



The Dragon Scoop

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Mission Statement:
“Loving God, Loving Our
Neighbors”

The Episcopal Church Welcomes You

We Are Bold to Say, “Our Father”

We may commonly use he/him pronouns for God, but God is not actually defined by that. Author Tim Chastain said, “God is probably beyond gender altogether. Our thinking of God in gender terms is only metaphor for an entity we cannot fully comprehend.”

However, because Father’s Day is coming up this month, let us reflect on the fatherhood of God. How very blessed we are to be invited to call God our Father. We may have a wonderful earthly father—or an abusive one, or an absent one—but we all have a loving heavenly Father.

Jesus taught us to pray to our Father (Matthew 6:9-13) and he also said, “call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven.” (Matthew 23:9)

Let us always rejoice that we are the beloved children of God!



This photo of Steve Thomas, taken in 1963 with his newborn son, Brian, reflects the tender care of our Father in heaven for all creation. Brian’s face mirrors the joy and wonder we feel when we are held in the arms of our loving God.

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Pastor Gail's Ponderings

I have a true confession....I have a fondness for church buildings, related to, but not the result of, my vocation as a pastor. When I visit clergy colleagues of whatever denomination, I enjoy seeing what another parish has done with its sacred space and how that space is treated. With a reasonably discerning eye, it is possible to learn quite a bit about what a particular parish feels is important about its worship just by visiting their sanctuary. When David and I were shown around St. George's by Pete and Steve in October 2019, I saw that true loving care was kept in the sanctuary and I knew that you were Christians who cherished your sacred space. I could tell by the way the altar was beautifully simple, that it was what the altar served that was important. In other words, the altar is for serving the Eucharist: Holy Communion, the sacrament that brings us all together.

Psalms 122 says, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" We know that the psalmist had the Temple in Jerusalem in mind, but we need to be sure that our understanding of the "house of the Lord" is broader than any one building, no matter how beautiful or historic. The house of the Lord, depending on which community in which you are living or visiting, might be an open country church, its spire the tallest object on the landscape for miles, or it may be like our St. George's—a historic, beautiful church situated on the edge of downtown. A mission church may be in the living room of a member just trying to get established.

But it's wrong to define the "house" of the Lord as a building. Many people, including myself, have had powerful experiences of God's presence and power in other settings: in worship at a church camp, or at a retreat center, at a waterfall, on top of a mountain, or in the gathering of friends in prayer. The take-home message from this is: we go to the house of the Lord whenever we gather with others who have heard God's call to service and wherever God's name is praised! I say, "Thanks be to God for giving us the resilience to stay together through the past year of pandemic, and we are now coming out the other side. We are walking in the "light of God."

And now as we enter into the "house of the Lord" here at St. George's, Roseburg, OR, let us remember to always give thanks to God. Let us pray,

Lord, help us celebrate the gifts you give by sharing them generously and graciously. Let our giving be such that, "others may see our good works and give glory to God in heaven." In the name of the one who was able to do everything with and for us. Amen.

In God's Peace,
Pastor Gail



Pentecost



When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

~ Acts 2:1-4

What a glorious day! Bishop Diana gave churches in the Diocese of Oregon permission for vaccinated churchgoers to meet without masks. Congregational singing is now allowed. We added back our pew cushions and prayer books and hymnals. We came to the altar rail for Communion. And all of us were filled with the Holy Spirit.

You can read the complete Diocesan Guidelines online: tinyurl.com/DioOregonCOVID

Pentecost



Karla Roady provided the red hot poker altar flowers and arranged them for Pentecost. She chose the components for her display purposely:

- 🔥 The green maple leaves represent God's earthly creation.
- 🔥 The red/orange/yellow flowers represent the Holy Spirit and our prayers rising up to God.
- 🔥 The white baby's-breath represents the clouds through which our Lord arose at Ascension.



Photo by Faye Benham

Karla also made Pentecost cupcakes for coffee hour!



