

# *St. John's Journal*

*January 2023*

*Happy New Year!*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**January 29, 2023**

**Following our worship service on January 23, we will have our Annual Meeting in Theresa Hall.**

**This is an important event in our congregational life, and it is your opportunity to learn more about how things operate as you also have a voice in electing the members of the BAC (Bishop's Advisory Committee) and our delegates to our convocation and the diocesan convention.**

**Do you wonder where your pledge offering to St. John goes? The financial report will reveal how our money pays bills, and your voice will be heard on the proposed budget for 2023. Your voice counts!**

## **Bishop's Advisory Committee Notes – December 2022**

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

### **We Reviewed**

The November financial reports.

### **We Voted**

To approve an outreach donation of \$400 to Coast Community Health Clinic. These funds will be used to purchase gas and food gift cards for their clients in need.

### **We Discussed**

The draft 2023 budget: fundraising potential and outreach options for 2023, cost saving measures and clergy compensation.

BAC membership for next year.

How to improve the message board next to the sanctuary doors.

Vegetation trimming.

The possibility of installing a columbarium in the front garden.

The need for a third Sunday school teacher.

### **Upcoming Events**

-A "Longest Night" service of lessons & reflections via Zoom on Wed. 12/21.

-Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols with Eucharist at 4:30 p.m. on 12/24.

-Christmas Day eucharistic service at 9:30 a.m. 12/25.

-The Annual Meeting on Sunday, 1/29/23, following the 9:30 a.m. service.

-Fr. Doug will take off December 26th to January 1st.



## *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column*

We are starting a new calendar year. Welcome to 2023.

But there are different kinds of year, with different starting dates.

At the end of November, we started the liturgical year as we moved into the Season of Advent. We are currently in the brief Season of Christmas, which includes the celebration of the Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be on vacation that day, but Ginger will be leading Morning Prayer. Don't miss out on this special day. The Christmas Season concludes with Epiphany on January 6, celebrating the arrival of the wisemen. We then enter Ordinary Time that is punctuated with several important feast days. On Wednesday January 18, the Wednesday Zoom Evening Prayer will be celebrating the Confession of Saint Peter, the confession that Jesus is the Messiah. On Wednesday January 25 we will be celebrating the Conversion of Saint Paul. On Wednesday February 1, we will be celebrating the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple (moved from February 2).

On Sunday January 29, we will begin a new administrative year for our congregation. After worship, we will hold our annual meeting followed by a luncheon. During the meeting we will present reports about the past year and approve a budget for the coming year. We will also elect new members for the Bishop's Advisory Council (BAC) and delegates and alternates for Diocesan Convention and the South Coast Convocation. We have several members of the BAC who are going off the Council and we are looking for new members. The BAC has already spoken with a few people about that. Delegates and alternates are elected annually, so we will be looking for folks willing to serve in those capacities. I am also looking for a new Senior Warden, as Judy's term is coming to an end. We are also looking for a new Clerk for the BAC, who takes minutes of the meetings. So, if you would be interested in serving in one of these capacities please speak with me, or Judy, or Sally (Jr. Warden). We can fill you in more about what the expectations are for each of those opportunities to serve.

There is also another year (if we can call it that) that began back in November. The first year of a new Sunday School began with Braydon as our head student. He is assisted by Maggie and Mary. Currently they meet just one Sunday a month. Maggie, as lead teacher, is looking for an additional adult to fill out the team. Because there needs to be two adults present, it would be great to have another adult available in case Maggie or Mary cannot be present on the scheduled Sunday. There is also an idea that the Sunday School might expand to two Sundays a month if there was an additional adult in the program. Please think about helping. The gatherings have a lot of energy. You might even learn something from Braydon. If you want to learn more, please speak with Maggie, Mary, or myself.

Please join in these new beginnings, these new years. Please consider how you might contribute to these new beginnings for the benefit of others.

