



# The Dragon Scoop



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**Mission Statement:**  
“Loving God, Loving Our  
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## This Joyful Eastertide



“On Good Friday, evil had its best chance to defeat God and could not do it. Christ conquered death. He came out of the grave! God won the victory, and He wants to share the Easter victory with you and me by giving us some very special Easter gifts.”

Those gifts, Pastor Gail continued, are

- ✦ Hope
- ✦ Forgiveness
- ✦ Salvation
- ✦ Eternal life
- ✦ A sense of peace
- ✦ A sense of meaning
- ✦ A sense of mission

Pastor Gail said in her homily on Easter Day, after speaking about Mary Magdalene and how she ran to tell the other disciples of the Risen Christ:

“Let me ask you something: Do you want to shout this morning? Do you want to run and tell the whole wide world the good news of Easter? The Good News... that ultimately God wins! That the eternal goodness of God overcomes the evil Golgothas of history. This is the amazing, incredible, exciting message of Easter.

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!*

*My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*Had Christ, that once was slain,  
ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now is Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*The Hymnal 1982, #192*



# Pastor Gail's Ponderings . . . .

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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

The Christian high holy day of Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. This year Pentecost falls on May 23, 2021. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

Luke begins by noting that the disciples of Jesus "were all together in one place" on the "day of Pentecost." There is a "mighty rushing wind" and "tongues as of fire" appear. The gathered disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." This has been interpreted as a reference to the multitude of languages spoken by the gathered disciples.

In Christian tradition, Pentecost represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit. The narrative in Acts brings the symbolism of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, at the start of his ministry, by explicitly connecting the earlier prophecy of John the Baptist to the baptism of the disciples with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The central role of Christ in Christian faith signifies the importance of the grace of God.

Peter's sermon in Acts 2—Christ's resurrection—is emphasized. In his sermon, Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 and Psalm 16 to indicate that the first Pentecost marks the start of the Messianic Age. About one hundred and twenty followers of Christ were present, including the Twelve Apostles,

Jesus' mother Mary, other women disciples, and his brothers.

While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in many languages, the Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy. Acts 2:17 reads: "And in the last days, God says, I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams." He also mentions that it was the third hour of the day (about 9:00 am). "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Within a few decades important congregations had been established in all major cities of the Roman Empire.

Peter stated that this event was the beginning of a continual outpouring that would be available to all believers from that point on, Jews and Gentiles alike. So, as Christians in 2021, let us have a spirit of love, joy, and celebrating that God's Holy Spirit has come to all.

In God's peace,  
Pastor Gail



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# In Memoriam

*Carolyn Ann Spielman*

*November 24, 1938—April 7, 2021*

*Loving soulmate, wife, and mother of five*



**Memorial Service**  
**Saturday, June 5, 2021**



*Above: Carolyn's husband, Bob, her grandson, Vaughn, and John's wife, Neny.*



*Right: With her son, John.*

# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

### The Rummage Sale is Happening!

Through our regular meeting as well as an online decision, ECW decided to have our rummage sale on these dates:

**Fri., May 14 - 9:00 to 4:00**

**Sat., May 15 - 9:00 to 3:00**

The sale will be advertised as "Buy-a-Bag & Fill-It" so it will be different for everyone. Needless to say, we will need a lot more paper bags than in the past, so please bring in your clean/neat paper grocery bags.

We will set up the tables and racks on Sunday, May 9.

**Please bring your donations  
Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00.**

If you are unable to do that, it would be okay to bring them on Sunday the 9th. Please hold back your Halloween, Christmas, and Easter decorations for the fall sale.

David Sayers has agreed to sell larger and more valuable items on **craigslist**. Please call David to make arrangements.

Be assured that your nicer donations will not be going into a \$1 bag. There will be a special section that will be a \$5 bag sale and another section for other items for a \$3 or \$2 bag (that will be determined during sorting). Items we feel worth more than \$5 or are too large or oddly shaped for the bag sale will be separately marked in another section. On Saturday we will lower prices.

