



# The Dragon Scoop

## March 2023

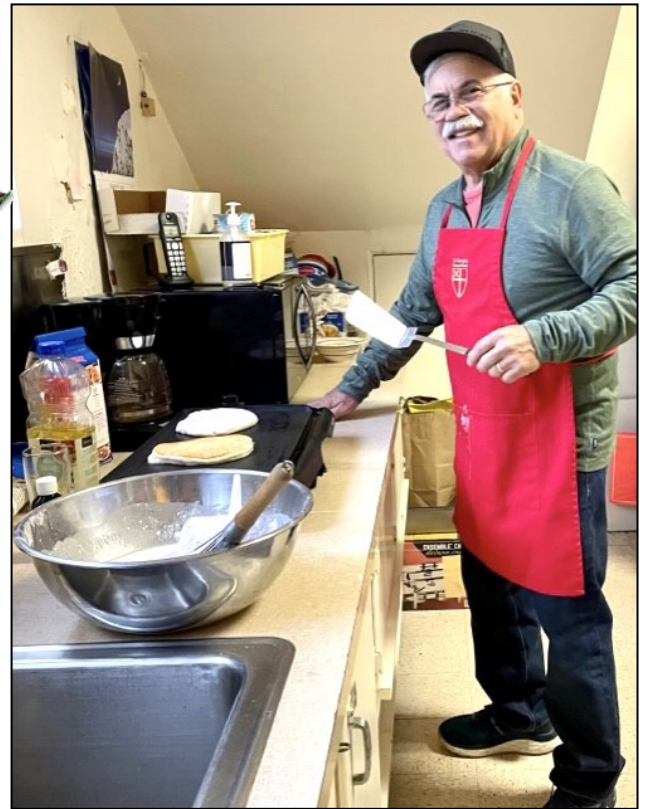
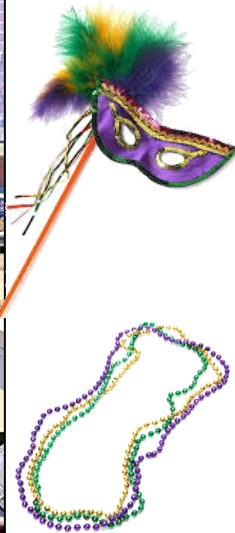
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## Shrove Tuesday



The Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper brought together St. George's and Faith Lutheran's congregations for a festive meal. Sue and Jerry Phelps organized and prepared the traditional feast.

Pictured above left to right: Mik Carlson, Sue Phelps, Jerry Phelps.

Right: Beverly Paulson, Thelma Sayers, David Sayers.

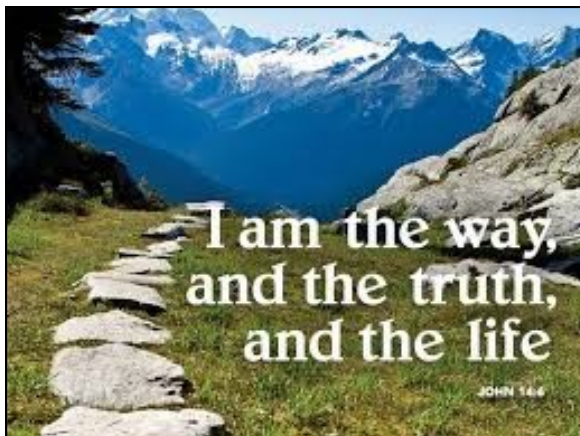
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*Photos by Karla Roady*

# Pastor Gail's Ponderings . . . .

## God Leads Us On Our Journeys

As many of you already know, my husband and I are going on an adventurous journey this summer. It has given me an opportunity to think about my life and what is most important. For both David and me, our faith in Jesus Christ is what comes first in our lives. But what does that mean on a practical level? Throughout the New Testament, Jesus invites people to follow him, to walk with him, to go on a journey. There is nothing particularly new in this, as the Hebrew scriptures are full of stories of wanderers, pilgrims, exiles, and immigrants.... However, in the gospel of John, Jesus upped the theological ante. He not only taught a way inviting the curious to follow him, but he said he was the way: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (14:6).



