

St. John's Journal

January 2018

St. John's Contacts

BAC

Senior Warden Denise Skillman

Junior Warden Tom Glunt

Secretary Kathy Webb

Treasurer Kay Marino

Members at Large:

Laurea Arnoldt

Robin Hanna

Juanita Limon

The Right Reverend Michael Hanley,

Bishop & Rector

Church Administrator: Virginia

MacCallum

Office Hours: Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m.

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

1/7 1st Sun. after
Epiphany

1/14 2d Sun. after
Epiphany

1/21 3rd Sun. after
Epiphany

12/24 4th Sun. after
Epiphany

Some Words from your Senior Warden

In the civil calendar, January is governed by a two-faced god, Janus, who looks simultaneously toward the past and the future. We tend to do the same at this time of year, reflecting on how well we met our goals over the past 12 months and contemplating what we hope to accomplish in the coming year. But whether we meet all our goals or not, God never wastes the time we spend trying. (Think of the Israelites, who wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, shaking off their past misdeeds and learning from their mistakes, while God patiently waited for them to become worthy of entering the Promised Land.)

Calendar year 2017 is only a memory now. Rev. Eileen Heden, who came to us in mid-February, announced her retirement in late December and performed her last official act at St. John by officiating at Holy Eucharist on December 31st.

So, are we right back where we were a year ago? Not entirely. We did not have a resident priest last January, and that is true again. (We will return to inviting supply priests, as we did in 2016, and hold Morning Prayer when they are not available.) We are still a mission church, and Bishop Hanley remains our rector. The Bishop's Advisory Committee is now fully responsible to him for the day-to-day operations of St. John's ministries, and when the time is right, we will establish a Search Committee to help us find a new priest who can abide with us – one who can lead us in worship, and counsel and comfort us through all our joys and sorrows.

However, we can never be *exactly* in the same place we were last January, because we are not the same people we were a year ago. Some members of the congregation have left and newcomers have arrived. Even those who have stayed are not the same. We have been transformed by time and experience – just like those Israelites in the wilderness.

In welcoming people of other denominations and belief systems, we encountered individuals who did not know what it means to us to be not just Christians but Episcopalians, which forced us to evangelize a bit -- to express our beliefs and our appreciation of Episcopal traditions more verbally than we usually do. That was certainly a blessing that came out of our experiences in 2017.

We also focused last year on expressing our Christian compassion in practical ways. We expanded a new ministry for those who need durable medical equipment that now serves not just Bandon, but surrounding communities. With Rev. Eileen's leadership, we re-instituted Eucharistic home visits and Bible study, manned a Farmer's Market stand when a parishioner needed help, provided aid to the hungry at our door, and the needy who came to our attention. We also initiated plans to support a diocesan effort to bring aid to refugees. So, although her tenure was brief, Rev. Eileen left an enduring mark in 2017.

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Some Words from Your Senior Warden (continued)

Rumors throughout Bandon have indicated that during her retirement, Rev. Eileen intends to focus on her art and perhaps teach some classes. Therefore, at the conclusion of Sunday's service, and on behalf of the congregation, the BAC presented Rev. Eileen with a gift certificate for art supplies to support that endeavor.

Following coffee hour that Sunday, the **BAC** met to consider the Bishop's instructions for moving forward. After the January 7th Morning Prayer service, the **Liturgical Committee** will meet to map out the first quarter of 2018.

When we talk about liturgy being the "work of the people," we acknowledge that it does not depend solely on the ministry of one priest. Those of us who work behind the scenes or have specific roles during the service can tell you that liturgy is not all that easy to produce, but it becomes easier when more people are actively involved in making it happen -- so 2018 will offer an opportunity for people to become more involved in various worship ministries, just as they were in the Early Church.

In the absence of a Priest-in-Charge, the Senior Warden becomes responsible for the general administration of the mission, so you should know that until the Bishop or a new vicar replaces me, I expect to continue serving you and St. John for another year. But I'm not the only servant here. This is a shared ministry, and I plan to deputize a few people to ensure that all our ministries are properly coordinated and communications flow freely.

