

St. John's Journal

August 2021

IT IS ALMOST HERE!!

**St. John Episcopal Church
Rummage Sale!!**

**BRING YOUR DONATIONS NOW!!!
THE COUNTDOWN TO AUGUST 20
& 21 HAS BEGUN!**

We want your gently used items you don't need anymore! Please donate them to our church rummage sale. We can sell kitchen items, sports items, tools, furniture, decor, clothes, etc. All items need to be in good shape, please. Larger items can be stored in the church 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's. Sale dates are **Friday, Aug. 20, 8:30-4,** and **Saturday, Aug. 21, 8:30-2:00.**

Committee members: Jennifer, Lani, Mary, Sally, & Laureia



Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

In this Sunday's (Aug. 1st) New Testament text, Ephesians 4:1-16, Paul wrote:

"each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.....he gave gifts to his people....The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers...for the building up of the body of Christ."

Paul wrote in other places about "spiritual gifts." In 1st Corinthians 12 he wrote, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." There he wrote of gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, etc. In Romans 12 Paul included other qualities such as exhorting, giving, leading and compassion.

What is most important is not the listing of gifts or abilities or qualities that the Spirit might give to us, but that the Spirit gives 1) "to each" and 2) "for the common good." Paul uses the image of the human body that is made up of many parts and that each of those parts is important to the life of the body, the church.

This understanding has shaped how I approach my ministry and in particular how I view all the people of the church. The Church is not a one-person show. I have an important contribution to the life of our church, but if it is left up to me alone, we will be in big trouble. Part of what I try to do is find out what each person has to offer to our common life, to our growing in faith in God. Everyone has something to offer, and the joy is found in discerning what it is that a person has to offer.

Our church has needs. There are tasks that need to be taken care of. But simply finding a warm body to take on a task can lead to a frustrating experience and even burnout for those who hang in there with something that does not fit them well.



Last month, Judy wrote in the Newsletter about various roles people can take on in our worship life. We have Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Intercessors, Ushers, Greeters and Choir members. One of the things that I appreciated about moving from the Methodist Church to the Episcopal Church was that I no longer found myself leading worship all by myself. Worship was now an act carried out by the gathered people.

We also have opportunities for people to be involved in the overall leadership of the church. People can serve on our Bishop's Advisory Committee (BAC). They can be delegates to Diocesan Convention and the South Coast Convocation. We have officers of the church: Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Treasurer and Clerk. We will be looking for new people to serve in a number of these positions starting next year.

We are currently in the need of finding a new Treasurer. Kay has held this position for many years and plans to step down at the end of October. We would like to find someone to pick up that role. We are looking for someone now so that there can be a period of time (continued)

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

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column (continued)

for Kay to help the new person learn the ropes. One possibility would be to have a Bookkeeper who makes deposits and writes the checks and a Treasurer who would have overall oversight and would perfect the recordkeeping and report to the BAC and the Annual Meeting. If you would be interested in exploring these responsibility, please speak with me, Kay or Judy.

The Medical Loan Closet is the main outreach ministry that we have. It depends upon volunteers who meet with clients and help them borrow needed equipment. The volunteers\ are hoping to find others willing to help out with this amazing ministry. To find out more, speak to Judy.

I have also had some conversations with people who have shown interest in possibly leading some adult education. It is conversations like these that cause my ears to perk up and make me wonder what the possibilities are for ministry at St. John, that we have yet to develop.

All of this is to say that we all need to be looking for the signs that the Spirit is moving among us and within each one of us. What gifts do you see in those around you? What might they have to offer? What gifts do you have to offer? What sparks your interest? What do you have energy for? What would be a fulfilling role for you? The Spirit is up to something, so together let us try to find out what it is.

Fr. Doug

PRIEST ON VACATION

Fr. Doug will be on vacation Aug. 2-15. Worship on the 8th and 15th will be Morning Prayer. Fr. Doug will be available, and may be contacted, if there is an emergency. All other matters should be referred to Judy, our Senior Warden, or to Ginger, our Office Administrator.

