



# The Dragon Scoop



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“Loving God, Loving Our  
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**The Episcopal Church Welcomes You**

## An Anointing from Bishop Charleston

I want to say something to you that you may find too simple to be of substance, but I believe it is crucial.

I want to say that I think you are an exceptional person. Please hear me out before you start to shake your head. You are exceptional.

You have come through months of historic meltdown.

You have faced a global pandemic that continues to claim countless lives.

You have confronted the breakdown in our society, witnessing unbelievable events like the death of George Floyd and the desecration of our national Capitol.

You have gone through quarantine and economic turmoil.

And now you are doing all you can to restore and rebuild for the future.

You are an exceptional person. Not perfect, but exceptional, exceptional in faith, in commitment, in the quiet courage it has taken to bring you this far.

Please do not feel the need to diminish this word to you by saying it is not so or to return it to me with a compliment about myself. Just let it rest in your heart. This word is for you. It is an anointing. An anointing that you not only deserve, but one that will empower you for the days to come.

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston  
Facebook 1-12-21



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# Pastor Gail's Ponderings . . . .

Do any of you ever have this feeling? Some days seem to pass slowly, as we negotiate the perils of living in an era of COVID. Some days I feel lonely with only David and me to keep each other company. But, I feel very blessed to have been called by you to serve St. George's. It has given me a meaningful way to invest my time—you are all so loving, generous, and kind. I thank God every day for such a wonderful congregation to serve.

During the month of February we will say good-bye to Epiphany with its emphasis on sharing our Lord's light with others. Valentine's Day, February 14, is the Day of Transfiguration. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus took the disciples, Peter, James and John up to pray with him. Mark describes the Transfiguration this way:

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.*

—Mark 9

That day on a mountaintop the disciples saw Jesus “in a new light.” We use that expression to describe an experience where all that we knew about a person was suddenly changed by a glance or insight that challenged us to rethink our former perceptions. Peter and James and John had been following Jesus with fierce loyalty but not yet with complete understanding. When they saw him “in a new light” they were both astonished and terrified.

Sometimes we are terrified by glimpses of new light that challenge our understanding of Jesus and the way that we are called to serve him. How can we tell the difference between the light that blinds us to truth and a light that reveals more about Jesus? It is tempting to close our eyes to any change or even to go running back down the mountain to the safety of the plain. But God's grace gives us the courage to step

fully into the new light that Jesus brings into the world. And even if we don't want change we can trust that God will guide us to make wise decisions.



How do we lead by new light? God gives the answer in the story of the Transfiguration. A cloud covered the mountain and a voice came from the cloud saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” The words of Jesus are our directional signals. We keep the Bible nearby at meetings because we need to refer to it regularly to let the words of Jesus guide us. We are called to guide the church up to the mountaintop to peer into the dazzling light of Christ and then to travel by that light for the rest of our journey. February 17, Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of Lent. Lent is an invitation to rediscover the desire of God's heart. Lent invites us to uncover again God's treasure and to discover God's heart beating in us.

*Gracious God, you give us both comfort and challenge in the words and presence of Jesus. Teach us to engrave his words so deeply on our hearts and to live so fully in his light that we can lead God's people through changes and challenges in our world.*

Amen.

Pastor Gail

# In Memoriam

## ***Lucille Joy (Winebarger) Sellers***

*July 20, 1924 - Jan 13, 2021*

Lucille was a faithful Episcopalian for many years. She attended Myrtle Creek's Episcopal church from its inception in 1952, and when the Diocese closed the church she went to Riddle's Church of the Ascension until Fr. Lonergan's death in 2018. After that she came to St. George's, although she was not able to be at services during the pandemic in 2020.

Lucille's daughter Cheryl Donahoo shared with the *Dragon Scoop* that Lucille wrote her own obituary. Here is part of it:

A longtime resident of Myrtle Creek, she was born in Wheeler County. She graduated from Myrtle Creek High School in 1942, and subsequently received her nursing degree from Oregon State Medical School in 1946. She was married to Ray Sellers, her high school sweetheart, from June of that year until his death in 2010.

