



The Dragon Scoop



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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

“Be patient. Be faithful.”



“Something beautiful will come into your life. It will come quietly, gradually, as a flower unfolding, opening to reveal what is within. Will it be a person, a memory, an opportunity, a dream, or a thousand things more: I do not know. I only know it will come, as it always has before, as I believe it always will, not in a way we expected,

but in a way just right for the moment. The perfect timing should be a clue, for what will come into your life will be healing and nurturing and fulfilling and hopeful, all rolled up into one. A blessing that emerges. A door that opens.”

~ The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston

Pastor Gail's Ponderings

From Matthew's Gospel we read, *"So they (the women) left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples."*

Matthew 28:8



"The Three Marys"
Henry Ossawa Tanner, 1910

It was not possible to just walk away from the empty tomb—to stroll along that first Easter Sunday morning as though languishing in dreamy contentment. These women had a startling awareness of their world being turned upside down. They saw what God was doing. What they saw changed everything. Nothing could go on as before. The vision of the future was breaking into the present. **Jesus was alive!!!**

Nothing is so unstoppable as a clear and compelling vision. Visions of what can be have inspired revolutions and religions. Clear and compelling visions create community and move us to a great persistence and selflessness. People who have a vision have a purpose that beckons them out of sleep in the morning, that designs their priorities for every part of their day, and that gives them gratitude at the close of the day. The vision of what can be and will be is what really matters.

God has a vision for us. It is as if God created each human being with an empty space in their heart that can only be filled by God. We may try to fill that space with something else—possessions or people, food or television, work

or hobbies, too much alcohol or too much anything! But none of these fills that God-shaped hole. Only faith in the living Triune God can fill that deep need. Perhaps, by God's grace, we have experienced that rest in God which is our heart's true desire. There, at rest in God, we have a little taste of the wholeness and peace that God desires for us all.

The vitality of our Christian vision is straightforward and we can declare—Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! We are not simply charged with responsibility to share this Good News, but we are charged with the responsibility of doing all in our power to make it so that others can "hear" the Good News. That is why we do all we can to feed the hungry, clothe those who need clothing, and provide a climate of acceptance in our churches. We are unstoppably driven to bring about the new reality coming into being in Christ. Nothing can go on as before, because God's vision for us changes EVERYTHING. **WE KNOW THAT IT IS TIME FOR NEW LIFE.** Because we know that Jesus is alive and because he lives, we too will live again.

Thanks be to God that we are beginning to be more open as the pandemic is coming under control. We are hoping/praying that we'll be able to have a coffee hour after church on Easter morning! Wouldn't that be grand!

God's peace be with you all,
Pastor Gail



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Important Upcoming Dates

Beginning of Holy Week—Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Lenten Meditations in Music at First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Gail will be speaking for their Good Friday service on **April 2 at noon.**

Go to their website at www.fpcrose.org and scroll down the page to “Recent Media” on the right.

Good Friday Service at St. George’s—April 2 at 4 pm

Resurrection of our Lord—Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021
Holy Eucharist at 10 am

FISH Green Bag Pickup—April 11

Episcopal Church Women—Thursday, April 15 at 2 pm

Vestry Meeting—Thursday, April 22 at 10 am



Thanking God for Daily Blessings

April 11, the Second Sunday of Easter, is the day to turn in your UTO Blue Boxes or personal checks thanking God for your daily blessings.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box.

UTO distributes 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. (unitedthankoffering.com/)



FISH

Final results for the February collection of donated food for the Roseburg Food Project are in: 73 Neighborhood Coordinators collected 12,087 pounds of food from 750 Food Project donors. Thank you to all those who donated food in the green grocery bags and helped with the collection of the green bags.

The next collection of green bags for the Roseburg Food Project will be **Saturday, April 10.**

Emergency food service is the major focus of FISH. The Food Pantry is one of the first food banks in Oregon designed to allow low-income folks to choose the groceries most appropriate for their families. The Pantry is open for direct client services 4 days per week and serves any Douglas County residents.

If you need to pick up food for someone who is unable to get to the Pantry you must bring a signed Authorization Form. Please print the Authorization Form, available on the website at www.fishofroseburg.org/services.php and have them fill it out and sign it. You must bring the signed form with you to pick up food for them.

