

# St. John's Journal

September 2023



## *Fr. Doug's Iconic Column*

The month of September promises to be a month full of special events, and the first week is a busy one.

On **Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**, I will be hosting the first **Conversation/Class of Listening**, listening to God speak to us. We will explore together how God has spoken to us and learning to be attentive to how God might speak to us. This will be a weekly gathering and we shall seek to listen to God's guidance as to where it may go in the future. Please come by and listen in.

On **Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>**, I will be participating in the community **Cranberry Blessing**. This is the first time I have been able to be a part of this event that I understand Rev. Mum had a hand in starting.

On **Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2pm**, We are invited to the **Shepherd House Celebration** in Coos Bay, across the street from Emmanuel Church. This will be a dedication of the house for the housing of the Bishop and other Diocesan Staff when they are reaching out to churches in the southern part of the Diocese. There will be a brief service of dedication, a tour of the house (which won't take long, being as small as it is), and time for food and fellowship. There will be a Mexican Food Truck present where lunch can be purchased, and people are invited to bring finger foods and snacks to share. I recommend people arrange to carpool to the event.

On **Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>**, we will be having our monthly **Service of Healing and Forgiveness**.

On **Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm**, we will be celebrating **St. John's Tridecacentennial** (Maybe we should give a prize to anyone who can pronounce that word correctly). This will be a potluck gathering to celebrate our 130 years as a congregation.

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

On **Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>**, I will be in Eugene for the **Diocesan Governing Bodies Retreat**.

The next day, **Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>** (even though it is barely in the next month, it is important to be looking ahead), we will be celebrating **St. Francis Day** and having the **Blessing of the Animals**. The blessings will occur at 11am, so that people have time to go home to bring back their four-legged or winged family members. Depending upon the weather, the blessings will happen either on the deck or in Theresa Hall. Because this is the last day of the ecumenical "**Season of Creation**," the worship service will have a creation care theme.

So please join us in as many ways as you can during this next month as we listen, dedicate, celebrate, and ask for God's blessing for ourselves, our pets and all of the creation.



Fr. Doug

## *So, Noted*

The BAC met August 13, 2023, and discussed the following:

**FINANCE:** Year-to-date expenses are below budget, but actual income is also below budget. We still need to bring in \$5,6000 through fundraising to meet budgetary goals for 2023.

**STEWARDSHIP:** The committee (Fr. Doug, Denise Skillman, Sally Glunt, and Laurea Arnoldt) needs to begin planning for our Stewardship Campaign, which will kick off on October 8th. The BAC hopes to invite a financial advisor to speak to our congregation during the campaign. about Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) with IRAs.

**FUNDRAISING:** This year's primary fundraising project will be selling frozen holiday pies from Willamette Valley Pie Company (WVPC). Orders (and full payment) will be taken in advance from members of the congregation and members of the public.

**SCATTER GARDEN:** Plans to create a scatter garden for cremains in the front courtyard are moving forward. Fr. Doug is drafting policies, and the BAC is considering naming it "St. John Memorial Garden." Small markers will be in the garden for each person whose ashes are placed there. Work still needs to be done to map the location of water and electric utilities to avoid them when digging/scattering ashes. We will also need to decide who will maintain and upkeep the overall Scatter Garden.

**MARINO MEMORIAL:** Plans for the Friday, August 25, memorial service and reception for Bill Marino were discussed, including plans to consecrate the Scatter Garden at the conclusion of the service. It was also noted that a Celebration of Life would be held Saturday, August 26 at Sturdivant Park in Coquille.

**SHEPHERD HOUSE DEDICATION:** The grand opening will be celebrated on Saturday, September 9 from Noon to 2 p.m. Bishop Diana will be in town. Her schedule is not known at this time.

**ST. JOHN'S 130<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** On Saturday, September 23 (at 1:30 p.m.) a short program celebrating our 130 years in Bandon will be followed by a BBQ potluck. There will be sign-up sheets for side dishes provided by the congregation.

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## *So, Noted* (continued from page 2)

NEW "GATHERING FOR LISTENING" has been proposed as an in-person weekly to replace the discontinued Zoom Evening Prayer. Dates have not been set, but Thursday was suggested.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2023, after the service at 11:00am in Theresa Hall and on the deck outside of Theresa Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurea Arnoldt

Bishop's Warden

## *Musings from Denise*

### LOOKING BACK -- AND FORTH

Remember how much fun we had just five years ago learning to say "QUASQUICENTENNIAL" as we marked St. John's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?



Well, we have a new word to learn this month as we celebrate our 130th anniversary. Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our "**TRIDECACENTENNIAL**." On that date in 1893 (also a Saturday), **Bishop Benjamin Wistar Morris** laid the cornerstone of St. John's By the Sea. **Dean William Horsfall** placed a list of members with it, but not all were legible when the list was removed in 1921 as the church was moved to our present location.

**100 YEARS AGO (1923)** The Rev. Dr. William Arthur Bell was the Missionary in Charge of the Episcopal missions in Bandon, Coquille, Empire, Gardner, Port Orford, and Reedsport..



On September 1, 1923, a 7.9 magnitude earthquake destroyed Tokyo (see photo), Yokohama, and three surrounding prefectures of Japan in less than 10 minutes and triggered a 33-foot tsunami that caused at least 150 deaths. Extensive fires added to the death toll, which was estimated to be over 140,000. An estimated 1.9 million people were left homeless.

Only one service was held at St. John's that September: Evening Prayer on the 16<sup>th</sup>, at which the disaster was no doubt mentioned.

At the next service (Sunday, October 14, 1923), despite ill-will toward the Japanese elsewhere in Oregon, a special offering was taken at St. John's for Japanese earthquake relief. During three services the following May, the Rev. Dr. Bell spoke about the efforts of the Japanese Reconstruction Fund and received further donations.

