

St. John's Journal

November 2019



Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

11/3: All Saints Sunday, HE II
The Rev. Doug Hale

11/10: MP II

11/17: Pentecost 23, HE II
The Rev. Doug Hale

11/24: Christ the King
MP II

November Birthdays

Nov. 5: Sue Pearce

Nov. 10: Debbie Griffith

Nov. 29: Mary Piper

Nov. 30 : Tim Pearce

GRATITUDE MAKES 'EVERYDAY' SACRED AND LEADS US TO GREATER GENEROSITY EVERY DAY

A week ago, when it was still relatively warm and sunny, I took a break from writing to wander through my woods. For the first time in all the years I've lived here I counted half a dozen different types of fungi growing in various colonies, ready to harvest. Some were less than an inch high; others were larger than my hand. I have no idea what most of them are (so none made it to my dinner table), but it thrilled me to see them and to marvel at their diversity and their ingenious Creator. It was such a simple everyday moment, but it lifted my spirits and brought to mind the old cliché that we should "stop and smell the roses" to find satisfaction in life.

As often happens to me when I start to reflect on something I've seen or felt, a song drifts into my mind. This time it was the refrain of a 1974 Country song by Mac Davis:

*You got to Stop and Smell the roses
You've got to count your many blessings everyday
You're gonna find your way to heaven is a rough and rocky road
If you don't Stop and Smell the roses along the way.*

Of course, I had to look up the rest of the lyrics and you're welcome to do the same, but a few lines rang true for me, like "*There's a whole lot more to life than work and worry; The sweetest things in life are free*". . . things like love of family and walking through a forest where "*You can almost hear the voice of God; In each and every breeze.*"

Every day that we appreciate the ordinary blessings of our lives and acknowledge God as their source is a step closer to understanding how rich we are. Being generous with the church, the poor and each other is part of our life as members of St. John and as followers of Jesus, who taught us how to live, love and forgive; how to minister to others, interpret Scripture and pray. It is proclaimed in our Mission Statement: LOVE GOD, LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR, and SERVE ONE ANOTHER, and as Mother Teresa remarked, "**It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.**"

Denise Skillman, Senior Warden

As we begin our stewardship campaign, let us pray:

Lord of the harvest, we bring you our thanks. Whether we see ourselves as scattered seed, full of potential, or as the ground, producing the growth; as workers sowing and reaping in your fields, or as the harvest of your efforts; no matter how we see ourselves, help us to see you in it all. From planting, to tending, to gathering in, you are with us every step of the way.

As we pledge our gifts of time, talent and treasure to the work of the church in the coming year, nurture our present level of faith, and challenge us to greater trust. Through him who is our Alpha & Omega, our beginning and our end, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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



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 or mail them to St. John's.
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E.A.T.

NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Everyone at Table (E.A.T.) is seeking volunteers to help wash dishes at their weekly Tuesday night dinners for the community. A few of their longtime volunteers will be stepping down soon and will be happy to train their replacements during November and December. If washing dishes is not for forte, there are other tasks you could perform to help provide a nutritious meal to people on limited incomes from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Members of St. John have been involved with this program since its inception in 2004. Please contact Allison Hundley if you are interested in helping: allisonhundley@yahoo.com.

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

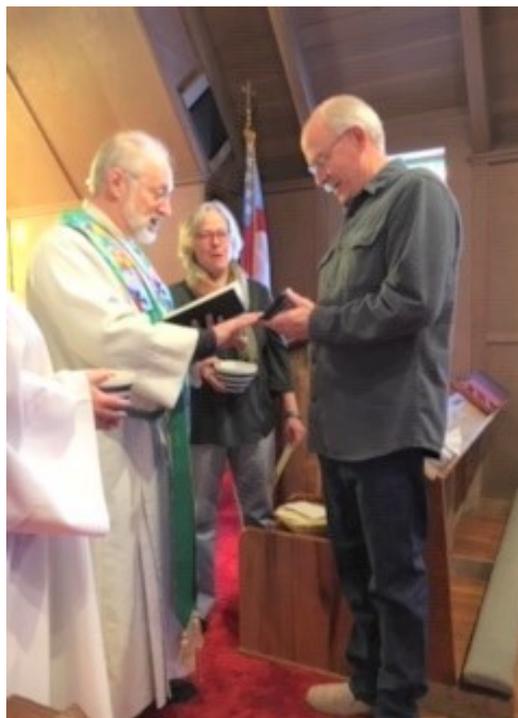
Church Administrator:

Virginia MacCallum
Office Hours: Tuesdays 2-6 p.m.

Lay Ministry

This month, the lay ,ministry schedule is published exactly as the congregation filled it in Oh, I have stuck my own name in a couple of places, but Denise has said it is not fair that she and I take all the blank places left after our laity have made their selections. Maybe you did not realize we were doing that, eh? Participating in the active part of the service — serving — is fulfilling and important. Please consider giving of your own talents in lay ministry. Let Denise know.

