

St. John's Journal

June 2023

.. for now the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The Song of Solomon 2:10-12



These were our altar flowers on the Day of Pentecost. At each service in the church, beautiful, fragrant flowers grace the sacred space of the chancel. They are ever reminders of God's love for us and of the beauty and wonder of His creation and many blessings.

We are blessed at St. John to have the loving, yet unsung talents of those who select and arrange these flowers each week. Caroline McKemy and Judy Jackson were long those artists with our flowers, and Judy — the Judy of the Medical Loan Closet, former Bishop's Warden, so-capable and skilled in so many ways — Judy is our resident flower artist. Thank you and praises to you, Judy!

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

As Summer rapidly approaches, my thoughts go to summer activities. In my church life, both as a youth and as an adult, one of those activities was going to camp. Camp and Retreat Ministries of Oregon Methodists and Episcopalians is offering a variety of camps at several camps around the state of possible interest to the variety of people of St. John.

For youth there is Mini Camp (grades 1-2) July 4-7 at Camp Magruder. There is Elementary Camp (grades 1-5) July 24-28 at Suttle Lake Camp. There is Ready, Set, Camp (grades 1-3) July 31- August 2 at Camp Latgawa.

For families there is 4th of July Family Camp July 2-5, Grand Camp August 4-6 and Labor Day Family Camp September 1-4 all at Camp Magruder.

For adults there is Needlework Camp September 22-27 at Magruder. There is Shakespeare Festival Retreat August 22-25 at Latgawa. There is Quilt Show Retreat July 5-9 and Fall Quilts, Crafts & More Retreat September 12-17 at Suttle Lake. There is Time to Sow August 22-25 at Collins Retreat Center. And there is Transformations Prayer Retreat October 1-6 at Suttle Lake.

If you are wondering about the different camps... **Camp Magruder** is a large camp located near Rockaway Beach. It has its own lake complete with boats and a swimming area. It is a short walk over the dunes to the ocean. **Suttle Lake Camp** is located near Sisters with access to Suttle Lake and surrounded by forest. **Camp Latgawa** is a smaller camp located east of Medford. **Collins Retreat Center** is located east of Portland in a wooded setting.

If you are interested and want more information, go online to www.gocamping.org. There is a lot of information to search through to learn more about the locations and the specific camp programs.

Or talk to Sally, who has served as a camp nurse at Suttle Lake.

Or talk to me, for I have attended camps and retreats at all of these locations. I also served for a couple years as the chaplain for the Shakespeare Camp. I am even contemplating the idea of possibly attending the Transformations Prayer Retreat.

Fr. Doug



From the Senior Warden, Lairea Arnoldt . . .**“So, Noted”**

St John Episcopal Church BAC Meeting

Sunday May 14, 2023

The following BAC members were present: The Reverend Douglas Hale (Fr. Doug), Lairea Arnoldt, (Sr. Warden), Sally Glunt (Jr. Warden), Denise Skillman (Treasurer), Kathy Webb (Member At Large), Gail Pray (Member At Large) and Ginny Hall (Clerk). The meeting was called to order by Fr. Doug at 11:24am. He offered a prayer of love for all mothers on this Mother's Day, a blessing on all of our families, and a blessing upon the life of our congregation and prayers of guidance and wisdom on today's meeting. Fr. Doug asked if there were any additions to the meeting's Agenda. There were no additions. The minutes of the BAC meeting on April 16 had previously been reviewed by all BAC members. There were no additions. Denise moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lairea seconded. The motion passed. Treasurer- Denise reviewed the current financial reports. The conversation that followed was to discuss how best to fund altar flowers. Discussion will continue. The Pentecost Offering is coming on Sunday the 28th. This will allow funds to be used to send students to an Episcopal Youth Event.

The Warden's reports were to outline the list of projects to get completed: 1. Roof replacement, 2. Parking Lot, and 3. Garden. Estimates are starting to come in. Lairea will be writing a grant request to The Trustees Grant Program. Father Doug and Sally will be meeting with the Planning Department regarding the parking lot requirements. We then moved on to a discussion about the garden. We have been talking our way through the idea of a columbarium in the garden. The cost can be quite high and how would it look? Father had brought up the possibility of a “Scatter Garden” where the ashes could be scattered and/or dug into the grounds with a memorial plaque. More research to do as this becomes a deeper discussion. Sally had a new banner sign for the regular services made to be utilized out front.

The Shepherd's House Grand-opening will be Saturday, September 9th. Bishop Diana will be attending. The next BAC Meeting is scheduled for June 11th.

