



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
"Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors"

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Christmas Eve 2024



JOY TO THE WORLD!



Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say,
Rejoice.*

*Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.*

*Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests
be made known to God.*

*And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.*

Philippians 4:4-8

I'm a big Peanuts fan...and I have a particular fondness for Linus, who is the theologian and philosopher of the bunch. In one of their comics, Linus says he'd like to be a doctor. And his big sister, Lucy, says "YOU a DOCTOR! HA! That's a big laugh! You could never be a doctor! You know why? Because you don't love humankind, that's why!" To which Linus retorts, "I love humankind... it's PEOPLE I can't stand!!"



Linus echoes Dostoevsky and Einstein and many others who basically said the same thing. And you may feel the same way...that it is easier to warmly avow that every person is a child of God and feel kindly about people in general. *But then at the same time, it is sometimes incredibly hard to love the actual people we live next door to...or work with...or even sit beside in the pews. Loving our neighbors sounds nice...until we are actually dealing with the real individual folks who can be rude and say things that annoy us and treat us poorly and generally disappoint us in all sorts of ways.*

But I think that's why one of things I really appreciate about the New Testament is that a good chunk of it is just letters by Paul written to those **real** people like us in **real** congregations like ours who sometimes don't get along and who can get all worked up about the right way to do things. And in letter after letter, Paul tries to pull us all back under the umbrella of Jesus' grace that is big enough for all of us. Paul continually reminds us how grateful he is for everyone who shares in the work of Jesus' good news... for everyone who seeks to let others know that they are seen and loved and are beloved children of God...for everyone who welcomes strangers and cares for the sick and visits the imprisoned and feeds the hungry and clothes the naked. He is grateful for every person in the church communities.

But then he reminds us that this journey is not meant to be a slog, tolerating people we can't stand. Rather, it's meant to be joy-filled, accepting our differences and looking for the good in one another. It's not meant to be a frantic "to-do" list where we all strive to get the right things done in the right way...but rather, it is meant to be a gentle journey filled with gratitude. We do not need to worry and fret and look at everything that is wrong with us, or wrong with others, or wrong with the world. But instead we can trust in the astounding grace of Jesus who loves us all (with all our warts) and forgives us... so that we, in turn, can forgive each other and forgive ourselves. And we can focus on what is good...what is beautiful.

In this New Year, may God help us all love real people...including ourselves. May God quell our anxiety and make us gentle with one another. May we look for what is beautiful. And may we find joy and peace in making room for one another under Jesus' umbrella of grace. Amen.

Joy to you, dear friends—
Pastor Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Karla Roady hosted a wonderful luncheon at her home. We were happy to have ladies with us who do not come to ECW meetings regularly. We enjoyed great conversation around the table.

We had a business meeting before sitting down to eat. We agreed to make monetary donations and seasonal bonuses to people in need of a lift, to a business who provides for the unhoused, and to those who serve and care for our church.

At the time of our meeting, \$190 had been collected from the Giving Tree ornaments crafted by Mik Carlson. (See photos on page 4.) Hopefully we will receive additional funds after the Dec. 15 service.

Please join us for our next meeting, Jan. 16, 2025, 11:00, at church.



Photo by Karla Roady

Thelma's Thought for the Day

Inhale courage, exhale fear.



FISH

Service Summary

December 2024

Families Served = 2,754

Individuals Served = 991

of Volunteers = 55

#of Volunteer hours = 532

Food donated from community
= 17,741lbs

Food bought through the FISH
Pantry = 5228lbs



FISH SAYS Volunteers Needed!

Join our team and make a difference in our community! We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with:

Grocery Pickups:

Daily from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Help us collect essential items from local stores to keep our shelves stocked.

Saturday Shifts:

One Saturday a month starting in February
Assist with pantry operations and make a positive impact on the weekend!

If you're interested in lending a helping hand and joining our amazing volunteer family, please reach out to us. Together, we can make a difference!

