

# St. John's Journal

## August 2023



### *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column*

The month of August promises some variety in our life here at St. John.

The first week of August **I will be accompanying Patti to the Anglican Order of Dominicans Annual Chapter meeting.** It will be held at a retreat center in the Seattle area. I am attending this year because, on the first evening of the meeting, Patti will be installed as the Master of the Order. As a result, I will be taking the week off.

*Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>,* is the **Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Denise will be leading Morning Prayer in my absence. Expect a good sermon.

*On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>,* we will again have a **Service of Healing and Forgiveness** and the **Rev. Bobbi Neason will be our guest preacher.** Expect a good sermon. I will be having minor surgery earlier in that week and do not trust that I will be up to preparing and giving a sermon. I do plan on presiding at the service, however. I may need Bobbi to lay hands on me for healing.

*On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>,* we will be receiving a **special offering for the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.** This fund is used to help people who are in need. Any undesignated gifts that Sunday will go to Fund along with any gifts specifically designated for the "Discretionary Fund."

We are also in a time of changes at the Diocesan level.

The Diocese has just completed **the move of the Diocesan Office.** The office is now located at 2780 SE Harrison St. Suite 202, Milwaukie, OR 97222. Geographically, the move was simply a move east across the Willamette River, from Lake Oswego to Milwaukie. Using other perspectives, the move is not quite so simple. For those working in the office, it will be quite a shakeup. For those who appreciated the Close and its gardens, this is a loss. The hope is that this will have some positive side effects for the Diocese.

*On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>,* **the grand opening of the southern residence** for the Bishop and other staff will occur from Noon to 2pm. It is located in Shepherd House, across the street from Emmanuel Parish in Coos Bay. We are all invited to this event that will include the dedication of the house and a gathering at Emmanuel that will include a Mexican Food Truck. Most importantly, this represents the commitment of Bishop Diana to the southern part of the Diocese.

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## *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column (continued)*

After a fair amount of research and weighing of the options, the BAC has agreed that we should move ahead with making the front garden into a **scatter garden** for the cremated remains of loved ones associated with St. John. We have some details for us to work out about how this will be done, but the goal is clear and in sight. We know of two members of the church whose ashes are already in the garden and there are two more whose ashes are ready to be interred. We look forward to the day when we will begin to place the markers to remind us of those who have been here before us.

Fr. Doug



## *So, Noted*

The BAC met after church on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer Report- Denise Skillman:** Good thing is.... we have money, bad thing is - not enough. We do have fundraising ideas in the works, and the Stewardship Campaign is drawing nigh.

**Senior Warden Report – Laurea Arnoldt:** The Fundraiser Committee (Lani Reynolds, Judy Jackson, and Laurea Arnoldt) met to discuss potential fundraising ideas, not just for this year, but for the future. Among their suggestions were a Rummage Sale (at a residence), a Book and Bake Sale (at the church), Silent Auctions (monthly/quarterly), Choir Performances, monthly events such as Bingo Night, Trivia Night, or Bowling, hosting city-wide events such as a Flea Market or food events such as a Chili Cook-Off, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, a Spaghetti Feed, Pancake Supper (etc.), and a once-a-year sale of pies from Willamette Valley Pie Company to be held in November. With only 5 months left in the year, there is not much time to raise significant money, however the "Holiday Pie" is typically a larger fundraiser.

### **Junior Warden Report-Sally Glunt:**

1. The HVAC System had its annual cleaning at a cost of \$320.00. The RHR technician provided a tutorial on the thermostat registers that control air circulation and temperature (fan & heat). He recommended that the unit grates be cleaned and serviced for optimal operation at a cost of \$125/grate. After verifying there is money in the Building and Grounds budget, the BAC voted to have this grate servicing done this summer.

2. Roof repairs- Four official bids have been received for the roofing project (which has been put on hold until March/April 2024). Bids might change by next Spring due to the increased cost of materials/labor.

### **Vicar Report -Father Doug:**

Fr. Doug provided the following updates and calendar items: Safe Church Training to be completed by two BAC members; A Scatter Garden Committee has been created with the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Fr. Doug as committee members. The Committee will meet to discuss specifics about scattering ashes and name markers. A discussion followed about name marker locations and charging for each name marker. A Fund could be created for the purpose of maintaining the Scatter Garden and individuals could be invited (continued on page 3)

## *So, Noted (continued)*

to donate to this Fund. A "Garden Party" to pull weeds and clean up the front garden was suggested. Another idea was to reach out to the High School for a community service option for high school students to help with the garden cleanup.

