

St. John's Journal

October 2022

October Birthdays

15: Cynthía Mohorko

22: Wailani Reep

27: Mary Garrett

Your birth flower (below) is the marigold.



Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

It seems that Octobers is going to be a busy month.

There are several events in the Diocese that will involve several of us from St. John. On October 15th I will be going to Eugene for a "Clergy Leadership Day." This is something our new Bishop has instituted. The next Saturday, Oct. 22, a few of us will be participating in the South Coast Convocation via Zoom. And then on Saturday, Oct. 29, a few of us will be participating in Diocesan Convention via Zoom. Fortunately, we continue to use some of the technology that we learned because of COVID that helps those of us who have large distances to travel to join in while remaining in the comfort of our community.

Closer to home, or maybe it is better to say "at home," we have a number of special events in October that we all can participate in.

This Sunday, Oct. 2, we will have a **Blessing of the Animals**, corresponding to the Feast of St. Francis on Oct. 4. There are different ways that this has been done in the past. We discussed the options and decided to go with a special event following worship rather than bring our beloved animal friends into worship. So our plan is to hold the Blessing at 11am or so, on the deck. This will give folks an opportunity to go home and bring back their beloveds if they wish. If your pets are not likely to be comfortable at the gathering, then bring a photo and they will be blessed in absentia.

On Sunday Oct. 16, we will have our **Kick-Off of our Stewardship Program, "For it is in Giving that We Receive."** Mostly, this will involve a special Coffee Hour put together by Laurea and the distribution of Stewardship Materials. Watch for other parts of our program throughout this month.

After a two-year hiatus, because of COVID, we have decided to invite in trick-or-treaters once again on **Halloween**. We are receiving donations of candy and have set aside money to purchase socks to give out. Ginny Hall has agreed to be a co-coordinator of the event. We are looking for someone who will partner with her to make this a fun event.

As you can see, we have some great events coming up involving pets, children and various kinds of treats. Don't miss out.

Fr. Doug



Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – September 2022

Here's what took place at the September BAC meeting

We Reviewed

The August and year-to-date financial reports.

The draft budget for 2023.

We Discussed

The fall stewardship campaign.

How to spend 2022's budgeted outreach funds.

The parking lot expansion project.

The broken vacuum cleaner and deteriorating outdoor reader board.

The plan for once-monthly Sunday school.

BAC membership for next year.

Upcoming events including Fr. Doug's vacation (9/19 – 9/25), and the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 2nd.

We Decided

To resume our hosting of trick-or-treaters on Halloween and to give out new socks along with the candy.

DON'T FORGET!

At 2 a.m. on November 6, set your clocks back one hour as we return to standard time. (We recommend you do this before you go to bed Saturday night. It's easier.)

Blessing of the Animals!

It's Sunday, October 2. Once again, we will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi by blessing the pets. We will provide more details as the date approaches, but there is no harm in telling your fur children about this happy observance. Oops! Does this mean you cannot bring your favorite guppy, snake, armadillo, or rooster for a blessing? (These, too, are God's creations.) Well, let's see what Fr. Doug has to say about it. :-)

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

Wednesday Evening Prayer

Fr. Doug is leading Evening Prayer at 7pm on Wednesdays using the Zoom platform at this link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGlTMethTnUyQWk3TW9hNmszemRsQT09)

[pwd=eGlTMethTnUyQWk3TW9hNmszemRsQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGlTMethTnUyQWk3TW9hNmszemRsQT09) The same link can be used each week. The link to the gathering can also be found in his weekly Saturday evening emails. The same link can be used each week. Join and be blessed by this time of prayer and interaction with other folks from St. John.

Musings from Denise FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON . . .

In the church calendar, October begins with an acknowledgment of how blessed we are to have animals that bring us comfort and ends with Halloween (the first of three days dedicated to remembering the dead – saints, martyrs and all the faithful departed) and the lessons their lives (both animal and human) can teach us. As Job observed (Job 12:7-10):

- ⁷“But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;
⁸or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,
or let the fish in the sea inform you.
⁹Which of all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done this?
¹⁰In his hand is the life of every creature
and the breath of all mankind.

Birds in my backyard, though fewer in number now, are beefing up on seeds and suet at a greater rate than they did all summer. A large tree squirrel has laid claim to a plum tree with a hollow trunk for its winter lodging. I hadn't noticed how much the rot had spread from a damaged branch until I spied the squirrel dropping a whole apple into the trunk and following it inside, disappearing. Even as the tree is dying, it is providing protection for the squirrel and its family.

All of God's creation ebbs and flows through seasons – not just winter, spring, summer, and fall, but seasons of scarcity and abundance, wet and dry seasons, planting and harvesting seasons, and our own seasons of joy, sadness, newness, growth and decline as we move from infancy to old age. They say when you get older, you start turning to the obituaries before reading the headlines of the day. That must mean I was born old because I have always done that. While it's sad and sometimes shocking to learn of someone's passing, it is often inspiring to read about all that person accomplished in life despite whatever challenges they met.