Contact FISH at (541) 672-5242.

Christmas Giving Tree

Ornaments by Mik Carlson



Blessings



Birthday Blessings
for
Pete Benham
Frank Graham
and
Nancy Baum
who also accepted blessings for
Jewell Gates

Parish News



Veterans of St. George's

Front Row—
Bob Spielman
Jean Bowden
Doug Holloway

Back Row—
Rev. Matt Goodrich
Gary Flowers
Bill Riley



Roseburg Concert Chorale Singers:

Pete Benham, Revs. Matt and Janine Goodrich,
Lynda Green, Myana Clark, Steve Thomas, and David Jones

Parish News

Once again Sue and Jerry Phelps worked their magic on the Parish Hall and turned it into a comfortable, welcoming space embodying the Christmas spirit.



Adults left to right: Karla Roady, Karla's daughter-in-law Anne Samarawickrama, and Valarie Bruffett help St. George kids with crafts after a Sunday service.

The Preacher & The Teacher

1966

Lent began as usual with the popular pancake supper, cooked by the men and served by the boys from the acolytes' group. And on top of that, Ken Stillinger, the boy living with us in the rectory, flunked his driver's exam. I guess he passed it later. John Bernau, son of Fred and Shirley, and one of my godsons, ended up in the hospital as a result of a blasting cap going off in his hand. . . . [He] was in the hospital for several days.

It was about this time that the "Kitchen Problem" flared up again. Roger Smith and I had a long conversation about the problem. I withdrew \$1,000 from my Rector's Fund to use to appease the troublemakers, but after talking to Roger I held on to it.

Just before Easter 1966 more criticism broke out about the unending kitchen problem On Easter the Church was full to the brim again as usual, so the kitchen fuss was not affecting attendance. We had 160 at 7:00; between 300 and 400 at 9:30 (including over 100 in the Parish Hall with Jim Macke); plus 153 at 11.

[One Sunday] as a diversion, Steve and Ken were shooting a BB gun from their upstairs window at a parking meter. The BB ricocheted, hitting the rear window of Gus Carlson's car across the street and shattering the glass. Luckily, Gus was nonchalant about it and refused to accept payment for the damage. Several years later a meter collector came to the front door and asked, "Lady, do you have a boy here who has a BB gun?" It took them that long to figure out what caused the marks on that parking meter!

. . . Don Severson and Roger Smith put a new roof on the rectory while I went fishing at Diamond Lake with Bill and Dorothy Brinkley. It was quite cold, but I caught 4 trout and the Brinkleys got three. Thus began my 17th year in Roseburg. I was both a fisherman for trout and a "fisher of men!"

During July we cut down to two services on Sunday. Also during July the new dishwasher arrived to the troubled Parish Hall kitchen. Roger Smith and I unpacked it and he spent several days getting it installed and working. It was good getting something settled about that problem.

During my regular check-up with Dr. Boyles he chided me on trying to do too much. I don't see how he could think that! And that evening Larry and Agnes Mimnaugh came and stayed late; Agnes later was elected president of the Women of the Diocese. We enjoyed them but that night I wrote that I had "the worst headache yet!" Maybe Dr. Boyles knew what he was talking about! About this time I noted, "We have a squirrel living under the floor of the woodshed." Eventually he was encouraged to move.

On December 13 Dr. Keith Bryant did two fillings in my teeth, which I described as "Delightful!!" But that same evening I was able to play Santa Claus for the Daughters of St. Anne in the Parish Hall.

Except for the war in Vietnam, 1966 is certainly ending much better than it started, for me, at any rate. The squabble in the women's group over the kitchen is all settled.

*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

Canterbury Cathedral Canterbury, England

Canterbury Cathedral was founded in 597 by Augustine of Canterbury, although there had been churches on the site since Roman times.

Canterbury Cathedral is the Cathedral of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the leader of the Church of England and symbolic head of the Anglican Communion. The present archbishop is the 105th in a line which goes back over 1400 years.

