

St. John's Journal

May 2021



In-Person Worship Has Returned!

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

We are again worshipping in community, together, in Theresa Hall. Please enter by the red door off the back deck. We are observing social distancing, and we require that you wear masks.

Theresa Hall offers us not only space for necessary distancing but good ventilation with lots of fresh air circulating.

While we cannot yet pass the peace with the handshakes or hugs we all miss, we do get to see each other, raise our voices together in prayer, and greet each other. It is MARVELOUS!

We can safely accommodate 25 people and have not reached that number. We would love to see you, yes, YOU!

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Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

Recently I have been especially troubled by the news across our country (and around the world). We have heard over and over of shootings in a variety of places and circumstances. We get encouraged that maybe we are making progress against COVID only to hear that the numbers of infected people are drastically increasing. While we are not hearing the same level of political vitriol as we were in the election season, it is clear that the divisions are still there.

I found myself wanting to pull back from my usual sources of news like the evening news and things that appear on Facebook. I found myself preferring silence. I didn't want more or different input. I wanted silence. I wanted to only hear God speak to me. I found some comfort in the silence, but I had no sense of God speaking to me.

I decided to turn to reading some of the Psalms, to enter into that space of prayer and worship where I might hear God speak to me. I started to read Psalm 109:

The mouth of the deceitful, is opened against me.

They speak to me with a lying tongue;

They encompass me with hateful words

And fight against me without a cause.

Despite my love, they accuse me;

But as for me, I pray for them.

That last line touched me with a sense of hope, that in the midst of all the rancor we can be caring even for those who hurt us.

But near the end of the Psalm I read:

They may curse, but you will bless;

Let those who rise up against me be put to shame,

And your servant will rejoice.

Let my accusers be clothed with disgrace

In between there was even stronger language asking for God to punish those who had mistreated the writer of the Psalm.

The Psalm was encouraging for a moment and then it took me right back into the reality of the human race. We so easily slip into anger and vindictiveness. It is said that we have an instinct for fight or flight. We may not have the strength to stand and fight, so we ask God to do our fighting for us. The Psalms are windows into our own hearts. They show the human race coming before God with all our beauty and all our warts. As Psalm 139 begins:

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;

You know my sitting down and my rising up;

You discern my thoughts from afar.



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

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column (continued)

Jesus, the Son of God, invites us to an alternative to flight or to staying and fighting. He invites us to stay and love, to pray for those who hurt us, to care for them when they are in need. For a moment, in that one verse, God came alive in the Psalmist. For a moment he was able to love and pray for those who were hurting him. Our hope is that the Spirit of God would be at work in us to help those moments happen in us, to make them happen more frequently, to help us show mercy and kindness and understanding to those who threaten us. May we become people who more often than not choose to stand and love. May the Spirit of Jesus come alive in us more and more each day.

Fr. Doug

Bandon Feeds the Hungry

Thank you for continuing to bring food for our contributions to the Neighborhood Food Pantry!

Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – April 2021

Here's what took place and was discussed at the April BAC meeting:

- Harmony Harrison's resignation from the BAC was accepted with sadness.
- Income and expenditures were reviewed.
- \$234 was received in birthday donations in March. Birthday donations are sent to Bandon Feeds the Hungry.
- Kirsten Aasen of Coast Community Health Clinic visited to discuss ways St. John's can support the wider Bandon community.
- Our two heat pumps will be serviced for routine maintenance and the Handicap Parking sign will be reinstalled.
 - The BAC will focus on building up the Clergy Reserve fund to insure adequate clergy compensation is available in the future.
- Planning is underway for the fundraising rummage sale to be held in August.
- Fr. Doug reported that 24 were in attendance on Easter and 15 the following Sunday.
- BAC members are completing the Safe Church Training as required by the Diocese.

From our Senior Warden**Getting to Know Father Doug**

How well do we know Fr. Doug Hale? To better know our priest, I asked him to share some of his favorite things and places. As an added twist, I separately asked the same questions of his wife, the Reverend Patti Hale. (They were instructed to not consult with each other before answering.) Read on to learn more about Doug, but also to see if his wife knows him any better than we do. Doug's answers come first, followed by Patti's.

