

St. John's Journal

April 2017

St. John's Contacts

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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

4/2 5th Sunday of Lent

4/5 Wednesday Eucharist

4/9 **PALM SUNDAY** (*Gather at 9:30 a.m. in Theresa Hall for Liturgy of the Palms*)

4/12 Wednesday Eucharist

4/13 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
(*Seder 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist follows*)

4/14 **GOOD FRIDAY** (*6 p.m. Stations of the Cross*)

4/16 **EASTER SUNDAY**

4/19 Wednesday Eucharist

4/23 2nd Sunday of Easter

4/30 3rd Sunday of Easter

ARE YOU A "TRUTHSEEKER?"

I have identified with this concept for as long as I can remember. I don't want to hear arguments or to take sides over beliefs folks hold on to. It is very important to me to learn the truth...and then to make decisions based on the truth. The term "Truthseeker" is not in the dictionary, at least not in the one in the office. "Truth" is defined 1. Conformity to knowledge, fact, or actuality; veracity. 2. Something that is the case; the real state of affairs. 3. Reality; actuality. 4. A statement proven to be or accepted as true. 5. Sincerity; honesty. "Seeker" is the noun form of "Seek," defined 1. To search for. 2. To endeavor to obtain or reach. 3. To try: *sought to escape*. So a "Truthseeker" seems to define one who actively searches for the Truth.

This approach to life guides me in decisions I make. I like to gather facts and consider my options and the possible consequences of those options. I'm sure I am not the only truthseeker among our Episcopal family. We are thinking people. We generally want

to see evidence when possible as we try to discern the truth about a lot of different things. When it comes to our faith, however, we are pretty comfortable with mystery. We don't feel a need to understand everything that our God does and how God does it. In fact, it is a tribute to God's greatness that we are not expected to understand everything. This is where faith comes in. Believing in things that are not seen. Being open to mystery is important to having faith. We can't explain away mystery...it adds to a sense of the Holy in our worship. This is only a part of what I appreciate about our Episcopal Church.

Another thing I appreciate is how we understand that we are each on our own individual journey in our walk of faith with God. Our individual journey is guided by the Holy Spirit, who is tasked with giving us learning experiences that may be difficult but in the end allow us to recognize the growth we gained by going through that experience. This concept

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Ecumenical Events in Bandon

Lenten Study – continues on Thursdays at noon through April 13.

At Holy Trinity Friday, March 31 – **Stations of the Cross**, will be dedicated this year to Barbara Mudge.

Good Friday – A dramatic Tenebrae service from “Reformed Worship” will be presented readers’ theater style at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian. Thirteen speakers are needed. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Rev. Bobbi Neeson by email or phone.

Easter Sunrise Service – The glass shelter has been reserved. Greg Fodrea will put together an order of service

and coordinate the 6:30 AM service. Guitarists from First Baptist and First Presbyterian will be asked to provide music.

Carnegie Hall update Fundraisers: A belated Easter concert will be held at First Presbyterian some time in May featuring a mixed instrumental and choir program. It will be offered on a love offering basis. A fundraiser event at the Sprague theatre will take place at some point. Cost for those travelling to NY is approximately \$3,000 for each person.

Blessing of the Fleet – Saturday, May 27 at 10 AM. Clergy will board a Coast Guard

cutter to bless the fleet from the river channel.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) has been scheduled for July 10-14 from 4-6 p.m., with dinner provided at 6 p.m. St. John will provide and serve dinner on Tuesday, First Presbyterian on Wednesday, and Unity on Friday. Meals on Monday and Thursday are to be determined. Additional volunteers for supervision during VBS are always welcomed.

The Chapel Choir of St. John is open to new members. The Bandon Ministerial Association discussed the possibility of a musician exchange so the choir could perform at other churches.

A CHANCE TO JOIN THE CHAPEL CHOIR OF ST. JOHN

Do you like to sing? The Chapel Choir of St. John Episcopal Church welcomes singers to share in the gift of music. An ecumenical choir, the Chapel Choir of St. John is open to anybody, regardless of faith or belief system. The choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 and

performs approximately one Sunday a month. The Chapel Choir of St. John has performed at the annual “Bandon Feeds the Hungry” event and looks to continue to sing both spiritual and secular music for the Bandon Community. For more information call the Music Director at 541-347-3566.

... TRUTHSEEKER

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keeps us from trying to judge and/or correct one another. We have a faithful, loving God, who through the Holy Spirit is guiding our lives. This leaves us free to love and appreciate one another.

You see, Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life...” It is by following Jesus’ example that our Truthseeking begins to pay off. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Rev Eileen

IN REMEMBRANCE
Jean M. Eaton
April 30, 1927–March 10, 2017

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. JOHN

PALM SUNDAY

On April 9th, we'll gather in Theresa Hall at 9:30 a.m., for the Liturgy of the Palms, and then process into the church for Holy Eucharist.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On April 13th at 6 p.m., we will commemorate our Lord's Last Supper with the disciples

TAKING TIME TO REMEMBER

Passover is the oldest and most important of Jewish religious festivals. It is based on the rituals of ancient Israel preserved primarily in Exodus 12-14, in which Israelites celebrated their deliverance by God from slavery in Egypt.

