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## ADDENDUM: ST. JOHN'S JOURNAL. NOVEMBER 2019

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Regrettably, the editor inadvertently left some important pieces of information out of the November issue of St. John's Journal for November 2019. I apologize for the gaffe. It was unintended. Here they are, with the importance and timeliness due them.



### St. John's Supports Children's Literacy Program



Most children become true readers around ages 6 to 7. Seventy-four percent of students who cannot read proficiently by the fourth grade struggle in later grades and are 4 to 6 times more likely to drop out. With these statistics in mind, Ocean Crest Elementary School is establishing a community-supported Scholastic Book program to provide age-appropriate books for students to read at home and discretionary funds for teachers to supplement classroom libraries and other teaching materials. (continued)

Junior Warden **Tom Glunt** recently met with Ocean Crest Principal **Becky Armistead** and representatives from the Lions and Rotary clubs and Banner Bank. This group is establishing a fund to provide each student with one free book per month, per year, and offer each classroom teacher an additional cash amount for their discretionary spending. The Lions Club has pledged \$300, Rotary \$1000, St. John's \$2,000, and Banner Bank has pledged matching dollars to get the program started. Our hope is that this will be a sustainable and ongoing outreach program in future years.

### COMMUNITY ADVENT STUDY

Beginning at noon on Tuesday, **November 26**, the Bandon Ministerial Association will host a weekly study of Walter Brueggemann's book, *Celebrating Abundance*. Devotions for Advent." Books may be purchased online new or used. St. John's will be the first host. Each week other churches will take a turn hosting. Different leaders will guide the study each week. Participants may bring their own "brown bag" lunch. Host churches provide drinks and desserts.

DATE	HOST CHURCH	TITLE	LEADER
Tues., Nov. 26	St. John Episcopal	Introduction to Study	Bobbi Neason
Tues., Dec/ 3	Unity	Wk. 1 readings	Greg Fodrea
Tues., Dec. 10	First Presbyterian.	Wk. 2 readings.	Robin Haruna
Tues., Dec. 17	First Baptist	Wk.3 readings.	Bobbi Neason
Tues., Dec. 31?	First Presbyterian.	Wk. 4 and Following	?

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND HOLIDAY MEAL

On Thanksgiving Day, the Bandon Ministerial Association will hold an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Barn beginning at 11:00 a.m. in one of the smaller rooms to the left of the entry. All are welcome to attend. After the service you are invited to the main banquet hall, where the community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

We will come together on Saturday, **November 16 at 3:00 p.m.** to celebrate the life of Virginia Fitzgerald (1930 – 2019), a longtime member of St. John's who died last month. In lieu of flowers (and in fact, at any time sooner) her former caregivers have requested that donations be made to the Michael Fitzgerald Fund at Umpqua Bank so that her son can remain in his current home as long as possible.

## STAY TUNED FOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Chapel Choir of St. John will offer a Christmas Concert on the Third Sunday of Advent (**December 15<sup>th</sup>**) at 3:00 p.m. The choir has planned some special Christmas music and will invite the audience to sing favorite Christmas carols. Save the date and see next month's newsletter for more details.

### AND LOOK WHAT ELSE WE FOUND!