The Shepherd's House grand opening will be celebrated on Saturday, September 9 in Coos Bay. Bishop Diana will be in town. Her schedule is not known at this time. Finally, Fr. Doug handed out Emergency Contact Information forms. Recommended that we also include our e-mail address. These forms will also be distributed to all parishioners. These forms will be placed in a confidential file in the Vicar's office.

Next BAC meeting is 8/13.

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden

## *Musings from Denise*

### **Weighted down by baggage**

When I moved to Europe for a year of study, I took one large Samsonite suitcase with me. My fellow students were all loaded down with two suitcases and a backpack and watching them schlep all that through airports and train stations made me very happy I chose to travel lighter.



On one leg of the journey (for which I had checked my bag ahead) I was coerced into carrying two people's very heavy suitcases as we raced to catch a connecting train. That was the last time I helped, and I know they all thought I was very selfish, but since I had thought ahead and brought with me only what I knew I could carry, I felt justified.

My one case held enough shoes, clothing, and personal items to last me a full year (except for a winter coat and a couple sweaters Mom mailed to me in early August that didn't arrive until the end of February—but that's another story).

So why is it that when I now pack for a short getaway, I can't seem to fit my belongings into a much smaller case? After all, I have plenty of luggage to choose from: backpacks in several sizes, duffle bags, hand-held suitcases, cases with wheels, both hard-sided and soft sided. (Of course, these days prescriptions and medical equipment could just about use a bag of their own.)

Apparently, I am not alone. Over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, numerous stories were published with photos of long lines at airports and reports of numerous cancelled flights and piles of lost luggage. I was appalled by the number of bags most people had with them for just one long weekend. I promised myself that on my next trip I would only take what could fit in one carryon bag. Then I discovered that what I had used as a carryon just a few years ago no longer fits airline specifications, so for my next trip, a new (much smaller) bag will be added to my collection.

At the end of August four years ago, I retired with visions of traveling here, there, and everywhere. First on my bucket list was a train ride to the Grand Canyon for a family reunion followed by a sweep through Europe to visit old haunts and a few places I never got to see. But before I had a chance to renew my passport, a few illnesses cropped up among us, and then Covid 19 quashed the rest of our plans. But things are looking better, and we have a new plan now – not as physically demanding, perhaps, but potentially illuminating, adventurous and enjoyable.

Although our trip is still several weeks away, I'm already thinking about what I want to take, what I really need to take, and how to pack all that into my new carryon. It's a puzzle, but I like puzzles.

Of course, I could check a larger bag to my destination, but having hosted travelers whose luggage was lost and having watched the news lately, I have trust issues with the airlines. Call me selfish again, but I want my baggage to share my adventure, not have one of its own.

## From the Junior Warden

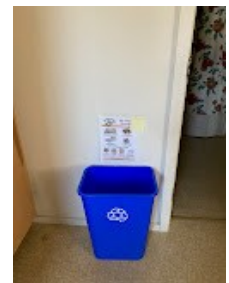
### Some news about **RECYCLING AND TRASH**



We've started collecting cans and bottles that are eligible for the return on deposit in a separate bin. The bin is labeled and in the hallway by the entrance to Theresa Hall. Please put any bottles or cans that are labeled eligible for return into this bin. Periodically the cans and bottles will be returned and proceeds will go into the Church operating fund. You're welcome to contribute cans and bottles from home into this bin. If this is successful, we may consider this a fundraising activity and actively seek donations in the future.

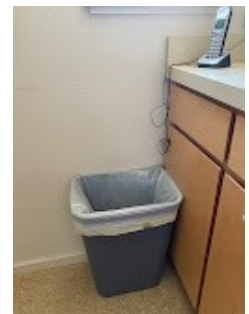


To avoid confusion, the general recycling bin, which is blue, is by the doorway from the hall into the kitchen. Please only put items that Les' Sanitary identifies as recyclable into this bin. Items need to be clean and dry. Used paper napkins, paper plates, paper cups, and Kleenex cannot go in the recycling bin.



Regular trash goes into the bin right by the door between the kitchen and deck (or other trash cans throughout the Church).

Thank you!



### Morning Prayer? What's That?

Following a recent service of Morning Prayer here at St. John, someone who worships with us but is not an Episcopalian asked me about the service. She had expected it to be Holy Communion, and had never experienced anything like Morning Prayer. Many of us who are long-time Episcopalians remember when the norm for many, if not most Episcopal churches was to have communion on the first Sunday of the month and Morning Prayer on the remaining Sundays of the month. In the late 1970s, however, most Episcopal congregations became entirely Eucharistic, having communion every Sunday instead of only on the first Sunday. Morning Prayer was the Sunday worship model for churches not served by an ordained priest. The revision of the *Book of Common Prayer* in 1979 turned focus back to early day religious practice when communion was celebrated each week.