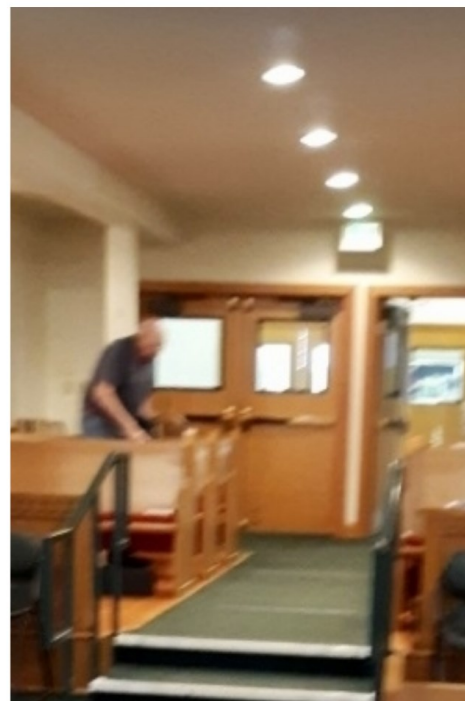
Here's a close-up of the Pentecost flames.

The processional hymn was "Send Down the Fire," #327 in *Gather*.



*Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love;
Come, send down the Spirit,
breathe life in your people,
and we shall be people of God.*

Pentecost—Behind the Scenes



Jerry Phelps (above left) hung the Pentecost flames over the nave. Kathy Glockner (top center) and Doug Holloway (top right) restored the cushions to the pews and returned prayer books and hymnals to the racks. Jean Bowden (below right) made sure every prayer book had the traditional birthday prayer inside the front cover. Sue Phelps coordinated efforts and took pictures.

Upcoming

Memorial Service

Carolyn Spielman's memorial service will be held on **Saturday, June 5, at 10:00.**

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

David and Marcia Jackson will provide lunch and cake after the service on **June 6.** See page 7 for details.

FISH Food Pantry

The bimonthly Green Bag pickup will be on **Saturday, June 12.** You are also welcome to bring items to the church any Sunday.

ECW Meeting

Thursday, June 17 at the home of Nancy Baum. Meet at the church at 11:00 to carpool.

Dragon Scoop

A combined July/August edition of the *Scoop* will be published in **July.**

Fourth of July Recognition of Veterans

The Glorious Fourth falls on a **Sunday** this year. Marcia Jackson is coordinating an after-church celebration of parishioners and their family members who served in the Armed Forces. Wear your uniforms if they still fit, or bring them on a hanger if not. Medals, photos, and other memorabilia—your own or those of other family members—are welcome.



Parish Picnic

Kathy Glockner will again host the Parish Picnic at her house on **Sunday, Aug. 1,** after church. More information will be available next month.

Morning Prayer/Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Prayer service will resume in **September,** with Bible Study to follow in **October.**

You Are Invited!

David and Marcia Jackson
will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday, June 6 in the Parish Hall after Church.
Lunch and Cake will be provided.
(No gifts, please.)



David and Marcia were married June 17, 1961
by Father Alfred S. Tyson in St. George's
Episcopal Church.

Marcia says, "It was 104 degrees that day—
Whewww!"

Pictured below are the bridesmaids.

Back row, left to right: Bonnie Holmes,
Wendy Bingham, Mary Lou Renner, and
Peggy Alberti

Front row, left to right: Marcia's two sisters,
Rosemary and Debra Bernard



Episcopal Church Women

by Betty Jo Hoffman

We met May 27 and re-elected our officers by acclamation.

We talked about how the new-style rummage sale worked and we shared our fun observations. We were encouraged by the results: \$1034.14. We will send 10% to Juliana Marez to help children in need in our community. Thank you to all who gave time and donations—we can't do this without you all. And, of course, your purchases contributed to this successful sale.

We also planned for the Pentecost coffee hour and for Carolyn Spielman's memorial service reception.

We will meet **June 17** at Nancy Baum's home. Come to the church at 11:00 to carpool. This will be the last meeting until later in the summer when we will again plan for the fall rummage sale.



