



Mission Statement:
**“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”**

The Dragon Scoop

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The Episcopal Church Welcomes You



“America the Beautiful”

In 1893, Katharine Lee Bates, an English teacher at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, agreed to take a summer teaching position at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. During her 2,000-mile train trip through Chicago, Kansas and into Colorado, the 34-year old Bates became quite impressed with the beauty and vastness of the United States.

One of the perks of being a visiting professor was a carriage ride up Pikes Peak. The horse-drawn carriage could not proceed past the Halfway House (Glen Cove), so they switched to burros for the remaining six miles of the trip.

After reveling in the views after only a half-hour on the summit of Pikes Peak, they descended again. On the way down, she wrote the following in her diary: *“we stood at last on that Gate-of-Heaven summit...and gazed in wordless rapture over the far expanse of mountain ranges and the sea-like sweep of plain.”*

After she returned to her room in the Antler’s Hotel that night, she remarked to friends that countries such as England had failed because, while they may have been “great,” they had not been “good” and that “unless we are willing to crown our greatness with goodness, and our bounty with brotherhood, our beloved America may go the same way.”



Based on her experiences on that trip, she later wrote a poem which has now become our classic anthem “America the Beautiful.”

The original four stanzas were printed on July 4, 1895, in an issue of *The Congregationalist* newspaper. After several revisions, the final poem was published in the *Boston Evening Transcript* nine years later.

Samuel Ward’s hymn, “Materna” was selected as the music behind the lyrics. [Ward was church organist and choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey.]

While Bates retained the copyright on her poem to protect it, she never sought any payment of royalties. It was her personal gift to the country.

The full article can be found here:

<https://www.pikespeak.us.com/learn/america-the-beautiful/>

Pastor Gail's Ponderings

Musings from Pastor Gail...

When I was a high school student, I really didn't understand the letters of the Apostle Paul. Then when I got to college I took a New Testament theology class and reread Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians, and Paul's other Epistles. I still didn't completely understand them. So after going to Seminary, 20 years of being a pastor, and many hours spent trying to tease the meaning out from the often confusing sentences, I feel like I have a better understanding of the writings of Paul of Tarsus. So when I read Richard Rohr's devotion this last week on Paul, I decided to share it with you, dear friends.

Scholars Marcus J. Borg (1942–2015) and John Dominic Crossan refer to Paul as a "Jewish Christ mystic," and explore what the phrase "in Christ" meant to Paul.

"Paul was a *Jewish Christ mystic*" because Paul was a Jew and in his own mind never ceased being one. He was a *Jewish Christ mystic* because the content of his mystical experiences was Jesus as risen Christ and Lord. Afterward, Paul's identity became an identity "in Christ." And as a Christ mystic, he saw Judaism anew in the light of Jesus. Paul's transformation involved an "identity transplant"—his old identity was replaced by a new identity "in Christ." We have in mind an analogy to modern medicine's heart transplant, in which an old heart is replaced by a new heart. In Paul's case, his spirit—the old Saul—had been replaced by the Spirit of Christ, the new Paul. The love of which Paul speaks is a spiritual gift, not simply an act of will, not something we decide to do, not simply good advice for couples and others. Rather, as a spiritual gift, love is the most important result of a Spirit transplant. As the primary fruit of the Spirit, it is also the criterion by which the other gifts are evaluated.

For Paul, love in this text is radical shorthand for what life "in Christ" is like—life in the "new creation," "life in the Spirit," is life animated by a Spirit transplant. As the primary fruit of a Spirit-filled life, love is about more than our relationships with individuals. For Paul, it had

a social meaning as well. The social form of love for Paul was distributive justice and nonviolence, bread and peace. Paul's vision of life "in Christ," life in the "new creation," did not mean, "Accept the imperial way of life with its oppression and violence," but "practice love in your personal relationships."

Jesus and Paul were not executed for saying, "Love one another." They were killed because their understanding of love meant more than being compassionate toward individuals, although it did include that. It also meant standing against the domination systems, the autocratic government policies, that ruled their world, and collaborating with the Spirit in the creation of a new way of life that stood in contrast to the normalcy of the wisdom of the world. Love and justice go together. Justice without love can be brutal, and love without justice can be banal. Love is the heart of justice, and justice is the social form of love." Thanks to Marcus and John for clearer thoughts!

Pastor Gail



Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan, *The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary behind the Church's Conservative Icon* (New York: HarperCollins, 2009), 26, 138, 204–205.
Paul: The Misunderstood Mystic

In Memoriam

Leonard "Len" Lawrence Paul Ballard

September 21, 1930 — June 10, 2022

*There will be a brief inurnment service on Wednesday, July 13, at 1:30
at St. George's Columbarium.*



Jon Burpee

November 14, 1941 — February 15, 1922

*A memorial service is
scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, at 3 pm at St. George's.
There will be a graveside service at the VA that morning.*

Darrell L. Thayer

d. June 21, 2022, age 88

*As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.*



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

It was wonderful to have almost all of our ladies back in attendance, and Karla brought her friend Faye.

