

St. John's Journal

MAY 2018

St. John's Contacts

BAC

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Laurea Arnoldt

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The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hanley,

Bishop & Rector

Church Administrator:

Virginia MacCallum

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

Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

- 5/6 6th Easter
Morning Prayer
- 5/13 7th Sunday of Easter
Morning Prayer II
- 5/20 WHITSUNDAY (Pentecost)
Historic Holy Eucharist
Rev. Phillip Ayers
- 5/27 TRINITY SUNDAY
(1st Sunday after Pentecost)
Holy Eucharist II
Rev. A. J. Buckley



Episcopal Bishop Reviews Church Work in Southern Oregon

This headline appropriately describes the visit that the Rt. Rev. Michael Hanley made to St. John's last month, but it is actually taken from a special report in *The Morning Oregonian* on September 30, 1908, which stated in part:

Bishop Scadding of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon has been spending several weeks in visiting the Episcopal churches in Southern Oregon and the Coast Counties. . . .

Having received many requests from church members to make his headquarters for the Summer in the southern coast counties, Bishop Scadding has promised to give the matter careful consideration, and plans to spend three months next Summer assisting Rev. William Horsfall in developing the church's work from Gardiner to Gold Beach; and from Roseburg to Ashland in associate mission work. . . .

Our current bishop relocates from Lake Oswego to Brookings for a couple weeks each Spring so he can spend time with the churches of the South Coast and Southern Oregon. It was our turn

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PLEASE HELP OUR HOUSEKEEPER!

St. John's is a busy place, not just on Sundays, but throughout the week. In addition to what the calendar shows, numerous people volunteer time in the office, the medical loan closet and the sacristy, some with a fairly routine schedule and some at their own convenience or when a special need arises.

While this is wonderful evidence of how much St. John is part of our daily lives, it makes it difficult to schedule cleaning staff. Our housekeeper cleans the church twice a month, sometime before Sunday services, and finds it increasingly difficult to get her job done with so many people coming and going at random times.

Until we are able to establish a fixed cleaning schedule, if you come by and see a sign on the door that says **"DO NOT ENTER,"** please return in an hour or so to give our housekeeper time to sanitize the kitchen and bathrooms and clean carpets and floors.

Thank you!

Our Early History in Brief

1853	Thomas Fielding Scott was elected 1st Bishop of the Missionary Jurisdiction of the Oregon and Washington Territories. The district included <u>ALL</u> of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Western Montana.
1859	Oregon became the 33rd state.
1868	Benjamin Wistar Morris was elected 2nd Bishop of Oregon.
1884	Methodists held services on the beach in Bandon; The Rev. Wm. Lund of Australia took up the "Mission on Coos Bay and the Southern Coast" in September.
1885	Rev. Lund accompanied Bishop Morris during his official visitation to 15 stops between Gardiner and Ellensburg [Gold Beach].
1890	The Rev. John W. Sellwood, Rector of St. David's (East Portland) died.
1893	Isabelle J. "Belle" Sellwood donated \$500 of the needed \$600 for construction of "St. John's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church" in Bandon, in memory of her husband. <i>(In today's dollars, her contribution would be valued at over \$13,181 and the total cost would be \$15,817.)</i>
<u>9/23/1893</u>	Bishop Morris laid the cornerstone, which contained a copper box that held a Bible, prayer book, church and local papers.
1894	St. John's was consecrated by Bishop Morris on August 25th at its original location in Block 7, Woodland Addition (somewhere near what is currently Lighthouse Cove Inn).
1920's	"St. John's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church" was moved to the corner of 8th and Franklin.
1936	St. John's was destroyed by fire, along with most of Bandon, on September 26th. It took three years to rebuild at the same location.

Quasquicentennial Kick-Off

The Sunday of Pentecost is the eve of a 125-day countdown to our quasquicentennial celebration that will culminate on September 23rd. On that day in 1893 (125 years ago), the cornerstone was laid for St. John's By-the Sea Episcopal Church. We'll spend much of this summer thinking about the pioneer missionaries who came to this region, the people who built our first Episcopal Church, and the stalwart members who sustained it through fires, wars, and the Great Depression.

To get into the spirit of this quasquicentennial season, Pentecost will be celebrated with a special liturgy adapted from the 1892 Book of Common Prayer that those early parishioners used. Come experience a bit of history with us!

Bandon Ministerial Association Meeting Highlights

Present on April 19: Greg Fodrea, First Baptist Church; Bobbie Neason, First Presbyterian, Robin Haruna, Unity of Bandon; Mike Jensen, LDS Church; Laurea Arnoldt, St. John Episcopal; Eileen Heden, retired; John Hubbard, retired.

- **National Day of Prayer** May 3 12:10 in front of City Hall. Prayers were assigned to various clergy regarding the community, the nation, veterans and active service, police and first responders, youth and families, homeless and those in need, the sick and afflicted, schools, and the spiritual health of the community.
- **Blessing of the Fleet** May 26 – Elaine Caldwell usually coordinates this; will make final plans at next meeting.
- **Singspiration 5th Sundays** at 6 PM: April 29 - First Presbyterian or First Baptist; July 29 – St. John Episcopal; September 30 – Unity; December 30 – First Baptist.
- **Summer Activities:** Discussed possibilities of holding a community worship service on a Sunday afternoon at the beach (perhaps Devil's Kitchen as there is less wind) or at Bullard's. Greg will inquire as to logistics and interest.
- **Baccalaureate** – School will be setting date sometime this week; there are approximately 50 graduates. We have a sufficient number of Bibles available.

