



The Dragon Scoop

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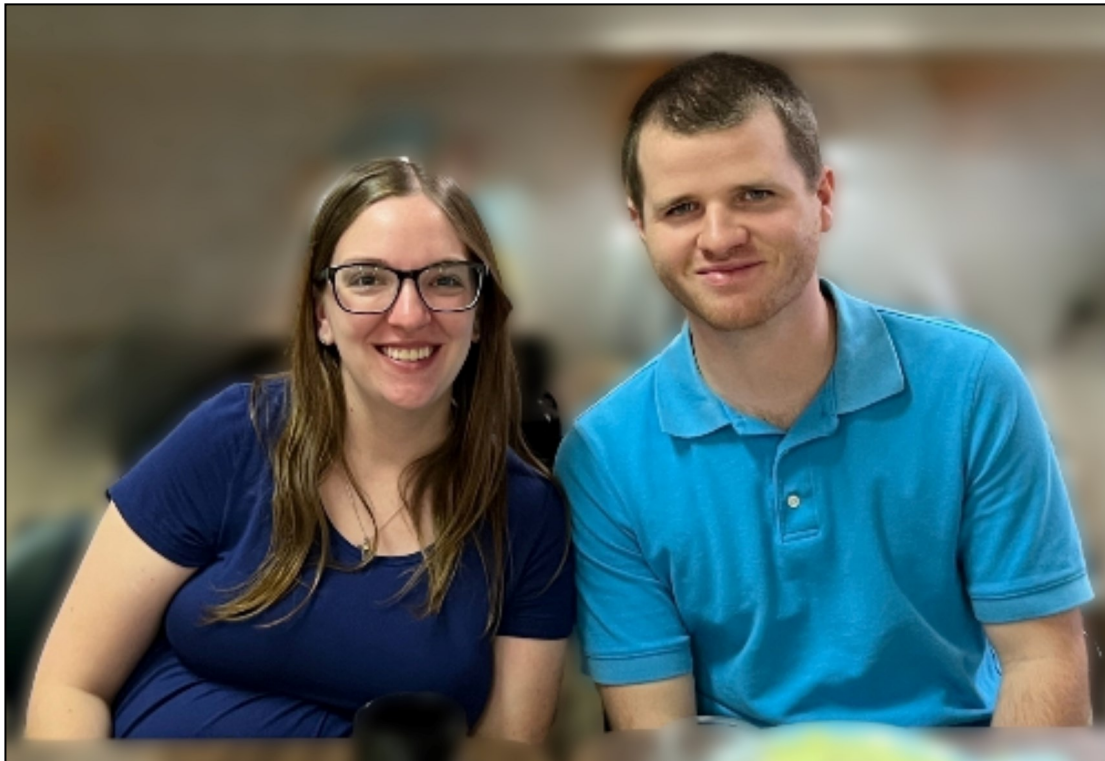
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Mission Statement:
“Loving God,
Loving Our Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



Coming Soon!



Kelly and Zach Arnold are expecting their first child, so ECW held a “Baby Boy” coffee hour for them after the service on August 24.

We can't wait to welcome this new little one in person!



Rev. Matt's Pastoral Letter

**“I praise you, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
(Psalm 139:14)**

Nadia Boltz Weber, a Lutheran Pastor, asked her congregation a question and asked them to write it down. She asked, “What thought do you most often have about yourself to yourself?” Written anonymously, the answers followed a very distinct pattern

1. I'm fat.
2. I'm a failure.
3. No one would love me if they knew the real me.
4. I'm a screw up.

I'm sure the list was a great deal longer than spaced allowed for Rev. Weber to share but she concluded, “These are the jagged things that we leave unsaid but that are on repeat in our heads, basically all the time.”

So, my Friends, how would you answer that question? What would you write down?

There is often a chasm between our Ideal Self and our Actual Self. Our culture has this “desired” fantasy of self-perfection, this idea that you can somehow become your ideal version of yourself if you just eliminated the right things from your diet. You know, you just need to get that next promotion, reach that certain weight, join this certain group. In other words, there is always this “something” that acts like the proverbial carrot that once obtained, we will have the final piece to our life puzzle that will make us fully whole.

Does Church feel like that for you? Are there times when you have felt, “If only I pray hard enough, read and memorize more scripture, do a variety of spiritual practices and volunteer more, then I'll feel connected and secure.”

But what if we wrestled with the truth of Psalm 139? What if we started with this reality as our grounding in life? What would this look like?

How would that change how we looked at our neighbor and ourselves?

In His life, death and resurrection, Jesus united Himself with the actual you and not some idealized version. It is the actual you that Jesus loves and promises that “there is nothing in all creation that will ever separate you from the love of God revealed in Christ our Lord.” (Romans 8:39) We were planted in this soil and it is in this where our life journey began. Stay grounded, my Friends. Stay grounded.

~ Rev. Matt



Parish News



**Birthday Blessings
for
Myana Clark**



Janet Mecham
played her new cello at the Offertory on August 11
(and yes, the choir loft really does look like this).



**Birthday Blessings
for
Lukas Artac, Nik Grimsby, Jackie Hill (visiting
from Faith Lutheran Church), Kathy Glockner,
and Lynda Green**



David Jones accepted
Birthday Blessings
for his wife, **Marianne**.

Parish News



Frank Graham accepted
Birthday Blessings
for
his great-grandson **Hunter**, aged **1**



Birthday Blessings
for
Bear, aged **4**,
seen here with **Richard Finn**
Pastor Matt sang "All God's Creatures
Got a Place in the Choir" in her honor.



