

# St. John's Journal

September 2017

## St. John's Contacts

### BAC

Senior Warden Denise Skillman

Junior Warden Tom Glunt

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Treasurer Kay Marino

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Laurea Arnoldt

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Church Administrator: Virginia

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Office Hours: Tuesdays, 12 noon-4 p.m.

## Worship Schedule

### Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

9/3 13th Sun. of Pentecost

9/10 14th Sun. of Pentecost

9/17 15th Sun. of Pentecost

9/24 16th Sun. of Pentecost

## THE PASTOR'S MUSINGS

What is going on our world today? Daily, we hear of tragedies happening around the world arising out of a legacy of hate. For months stretching into years, we have seen global terrorism rising out of jihadists who misinterpret Islam. Of course, we are fairly used to hearing about clashes between different factions in other parts of the world. Some countries have endured a state of war for years and sad as it seems, it was far away. Although we witnessed terrible atrocities on the news, at least we took some comfort that we were safe here in America. But now it is not somewhere else....it is here. For several months, we have seen a rise in hateful speech in our own towns and cities. Several times a year, we hear of shootings in our public schools. And now, most recently, as we saw in Charlottesville, it is United States citizens rising up to claim their "rightful" status of superiority because they are white and male. Seeing the photos taken just recently of the "white supremacists" and so called "Neo Nazi's" carrying weapons and garden torches, some bearded, wearing camouflage pants and t-shirts, sure didn't make me want to appreciate their notions of grandeur while they tried to prove they were better than the rest of us. They used our constitutional right to free speech to justify their "right" to spew hatefulness and threats to anyone who happened to get in their way.

Many of them were clearly spoiling for a fight. We saw how they taunted peaceful demonstrators attempting to engage in fights so they would have the excuse of showing how tough they were. We were shocked to see how this recent event resulted in murder and injury to those who dared to oppose them. We have been alerted that this is only the beginning of their planned terrorism. I was surprised to learn that this is what they meant by the slogan of "taking back America and making it great again."

The news reports told us that another march was already planned for the streets in Boston. I admit that I was very pleased to see how thousands of ordinary people jammed the streets and were able to prevent the marchers from even reaching the area where the event was to take place. It amazed me to see how quickly those folks arranged to prevent more harm by coming out and making it known that this would not happen in Boston. Hooray for those folks!

Our Old Testament reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost was from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 56. "Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves

to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, .....these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer....for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The 7<sup>th</sup> verse of Psalm 67 sums this up very well, "May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him."

The answer for all of us is to recognize that our loving creator loves everyone of us equally. God is no respecter of persons. Not one of us is superior to another person. We are not to think of ourselves more highly than others. We are to maintain justice and do what is right. God will never leave us or forsake us. We have nothing to fear. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Rev Eileen

#### ECW Report

Fall is in the air and that must mean ECW: Diocese of Oregon Annual Meeting on Sept 23rd! See the ECW "board" to find a copy of the flyer. Print a copy and fill it out. Look forward to seeing you all there. Pres. Laurea and Treas. Kay attended the DECW Board & Annual Retreat at Seal Rock. Reports were given on a variety of subjects, most notably on The Rahab Sisters of Portland.

The mission at Rahab's Sisters is to offer "Radical Hospitality" to Portland Metro area women who have been marginalized by the sex industry, domestic violence, poverty, substance abuse, and homelessness. The mission's vision is to live in the city of Portland where all women are safe from physical and sexual exploitation. Members gather on Friday nights at Saints Peter and Paul Episcopal Church on Southeast 82nd Avenue (between Ash and Pine), from 7pm - 10pm, where they serve all women (or anyone that identifies as a woman), offering a warm safe environment with nutritious food, hot coffee, conversation and personal hygiene necessities. They welcome all women without judgment, no hygiene necessities. strings attached.

How can we support Rahab's Sisters? As an all-volunteer non-profit 501c3m, they always welcome support from the community. Ways that individuals and organizations can support Rahab's Sisters are financially, food donation, and other kinds of donation.

#### ECW Report (continued)

Cash donations are needed to cover costs of security, food and personal hygiene supplies for those served. The mailing address for donations is: PO Box 90234, Portland OR 97290-0234. There is a [PayPal](#) button on their home page if you wish to donate using that method.

Food: They try to serve a high-protein, hot meal to the women who come to them. You or your organization might like to provide a monthly or quarterly meal, or donate staples such as coffee, tea or sugar.

In-kind donations - Rahab's Sisters are always in need of laundry soap and toilet tissue as well as personal items such as tampons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel size shampoo, travel size conditioner, and new underwear and socks.

I am going to suggest that we do an "Undie-Sunday" very soon. This has been a very successful way to help in their outreach efforts.

And finally, thanks to Virginia Fitzgerald for her outreach as she sends out cards to our parishioners for their birthdays, anniversaries, and/or get-wells, when needed. That personal touch is very welcoming!