We will do the usual clean up on  
**Saturday at 3:00.**

Your donations and help are greatly appreciated.

Since we have been having coffee hour, we decided it is time to bring back Tenaya. Thankfully, she started April 18. And she has done a "deep" cleaning. Our kitchen looks so pretty!

## FISH

Our FISH Food Pantry runs on donations, both monetary and food. These donations come from grants, church donations, community donations, food drives, and the Roseburg Food Project.

This fiscal year (July 2020 - June 2021) St. George Episcopal Church pledged 1,000 pounds of food. Currently, our congregation has donated almost 500 pounds to that goal. **If you have any pantry items you'd like to share, please bring them in on Sundays.** Our wonderful pantry volunteers would be happy to tote them to FISH for you.

Many of you do participate in the bimonthly Green Bag pickup (next one is June 12) and the BottleDrop charity bags, but feel free to bring items to the church throughout the year as well.

In April we collected food and cash donations from 657 donors, which included 11,737 pounds of food. That comes from individuals all over the county.

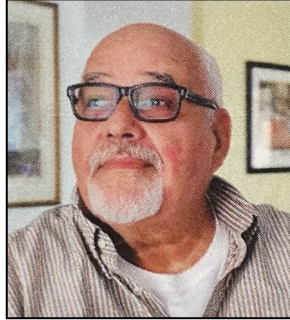
~ Mik Carlson for FISH



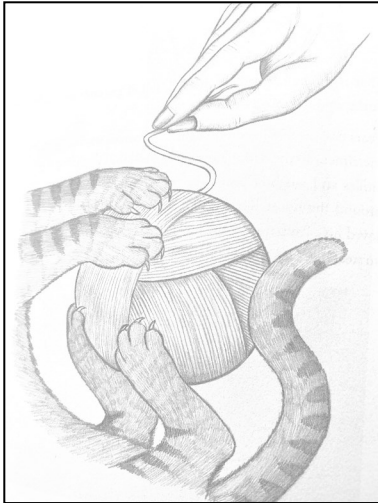


# Book Review—Local Author!

John Trotogott is a member of Holy Cross Orthodox Church, which meets upstairs at St. George's. He has written **Winston's Journey** with co-author Diane L. Akins.



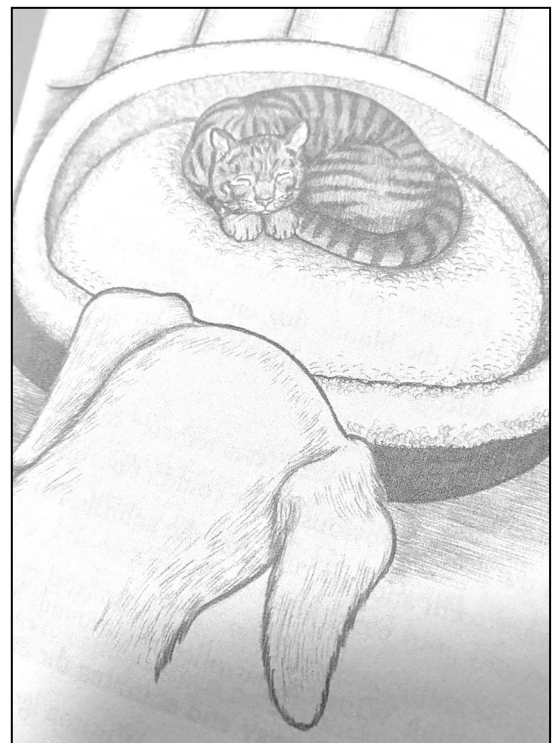
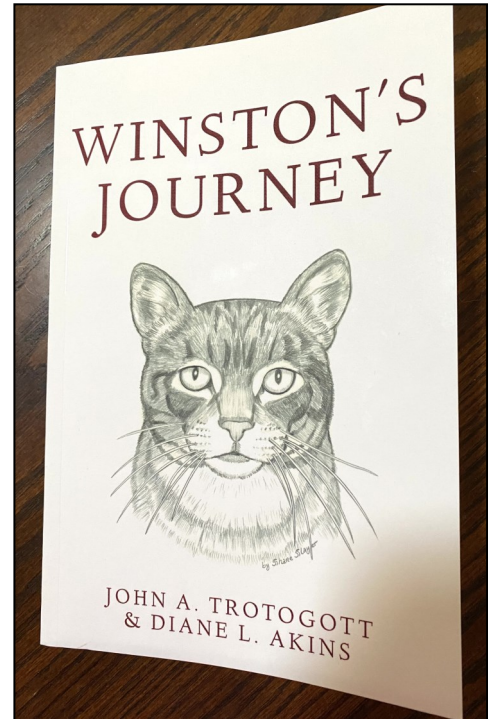
John says, "It is a local story completed by local talent . . . the characters are real . . . no fictional roles. It is all about how pets are treated and loved and in turn, give love. Although they do not live forever, just like us humans."



