

# St. John's Journal

*August 2020*



## Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

As the Season of COVID continues, I anticipate less and less of us gathering in the sanctuary for worship in a normal fashion. We have put together a plan for having in-person worship and Bishop Michael has approved that plan. We have a few details to put in place before we can gather in the sanctuary again. In the meantime, the numbers of people diagnosed with the virus is increasing in the nation, in Oregon, and in Coos County. So the BAC decided to push out a possible opening time to the end of the September, while we wait to see what impact the influx of summer visitors has on our community. It could very well be that by the time we get to September, we may push it down the road some more.

What I have concluded as this drags on is that we need to have some ways to connect with each other. Those on BAC get to do this once a month when we gather for our meeting. Those who attend the Online Coffee hour connect once a week and the three people who make worship happen see each other on Saturdays. But I have concluded that there need to be other ways for us to see each other, especially those who have not been a part of these activities. (continued on p. 2)

**Fr. Doug's Iconic Column (continued)**

So on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am, we are inviting everyone to come to the church and gather in the parking lot. Bring a sack lunch with you for this event. Everyone should be wearing a mask, and we will maintain 6 foot distance from each other. We will begin with a brief time of prayer and then spend the rest of the time fellowshipping with one another as we enjoy our own sack lunches.

In addition, I would like to expand our worship team beyond myself, Cynthia and a LEM (Denise or Kay). I would like to add two more people to the team, a Lector and an Intercessor. I think it would be great for you to be able to hear the voices and see the faces of other members of the congregation. I will be contacting those who have already served in these ways to join the team. I also want to invite anyone who might be interested in helping as a LEM, a Lector or an Intercessor to contact me so that they can join in. It would be great to spread this among as many people as possible.

I am also putting together a plan to offer an online bible study on the Psalm for the coming Sunday. This would begin in September and might happen on Thursdays. If you are interested let me know.

Finally, Ginger and I are putting together worship and prayer materials for your use. These items can be found on the table in the hall opposite of my office. If you do not have a Book of Common Prayer at home, take one of the somewhat used copies from the table and keep it. Or you can take one of the Large Print BCPs (Holy Eucharist only). There are also packets of the Lectionary pages for all the Sundays through November, except for November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints. We also have the new Forward Day by Days (regular and large print). All we ask is that you fill out the form with your name and what materials you took. Come by anytime if you have a key to the church or come by on Tuesday afternoons between 2 and 6 when Ginger and I are in the church and get what you need. If you cannot come in, let us know and we will arrange to bring to you the materials you would like.

Finally, I will be on vacation from August 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Patti and I are going to camp for a week up at Mt. Rainier. It is a special spiritual place for Patti. There we will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and her birthday. (No, I will not divulge her age!)

Be safe and be generous toward others in the name of Christ.

Fr. Doug

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**Attend Church Even While We Cannot Gather!**

Fr. Doug is presenting a beautiful service on YouTube each Sunday. Even if you do not have a computer but have internet connection, use your Smart Phones to log on. Services are reverent and feed our hearts and souls with the familiar rich liturgy and music. Know that while Fr. Doug partakes alone of the bread and wine he consecrates during the Eucharist, we are still part of the communion by our prayers, participation, and presence – even from our homes. Join Fr. Doug also for Coffee Hour on Sundays, also available through your Smart Phones. You will receive separate email with the link. Follow us on our web pages: [www.stjohnsbandon.org](http://www.stjohnsbandon.org). Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/St-John-Episcopal-Church-in-Bandon-Oregon-234749653862372>

*More musings from Denise*

### These Lazy Days of Summer

I was always taught that lazy summer afternoons were for reading. These days, most all of my afternoons are lazy, so you'd think I'd be reading a lot. Not so. I'm still exploring my backyard with the wonder and thrill of a city kid who has never seen a bird or butterfly in its natural habitat. But once the sun goes down, I do find time to read.

One activity I miss dearly is perusing the newly arrived books at the public library. The Covid-inspired online check out process is not for me. I need to touch each book, smell the pages, look inside and taste the words before I select one to carry home. So, lately, I've been reading or re-reading books in my own library. (Fortunately, I'm a slow reader and I have a couple thousand books, so I won't run out anytime soon.)

My latest (though it's not new) is a book of quotations ostensibly collected by Father Tim Kavanagh, who you might remember is the fictional parish priest of Jan Karon's "Mitford Years" series. It's called A Continual Feast: Words of comfort and celebration, collected by Father Tim. (We all need a little comfort and celebration these days.) The book includes quotes from a wide variety of sources, some familiar and some not so much.