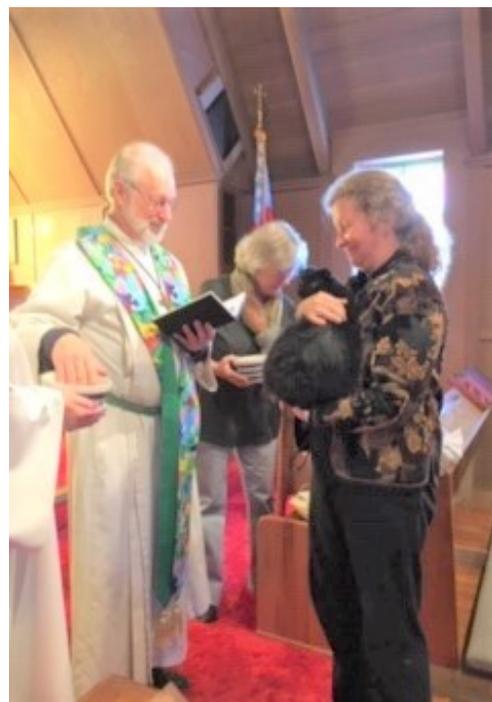
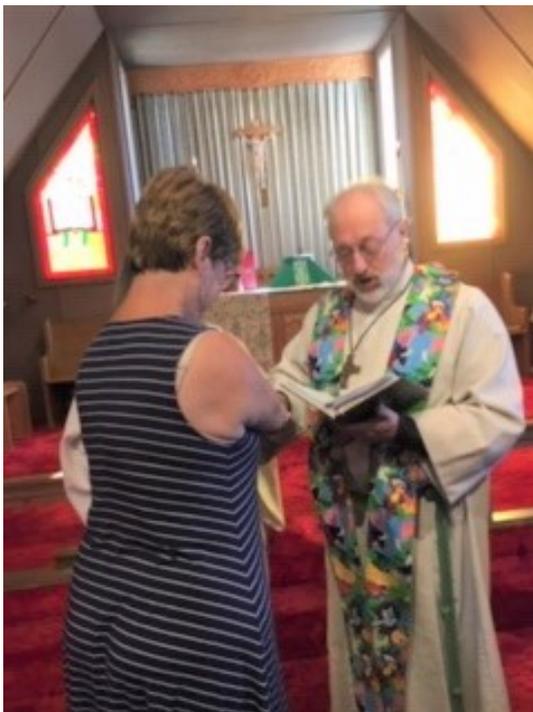
Blessing of the Pets
St. Francis Day , Oct. 6, 2-019



Blessing of the Pets

We brought our furry, four-legged children to be blessed. They all behaved very well, as they knew they were especially beloved of God.

We are grateful to Sally Glunt for taking these photographs.



How much is that doggie in the window?

The one with the waggly tail

How much is that doggie in the window?

I do hope that doggie's for sale.

(written by Bob Merrill, 1952).

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	2
3 All Saints HE II Rev. Doug Hale	4	5 ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00	6 Teen Bible 11-1 Choir Prac. 6:30-8:30	7 Adapt 4:30-7	8 Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	9
10 Pente- cost 23 MP II Myra 1-5	11 BAC 10:30	12 ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00	13 Teen Bible 11-1 Choir Prac. 6:30-8:30	14 Adapt 4:30-7	15 Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	16 <i>Funeral, 3:00</i> <i>Virginia Fitz-</i> <i>gerald</i>
17 Pentecost 24 HE II Doug Hale	18	19 <i>BMA 10:30</i> ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00	20 Teen Bible 11-1 Choir Prac. 6:30-8:30	21 Adapt 4:30-7	22 Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	23
24 Last Sun of Pentecost MP II	25	26 Noon Advent Study ACOA 6:30 AA 8:00	27 Teen Bible 11-1 Choir Prac. 6:30-8:30	28 Thanksgiving	29 Chair Yoga 10:30-noon	30

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Service	LEM/Lay Minister	1 st Lector	2 nd Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Coffee/Snacks
11/3 All Saints Sunday HE II Rev. Doug Hale	<u>Denise</u>	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Bill</u>	<u>Mary</u>		<u>Sally</u>
11/10 22d Sun after Pentecost MP II	<u>Kay</u>		<u>Ginger</u>		<u>Judy</u>	<u>Myra</u>
11/17 23rd Sun. after Pentecost HE II Rev. Doug Hale	<u>Kay</u>	<u>Ginger</u>		<u>Wailani</u>	<u>Mary</u>	<u>Denise</u>
11/24 Christ the King MP II	<u>Denise</u>		<u>Bill</u>		<u>Kay</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.