- Judy Jackson
Sr. Warden

**Fr. Doug, what is your favorite... ?**

Vegetable: Tomato

(Patti guess: tomato)

Place in Oregon: So many choices!!!! I have been drawn to the coast more than anywhere else.

(Patti guess: Bandon)

Season: Natural season? Spring, I suppose. Church year season, Advent.

(Patti guess: Fall)

Place you've lived: I tend to adapt well to where ever I live, though I have no real desire to live in Portland again. I prefer the small towns in relatively rural settings in which I have lived like Florence, Sutherlin, Tillamook, Coos Bay/Bandon

(Patti guess: Idaho)

Type of music: Here again there are multiple choices: rock, classical.

(Patti guess: Funk)

Geography: I guess it is at the coast where I can get most everything but desert. When we moved from the mid-west to Tillamook, I was thrilled that I could see mountains from home and the forest and the beach were not far away.

(Patti guess: A tie between beach/forest)

Dessert: Peppermint ice cream

(Patti guess: Any kind of berry pie, warm with vanilla ice cream)

Movie: So many choices!!!! The Princess Bride. Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan...

(Patti guess: The Blues Brothers)



Book: Oh there are so many. I have a lot of books. For some reason, I apparently like the Bible. I do spend a lot of time in it. On another level, there are The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

(Patti guess: The Hobbit)

Pizza topping: No single topping. When we moved to the Boston area I was really disappointed that most pizzas were single topping or just cheese and there were no Papa Murphy's to go to for home baked pizza. I finally went into a pizza place one day and ordered a custom pizza with probably 5 or 6 toppings. The guy taking my order said in a rather amazed way, "Wow, that sounds good!"

(Patti guess: Chicken/Bacon)

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From Our Senior Warden (continued)

Day off routine or activity: Yard work, trying to help various

plants and trees thrive.

(Patti guess: Working in the yard)

Favorite recess game as a child: I suppose it was kick-ball.

(Patti guess: Star Trek)

Gospel passage – Don't know that I have one.

(Patti guess: John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.")

Psalm – Not a Psalm, but another musical form found in scripture: Philippians 2:5-11. This is my favorite scripture passage.

(Patti guess: Psalm 139)

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Lectors and Intercessors

Part of the richness of our worship is provided by the lectors, who read the lessons and lead the psalm, and intercessors, who lead the Prayers of the People. They are a lively and lovely part of our lay ministry.

Would you like to become a lector or intercessor? If so, please contact Fr. Doug. Yes, training and support are always there for you!

St. John's Episcopal's Rummage Sale!!

Start saving your gently used items you don't need anymore!

We can sell kitchen items, sports, tools, furniture, decor, clothes, etc. All items need to be in good shape, please. Larger items can be stored in the library after July 1st. Please contact someone from the committee to arrange that.

Tell everyone you can about our rummage sale so we can make this a big fundraiser for St. John. Committee members are Jennifer, Lani, Mary, Sally, and Laureia.

Your Prayer List

We want to be sure our prayer list is current with names of those for whom you want prayers.

If you are at the church, you may give us that information on the list on a clipboard. It is on the table in the hall under the bulletin board. You may also call the church at 541-347-2152 and leave a message on the answering machine. In addition, you may also email the office at this address:

BAC

Senior Warden: Judy Jackson

Junior Warden: Sally Glunt

Members at Large: Mary Garrett, Lani Reynolds, Maggie Lowery

Treasurer: Kay Marino

Clerk: Denise Skillman

Bankers: Mary Garrett & Judy Jackson

Convention Delegates

Delegates: Kay Marino & Denise Skillman

Alternates: Laurea Arnoldt & Sally Glunt

Staff

Priest-in-Charge:

The Rev. Doug Hale

Music Director:

Cynthia Mohorko

Church Administrator:

Virginia MacCallum

Office Hours:

The office is not presently open for visitors to reduce the chances of spreading illnesses. The administrator is working alone in the office and is maintaining necessary social distancing through this pandemic.



Many thanks to Sally Glunt, our Junior Warden, who captured this view of the congregation worshipping together in Theresa Hall.