One part of me is always enthralled by the pomp and circumstance of state funerals that wrestles with another part of me that believes a scaled back version that saves money and resources to benefit society or the environment, would be a more fitting memorial. That inner conflict did not prevent me, however, from getting up at 2:30 one recent morning to watch the live broadcast of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral. Not only was it grand and memorable as expected, but it recalled celebrations of the lives of other great leaders as well as the lives of ordinary folks I miss.

While we are in God's hand, whatever condition we are in at this moment will not last forever. Beginning every October 31, we are reminded we have one thing to look forward to – reuniting with all those souls who have gone on before us. Thanks be to God!



October 2022

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Blessing of the Pets at 11 a.m. Oct. 2!!						<i>1</i> 10 Medita- tion Class
<i>2</i> 17th Sun. of Pentecost HE II	<i>3</i> 7:30 AA	<i>4</i> 8 AA	<i>5</i> 7:30 Eve. Prayer 8 AA	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 10 Medita- tion Class
<i>9</i> 18th Sun of Pentecost HE II	<i>10</i> 7:30 AA	<i>11</i> 1 BAC 8 AA	<i>12</i> 7:30 Eve. Prayer 8 AA	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 10 Medita- tion Class
<i>16</i> 19th Sun of Pentecost HE II	<i>17</i> 7:30 AA	<i>18</i> 8 AA	<i>19</i> 7:30 Eve. Prayer 8 AA	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 10 Medita- tion Class
<i>23</i> 20th Sun of Pentecost HE II	<i>24</i> 7:30 AA	<i>25</i> 8 AA	<i>26</i> 7:30 Eve. Prayer 8 AA	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 10 Medita- tion Class
<i>30</i> 21st Sun of Pentecost HE II	<i>31</i> Halloween 7:30 AA					

Coming to Your Mailbox Soon

Third Quarter Pledge and Offering Statements will be available at church on Sunday, October 9th. Any statements not picked up that day will be mailed on October 10th (but we hope to save some postage costs). Please review your statement as soon as possible, and let the Treasurer know if something doesn't match your records. Thanks!



Cursillo

Oregon and SW Washington Episcopal Cursillo will host a Day of Deeper Understanding for recent attendees at the September Cursillo Weekend, team, sponsors, and those interested in how Cursillo unfolds as an ongoing ministry. This will be held at 10am on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St. James Episcopal Church in Tigard, (11511 SW Bull Mountain Road). And then the entire Cursillo Community is invited for a Grand Ultreya celebration beginning at 12:30pm that same day to welcome everyone (old and new) to the next season of Cursillo. A minestrone soup will be served at 12:30, and you are invited to bring whatever else you want for your own lunch. Elections for Secretariat will conclude the Grand Ultreya. Contact Ellen Onstad at oregoncursillo@gmail.com for information. Why October 8, you ask? Simple – no Oregon or Oregon State home football games that date!

Kevin Mallon, 503-863-1973, Communications Co-Chair

Coming Soon

All Saints Day

We will observe All Saints Day early in November.

During October, we will be asking you for the names of the departed for whom you would like prayers and whose names we will list in the bulletin for the service on November 6.

UPDATES NEEDED

Please let the office know the dates of your birthdays and anniversaries so we can update the list. No, you DO NOT need to confess the year either occurred!

BAC

Senior Warden: Judy Jackson
Junior Warden: Sally Glunt
Members at Large: Mary Garrett, Lani Reynolds, Maggie Lowery, Gail Pray
Treasurer: Denise Skillman
Clerk: Beth Wilmot
Banker: Kathy Webb

Convention Delegates: Judy Jackson & Sally Glunt

Staff

Vicar:
 The Rev. Doug Hale

Music Director:
 Cynthia Mohorko

Church Administrator:
 Virginia MacCallum

OFFICE HOURS

Our Vicar, Fr. Doug, is generally in his church office Tuesday and Thursday from about noon until about 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE HUNGRY!

Contributions in September have been very sparse, but people are still hungry. Thank you for your support or our outreach to feed the hungry of Bandon. This is an ecumenical outreach in which we participate with other churches in our communities.

If you wonder what is most needed, consider these: **FOOD:** unopened non-perishable food, food in pull-top cans, canned fruit, canned meat, chili, ravioli, stew, soup, peanut butter, jelly/jam, mayonnaise, ketchup, cocoa mix, cereal. **PERSONAL CARE:** shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, combs, deodorant, cotton swabs, feminine hygiene products, ladies' panties (new & gently used and clean). **CLOTHING/SHELTER:** socks, gloves, belts, knit caps, backpacks, hand-warmers, tarps. **PET CARE:** small bags of cat food and dog food, collars, leashes. **THINGS FOOD STAMPS/SNAP WON'T BUY:**

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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.