Thelma's thought for the day:
Stick with the people who make you laugh; they are much less expensive than a therapist.

We donate 10% of the income from our sale; so, we voted to donate \$100 in gift cards to Julianna Marez for the wonderful work she does with our community youth. Be sure to ask her why we give her gift cards in place of cash. She has wonderful successful stories to share.

The officers were reelected. In the fall, we will go back to having our meetings at 11:00 with lunch. Our first meeting will be a brown bag lunch on Sept. 15 to prepare for the rummage sale which will be Oct. 6, 7, and 8. Be sure to put the treasures you have decided to share with others away as you come across them this summer.

Nancy provided a wonder fruit dessert, and Thelma delighted us with many of her memorable stories.

Photos by Sue Phelps

There is an equipment rental place on SE Pine Street that has one of those reader boards, and they always have entertaining thoughts and comments on it. The past few days it has read:

**Whoever prays for rain,
please pray for world peace.**




**Flower
Calendar**

We need your help! Please sign up for altar flowers. You can donate money or bring flowers. You can arrange them or Altar Guild members will be happy to do it for you.

FYI

Sue Phelps brought this delicious dessert for coffee hour on Trinity Sunday, and here is the recipe:

Pumpkin Pie Cake

1 lg can pumpkin pie filling (32 oz)
1 can evaporated milk
3 eggs beaten
1 c. sugar
1/2 tsp salt
4 tsp pumpkin pie spice
1 white cake mix

Beat ingredients except cake mix.

Pour into ungreased 9 x 13 pan.
Sprinkle dry cake mix over top.
Melt 1 1/2 cubes of butter or margarine and drizzle over the top.
Bake @ 350 for 50 minutes.

Happy to share,
Sue

Guest Cantor André Unicum sent this note to Pastor Gail:

Thank you for having me as Cantor over Memorial Day weekend. It's always good to worship with you and the lovely people of St. George's. Please extend my sincerest thanks and best wishes to those who put the reception together. It was lovely!

Thank You!

*Cordially,
André*

Birthdays

July

2 Noah Wanamaker
4 Jill Hammerle
4 Tricia Holt
11 Pat McClure
16 Kathy Glockner
27 Tenaya Wright

August

2 Delpha Hammerle
2 Myana Clark
4 Nolan Pullen
17 Marianne Jones
27 David Duba
29 Fr. Jim Boston
31 Margaret Krewson

Anniversaries

July

7 Mark and Claudia Stockwell
9 Bill and Barbara Riley

August

28 Pete and Faye Benham



We welcome back **Gil and Cathy Gomez** from their winter/spring home in Arizona to their summer/fall home of Roseburg.

Upcoming

Parish Picnic July 31 at 11 am

St. George's congregation is once again invited to Kathy Glockner's lovely home for our annual picnic. After church on June 26, a poll was taken to determine people's preferences. Close to 75% of the respondents chose to have a shortened worship service at the picnic site, with the actual picnic afterwards. We will start at 11 am. Let's all get behind this choice and see how it goes!

The Summer Picnic Service will be shorter, approximate 25 minutes. Communion will not be served. We will have a brief homily based on the text of the day, Luke 12:13-21.

We will have wonderful guitar music provided by Blake Mecham, Janet's husband. We'll be singing upbeat hymns, similar to what we used to sing at church summer camps. Everyone is invited to bring a dish for the potluck lunch picnic that will begin right after the end of the service. For questions, see a member of the Vestry.

~ Pastor Gail

ADOPTION BENEFIT Concert

August 20th | 7:00pm
at Faith Lutheran Church
820 West Kenwood, Roseburg, OR

FREE EVENT!

100% of CD sales & donations go directly to
support Life Song For Orphans!



RAVEN
GIRL



Starring
Cheryl Green
Pianist & Composer of her
latest album, *Raven Girl*

Pastor Gail's dear friend Cheryl Green will present a piano concert at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 20 @ 7 pm.

The concert is free, but CD sales and donations will go to Lifesong for Orphans, which seeks to mobilize the Church to care for the orphan, where each member can provide a unique and special service: some to adopt, some to care, some to give.

<https://lifesong.org/>

Pentecost



St. George's Choir sang "When in Our Music God Is Glorified," by Charles Stanford for the Pentecost anthem. Director Lise Clark (left) drew an amazing sound out of such a small group. Also pictured, left to right, are pianist Janet Mecham and singers Betty Jo Hoffman, Sue Phelps, Leigh Van Sickle, Pete Benham, Steve Thomas, and David Jones. Many thanks to Livi Bell, Janet's Mom, for the photos!



Did Pastor Gail find the perfect Pentecost chasuble or what?!

It just wouldn't be Pentecost without our traditional flames. Thank you so much, Sue and Jerry Phelps, for putting them in place again this year. They are hung with Jerry's old fishing line.

