



# The Dragon Scoop

## July 2013

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

## Unseasonably Warm

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
WELCOMES YOU

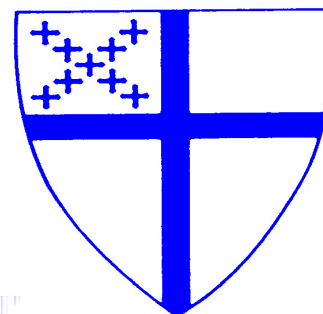
In July the long-range weather forecast for Roseburg, OR, is from the upper-80's to the upper-90's and possibly higher.

The good news is that we are making good progress raising the funds to upgrade the front office heating and air conditioning units.

Currently our cooling system is inefficient and costly. We must turn on the air in the Parish Hall to cool the front offices. The fans are noisy and leaving the office doors open restricts our privacy and quiet when required.

Priest Heating and Air Conditioning is standing by to install the new equipment at a total cost of \$7,747. An anonymous donor contributed \$3,874 to start the fund. We have raised an additional \$1,245 to bring our total to \$5,119. We need \$2,628 to reach our goal. Please make your gift to the Front Office Heating and Air Conditioning Fund.

The air is so hot  
it's like  
breathing fire.



We have Episcopal Shields  
available for your vehicle.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, August 18th, Worship at River Forks Park.**

10:00 am Coffee and sweets

11:00 am Worship

Sign up soon in the Parish Hall and plan to bring a friend.

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# RECTOR'S LETTER

Summertime...summertime...sum...sum...  
summertime! The Jamies were an American  
singing group, led by Tom and Serena Jameson.  
The year 1958 and a single for Epic Records that  
reached #26 on the US Billboard Hot 100.

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Well shut them books and throw em away  
Say goodbye to dull school days  
So come on and change your ways  
It's summertime...

Well no more studying history  
And no more reading geography  
And no more dull geometry  
Because it's summertime...

It's time to head straight for them hills  
It's time to live and have some thrills  
Come along and have a ball  
A regular free-for-all

Well are you comin or are you ain't  
You slow-pokes are my one complaint  
Hurry up before I faint  
It's summertime...

Well I'm so happy that I could flip  
Oh how I'd love to take a trip  
I'm sorry teacher but zip your lip  
Because it's summertime

It's time to head straight for them hills  
It's time to live and have some thrills  
Come along and have a ball  
A regular free for all

Well we'll go swimmin every day  
No time to work just time to play  
If your folks complain just say,  
It's summertime

And every night we'll have a dance  
Cause what's a vacation without romance  
Oh man this jive has me in a trance  
Because it's summertime

1958 that was 55 years ago, fast forward to 2013.  
And if I tell you that I turned 3 in 1958 then you'll  
know my age today. How old were you in 1958?

The average cost of new house was \$12,750.00.  
The average monthly rent was \$92.00. The average  
yearly wages were \$4,600.00. And the cost of a  
gallon of gas was 25 cents.

- Kellogg's Cocoa Krispies hit the store shelves.
- Tennis for Two was released as the first video game.
- Karl Beyer created the most important breakthrough in the history of drug treatment for hypertension with the discovery of the orally effective diuretic, chlorothiazide.
- South Pacific was released.
- Arnold Palmer won the 22nd Masters Tournament.
- Nelson Mandela married Winnie Madikizela.
- Pizza Hut was founded.
- Madonna and Michael Jackson were born.
- Science-fiction/horror film The Fly and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof were released.
- La Bamba found its way on the music scene.
- John XXIII was elected Pope .
- Edward Kennedy married Virginia Joan Bennett.
- Toyota and Datsun cars went on sale in the US.
- Sir Edmund Hillary reached the South Pole .
- Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army.
- The Wham-O company introduced the Hula Hoop and sold over 100 million.
- President Dwight D. Eisenhower was in office.
- The US Military said it would be possible with satellites orbiting the earth to make detailed maps from space.
- The US Supreme court ruled that Little Rock, Arkansas schools must integrate.

Did any of these events trigger memories for you of the last 55 years? So much has changed and happened since 1958.

This week the practice of our Prayer and Meditation group was to pay attention to the signs of aging in ourselves, in other people, in animals and plants, and even in inanimate objects. How do we know that something is aging?