64th Anniversary Blessings
for
Pete and Faye Benham

The Preacher & The Teacher

Excerpts from 1962

On March 15 we all went to Black Oaks for the annual acolytes outing for the Deanery. Caroline drove our car, had a blowout and near accident close to Wolf Creek, but was able to get help and make it on to Black Oaks. I drove a pickup borrowed from Jack Doyle, loaded with food, sleeping bags and other supplies. The weather was bad, and we had to ford a small creek and take detours on the Church property; but we all made it. There were four Tysons, plus Lynda Connine and 16 or 17 boys from St. George's; three Welches and five boys from Sutherlin; Fr. Sayers and ten boys from Grants Pass; Fr. Duane Alvord and two boys from Ashland. None, apparently, from Medford. Three cars got stuck and had to be towed out. I slept in the pantry in order to give room for the others in the bedrooms. Albert Sayers told stories about Alaska, as he had served a year at a northern outpost, and then several years as rector of the parish in Anchorage. After a bad start, the weather cleared up and the last two days were clear and sunny.

June 3, 1962—Sunday afternoon—was an historic day: nearly everyone in Roseburg went to the Fairgrounds to receive their polio vaccination. The dread disease was finally being brought under control.

On July 30, Dan Hill brought me my check and told me that Vestry had voted to give me a \$50.00 a month raise! (\$50.00 was a considerable sum then.) I felt like the story I had heard Fr. Blaker tell about the rector, who, when he was old he had been voted a raise, exclaimed, "Oh, no! I can't raise what you are paying me now!" But it was much appreciated, and a very pleasant surprise. It gave me a much-needed boost to my morale at that point. (Looking back, it is a little hard to understand just why my morale was so low.)

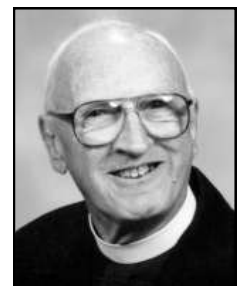
On August 18, I took part in the dedication of Lane House, newly remodeled as a "museum," and was well assisted by Governor Mark Hatfield and President Burt Brown Barker of the U. of O.

On August 21 we were still short two teachers for the Sunday School scheduled to start in a couple of weeks. On the next day the new choir pews were installed and workmen painted the Church gables and the cross on the peak above the font door. That next Sunday, as part of my vacation, we visited John and Alberta Welch at the Church of the Epiphany in Seattle, where he had gone as curate after leaving Sutherlin. We visited the Seattle Fair while there, taking David Sayers with us. On the way home we stopped in Portland for a meeting of the Music Commission at Sahr's Restaurant with balance of the meeting at St. Mark's Church. . . . On the way home we stopped in Eugene and the car would not start, so we had to be towed to a garage for repairs.

Sunday was one day before New Year's Eve, close enough for the EYC to have a New Year's Eve Dance. The next day, the 31st, we had the funeral in the Church for Rhetta (Margaretta) Hume, who certainly had been one of the strongest pillars of the Church, if there ever was one. . . . Her grandson, David Hume Kennerly, won the Pulitzer Prize for photography and was the official White House photographer under President Gerald Ford. His parents were Toony and Joanne Kennerly, and the whole family, including his sisters, lived with Mrs. Hume in her home at 116 Blakely Street.

Your editor would like to interject that her Aunt Bertha Lofftus, who introduced her to St. George's back in 1960, lived next door to the Kennerlys. She remembers meeting David's pet rat but she did *not* pick it up!

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



Financial Report

by Kathy Glockner

Finances 2024

	July	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,558	\$ 51,520	\$ 45,906
Other Income	3,092	2,683	25,096	18,783
Total Income	9,892	9,241	76,616	64,689
Expenses	13,014	12,114	65,379	84,795
	<u>\$ (3,122)</u>	<u>\$ (2,872)</u>	<u>\$ 11,237</u>	<u>\$ (20,106)</u>

Hello All! The bad news is that we were in the red \$3,122 for the month of July. The good news is that for the year to date we were in the black \$11,237. Our pledges are ahead of schedule and our DPA is paid in full.

We did have some outliers in our budget. Liability insurance was raised, so our expense for that is about \$1,200 over budget. Our facility maintenance is in the red by about \$3,400. We've been spending more on yard maintenance than anticipated, but it sure has looked nice. We replaced the windows for \$3,212, which we hadn't budgeted for. The windows are double paned and will make the temperatures in the offices and storage room more stable, saving us on electricity and gas, and they will make the people in those room a little happier. Our secretaries and clergy deserve to be more protected from the elements.

All and all we are ahead of the game at this time. Keep up the good work!



Parish News

Nik Grimsby has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for our Diocese of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon. On his last Sunday with us, August 18, Rev. Janine said, "He is gifted and faithful, and his heart for the church and for sharing the grace of God in this world is immense."

She went on to have the congregation encircle Nik for a blessing: "Give him peace, give him joy, give him a sense of your presence in all that he does."

Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the September Stamp of the Month

September is National Guide Dog Month

National Guide Dog Month was first inspired by Dick Van Patten, who was impressed by the intelligence and training of guide dogs. National Guide Dog Month was established in May of 2009, but was moved in 2010 to September due to conflicts with other national fundraising drives. The Seeing Eye, the oldest guide dog school in the US, was established on January 29, 1929.



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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



FISH

FISH says:

The FISH of Roseburg is actively seeking dedicated volunteers to join our team! We need a volunteer to assist with pickups from a local grocery store. This role requires the ability to lift heavy boxes and handle a physically demanding position. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help staff our operations one Saturday a month.

If you are looking to make a meaningful impact in your community and can contribute some physical effort or a few hours of your time monthly, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out to Jenn Reida at director@fishofroseburg.org to get involved.

Join us in our mission to provide essential support to those in need within our community!



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and
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