

# St. John's Journal

November 2020



## SPECIAL DATES FOR NOVEMBER

**Sunday, Nov. 1, at 2:00 a.m. we returned to standard time. Did you set your clocks BACK one hour before you went to bed last night?**

**Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints Day. 11 a.m. gathering in Theresa Hall. Prayers for our departed. Ingathering of pledges.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 10: BAC Meeting, 1 p.m.**

**Sunday, Nov. 15: 11 a.m. gathering in Theresa Hall**

**Thursday, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day**

**Sunday, Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Nov. 5: Sue Pearce**

**Nov. 30: Tim Pearce**

## Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

As we enter into the month of November, we are on a journey through some significant events. Getting out of October we had Halloween, a blue moon and setting our clocks back an hour we then landed squarely on All Saints day. Then two days later we have very contentious national, state, and local elections. We get to breath for a couple weeks before we hit the last Sunday of the Church year, Christ the King, followed by Thanksgiving. And then before the month is over, we have arrived on the First Sunday of Advent. It seems like, if we are not worn out already by COVID, political strife, wildfires and social justice issues, we will be by the end of the month. Many of these events on our calendars have been uplifting and rejuvenating in the past, but this year we will not be able to celebrate like we have in the past.

This got me to thinking about our usual Thanksgiving celebrations. They have tended to be joyous events as we gather with family and/or friends. The original event that we harken back to in the USA was not a gathering of pilgrims dressed in crisp and clean black and white outfits. The last few years of their lives had been horrible. They had run away from religious oppression seeking a new life in this new land. But they paid a great price for the opportunity. Many of their number died in the crowded ships that carried them across the ocean. More died that first winter after putting feet on the ground. What would giving thanks look like after all of that loss?

In the book of Psalms, there are Psalms of Lament that are filled with people crying out to God because of the difficulties they face. They can be discouraged and even angry with God. Sometimes they sound like they are ready to give up. And then the Psalm makes this about face and breaks into praise to God in thanksgiving for what God has done. So often there is no explanation for the shift. No clue is given for what has happened that has caused discouragement to be replaced by thankfulness.

One possibility is that the thanks was born of hope. It is not thanking God for what God has done but in anticipation of what God may do. It is based upon their experience of how God has provided in the past and so they trust that God will once again provide.

One of the main realities of our lives is that we have to face troubles, large and small. We live in a time right now where it seems like we are facing more troubles than usual, or more unusual troubles. While I am doing fairly well in the midst of it all, every couple weeks I experience a day or two where it all weighs heavily on me. I imagine that you are experiencing something like this from time to time.

In these kinds of times it is important to remind ourselves of the blessings we have received in the past. It is also important to take a look at the blessings we experience right now in the midst of our troubles. Then we need the Psalms' reminder that we also need to be considering what blessings God has in store for us. We may not know exactly what those blessings will look like. We may have to hang on to our hope when what looked like an imminent arrival of blessings gets pulled back. The important thing is to draw on our experience of God's provision for us in the past and present and trust that God is not through providing for us. It is enough for us to cherish what we have received and wait with a hope in a God who may very well surprise us with the next gift.

Fr. Doug



### Become a Medical Loan Closet Volunteer

The St. John's Medical Loan Closet needs one more volunteer to round out its team.

There are three simple requirements.

1. Have your cell phone close at hand & take client calls during your duty week (one week per month).
2. Be able to lift, clean and demonstrate the operation of equipment.
3. Meet clients – during your duty week - at St. John's at mutually agreed upon times.

As we enter into the season of giving, please consider giving the gift of time to those in need. It's truly a feel-good experience. Contact the Loan Closet number for more info: (541) 590-2443.

Walk and Roll!

*Judy, Mary, Sally, Lani & Loren*



### 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>

*Musings from Denise***GIVING THANKS**

Meister Eckhart, a Christian mystic (c. 1260-1328), asserted that if the only prayer we ever prayed in our lifetime was “thank you,” that would be enough. Does this feel to you like a season to be thankful?

We've come to the last month of the church year, but aside from the number of days, 2020 has very little in common with any other year we have experienced. This was expected to be our first year of *normalcy* in over four years (with a new Priest-in-Charge, weekly celebration of Holy Eucharist, outreach projects, social gatherings, diocesan and ecumenical events, renewal of Bible Study, and national and religious holidays celebrated in traditional ways).

How many of you grew up as I did, marking Thanksgiving Day by watching a parade, perhaps engaging in a little touch football (or watching a game on TV), and sharing a sumptuous meal with extended family and friends? Many families allowed each person gathered around the table to name something or someone for which they were grateful. We did this after the turkey was carved and before it was served, so thanks were offered quickly (but not very thoughtfully) to avoid a cold meal. For many of us, none of that will happen this year – or at least not in the same way, thanks to Covid-19.