**FOUND BRACELET**

This silver bracelet was recently found under one of the back pews on the Epistle side (south side) of the nave. It is silver, and the stones inlaid across the top appear to be malachite.

If this is yours, or if you know to whom it belongs, please contact the church office so we can restore it to its owner.

BAC Minutes for May 14, 2023

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Treasurer- Denise Skillman

Financial Reports

Denise reviewed the current financial reports and highlighted the following items:

1. There has been no activity in the Altar Fund. Currently there is a balance of \$899.66. Historically, this Fund has been used to purchase flowers, vestments and altar furnishings. It has been funded by donations from individuals paying for commemorative candles, flowers for special occasions, etc.

Denise had a conversation with Judy Jackson about soliciting donations for altar flowers. Judy's idea was to allow certain people to be assigned to a Sunday and then that person would be responsible for purchasing and arranging flowers. After further discussion, it was decided to continue to have Judy prepare the Sunday altar flower arrangements. Judy is a Master Gardener and enjoys this ministry.

Another consideration was to suggest to the Congregation that if anyone wants to make Sunday offerings specifically for the Altar Fund, they are welcome to do so and note on the check memo line.

Since the balance of the Altar Fund is not at a point to be concerned of the lack of activity, this is a problem to be solved at another time.

2. There has also not been any activity in the Memorial Fund. Fr. Doug will talk with Wailani about offering assistance to her for her father's internment, memorial service and her travel for these events. The Priest's Discretionary Fund would be used for this monetary assistance.

3. The Pentecost Offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 28 will be allocated to the Episcopal Youth Event this summer. There are 15 youths attending this event and the cost is \$1500/youth.

Senior Warden- Laurea Arnoldt

Laurea will be writing a Grant Request for our roof project which is further detailed in the Junior Warden's report.

Junior Warden-Sally Glunt

We have 4 major physical projects under consideration with the project priority as follows:

1. Roof repairs- We received a bid from a contractor in Brookings, Thomas Fristed. His bid was \$58,450 for a 6262 square foot roof area. His bid included 30-year composite shingles with hot-dipped galvanized nails. He said he would not charge for travel and hotel.

As a point of reference, Bob Seimer's estimate was \$60,000.

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A discussion followed and it was noted that stainless steel nails should be used rather than galvanized nails. In addition, we could continue to contact other contractors for interest in bidding this project. We could contact contractors and request if anyone would consider donating supplies for this project.

Crown Roofing does not want to do this project. It was suggested to contact Rich Rayburn Roofing.

The current roof was completed in 1992 by Ralph Leshin. This is a 30-year roof. Laurea noted that although there is not an urgent need to repair the roof, Bandon seems to be having more significant wind/rain events each winter.

The capital fund has \$56,879 for the roof repair and parking lot projects.

2. Parking lot- Fr. Doug will talk with Timmy Lakey, manager of the Public Works department at the City of Bandon to review and confirm what is required for the driveway and water drainage issues. The parking lot driveway is currently 18' wide. Current code requirements are 24' wide.

3. Front garden- There are three phases to the garden project: clean-up, planning for new installments and executing approved plans. Clean-up was done last week by Ebb Tide. Since Judy J. is a Master Gardener, she coordinated and directed the Ebb Tide workers. We were also fortunate to have help from Tom Glunt.

A discussion followed about ideas for what might replace the previous metal cross. Sally suggested that we may want to contact Rich Buffington at Eugene Monument for stone crosses and pricing.

Rather than a columbarium, Fr. Doug suggested a "scatter garden" in which a designated area could be used for scattering of ashes. A stone bench was suggested for the "scatter garden" for people to sit and pray/meditate.

Fr. Doug will check the State statutes for allowing "scatter gardens". Ginny mentioned that we might want to check the City to be sure a "scatter garden" is allowed by Code.

4. Main Sign Banner- Sally contacted Bryce at Freedom Graphics for a bid. She gave him specs and a preliminary idea of what we would like on the banner. Bryce bid \$30 for cost of making this banner. The BAC committee approved Sally to move forward with this project. Bryce indicated he could have this banner completed by Pentecost Sunday.

Father Doug

Fr. Doug provided his update on future events and calendar items: 1. May 28 is Pentecost Sunday.

2. The Shepherd's House grand opening will be celebrated on Saturday, September 9. Bishop Diana will be in town. Her schedule is not known at this time.

4. June 11 is our June BAC meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

BAC Minutes May 023

Ginny Hall
Clerk

SPOTLIGHT

How We Serve One Another

At St. John's we aim to Love God, love our neighbor and serve one another. As a church community we run outreach programs like the Medical Loan Closet. But individuals in our congregation also get out in our community to serve on their own. This is the latest in a series introducing individuals who give of their time and talent beyond St. John's.

