

St. John's Journal

October 2019



Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

10/6 17th Sun. after Pentecost HE II
& Blessing of Animals. The Rev.
Doug Hale

10/13 18th Sun. after Pentecost, MP II

10/20: 19th Sun. after Pentecost, HE II
The Rev. Doug Hale

10/27: 20th Sun. after Pentecost,
MP II

October Birthdays

15:Cynthia Mohorko

27:Mary Garrett

Anniversaries

22:Wailani & Mike Reep

28: Leanne & Patrick Salandro

A Very Special Kind of Love Letter

Dear Members of St. John Episcopal Church,

I've been lurking among you. The intent has been good, nothing nefarious, as you'll soon see.

First, it started online about a year ago. Moving to Bandon, Oregon, had been a goal for me and my family for a few years. Our home church has always been an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) church but we couldn't find any ELCA churches in Bandon so I started "church shopping online" so to speak, looking for a congregation that might be a good fit. It's how I was first attracted to St. John's.

At the same time, my husband and I are community-minded people. After we moved to Bandon, I discovered a local women's organization---100 Strong Bandon. If you visit their website (<https://bandon.com/100-strong/>), you'll learn the group "...is made up of women just like you who want to improve the lives of those living in Bandon by joining funds with other women to make a real impact in just one hour." One hour? I was intrigued. How does it work? 100 Strong Bandon is a group of 100 women committed to financial support of charitable organizations serving Bandon area residents. The group meets 4 times a year for a one-hour meeting, learn about local charities, and each member donates \$50 (or more) to the charity selected by the group. I joined and was inspired to find local charities to nominate.

Once again, I looked online which brings me back to St. John's. I had read about St. John's Medical Loan Closet so I contacted Judy Jackson via email, verified 501(c)(3) status, got more details, and decided to nominate the Medical Loan Closet at the next 100 Strong meeting on August 21, 2019. While 100 Strong does not typically give funds to churches, it was clear that the Medical Loan Closet is not a religious endeavor. It's simply a help-folks-who-need-help endeavor. When I presented St. John's Medical Loan Closet, I was so happy that, as questions were asked, other members in the audience had the answers! Many of the 100 Strong Members in attendance that evening already knew of the meaningful work you do. I was touched. Apparently, so were the members of 100 Strong. It was my pleasure to not just nominate the Medical Loan Closet but also to be the person to tell you all, you got the vote. You should be receiving checks from 100 Strong members very soon to help fulfill your mission of aiding the mobility of neighbors in need.

Thank you so much for the meaningful assistance in our community. It matters so much to so many.

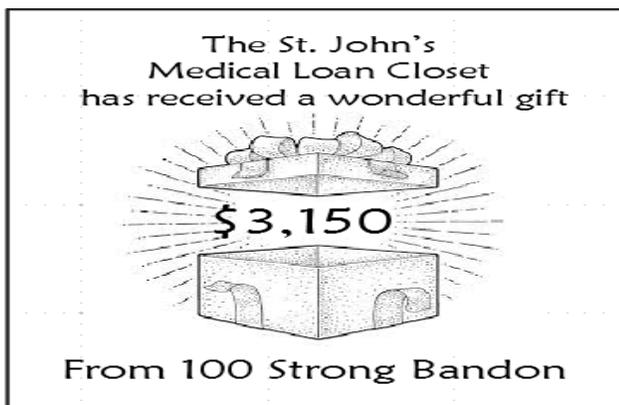
Sincerely,

Leanne Salandro

"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another."



Medical Loan Closet volunteers Judy, Lani, and Mary with 100 Strong's Mary Ann Soukup, Leanne Salandro, and Julie Miller



Joyful Thanks

We are grateful to Leanne Salandro for nominating our Medical Loan Closet for a generous gift from Bandon's own 100 Strong. And thank you, 100 Strong, for your big hearts! Your gift will strengthen our service to all who need to borrow our durable medical goods.

