



# The Dragon Scoop

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**M**any thanks to Ron Lamphere, shown here with Bishop Neff Powell and Senior Warden Donna Litherland, for presenting this beautiful icon of St. George and the Dragon to our church.



### Hymn

Oh my Lord,  
He moves within me:  
He binds my heart  
To set me free.  
He is a flame,  
To light creation,  
He is the wide,  
The endless sea;  
Oh my Lord,  
He moves within me.

~ Rick Williams  
from *Faces from Home*,  
1992

The icon was created by San Joaquin Diocesan Iconographer Joyce Tanner. As Dorothy Powell explained, an icon (which is understood to be “written” rather than painted) aids one to look *through* the picture to see the presence of God that is revealed behind it.

Bishop Neff blessed the icon at the July 19 service.



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# Letter from Bishop Neff

Dear Friends in Christ,

I recently had a request for this column: “I would be interested to know more about all the physical parts of our worship – such as bowing when the cross goes by, making the sign of the cross, genuflecting, kneeling, etc. I notice everyone has his or her own variations. I think it’s great that our whole bodies participate, not just our eyes and ears, and it would be good to have that in a coherent whole in my mind, not just bits and pieces of what I have picked up over the past few years.”



There is no “word of the Lord” in the Bible regarding when to stand, sit, kneel, or cross yourself or any of the other gestures that help engage your whole being in worship, but I will try a run-through of what I have learned over the years as well as some of the physical gestures I use.

Bowing when the cross goes by during the processional and recessional is a sign of reverence for the cross, which is the symbol of the cross on which Jesus died.

When do we stand, sit, or kneel? Broadly speaking, we stand to sing and praise, kneel to pray, and sit for instruction. We sit to hear the lessons, except for the Gospel in the Eucharist when we stand as a sign of respect for the words of Our Lord. We sit for the sermon.

Since the 1979 Book of Common Prayer was introduced there has been more standing to pray. The rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer sometimes provide directions of when to sit or stand or kneel, but sometimes not, leaving you to decide. Standing for prayer is intended to symbolize more of a resurrection posture. And we think that in ancient times Christians followed the Jewish custom of standing, with eyes forward, to pray. Kneeling with head bowed is more of the posture of a prisoner waiting to hear his sentence. This posture was common in the Middle Ages when there was more emphasis on our unworthiness.

Genuflecting is sign of reverence where kneeling is done so that the back remains straight while the right knee touches the ground and then standing up straight again. It is often used when acknowledging the presence of Christ in the sacraments, for example entering or leaving the pew when the reserved sacrament is present or at other times. Genuflecting was often seen in “high church” congregations. A deep bow is an older practice and more common in The Episcopal Church, especially since the introduction of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

And, of course, you stand or kneel or sit, “as able.” Sometimes you just can’t get down on your knees or pull yourself up to a standing position.

Making the sign of the cross or crossing yourself varies quite a bit in practice, but it is often used at the name of the Trinity, for example during the Creed and as a sign of accepting a blessing from the bishop or priest in the name of the Trinity. It can also serve as an Amen or exclamation point, for example at the end of the Creed.

At the Gospel in the Eucharist, I follow the custom of making the sign of a little cross on my forehead, lips, and heart. This gesture reminds me to take the words of Jesus into my mind, to speak them with my lips, and to carry them in my heart.

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## Letter from Bishop Neff, continued

My favorite place to find answers to such questions is John N. Wall, Jr.'s classic *A New Dictionary for Episcopalians*, illustrated by Philippa J. Goodwin, 1985. There is now a new updated version titled *A Dictionary for Episcopalians*, published in 2000.

While we are on the subject of books, if you want to get to know the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, the Presiding Bishop-Elect, you might read his book *Those Crazy Christians*, a collection of sermons, beginning with his Crazy Christians sermon delivered at the 2012 General Convention.

If you have a question you would like for me to answer, please send me an email at [neff@episcopaldioceseoregon.org](mailto:neff@episcopaldioceseoregon.org) and I will do my best.

Don't forget that God loves you exactly as you are, more than you can ask or begin to imagine, and that Dorothy and I hold you all in our prayers every day.

Grace and Peace,  
+Neff

## FISH Report

The FISH food drive on Saturday July 18 resulted in 3,269 pounds of food collected and \$1,247.24 in cash donated. This amount of cash far exceeds what we have ever had donated during one of our food drives. Thank you to our volunteers and the following five local Roseburg grocery stores: Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, Sherm's Thunderbird, Safeway, and Albertsons.



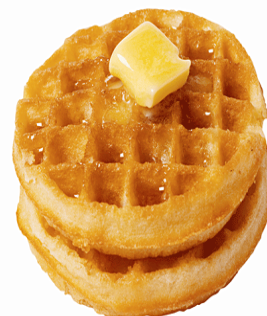
As much as this food drive netted, the Roseburg Food Project, also known as the green bag collection, brings in even more (8,888 pounds in June, for example). Ask Carla Roady, Mik Carlson, or Carolyn Lee about getting a reusable green Food Project bag and add to it one nonperishable grocery item each week.