Jeannie Culp – In Her Words

When I made a major change in my life by moving to Bandon after 40 years in Southern California, it seemed like an opportune time to follow up on an injunction to look for God beyond the walls of the church. Could it be that those people standing on the corner of 42S and the 101 with signs promoting equity, justice, and love were what I was looking for? According to their mission statement, the Bandon Inclusivity Group (BIG) exists to engage Bandon area residents in creating an inclusive, just, and fair community.

I've become involved serving with the BIG Core Group; writing for the monthly newsletter and blogs; writing monthly Letters to the Editor of The World; standing on the corner occasionally with my "Love, Learn, Vote" and "U.S. History is Colorful" signs; participating in the monthly Book Group; and helping to plan events, such as "Listening to Understand" and the summer 2023 "Children's Cultural Books Program."

I do sense that the people involved in organizations like BIG are promoting God's kingdom in this world.



*Musings from Denise***You Shall Find Refuge Under His Wings**

Not only is a picture worth a thousand words, but it can stir up random memories and connect divergent thoughts. When visiting an English church many years ago, I found copies of recent sermons in the narthex. One caught my eye because of a clever turn of phrase, and I recall it every time I see a swan (which is a pretty random connection). Written by a youthful associate priest on the eve of his transfer to another church, it began something like this: "If a Rector's farewell sermon can be called a 'swan song,' then mine must be a 'cygnet tune.'"

The term 'swan song' comes from the ancient belief that mute swans become more vocal in their dying days. I know little about swans, except that they float majestically on water, they mate for life, their offspring are called "cygnets," and it's difficult to tell apart the adult males ("cobs") from females ("pens") without getting up close and personal.



The tender moment captured in this photograph is not a typical mother-and-child scene, but (according to a park ranger) it is a rare case of a cob assuming the role of comforter and protector in the absence of the mother that had died. Clearly this bird takes his parental responsibilities seriously and his cygnets are finding refuge under his wing.

It is common to hear of a young, inexperienced, or vulnerable person being taken "under the wing" of an older, wiser person who acts as their guardian, protector, or mentor. The typical image in the animal kingdom is of a hen protecting her young, but we often see the "older, wiser" person as a father-figure. Consider this verse from Psalm 91:4:

*"He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings;
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler."*

The Psalmist saw God as the *protective parent who feeds, nurtures, and protects his young*. *There is no safer place to be than under the Father's wings.* (Pinions are the long, stiff wing feathers that enable the bird to fly and also can be flapped to defend. In Native American culture, a pinion is a type of prayer feather used in ceremonies to offer prayers to the Creator or to ask for guidance or healing.) To all the fathers and father-figures who have taken us under their wings:

Happy Father's Day!

June 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Trinity Sunday HE II	5 7:30 AA	6 8:00 AA	7 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	8 6:30 Choir Practice	9	10
11 2nd Sun of Pentecost HE II 11:00 BAC	12 7:30 AA	13 8:00 AA	14 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	15 6:30 Choir Practice	16	17
18 3rd Sun of Pentecost HE II	19 7:30 AA	20 8:00 AA	21 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	22 6:30 Choir Practice	23	24
25 4th Sun of Pentecost HE II	26 7:30 AA	27 8:00 AA	28 7:00 Evening Prayer 8:00 AA	29 6:30 Choir Practice	30	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 2: George Neason
- 9: Stephen Mohorko
- 15: Joan Markey
- 25: Lorilyn Holton

ANNIVERSARY

- 26: Kay & Bill Marino



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?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.

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.

CAN YOU HEKP?

Each Tuesday evening, a free meal is served at the Barn. It is called E.A.T—*Everyone at Table.*, an ecumenical outreach served by folks from Bandon and Langlois. They need a volunteer to mop the floor after the meal. Can you help? If you can, please contact Allison Hundley at 541-404-2268.

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**A Believe Out Loud
Congregation**



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.

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Bishop's Warden: Laurea Arnoldt

Junior Warden: Sally Glunt

Treasurer: Denise Skillman

Clerk: Ginny Hall

Members at large: Gail Pray & Kathy Webb

Convention Delegates: Laurea Arnoldt & Kay Marino

Alternates: Sally Glunt & Judy Jackson

CHURCH STAFF

Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale

Music Director: Cynthia M0horko

Administrator: Virginia MacCallum

OFFICE HOURS

Our Vicar, Fr. Doug, is generally in his church office Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m.

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