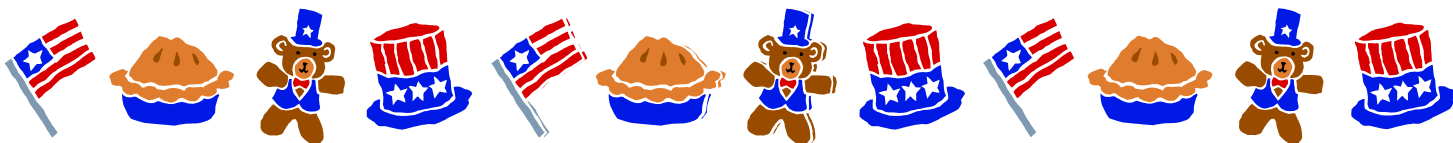
Withered wrinkled dry skin, an old barn, a new tree growing from the decay of an old dead trunk, our pets slowing down, the patina of weathered metal, our bodies needing more care and becoming more fragile are just a few images of what the aging process might look like.

How do we know something is aging? Perhaps we can't know that something is aging but what we experience are things changing. God is ageless and timeless. The idea of time is just a device for us to plan our days and nights, our weeks, months, and years. God doesn't wear a wrist watch. There is no time telling device in God's breast pocket, or bedside stand, car dashboard, or computer screen. God, and we created in the image of God, are

eternal. Our bodies, our lives, our relationships, they all become part of a changing tide moving amid an eternal sea.

A collect from the Easter Vigil invites us to reflect on our eternal and ageless nature. O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

It's Summertime. Alleluia! Alleluia! Rev. JoAnne



## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Here we are with half of the year just gone already. This seems to be another strange year for us weather wise in Douglas County. Who would have thought I would be writing this and listening to the rain at the end of June?

Something that has been weighing on my mind is our little Church and endowments or the lack of. This is a subject that I find hard to talk about and I am sure many others are uncomfortable about. We all know that death and taxes are inevitable. How many of us have thought of leaving St. George a legacy in their memory? We need to remember that the Church has always been there for us in times of joy and sadness. The Church has been an inspiration to all of us in one way or another and is available on a 24/7 basis. We also need to remember that we are the support for the Church

and when we do our part, the Church will continue for many years to come, and what better way to do it than to have your name attached to the continuation of the life of St. George.

There many programs that St. George has available through the Diocese. There is anything from a remembrance in a will or trust to a living trust. There are even programs that allow giving an endowment before we pass and be able to use it as a tax deduction. If any of these options are of interest to anyone, contact myself or the Church and we will see about getting you the information.

I hope everyone has a great and safe summer and don't forget our upcoming Service in the Park and potluck on August 18th. Hope to see you there.

Jim Eddy

# Oh, When the Saints?

Adelaide Teague Case, Teacher d 1948

Adelaide Case was born in 1887 in Missouri. Her family moved to New York where she was educated, first at Bryn Mawr then at Columbia University where she earned her graduate degrees. By the time she earned her PHD a position was made for her in the faculty of Teacher's College at Columbia. She quickly rose to full professorship and became the head of the department of religious education. Her approach to education was child-centered rather than teacher-centered.



In 1941 she was solicited by the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Mass. To join their faculty as Professor of Christian Education. Case was the first woman to become a full-time faculty member at the rank of Professor at any Episcopal seminary. Her first years were not easy, but she continued to teach there until her death in 1948.

Adelaide struggled with health problems all her life, but carried on her work with energy and devotion. She believed that the point of being a Christian was to make a difference in the world by calling people into transformed, reconciled relationships for the sake of the human family.

Betty Fretwell



# Community!



What is a community? It can be a group of nations, a group of people; federal, state or local. It can also be a church group. We at St. George have such a congregation or community. It is a living and caring community.

I'm sure you know many examples of our loving community. I can give you my personal experience of our loving community. I had knee surgery. and was in a rehabilitation facility for 31 days. The constant flow of visitors, calls, and cards made my days much more pleasant. The prayers were always

there to help me through my rehab. So—our community here at St. George is a loving community. Now—let's take this to our town community—show it in the many ways we can as a loving and caring church community. Our mission—Loving God, Loving our Neighbors.

Living Community,  
Donna Litherland, Junior Warden

# Orthodox Parish News

Our small group of about 5 people were meeting with no regular location, on a Friday evening once a month with Fr. Isaac Skidmore from Ashland in 2005. We were working to establish an Eastern Orthodox Christian parish in Roseburg. Many of us had come to Orthodoxy after searching through several denominational Churches to find the core of Christ's intent when He said, "I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) We had discovered that indeed He had built that Church beginning with the Apostles over 2000 years ago. We had found that indeed His Church had endured and remained faithful through all the difficulties and persecutions of history, in spite of the divisions that had occurred which began when the Roman Catholic Church broke away in 1054 AD. Some part of the original Church teachings and traditions were lost with each breaking away, including all the various Protestant Churches formed through breaking from the Roman Catholic Church. Suddenly, or from childhood, each of us had found that these original teachings and traditions still shine today in the continuing faith and practices of the Holy Orthodox Church throughout the world. It was the fullness of this Church we wanted so very much to bring to our own community, right here in Roseburg.