The Cathedral was destroyed by fire in 1067 and a new building was consecrated in 1070. A rebuilding program was started in 1174 but most of the present structures were built in the late 1300s, especially after an earthquake of 1382. The last major alteration was carried out in 1834.

Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in the Cathedral in December 1170 by knights of King Henry II. The King had had a stormy relationship

with the archbishop and had uttered, “Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?” Some of his knights rode to Canterbury and murdered the archbishop in his own Cathedral.

After this, Canterbury Cathedral became a major destination for pilgrims, and due to their donations it was possible to enlarge the buildings.

The Cathedral is situated in the midst of the City of Canterbury in the south-east of England, and although there was heavy damage to Canterbury during World War II, the Cathedral sustained very little harm. The structure is now showing signs of age and so extensive restoration work is underway.

This article was first published here in April, 2014, the beginning of a series by Doug Holloway that ran through October, 2017. Enough interest has been expressed that we will be reprinting these columns for your enjoyment.



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Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

FINANCES 2024

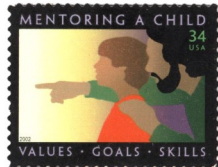
	October	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 6,870	\$ 6,558	\$ 70,191	\$ 65,580
Other Income	3,199	2,683	35,235	26,833
Total Income	10,069	9,241	105,426	92,413
Expenses	9,111	12,114	94,523	121,136
	<u>\$ 958</u>	<u>\$ (2,872)</u>	<u>\$ 10,903</u>	<u>\$ (28,723)</u>
	November	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 6,625	\$ 6,558	\$ 76,816	\$ 72,138
Other Income	4,219	2,683	39,454	29,517
Total Income	10,844	9,241	116,270	101,655
Expenses	14,667	12,114	109,189	133,250
	<u>\$ (3,823)</u>	<u>\$ (2,872)</u>	<u>\$ 7,080</u>	<u>\$ (31,595)</u>

We remained in the black for the month of October, but fell short in the month of November, but our pledges for those two months exceeded the budgeted amount. Our expenses were up for the month of November. Our amount for the musicians was high. We must have paid the organist or director twice in November because their check for October crossed over into November. We also had to pay taxes on the rectory and parking lot. Our electric bill and water bill were higher in November. That led to a \$3,823 deficit. But the good news is that we were still in the black for the actual net income.

As we plan for the new year and try to foresee any large budgets items. We will soon be working on our budget for next year knowing our expenses will go up as we increase the Goodriches from 1/4 time to half time. That was greatly needed as I am sure they were putting in more time than what they were getting paid for. We are so lucky to have them. Our church is also blessed with wonderful music, great pastors, and wonderful people in our congregation. I also want to thank all of you that have turned in your pledges. It does really help in preparing our budget for next year. Like I say, we have a great group of people here at St. George.

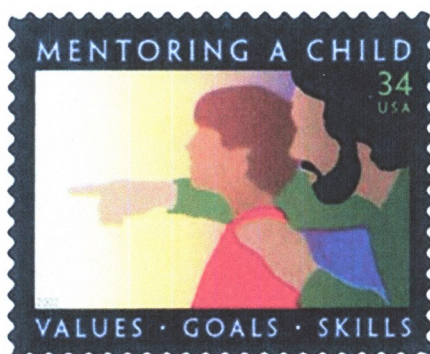
Hopefully your Christmas was blessed and we look forward to the new year. Wishing you all the best.

Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents the
January Stamp of the Month

January is National Mentoring Month



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Mentoring Month was launched in 2002
by the Harvard School of Public
Health and MENTOR, an organization
dedicated to mentoring partnerships,
raising awareness about the importance
of mentors to young people and
encourage more individuals to become
mentors.

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*

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	Where is it?
	What is it?
	How to find it?

Brewed Theology

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,
January 2, at 2:30 and 6:30 (come upstairs early if
you plan on ordering dinner.) 😊

See you then!

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



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