

St. John's Journal

August 2019



Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

8/4: 8th Sun. after Pentecost

MP II

8/11: 9th Sun. after Pentecost

HE II The Rev. Mary Piper

8/18: 10th Sun. after Pentecost

MP II

8/25: 11th Sun. after Pentecost

HE II The Rev. Tom Buechele

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS!

Aug. 9: Caroline McKemy

Aug 18: Linda Baldwin



Not-So Ordinary Time

The Season after Pentecost, sometimes called "Ordinary Time," is the longest season of the church year. The liturgical color, green, symbolizes growth: the spread of Christianity in the early days of the Church, and our continuing spiritual growth in Christ, nurtured by the Gospels, sacraments and church traditions.

For the congregation of St. John, this is a not-so-ordinary time. We are now in our 20th month without a Vicar or Priest-in-Charge. This is the longest interim period we've had in our nearly 126-year history, and only the second without "Interim Clergy" to guide us through it.

Our worship services have been led by Supply Priests and Lay Leaders, which has kept our doors open and our costs low. However, much of what the Episcopal Church has to offer individuals seeking a closer relationship with Christ is best offered through a resident priest properly trained to guide us, and to preach and celebrate with us.

An interim period is clearly a break in routine and a test of the abilities of a congregation's lay leadership. It is also a valuable opportunity to reflect on what is most important to each of us in our spiritual journey, what we as a congregation hope to find in the next priest called to lead us, and how much each of us is willing to commit ourselves to making St. John's a more vital expression of God's love in the world. I am grateful that so many of our members have remained committed to our little church and share a desire to see it grow and flourish. I am also encouraged by the way that our collective good works have attracted the attention of newcomers who want to share in our ministries and joy.

As you sit in your pew next Sunday, look around you. If you are a "Cradle Episcopalian," recognize that many of your pew mates were not brought up in the Episcopal tradition, and have much to learn . . . and to give. Some of us have gravitated from other denominations (or non-denominations) and some have even come from non-Christian backgrounds. We have one thing in common, though. We have all found a family and a home at St. John's, through a shared faith in God.

What is it, do you suppose, that draws people of diverse religious backgrounds to the Episcopal Church? I believe it is partly because we thoughtfully and joyfully embrace diversity of all kinds, and welcome the opportunity to deepen our own faith through encounters with other faiths and traditions. Just like Jesus' first disciples, we are free to ask questions, examine customs, and follow our conscience.

One thing that attracted me to the Episcopal Church (by way of its Anglican forebear) is its subtle yet powerful form of evangelism. I have attended churches that promote door-to-door proselytizing (which went against my nature), and have been the unwilling recipient of a "prayer of deliverance" (a form of exorcism) from a loud and overzealous Fundamentalist neighbor. (Being told what to do and what to think by people who don't live up to their own standards never went over well with me.)

The first church where I felt comfortable was in Surrey, England. Parishioners welcomed me into their homes and their lives as though I had always been one of them. They demonstrated how to be "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (*James 1:22*). They never actually spoke of their faith – they just lived it. When I returned to the States I visited an Episcopal church and was welcomed the same way by people who expressed their values and beliefs through various outreach ministries and loving care of one another. After years of searching, I had finally found a church where I felt I could belong (but then I had to move). That same feeling struck me when I first attended St. John's. I am constantly impressed by the many ways our members have found to demonstrate our respect for all creation, and our concern for others near and far.

Let us continue to be visible witnesses of God's love.
Denise Skillman, Senior Warden

BAC**Senior Warden** Denise Skillman**Junior Warden** Tom Glunt**Clerk:** Judy Jackson**Treasurer** Kay Marino**Members at Large:** Laurea Arnoldt, Mary Garrett,
Judy Jackson, Caroline McKemy, & Lani Reynolds

The Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hanley, Bishop & Rector

Church Administrator:

Virginia MacCallum

Office Hours: Tuesdays 2-6 p.m.**Church at the Beach**

The South Coast Convocation – including the Episcopal churches in Florence, Gardner, Coos Bay, Bandon, Coquille, Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings – invites you and your guests to an alfresco Eucharist service at Devils Kitchen Vista Point in Bandon.

We'll gather on a grassy knoll and worship in the warm embrace of seaside breezes, salty sunshine and the fellowship of neighbors, friends and church families.

When: Saturday, August 17th at 10 am

Where: Devils Kitchen State Park Vista Point
(near the intersection of Beach Loop Road and Saturn Lane, Bandon)

Map: <https://tinyurl.com/y5uupkrg>

Preacher: Father Tim Hannon of St. James, Coquille

Presider: Father Angelito Cubillas of St. Andrew's,
Florence.

Music by The Chapel Choir of St. John

Please bring chairs and/or blankets for your seating comfort. There is ample parking and a restroom nearby.

All offertory receipts will be donated to Ocean Shores Conservation Coalition. <https://oregonshores.org/>

Please join us!



*For the beauty of the earth.
For the beauty of the skies . . .*

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME, IT IS MORE THAN STROLLING DOWN A SHADY LANE!