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: stjohns.bandon@gmail.com.

WANT AD

St. John Episcopal Church is looking for someone to take on the duties of Treasurer. The retiring treasurer will train for this important and fulfilling position. Contact Fr. Doug for more information.

Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – July 2021

Here's what took place at the July BAC meeting.

We Reviewed:

A financial systems audit report that was generated by an independent auditor.
The current Profit and Loss report.

We Discussed:

Kay Marino's retirement as Treasurer and how to recruit her replacement.

Whether to repair or replace the deteriorating black, metal cross in the front garden.

Grinding of tree stumps and a hazard-avoiding removal of the leaning Shore Pine on the south side of the Sanctuary.

Burned out lighting needs in the Sanctuary.

Whether to change how we advertise Sunday services.

Further steps to return to normal worship.

Bishop Diana's Zoom meeting with the South Coast Convocation.

Submitting a Bishop visitation request to Bishop Diana.

Whether to create a Blessings Box outreach program.

We Received:

Updated rummage sale plans.

Fr. Doug's newly created Customary for Lectors.

You Rock, St. John Members!

Your generous gifts to feed Bandon's hungry residents weighed a whopping
105 pounds for July! Thank you for continuing to support this vital ecumenical ministry. You are faithful to the words of Jesus in filling empty bellies.

Feed my sheep.

Prayer List

Jim & Marci, Ron & Lori, Fred & Peggy Z., Frank & Bonnie S, Grant, Rick, Kay Mosby, Brad Sinko, Stacy & Roch, Gail, Alex, Michael R., Cece & family, Maggie, David, Mary, Lori & Jay, Ken, Caroline, Charlie, Amy, Bill, Rick, Tim, Greg, Matthew, Tom, Marty, Judy, Jon & Linda, Alberta, Ken & Nikki, Mike & Sandy, Mary, Sabra, Doris, Gisela, Karen & Joe, Myra & Jim, Roy, Juanita, Kelly, James, Sue, Michelle, Mike, Kathy, Mike, Melissa, Brady, Sandy, Kimberly, Zoe, Donna & Kevin, Marilyn, Bill & Steve, the Gaffney family, Deanna, Sheri, Debbie, Bill.

Musings from Denise

SWEET MEMORIES

Have you ever tasted a food or beverage you haven't had in an awfully long time and found yourself transported to the last time you did?

As I was scavenging for rummage sale items, I uncovered a *Jackson's of Piccadilly* tea canister pushed way to the back of a high shelf in the pantry. I remember exactly when and where I bought it (1986 at Harrod's in London). There was still a handful of tea leaves, so I stopped to brew a cuppa in my mother's favorite teapot and poured some into my grandmother's favorite porcelain teacup. What a delightful trip to the past it was! I cannot say the tea was quite as fragrant and delicious as I remembered, but that could have more to do with a change in my palate (or my loss of smell) than the extra 35 years the tea leaves spent in an air-tight container. Nevertheless, the memories it conjured of that trip with my mother were priceless.

It got me thinking about a series of articles I have read about a variety of date palms prevalent in the Holy Land around the time of Christ, but extinct since around 800 AD. Their fruit was highly prized for both nutritional and medicinal purposes. As a commodity for trade, Judean dates were so important to the Jewish economy that a palm tree was (and in modern Israel still is) featured on their coins.



In 1963, archaeologists discovered a cache of Judean palm seeds in jars buried at Masada, the final Jewish rebel stronghold to fall after Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD. Carbon dating confirmed these seeds were about 2,000 years old. They were preserved at a university in Tel-Aviv for another 40 years until a team of botanists, agronomists, and biologists planted one that successfully sprouted. The scientists had two goals: to regrow medicinal plants lost from the area and to reintroduce the plant to Israel as part of a conservation effort.

The sprout turned out to be a male, and was dubbed "Methuselah," after Noah's grandfather (the oldest man in the Bible). More Judean date palm seeds from the same period were later found at Qumran (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered). Six more trees were successfully sprouted, including two females. All were given biblical names: Adam, Jonah, Uriel, Judith, Hannah, and Boaz.