With the pause in routine and the forced isolation that have come with Covid-19, we have all felt in various degrees fear, anxiety, pain, denial, depression, anger and mourning for lost lives and a lost way of life. But without the distractions and busyness of our pre-Covid lives, we have finally heard the echoing cries of oppressed minorities of all types. We have also gained a heightened awareness of so many blessings and privileges we may have been taking for granted. So, despite all the angst, I think this is the year to be more thankful than ever, not just on Thanksgiving Day but every day:

for our lives, the quiet beauty of this place we call home, and our good fortune to have a home and a community that cares about us;

for family members near and far and friends we love like family (and for the cards, letters and baby photos they send);

for the countless people who have always been there for us, though we often haven't noticed or expressed our gratitude: **first responders** (police, fire, search and rescue units, hospital personnel); **essential workers** (teachers, caregivers, farmers, food processors, grocers and delivery drivers); **veterans** and those currently serving in the **armed forces** – all risking their lives to keep us well, fed both in body and mind, and safe from harm;

for technologies like Zoom, Facebook and YouTube that make it possible to stay in touch at a safe distance and in real or almost real time;

for a compassionate God who watches over our lives, provides all the natural resources we need, and promises that our current hardships and sacrifices will come to an end;

for (*whatever you are truly thankful for this year*).

Even if your 20-pound turkey has shrunk to a Cornish game hen this year, be thankful and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

### Stewardship Online or The Art of Automatic Pay

In the time of Covid we have lost the ability to make our tithe into the collection plate in person. The tangible feeling of touching our commitment to the church keeps our promise real. Not to worry, folks, I can help you find that "loving feeling" again. Online, of course!

Most of us can access our bank accounts online, check balances, etc., and some of you may even pay bills through your Online Bill Pay. Did you know that you can also set up automatic payments to happen at a particular time each month?

Here's how we start:

- Log into your account
- Go to "Bill Pay" or "Payment Center"
- Go to "Add a Company or Person"
- On the search line type in St. John Episcopal Church, when that prompts add this, click
- Enter relevant information – St. John Episcopal Church, 795 Franklin Ave SW, Bandon, Or 541-347-2152
- 6. Then hit "Finish"

Now that you have entered this information and you should see that on your list of Payees. You might see next to the name "Auto Pay". Click on that:

- Set the amount
- Memo line will allow you to put your name and the word "Stewardship"
- Set first delivery date
- Set the frequency, i.e., weekly, monthly
- Set the duration, i.e., yearly
- Set the box that will send an email that alerts you to the action being done each time
- Hit start

You have successfully set up the ability to automatically pay your Stewardship! Stay healthy!

Laurea Arnoldt

### Offerings of Food

At our Sunday gathering on Oct. 18, our church family members brought offerings of nonperishable food to help feed Bandon's hungry.



### 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.

**Lay Ministry Schedule****November 2020**

**Note: All services are recorded at 3 p.m.  
on the Saturday before the Sunday date.**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>INTERCESSOR</b>
<b>Nov. 1:</b> All Saints Day	Kay	Caroline	Ginger
<b>Nov. 8:</b> 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Mary	Judy	Judy
<b>Nov. 15:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Mary	Laurea	Tom
<b>Nov. 22:</b> Last Sunday after Pentecost	Denise	Ginger	Ginger
<b>Nov. 29:</b> 1st Sun. of Advent	Denise	Caroline	Judy

**The Lectionary for November**

**Nov. 1:** Revelation 7: 9-17; Psalm 34: 1-10, 22'; 1John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12.

**Nov. 8:** Amos 5: 18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13.

**Nov. 15:** Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18; Psalm 90: 1-8, 9-11, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30.

**Nov. 22:** Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7a; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-47.

**Nov. 29:** Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13: 24-37.

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

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Doris, Gisela, Karen & Joe, Gail P., Myra & Jim, Roy, Juanita, Kelly, James, Sue W., Bea B., Michelle, Mike L., Kathy, Mike F., Melissa L., Brady, Lori & Jay, Sandy B., Kimberly S., Zoe B., Donna & Kevin B., Marilyn P., Bill & Steve, the Gaffney family, Deanna, Sheri, Debbie, Elliot, Bill M., Mike & Sandy, Sara R., Evelyn, Lani, Lenor, Jamie S., Sharyn, Connie, Karen, Danielle, Janet & Barry.

**UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST**

It is time again to update the listings on our prayer list. We do this every three months, and there is a new list on the clipboard on the counter in the office.

You may also email or call the church to make your additions or corrections to the listings. Call 541-347-2152 or email [stjohns.bandon@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns.bandon@gmail.com).

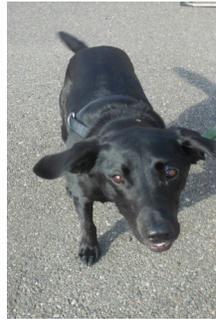
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints Day 11 a.m. Gathering	2 7:30 p.m. AA	3 3-4 ACOA 8:00 AA	4 8:00 AA	5 10:30 Bible Study	6	7 3 p.m. Record Sunday Service
8 23rd Sun. after Pentecost	9 5:00 Good Earth 7:30 p.m. AA	10 1:00 BAC 3-4 ACOA 8:00 AA	11 8:00 AA	12	13	14 3 p.m. Record Sunday Service Doris,
15 24th Sun. after Pentecost 11:-00 a.m. Gathering	16 7:30 p.m. AA	17 3-4 ACOA 8:00 AA	18 8:00 AA	19	20	21 3 p.m. Record Sunday Service
22 Last Sun. after Pentecost/Christ the King	23 7:30 p.m. AA	24 3-4 ACOA 8:00 AA	25 8:00 AA	26 THANKS-GIVING DAY	27	28 3 p.m. Record Sunday Service
29 1st Sun. of Advent	30 7:30 p.m. AA					

St. Francis Day 2-2- with Blessing of the Pets



St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals – October 4, 2020



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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.