Anticipation

We are in an exciting time as we prepare to wish adieu to Bishop Michal Hanley when he retires and welcome a new bishop for the Diocese of Western Oregon. The diocese has prepared a timeline (below) so we can follow and anticipate the steps in the process. We are all part of this process, so ask questions about what will be a new procedure and experience for many!

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### Timeline

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Oregon Search Process

|                            |                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| May 8, 2019:               | Bishop Hanley announced his desire to retire.                                                                                         |
| June 8, 2019:              | Standing Committee appointed Search Committee                                                                                         |
| June 28-29, 2019:          | Search Committee Orientation and first meeting                                                                                        |
| Summer 2019                | Search Committee prepares diocesan profile; begins preparation for accepting applications/nominations and for discernment             |
| September 5, 2019          | Transition Committee appointed                                                                                                        |
| October 1, 2019            | Diocesan profile and application form published                                                                                       |
| October 25, 2019           | Profile presented at Diocesan Convention                                                                                              |
| November 1-22, 2019`       | Applications and nominations accepted                                                                                                 |
| December 2019-January 2020 | Search Committee goes through process of discernment and selects semi-finalists                                                       |
| January 24, 2020           | Semi-finalists notified and invited to discernment retreat                                                                            |
| February 18-21, 2020       | Discernment retreat at Menucha for Search Committee and semi-finalists                                                                |
| March 6, 2020              | Search Committee announces slate of finalists; petition process begins                                                                |
| March 20, 2020             | Petition process closes                                                                                                               |
| June 7-11, 2020            | Transition Committee coordinates walkabouts                                                                                           |
| June 27, 2020              | Electing Convocation at Trinity Cathedral                                                                                             |
| August-September 2020      | Standing Committee requests consents from other standing committees; Presiding Bishop requests consent from bishops with jurisdiction |
| January 2021               | Ordination of Bishop-Elect, Trinity Cathedral                                                                                         |

## CELEBRATING THE PROMISE OF RENEWAL

On a recent walk through my wooded neighborhood, I noticed most of the Douglas Firs were heavily laden with cones – more than I've noticed in many years. Through research, I discovered this apparent superfluity of fir cones was not a figment of my imagination, but a periodic phenomenon that helps maintain the forest's equilibrium.

A year in which trees and other plants produce exceptionally high amounts of seed is called a "Mast Year." (*Mast is the botanical name for the nuts, seeds, buds, or fruits of trees and shrubs that are eaten by wildlife.*) Mast years only occur every few years. Some scientists theorize that it takes a few years of low seed production to reserve enough energy and mineral resources to produce a Mast Year. Once in a while, even more seeds are produced than in an average mast year. This superabundance is known as "**Mega Mast**," and foresters are calling 2019 a "Mega Mast" year.

The excess seeds provide extra food for rodents, which leads to a significant increase in both the rodent population and the animals that prey upon them. For that year on into the next, life is good for all. Conversely, in non-mast years, the trees produce fewer seeds and the rodent and predator populations decline. When there is more mast available than the predators can consume, seedlings have a better chance of becoming established and the forest is renewed. I've counted 15 tiny fir seedlings in my yard this week. For me they represent a promising future. I wonder how many will survive to participate in their own Mega Mast.

According to organizational life cycle theory, institutions also have years of expansion and contraction, progressing through stages of inception, growth, maturity, and then either decline or revitalization. Our church has reached that crossroad.

Last year St. John's celebrated our inception and initial growth phase. Now, 126 years from our founding we are in our mature phase, with a congregation equipped to carry on the ministry of the Episcopal Church through liturgy, tradition, hospitality and outreach. But one important element is missing – the part that helps maintain our church's equilibrium: a priest dedicated to the welfare of our congregants and our mission to celebrate our love of God and our neighbor, and to serve one another.

