



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
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Ash Wednesday, 2022

Joanna's photo, used here with her parents' permission, was taken at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Dubuque, Iowa.



On Ash Wednesday, Faith Lutheran gathered with St. George parishioners for Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes, presided over by Pastor Gail Duba. At right, accompanist Janet Meacham is pictured playing her cello in the organ loft as congregants are marked with ashes. She chose the plaintive melody “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.” At left is the newest Duba grandchild, Joanna, at 3 1/2 months, wearing her first Ash Cross.

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

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. Let us think ahead and set our vision for the future of St. George's—a congregation growing, learning, and deepening our faith.

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, 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.

God's peace be with you all,
Pastor Gail



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Episcopal Church Women / FISH by Betty Jo Hoffman

We met to put some finishing touches on the rummage sale. It will be held

Thursday, May 5, 4:00-6:30 pm
Friday, May 6, 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am-noon

It will be a bag sale: \$3 on Thursday and Friday and \$1 on Saturday, with large or specialty items individually priced. You can bring donations starting May 1.

We will host Julie Ortiz's memorial service reception. We understand there may be the impersonator of a famous singer from the past as entertainment at Julie's request.

There will be an ECW Spirituality Day on May 28 in Wilsonville. See me for additional information.

Our guest speaker was David Graham, the new FISH Executive Director. He has been there about two months.

He told us about all the services FISH offers on an emergency basis. It is not for needs on a regular basis; those are provided by other agencies. Besides food, gas and motel vouchers are also sometimes available.

David is very enthusiastic about his new position and what FISH contributes to the community and how the community supports FISH. He praised the FISH board and volunteers, saying they are 99.9% driven by their love and generosity.

The FISH will have a 50th Anniversary Celebration as well as a 10-Year Green Bag Commemoration, possibly in May. Since David likes to cook there will probably be a BBQ.

We were again treated to dessert. We have so many angel bakers!!

We will meet again next month, April 21st.



David Graham
FISH Executive Director



Parish News



Jessica Carlson, daughter of Mik and Jay, had been working for the Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine for the last several years. She recently come back to the US and was employed by the Red Cross in Spokane, WA. About two weeks ago, after having watched with

sadness the incursion into the country of Ukraine, she made the difficult decision to return to work there.

When Pastor Gail learned of this, she talked to Mik and then to the coffee hour last week. It was decided to take up a freewill offering to go to a refugee relief organization of Jessica's choice, called CARITAS Ukraine. Donations were to be accepted on March 27 and April 3. The church plans to collect the funds and write one check to contribute to help the plight of the refugees fleeing war.



Birthday Blessings
for Paulen Wrigley (above)



Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church has decided to streamline their schedule. They now hold Divine Liturgy on Saturdays at 9:30 am and Vespers on Thursdays at 6 pm.



Anniversary Blessings
for Mike and Susan Brossia (above)

Photo by Karla Roady



As of our March 6 service, masks were optional.

Parish News

The Vestry decided to add a financial report to the *Dragon Scoop* each month. Here is the first one, prepared by Kathy Glockner, Treasurer. It includes both January and February 2022:

Finances					
	January	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Pledges	\$ 8,075	\$ 5,484	\$ 8,075	\$ 5,484	
Other Income	17,557	3,759	17,557	3,759	
Total Income	25,632	9,243	25,632	9,243	
Expenses	7,527	9,477	7,527	9,477	
	<u>\$ 18,105</u>	<u>\$ (234)</u>	<u>\$ 18,105</u>	<u>\$ (234)</u>	
	February	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Pledges	\$ 8,450	\$ 5,484	\$ 1,525	\$ 10,968	
Other Income	2,183	3,758	20,740	7,577	
Total Income	10,633	9,242	22,265	18,545	
Expenses	8,649	9,477	16,176	18,954	
	<u>\$ 1,984</u>	<u>\$ (235)</u>	<u>\$ 6,089</u>	<u>\$ (409)</u>	
Pledges always look good at the beginning of the year, as we have some					
who pay their yearly pledge at the beginning of the year. The amount					
will even out as the year progresses. As you can see, our expenses have					
been below our total income, so we have been in the black both months.					



