



Mission Statement:
"Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors"

The Dragon Scoop

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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Bishop Charleston Writes:

Random Lessons from My Elders

Walk the straight path wherever you go and you will not be far from the Spirit.

Speak as honestly as you can or be silent.

Even if you lose everything else, keep your dignity.

Stand up for what you believe but be willing to bend if you want that belief to grow.

Search your heart for the answers your mind cannot show you.

If you cannot hear the voice of your ancestors it means you are too far from where you should be:
turn around.

Kindness is meant for every living thing with no exceptions.

Tears are sacred.

The peace you seek can be found in the love you share.

If you breathe, you pray.

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston



Rev. Janine's Pastoral Letter

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
(Psalm 46:1)*

In uncertain days like these
...as the election approaches and the volume
on divisive rhetoric reaches ear-splitting levels
...as hurricanes rage, washing away homes
...as bombs rain down on neighborhoods and
schools

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble.*

In uncertain days like these
...when we feel the solid ground slipping beneath
us
...when we begin to fear for the future
...when we feel helpless in the face of others' pain

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble.*

We cannot fix this world or stop its wars or save
the innocent.
We cannot even save ourselves.
But God saves. God is with us.
And though we may not be able to bury our heads
in the sand,
we can hide ourselves in the safety of God's arms.
God who is greater. God who is the ground of all
being
...of galaxies and atoms, earth and fire and water,
of all that lives, of all that exists.

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of
the sea, though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its
tumult. (Psalm 46:2-3)*

Therefore we will not fear.
Whatever happens. **Whatever happens.**
We will not fear.

So stop the fretting. Stop the worrying.
Breathe.
Be still.

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

Be still and know — God has you. God holds
you. God will never let you go.

*Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted
among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob
is our refuge. (Psalm 46:10-11)*

Be still and know — This is God's world. And
God is with us.

All of us.

Always.

Amen.

Rev. Janine



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

Several of us provided lunch for our meeting. Thelma gave us a thought for the day many of us are familiar with:

We discussed Clergy Appreciation Month—Oct., came up with some program ideas, re-elected the current officers, and decided to bring pancake mix and syrup to our next meeting to donate to the Roseburg Rescue Mission.

Thelma's Thought for the Day

"It is better to light just one little candle than to fear the darkness."



And then we visited.

Dates for the rummage sale were set for **Nov. 6-9**. Please join us at our next meeting, Oct. 17. More details will follow.

FISH

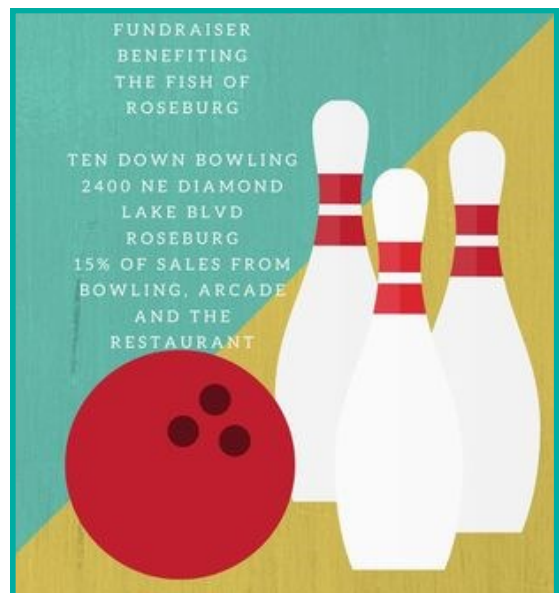
FISH Executive Director Jenn Reida writes in their August newsletter that outreach efforts with the VA and Peace at Home Advocacy Center remain strong. FISH also now has special hours that allow community agency employees to shop for clients who can't visit the pantry in person.

For Spanish speakers there are now new intake forms and scripts to help process clients. They will be updating pantry signage to have Spanish translations.

Coming Up:

Blocktober Festival—October 5 in downtown Roseburg. There will be a table showcasing both FISH and the Roseburg Food Project.

Strike Out Hunger—October 12
Ten Down Bowling, 2400 NE Diamond Lake



Blessings

Left:
Birthday Blessings
for
Ruby Abrahamson



Photo by Karla Roady



Photo by Karla Roady

Birthday Blessings
for
Leigh Van Sickle



Birthday Blessings
for
Bill Riley

Parish News

thank you

David and I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend the “Farewell and Godspeed” potluck on August 11. We thoroughly enjoyed saying hello-goodbye to many of you.