Parish News



Pentecost

**Margaret and Steve
Thomas,
Anniversary Blessings**

**John Wrigley
and
Jean Bowden,
Birthday Blessings**

Trinity Sunday

**Sue Phelps,
Birthday Blessings**

**Marcia and David
Jackson,
61st
Anniversary
Blessings**



Parish News



Mary Holmes is leaving us for Washington State. Here she receives Travel Blessings from Steve Thomas.



Birthday Blessings for Wally Hunnicutt (left) and David Sayers (center)



Birthday Blessings for Melvin Wilcox (center) and Wally Hunnicutt (right)



Birthday Cake for Wally

Report from Ukraine

by Jessica F. Carlson

When many fled, our own Jessica Carlson, daughter of Mik and Jay Carlson, decided to return to her position as Danish Refugee Council Area Manager to stand by and help the people and the country that became her second home after years of service. Here's her story, shared from Lviv in western Ukraine where she again works as DRC's Area Manager to support the crisis response.

Having moved around a lot in my life, my apartment in Mariupol was the longest I ever lived in one place. It was my home for nearly six years. Nearby, I walked every day in the beautiful park behind Mariupol's Drama Theatre, enjoyed margaritas at the downtown Stone Restobar, and always took our Danish Refugee Council visitors to the old Water Tower and shared that, "all these lovely historic buildings in the center?—built by a Danish architect!" I loved Ukraine, and Mariupol in particular. But after 14 years abroad, the last six of them in Ukraine working for DRC, I decided to move back home in September, 2021.

In February I was on the Oregon coast with my parents, waking up on my mom's birthday to the news from Ukraine. Like everyone, I was in shock. I doom-scrolled on my phone, messaged friends at all hours, and sat in front of the 24/7 news coverage. I cried every day, often in public at every mention that, "Weren't you just in Ukraine?" or "I hope your friends are okay." Especially after the blockade of Mariupol, I felt inconsolable. That's when I started to talk to DRC about coming back.

Coming back to Ukraine is bittersweet. I would have preferred to return under happier circumstances. I do not want to see my colleagues and friends facing such an appalling injustice. My heart aches when I think of Mariupol. On the other hand, I am immensely proud of how much our colleagues have already accomplished during the first months of this crisis. I feel privileged and overjoyed to be welcomed back to the DRC Ukraine team—I would not have come back for any other.

Today, nearly all of DRC's 240+ Ukrainian staff are living in displacement, some for the second time after leaving Donetsk and Luhansk in 2014. We shouldn't expect or demand heroics from colleagues when they themselves have suffered terribly. And yet . . . they have stepped up in incredible ways. Writing proposals to mobilize aid and support for Ukraine from behind blockades, disbursing emergency cash to people in need, and providing legal counselling from temporary workspaces or renovating collective centers for internally displaced people while many themselves are still unsettled. In all their moments of goodness and perseverance we can understand the quote from Ghandi:



UKRAINE

**"In the midst of darkness,
light persists."**

Jessica F. Carlson
DRC Area Manager,
Western Ukraine

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the July stamp of the month



July is National Blueberry Month



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Issued April 10, 1999

In July 2003, the Secretary of Agriculture issued a formal proclamation, citing the healthfulness, popularity, and importance of the blueberry, with support by the North American Blueberry Council.

*Posters by
Clarence
Adams,
Umpqua
Valley Stamp
Club*



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the August Stamp Of The Month

Smokey Bear was born on Aug. 9, 1944

Created to promote forest fire prevention the fictional bear received a live example when in the spring of 1950, in New Mexico, firefighters rescued a badly burned young bear cub who took refuge in a tree. So moved by his bravery, they named him Smokey. He was given a new home at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. As the living symbol of Smokey Bear, he played an important role in spreading messages of wildfire prevention and forest conservation.



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issued on August 13, 1984

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.



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Finances					
	April	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Pledges	\$ 5,655	\$ 5,484	\$ 29,005	\$ 21,937	
Other Income	6,539	3,758	29,671	15,033	
Total Income	12,194	9,242	58,676	36,970	
Expenses	9,595	9,477	35,923	37,953	
	<u>\$ 2,599</u>	<u>\$ (235)</u>	<u>\$ 22,753</u>	<u>\$ (983)</u>	
	May	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Pledges	\$ 6,255	\$ 5,484	\$ 35,260	\$ 27,421	
Other Income	3,619	3,758	33,290	18,792	
Total Income	9,874	9,242	68,550	46,213	
Expenses	8,801	9,522	44,724	47,475	
	<u>\$ 1,074</u>	<u>\$ (280)</u>	<u>\$ 23,827</u>	<u>\$ (1,262)</u>	

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Co-Junior Wardens:
Bob Spielman and Sue Phelps
Treasurer: Kathy Glockner

OFFICE HOURS
10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am
Sundays
and
Last Wednesday of the Month

