

# St. John's Journal

July 2023

*“...One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*



***July 4 Fireworks Over Fort McHenry***

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*Musings from Denise***LET'S REMEMBER WE'RE STANDING ON THEIR SHOULDERS**

What little I know of American history I gleaned long after I left high school and met European students who knew U.S. history better than I did. (Most embarrassing!) My high school history teacher was the varsity football coach and clearly not interested in the textbook version of U.S. History he was expected to teach. If you were on the football team, all you had to do was show up for roll call every day to earn an "A." If you were a girl (or a boy who was *not* on the football team) you began the year with a "D" and had to work hard to raise your grade. He focused on complex tabletop exercises to demonstrate the conflicting interests of various imaginary colonies, but not once did we study any *actual* American History.

As we celebrate Independence Day this month, it seems appropriate to think about the men named below who bravely signed the Declaration of Independence, relying on "the protection of Divine Providence" and mutually pledging to each other "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." These were well-educated, well-to-do men. Almost half were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners. One was a physician/clergyman. Some would go on to political careers. Some were captured by the British as traitors and tortured to death, some lost their lives (or loved ones) in the Revolutionary War, some lost their properties and fortunes and died in abject poverty, but all sacrificed for the liberties we now enjoy.

*Collect for Independence Day (BCP page 242)*

*Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.*

The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were (in alphabetical order, colony in parentheses): **John Adams (MA), Samuel Adams (MA), Josiah Bartlett (NH), Carter Braxton (VA), Charles Carroll (MD), Samuel Chase (MD), Abraham Clark (NJ), George Clymer (PA), William Ellery (RI), William Floyd (NY), Benjamin Franklin (PA), Elbridge Gerry (MA), Button Gwinnett (GA), Lyman Hall (GA), John Hancock (MA, President), Benjamin Harrison (VA), John Hart (NJ), Joseph Hewes (NC), Thomas Heyward, Jr. (SC), William Hooper (NC), Stephen Hopkins (RI), Francis Hopkinson (NJ), Samuel Huntington (CT), Thomas Jefferson (VA), Francis Lightfoot Lee (VA), Richard Henry Lee (VA), Francis Lewis (NY), Philip Livingston (NY), Thomas Lynch, Jr. (SC), Thomas McKean (DE), Arthur Middleton (SC), Lewis Morris (NY), Robert Morris (PA), John Morton (PA), Thomas Nelson, Jr. (VA), William Paca (MD), Robert Treat Paine (MA), John Penn (NC), George Read (DE), Caesar Rodney (DE), George Ross (PA), Benjamin Rush (PA), Edward Rutledge (SC), Roger Sherman (CT), James Smith (PA), Richard Stockton (NJ), Thomas Stone (MD), George Taylor (PA), Matthew Thornton (NH), George Walton (GA), William Whipple (NH), William Williams (CT), James Wilson (PA), John Witherspoon (NJ), Oliver Wolcott (CT), and George Wythe (VA).** How many names do you recognize? (I only recognized half a dozen, so I have more studying to do.)

## *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column*

We are entering the summer months when there can be a lot of different things going on in our lives. Sometimes those special events interfere with our being able to gather for worship. So, we often see the number of people gathering going down. But lest the congregation of St. John be outdone by other special events, we are providing a few of our own.

This Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the choir will be performing an anthem they have been working on for a while. It was a bit of a challenge to work through some tricky element of the song, but the choir is now feeling like we just might do a pretty good job with it, thanks to Steve and Cynthia's skills in pulling out the best from all the members of the choir. So, Come on Down... to Pray and be blessed.

Next Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have a return of the Service of Healing and Forgiveness we had on June 11<sup>th</sup>. I received a fair amount of positive feedback about having this special time for prayer, laying on of hand and anointing for healing. So, I am thinking of offering it periodically, maybe once a month or so. We certainly carry burdens in our bodies and in our hearts and minds. It can mean a lot to us to bring those burdens before God in a special way. Who knows in what way God may respond and bless us.

