



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Day of Pentecost



Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

Lee's Rules

When Lee was 3 years old, they wanted to play dominos with Grandma (my mom). Mom couldn't remember the rules...so Lee grabbed the paper in the box that had the instructions and told Grandma, "I will read them to you." *Please note: Lee was not one of those children who could read at the age of 3.*

Then Lee began:

"Rule #1 — God loves you."
(Grandma's eyebrows went up...she didn't remember that one from the game.)

"Rule #2 — God loves you. Come to him."
(Grandma's more than a little curious now... but obviously Lee is the product of 2 preachers.)

"Rule #3 — God loves you **very much** so **come to him.**"
(The emphasis being all Lee's..and at this point Grandma began to wonder if the dominos were ever going to come into play here.)

"Rule #4 — We each get 5 pieces."
(Ahhhh...finally.)

My mom was tickled, to say the least. And we all got a kick out of our budding theologian... reminding us that God's love is part of everything we do, even the games we play.

But then....I couldn't help but wonder if Lee's rules might have a broader context for all of life. After all, the rules are simple...in a "don't you get it yet?" kind of way.

#1 — God loves you.

#2 — Maybe we need to say it again. God loves you....**REALLY** loves you (yes, you, the one reading this) so go to him. God is waiting for you with open arms ...waiting for you to come home. God is waiting for you ... to turn everything you have over—your worries and your joys, your fears and your hopes, your accomplishments and your disappointments, your time and your talents —and let God have it all.

#3 — Ok...I think you need to hear it one more time. Yes, God loves **YOU**—every bit of you—and wants to be involved in every bit of your life...wants to **give you life**. So...come to him. Just come to him. Anytime. Anywhere. God is always there.

#4 — And the final rule? We each get 5 pieces— simple, basic sharing. There's enough for everybody if we just quit hoarding and start giving—enough love, enough grace, enough food, enough stuff. There's enough....when we each get 5 pieces...and then bring those pieces to Jesus.

I have no idea where Lee got their rules. But I think they're good ones. Live in the love, rest in the love, share the love. And remember, whatever we are up to, God loves us and wants to be with us in the midst of it.

Peace —
Rev. Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

The topic of conversation at our May meeting was the rummage sale. Thanks to so many donations and faithful shoppers we made **\$1220.13**. Habitat for Humanity picked up the unsold furniture. We will decide, at our next meeting, to which nonprofit organization we will donate a percentage of our proceeds.

We discussed the possible reasons why the number of shoppers was down. So we are going to try a different schedule. The sale will be in November, thus letting us sort through our holiday decor for donations for the sale:

Friday, Nov. 1, 9:00-6:00
Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:00-noon

We also discussed the kitchen organization that Tenaya Wright is doing as well as who will bring the Pentecost cupcakes.

We had a nice visit among ourselves while we ate our own lunches and the delicious dessert Nancy Baum brought.

Please join us June 20 for our last meeting of our year.



Foreground, left to right:
Nancy Baum, Margaret Thomas, Patricia Hennings, and Karla Roady
work on setup for the sale.

Parish News

Women's Restroom Door

Because people have had problems opening the doors to our restrooms at church, we checked with the Eugene-Springfield Lock & Safe Company to see how much it could cost to have the women's restroom door converted to an automatic handicapped door. Because it would involve electrical work, the initial estimate was between \$5,000 and \$6,000 per door. A second offer of \$350 per door was for a modified mechanical closure.

Then our Master Craftsman, Bob Spielman (seen in the photos), suggested we install a "Bullet Catch" device. These devices were available at our local Handyman Hardware store. So on 14 May, Bob removed the two pneumatic door closures and installed the Bullet Catches. The doors are definitely easier to open now, but since the door closure devices have been removed, one must remember to pull or push the door closed until it clicks.

~ Bill Riley



Photos by Bill Riley

Breaking News!



Parishioner Wally Hunnicutt was chosen by the Honor Flight Network to fly back to Washington, D.C. and participate in a celebration of America's veterans with a day of honor.

Wally served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He and his son Greg were flown to our nation's capitol for a tour of national monuments. While they were there, Wally was awarded the Korean Victory Medal.

Honor Flight Network is a national nonprofit organization that allows travel free of charge thanks to generous donations.

The News-Review has an article about Wally's trip in its May 28th edition, page B9. The *Dragon Scoop* hopes to interview him for next month's issue.

Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Nik Grimsby**



**Birthday Blessings
for
Owen Abrahamson**



**Birthday Blessings for Elizabeth Heinrich
and
Blessings for her and Aaron as they move
to Lebanon where Elizabeth is starting
medical school.**



**21st Anniversary Blessings
for
Margaret and Steve Thomas**

Parish News



On May 5 Holy Cross celebrated Orthodox Easter, decorating the Parish Hall in magnificent style.



Right: Cupcakes with strawberry "flames" for Pentecost.



This beautiful cross-stitch art is the work of Susan Brossia. She donated it to the church and it hangs in a place of pride in the office. Be sure to take a good look at it soon!



Left: Jerry Phelps is our Pentecost Flame Master. You can see his handiwork in the photo on the front page. Many thanks to him and Sue for keeping up this yearly tradition!

