

# St. John's Journal

November 2018

St. John's Contacts

## BAC

Senior Warden Denise Skillman

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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.

11/4 All Saints Sunday

Holy Eucharist (Rev. Phillip Ayers)

11/11 25th Sun. of Pentecost

Morning Prayer

11/18 26th Sun. of Pentecost

Morning Prayer

11/25 27th Sun. of Pentecost

Morning Prayer

## *Let our lives be full of Thanks and Giving*

November marks the end of the Christian Year and seems to be an appropriate time for reflection. Somewhere I read "*gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.*" That seems like a great tagline for 2018. What a perfect year this has been to appreciate all the people who have poured time, talent and treasure into building and sustaining St. John both as a loving and supportive family and as a place that provides peace, healing and knowledge of the love of God!

St. John may be a small mission church in a small town, but we are not the smallest leaf on the Church's family tree. We are connected to the worldwide Anglican Communion through membership in the South Coast Convocation, a regional division of the Diocese of Oregon. Likewise, our diocese belongs to "Province VIII" of the Episcopal Church (nine western states plus Navajoland, Micronesia and Taiwan). The Episcopal Church in the United States is both a descendant of and partner with the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church. Let us be thankful we can count ourselves among this vast and diverse community of faith.

On the first three days of November, all Western Oregon's clergy and lay delegates elected by their congregations will gather in Seaside at the Diocese of Oregon's Annual Convention. Business will get underway 8 a.m. Friday with hearings on the Diocesan Budget, proposed changes to our Canons (rules and regulations) and some policy resolutions, and it will continue (with breaks for eating and sleeping) until the convention adjourns on Saturday in time to get clergy back in their pulpits by Sunday morning, and delegates back in their pews.

This year we are sending Laurea Arnoldt and Sally Glunt as our delegates. Serving as a delegate is a rewarding experience, but it requires preparation. Let us thank Laurea and Sally for

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generously offering their time and talents throughout the year by attending convocation meetings where issues that will be on the agenda were discussed. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to and from convention, and as they vote and make decisions that will affect St. John and all the churches in our diocese.

We began the year without a priest-in-charge, which was the focus of two visits from Diocesan staff. Canon Neysa Ellgren Shepley (who works with churches "in transition") came in January to assess our readiness to move forward. She found us already reaching out to available supply clergy and appropriately delegating duties to keep St. John's ministries intact. Canon Neysa offered encouragement and promised to help us renew our search for long-term clergy when we are ready. During his official visitation in April, Bishop Michael Hanley met with the BAC to review our situation, and could not fail to notice our faith and enthusiasm when we spoke of our plans to launch a 125-day quasiquicentennial celebration of St. John's history. I, for one, am grateful that both Canon Neysa and Bishop Michael have given us time and space this year to make sense of our past and find our path forward.

Not only did our quasiquicentennial raise awareness of St. John's religious and cultural role in the history of Bandon, it also served as a catalyst for much-needed fundraising to support our mission and vision. Squads of volunteers worked tirelessly to plan and execute events (including October's rummage sale), resulting in what is probably the most successful fundraising season St. John has ever had. I am grateful for all the ways members and friends contributed to the quasiquicentennial and thankful that so many things I no longer need found new homes while benefitting the church. I'm especially thankful for the volunteers who set up, staffed and cleaned up after the two-day rummage sale: Sally Glunt, Laurea Arnoldt, Juanita Limon, Judy Jackson, Mary Garrett and Lani Reynolds.

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Because so much energy was put into raising operating funds during the summer, the BAC has elected to postpone our usual Fall Ingathering of pledges until January, which will leave little time to draft a budget before our annual meeting. This is possible in large part due to the success of our summer campaign combined with an extraordinarily generous and inspiring gift from an anonymous benefactor. What an expansive vision they have provided for our future!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Denise Skillman, Senior Warden

**SAVE THESE DATES**

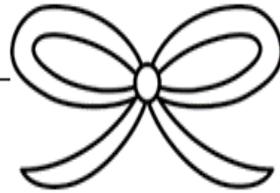
**Nov. 21:** Bandon's community Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Wednesday, 11/21, 6 PM. The Rev. Bobbi Neason of First Presbyterian will conduct the service. Those attending are asked to bring canned food and/or a dessert or bread to be taken to the community meal at the Barn the next day.

**Dec. 16:** Greening of the Church! Let's get ready for the celebration of Our Lord's birth.

**Jan. 6, 2019:** Epiphany Luncheon and party

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
sing praises to His Name, He forgets not His own

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader in battle,  
and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised; O Lord, make us free!



Starting your  
holiday shopping?



Don't forget to designate  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Bandon, OR  
as your AmazonSmile charity .

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0914670>

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Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

				1  Adapt 5:30-7	2  Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	3
4 All Saints HE II (Rev Phillip Ayers)	5 <i>Birthday</i> <i>Sue Pearce</i> BAC 10:30	6 ACOA 5:30 AA 8:00	7 Choir Prac- tice 6:30	8  Adapt 5:30-7	9  Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	10
11 25th Sun of Pen- tecost MP II	12	13 ACOA 5:30 AA 8:00	14 Choir Prac- tice 6:30	15  Adapt 5:30-7	16  Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	17
18 26th Sun of Pen- tecost MP II	19	20 ACOA 5:30 AA 8:00	21 Comm. Thanksgiv- ing 1st Bap- tist/Choir Practice	22 ?? Adapt 5:30-7	23  Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	24
25 27th Sun of Pen- tecost MP II	26	27 ACOA 5:30 AA 8:00	28  Choir Prac- tice 6:30	29  Adapt 5:30-7	30  Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	Nov. 30 <i>Birthday</i> <i>Tim Pearce</i>

SERVICE	LEM/Lay Minister	1 <sup>st</sup> Lector	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Snacks/Coffee
Nov. 4 All Saints HE (Rev. Phillip Ayers)	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Judy</u>	
Nov. 11 25th Sun. of Pentecost MP	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Tom</u>		<u>Ginger</u>	
Nov 18 26th Sun. of Pentecost MP	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Myra</u>			- <u>Myra</u>
Nov. 25 27th Sun. of Pentecost MP	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Laurea</u>		<u>Judy</u>	<u>Sally</u>

Thank you for the gift of your service.

Food for the community Food Pantry: Please remember to bring your gifts of non-perishable food to supplement the food pantry. As weather grows more wintry, warm gloves, mittens, and caps will be welcome.

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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.

