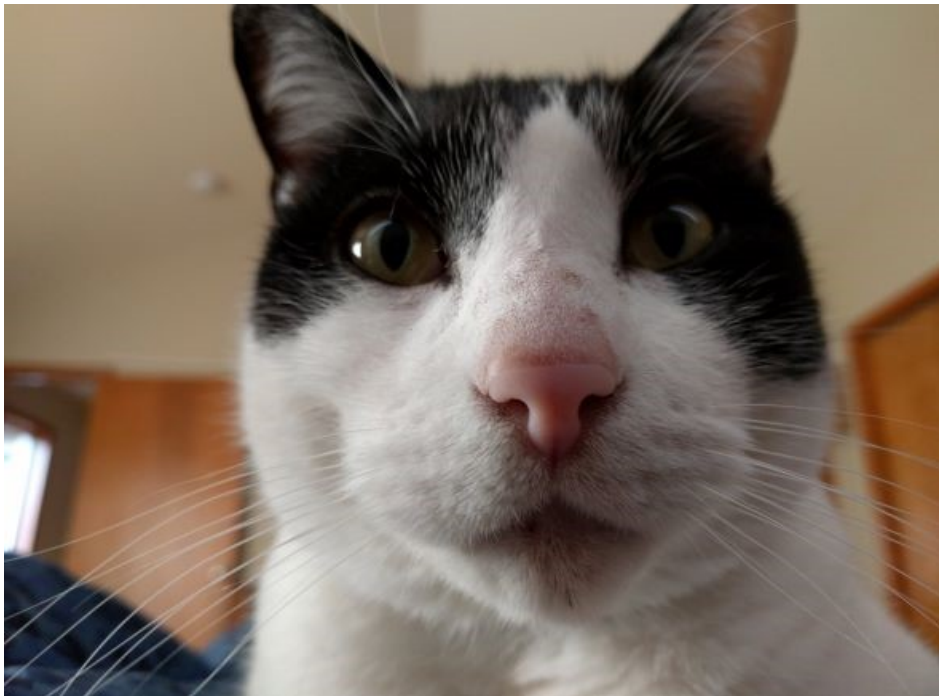


# *St. John's Journal*

## *October 2021*



### **Bandit Invites You!**

And so does Fr. Doug! Bring your pets to be blessed on Sunday, October 1, at 1 p.m. in the parking lot at St. John. This is an annual tradition at St. John, taking place on the Sunday nearest the day on which St. Francis of Assisi is honored, October 4. Hosts from the morning Eucharist will be available to all who come.

If your pet does not travel well, bring a picture so Fr. Doug can see it, say its name, and bless it.

See you October 1!

*Blessed are You, Lord God, for all living creatures You have made. You keep them in your care and not one of them is lost without You knowing. They glorify You, each in its own way, and speak to us of Your beauty and love. Bless them and keep them from harm. They unquestionably accept their place in the rhythm of Your creation. May we respect them and cherish them for they are Your gift to us; through them may we come to know You better and praise You, their Creator. Blessed be the love and joy that they bring to us. Amen.*

## Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

Recently Patti and I went on a little field trip. We drove out to the Coos River Cemetery where Patti performed a graveside service a few days before. She had found something there she wanted to show me. It was the grave of the Rev. William Horsfall and other members of his family.

Rev. Horsfall was one of the first Episcopal Priests to serve the Oregon South Coast. He was sent in 1889 by the bishop at the time as a missionary to cover territory from Gardiner to Brookings. At the time there were no church buildings, just small groups of people here and there whom he visited and held a service with them about once a month. He lived in Marshfield (Coos Bay) for much of the time that he served the South Coast.



In 1909 Rev. Horsfall was named Archdeacon of the Diocese. In 1910 an additional clergyman came to serve the churches in the Coos Bay area and Gardiner. So, Rev. Horsfall moved to Bandon, focusing upon the churches in the southern mission sites, he mostly focused upon Coquille and Bandon, while keeping up pastoral contacts with people further south. In 1911 he was relieved of his position of Archdeacon and instead was named Dean of the Southern Convocation, which I presume included places like Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, etc. I have enough to do covering the churches of the South Coast Convocation without the addition of the inland churches.