That is a beautiful verse, a poetic and parabolic image of the way and the Way, a beckoning for all who know Jesus to willingly embrace the journey. "No one comes to the Father except through me." The path to truth and life is none other than the one who is that truth and life. These 3 nouns—way, truth, life—designate the truth we find in Jesus. As we walk with Jesus, we find that Jesus leads us to our Creator God. "Way" is not a technique or map; "truth" is not about philosophy or dogma; and "life" is not about going to heaven. In the mystical poetry of John, Jesus uses these terms to explain how he embodies a way of being in this world that is so close to the heart of God that God can be known in and through Jesus.

Diana Butler Bass, in her book *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* tells the story of a Christian community organized around two spiritual journeys—the interior one toward knowing our true self and knowing God, and the one directed outward into the world to enact God's justice and love. These two movements comprise the way of Jesus, a continual flow of breath: in, out; in, out; in, out....

This quest is a mapless journey—there is no single road—the only guides to it are nature, saints, poetry, song, and Spirit. When you dare leave the map behind, Jesus emerges as the road itself and the Light that guides. The Quakers refer to this as the "inner light;" medieval mystics speak of Jesus likewise. Of it Meister Eckhart wrote: "There is a journey you must take. It is a journey without destination. There is no map. Your soul will lead you. And you can take nothing with you." On the mapless journey, however, all is movement. There is no destination, only the enveloping presence of love.

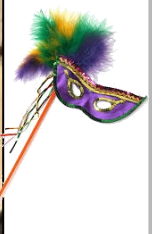
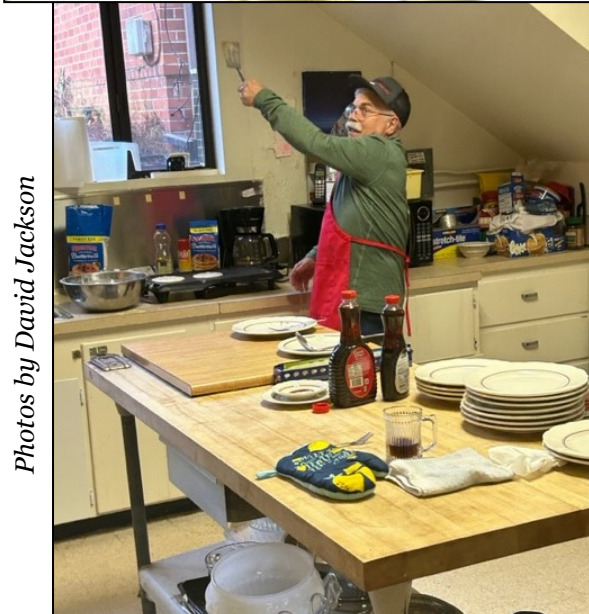
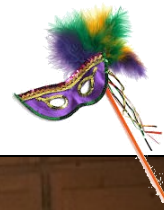
While we are away from Roseburg, I ask for your prayers for a Safe Journey and that we come back wiser, more spiritual, and more resilient.

*Pastor Gail*





# More Pancake Supper Photos!



# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

The weather was beautiful Thursday so we could have our meeting— and then it snowed just enough to cancel choir practice.

Sue informed us that there was a profit of \$42 from the great Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner— always good food thanks to Sue and Jerry Phelps. And thanks to Faye Benham and Margaret Thomas for today's lunch—nummmmm.

Sue also is asking for volunteers to put snapshots and news articles about our church in albums. The materials will be in the office, if anyone is interested in working on one or more.

Sue, Nancy, and Karla discussed the framing of Bob Robins's photos of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. After they are framed, the plan is to remove the green bulletin board in the hall and hang some or all of the collection there. We will revisit this when they have an idea of the cost.

May 4-6 will be the rummage sale. So, if you haven't already begun, it's time to gather up your donations. We would start our set up the Sunday before.