Pete Benham and Karla Roady



Thelma Sayers and Nancy Baum

Rummage sale photos by Sue Phelps



*Left:
Marcia Jackson being looked after
by Roseburg Fire Department staff
after the wheel on her walker fell off.*

Parish News

Our office computer had been having more and more problems. It was 11 years old and was way past its ability to be updated. The Vestry approved the purchase of a new one, which was bought from Staples. Pete Benham has been coordinating the upgrade, which will mean we will finally get our recent email problems fixed.



Approved as well was a new desk to replace the ancient one in the office. Bob Spielman and Pete assembled it. The office staff is delighted, since the keyboard tray on the old one kept falling off.



***91st Birthday Blessings
Don Witt***



***18th Anniversary Blessings
Margaret and Steve Thomas***

Stamp Club News

Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents
the June stamp of the month



June is National Rose Month

National Rose month started in 1959 and
was officially recognized in 1986 by
Ronald Reagan who proclaimed the rose
as the National flower after Congress
passed Joint Resolution 159.



Scott catalog #1737
issued in 1978

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

A Reminder to Be Cautious

When it comes to email, we can't be too careful. In the past few months several parishioners have had problems with their accounts being taken over. Kathy Glockner was one of several who had problems. She sent out a letter to let people know, but we are repeating her warning here in case you missed it:

If you get an email that looks like it's from Microsoft and they say they are updating your email and you need to send them your email address and password or your email will be deleted, don't fall for it. That is how I got hacked.

If an email asks for money or gift card, check by phone or in person with the sender to verify that it's really them. One hacker even had the nerve to ask for a gift card so he could send his friend a birthday present! Of course our first impulse is to be generous, but remember we are also cautioned to "be wise as serpents." (Matthew 10:16)

FISH

The FISH of Roseburg is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – all contributions are fully tax deductible. The FISH is not a Government organization and is not supported by a tax base.

Want to Help?

- Join the Roseburg Food Project
- Donate Money
- Donate Food
- Volunteer at the Pantry
- Sign up for Fred Meyer Community Rewards.
- Use Amazon Smile for your Amazon shopping.

The following churches have sponsored FISH since 1971:

- Faith Lutheran
- First Presbyterian
- First United Methodist
- St. George's Episcopal
- St. Joseph Catholic
- Umpqua Unitarian Universalists



Seenagers

Hellene Chapman sent the *Dragon Scoop* this delightful quote. She said, “Something in Pastor Gail’s sermon— “In the Space In-Between”—reminded me of an article a friend sent me, called “Seenagers.” Here it is, for your enjoyment.

I **JUST** discovered my age group! I am a **Seenager** (senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later. I don’t have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don’t have a curfew. I have a driver’s license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren’t scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? And I don’t have acne. Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a **Seenager**. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is **NOT** a memory problem; it is nature’s way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!

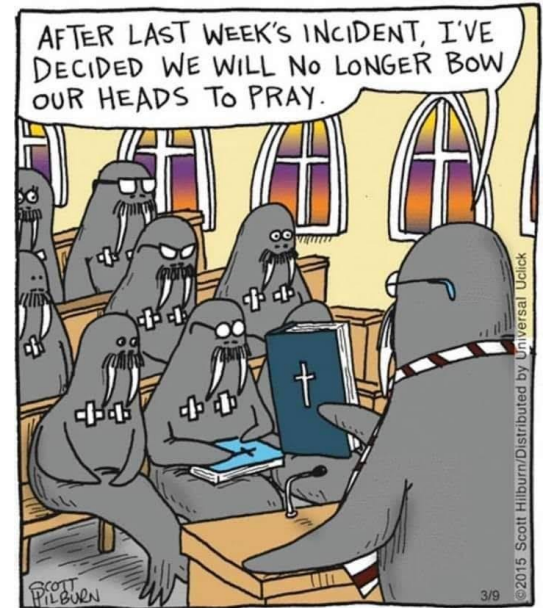
I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can’t remember their names. So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.



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OFFICE HOURS
10 am—2 pm
Monday through Friday

ST. GEORGE WORSHIP
10 am

Sundays
Holy Eucharist

JUNE