Thanks to Pastors Janine and Matt for giving me the opportunity to be in the pulpit while they were in Scotland and Germany. It allowed us to get closure as we were leaving for Lander, WY, where our son, DIL, and fun and energetic granddaughter live. We do miss all of you, but are finding Lander to be a friendly and outdoorsy town.

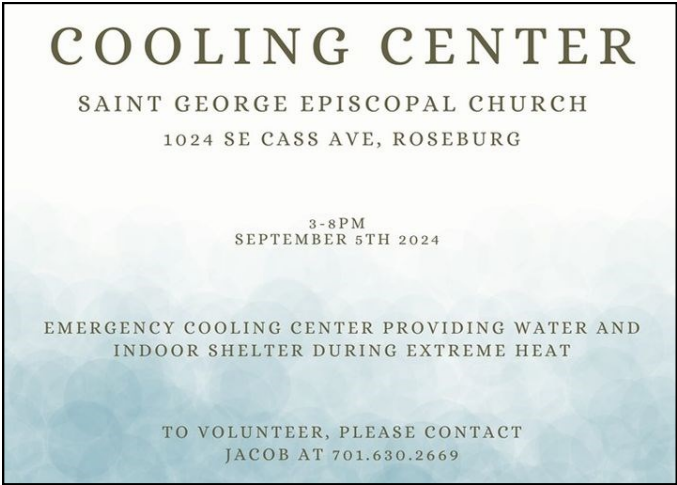
Our home is a block and a half from Trinity Episcopal Church and we’ll probably alternate between Trinity and Faith Lutheran.

May God be with you all.

Love, Pastor Gail & David
“Episcolutherans”



Everett James Arnold,
born Sept. 16, 2024
Son of Kelly and Zach Arnold



St. George’s hosted a Cooling Center in the Parish Hall on Sept. 5 that was organized by parishioner Jacob Schlueter. He and his family, along with Rev. Janine, made sure that everyone was comfortable and cared for.

There were about ten people who were helped, a blessing for all who showed up.



Walt Combs
Lay Worship Leader
Morning Prayer,
Sun., Sept. 22

A Visitor from Guatemala

by Bill Riley

Parishioner Bill Riley brought a guest with him to church on Sept. 8. The Dragon Scoop asked him to share her story.

Her full name is Sandra Lorena de la Cruz. I first met her in 1991 when I was assigned to Los Amates, Guatemala, with the Peace Corps. Shortly after I got there, I was asked to go to a village to set up Cornish Cross (meat) chickens with four different families. Sandra's parents were one of the four. At that time, she was 18 years old.



She had finished the six grades of school offered in her village and had spent the next 8 years washing clothes in the river, making tortillas over an open fire in a dirt-floored kitchen, and helping her mother take care of her younger sister and four younger brothers. I would visit their village every week to weigh their chickens. I met Sandra on about my third visit. It didn't take long to realize she was an intelligent, hard working young lady.

With her parent's approval, I got her enrolled in the three-year "Basico" school in Los Amates from which she graduated very near the top of her class. Next, she completed a three-year Secretaria bilingual college in Chiquimula. She did start studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of San Carlos in the Capital but had to quit after a couple of years to work to put her brothers through school.

A few years later I helped her get a US visa so she could join her brother who was working in Virginia. Eventually she and her sister and three of her brothers would get a letter each summer

inviting them to return to Virginia to work. They all lived together in a house their boss provided them.

With the money they saved they were able to return to Guatemala and construct concrete block houses with indoor plumbing and electricity for each of them plus their parents. And after 33 years she is still raising chickens and pigs and she and her brothers are helping other members of their village.



About 1992, with Sandra second from the left in the back row, her parents and sister, and two of her brothers.



About 2010, showing Sandra with her two daughters and Wendy, my daughter.

Sandra's daughters' higher education is sponsored by Peace Corps scholarship programs, as was her own.

FYI

Pet Blessing Service
 for the Feast of St. Francis
St. George Episcopal Church
Sunday, October 6 @ 4pm



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Poster by Rev. Janine Goodrich

Fact-Checking Sites

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER...Amid so much political misinformation, you will want to keep these sites handy. Visit them regularly. And rather than relying on one, you'll want to use multiple fact checking sites. The truth matters!