From a fundraising standpoint, last year could be considered a mast year. Our income exceeded our expenses to the extent that we could set aside assets to partially fund a priest for one year. But just as in the forest, our funding dropped this year. The 2019 budget allows only \$9,700 for travel and lodging expenses plus supply clergy fees for 25 services (an average of \$388 per service). This year, the BAC has been putting together a salary and benefit package to call a priest to St. John who will be able to celebrate Holy Eucharist nearly twice as often and provide consistent leadership and pastoral care throughout the year. The cost will be over four times as much as we have been paying, and only half of what the Diocese considers proper compensation for a full-time priest for a church our size. It is more than all our 2019 pledges combined, to say nothing of the other expenses our pledges are intended to cover.

Why would the BAC even consider such an audacious leap? Because we know our congregation is ready for this type of pastoral leadership in order to grow and revitalize, and because we have faith that the Lord will provide. We've applied for a grant from the Episcopal Bishop of Oregon Foundation that will make it possible for us to move forward in calling a priest, not for just one year, but for three, by pooling those dollars with our pledges. The long range goal is to become able to fund our entire operating budget through pledges and occasional fundraisers by 2023. That will require both an increase in pledging members and pledged dollars per member. It will also require the faith, creativity and energy I know we have to make St. John's an attractive place for seekers of God's love. (Continued on page 6)

## Promise of Renewal (continued from page 5)

By the end of this month we will know if we can count on that grant and look forward to a mega mast year in 2020. In the meantime, as St. Paul advised the Philippians, ***“Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.”*** [Phil. 4:6, Contemporary English Version]

Denise Skillman, Senior Warden

## ECW News

St. John Episcopal Church Women have agreed to host either the 2020 ECW Spirituality Day or the Annual Meeting. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the ECW Bulletin Board if you wish to be a part of this outreach. As soon as we have a few participants we will call a meeting.

Thanks, Lauea Arnoldt, ECW Pres.

## ***“Unmentionable” Request from Rahab’s Sisters***

Congregations throughout the diocese are collecting new women’s underwear and socks to pass on to Rahab’s Sisters during the Diocesan Convention. Rahab’s Sisters is an organization in Portland that provides “radical hospitality to women marginalized by poverty, homelessness, sex work and substance use.” As they explain on the diocesan website, “[F]or women living on the streets, clothing gets lost in sweeps, bags get stolen, [and] access to laundry facilities can be hard to come by.” A gift as simple as new undergarments helps restore dignity to marginalized women.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please bring your purchases to church by October 20<sup>th</sup> so our delegates can take them to the convention. All sizes (especially medium sizes 7s and 8s), styles and fabrics are needed and appreciated.

## ***Getting to and from Church***

A few in our congregation are having transportation issues that make it difficult for them to get to and from church on Sundays. If you are able to offer a ride now and then, please contact the church office so we can compile a roster of available drivers and vehicles that can be matched up with people who need a ride.

If you have not been able to attend church on Sundays due to lack of transportation, please contact the church office (**541-347-2152**) and let us know if you need space as well for a walker or wheelchair.

## **Prayer List**

*Mary Capps; James Cooper; Michelle; Mike Lane; Tom Glunt; Myra Lawson; the Landucci family; Katherin Eyerly; Virginia Fitzgerald; Melissa Clerx; Rick; Mike Craig; Brady; Lori & Jay; Sandy Bourne; Zoe Bloom; Donna & Kevin Bloom; Marilyn Pratt; Gale Love; Mike & Sandy; Bill, Matthew, & Steven; Claudine Hundhausen; Judy; the Gaffney family*

## ***Do You Have a Favorite Soup Recipe?***

### ***Our Raffle Basket Needs Your Recipes***

Later this month, our convention delegates will take a gift basket to Salem to be raffled off at the Diocesan Convention. Proceeds will go toward support of programs funded through the Diocesan **Commission on Poverty and Homelessness**.

This year our basket will feature **soup making items**. Lani Reynolds is assembling the basket and can tell you more about the types of non-perishable ingredients and other supplies that are needed. To make the gift complete, we'd like to include copies of your **FAVORITE SOUP RECIPES**.

Please bring your soup recipes to church on Sunday or email to [deniseskillman@gmail.com](mailto:deniseskillman@gmail.com) by **October 15, 2019** so our recipes can be compiled into a special collection for the basket.