Every two months, Neighborhood Coordinators will pick up each bag of food from your home, leave an empty one, and bring the bags to the FISH Food Pantry. Pickup day is the second Saturday of each EVEN month (February, April, June, August, October and December). The next pickup date is August 8.

## Waffle Breakfast

Remember last year's delicious Waffle Breakfast? Kathy Glockner will be hosting it again at her home after church on Sunday, August 23. The annual breakfast raises money for St. George and for Wilbur United Methodist Church where Kathy's mother attends, so a donation is requested.

Check with the Church Office for directions to Kathy's house.  
You won't want to miss this great chance for food and fellowship!





# Graffiti Sunday



The Reverend Anne Bartlett presided at this July 12 service .



Thank you to Nancy Baum for taking orders and to the two "super scoopers" — David Sayers and Mik Carlson. You made Graffiti Sunday a great success!





# Bulletin Boards



Have you taken a look at the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall? Sue Phelps is collecting old photos of parishioners. Bring her a picture of you as a child and she will put it up with a clue as to who it is. Then the rest of us will have the fun of figuring out the right name.

If it's your anniversary month, bring Sue a wedding picture and she will add it to the Anniversary Couples bulletin board.



# Episcopal Church Women

ECW did not meet in July but will meet again on Thursday, August 20, at the home of Jewell Gates. The main focus will be on gearing up for the fall rummage sale.

~ Betty Jo Hoffman, co-president

## Picnic in the Parish Hall

It's time for our annual "picnic." It will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, August 16, following our worship service. Wear your picnic clothes and bring your favorite picnic food and board game to play.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the easel so we don't all bring mac and cheese or potato salad!



## Fir Grove School Supplies Project

It's almost time for school, and this year we are again collecting supplies for the children of Fir Grove School. Bring your donations to the church by Sunday, August 9.

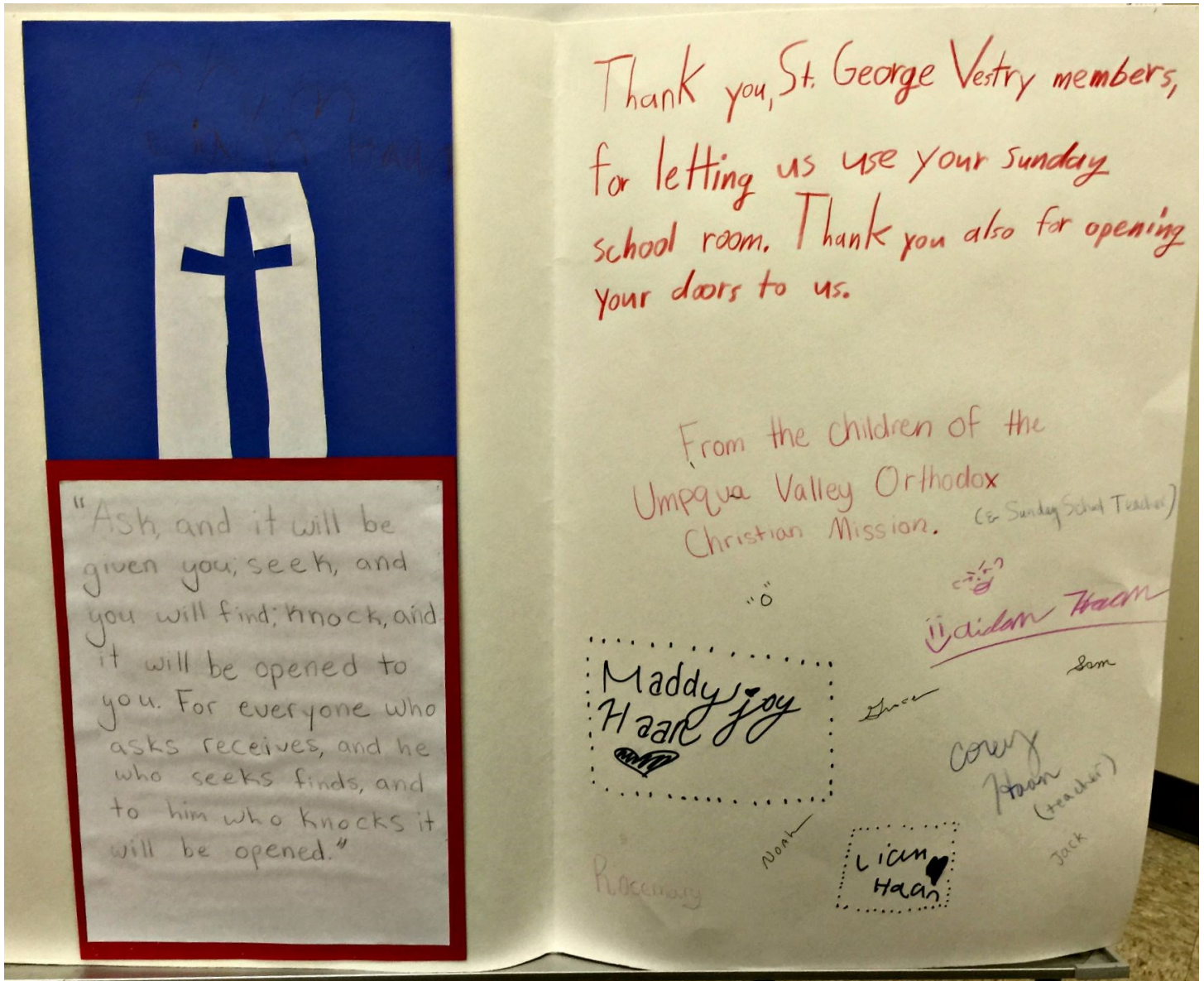
Here is a list of what is needed. Sue Phelps suggests that Minions (from the new movie) are the hot new decorations a child might like to find on a backpack or binder.



