

St. John's Journal

April 2024

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

March is going out with a BANG with the last day of March being EASTER Sunday! But the months of April and May have their own events of note.

Sunday April 14th will be **Morning Prayer**. Denise will be preaching, and Bobbi will be playing the piano Cynthia is taking a week off to recover from eye surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

I will be at a **Cursillo Weekend** as part of the leadership team. "Cursillo" means a short course. It is a short course on the Christian life. It is meant to be a time of going over the basics of the Christian life and being challenged to consider how it can be applied to our daily lives within the context of a Christian Community. It is a lay led retreat. Patti and I have been clergy for several of these retreats in the past, but not in the Diocese of Oregon. I look forward to being able to be a part of it again. Patti has two new people from Emmanuel going on this Weekend. Being a part of the leadership team, I didn't feel that I could sponsor anyone from St. John on this weekend, but I will be encouraging folks to attend a future weekend.

Sunday April 21st will be the monthly **Service of Healing and Forgiveness**.

After church on April 28th, Patti and I will be heading out of town for several days to attend the **Diocesan Clergy Conference**. We return on Wednesday May 1st.

We will be having a two-session planning event led by Amy Marino to work on a **plan for the Memorial Garden**. Amy refers to this process as a charrette. It is meant to gather all sorts of ideas and then seek to come up with a focused plan. We originally planned the first gathering for April 20th but that has been bumped to May 4th. We will set the date for the second session at the May 4th meeting. For those interested in being a part of this planning, it would be good if you could plan on attending both sessions. There will be more information to come.

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I have put the **Thursday Conversation Group** on hold through the month of April. In part, I decided I needed a pause to give myself a little bit of a break from a rather overwhelming schedule I have had for several months. I will also be out of town for several days in April. The pause will give me some time to think about what the group might do once we restart. My thinking at this point is to **restart on Ascension Day, Thursday May 9th**.

April and May promise to be interesting months. And there is more to come in June.



Fr. Doug

Musings by Denise

SHEDDING LIGHT ON OUR STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Last month, we came very close to losing a treasured piece of art – a depiction of Jesus surrounded by children. A projectile of some sort hit one of the windows in the narthex, shattering the outer pane, but fortunately not damaging the stained glass. This was one of the newest windows in the church. The original series was installed in the late 1980's to early 1990's.

If you had walked through St. John's doors in the Spring of 1985, you would have beheld a very different sanctuary than what we see today. To begin with, the narthex was nothing more than a dark, narrow walk-through closet: a small windowless porch with a door on the west side. To either side of the entry there were coat racks, a hat shelf, and a space to store folding chairs.

There were seven windows in the nave (plus the door to the hallway) that were all the same: rippled amber stained glass with wood mullions divided into ten small rectangular panes (two vertical rows of five in each window). On the east wall, two tall narrow windows with five panes faced each other on either side of the bishop's chair (where there is transparent glass now) and the walls flanking the altar had no windows at all – just wood paneling.

A committee was formed in October 1985 to propose a theme for new windows, approve designs, and research the costs and diocesan requirements. The original appointees were Jill Boyd (Junior Warden in charge of structure), Denise Skillman (Art and Architecture), Betty Weber (representing the Altar Guild and Memorial Fund), and the Rev. Eugene Van Beveren (overseeing Ecclesiastical matters).

Phase One was a complementary pair of windows matching the trapezoidal shape of the east walls of the chancel, illustrating the two parts of a Holy Communion service: The Liturgy of (continued on page 3)

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the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The commission was awarded to John Campbell, a local artist who had a shop in Old Town. Members of the committee provided the designs.

Mr. Campbell was commissioned to continue with Phase Two, depicting the Seven Sacraments in the nave. While the Episcopal Church recognizes the two great sacraments of the Gospel – Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, other sacramental rites evolved in the church as “outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace.” So, the nave windows begin with Baptism, then (from east to west) Confirmation, Matrimony and Holy Orders (Ordination) on the right side. On the left (from west to east) we have Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Anointing the Sick.

The stained glass in the hallway door was an afterthought. It represents the moment during the crucifixion when Jesus places his mother in St. John's care.

All were purchased through the Memorial Fund and are dedicated to former members of St. John's. The narthex windows were added much later when the narthex was expanded.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Treasurer's Report

“Raise the Roof”

Campaign

Amount Pledged \$10,075
 Amount Received \$10,025
 Grant Awarded \$48,000
 Total Collected \$58,025

Operating Fund

March Income \$4,022
 March Expenses - 4,837
 Net (Shortfall) (\$815)

YTD Income \$17,843
 YTD Expenses - 15,410
 YTD Net Income \$ 2,433

**As of March 31, 2024*

Birthdays

28: Sally Glunt

30: Roy Arnoldt

Anniversaries

20: Cynthia & Stephen Mohorko



April 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<i>1</i> 7:30 AA	<i>2</i> 7:30 AA	<i>3</i> 7:30 AA	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 2nd Sun. of Easter HE II	<i>8</i> 7:30 AA	<i>9</i> 7:30 AA	<i>10</i> 7:30 AA	<i>11</i> No choir practice	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 3rd Sun. of Easter HE II	<i>15</i> 7:30 AA	<i>16</i> 7:30 AA	<i>17</i> 7:30 AA	<i>18</i> 6:30 Choir Practice	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 4th Sun. of Easter HE II/Healing	<i>22</i> 7:30 AA	<i>23</i> 7:30 AA	<i>24</i> 7:30 AA	<i>25</i> 6:30 Choir Practice	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 5th Sun of Easter HE II	<i>29</i> 7:30 AA	<i>30</i> 7:30 AA				

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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,

Jennifer Mello, & Michelle Felkins

Convention Delegates: Laurea Arnoldt & Jeffrey Clark

Alternates: Kay Marino & Denise Skillman

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.

FEED MY SHEEP

So Jesus asked us to do. We can respond by our donations to the Ecumenical Food Pantry, which assists those who are hungry and in need.

A basket in the narthex is there for your donations. In addition to food, things like tooth paste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and shaving needs are welcome.

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