Laurea Arnoldt  
President, ECW

From the Diocesan Digest, August 31, 2017

Let us pray for all affected by Hurricane Harvey:

***Compassionate God, whose Son Jesus wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus: Draw near to us in this time of sorrow and anguish, comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead us all to fullness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.***

*-From Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints (Church Publishing, New York 2010)*

### Cureillo Announcement

Episcopal Cursillo of Oregon and SW Washington invites one and all to a Grand Ultreya and finger food Potluck gathering on [Sunday, September 17, 2017](#) from 2pm -4:30pm. It will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd, 805 SE Ellsworth Road, Vancouver, WA 98664. Lots of singing, sharing, and connecting with friends old and new. Find and join us on Facebook under Oregon Episcopal Cursillo, and sign-up for Cursillo email at [www.oregon-cursillo.org](http://www.oregon-cursillo.org)."

### The St. John's Medical Loan Closet

As we celebrate Labor Day, it'd be cute to say we try to help clients labor less, and move more.

Yes, we're helping clients to move more easily, but in the process they move us with their stories.

*My wife is having a hip replaced – again, sadly. It'd be great to have a toilet riser and a walker awaiting her return from the hospital.*

*Getting around is becoming more and more challenging for me as I age – maybe a walker would help.*

*I need my mom to be able to get to the bathroom without help – so we can both be more independent. I'd so love to be able to leave the house knowing she's mobile.*

*My disabled brother is here for a visit, and I need to help him get around in my house. Can you help?*

*My husband is on hospice and keeps falling. I need a wheelchair for just a couple of weeks as family come to see him...to say goodbye.*

Many, many thanks to volunteers Kay Marino, Kathy Webb, and Mary Garrett who are doing a stunning job taking calls, receiving and cleaning equipment, and meeting with clients. Thanks also to Rev. Eileen and Ginger MacCallum who happily meet and greet unexpected visitors.

Walk and Roll!

Judy Jackson

Loan Closet Coordinator

**Socks, Socks, Socks!** The ECW is collecting clean socks for their October 13 event, Socks, Shots, and Soup. Can you help keep someone's feet dry and warm this coming rainy season?

### Contribute to the Food Pantry

There is a basket in the narthex for your donation of nonperishable food. Good protein is a fine choice for which peanut butter and canned fish or meats are options. (Caution: Some canned meats are very high in sodium, so it will pay to read labels.)

Since EBT cardholders cannot purchase non-food items with their cards, you might want to consider donating things like bath soap, shampoo, combs, toothbrushes, deodorant, toothpaste, toilet paper, laundry soap, and personal hygiene products such as sanitary napkins or baby diapers. The local Dollar Stores are great sources of these non-food items. If you have not checked the aisles there, you might be astonished at what you can find in the toiletries section!

### Around the Diocese

#### Standing Against Racism

Members of St. Thomas, Dallas helped organize a Rally Against Hate at the Polk County Courthouse on August 26. Vicar Fred Heard said, "Wow Dallas Oregon! What a great rally and turnout...many honking cars and thumbs up. Only one negative and one Confederate flag drive by before the rally started. A real message of love. Proud of Dallas! This can happen in every small town throughout America! Also it was nice having a very kind Deputy from the Polk County Sheriff's office on the edge of the crowd."

Clergy and parishioners from several cities joined the Clergy and People of Faith March for Justice in Portland.  
*From the Diocesan Digest, August 31, 2017*

#### Highlights of BAC Meeting, 6/30/17

The meeting came to order with all members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

The Senior Warden reported that all but one of the required background checks have been completed.

The Junior Warden reported on the scheduling of the Phase I electrical work by Reese Electric, the landscaping of the garden that included bark between the shrubbery, mowing of the field at Edison and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets, taking the junk from the closet to the dump, and cleaning of the gutters. Tom recommended that after Reese completes the Phase I upgrade, we get new bids on the next phase because the old bids are over two years old. He also led a discussion on a new sign for the front of the church.

## BAC Highlights (continued)

Kay Marino presented the Treasurer's Report for review. She also noted that the Norton antivirus protection needs to be updated and suggested a two-year subscription. She will consult with our webmaster on this matter.

The kitchen sink is still leaking towards the back. If the faucet is washerless, we will need to replace it. Tom will look into Delta and Moen faucets.

Web Master Grant Webb has updated the St. John's website. He needs an update on the outreach project of the Medical Equipment Loan Closet. Also, we need to add photos of the garden as a great feature.

Memorial Fund. Rev. Eileen, Kay, Mary Garrett, and Laurea are now installed to help manage the fund.

Convocation Picnic - Laurea has contacted Lucinda, Lani and Rev. Christy regarding plans for the picnic. As a church wide event, this is sponsored by BAC and ECW will help. St. John's will provide the meat while the visiting churches will bring pot luck side dishes. Kay advised that we have a special collection from the members of St. John to cover the costs. Rev. Eileen will check with Rev. Christy for the info on the flier to all of the churches. Denise suggested that someone check with the Lions Club at the 4th of July BBQ would they donate any leftover condiments. Kathy volunteered to see.