Here, for example, is one version of an encouraging poem Kent M. Keith wrote as a 19-year-old sophomore at Harvard, and later expanded into a book. It also reportedly hung on the wall of Mother Theresa's children's home in Calcutta, India:

### The Paradoxical Commandments

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

*Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

*Be kind anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies.

*Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

*Be honest and frank anyway.*

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight.

*Build anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy.

*Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow.

*Be good anyway.*

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

*Give the world the best you have anyway.*

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and (God).

*It was never between you and them anyway.*

Since I often struggle to find the right words to express my own thoughts, I'm always impressed by people who can string them together with simplicity and clarity, like this one from "Unknown": "**In daily life we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.**" Let us all be grateful for what we have, what we know, who we love and who loves us. Be happy, and at peace.

### Simple Fundraising

We recently tallied and turned in 1,075 McKay's Market grocery receipts totaling a whopping \$32,784.98. McKay's generously gives back 1% of purchases to local non-profits and so from this collection we received back \$327.85. Many thanks to McKay's for their generous support of the community.

Many thanks also to all who turned in receipts and to the nimble fingered gals who helped tally this last batch. This is a simple and easy way to help support our operating expenses so please keep those receipts coming. Either mail them to St. John's or put them in the plastic drawer unit located in the hall across from the office.

Judy Jackson



### August Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

9: Caroline McKemy

18: Linda Baldwin

#### Anniversary

14: Juanita Limon & Bob Graville

#### BAC

**Senior Warden:** Denise Skillman

**Junior Warden:** Tom Glunt

**Members at Large:** Laurea Arnoldt, Mary Garrett, Judy Jackson, Lani Reynolds

**Treasurer:** Kay Marino

**Clerk:** Sally Glunt

**Music Director:** Cynthia Mohorko

**Church Administrator:**

Virginia MacCallum

**Priest-in-Charge:**

The Rev. Doug Hale

**Office Hours:**

Tuesdays, 2-6 p.m.

# August 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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2 <b>Pentecost 9</b> HE II	3	4 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	5 Eve AA	6	7	8	
9 <b>Pentecost 10</b>  <span style="color:red">9:30 a.m. We gather on the parking lot!!!</span>	10	11 1 BAC 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	12 Eve AA	13	14	15	
16 <b>Pentecost 11</b> HE II	17	18 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	19 Eve AA	20	21	22	
23 <b>Pentecost 12</b> MP II	24	25 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	26 Eve AA	27	28	29  <span style="color:red">Election Convention</span>	
30 <b>Pentecost 13</b> HE II	31						

### St. John Prayer List

Karen & Joe Sinko; Gail Pray; Myra & Jim; Roy Arnoldt; Juanita; Marilyn Carraher; Gary Walderman; Kelly; James; Sue Warren; Bea Bone; Kelly; Michelle; Mike Lane; Daniel Undell; Kathy; Mike Fitzgerald; Melissa Lawson; Brady, Lori & Jay; Sandy Bourne; Kimberly Small-Jonas; Zoe Bloom; Donna & Kevin Bloom; Marilyn Pratt; Bill, Matthew, & Steven; the Gaffney family; Deanna; Sheri; Debbie.

In our Southwest Convocation: St. Timothy, Brookings; Emmanuel, Coos Bay; St. James, Coquille; St. Andrew, Florence; St. Mary, Gardiner/Reedsport; St. Matthew, Gold Beach; St. Christopher, Port Orford; our own congregation of St. John, Bandon.

In the Bandon Ministerial Association (BMA) cycle of congregations: First Baptist Church; First Presbyterian Church; Holy Trinity Catholic Church; St. John Episcopal Church; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer: Bandon: St. John; Beaverton: St. Bartholomew; Gresham: St. Luke the Physician; Holy Cross/Santa Cruz; Hillsboro: Mision Todos los Santos; Portland: St. David of Wales; St. Gabriel the Archangel; St. John the Baptist; Seaside: Calvary; Shady Cove: St. Martin.

Pray also for medical personnel: physicians, nurses, nursing assistants, all who care for the sick and the environs of their care; for caregivers, for first responders, for those who daily provide services for us. Remember the unemployed; the homeless; those who are alone; all in our own country and around the world who suffer because of racism, hatred, and oppression. Pray for all God's children and His creation.

**“Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another.”**

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### WHO WE ARE

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.