He took on all this work even though he suffered from a heart condition the whole time. In 1918 he retired after serving nearly 30 years in the area. One could say that he CARED. He Cherished the people who were in his charge. He Acted together with other clergy and lay leaders to provide a strong ministry. He Responded to the need of the small communities on the coast to have spiritual care and he Embraced the mission the bishop sent him on.

He died in 1921 and was buried in the Coos River Cemetery. He is buried there with his wife Sarah, their son Dr. William Horsfall and their son's wife in the Horsfall section of the cemetery.

If you would like to visit Rev. Horsfall, drive out Highway 241 from the southern edge of Coos Bay crossing over the Isthmus Slough. Instead of following 241 (continued page 3)

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



**Fr. Doug's Iconic Column (continued from page 2)**

across the river over to the northside, follow the South Coos River Ln/Hwy along the south side of the river until it crosses the river. Then you will take the first left onto Landrith Rd. Follow Landrith Rd. until the pavement ends at a T in the road. Make a U-turn. You will then see what looks like a driveway going off to the left. Drive up the little incline. Then you will see the cemetery sign hanging on the fence. Park on the north side of the cemetery and walk to the south side where you will find the Horsfall plot marked by a large rock cross.

Who knows, you may find Patti and me up there again. We are thinking of returning to do some gentle cleaning of Rev. Horsfall's gravestone.

Fr. Doug

**Service News!!**

On October 3, the Sunday morning service livestreamed at 9:30 will be Holy Eucharist. The consecrated hosts from this service will be available to all who come at 1 p.m. for the blessing of the pets on the parking lot.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer**

Fr. Doug has started to offer Evening Prayer at 7pm on Wednesdays using the Zoom platform. The link to the gathering can be found in his weekly Saturday evening emails. The same link can be used each week. Come and be blessed by this time of prayer and interaction with other folks from St. John.

***Musings from Denise*****Through a Child's Eyes**

As holiday decorations begin to appear for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas, it's natural for the child within each of us to look forward to these holidays with a bit of nostalgia as we recall going Trick-or-Treating in homemade costumes, gathering around a heavily laden table with extended family and friends, and opening presents on Christmas morning. Those of us who have children and grandchildren might also reflect on how those holidays and family traditions have changed over generations. Because of the pandemic, both 2020 and 2021 have seen the most radical changes in our holiday celebrations since the Great Depression but haven't snuffed them out altogether. They have only stretched our creativity and led us to focus on what is most important -- family.

My mother came from a large well-to-do family that lost everything in 1929, including her father, a beloved eldest son. Her Canadian mother (who had never really been welcomed into the family) moved West with her 10-year-old daughter and two suitcases, to start a new life. She worked long hours as a dressmaker to eke out a bare subsistence for the two of them in a house they shared with another widow who had a daughter about the same age. They did without many things, but always found a way to celebrate holidays together. For example, a mother-daughter Valentine's Day dinner might have been only a bowl of borscht (made with beets from the back garden), but it was served on homemade heart-shaped paper placemats with red cloth napkins. My mother clung to memories of those handmade holiday decorations, greeting cards and "special meals", and continued to celebrate each holiday that way throughout her life in ways I always found a little overwhelming because I could never match her creativity or enthusiasm . . . but then I never had never been in want, even when my dad was out of work for months at a time.

When today's children are grown, I wonder if they will look back on this time as one of loneliness, hardship, and scarcity or of staying connected with family and friends in inventive ways?

## **Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – September 2021**

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

### We Reviewed:

The current Profit and Loss report and balance sheet.

### We Nominated and Voted to Accept:

Denise as St. John's Treasurer as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. (YAY!)