While we cannot raise our voices in singing the hymns or pass the peace with our usual, unbridled enthusiasm, we can pray together and see each other. What a gift to be back in church! We pray you all stay well so we may continue to enjoy the gift of community.

Musings from Denise

From St. John's Archives

TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

Just three years ago this month, we began a long look at St. John's early history. On Whitsunday (*a.k.a. Pentecost*) May 20, 2018, we kicked off a Quasquicentennial Celebration that lasted until September 23, 2018 to mark the 125th anniversary of the laying of the church's cornerstone. That was the beginning of a quest for me, and with your indulgence in the next few newsletters, I will share a bit more of what I have learned by jumping ahead 25 years to:

100 Years Ago (1921)

The population of Bandon had increased from 219 in 1890 to 1,440 in 1921 (current population is estimated at 3,162). Coos Bay grew from 1,461 to 4,034 during the same period and is now 16,417. Coquille had a population of 494 in 1890, about 1,642 in 1921 and is now 3,948.

Emmanuel Church in Marshfield (now Coos Bay) was a parish with the **Rev. Jay Claud Black** as rector. He was also Dean of the Southwestern Convocation. All the other Episcopal churches in Coos County (Empire, Bandon, Coquille), plus Gardiner (Douglas County) and Port Orford (Curry County) were considered the "Coos Bay Missions." All, including Emmanuel, had been simultaneously tended by the pioneer missionary, **Archdeacon William Horsfall**.

Shortly after Archdeacon Horsfall retired from active ministry in 1918, the **Rev. William Edgar Couper** moved to Coquille. He had been rector of several churches in Minnesota and California. Rev. Couper took charge of the Coos Bay missions because (as reported much later in the *Coos Bay Times*) he was looking for "lighter work."

Rev. Couper traveled between Bandon and Coquille two or three Sundays a month, visited Port Orford on the 4th Sunday and Empire and Gardiner once a month, midweek. The only paved road in the region was between Marshfield and Coquille. The other roads were either gravel or unimproved. An occasional trip to Florence was a two-day journey.

The year 1921 was a turning point for St. John's by-the-Sea. Archdeacon Horsfall, died on March 31, 1921. **Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner** officiated at the funerals held at both St. John's, (April 2) and Emmanuel (April 3). He was assisted by Reverends Couper and Black. The Horsfall family donated land as a new site for St. John's, so between May 8 and June 12, services were suspended, and the original building was moved from the edge of the business district to the corner of Coquille and Pine Streets (now 8th Street and Franklin Avenue) and was then renovated.

When the Rev. J. C. Black was called to become Archdeacon of the Diocese at the end of the year, the Rev. W. E. Couper was called as rector of Emmanuel. On the Feast of Stephen (December 26, 1921) Rev. Couper held two morning services of Holy Communion with a combined attendance of 19, but the Children's Christmas Service that followed had 80 present.

The missions south of Marshfield were all vacant until Archdeacon J. C. Black returned from Portland in late March 1922 to convene a series of three parish conferences at St. John, prior to the arrival of the next vicar, the **Rev. Arthur W. Bell**. (He and some of his successors will appear in a later edition.)

85 Years Ago (1936)

Another turning point came in 1936. The Diocese had been without a bishop since September 1935 and was being overseen by **Archdeacon Henry Duncan Chambers**. The entire south coast was without clergy from November 1934 to September 1936. On fifth Sundays during that period, the **Rev. Perry Smith**, rector of St. George's in Roseburg, held services at St. John's. On the other Sundays, licensed lay reader **Graydon W. Treadgold** led Morning or Evening Prayer at St. John's, but no services were entered in the church's service register. As early as 1927, St. John had two other licensed lay readers: Graydon's brother Manton E. Treadgold and Winfield Foster, but without the register there is no way of knowing if they were still active in 1936 and sharing the ministry. (Marshfield and Coquille also had multiple licensed lay readers who were trained in 1934.)

The **Rt. Reverend Benjamin Dunlap Dagwell** was consecrated our fifth Bishop on February 12, 1936 at Trinity Church, Portland. His first pastoral appointment occurred on February 15, when he renamed the **Venerable H. D. Chambers** archdeacon for western Oregon. At the 1936 diocesan convention, Archdeacon Chambers reported that three or four more clergy were needed just to fill vacancies.