Photo by Sue Phelps

Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2024

| | April | Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|--------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Pledges | \$ 7,580 | \$ 6,558 | \$ 31,300 | \$ 26,232 |
| Other Income | 3,168 | 2,683 | 13,623 | 10,733 |
| Total Income | 10,748 | 9,241 | 44,923 | 36,965 |
| Expenses | 10,884 | 12,114 | 34,214 | 48,454 |
| | \$ (136) | \$ (2,872) | \$ 10,709 | \$ (11,489) |

Though we had a deficit for the month of April of \$136 dollars we are still in the black for the year-to-date figures. With the Lenten season and Easter we had larger than normal musician expenses. Some of that will even out as the year progresses. At this point we are looking good although we do have some expenditures in the works. We will be replacing the windows in the offices to a better insulated type of window. We are also considering replacing the entry doors as our current doors are warped. Our DPA is in good standing, so at this time we are looking good. Keep up the good work!

FISH

The News-Review reported on the May 4 Spring Family Fair at the FISH Pantry. More than 200 people from the community, mostly children, came to the open house and participated in painting a mural within the outline that FISH Executive Director Jenn Reida herself had drawn.



“In addition to the colorful facelift, Reida has been working to make FISH an organized and simplified shopping experience that is stocked with a large variety of items to meet the needs of families. This includes a new section with dietary-restricted foods, as well as a supply of cookware.

“Reida expressed gratitude for the volunteers, donors, partners and community involvement, but also expressed a need for more volunteers and donations, specifically donations of personal hygiene items.”



Brittany Arnold,
The News-Review,
May 18, 2024

The Preacher & The Teacher

Excerpts from 1959

In September of 1959 the Rev. Albert Sayers arrived from Alaska to become rector of St. Luke's in Grants Pass, along with his wife, Thelma, and their two sons, Nokie and David. In later years, he was to leave Grants Pass to become curate at St. George's and to retire in Roseburg, although continuing to serve our mission congregations in Riddle and Sutherlin after his retirement. But in 1959 he began his ministry in southern Oregon and became part of our Southern Deanery clericus.

(Yes, this is our own Thelma and David!)

On October 4, 1959 I married Carolyn Jackson (daughter of Elton and Ruth) to Sam Lee, a very nice wedding. That same evening (Sunday) I noted that attendance at the confirmation class was "disappointing."

(Yes, this is our own Samuel and Carolyn Lee, who are due for their 65th anniversary this year!)

The choir was beginning to "go modern," and we had the first "folk mass," one composed by Beaumont. This was a good beginning for the Diocesan Music School, which was held at St. Stephen's in Portland, the Diocesan Cathedral at that time. I was chairman The music school was so successful that it continued on for a number of years, having sessions at Lewis and Clark College and finally at the U. of O. in Eugene, being in one sense, the forerunner of the now famous Bach Festival, as Dr. Saltzman served on our staff and it was he who later founded the Bach Festival and has headed it ever since. We had over a hundred in the choir at Trinity Church, Portland, for the Diocesan Choir Festival, which climaxed the Music School, and I preached the sermon, beginning a practice that also continued for close to ten years.

Our first experience with a "post modern" phenomenon came on Saturday, December 5, 1959. We never locked the doors to the Church, day or night. That morning we discovered that the Church had been vandalized. It turned out that the police caught and arrested three teenage girls leaving the Church early Saturday morning. They were in a foster home in Winston and had been brought to Roseburg the evening before to attend a movie. But when the movie was over, they failed to report to the location where they were to be met and returned home.

Apparently, one of the girls knew the Church was never locked and suggested they spend the night there—which they did. They made dress-up clothes out of the hangings on the altar. (There was light, as there were spotlights at night to illuminate the stained glass windows.) They lighted the candles and had torchlight parades around the Church, dripping wax everywhere, but fortunately not setting anything on fire. All in all, they made a terrible mess.

The foster home had alerted the police that they were missing, and when a patrol car happened by the Church early Saturday and saw three young girls leaving it, they were picked up and their spree came to an end. The judge sentenced them to do helpful work around the Church to make up for the damage they had done, but it took more effort to supervise them than it was worth, and they never were much of a help. After that, the insurance company strongly suggested we lock the Church at night!



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

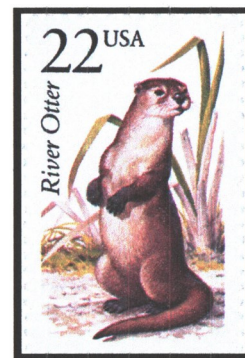
Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the Stamp of the Month

June is National Rivers Month

#2314 was issued as part of the 50 stamp wildlife set. The otter represents the importance of rivers to humans and wildlife across the country. The first National Rivers Month was celebrated in 2005 and is also celebrated in more than 60 countries each year.



Scott catalog #2314 was issued
in Toronto, Canada
on June 13, 1987.

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*

Psalm 23



In the Hebrew of Psalm 23, goodness and mercy do not "follow" us all the days of our lives. That translation is far too bloodless for the verb radaph. It means "chase after or pursue." The goodness and mercy of God don't follow us like a good little puppy dog. They gallop after us like a celestial stallion. They chase us down labyrinthine paths like the hound of heaven. They stay hot on our heels. The goodness and mercy of our Shepherd radaph us all the way to heaven's gate and into the arms of our Father.

—Chad Bird



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10:30 am
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and
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Wednesdays