Free Community Emergency Response Training classes will be held on Saturdays beginning April 30 from 6-9 pm

in Winston. Check with Kathy Glockner if you want more information.

Southern Convocation

by Margaret Thomas

Clergy and delegates to the Southern Convocation of the Diocese of Oregon met Saturday, March 19, at St. Luke's in Grants Pass. It was the first time for an in-person meeting since COVID-19 restrictions required virtual meetings via ZOOM.

- There wasn't yet a diocesan budget to review so the main business was the election of a President and Secretary of Convocation and Clergy Diocesan Council Representative.
- Elected president: Hana Rubins, Senior Warden, St. Luke's, **secretary: Margaret Thomas, Vestry Co-Clerk, St. George, clergy diocesan council representative: Pastor Gail Duba, St. George.**
- Rev. Tom Sramek is leaving St. Mark's for All Saints Episcopal Church in Hillsboro; Fr. Tony Hutchinson, Trinity Church, Ashland, has retired. Both churches are in the search process.

- We heard reports from the individual churches about their ongoing and new ministries to feed the hungry, provide wildfire relief, host mobile COVID vaccine clinics, and support homeless shelters.
- We discussed St. Timothy's, Brookings, ministry of feeding the hungry and the lawsuit the Diocese of Oregon has with the City of Brookings. In show of our support for St. Timothy's, Rev. Jim Boston took a collection for them from our group and raised \$261.00.



Parish News



Pastor Gail will be in Eugene on April 13 for Clergy Renewal of Vows and the Blessing of Holy Oils. Morning Prayer and Bible Study will move to Thursday, April 14, that week.

If you would like to donate toward the purchase of the Easter lilies and palms, please write your check to St. George and put lilies/palms in the memo. If you prefer to give cash, please place it in an envelope with your name and lilies/palms on it.

If you want to honor someone or something, please put a note with your donation or contact the office.

Thank you.
~ BJ Hoffman



Wed. Bible Study 2020-21 on Luke

by Karla Roady

*“Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest them.”*

Does this sound familiar? It is part of one of the most favorite prayers in the Book of Common Prayer. This prayer is an original of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. Cranmer was the chief architect of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549, and the next revision in 1552.

It says beautifully what the Bible Study group has been doing over the last several months.

Hear, Read: we read the passage for the day followed by a written interpretation by Pastor Gail from Bible scholars and her own deep knowledge.

Mark, Learn: by discussing the various passages we develop a better understanding of the Bible. As we share how our varied study Bibles interpret a passage, more meanings become clear. And every once in awhile somebody goes “wait, what? It says what?”

Inwardly digest: Pastor Gail’s knowledge of biblical geography has enriched and deepened our knowledge about the places and time of Jesus’ ministry.

The only thing Archbishop Tom (as he would be known nowadays) missed in this prayer was FUN and GIGGLES. We laugh and tell stories and in this way become closer to each other.

The Gospel of Luke will become a “wrap” on April 20. Consider joining the group in the fall! You’ll be welcomed.



Clockwise from center foreground: Nancy Baum, Dr. David Duba, Pete Benham, Paulen Wrigley, Jean Bowden, Mik Carson, Bob Spielman, Pastor Gail Duba, and Karla Roady. Missing from the photo is John Wrigley.

Spotlight on Jean Bowden

This month's spotlight is on Jean Bowden. What do you notice first about Jean? It may be her smile, the one that says she knows the best secret in the world and it's all about how life is so amazing and joyful and she's going to share it all with you.


Jean fills a surprising number of roles at St. George's. She's our Thursday secretary, she's a member of Altar Guild and ECW, she serves as usher, she arrives early to make coffee, and when she recently went off the Vestry, she was asked by Pastor Gail to continue to serve as Vestry advisor.

So how did Jean come to St. George's? It was a long, winding road starting in Batavia, NY, where Jean was born. She was the oldest of three girls. Her mother was a switchboard operator and homemaker and her father could do everything, including building houses. Jean loved to spend her days outside, skiing and ice skating in the winter, and hiking and gardening in the summer. Her father taught her to trap and she caught her first mink (\$26 for its pelt!) as a young teenager, but it was also her last catch as she found she didn't like to kill.