After the July 9<sup>th</sup> service, I will be taking a week off. During the second half of the week, Patti and I will be going to a big family reunion near Astoria. We will gather with our son Emmett, my brother from Massachusetts, and my other brother and his extended family. Then we will have a one-day event to gather with cousins and second cousins galore. Back here in Bandon, on July 16<sup>th</sup>, Ginger and Laurea will be leading Morning Prayer.

And after all that, we have two more Sundays in July. It is a bonus month! We will just have to wait and see what those two Sundays have in store for us.

Fr. Doug



**Healing Service:** *On July 9, Fr. Doug will again have a service of healing during our Sunday Eucharist.*

**From Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden****"So, Noted"**

Highlights of the Bishop's Advisory Committee held June 11, 2023:

**Finances** -- The last of the Amazon Smile Rewards were received in May. The income for May was below budget due to less offerings being received. Fundraiser ideas were discussed: An Estate Sale, a large Garage Sale, or Concerts with wine & cheese events. Fr. Doug asked Laurea, the Senior Warden, to convene the Fundraising Committee.

**Reports**

Landscaping – High Tide's maintenance of church property including the field cost \$280 in May. Due to a 25% increase in fees, the next full-service clean-up will be \$350, but we have sufficient funds in the budget for up-keep.

New Roof on the Church – First estimate from Madding was \$58,000, based on measurements via Google Earth, Second Estimate was Rayburn Roofing at \$68,282, with the stainless-steel nails. However, Rayburn has some history of not getting required permits. Third estimate was Rusty from Evergreen that did the roof on Shepherd's House, still waiting for bid. Sally will continue to get roofing bids. Laurea is working on a Grant from the Diocese to assist.

The BAC discussed inviting a Financial Advisor to explain how a person could use their 401K funds to help the church financially and reduce taxes on their Required Minimum Distributions.

Parking Lot Expansion – The city's main requirements are: 1) a 24-foot driveway apron and 2) a plan to deal with rainwater being diverted down Edison Avenue. Fr. Doug suggested this expansion could be put on "the back burner" to focus more on the roof.

Scatter Garden – Establishing a scatter garden in the courtyard requires permission from the Diocese before presenting a preapplication to the City, then applying to the State. The City will be asked if the property line along Franklin Avenue could be moved. Plants in the garden would be low maintenance. Bricks from the old chimney could be inscribed with the names of those buried in the Scatter Garden.

Safe Church & Licenses – A couple BAC members need to complete the Safe Church classes. Lay licenses were renewed for Denise and Ginger.

Special Events – A Convocation will occur in August/September. On 9/23/1893 the cornerstone was laid for St. John's first church. We will celebrate the 130th Anniversary with a potluck for the congregation, picnic style at 1:30 pm 9/23/2023.

Upcoming BAC Meetings – 7/9, 8/13 and 9/10/23

Father Doug will be on vacation July 11-17 and August 1-7.

## The Candid Confessions of a Medical Loan Closet Volunteer

by Judy Jackson

In Christian teachings the seven deadly sins that lead people away from God and toward sin are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, anger and sloth. However, each of these can be overcome with the seven heavenly virtues that lead instead to good works: humility, charity, chastity, gratitude, temperance, patience, and diligence.

Here is a unique list of this volunteer's seven deadly sins, followed by the seven heavenly virtues that help me to try to do good work as a Loan Closet volunteer.

**Sin 1: Smugness.** I luckily don't have the problems our clients do and I feel relatively nimble. Since I'm "younger" I can help them.

**Virtue 1: Humility.** There but for the grace of God go I. My time will come.

**Sin 2: Irritation.** It's annoying when clients don't show up for an appointment, when they call during dinner, or when they damage equipment.

**Virtue 2: Empathy.** Our clients endure physical and emotional pain and juggle medical appointments, work, family and all of life's monkey wrenches. I can support them.