I told the person who asked me the question that I believed our service of Morning Prayer had its roots in the traditions of Jewish worship, but I knew I had to seek more informed insight into the service. I found online the following article, which I have copied from "An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church," which you can find at this website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/morning-prayer/>.

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**Morning Prayer? What's That?** *By the church mouse* (continued)**Morning Prayer**

In many times and places, daybreak has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as at other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or "hours" at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer's revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two—one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer.

Many elements of Morning Prayer come from the monastic hours of matins (e.g., Venite and Te Deum), lauds (e.g., Benedicite, omnia opera Domini, a "chapter" of scripture, Benedictus Dominus Deus, collect of the day), and Prime (e.g., a second "chapter" of scripture and the Apostles' Creed). Psalms were recited at every one of the offices, with the whole Psalter recited once a week. In the 1549 BCP, psalms were read at both Morning and Evening Prayer, with the whole Psalter read "in course" once each month. In subsequent Prayer Book revisions, psalms have come to be used more selectively, although a monthly cycle of psalms read "in course" is still provided as an option. In the 1549 Prayer Book, the very short monastic "chapters" were lengthened to full chapters of both the OT and NT at both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. In the 1979 BCP, only one lesson must be read, and the appointed lessons are not so long.

Morning Prayer once was the chief Sunday service in most Anglican churches on three out of four Sundays, the First Sunday usually being a celebration of Holy Communion. This practice has not continued because the Eucharist has been recognized as the "principal act of Christian worship on the Lord's Day" in most parishes (see BCP, p. 13). However, Morning Prayer is clearly designated as a daily service for the worship of the church. This usage reflects the ancient tradition of the Daily Office.

(<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/morning-prayer/>).

# Genesis 1:11 NIV

**11** Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

**Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin.**

**2** My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to browse in the gardens and to gather lilies. **3** I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.



## Matthew 6:28-29

**28** "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. **29** Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

## Song of Solomon 2:1-2

**1** I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. **2** Like a lily among thorns is my darling among the young women.

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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|---|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|----|----|
|   |               | 1<br>6:30 ACOA<br>8:00 AA  | 2<br>8:00 AA                        | 3<br>6:30 Choir  | 4  | 5  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup><br>Transfigura-<br>tion<br>MP | 7<br>7:30 AA  | 8<br>6:30 ACOA<br>8:00 AA  | 9<br>7:30 Eve<br>Prayer<br>8:00 AA  | 10<br>6:30 Choir | 11 | 12 |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sun<br>Pentecost<br>HEII     | 14<br>7:30 AA | 15<br>6:30 ACOA<br>8:00 AA | 16<br>7:30 Eve<br>Prayer<br>8:00 AA | 17<br>6:30 Choir | 18 | 19 |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Sun<br>Pentecost<br>HE II    | 21<br>7:30 AA | 22<br>6:30 ACOA<br>8:00 AA | 23<br>7:30 Eve<br>Prayer<br>8:00 AA | 24:<br>630 Choir | 25 | 26 |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sun<br>Pentecost<br>HE II    | 28<br>7:30 AA | 29<br>6:30 ACOA<br>8:00 AA | 30<br>7:30 Eve<br>Prayer<br>8:00 AA | 31<br>6:0 Choir  |    |    |

**August Birthdays & Anniversaries****Birthdays****9: Caroline McKemy****21: Rosemary Dunster****23: Patti Hale****Anniversary****11: Patti & Doug Hale****14: Juanita Limon & Bob Graville****A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
THE CHURCH!!**

Due to the fire in their home, Gail Pray and her husband Stephan Beaton will be staying at the Bandon Inn until at least August 7, and even later if when they return "home," they will not have cooking facilities. We can help by providing a hot, home-cooked meal once a day until they can begin to get "on their feet" and have a more permanent plan for temporary housing while the problems are sorted out. There was a sign-up sheet and some basic guidance about what is needed available during coffee hour following church service on July 30. Please be thinking about if and when you can be "God's hands" for Gail and Stephan. Bobbi Neason will be the coordinator for this effort, and she can be contacted by text or call at (541) 260-3119 or email at [bandonbobbi@gmail.com](mailto:bandonbobbi@gmail.com). Thank you!!

**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.

**Have You Ever Been Hungry —Really Hungry?**

Many people here in Bandon are hungry. Did you know there are school-age children who do not have enough to eat? Yes, they get breakfast and lunch at the school cafeterias and maybe a take-home lunch on Friday afternoons, but what about their families?

We participate in the ecumenical food pantry, which 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, shaving cream, safety razors, soap (bath and laundry), and women's sanitary products.



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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."**