



# The Dragon Scoop

## May 2022

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

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## Maytime Prayer



Maytime is a fair season,  
With its bird song and bright trees,  
With the plow in the furrow,  
While the sea is green  
And many colors clothe the Earth.

The gift I ask of this Maytime,  
May it not be denied me,  
Is peace between myself and God,  
Between myself and all I meet,  
Between myself and the sweet Earth.

May this Maytime show me the way  
To the gate of glory  
That leads to Your court, O Christ.

From an ancient Welsh prayer  
in *The Celtic Wheel of the Year*  
by Meg Llewellyn, 2020

# Pastor Gail's Ponderings . . . .

How wonderful it is to smell the flowers as we walk in the parks, gather with friends outside, or enjoy the fragrance of freshly cut flowers from our garden. Spring is indeed a marvelous time. "Earth Day" was on April 22 and I will take the time to GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD and OUR CREATOR! What a blessing it is to live on our Mother Earth, created by God to give us nourishment and encouragement. On Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day, I'll be sharing more about how we have an attitude of "Care for God's Creation," from a very Christocentric way of exploring the way we walk on Earth.

Let's take a look at a passage that is all about the Resurrection—Living in Hope.

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."*

These words were sent by Peter from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor while he was awaiting trial. They give us great encouragement and hope.

Let's think back to the text from Luke 24. I think some of the saddest words in the Bible are, "*But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel,*" spoken by the disciples who were on the road to Emmaus on that afternoon, almost 2000 years ago. They were joined by Jesus as they trudged back to their village. But they did not recognize him until he revealed himself to them in the breaking of the bread. They had despaired because the man who had raised so many hopes with his miracles and holy teachings had been cruelly killed. They thought that their hope had died with Jesus on the cross. Once Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, they recognized him. Jesus revealed himself in the "breaking of the bread." They knew instantly the truth of the women who had come back from the tomb saying that the stone had been rolled away and that two angels told them Jesus had arisen. What they had thought an idle tale was TRUE! Their hope, joy, and ultimately their salvation were true.

Sometimes, we in the church can feel somewhat hopeless, somewhat adrift. When there is a change in leadership, or a friend dies, or someone we love is sick—we can feel hopeless. Sometimes our church's finances can be uncertain, or we would like to have more visitors who become members, or we feel like we need to be uplifted, rather than doing the uplifting. We had hoped things would be easier. But that kind of hope dies when our sinner-sides show up for church as often as our saintly-sides. Fortunately, by God's grace, we have a deep hope that sustains us in disappointment and failure. Through the water of Baptism we are permanently connected to a hope that lives no matter what the world does. The deepest truth of our life together is the certainty that God has already won the victory over death and hopelessness. Living and working in that hope equips us to do the work of Christ and his church.

Leaders are called by God to build a bridge from the hopelessness of mistrust and judgment to the living hopefulness of joy, mercy, and peace. That bridge is built from the bricks that God gives us to structure the life of faith, regular worship, Bible study, daily prayer, acts of love for our neighbor, holy listening to one another, and a selfless hospitality that welcomes every person as a gift from God.

We cannot build that bridge alone. God gives us the tools, guides our hands, and fills our hearts as we work. God has given us a living hope that has the power to transform the world with love and gather all people to Jesus Christ. By God's grace we are saved from despair and freed to lead in HOPEFULNESS. Amen, let it be so.

God's peace be with you all,  
Pastor Gail





# In Memoriam

## *Julie Marie Ortiz* *July 8, 1974 - February 3, 2022*

Pastor Gail Duba presided over Julie's memorial at St. George's on April 1, 2022. The sanctuary was filled with her friends and family.

Julie loved all animals and was blessed with a mutual and special communication of love and trust. She cared for other people's animals and gave a loving home to many rescues. Julie's sweet spirit was always a joy and comfort for all who knew her. She will be sorely missed.



Julie was the daughter of Tenaya Wright, who helps the ECW women with clean up in the kitchen.



# Episcopal Church Women

## by Betty Jo Hoffman

ECW met on April 21, my husband's (Zack Hoffman's) birthday; we sang "Happy Birthday" to him by means of my cell phone—isn't technology fun!

### Rummage Sale

We are a small group, but we are bound and determined to have an **Epic Sale**:

**Thurs., May 5, 4:00-6:30**

**Fri., May 6, 9:00-4:00**

**Sat., May 7, 9:00-noon**

It will be \$3 a bag Thurs. and Fri. and \$1 a bag on Sat.