After graduating from high school in Corfu, NY, Jean joined the Air Force in October of 1953 at the age of 18. She did basic training in Texas, then went to tech school in Illinois where she met Duncan Dow, an MP in the Air Force who later became her husband. She went to weather school but ended up in the cadre and took inspections and was squadron mail clerk in Cheyenne, WY. Jean is pictured above chatting to her friends in the orderly room at Ft. Cheyenne.

Jean and Duncan married and she joined him at his station in England. They had their first son, Larry, while they were there. Larry has dual citizenship because of his birth circumstances, and was born with the help of a midwife, just like in the TV show, *Call the Midwife*. Jean was brought up First Presbyterian, but Duncan was an Episcopalian. They attended Church of England services and Jean was hooked.

Once Duncan was out of the Air Force, the family moved to Pasadena, where Duncan worked for the city police department. They had two more boys, Ken and Ian. In 1969 they came to their home in Lookingglass and Duncan signed up with the City of Roseburg Police. The boys were busy with 4-H and Jean worked in town as well as at home. Of course she became a member of St. George's. 

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After an amicable divorce in 1974, Jean and the boys moved to Roseburg. She was just as busy in her personal life as she is now at St. George's. She worked at Weber's Bakery for 20 years, then at Ockert's (later the Wooden Spoon), then at Roseburg Book & Stationery until she retired. After retiring she became the fire watch person at Plikat Logging. (Pete Benham was the Roseburg Forest Products boss who gave her instructions.)

She met her second husband, Jim Bowden, a log truck driver, when he was the daytime bartender at the Country Palace. They were married in 1980.



*Jean and Jim
with one of their grandchildren.*



Jean's and Jim's wedding reception.

Jim was a Baptist, but he came to St. George's once a month with Jean and she reciprocated by attending Bethany Baptist Fellowship with him in return.

Jean now has six grandsons, and finally, two great granddaughters as well as two great grandsons. Two of the grandsons were baptized by Father Chet.

When asked about her favorite thing about St. George's, Jean answered that it is a warm, loving family, "here when I needed it!"

Sue Phelps and Leigh Van Sickle plan to continue this series focusing on individual members of St. George's. Let them know if you would like to be featured or want to suggest another parishioner.

Inspiration

I can't make the
world peaceful

I can't stall tanks
from roaring down roads

I can't prevent children
from having to hide in bunkers

I can't convince the news to
stop turning war into a video game

I can't silence the sound of bombs
tearing neighborhoods apart

I can't turn a guided missile
into a bouquet of flowers

I can't make a warmonger
have an ounce of empathy

I can't convince ambassadors
to quit playing truth or dare

I can't deflect a sniper's bullet
from turning a wife into a widow

I can't stave off a country being
reduced to ash and rubble

I can't do any of that

the only thing I can do
is love the next person I encounter
without any conditions or strings
to love my neighbor
so fearlessly that
it starts a ripple
that stretches from
one horizon to the next

I can't force peace
on the world

but I can become a force
of peace in the world

because

sometimes all it takes
is a single lit candle
in the darkness

to start a movement

"Lord, make me a candle
of comfort in this world

let me burn with peace"

~ John Roedel

BY BRENE BROWN

My mom taught us never to look away from people's pain.

The lesson was simple:

Don't look away. Don't look down. Don't pretend not to see hurt.

Look people in the eye.

Even when their pain is overwhelming.

And when you are in pain, find the people who can look you in the eye.

We need to know we are not alone, especially when we are hurting.

This lesson is one of the greatest gifts of my life.

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the April stamp of the month

April is Beaver Awareness Month



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April 7, International Beaver Day was created by a nonprofit organization called Beavers: Wetlands & Wildlife and first celebrated in 2009. This under rated mammal is Oregon's Official State Animal.

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

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club's current monthly newsletter will now be posted on the bulletin board at the back of the Parish Hall.

Take a look—this is a fascinating hobby! You or someone you know may well be interested in taking it up after you read the newsletter. Talk to Doug Holloway if you have questions.



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