By 2010, Methuselah, the oldest seed of any kind to ever be successfully germinated, was 6.5 feet tall (he could eventually reach 80 feet). The following year he produced his first flowers and confirmed his gender. His pollen was applied to Hannah and Judith. Hannah was the first to bear fruit. It was described as having a lighter but tougher skin, flesh that was not as sticky or as sweet as Medjool dates, but with a pleasant honey aftertaste. Perhaps modern dates have evolved to suit our modern sweet tooth. Imagine what it might be like to taste a fruit that genuinely harks back to biblical times!

From our Senior Warden

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." You must do the thing you think you cannot do.
Eleanor Roosevelt.

Does being an usher strike fear in your heart? Our ushers perform vital tasks each Sunday, like welcoming folks, assisting visitors, passing the alms plate and guiding the congregation through Eucharist. But to the untrained this job can seem complicated.

Eleanor Roosevelt and I invite you to *do the thing you think you cannot do* and sign up to be an usher. I do admit that it takes a few times to feel comfortable with the process, but rest assured that forgiveness is guaranteed should there be hiccups. Training and job shadowing are provided as is an upcoming instruction booklet (aka a Customary) prepared by Fr. Doug.

I have faced down ushering fears myself and share with you that being an usher is not a "horror", rather it's an honor to be able to serve the people of St. John's and help to make worship run smoothly.

Judy Jackson

Youth Group Outing

I had the pleasure of hosting a beach cleanup, Washed Ashore visit, and tide pool adventure as a collaborative effort between St. Johns Episcopal church (Bandon) and Shoreline Education for Awareness (SEA) on June 30th and July 1st 2021st. Our priest Fr. Doug Hale was contacted by Fr. Todd Young who serves in an Episcopal church, St. John's, in Hagerstown, Md. Fr. Young and his wife Jolene were planning a trip to the Great Northwest with their youth group consisting of four teenagers ages 16 and 17 years old. Though Fr. Young and his wife had visited Bandon a few years ago, none of the youth had been this far west. The group was given the opportunity to choose the destination of their trip, with a focus on ideas for growth, learning and opportunity to make a difference. Their choice brought them to the Oregon coast with the goal of learning more about plastic pollution and the effects on marine wildlife.

Our first day began at Devil's Kitchen wayside where all were equipped with SOLVE bags, grabbers and gloves. Prior to their arrival, I recommended a bit of homework: 1) to research nurdles, (minute disc-shaped plastics used to create large plastic forms) and 2) to research coastal wildlife on the shores of the Pacific Ocean versus the Atlantic side. Devil's Kitchen is often-times a large catchment area for marine debris so it was no surprise that we began collecting trash as soon as we left the parking area. It did not take long to find a piles of nurdles in a trench area close to the beach grass. The exclamation of "Look, here are some nurdles!" caught my attention and the group was amazed at how many were concentrated in one area. We consolidated our debris into one SOLVE bag which we dropped off at the Washed Ashore collection site. During the gathering activity, the amount and content of debris was significant as the youth began to understand the prevalence of micro plastics and the impact (Continued on page 8)

Youth Group Outing (continued)

to our ecosystem. It was not hard to imagine how the fish, marine mammals and birds would easily ingest these plastics which is then consequently passed onto us.

We were able to meet Angela Haseltine Pozzi at her work site for Washed Ashore where she and other volunteers are constructing another sculpture. Angela provided a great presentation on the use of plastics and the overwhelming problems presented when it finds its way into our waterways and eventually into our oceans. Angela also informed that her latest sculpture will eventually arrive in Norfolk, Va. for display. The group was excited to hear this and said they will make it a point to go visit the museum where it will reside. They even got to work on constructing pieces used for this new sculpture at the Washed Ashore gallery. For two afternoons they learned the artistic process and consequently became part of the project.