There will be some items priced separately. We have very colorful flyers to be given out around town. Please take one to a place of your choice. We will need help putting out all of the donations and cleaning up.

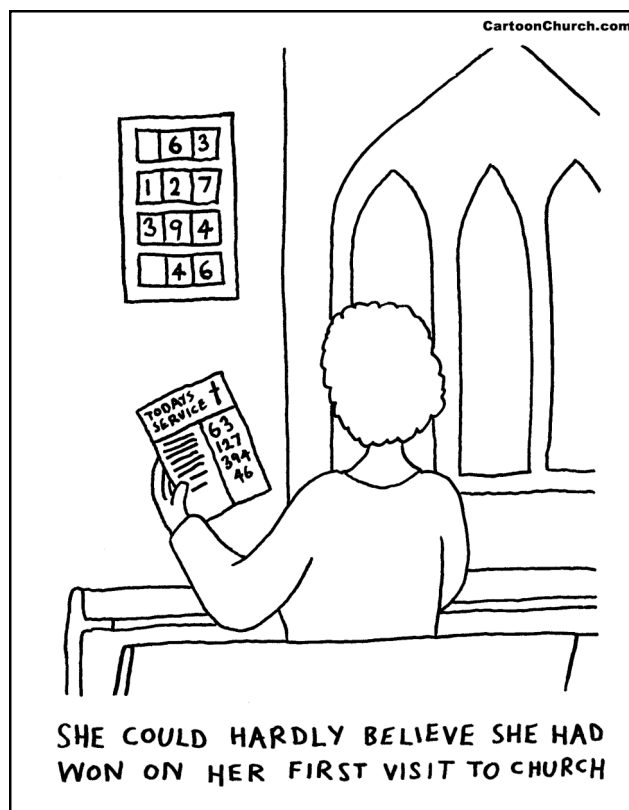
Our speaker was Ragen Tucker, Marketing Manager at Riverview Terrace. She brought very interesting information regarding decision making about transitioning from our homes to a place where it might be safer and/or easier to spend our later years. She shared what kind of residences are in our area and what type of services they offer.

She brought some forms we can complete to help us decide if it is less or more expensive to stay in our homes. And one to check the kind of services we need to determine the type of residence that would be best for us. There is also a handout "Exploring Senior Living." If you would like these handouts, we will keep a set in the office that can be copied. They are very interesting.

Thelma's thought for the day:

*"The only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today."*

Please join us for our May 19 meeting at 2 pm.





## Parish News

### Ukraine



Jessica Carlson, daughter of Mik and Jay, has returned to working for the Danish Refugee Council in Ukraine.

To honor her decision, parishioners took up a freewill offering to go to CARITAS Ukraine, the refugee relief organization of Jessica's choice. An amazing **\$4000** was collection was donated by the congregation of St. George's!

### Birthday Blessings for Margo Wilkins

pictured below with Pastor Gail in the red chasuble



### Cursillo

Episcopal Cursillo of Oregon and SW Washington is holding a Zoom online Ultreya Gathering on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 10am till 11:30am or so. They will pray, sing, listen, laugh, and reconnect.

All are welcome to attend, regardless of whether or not they have been to a Cursillo Weekend.



Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84292128885> . Visit [www.oregon-cursillo.org](http://www.oregon-cursillo.org) for the additional information.

# Parish News

## March Financial Report

| Finances     |          |          |  |            |            |
|--------------|----------|----------|--|------------|------------|
|              | March    | Budget   |  | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
| Pledges      | \$ 6,825 | \$ 5,484 |  | \$ 23,350  | \$ 16,452  |
| Other Income | 3,392    | 3,758    |  | 23,132     | 11,275     |
| Total Income | 10,217   | 9,242    |  | 46,482     | 27,728     |
| Expenses     | 10,402   | 9,477    |  | 26,328     | 28,431     |
|              | \$ (185) | \$ (235) |  | \$ 20,154  | \$ (703)   |

## Clergy Renewal of Vows and the Blessing of Holy Oils

Right: Our own Rev. Gail Duba traveled to Eugene on April 13 with the Rev. Mary Piper, semi-retired priest in Southern Oregon, for the Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows and Blessing of Oils.



Left: Bishop Diana Akiyama presides over Holy Eucharist.



## Holy Week



Left and below:

Palm Sunday's worship service began in the Parish Hall.

Parishioners were given palm fronds and processed into the nave, singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."