Pantry hours:
Mon & Wed: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | Thu & Fri: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Welcome, Elona!

St. George has a new organist, Elona Wong.



Born in Los Angeles, Elona grew up in Santa Monica. She began learning to play the piano at age 6, given lessons by the choir director of her Baptist church. But she always knew she wanted to live in the country, so in 1988 she and Shannon, her young daughter, came to Oregon. She chose Seal Rock because she was sure she would always want to live by the ocean.

After a couple of years there, Elona realized that the Santa Monica beach weather was much kinder than that on the Oregon coast, so she shifted her focus. She moved to Eugene, where she became a licensed massage therapist and got her Bachelor's in Linguistics from the University of Oregon. But Eugene was not where she wanted to be, and when another massage therapist she had known for years told her she was selling her place in Days Creek, Elona went to see it and fell in love.

In 1997 they moved to the 40-acre property with orchards and a creek. One of Elona's Eugene friends knew a family with two teenage daughters in Days Creek, and after introductions were made, Shannon had a new best friend before school even started.

That same year Elona opened her business, Elona's Circle of Healing Arts, in Canyonville. It is a center dedicated to natural healing and is currently offering massage therapy. Elona is also a licensed wildlife rehabilitator with Umpqua Wildlife Rescue, mainly working with orphaned baby birds and squirrels and injured songbirds and small mammals.

Elona began to study the organ about four years ago. For two years she commuted weekly from Days Creek to Eugene for lessons with Dr. Barbara Baird at the U of O.

During her studies, Elona discovered a weekly radio program called Pipedreams, which explores the art of the pipe organ. She went on a tour of European organs that they sponsored and had a wonderful time. "I found my tribe!" she said.

A series of phone calls between Pete Benham, Dr. Jason Heald, and Donna Spicer brought Elona's attention to St. George's. She visited us and accepted the position of organist/pianist. She started March 14 and is doing an amazing job.

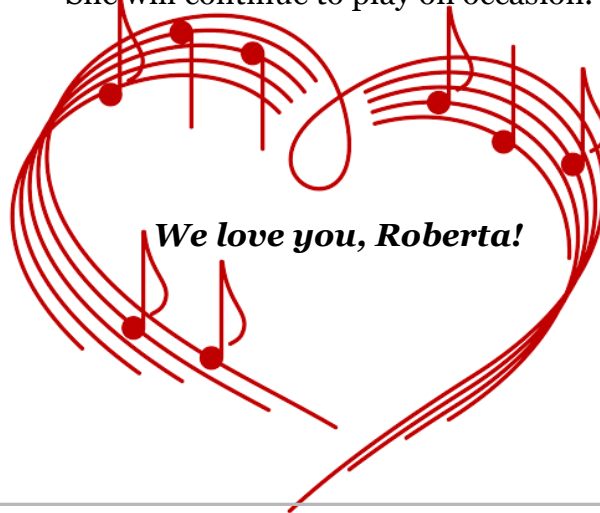
Elona is grandmother to Emmalyn and Calvin. Shannon met her husband-to-be, Mark Schneider, while attending Milo Academy as a day student. They live in Portland.




Elona's dogs, Rex and River, go with her everywhere.

Thank You!

Many, many thanks to **Roberta Hall** for her kindness in playing for us these past months. She will continue to play on occasion.




Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club
presents the April stamps of
the month

April is National ASPCA Month
Henry Bergh founded the ASPCA in 1866.

The spay and neuter program for all adopted pets started in
1973 helping to reduce
the numbers of
unwanted animals
nationwide.



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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

February Blessings



***Birthday Blessings
for Paulen Wrigley (center)
and Juliana Marez (right)***



***Birthday Blessings
For Doug Holloway***



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Donations are happily accepted to pay for palms and lilies for the Easter season. You can leave your check in the offertory plate with "Altar Flowers" noted on it.

If you would like an Easter lily to be in honor or in memory of someone, give the office a call at 541-673-4048.



St. George Episcopal Church publishes THE DRAGON SCOOP monthly. If you would like something to be considered for the newsletter please talk to Leigh Van Sickle. E-mailed articles and photographs can be sent to saintgeorgepix@gmail.com.

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OFFICE HOURS
10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am

Sundays
Holy Eucharist