- Backpack
- Kleenex – square box or large size
- Rectangular School Box – small or medium size
- Zippered pouch for notebook
- 3-ring binder with 2-inch rings
- Box of colored pencils
- Box of crayons – 24 count
- Dry erase markers in dark colors
- Plastic pencil box
- Number 2 pencils
- Pink Pearl or Hi-Polymer eraser
- College ruled composition notebooks (not spiral or tear out)
- Sturdy scissors (not primary size)
- Sturdy ruler with metric markings
- Glue sticks
- Red pens
- Highlighter set (blue, green, yellow, pink)
- College ruled notebook paper



## From Our Orthodox Neighbors



St. George rents space upstairs to the Umpqua Valley Orthodox Christian Mission for their services. The Vestry has agreed to let them use our Sunday School room as well. Here is the thank-you poster the children made. It starts by quoting Matthew 7:7-8 —

“Ask and it will be given you, seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

and ends with thanks followed by all the children’s names —

Thank you, St. George Vestry members, for letting us use your  
Sunday School room. Thank you also for opening your doors to us.  
From the children of the Umpqua Valley Orthodox Christian Mission  
(& Sunday School Teacher)



# Wonderful World

by Bob Robins

## ALFRED S. TYSON - Minister, Musician and Mayor

The Reverend Mr. Alfred S. Tyson was Rector of St. George's Parish from 1949 to 1979. He faithfully conducted services (part of that time as the only ordained Episcopal minister in Douglas County), with missions in Riddle, Sutherlin, and, for a while, in Myrtle Creek to supervise. He counseled the troubled, shared in our joys and sorrows, managed the Church's financial affairs, and made regular hospital visitations and frequent home visits. He baptized our children, taught our young people, and married our young couples.

Very much interested in church music, he was a marvelous organist, and it was a great pleasure to hear him play. He served for many years on the Diocesan Music Commission, and

worked on committees preparing the 1982 Hymnal, which we continue to use. He always attended Choir rehearsals, and sang the Sunday anthem with the Choir.

He was active in community affairs, playing piano for the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club, of which he was a member. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, served on the Red Cross Board, and the Board of the Umpqua Symphony Association, and with the United Fund Budget Committee. He also taught Economics classes at Umpqua Community College.

The Tyson's had purchased a home in Elkton for retirement, and when they moved there he was virtually "conscripted" to serve as Mayor, and remained in that post by popular insistence for the next 20 years.





# Cathedrals of the World

by Doug Holloway

## St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, Northern Ireland



**S**t. Anne's Cathedral, also known as Belfast Cathedral, is a cathedral of the Church of Ireland. It serves two separate dioceses and although it does not house the seat of a bishop, is none the less classed as a cathedral.

There was a parish church of St. Anne on the site dating from 1776. The foundation stone of the new cathedral was laid in 1899 and was built around the parish church, which was eventually demolished in 1904.

Initially just the nave was built and this was consecrated in 1904. The central crossing in which the choir sits was added in 1924 and the west front in 1927. The Baptistry was dedicated in 1928 and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in 1932. More recently the south transept and organ loft were dedicated in 1974, the north transept in 1981, and a stainless steel spire was added in 2007. In 1941 the cathedral escaped extensive damage when a German bomb destroyed surrounding properties.

The organ, built in 1907, is the second largest pipe-organ in Northern Ireland.

The building houses many fine examples of carved stonework as well as intricate needlework on cushions and kneelers.



*There are around 1000 kneelers in the Cathedral. Each is unique and handmade by a member of the congregation based upon the theme of unity.*

A tradition started in 1976 is for the Dean to sit outside the cathedral for the 10 days before Christmas collecting donations for local charities. The first Dean to do this was dressed in his black, Anglican clerical cloak and was soon recognized as the Black Santa.

*Dean John Mann as the current Black Santa*





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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**10:00 am—2:00 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**

**Sunday**  
**10:00 am**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**or Morning Prayer**