We also decided to have the United Thank Offering campaign again this Lent. Betty Jo will put up information on the bulletin board and add boxes on the tables for people to pick up on Sunday.



— ROSEBURG —  
DREAM CENTER

Our speakers were Hollie and Jeremy Grammon, the new directors of the Dream Center. They gave us so much information about themselves and the Dream Center. Their families had a personal connection through their grandparents. Both families are firmly based in their faith which leads to their work in their churches which also led to the work with people in need and the Dream Center. They consider this a restorative ministry.

One of their biggest successes is the fact that many former clients are now volunteering at the center. At one time they had only four volunteers to help 300-500 people and now they have 41 volunteers feeding and clothing 800 clients. Clients are not only homeless, but also low income, vets, and elderly.

The Dream Center is part of a group of other agencies helping the same population called Connecting Point. They meet each day of the week at a different agency location to provide services and opportunities to apply for jobs or help. They served 650 people last Thanksgiving at the fairgrounds. We thanked them for coming to our meeting with a check and clothing we brought from home.

Their current hours are 10-2 Monday through Thursday, and they are hoping to increase those hours. They are also getting a dental hygiene trailer ready for service which will be a nice addition to their shower trailer. And they always need mens 28-32 pants and clothing for women under size 14.

Thanks to Thelma's good memory, her thought for the day is "always wear glasses so you can find all the things you couldn't find."

Please join us at our next meeting on the third Thursday, March 16.



## Blessings



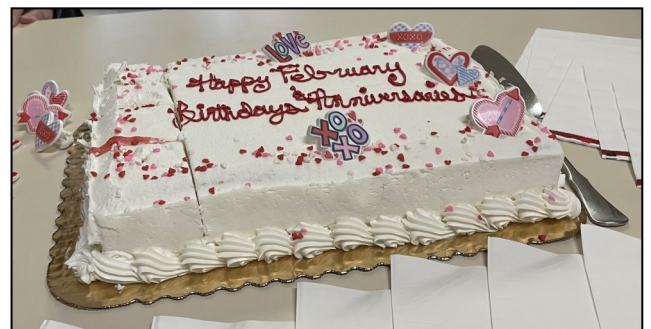
Anniversary Blessings for  
Betty Jo Hoffman (center)  
and  
Birthday Blessings for  
Faye Benham (right)



Birthday Blessings for  
Betty Jo Hoffman (center)  
and  
David Jones (right)



Birthday Blessings for  
Mik Carlson



February  
Birthday/Anniversary Cake  
*Photo by David Jones*

# Inspiration

## IN REST THEY REMEMBER

*For those who are dealing with or have dealt with dementia in a family member or friend:*

Some people are slowly taken,  
to the other realm.  
Not physically, but mentally.

Memory by memory,  
they are moved from us,  
like a painstakingly slow house-flit.

Boxes full of life,  
chapters, people, loves.  
All packed into a van,  
to wait their arrival on the other side

And as these parts are removed,  
those left feel lonelier daily.

As though their love is already leaving them.

It is a painful departure, my friends,  
this much is sadly true.

But I like to think of the person we knew,  
reaching the other side,  
finally,  
once more whole.

And upon arrival they see their boxes,  
awaiting them so long,  
and they open them up,  
the chapters, the memories, the loves,  
and reunite with them again.

I can feel that heartfelt joy  
and it brings me joy too.

They are not lost for long,  
though it may feel so.

In rest,  
they remember it all.

~ Donna Ashworth

# FISH



Well, a combination of FISH and Shrove Tuesday!  
This is Nis and Wendy Jessen from Faith, dining  
at St. George's for the Pancake Supper. He's board  
chair of FISH.

*Photo by Karla Roady.*



## United Thank Offering

It's once again time to consider donating to United Thank Offering. Each day consider what you are grateful for, and don't worry, there will be many things, even if you are having a bad day!

Make an offering for each blessing. Whenever you pause to give thanks, make it tangible:

- Put a coin in a UTO Blue Box. Betty Jo Hoffman has brought these for us to take home.
- Write down your thanksgivings in a journal or place them in a Blue Box to "cash in" later.