Lucille was passionate about nursing, and worked for various hospitals and physicians throughout Douglas County over the span of six decades. She retired in 2008 at the age of 84. She was also an avid gardener, and enjoyed camping, fishing and hitting the dance floor with her beloved groom of more than 60 years.



Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no service is planned at this time. Lucille was buried with her father at the VA Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Cheryl suggests making donations to the organ fund at St. George's Episcopal Church.





# Love Bears All Things

What do you do when you are grieving a loss and would like to make something tangible to remember a loved one by? Sheila Glass asked herself this after Frank, her husband, passed away this summer. She knew she wanted to use his favorite shirts in a sewing project. Should she make a quilt? An apron?

Sheila finally settled on making teddy bears. Frank knew she liked them and over the years had gifted her with several. She especially loves the crystal bear with a pink heart that he chose for her.

She asked herself, “Is it silly? Why *not* a teddy bear? Rather than make something big, I’ll just make a teddy bear out of his shirts! I can reach out and touch a bear, pick it up, and not be overwhelmed.”

Obviously a craft project is not a cure-all for grief, but working with your hands does help to focus the mind. You can rejoice in good memories and even ease the heartbreak to some extent.



*Above and left:  
The bears are shown sitting  
in Frank’s chair. Photos by  
Sheila Glass.*

Thank you to Marcia Jackson for bringing the bears to the attention of the *Dragon Scoop*.



## Parish News

Dear Congregational Members,

It is with a deep sadness that I announce to you that our good friend, Jacek Berka, is leaving Roseburg and returning to Portland. He has been practicing law here for 1 1/3 years. He will be looking for new employment once he gets settled in Portland. We will miss his shy grin and warm smile. He has been on our Technology Team from its inception.



The other members, Leigh Van Sickle, Kathy Glockner, and myself, don't quite know what we'll do without his millennial guidance. We thank him for helping us get the grant for technology updates, which have allowed us to begin recording and sharing our morning worship services. We know you will all wish him well on his future endeavors.

May God be with Jacek in all future endeavors.  
Pastor Gail

Office staff lunched at Mariachi Loco downtown with Pastor Gail to celebrate her birthday. She's sitting next to Dr. David Duba, and Karla Roady behind her is almost hidden by the wonderful sombrero.



Photo by Nancy Baum



Our Cantor on Jan. 3 was André Unicume, who was visiting his mother in Camas Valley. Cantor at his own church in Olympia, WA—St. John's Episcopal—he offered his services when he attended St. George's in October. We hope he comes back soon!

## January Blessings



Photo by Karla Roady

Dear St. George's Family,

I want to thank all of you for the wonderful cards and the gift of the hyacinth plant. The cards are on our kitchen counter and give me a smile as I look at them. The plant has gotten beautiful and we'll enjoy finding just the right place to plant it outside once Spring has arrived!

Love,  
Pastor Gail

***Birthday Blessings for Pastor Gail***



***Birthday Blessings for Jay Custer***



# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW members met Jan. 21, 2021, in person after having no meeting in December and meeting online in November. The main reason for the January meeting was to start a discussion about having a rummage sale. We decided to have it the same time we have had it in the past, the first Friday and Saturday of May. It will be 9-6 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. We will still have a dollar-bag sale.

We also discussed pricing. Although decisions were made, we will discuss it all further at our February meeting.

After our meeting, later in the day, David Sayers offered to sell large items on craigslist, which would be a big help.

We welcome your new ideas about a safe way to have a much-needed rummage sale.

## Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the February stamp of the month



### February is Children's Dental Health Month

The American Dental Association held the 1st national observance of Children's Dental Health Day on February 8, 1949. In 1981, the program was extended to a month-long celebration.



Scott catalog #1135 was issued in 1959 to promote public dental health and celebrate the Centennial of the American Dental Association.

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*

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**Sundays**  
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