Other

- -Laurea reported current activities at St. John. They now have a Smart TV and internet connection available in Theresa Hall; events for 125th anniversary celebration are in the works.
- -First Presbyterian is in need of a music director.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 15, 10:30** at the Station Restaurant.



“Birthday of the Church”

Remember to wear something **RED** to church on **May 20th!**

Why red? To recall the “cloven tongues as of fire” that descended on all the followers of Jesus who gathered at a house in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, where they were filled with the Holy Spirit and granted the ability to speak in foreign languages so that all people could come to know God.

Clergy wear red vestments to signify the work of the Holy Spirit. By wearing red ourselves, we are reminded of the fire and energy of the Holy Spirit as the Gospel began to be spread across the known world.

Pentecost began as an ancient Jewish harvest festival. In Britain and Ireland, and among Anglicans and Methodists around the world, it is known as “Whitsunday” (White Sunday), which makes our choice of red attire that much more confusing. Apparently, “Whitsunday” referred to the white gowns worn by those to be baptized on that day. In Britain, Whitsunday drew from Beltane, an ancient Celtic celebration of the beginning of Summer.

In medieval Europe it marked a pause in the agricultural year. Whitsunday began one of three weeks each year when the villein (feudal tenant) was free from service to the lord of the manor.

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Bishop's Visitation

on April 15th. We had a great turnout for his official biennial visitation.

Bishop Hanley set an arduous schedule for himself and Deacon Maureen Hagen, who assisted him. He began with an early morning meeting with the BAC, then presiding at Holy Eucharist, visiting with parishioners, and hurrying to Gold Beach to do it all again at St. Matthew's.

In our meeting, the BAC addressed how we are accomplishing our mission to heal, teach, reach out and be careful stewards of the church; how we are getting past the stresses of last year; and how we are doing both spiritually and financially.

In turn, the Bishop spoke about the current state of clergy deploy-

ment and other churches which have been without resident Episcopal clergy for some time — our neighbor to the south, St. Christopher's (Port Orford), being the most familiar.

Bishop Hanley spoke about three common deficiencies in small churches: low membership, low pledge income that cannot meet the needs of prospective clergy, and the lack of qualified musicians and choirs to enrich the worship experience and attract new members.

With John Leavitt's "Festival Sanctus" during the Offertory, the Chapel Choir of St. John clearly demonstrated the excellence of our music program!

Neither the Bishop nor BAC foresaw a clergy appointment

here anytime soon, so until we can generate enough money through pledges and fundraising to cover both general operating expenses and an acceptable clergy stipend, we will continue to rely on Supply Clergy once or twice a month.

In doing so, we will be returning to our roots — worshipping together through Morning Prayer most Sundays, and focusing more on how the Word of God feeds us in our daily lives.

Think of this as part of our Quasiquicentennial Celebration — worshipping as early Bandon Episcopalians did. We'll be learning more in the coming weeks.

—Denise Skillman,
Senior Warden

Medical Loan Closet Has Needs

The St. John's Medical Loan Closet is thriving with lots of equipment checked out. This means that we're running low on certain items and are seeking donations of bench walkers, shower stools and toilet risers.

Please check your garages, closets and attics and contact (541) 590-2443 if you have something to donate. We'll be really grateful.



Shower Stools

Walk and Roll!



Bench Walkers



Toilet Risers

May 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Birthdays in Red</p> <p>Note Chair Yoga will be in the afternoon on May 11th</p>		<p>1</p> <p>ACOA 5:30 & ACOA 6:30 AA 8 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Karen Sinko</i></p> <p>Adapt 3-7 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 6th Sun. of Easter</p> <p>Morning Prayer</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ACOA 5:30 & ACOA 6:30 AA 8 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30-8</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Adapt 3-7 pm</p>	<p>11 Funeral 11 a.m. Chair Yoga w/ Debra 2-3:30 Quasqui 3:30</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 7th Sun of Easter, M.P. <i>Virginia Fitzgerald</i></p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BAC 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>15 BMA 10:30, Station ACOA 5:30 & ACOA 6:30 AA 8 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Virginia MacCallum</i></p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30-8</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Adapt 3-7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>PENTECOST Holy Communion Victorian Tea after church</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Quasquicentennial countdown begins (Day 125)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ACOA 5:30 & ACOA 6:30 AA 8 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Juanita Limon</i></p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30-8</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Adapt 3-7 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Chair Yoga w/ Debra 10:30-noon</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Marilyn Pratt</i> Blessing of the Fleet</p>
<p>27</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY Eucharist</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>ACOA 5:30 & ACOA 6:30 AA 8 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:30-8</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Adapt 3-7 pm</p>		

Lay Ministry Schedule

Service	LEM/Lay Minister	1st Lector	2nd Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Coffee/Snacks
5/6/18 6th after Easter MORNING PRAYER	<u>BILL</u>	<u>LAUREA</u>	<u>GINGER</u>	<u>KAY</u>	<u>MARY</u>	<u>SALLY</u>
Fri., 5/11 at 11 Burial Svc. for Faye Lindemann -Tayler	<u>DONNA</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>JUDY</u>	N/A
5/13/18 7th after Easter MORNING PRAYER	<u>GINGER</u>	<u>LAUREA</u>	<u>TOM</u>	<u>LAUREA</u>	<u>ROY</u>	<u>KAY</u>
5/20/2018 Day of Pentecost HOLY EUCHARIST	<u>DENISE</u>	<u>KAY</u>	<u>LAUREA</u>	<u>BILL</u>	<u>JUDY</u>	<u>QUASQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE</u>
5/27/2018 Trinity Sunday HOLY EUCHARIST	<u>DENISE</u>	<u>GINGER</u>	<u>MYRA</u>	<u>LAUREA</u>	<u>MARY</u>	?

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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.