Through the United Thank Offering, your private thank offering gets invested with collective purpose. Your thanks-givings yield a greater return when combined with the gratitude gifts of your Episcopal sisters and brothers.

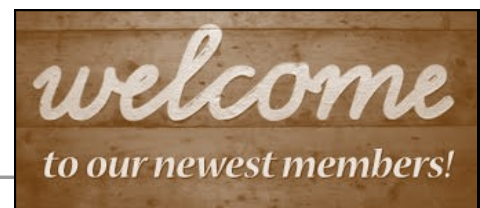
You can see a list of every grant awarded by UTO at [unitedthankoffering.org](http://unitedthankoffering.org)

## Welcome, New Members!



The congregation joyfully welcomed three new members to St. George's family on Feb. 19.

Pictured left to right with Pastor Gail Duba are Zeb Goodlet and Elizabeth and Aaron Heinrich.



## Upcoming

### *Lenten Meditations in Music 2023*

*A Time for Gathering and Prayerful Contemplation*

*Fridays During Lent from 12:15-12:45 p.m.*

*First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary*

*823 SE Lane Street, Roseburg, Oregon*

*Also Streaming on Facebook and YouTube*

*February 24*

*Jim Thompson, Organ*

*Returning to Roseburg and Lenten Meditations after 46 years*

*Mr. Thompson's performance was postponed last year*

*March 3*

*UCC Chamber Choir*

*Jason Heald, Director*

*March 10*

*Celestial Tollers Handbell Choir, Pat Mehlhoff, Dir.*

*Evensong Handbell Choir, Elizabeth Loneragan, Director*

*March 17*

*Flutes and Voices*

*Donna Spicer, Brenda Olson, Tonnie Bernhardson: Women's Trio*

*Wanda Eddy, Michelle Juett, Steven Lounsbury, Pat Mehlhoff: Flutists*

*March 24*

*Karen Gibbs, Piano*

*March 31*

*Roseburg Baroque Ensemble*

*Justus Mackintosh, Steven Lounsbury,*

*Cynthia Turner, Hannah LaGassey*

*April 7*

*Traditional Good Friday Readings and Music*

*Rev. Vicky Brown, Readings and Tammy Finch-Johnson, Piano*



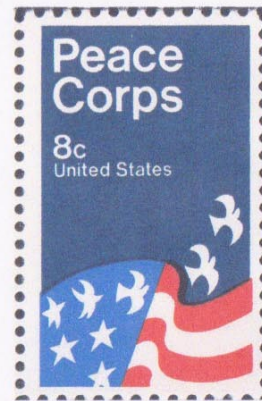
## Stamp Club News



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the March Stamp of the Month

### The 61st Anniversary of the Peace Corps

The Peace Corps were established  
by Pres. John F. Kennedy's  
executive order on March 1, 1961  
and authorized by the U.S.  
Congress on September 22, 1961.  
As of 2019, 240,000 volunteers  
have served in 142 countries



Scott catalog #1447 was issued  
on February 11, 1972  
in Washington DC

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*

## Upcoming

Morning Prayer will continue but there will be  
**no Bible Study on Mar 15 and 22.**

On **March 29 *Peter and Paul***, the acclaimed TV mini-series, will be shown from **10-noon**. This will be the **final time of Bible Study for this year**. Everyone is invited to watch this DVD about the two most important of Jesus' apostles. Pastor Gail says Anthony Hopkins makes a great Paul! There will be **no Morning Prayer on the 29th**.

### Holy Week

Faith Lutheran will hold a **Maundy Thursday** "Last Supper service" on **April 6**. The sign-up sheet is in our office, and people should **sign up by March 25**.

St. George's **Good Friday** service will be on **April 7 at 4 pm** with the **Easter** service **Sunday, April 9**.



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**Bob Spielman and Sue Phelps**  
**Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

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

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10 am**  
**Sundays**  
**and**  
**Wednesdays**