Our second day together involved tide pooling from Face Rock to Coquille Point. Even though the tides were not the best for tide pool exploration, we did manage to find Ochre Sea stars, lots of anemones, and sculpins. Fortunately, Coquille Point was plentiful with adult Harbor seals and nursing pups. And.... we were all armed with grabbers and bags to collect any trash we found!

St. Johns provided lunch both days consisting of pulled pork sandwiches the 1st day and yummy pizza the 2nd day. The youth were also able to see what our little mission church looks like and the difference we make in a small community. Their church of St. John's in Hagerstown is much larger but the message and purpose of our church communities remains the same; to be "part of God's creation.... to live in harmony with creation and with God" and to respect "this fragile earth, our island home." (BCP)

Personally, I love educating and revealing the amazing wildlife that surrounds us. There is nothing better than to witness a transformation after others recognize the importance of stewardship and caring for our environment. This was revealed to me when Jolene texted me the next day stating "This morning we needed juice and found ourselves opting to purchase in cardboard vs plastic. Then, this afternoon on the beach, we found ourselves picking up trash....an impact has definitely been made on everyone!"

Hallelujah! *(Mary had a spouting whale there, but it did not transfer.)*

Mary Garrett



More Pictures

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We are so thrilled to have had these lovely young people from our sister church, St. John in Hagerstown, MD!

Our own Mary Garrett, Sally Glunt, and Fr. Doug joined together to show these youngsters and their sponsors our beautiful Pacific Coast, so different from Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic. Well done!!



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 illness. The administrator is working alone in the office and is maintaining necessary social distancing through this pandemic.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Anniversary

14:Juanita Limon & Bob Graville

Birthdays

9: Caroline McKemy

18:Linda Baldwin

21:Rosemary Dunster

28: Joe Sinko



August 2021

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1 10th Sun of Pente- cost HE II	2 7:30 AA	3 8:00 AA	4 8:00 AA	5	6	7
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15 12th Sun of Pen- tecost MP II	16 7:30 AA	17 8:00 AA	18 Rummage Sale Prep 8:00 AA	19 Rummage Sale Prep	20 Rummage Sale!!!	21 Rummage Sale !!!
22 13th Sun of Pen- tecost HE II	23 7:30 AA	24 8:00 AA	25 8:00 AA	26	27	28
29 14th Sun of Pen- tecost HE II	30 7:30 AA	31 8:00 AA				

Lectionary August 2021

8/1: <u>Exodus 16:2-4,9-15</u> <u>Psalm 78:23-29</u> <u>Ephesians 4:1-16</u> <u>John 6:24-35</u>	8/8: <u>1 Kings 19:4-8</u> <u>Psalm 34:1-8</u> <u>Ephesians 4:25-5:2</u> <u>John 6:35, 41-51</u>	8/15: <u>Proverbs 9:1-6</u> <u>Psalm 34:9-14</u> <u>Ephesians 5:15-20</u> <u>John 6:51-58</u>	8/22: <u>Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18</u> <u>Psalm 34:15-22</u> <u>Ephesians 6:10-20</u> <u>John 6:56-69</u>	8/29: <u>Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9</u> <u>Psalm 15</u> <u>James 1:17-27</u> <u>Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</u>
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Lay Ministry Schedule August 2021

Date	LEM/Lay Minister	1 st Lector/ Psalm	2 nd Lector	Intercessor	Usher/Greeter	Snacks
8/1: 10 th Sun. of Pentecost HE II	Kay	Maggie	Maggie	Ginger	Mary	Myra
8/8: 11 th Sun. of Pentecost MP II	Denise	Ginger	Myra	X	Kay	Myra
8/15: 12 th Sun. of Pentecost MP II	Ginger	Judy	Laurea	X		Kay
8/22: 13 th Sun. of Pentecost HE II	Kay	Maggie	Maggie	Wailani	Laurea	Maggie
8/29: 14 th Sun. of Pentecost HE II	Mary	Ginger	Ginger	Laurea	Ginger	

Thank you to all who volunteer to participate in the lay ministry of our congregation. Your gift of time and talent is precious and valuable, and it is in keeping with a long tradition of our worship in the Episcopal Church.

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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.