Good Friday's Tenebrae Service was presided over by Pastor Gail, assisted by Ed Cole, Council President of Faith Lutheran Church, and our own Steve Thomas. Many Lutheran parishioners were in attendance. Above, Pastor Gail extinguishes a candle after one of the readings.



Above, left to right:  
Ed Cole, Pastor Gail, Steve Thomas



## Easter

Easter was a glorious celebration! This picture was taken from the choir loft, so you can't see that there were also lots of people sitting in the back of the church.

You would never believe that the anthem—"He Is Not Here" by Russell Nagy— was performed by only seven choir members. The postlude, Mozart's "Alleluia" sung by soprano Myana Clark, was glorious.

The choir is directed by Lise Clark and accompanied by Janet Mecham. Members are Pete Benham, Myana Clark, Betty Jo Hoffman, David Jones, Sue Phelps, Steve Thomas, and Leigh Van Sickle.

Other special music for Holy Week included the Palm Sunday offertory, "The Holy City," sung by Myana Clark and tenor David Jones. The moving postlude that day by organist Roberta Hall was in tribute to the people of Ukraine: the hymn "Once to Every Man and Nation." On Good Friday Myana sang "On the Via Dolorosa," again accompanied by Janet.

You can watch these services on our YouTube channel. The easiest way to get there is to go to our website: [www.saintgeorgesepiscopal.com/](http://www.saintgeorgesepiscopal.com/) where there is a button to click.



Above: Lise Clark, Director and Inspiration

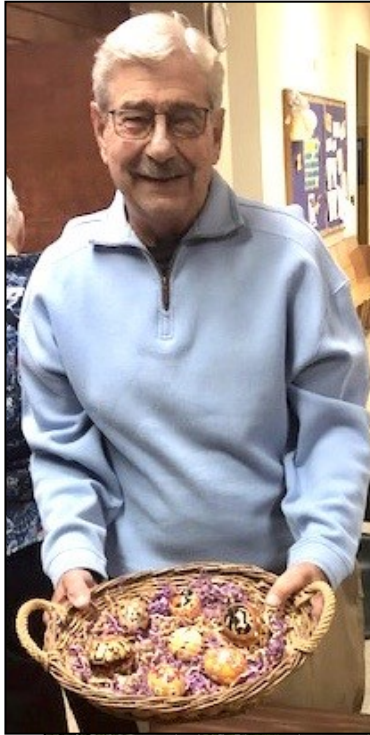


Left: Janet Mecham and Myana Clark—  
Mozart's "Alleluia"



# Easter

Photo by David Jackson



John Wrigley, pictured left, brought *pysanky*, or Ukrainian Easter eggs, to show parishioners on Easter Day. He decorated these himself, using ostrich and emu eggs.

The traditional folk designs use a wax-resist method. John learned this craft from a book in the 1980s in memory of his mother, who took up the hobby after discovering it in a Ukrainian gift store in Milwaukee. Their family is not from Ukraine, but there was something about the intricate practice that spoke to them both.



Easter for the Orthodox church fell a week later than for the western church this year. Holy Cross set up their beautiful worship space in the Parish Hall this year and invited us to participate in their services if we wished.



## FISH

# THE FISH AT FIFTY

Saturday, May 14th 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

### The FISH Food Pantry

405 Jerry's Drive Roseburg

Come join our celebration of Fifty Years of service! Our Celebration is set for **May 14th** Doors open at 10 am! Food, Fun, Prizes for Children and Treats for all! Open House at the **FISH** Food Pantry 405 Jerrys Drive Roseburg (Close to the Costco Center)

Celebrations include: **Kiddy FISH pond! Food! Kettle Corn!**

Guess the Weight! **Docent Tours!** Awards and more!



The FISH Food Pantry of Roseburg



## Stamp Club News

**Umpqua Valley Stamp Club  
presents the stamp of the month.**



### **May is National Wetlands Month**



**Scott catalog #3207A  
issued Dec. 14, 1998  
in Washington DC**

**American Wetlands Month was created  
in 1991 by the EPA and its Governmental  
and private sector partners to celebrate  
the vital importance of wetlands to the  
Nation's ecological, economic, and social  
health. World Wetlands Day was  
established on February 2, 1997.**

**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***

**You can not do a kindness too soon,  
for you never know how soon it will  
be too late. -Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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**Senior Warden: Pete Benham**  
**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**  
**Wednesdays**