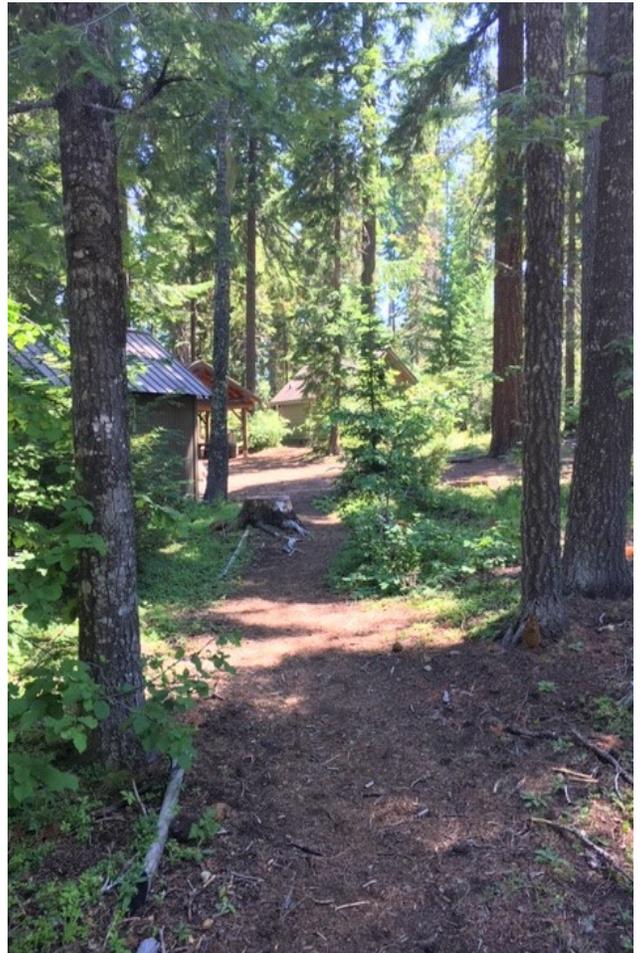
Our own Sally Glunt, a Family Nurse Practitioner, went to church camp for a week, and here is what she reports:

I spent the past week as a volunteer nurse at Camp Suttle Episcopal Diocese of Oregon summer program for kids 6-18 years. We had 48 kids and probably about as many adult staff and volunteers spending the week in the Deshutes National Forest learning about God, our place in the world, and making friends. Days were busy with worship, crafts, Bible study, boating, swimming, hiking, and food! Evenings were just as busy with campfire, star-gazing, sleeping outside one night, and a sunrise hike to the top of the ridge.

This was such a wonderful ministry. It's faith affirming to see the young adult counselors, chaplains, and staff focus on the spiritual and physical growth of our next generation. It was amazing to watch campers progress from shy, angry, sad, withdrawn, homesick to included, loved, happy, God-focused people. By the end of the week, every camper seemed sad to leave.

Keep an eye on the Diocesan newsletter or <https://www.diocese-oregon.org/ministries/camping-news/> if you know a young person that would enjoy camp next summer. It was awesome!

Sally Glunt



MORE FROM CHURCH CAMP AT SUTTLE LAKE AND FROM HAWAII!



MORNING WORSHIP AT CAMP



CAMP NURSE SALLY GLUNT

FLAT JESUS WAS IN HAWAII WITH WAILANI REEP!



Welcome!

A warm St. John's welcome to the Salendro family! It is wonderful to see children in the pews, and these are both handsome, well-behaved boys.

We'll try to have a picture for the September newsletter. Meanwhile, do get to know all four of them!



If we can't laugh at ourselves, then . . . at whom?

Diocesan Listening Sessions

The diocese of Oregon invites you to attend a listening session on the future of the diocese with the Vision and Relocation Committee and the 11th Bishop of Oregon Search Committee.

- **The Vision Subcommittee** will share a new diocesan mission statement, core values, proposed vision statement, and draft logos.
- **The Relocation Subcommittee** will provide an update on the sale of The Bishop's Close and relocation of the diocesan office.
- **The Search Committee** will cover the timeline and a number of FAQs regarding the 11th Bishop of Oregon Search and Transition.

These sessions will take place on August 10 in Grants Pass and on August 17 in Portland and Corvallis. For those unable to attend, the listening session will be filmed and shared online along with digital opportunities to provide input and commentary.

Website links for individual sessions:

August 10, Grants Pass <https://www.diocese-oregon.org/event/diocesan-listening-session-grants-pass/>

August 17, Portland <https://www.diocese-oregon.org/event/diocesan-listening-session-portland/>

August 17, Corvallis <https://www.diocese-oregon.org/event/diocesan-listening-session-corvallis/>

Facebook Events:

August 10, Grants Pass: <https://www.facebook.com/events/418070282216449/>

August 17, Portland: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1877774819035642/>

August 17, Corvallis: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2295611414025855/>

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<i>11 9th Sun of Pentecost HE II Rev. Mary Piper</i>	<i>12</i> <i>BAC: 10:30</i>	<i>13</i> <i>ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Choir Practice 6:30</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Adapt 4:30-7:30</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Chair Yoga 10:30-noon</i>	<i>17 Beach Eucharist 10:00 at Devil's Kitchen Park</i>
<i>18 10th Sun. of Pentecost MP II</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> <i>BMA 10:30 ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Choir Practice 6:30</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Adapt 4:30-7:30</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Chair Yoga 10:30-noon</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25 11th Sun of Pentecost HE II Rev. Tom Buechele</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Choir Practice 6:30</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Adapt 4:30-7:30</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Chair Yoga 10:30-noon</i>	<i>31</i>

Lay Ministry Schedule— August 2019

Service	LEM/Lay Minister	1 st Lector	2 nd Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Coffee/Snacks
8/4 8th Sun. after Pentecost MP II	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Bill</u>		<u>Laurea</u>	<u>Myra</u>
8/11 9th Sun. after Pentecost HE II The Rev. Mary Piper	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Laurea</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Judy</u>	
8/18 10th Sun. after Pentecost MP II	<u>Ginger</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Laurea</u>		<u>Mary</u>	<u>Maggie</u>
8/25 11th Sun. after Pentecost HE II The Rev. Tom Buechele	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Myra</u>	<u>Wailani</u>	<u>Laurea</u>	

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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.