If you need to get in touch, you may contact me at deniseskillman@gmail.com or 541-290-3777. (Please remember that I have a job, and may not be able to respond immediately, but I will get back to you.)

May God's blessings abide with us always. *Amen*

Denise Skillman, Senior Warden

Important Dates

Month of January:	Bible Study is temporarily suspended.
January 7 (Sun):	Liturgical Committee meets after Coffee Hour
January 15 (Mon):	Reports due for Annual Meeting (all officers and ministry leaders, please submit in writing to the Mission Administrator no later than 5 p.m.
January 19 (Fri):	BAC Regular Meeting 3:30 p.m. (Budget Proposal)
January 21 (Sun):	Theological Sunday (Canonical offering in support of seminaries)
January 28 (Sun):	ANNUAL MEETING

(Notice required by bylaws to be published in newsletter at least 14 days prior to meeting)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Meeting of St. John Episcopal Church shall be held for the purpose of hearing and acting on reports of all officers, guilds and other organizations; for the election of members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee (BAC) and Treasurer; and for the transaction of such other business as may canonically come before the meeting. Note that this year, the BAC will also be seeking a Clerk to keep the minutes. (The clerk is not required to be a voting member of the BAC.) No one may be nominated without that person's prior consent. All nominees must be qualified voters at St. John.

All communicants of the church aged 16 and older, who have been enrolled on the Church Register prior to July 23, 2017 and have taken communion in the church during 2017, and all baptized members of like age who have been contributors in their own names in support of the church since no later than July 23, 2017, shall be legal voters of the church. Voting shall be limited to those present at the Annual Meeting (no proxy voting allowed).

– Denise Skillman, Senior Warden

Last Month's Good News

(Much too good to leave out!)

St John ECW

11/26/2017

Present: Laurea Arnoldt, Pres., Denise Skillman, Mary Garrett, Jaunita Limon, Lucinda Tatman, Robin Hanna, Judy Jackson, and Rev. Eileen Heden.

President Laurea started the meeting by advising that we would continue to meet, but maybe only quarterly rather than monthly. It was agreed that many of us are serving the church in many different Ministries. We had no Secretary or Treasurer. We moved on to having the Christmas Family Subcommittee take over the meeting.

Juanita Limon told us that she would be contacting the Harbor Lights Middle School to find a family in need. She also received an email from last year's family who asked for helps again this year. The question was asked, do we want to help them again?

Motion was made to give a gift to each child. Mary Garrett made the motion, Lucinda Tatman seconded. Ayes carried.

Under old business, it was asked whether we would also give money to the food pantry in Bandon like we did last year. Mary Garrett made the motion, Judy Jackson seconded. Ayes carried. However, since the ECW Board wasn't present, a separate vote will be taken to go ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurea Arnoldt

ECW Meeting (continued)

Christmas Family Subcommittee:

Juanita Limon received the name of our new adopted family for Christmas; there are 5 members -- Mom, Dad, and 3 children. She made up all the name tags and their wants. 3 tags per person.

Our last year adopted family contacted Juanita asking for help for her 5 children for Christmas. Last Sunday at the ECW meeting we voted to buy the children gifts. Juanita made up tags for them also, 5 tags in all.

Juanita will bring them to Church on Sunday and put them on the tree -- on the right side of tree 5 tags for last year's family, and the left side this year's family.

Juanita will need two or three volunteers (Mary Garrett and Laurea Arnoldt) to help shop for Christmas Dinner for our new family. We can meet after Church this Sunday in Theresa Hall to plan a day to shop. The day we shop we will deliver gifts and dinner to new family.

Last year's family will be delivered another day.

Please pick a tag off the tree return a wrapped gift. Juanita will have blank tags under the tree.

Thank You and My Blessings to all,

Juanita Limon



More Good Reports from December 2017



The St. John's Medical Loan Closet

Advent: *Arrival of a notable thing, person or event.*

When Loan Closet clients come to us, we see and feel their frustration. It shows in their eyes and in their slow and laborious climb up our ramp. We hear it the voices of the wives or husbands who call us. They sound weary.