The fullness of the Church includes daily personal prayer under the guidance of our priest, our spiritual father, observing the Holy Days of the Church Calendar with services, and special cycles of fasting in preparation. Within our worship, we venerate Icons of the Saints, the Mother of God and our blessed Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ, as well as of Church and Biblical events. Veneration is not worship, but rather treating with affection and reverence these objects of devotion sometimes called windows into heaven. We light candles as we enter the church and place them near two special Icons as a token of our prayers being offered for both the living and the departed. Incense is also used as representing the prayers of the Saints before the Throne of God. We believe when we are in liturgical worship we are in the presence of God, and that "Christ is in our midst," which we may also say in greeting one another. Each article of clothing the priest wears bears a spiritual significance, as do

even the various "tones" or melodies for the music we sing and chant. We read from the Holy Scriptures on a schedule to be found throughout the Orthodox Church everywhere. In addition, we remember and honor with readings and special songs the Saints from all the centuries, and many events of Church history. Remembering and preserving the traditions from the Apostles, and living the teachings of Christ are central to Orthodox life and worship. For a few isolated individuals, these things can be difficult to maintain which led us to try to form a true parish of the Church.

Two of us were women who had become Orthodox as adults while living in other States, later moving to Roseburg. What a surprise it was to discover that each was not the only Orthodox person in the area! It seemed to be a divine coincidence leading them to find each other. Another member was John Trotogott who was Orthodox from childhood. He thought, like the women, that there were no other Orthodox people in the area until his wife saw one of our very first newspaper ads. The two women went to a women's retreat together that first Lenten season, and received the promise of a visiting priest from the Dean of Missions for our area. Just the presence of Fr. Isaac helped the group to grow quickly to 7 or more consistent members. At that point we approached the St. George vestry for permission to use a corner of their social hall for a monthly meeting place. Sadly, within about a year, two of our most enthusiastic inquirers moved away after they were baptized into the Church, to be nearer to their Orthodox son's church. With their departure our group dwindled to 5 people again, and sometimes as few as 3. It was then, about 2007, that we reconnected with the Vestry to ask about a dedicated space where we could have regular services, with and without our priest. We were not ready to give up. We came to an agreement for one of the upstairs Sunday School rooms, and began to advertise our regular meetings there.

At that time we also received keys to the church and to that room. There we began to gather for worship on Sunday mornings once a month for reader's services without clergy. Fr. Isaac, who told

us to "hang in there," could no longer drive the long distance from Ashland on a regular basis. He sent us weekly bulletins and liturgical help by email. We placed Icons in that room, sometimes needing to use the connecting room, as one family began to join us, and then others. Some of our Icons and pamphlets were available in the second room for anyone from St. George to see. We wanted to share our joy with our host parish. In time we were also able to make full use of that second room. We sang and chanted our services, burned incense, lit candles, and tried to be a Church without the benefit of communion or the care of a priest. It was a struggle. For us, the fullness of the Orthodox Church was central to our daily way of life, and yet we were cut off from a primary lifeline without a priest.

Over many months, even years, a visiting priest would come from Corvallis or Rogue River to bring us a full liturgy. Still for the most part, we met on our own, trying to have true liturgical worship, and praying for a priest of our own. We did continue to grow in numbers. Some of the new members had come referred by Fr. Gerasimos (Jerry) Markopoulos from Eugene, who served a parish much closer than Ashland, Corvallis or Rogue River. The Buck family found us through Fr. Jerry's referral, and began to worship with us while also driving to Eugene for catechism to become Orthodox. What a joyful day it was to see their whole family baptized into the Orthodox Church, and their marriage re-consecrated through an Orthodox wedding! We went to Eugene for that wonderful event, and waited still for a priest of our own in Roseburg.

Late in 2010, Fr. Jerry was able to offer to serve us as a regular pastor and priest, on a very part time basis. Suddenly we were able to have full liturgies twice a month, on a Saturday morning! With expanded needs, we re-negotiated with Rev. JoAnne to keep her office informed about our schedule. Full use of both rooms was formalized, and we continued to grow. People found us through articles in the newspaper, word of mouth, our new web site, and through contacting Fr. Jerry at his regular parish in Eugene. What had been a small group of 6 to 7 people had first shrunk back to 4 or 5 people, and then grown to 8, 9, and then to 14 families, often numbering 31 people meeting in a small space.