- apnews.com/hub/ap-fact-check
- factcheck.org
- opensecrets.org
- verifythis.com
- leadstories.com
- mediabiasfactcheck.com
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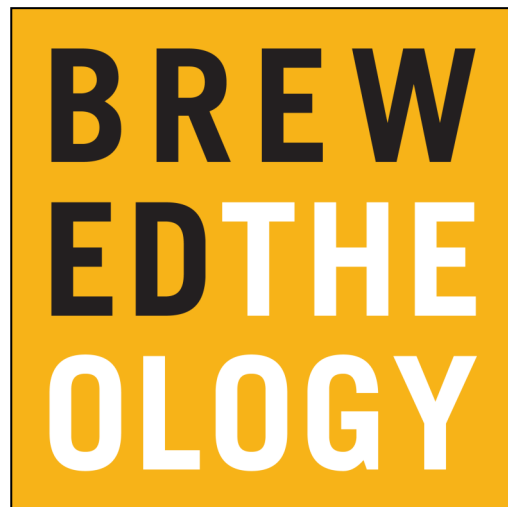
From Clergy Coaching Network on Facebook

You're Invited!

Starting in October, we invite you to join us for "**Brewed Theology**"—conversations about faith and life—at Brix Bar downtown.
(527 SE Jackson)

We'll be meeting in the "Upper Room" over the bar and you can join us either on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm or the third Thursday of the month at 2:30 pm.

Our topic for October is "Church & Politics: Is Jesus a Republican or a Democrat?" We look forward to seeing you there!



The Preacher & The Teacher

Excerpts from 1963

Steve Guthrie, high school senior, did our janitor work. Having just bought a new motorcycle, he parked it one day in the walkway between the back doors of the Parish Hall and the rectory, and Caroline became quite upset because I had jokingly mentioned I thought it might be good if I bought a motorcycle, and she jumped to the conclusion that I had done so. Luckily I was able to persuade her that the machine belonged to the janitor and not me!

At the end of November—November 22—President John Kennedy was assassinated, and there was great consternation among the people. We had 150 out for a Requiem for him on Monday, November 25. Later that evening, I also took part in a community service in the President's memory held at the Fair Grounds. People we had not seen in Church for months suddenly showed up in the pews on Sunday! But it is not a method of evangelism I would recommend.

Excerpts from 1964

Lotus Knight Porter was Church editor for the News-Review. Her brother was editor of a Portland newspaper, so she had good standing in the newspaper fraternity, and although a Presbyterian, she always gave us good write-ups in the paper.

St. George's continued to have a fine group of boys as acolytes reaching a total of 65 boys about this time. Once a year—usually in the spring—the boys and their Dads held a joint dinner in the Parish Hall, which was a lot of fun for all concerned. George Pearce often entertained them with his clever [magic] tricks. Girls were not yet serving as acolytes, but they had their own organization, the GFS or Girls Friendly Society, which was very active. They provided the choir for our 9:30 services, in addition to many other activities.

Aside from the Likowskies leaving at the end of the year, the biggest event was “the worst flood since 1890” hit our area just before Christmas, inundating many of our members, as well as many others. Needless to say, the Christmas Eve service was poorly attended. The Tysons had bought a second car—a used Rambler—from Bob Walker and Paul Barcus. Both our cars, plus several others were utilized to haul work crews to various parishioners who needed help. Several families spent Christmas Eve in the Parish Hall with its many rooms available.

A few of our people who were flooded included Roger and Vera Gee, John and Helen Robinson, Harry and Florence Jacoby, General Pierce and his family, Roy and Ruth Bradley and their daughter, the Brosis, the Warren Woodruffs, Bob and Lois Potter, and others. Helen Robinson wouldn't open her Christmas presents until February! Our work parties did much cleaning up of mud from homes and similar jobs, such as moving a large log away from the front door of the Robinson's house.

Bishop Carman sent us \$1,000 to use in helping families in need, and I gave it all out, stressing that it was a gift and not a loan. Nevertheless, every single penny of it was later repaid as people got back on their feet.

So closed a tumultuous year, with the worst flood in nearly 100 years right at Christmas!

*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 October Stamp of the Month

October is Country Music Month

Country Music Month started in 1964. President Richard Nixon made it official in 1970 to honor one of the truly American forms of Music. The Patsy Cline stamp was part of a 4 stamp set to honor men and women whose contributions to country and western music made history. Patsy Cline as one of the few female artists of the day and helped popularize country music with her distinct voice and pop style.



2772, Issued on
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Nashville, Tennessee

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,



Humor



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Monday through Friday

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Sundays
and
10 am
Wednesdays