A grey barn cat with dark grey stripes and golden eyes is tossed out of the back of a pickup truck on Lookingglass Road. He has adventures with other animals (nothing too scary) and finds a forever home with a dark-haired woman and a big smiling man. They name him Winston after a cheetah at our local Wildlife Safari in Winston.

The book is very suitable for reading aloud. Both children and adults will enjoy it. It does end with Winston's death, but only after he has had a long and happy life. The illustrations are delightful.

A copy of the book is available for checkout from our library—just ask at the Office. It can also be purchased from While Away Books on Harvard or from Amazon.



*"[Winston] decided to commandeer the dog bed."*



# Palm Sunday



Congregants gathered in the Parish Hall before the Palm Sunday service, then processed into the church carrying palms and singing the traditional hymn, “All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!”





## Good Friday



A Tenebrae service was held on Good Friday, with the congregation gathering in silence. Pastor Gail and Pete Benham read from the Passion, John 18:1-19:42, chronicling Jesus' final week, ending with his burial. After each reading a candle was snuffed out.

The Scripture passages were alternated with hymns sung by Myana Clark and David Jones.

Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness."



## Easter Day



We were able to have a socially distanced mini choir for Easter. Lisa Clark (center left) directed. Singers were David Jones (center right) and Myana Clark (also center right). Not pictured are Betty Jo Hoffman, Steve Thomas, and Leigh Van Sickle.

Roberta Hall (bottom left) was the organist, and Elona Wong (bottom right and center right) was the pianist.

Roberta and Elona also received their Birthday Blessings on Easter Day.



# Parish News



Congratulations to Juliana Marez, who received this 25-year recognition for service to students at Roseburg Public Schools!



Umpqua Valley Stamp Club presents  
the May stamp of the month



## May is National Photography Month

# 1758 depicts various equipment  
used in photography.

Currently the photographic  
industry is worth about 10.9  
Billion dollars annually.



1st day of issue in Las Vegas, NV,  
on June 26, 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



## April Blessings



*Left: Jill Hammerle asked for blessings in memory of what would have been the 88th birthday of her father, Gordon Hammerle. Tulips are from Delpha Hammerle's garden.*



*56th Anniversary Blessings for Susan and Mike Brossia*



*Left: Birthday Blessings for Steve Thomas*



## A Meditation

My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end,  
nor do I really know myself,  
and the fact that I think I am following your will  
does not mean that I am actually doing so.  
But I believe that the desire to please you  
does in fact please you.  
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.  
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.  
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.  
Therefore will I trust you always though  
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.  
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,  
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton  
from *Thoughts in Solitude*

## Did You Ever Wonder?



Did you ever wonder what a turtledove looks like?

From the Song of Solomon 2:12 (NRSV):

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

And more charmingly, the King James Version says  
“the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice  
of the turtle is heard in our land.”

The turtledove's Latin name is *Streptopelia turtur*.  
The second part comes from the bird's soft “turr turr”  
call and not from any resemblance to the reptile.



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**Treasurer: Kathy Glockner**

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

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**  
**10 am**

**Sundays**  
**Holy Eucharist**