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Musings from Denise (continued)

The **Rev. George R. Turney** was recruited from Colorado to take charge of the missions at Bandon, Coquille and Port Orford in September. He made his home in Coquille. Thirty-one attended Evening Prayer with him at St. John on September 20, 1936. Afterward, Rev. Turney took the parish records home with him to study. Six days later, the entire City of Bandon was leveled by a forest fire that was so devastating it made national news. In the days that followed, the Oregon National Guard set up a tent city and the Red Cross and other agencies rendered aid to over 1,500 men, women and children who had lost their homes and everything they owned.

All that remained of St. John's was a key to the front door and a few fragments of a bronze plaque honoring Archdeacon Horsfall. It was not until October 25, 1936 that Episcopal services were held in Bandon – first at the high school in Bandon Heights (which had been spared) and then at the Legion Hall. Much has been written about the Bandon Fire and its aftermath. The Bandon Historical Society has diligently sought and preserved photographs and artefacts, recorded eyewitness accounts, and each September they honor those who lost their lives in the conflagration and those who survived and stayed to rebuild the city.

I hope to uncover records about the rebuilding of St. John's, which was not ready for use until December 8, 1939. Ninety-six were present for its consecration that evening.

--Denise Skillman

From the Medical Loan Closet

The Medical Loan Closet (MLC) is still meeting local needs for durable medical equipment.

The small group of volunteers is keeping the MLC open for business supplying wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, and many other pieces of equipment free-of-charge. There was a brief decrease in activity, likely related to cancellations of some surgical procedures during COVID. However, there were still clients that needed equipment during this time due to accidents and illness. Volunteers took additional precautions (which we continue to do) related to COVID. Client load has now returned to pre-COVID activity.

Clients are very appreciative of the service the MLC provides. Many clients make monetary donations to show their appreciation. These donations have been used to purchase new equipment and supplies. MLC volunteers do not seek these donations and truly enjoy a thank you and the feeling of helping people during a stressful time.

Volunteers take "phone coverage" for a week each month. During this time, calls to the MLC line (541-590-2443) come to the volunteers' cell phone. The volunteer answers questions about equipment availability, makes an appointment to meet the client, and checks out equipment during the appointment. Volunteers make appointments and meet clients when they're ready to return equipment also. The volunteer cleans and sanitizes all returned equipment. Basic computer skills and a cell phone are necessary. If you'd be interested in exploring becoming a volunteer, please talk to one of us listed below.

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This continues to be a very visible, very appreciated outreach program for St. John's. It's meeting a previously unmet need within the community.

Our current volunteers are: Judy Jackson, Lead; Mary Garrett;; Lani Reynolds; Sally Glunt

Submitted by Sally Glunt

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16 7th Sun of Easter	17 7:30 AA	18 8 AA	19 8 AA	20	21	22
23 Day of Pentecost	24 7:30 AA	25 8 AA	26 8 AA	27	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday	31 7:30 AA					

Our Prayer List

David, Mary, Lori & Jay, Ken, Rod, Caroline, Charlie, Amy, Bill, Rick, Tim, Greg, Matthew, Tom, Marty, Judy, Jon & Linda, Alberta, Ken & Nikki, Mile & Sandy, Mary, Sabra, Doris, Gisela, Karen & Joe, Myra & Jim, Roy, Juanita, Kelly, James, Sue, Bea, Michelle, Mike, Kathy, Mike, Melissa, Brady, Sandy, Kimberly, Zoe, Donna & Kevin, Marilyn, Bill & Steve, the Gaffney family, Deanna, Sheri, Debbie, and Bill.

We also remember, Lord, too many Americans who have perished from the Covid virus. We pray for the comfort of all in your world who grieve their departed loved ones.

Loving God, hope of the poor and source of all health: Look with compassion upon your creatures who suffer under the weight of this pandemic. Fill us with love toward our neighbor; deliver us from partisan motives as we strive for the common good; and strengthen those who labor for our health. We ask this through the healer of your creation, Jesus Christ, our health and our salvation. Amen.



O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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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.