*“ To feel safe and  
warm on a cold  
wet night, all you  
really need is  
soup . ”*

Laurie Colwin  
(Gourmet columnist,  
essayist, and novelist)

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.

### **Trick or Treat!**

Once again, St. John's is hosting safe Trick or Treat for the children of Bandon on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Come in costume to hand out treats!

We welcome donations of socks and knit caps for kids of all ages including toddlers. We also need donation of apples and pre-wrapped candy.

Please volunteer to greet the children and their parents and help serve warm cider and treats! Yes, we definitely do want you to wear a costume for this occasion!

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 6, bring your pet to church for our annual blessing of the animals. Father Hale will bless pets during the celebration of Holy Eucharist as we also celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. If your pet is quite large, unpredictable, or uncomfortable in a strange place, then let Father Doug bless the beastie on the back deck after church. We love having well-mannered pets in church! They, too, are God's own.

# October 2019

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

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|                                                                       |                        | <i>1</i><br>ACOA 6:30<br>AA 8:00  | <i>2</i> Youth<br>Bible Study<br>noon<br>Choir 6:30  | <i>3</i><br>Adapt 4:30                 | <i>4</i><br>Chair Yoga<br>10:30-noon  | <i>5</i>  |
| <i>6</i> 17th Sun<br>of Pentecost<br>HE & Pet<br>Blessing Fr.<br>Hale | <i>7</i>               | <i>8</i><br>ACOA 6:30<br>AA 8:00  | <i>9</i> Youth<br>Bible Study<br>noon<br>Choir 6:30  | <i>10</i><br>Adapt 4:30                | <i>11</i><br>Chair Yoga<br>10:30-noon | <i>12</i> |
| <i>13</i> 18th<br>Sun of Pen-<br>tecost<br>MP II                      | <i>14</i><br>BAC 10:30 | <i>15</i><br>ACOA 6:30<br>AA 8:00 | <i>16</i> Youth<br>Bible Study<br>noon<br>Choir 6:30 | <i>17</i><br>Adapt 4:30                | <i>18</i><br>Chair Yoga<br>10:30-noon | <i>19</i> |
| <i>20</i> 19th<br>Sun of Pen-<br>tecost HE II<br>Fr. Hale             | <i>21</i>              | <i>22</i><br>ACOA 6:30<br>AA 8:00 | <i>23</i> Youth<br>Bible Study<br>noon<br>Choir 6:30 | <i>24</i><br>Adapt 4:30                | <i>25</i><br>Chair Yoga<br>10:30-noon | <i>26</i> |
| <i>27</i> 20th<br>Sun of Pen-<br>tecost<br>MP II                      | <i>28</i>              | <i>29</i><br>ACOA 6:30<br>AA 8:00 | <i>30</i> Youth<br>Bible Study<br>noon<br>Choir 6:30 | <i>31</i><br>Halloween<br>Party 5-8:30 |                                       |           |

Lay Ministry Schedule—October 2019

| Service                                                            | LEM/Lay Minister | 1 <sup>st</sup> Lector | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector | Intercessor    | Usher/Greeter | Coffee/Snacks |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 10/6 17h Sun. after Pentecost<br>HE II /Pet Blessing-<br>Doug Hale | <u>Denise</u>    | <u>Ginger</u>          | <u>Ginger</u>          | <u>Laurea</u>  | <u>Mary</u>   | <u>Sally</u>  |
| 10/13 18th Sun. after Pentecost<br>MP II                           | <u>Ginger</u>    | <u>Laurea</u>          |                        |                | <u>Judy</u>   |               |
| 10/20 19th Sun. after Pentecost<br>HE II Doug Hale                 | <u>Kay</u>       | <u>Denise</u>          | <u>Laurea</u>          | <u>Wailani</u> |               |               |
| 10/27 20th Sun. after Pentecost<br>MP II                           | <u>Denise</u>    | <u>Ginger</u>          | <u>Ginger</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.