While this is a traditional Jewish celebration, it is also a Christian festival. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us that it was at a Passover meal that Jesus inaugurated what became known to Christians as the Lord's Supper, Communion, or Eucharist. For this reason, the family of St. John will hold an abbreviated Seder on Maundy Thursday.

The term "Passover" (Pesach in Hebrew) refers to the tenth and final plague God brought upon the Egyptians to persuade Pharaoh to let the people go: the death of all the firstborn of Egypt. In obedience to God's instructions, those who believed placed the blood of a lamb on the door posts of their homes,

with a Seder, foot-washing ceremony, Holy Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar.

GOOD FRIDAY

Follow Christ's last steps from His arrest through the crucifixion as we pause and pray at each of the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. at St. John.

so that God would "pass over" those homes. The festival actually celebrates the entire sequence of events that led to the Israelites' freedom from slavery.

It also celebrates the very nature of God and His gracious work in the world. It is in this larger dimension that Jesus adopted the Passover service as a sacramental remembrance of God's new work of deliverance through Christ, and allows Christians to celebrate this ancient festival.

In Judaism, Passover is not a public service of worship but is celebrated as a family meal that may last 3 or 4 hours. Traditionally, children take part by removing **Chametz** (leaven) before the service, hiding and later ransoming the **Afikomen** (dessert), and asking questions that prompt elders to tell the story so that each generation can know the power of God's grace.

EASTER SUNDAY

An ecumenical sunrise service will be held in the gazebo on the river front at 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be offered at St. John at 9:30 a.m.



Seder Plate with symbolic foods

The Passover meal is known as the **Seder**, which means "order," because the meal and service are done in a prescribed sequence, as presented in the **Haggadah** ("telling") which outlines the stages of the meal as well as the readings and songs. The Seder includes eating symbolic foods and ritually drinking wine (or grape juice) four times during the meal.

In ancient times the Passover observance included the sacrifice of the paschal lamb, which was roasted and eaten at the Seder on the first night of the holiday. This continued until the first century, when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Lent-5 Holy Eucharist Liturgical Committee (after service)	3	4 Donna Flammang ACOA meets 6:30 AA meets 8 PM	5 BCF Youth 11 AM 11:30 Eucharist Choir Practice 6:30 PM	6	7 Silver Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-12	8
9 Sunday of the Passion: PALM SUNDAY Holy Eucharist (Begins in Theresa Hall)	10	11 ACOA meets 6:30 AA meets 8 PM	12 Lara Mickle BCF Youth 11 AM 11:30 Eucharist Choir Practice 6:30 PM	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 pm Seder, Eucharist, Stripping of Altar	14 GOOD FRIDAY Silver Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-12 Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m.	15
16 Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER Holy Eucharist	17	18 BMA 10:30 a.m. ACOA meets 6:30 AA meets 8 PM	19 BCF Youth 11 AM 11:30 Eucharist Choir Practice 6:30 PM	20	21 Silver Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-12	22
23 Easter-2 Holy Eucharist	24	25 ACOA meets 6:30 AA meets 8 PM	26 BCF Youth 11 AM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	27	28 Sally Glunt Silver Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-12 BAC 3:30 pm	29
30 Easter-3 Holy Eucharist Roy Arnoldt ECW (after service)	NOTE: REV. EILEEN WILL BE ATTENDING A CLERGY CONFERENCE APRIL; 24-26, SO THERE WILL BE NO MID-WEEK SERVICE ON THE 26TH, BUT SHE WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH. (IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CONTACT SENIOR WARDEN DENISE SKILLMAN AT 541-290-3777.)					

APRIL 2017 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Updated: 3/28/2017

Service	LEM/ Lay Preacher	1st Lector	2nd Lector	Intercessor	Greeter/ Usher	Coffee/ Snacks
4/2: Lent-5 Holy Eucharist	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Marilyn</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Judy</u>	<u>Kay</u>
4/9: Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Lucinda</u>	<u>Mary</u>
4/13: Maundy Thursday Seder (6 pm) Holy Eucharist Rev. Eileen Heden	<u>Denise</u> <u>Kay</u>	<u>Lucinda</u> N/A	<u>Ginger</u> N/A	N/A <u>Ginger</u>		
4/14: Good Friday Stations of the Cross	Leader: Lucinda					
4/16: Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist	<u>Lucinda</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Debra</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Lucinda,</u> <u>Mike & Debra</u>
4/23: 2nd Sun. of Easter Holy Eucharist	<u>Mike</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Carol C.</u>	Wailani(?)	Bill(?)	
4/30: 3rd Sun. of Easter Holy Eucharist	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	Laurea(?)	Roy(?)	

Thank you for your time, talents and service!

Underscored names have confirmed their assignments. After the newsletter is published, if you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please arrange for a substitute and notify the office (a week in advance if possible).

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W H O W E A R E

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.