morning the record says that I counseled two neurotic women. No names were mentioned!

We needed a change; anyway, Caroline and I drove to Salem to take Charlotte back. There was no school at Willamette, but the State Legislature was in session and Al Flegel was a member of the House of Representatives. He had hired Charlotte to be one of his helpers, so she had to get back for that. Al was an enthusiastic Democrat, and General Beecher was just as strong a Republican. Amy Robinson, our parish secretary, took great delight in scheduling them both to serve as ushers on the same Sunday. And I, too, was amused to see them kneeling side by side at the Altar rail for communion. But they became fast friends, and later, when General Beecher died, although Al Flegel was confined to a wheelchair at that point, he insisted in being taken to the Veterans' cemetery in his wheelchair so he could be present for the general's burial. Both remained staunch to their political party, but they became fast friends, thanks to Amy thinking she was playing a trick on them!

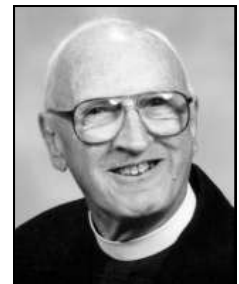
[After Easter] I "had a small hemorrhage in my right eye" — the same eye in which I had so many hemorrhages several years previously. . . . Two days later I had another . . . [and was referred to] Dr. Leonard Christensen at the [U. of O.] Medical School [in Portland]. He examined me and said he thought the "fire was out" and just to take life a little easier (ha!), that it probably would not recur. I asked him what he thought caused it and he replied that they didn't know. I said that when I had it years before, it had been diagnosed as "localized TB" and I took shots of Old Tuberculin every five days for three years. He replied, "Oh, we don't diagnose it as that any more!" When I

asked what they do diagnose it [as] now, he replied, "We just don't know." To which I said, "Well, I'm glad I had it when I did, then, because the TB shots stopped the hemorrhages I was having every month." I guess I should have kept my mouth shut, but I didn't.

We had another wedding: the groom was a Lutheran and the bride a Roman Catholic, so they settled on the Episcopal Church as a happy medium.

Caroline and I drove to Dallas [OR] to arrange for the delivery of new pews for the Church being made by George DeGraff. Our "old" pews were sent to the newly built Church of the Holy Spirit in Sutherlin, which up to this point had been using folding chairs. Little did we realize that later on [our son] Steve would be vicar of our church in Dallas for 12 years.

The Vestry had decided that our narthex (entry way) needed some alterations, so we had both a carpenter and an electrician working on that job. And we had heavy rains, so that the Parish Hall leaked again where the old part of it joined with the addition we built in 1960. One contractor said that the only way we were going to find that leak would be to fill the Parish Hall with water and see where it came out! Fortunately the janitor found it upstairs one day, but it was quite a bit later.



*The Preacher & the Teacher:
the story of our years at St. George's
as told by Father Alfred S. Tyson*

Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

St. Paul's Cathedral London, England

This cathedral is a Church of England cathedral and is the seat of the Bishop of London. There has been a church on this site since AD 604.

Sir Christopher Wren designed the present structure after a previous one burnt during the Great Fire of London in 1666. It took him 35 years to complete, with the final stone being placed in 1708. The dome is instantly recognizable on the London skyline, having escaped with just two bomb hits and one unexploded bomb during World War II. Up until 1962 this was the tallest building in London.



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Unusual amongst cathedrals is that there is a crypt under the entire structure rather than under the eastern portion.



The organ was commissioned in 1694 and has 7,266 pipes. The core Cathedral Choir resides at St. Paul's throughout most of the year and consists of boy and girl Choristers and adult singers who sing alto, tenor, and bass.

The interior of the dome supports a Whispering Gallery – so called because of its acoustic properties. A whisper against the wall at any point can be heard by a listener with their ear to the wall at any other point in the Gallery.

The cathedral is a busy, working church with three or four services each day. Many important functions have been held there, including the funerals of Lord Nelson and Sir Winston Churchill and the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, as well as regular musical events.

The cathedral is open for paid guided tours six days a week and has regular worship services every day.

This article was first published here in May, 2014, and has been updated slightly.

Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

FINANCES 2024

	December	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 5,864	\$ 6,558	\$ 82,680	\$ 78,696
Other Income	4,353	2,683	48,566	32,200
Total Income	14,976	9,241	131,246	110,896
Expenses	9,136	12,114	118,325	145,364
	<u>\$ 5,840</u>	<u>\$ (2,872)</u>	<u>\$ 12,921</u>	<u>\$ (34,468)</u>

Welcome to a new year at St. George Episcopal Church!

We have ended our year in good standing. Although we were budgeted to have a \$34,468 deficit, we ended the year with \$12,921 on the positive side.

Between our staff keeping our costs down and pledges and donations greater than we anticipated we ended up the year on the plus side. Go team!

Though we had a couple of months where we had a shortfall we made up for it in other months. We did spend \$5,400 to replace the windows in the offices, but our gas bill went down as a result. The staff in the offices are more comfortable so it's a win-win and was money well spent.

We also replaced our air conditioner, but that money was taken out of our designated funds and did not affect our daily moneys.

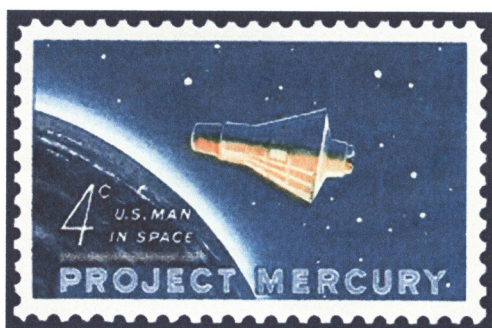
I want to thank you all for a good year at St. George. It's so nice to have some youngsters. Hopefully we keep our family growing. God bless us all!

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the February stamp of the month



First American to orbit the Earth 2/20/1962



Scott catalog #1193,
issued in Cape Canaveral, Fl.
February 20, 1962.

U.S. #1193 issued on launch day features the "Friendship 7" space capsule flown by John Glenn in the first US manned orbit of the Earth. Glenn circled the Earth three times during the 4 hour, 55 minute, and 23 second flight.

The Umpqua Valley Stamp Club meets monthly every 3rd Monday except for June and December. Here in the Parish Hall at 7:15. Visitors welcome.

Poster by Clarence Adams,
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club

BREW ED THE OLOGY	DEFINING CHURCH
	Where is it?
	What is it? How to find it?

We'll start the new year together with conversations about what it means to be the church. Come and listen and share together

Brewed Theology

as we ask "What is it?" and "Where is it?" and "How to find it?"

We meet in the upper room in Brix Bar on Thurs., February 6, at 2:30 and 6:30 (come upstairs early if you plan on ordering dinner.) 😊

See you then!

Poster by Rev. Janine Goodrich



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