They've waited to see specialists, driven to the Valley over and over again, waited for surgery, and for an end to their pain. They crave a more mobile life.

Their caregivers seem worried about how they'll manage to help during the recovery. Can they support them with a positive attitude? More practically, will they be able to help them get in and out of the shower and on and off the toilet?

But, we also see a glimmer of hope. They've heard stories of success and the doctors are optimistic and confident. Fingers crossed - this should solve the problem.

During this Advent season, let us light a virtual candle for our neighbors and hope that in three months - when they return their walkers or wheelchairs - we'll see them bound up the stairs with new vigor and joy.

Walk and Roll!

Judy Jackson
Loan Closet Coordinator

Report of the BAC Meeting 11/13/17

The BAC met with all members present and dealt with the following business:

Comspan will discount our bill.

Our DPA will be less by \$100 in 2018 based on 2015 and 2016 reports. (continued next column)

Coming in January!

Gentle Yoga

Debra Pierson will be conducting gentle (mat) yoga on Tuesday mornings beginning on January 2 in Theresa Hall. Sessions begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 11:15 a.m. Contact Debra for additional information at 541-404-6855.

BAC (Continued)

St. John has hired Tracy Hudson as bookkeeper for the church.

The new treasurer has to be a member of St. John. Kay Marino presented a list of the duties for the position.

Bank and Funds are reconciled up to 10/31/17.

Money in the Outreach Fund has reached \$865.

An audit committee has been appointed: Judy Jackson, Sally Glunt, Juanita Limon, and Kay Marino.

Laurea was within the Stewardship budget for Pizza Sunday to kick off the stewardship campaign, and there is plenty of money left for Sundae Sunday to celebrate the conclusion of that campaign.

On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the cash offerings and checks designated for the poor will go to the Diocese in support of the poor and homeless.

Because we are throwing out too much coffee each week, we will buy another Mr. Coffee Maker and reserve the urn for large occasions.

Three BAC terms will expire in January (Kay Marino, treasurer; Kathy Webb, secretary; and Juanita Limon).

Reese Electric will replace the LED lights in the entire church.

Tom tested the ovens and has placed a sign above them indicating how to set them to compensate for their deviation from the set temperature.

Fire extinguishers and safety were discussed, and Tom will consult with a company that services fire extinguishers.

With \$1300 in the Vicar's Discretionary Fund, Rev. Eileen proposed helping out with "Restart Kits for Refugees" as shown at the recent Diocesan Convention. The BAC recommended not using all of the fund because it takes a while to rebuild the fund. Using the fund, Rev. Eileen was able to help a family living in their car.

January 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Gail Pray's birthday Jan. 2—tomorrow!	Gentle Yoga 10-11:15 a.m. ACOA 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	Choir Practice 6:30	Adapt 5:30 p.m.	Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon	
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21 3d Sun. after Epiphany Morning Prayer 9:30	22 Mike Craig's birthday Jan, 23, tomorrow!	Gentle Yoga 10-11:15 a.m. ACOA 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	Choir Practice 6:30	Office Hrs 2-6 this week Adapt 5:30 p.m.	Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon	27
28 4th Sun. after Epiphany Morning Prayer 9:30 & Annual Meeting	29	Gentle Yoga 10-11:15 a.m. ACOA 6:30 p.m. AA 8 p.m.	Choir Practice 6:30			

Service	Lay Preacher	1st Lector	2nd Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Snacks
1/7 1st Sunday after Epiphany Morning Prayer	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Lucinda</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Grant</u>	<u>Juanita</u>
1/14 2r Sunday after Epiphany Morning Prayer	<u>Kay</u>		<u>Tom</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Sally</u>
1/21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Morning Prayer	<u>Ginger</u>		<u>Lucinda</u>			
1/28 4th Sunday after Epiphany Morning Prayer				<u>Lucinda</u>		

The names underlined have agreed to to serve on the dates and in the duties indicated.

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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.