### We Discussed:

- ♦ The upcoming Stewardship Campaign including the communications plan.
- ♦ Sanctuary lighting improvements and a bid for the work from Reece Electric.
- ♦ Long range plans for COVID precautions: rummage sale, worship, etc.
- ♦ The upcoming pet blessing event.
- ♦ How to safely host trick-or-treaters this year, if at all possible.



### **Do You Care?**

**C**hurch hasn't always been a major part of my life, but it is now. There were early years when my family only attended Easter services. During high school, my friends of various faiths talked about their religions as we ate lunch together. When I went away to college, I visited a variety of churches and temples, and just before I moved to Bandon, I discovered that the Episcopal Church offered everything I needed theologically, spiritually, and socially. I have felt at home at St. John's ever since. I care about our church, our congregation, and our mission.

**A**s 2021 draws to a close, the BAC is calculating what we will need in 2022 just to cover ordinary operating expenses: clergy, worship (music and supplies), building and grounds maintenance, office administration, communications, and diocesan expenses – not to mention outreach projects. Soon you will be receiving information by mail about our annual stewardship campaign and will be encouraged to make a pledge of support by November 21st. It is through our church's physical presence and our combined resources that we can show the community just how much we care.

**R**etaining clergy was our top goal three years ago, after an extended period of dependence upon Supply Clergy. With the help of a grant from the Episcopal Bishop of Oregon Foundation (EBOF), we were finally able to call the Rev. Doug Hale to St. John's in 2020. Picture for a moment what St. John's would have become without Fr. Doug's steady leadership and technological wizardry during these two pandemic years that have brought so many added challenges. Because he cares about us and our mission, he is constantly finding new ways to respond to changing needs so we may worship together in safety (even when "together" means apart).

**E**ach of us will have an opportunity during the next few weeks to prayerfully consider our blessings, what being a part of St. John's means to us, and how we can thankfully give back to God through our time, talents, and treasure. After the campaign materials are mailed out, anyone with questions about making a pledge may contact a member of the Stewardship Committee (Senior Warden and committee chairperson Judy Jackson, Fr. Doug, or me.)

*-- Denise Skillman (Member, Stewardship Committee)*

### **Our Prayer List**

Robin Haruna, Jim & Marci, Kehau, Marilyn C., 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.

## **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.

## **OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS**

### **Birthdays**

**15th: Cynthia Mohorko**

**22nd: Wailani Reep**

**27th: Mary Garrett**

### **Anniversary**

**28th: Leanne & Patrick Salandro**



*Please observe Oregon's masking guidelines. Remember: your mask should cover both your mouth and your nose to protect yourself & others.. Stay safe!*

# October 2021

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## BASKETS OF PLENTY

The Diocesan Commission on Poverty and Homelessness raises funds that are then given out in grants of \$1000 to various ministries throughout the Diocese to help those experiencing poverty and homelessness. We at St. John received one such grant to support the work of the Medical Loan Closet.

In past years, this money has been raised by congregations providing baskets filled wonderful little items that were then raffled off at Diocesan Convention. If you have been a delegate to Convention, you would have been impressed with the splendid array of unique baskets. St. John has provided baskets in the past.

With the arrival of COVID and the canceling of in-person Convention last year, the Basket Raffle did not happen. This year, uncertain of how Convention would occur, the Commission launched a new way to raise funds. The Baskets of Plenty Auction will be an online auction and will allow everyone in the Diocese to participate. The Silent Auction runs from October 2-9. The Virtual Auction will be held on October 9 from 5-6:30pm. Included in the auction are vacation getaways, entertainment, learning opportunities, handmade items and more.

In order to participate you will need to sign-up ahead of time **online** or go to the Commissions webpage on the Diocesan website. To make it easy for you to participate once you sign-up you will receive a pre-auction tutorial and a cheat sheet. There will also be people on hand to guide you through the process.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!



The annual Basket Raffle at the Diocesan Convention, to support the Commission on Poverty and Homelessness, has morphed into a Zoom auction.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**



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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.