Bank Account Signers. Mary Garrett is removed and Denise Skillman is added. Those who may sign checks are Kay Marino, Denise Skillman and Kathy Webb.

Treasurer & Bookkeeper replacements - Since the terms for Kay and Kathy will be up at the next annual meeting in February, Rev. Eileen asked we need find someone to replace their positions. It was suggested we mention it in the Newsletter.

Pet Blessing - July 15th, to coincide with the dog show held at the High School, set for 11 - 2 PM. We have St. Francis Prayer printed up & medals, may need more.

Medical Loan Closet. Lucinda has been able to receive donations from the Coquille Hospital; however we should explain to them that only certain items will be accepted. Rev. Eileen will inform Judy Jackson that we need a list of appropriate donations.

Secretary - At Rev. Eileen's recommendation, Virginia MacCallum has been reclassified from secretary and designated as Mission Administrator at a salary of \$375 per month.

**What's with the little black box?**

You may have noticed on occasional Sundays this summer that a little black box has sat on the altar during Holy Eucharist, and was passed to a parishioner as the service came to an end. That box contains a portable communion set, and arrangements have been made prior to the service for it to be taken to someone in particular.

As bread and wine are consecrated during Holy Eucharist, some of each is set aside in this kit to be taken to parishioners who are unable to attend due to illness, disability or hospitalization, so that they, too, can participate in the "Communion of all the Saints."

The lay ministers who take communion to the hospital or someone's home are specially trained, and they are licensed by the bishop as Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV). Although the act of bringing the consecrated bread to a shut-in is not a Eucharist, it is a time of prayer and worship and of receiving Christ in the Sacrament.

During the public church service, LEVs hold the person(s) they will be visiting in prayer, and may take a few notes from the homily and announcements to pass along. They make their visitation as soon after the service ends as possible, and welcome a companion (who can be any member of the church) to come along.

Currently, St. John has three licensed LEVs: Donna Flammang and Bill and Kay Marino. If you would like more information about this ministry, or would like to schedule a visitation for yourself or someone else, please call the church office (541) 347-2152 or send an email to [reveileen7@gmail.com](mailto:reveileen7@gmail.com).



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Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

					1 <i>Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</i>	2
3 <i>13th Sun of Pentecost</i> <i>Eucharist 9:30</i> <i>Liturg Comm 11:30</i>	4	5 <b>B'day: Lucinda Tatman</b> <i>ACOA 6:30 p.</i> <i>AA 8:00 p.</i>	6 <b>B'day: Kay Marino</b> <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p</i>	7 <i>Adapt 5:30 p.</i>	8 <i>Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</i> <i>Blessing of the Bogs 11 a.</i>	9
10 <i>14th Sun of Pentecost</i> <i>Eucharist 9:30</i>	11 <i>Rev Eileen Invocation at City Council 7 p.</i>	12 <i>ACOA 6:30 p.</i> <i>AA 8:00 p.</i>	13 <i>Bi8ble Stidy 3 &amp; ?</i> <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p</i>	14 <i>Adapt 5:30 p.</i>	15 <i>Chair Yo-ga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</i> <i>BAC 3:30 p.m.</i>	16
17 <i>15th Sun of Pentecost</i> <i>Eucharist 9:30</i>	18	19 <i>BMA 10 a.</i> <i>ACOA 6:30 p.</i> <i>AA 8:00 p.</i>	20 <i>Bible Study 3 &amp; ?</i> <i>Choir Practice 6:30 p</i>	21 <i>Adapt 5:30 p.</i>	22 <i>No Chair Yoga</i> <b>B'day: Bob Graville</b>	23
24 <i>16th Sun of Pentecost</i> <i>Eucharist 9:30</i> <i>ECW 11:30</i>	25	26 <i>ACOA 6:30 p.</i> <i>AA 8:00 p.</i>	27 <i>Bible Study 3 &amp; ?</i> <i>No Choir Practice</i>	28 <i>Adapt 5:30 p.</i>	29 <i>Chair Yo-ga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</i>	30

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2017

Service	LEM/Lay Preacher	1st Lector	2d Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Coffee/Snacks
9/3 13th Sun. after Pentecost  Holy Eucharist	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Laurea</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Kay &amp; Bill</u>
9/10 14th Sun. after Pentecost  Holy Eucharist	<u>Donna</u>	<u>Caroline</u>	<u>Marilyn</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Judy</u>	<u>Caroline</u>
9/17 15th Sun. after Pentecost  Holy Eucharist	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Laurea</u>	<u>Debra</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Roy</u>	<u>Laurea</u>
9/24 16th Sun. after Pentecost  Holy Eucharist	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Caroline</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Myra</u>

Names that are underlined indicate duties and dates on which each of you has agreed to serve. Thank you for the gift of your time and talents!

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**WHO WE ARE**

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.