**Sin 3: Introversion.** Thinking wishfully, I hope that today will be a call-free day and I can simply stay home.

**Virtue 3: Opportunity.** The MLC offers a chance to meet and get to know interesting and diverse people. I'm glad I don't stay home.

**Sin 4: Bias.** A messy appearance and a junky car = a messy and suspect client.

**Virtue 4: Openness.** A woman driving a Porsche SUV was abrasive and repeatedly failed to return equipment. A gap-toothed man in an old beater returned his equipment clean, on time, and handed me a thank you check for \$50. I stand corrected.

**Sin 5: Tedium.** A wheelchair has 4 wheels with a total of 36 wheel spokes that each must be cleaned and sanitized. I've cleaned an endless litany of toilet risers, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, and shower stools in my years with the MLC, sigh.

**Virtue 5: Diligence.** Spoke by spoke gets the important job done. Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

**Sin 6: Temerity.** How to be tough when calling a grumpy and delinquent client for the umpteenth time?

**Virtue 6: Kindness.** Take a walk in his shoes. If his problems were mine, I'd be grumpy too.

**Sin 7: Complacency.** Another duty week, another client - the same old, same old.

**Virtue 7: Wonder.** A 104 year old woman (who at 104 survived COVID!) keeps hanging on and still needs our wheelchair. A nearly crippled woman now moves with pain-free ease following her knee replacement. A man whose home burned down tearfully thanks us for not expecting compensation for the lost equipment. These and 100 similar stories shake me up and I'm ever so grateful.

# July 2023

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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| <b>2</b> 5th Sun. of Pentecost<br>HE II                  | <b>3</b><br>7:30 AA  | <b>4</b><br>8:00 AA  | <b>5</b><br>8:00 AA                        | <b>6</b><br>6:30 Choir  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b> 6th Sun. of Pentecost<br>HE II / BAC<br>11 a.m. | <b>10</b><br>7:30 AA | <b>11</b><br>8:00 AA | <b>12</b><br>8:00 AA                       | <b>13</b><br>6:30 Choir | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> |
| <b>16</b> 7th Sun. of Pentecost<br>MP II                 | <b>17</b><br>7:30 AA | <b>18</b><br>8:00 AA | <b>19</b><br>7 p.m. Eve. Prayer<br>8:00 AA | <b>20</b><br>6:30 Choir | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> |
| <b>23</b> 8th Sun. of Pentecost<br>HE II                 | <b>24</b><br>7:30 AA | <b>25</b><br>8:00 AA | <b>26</b><br>7 p.m. Eve. Prayer<br>8:00 AA | <b>27</b><br>6:30 Choir | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> |
| <b>30</b> 9th Sun. of Pentecost<br>HE II                 | <b>31</b><br>7:30 AA |                      |  |                         |           |           |

**July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

**9: Tom Glunt**

**13: Dylan Levrets**

**Anniversary**

**2: Lauea & Roy Arnoldt**



**Treasurer's Report\***

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| June Income     | \$2,758.95        |
| June Expenses   | <u>- 3,034.14</u> |
| Net (Shortfall) | (\$275.19)        |

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| YTD Income      | \$29,894.99        |
| YTD Expenses    | <u>- 35,617.39</u> |
| YTD (Shortfall) | (\$5,722.40)       |

\*As of June 27, 2023

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**SAVE THESE DATES!**

*COMING IN SEPTEMBER:*

**SATURDAY, 9/9:**

**BLESSING OF SHEPHERD HOUSE**

A block party at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Coos Bay) from noon to 2 pm will celebrate the official opening of the Diocese's southern office.

**SATURDAY, 9/23:**

**ST. JOHN'S TRIDECACENTENNIAL**

The 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of St. John's first church in Bandon will be celebrated with a potluck. Details to come.

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**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.

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**Medical Loan Closet**

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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."**