Fr. Doug



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**2: Gail Pray**



### **DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET**

**We really would like to be able to acknowledge and celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries—all of you! Can it really be that Gail is our only member celebrating in January?**

**Please let us know about these important dates. No, you do NOT have to tell us what year you were born. Please let us know so Ginny Hall can send you a card from St. John and so we can have birthday or anniversary prayers for you during the church service closest to your special day.**

### **RECRUITING FOR LAY MINISTRY**

**Lay ministry is important in our congregational worship, and we really need more participants. What would you do? Serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)? Read the lessons and psalms as a Lector? Lead the intercessions, the Prayers of the People as Intercessor? Usher and greet us as we enter the church?**

**Please think about these possibilities for which we have need and let Fr. Doug know so we can schedule training and mentoring.**

### **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=eGlTMethTnUyQWk3TW9hNm5zemRsQT09)

[pwd=eGlTMethTnUyQWk3TW9hNm5zemRsQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5042346656?pwd=eGlTMethTnUyQWk3TW9hNm5zemRsQT09) 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***Manifesting the Light**

It's that time of year again -- to sweep away the sorrows and failings of the past and turn toward becoming better humans, better citizens, and more faithful Christians. Many of us pull out a tablet (paper or electronic) and create a list of resolutions we think will make us better, healthier, and more conscious of the needs of others. But most fail to keep those good intentions -- either because they were too ambitious or not challenging enough to promote real change in our lives.

Ever since our ancient ancestors' fall from grace, God has been on a mission to restore our relationship with God and each other. God's strategy for redeeming us was to become incarnate -- to walk among the people as a living, breathing being they could see and touch, and learn from.

Wise Men  
Seek Him Still



The **Feast of the Epiphany** (January 6<sup>th</sup>) recalls when three Wise Men (Magi) from the East were led by a bright star to pay homage and bring gifts to an infant they recognized as not only the Jewish

Messiah but as the ruler of all nations, and the universal source of salvation. The gifts they brought (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) revealed their understanding that Jesus was King, God, and Sacrifice, all in one.

Once his public ministry began, Jesus' strategy to promote God's mission was to teach a few disciples by example, then send them out to make disciples of all nations -- baptizing new disciples and teaching them what Jesus had taught, so that they, in turn, could baptize and teach others, and so on throughout the world and down to the present day. [*Great Commission, Mt. 28:16-20*]

How can we support God's mission? First, by resolving to live up to the promises we already made at our own baptism [*BCP 304-305*]: to continue in the apostles' teaching; to resist evil; to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom by word and example; to love our neighbor as ourselves; to strive for justice and peace among all people; and to respect the dignity of every human being. (I would add a second resolution: to become better stewards of our planet -- every feature on it and every being that inhabits it.)

May these resolutions for 2023 light the way for ourselves and others toward God's restored kingdom



## St. John's Minecraft Sunday School

Mary Garrett and Maggie Lowery have started a one Sunday a month Sunday School using the Minecraft Bible. If we can find one or two more people who are willing to get the Episcopal Training, "Safeguarding God's Children," we could offer Sunday School twice a month in 2023!

Pictured below left to right are Mary Garrett, Braydon Wagner, and Maggie Lowery.



### IT WASN'T LIKE THIS WHEN I WAS A KID!

But that was in the Dark Ages, relatively speaking — before TV or the internet or computers in every home and on every cell phone!

Take a look at a website to pique your interest in joining the Sunday School activity as a teacher. Here is one called *Grow Christians*:

<https://www.growchristians.org/2021/01/11/using-minecraft-to-teach-kids-about-christianity/>

Another interesting site is *Church Next*:

<https://churchnextblog.wordpress.com/2016/10/13/5-ways-to-use-minecraft-to-teach-kids-about-christianity/>

Here is your track to Safe Church training, a free diocesan program:

<https://diocese-oregon.org/administration/safe-church/>

# January 2023

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

<b>1</b> <i>Holy Name of Our Lord</i>  <b>MP II</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>7:30 AA</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>The aptism of Our Lord</i>  <b>HE II</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>7:30 AA</b>	<b>10</b> <i>1 p.m. BAC</i>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>2nd Sun. after Epiphany</i>  <b>HE II</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>7:30 AA</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>2nd Sun. after Epiphany</i>  <b>HE II</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>7:30 AA</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>4th Sun. after Epiphany</i> <b>HE II</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>7:30 AA</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>8:00 AA</b>				

## BAC

**Senior Warden:** Judy Jackson  
**Junior Warden:** Sally Glunt  
**Members at Large:** Mary Garrett, Lani Reynolds, Maggie Lowery, Gail Pray  
**Treasurer:** Denise Skillman  
**Clerk:**  
**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.

## BANDON FEEDS THE HUNGRY

The ecumenical food pantry depends on each of us for our gifts of food each month. As you bring the non-perishable food items for this ongoing need, please remember, too, the family dog or cat. Since these items are not for human consumption, they cannot be obtained with food stamps. You also cannot obtain any of these needed items with food stamps: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant,, safety razors, soap (bath and laundry), and women's sanitary products.

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

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A Believe Out Loud  
Congregation

### 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.