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### *Musings from Denise (continued from page 3)*

**75 YEARS AGO (1948)** Fr. Dan Bacot was Vicar and Norma Norton (later Robertson) led the Church School. On the Sunday before our anniversary, Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 8 a.m. (10 attended), Morning Prayer was offered at 10 a.m. (17 attended), Church School had 36 attendees at 11:15 a.m., and a Baptism was held for 3 children at 4 p.m. (10 attended). No services were held on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**50 YEARS AGO (1973)** Fr. Willis A. Augsburger was in his fourth year as Vicar of St. John's, Bandon, St. Mark's, Myrtle Point, and St. Paul's, Powers. Each summer, he organized a "Teen Tour" for three weeks of sightseeing by bus for young parishioners. In 1973 Fr. Augsburger resigned from St. Mark's to devote half his time to the newly established St. Alban's Rest Home in Laurel Grove. People of St. John's became active supporters of the home. Although services at St. John were regularly held by Rev. Augsburger between 1970 and 1975, he did not keep a register of services according to his successor, the Rev. Chandler Jackson. Augsburger did, however, officiate at eight Bandon weddings in 1973, and they were duly recorded.

**25 YEARS AGO (1998)** was a year of transition at St. John. Fr. David Sweeney was in his sixth year as our Vicar, but on Wednesday, September 23, the Rev. Canon Barbara Mudge ("Rev Mum") celebrated the feast day of St. Matthew (transferred from the 21<sup>st</sup>). Seven were present, which was typical for a Wednesday noon. Rev. Mum served occasionally in 1995 and 1996, more frequently in 1998, and then took Fr. Sweeney's place in April 1999.

**10 YEARS AGO (2013)** Rev. Beth ("MoBe") Hoffman was in her second year as our Vicar. Then as now, St. John provided meeting space for various recovery groups, but MoBe also offered a monthly recovery service called "Church on the Steps" and weekly drumming sessions. The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) hosted free lunches with guest speakers, a Single Parent Ministry provided a free dinner, guest speakers and children's activities. Fundraisers to support outreach ministries included sales of St. John's Cookbook (splitting proceeds with Bandon Community Health Center), "Hymns and Beer," the Terrell James Memorial Concert, a Candlelight Concert and a "Christmas Tea" hosted by the ECW. On September 21, 2013, our ECW hosted the diocesan Spirituality Day, which 90 attended. Forty-two attended Holy Eucharist on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (Pentecost 18). No events took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**5 YEARS AGO (2018)** we had no Priest in Charge, but that did not stop us from celebrating our Quasquicentennial (125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) in style. Fr. Phillip Ayers of Portland presided over an authentic 1890's Holy Communion on the Sunday of Pentecost, which was followed by a proper Victorian Tea. This began a 125-day countdown to our anniversary on September 23<sup>rd</sup> that included a series of "Theresa Talks" on various topics, fundraising events, and a final celebration on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, which featured Gay Nineties music and a pictorial presentation of St. John's and Bandon's early years narrated by Mayor Mary Schamehorn and Bandon Historical Society President Jim Proehl. While countless church members were involved in learning about and celebrating that first church, Junior Warden Tom Glunt worked on and oversaw major upgrades to the exterior of our existing building (new windows, siding, and paint).



**OUR NEXT MAJOR ANNIVERSARY IS JUST 20 YEARS AWAY.** Our

"SESQUICENTENNIAL" (150<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary) will be September 23, 2043. How shall we mark that milestone?

*"Anniversaries are times to drink deeply of the past and then, before the celebration is over, to turn your mind and your heart and your attention away from the past into the present, which belongs to God, and into the future where God is calling us to a deep and different newness." -- Rev. Walter Brueggemann*

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3 14 Pentecost HE II	4 7:30 AA	5 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	6 8 AA	7 10:30 Conversation Class 6:30 Choir Practice	8	9 12-2 Dedication of Shepherd House
10 15 Pentecost HE II 11 BAC Meeting	11 7:30 AA	12 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	13 8 AA	14 10:30 Conversation Class 6:30 Choir	15	16
17 16 Pentecost HE II & Healing	18 7:30 AA	19 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	20 8 AA	21 10:30 Conversation Class 6:30 Choir	22	23 1:30 130tj Anniversary Potluck
24 17 Pentecost HE II	25 7:30 AA	26 6:30 ACOA 8 AA	27 8 AA	28 10:30 Conversation Class 6:30 Choir	29 WASH THE DOG!	30 Pet Blessing tomorrow!!

## September Birthdays

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**6: Kay Marino**

**22: Bob Graville**



## Happy 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

As St. John Episcopal Church celebrated our Quasiquicentennial 5 year ago, we recalled our place in the history and formation in the community we live in, called Bandon. The early bishops in Oregon recognized the value of having an Episcopal “presence” on the coast. In the early 1900’s, Bishop Scadding remarked about the “bishop-shack” in Bandon as a way to bring “sacramental life” and “spiritual nourishment” to the people of the South Coast.

Now as we celebrate 130 years of “Stewardship” in this community we call our church family, let’s come together in Fellowship, Stewardship, and Community and have a picnic/potluck on September 23 at 1:30pm. St. John will provide the grilled meat and “we” will all provide the rest of the meal. A sign-up sheet will be posted this month.

**Join us to celebrate our Past, Present, and Future!!**

## 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**

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

**LAY MINISTRY**

Can you participate in this important aspect of our worship? We need more folks willing to usher, to read the lessons and psalm, to lead the prayers of the people.

Please let the office or Fr. Doug know if you are available. Yes, training is provided — for FREE!

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