We were uncomfortably crowded, but after looking for our own building, realized we couldn't afford to rent or buy the space we would need. Of course, our dream is one day to build a true Orthodox temple, in the Byzantine pattern, the roof bearing domes each one topped with a cross for all to see. Under those domes are beautiful Icons right on the surface of the inner dome, representing Christ looking down on the worshippers, surrounded by His Apostles, other Saints and angels, and Old Testament Prophets who foretold His coming. Inside the very air breathes holiness and inspires worship. The altar is placed in the eastern end of the Church, with each area of the church building having designated purposes for growth and worship. For all the beauty and holiness, still, little children feel welcome and comfortable there, as they did in the presence of Christ. For that building, we will need a larger congregation, and our own property in a good location for local people to find and attend. We are working to grow through our web site, through participation in local community outreaches to the needy, through word of mouth and advertising, and through living our faith. Having a stable place to meet has been a great help to us in drawing people into the local Orthodox Church.

Since we are not yet in a position to build that wonderful temple, or even to rent a large building that would do as a stepping stone, we thought about ways to make our present location, upstairs at St. George, more welcoming for our visitors and inquirers. Representing us all, John Trotogott, one of our earliest members, recently approached Rev. JoAnne and members of the vestry about expanding into what was then a storage room next door to our area. With the approval of the Episcopal Diocese and the St. George Church Vestry, we knocked down a wall, added new fixtures, painted, and remodeled. With just a few treatments left to finish, we now have a very roomy and usable space, for which we are very appreciative to Rev. JoAnne and the vestry of St. George Episcopal Church. With their gracious hospitality, we have become much more nearly the real Orthodox parish we hope to be one day. We look forward to continuing our ministry and continuing to grow in our improved surroundings, in the space St. George has so generously shared with our Orthodox Mission.

Fr. Jerry (Gerasimos) Markopoulos, Priest  
John Trotogott, Steering Committee Member



# ROSEBURG FOOD PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the June Green Bag Collection (Roseburg Food Project) St. George's green bags weighed in at 146 pounds. A total of over 9,400 pounds of food came in from around the county. The long-term goal for the Roseburg Food Project is to collect 12,000-15,000 pounds of food every other month. So, if you can again share a few nonperishable food items, pick up another green shopping bag from the Parish Hall. The next collection will be Saturday, August 10th. Bring your bags to the St. George Parish Hall any time before the 10th, and I will collect and deliver them to the FISH Food Pantry.



Remember that the first Sunday of each month is 'Baby Sunday.' All baby items donated are appreciated (food, diapers, wipes, lotion, etc.). Our St. George FISH volunteers will collect your donations and take them to the Pantry on Tuesday. The shelves at FISH for baby needs are often close to empty.

Mik Carlson



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# EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please join us for a visit with Father Sherman Hesselgrave

Monday, July 15th  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Refreshments will be served

## COMMUNICATION TEAM

The Communications Team held its first meeting on June 25th. We discussed plans for working together to communicate a current and consistent message to parish members and the community.

Jim Eddy, our Web Master, is busy working on the new Web site. Look for more news about this in the near future.

Leigh Van Sickle is managing our Facebook page and researching what other religious groups are doing to draw new members and keep their current members informed. Saundra will handle the printed publications and signage.

Committee members are happy to assist any parish members who need assistance accessing our Web site or Facebook page.

We welcome your ideas and participation.



Jim Eddy, Saundra Romero, and Leigh Van Sickle

## TECHNICAL HUMOR

One day Abraham was busy installing Windows XP on his old PC. "But father," said Isaac, "you don't have enough memory to run Windows XP!" "Don't worry, my son," replied Abraham. "God himself will provide the RAM."





# THANK YOU!

Jim Eddy for repairing the outlet to the refrigerator in the kitchen.

All of you who have thus far contributed to the front office heating and air conditioning fund.

Betty Jo Hoffman, Margaret Thomas, and Nancy Baum for folding June's Dragon Scoop.

BJ Oswald for her beautiful flower arrangements in our sanctuary on Sunday.

Jean Bowden, Mik Carlson, Jewell Gates, and Jan May hosting our Coffee Hour.

Betty Fretwell who is always the first and often the last person at church on Sunday. Both in the kitchen and in the sanctuary our Sunday's come together with Betty's gifts, hard work, and dedication.

Pete Benham, Roger Helliwell, Sally Appell, and Donna Litherland for their ministry in bringing communion to our parishioners who are sick and homebound.

Pete Benham and Sally Appell for saying yes and training to become worship leaders.

Sandra Romero, Jim Eddy, Leigh Van Sickle for becoming the new communications team.

For all who support our programs, outreach, worship, facilities, and staff with their pledges.

Frank Graham, Bill Riley, Bob Speilman, Noah Wanamaker, and any others who replaced the alter lights in the sanctuary.





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**Rector: The Rev. JoAnne Bennett**  
**Senior Warden: Jim Eddy**  
**Junior Warden: Donna Litherland**  
**Treasurer: Frank Graham**  
**Administrator: Sandra Romero**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Thursday  
9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch  
(Time approx. 12:30-1)

**ST. GEORGE WORSHIP**

**Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday**

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist