

St. John's Journal

Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon

August 2024



Calendar Highlights

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a
Conversation Group meets in the Library to discuss the Gospel of John.

August 4th Holy Eucharist

August 5th the roof project begins.

August 6th ADAPT stages a monthly outreach in our parking lot.

August 11th Eucharist includes a Healing Service; BAC meets.

August 12-18: Vicar on vacation

August 18th Morning Prayer

August 25th Holy Eucharist

For the full calendar of meetings and events, see page 8.

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

Recently, my friend Clarice Wilsey sent me a book that she thought I would be interested in reading. The book Cross Purposes is a memoir written by Bob Welch, who worked for many years for the Eugene Register-Guard newspaper. He has written a number of books, including helping Clarice write Letters from Dachau, a kind of memoir around her father's letters written home during World War II and in particular during his time of caring for thousands of prisoners with the liberation of the Dachau prison camp.

I want to share with you one small section of Bob's book:

The most transforming thing we can do as believers is making our faith, not our politics, the priority. Not worrying about the success of The Tribe but committing to the glory of God.

Our identity needs to be in Christ, not a political party or political leaders or political ideas whose essence and aims aren't always particularly godly. How can we expect the world to be attracted to Him if we, as his supposed image-bearers, don't reflect His love and grace to that world?

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of the faith," says Hebrews 12:2.

We need to begin anew at what the Scottish evangelist Oswald Chambers refers to as the "Source" – the spring from which Living Water bubbles. Jesus. He, not political power, needs to be the headwaters of our hearts.

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"Pay attention to the Source," wrote Chambers, "and out of you will flow rivers of living water." (from My Utmost for His Highest)

My role as a believer is to glorify Him through words and action, to share His love with others, to help make disciples. If politics, not people, becomes my focus, such a goal is virtually impossible. Politics is the worst way to bring about change because it too often forces change instead of fostering a desire to change. Changed minds won't change the world; changed hearts will. (p.51)

Bob Welch writes as an evangelical Christian and as a Republican, but one who has become increasingly troubled by how both have been reshaped by Christian Nationalism. He admits to avoiding the conflict for years by slipping into silence. But with this book he has broken his silence and has chosen to risk much, to risk friendships, to risk his place in the church. In his memoir he recounts his struggle with it all while trying to call his fellow Christians back to what needs to be central to their faith.

Now it would be tempting for us to see this book as an indictment of the Christian Right, to use it to judge them from afar. But for me I hear it as a call to consider where we are in the more liberal expression of the Christian Left. What is the Source of the positions that we hold dear? Are we listening to God or to some human created social agenda? Are we out to make people conform or are we about making a difference in people's lives and encouraging them to make the God who has come among us the Source of their direction in life?

We are in a period of deep social and political conflict. We can drink deep from the well of that conflict and find ourselves filled with anger and hatred. Or we can drink deep from the well-spring of the God who called upon us to do something truly shocking: "love your enemy." When we do that, they stop being our enemy. It is very important that we are clear about our identity in Christ. We need to be clear that Jesus, the God who was willing to experience death to reach out to those who have turned against God, is our spring of life. So let us drink deep and long at the well of Christ.



Fr. Doug

Thanks to Ginger's Gang... Many volunteers stepped in to help clear out and organize Ginger's house after she passed on. It was an act of Christian charity that was extremely hard work and took many hours. Thanks go to **Jeff Clark, Mary Garrett, Sally Glunt, Rev. Doug Hale., Ginny Hall, Lori Holton, Judy Jackson, Kay Marino, Jennifer Mello, Bobbi Neason, George Neason, Gail Pray, Lani Reynolds, Denise Skillman and Kathy Webb.**

*Musings from Denise***Lessons to be Learned**

I'm still processing our loss of Ginger MacCallum, not only as a fellow member of St. John's, but also as a co-worker in the church office, and especially as a friend and confidant. We had so many thought-provoking discussions on a vast array of topics. I'll miss those, and I know I won't be alone. She touched many lives.

Ginger enjoyed teaching so much that it is not surprising she found a way to teach us, even after she passed on. She revered the written word and kept many papers long past their usefulness to herself or others (I tend to do the same, but have recently seen the error of my ways.) By demonstrating how a lifetime of saving these papers intermingled with important documents can create chaos for others at the end of one's life, Ginger has encouraged me to purge no longer needed documents and better organize the rest. Here are some other lessons she has left for all of us (especially those who live alone):

Lesson #1: Get your affairs in order, even if it's a long time before you think you'll need to. (Today is not too soon.)

Put your important papers (personal, financial and health information) and copies of legal documents in one place. Set up a file, put everything in a desk or dresser drawer, or a fireproof and waterproof safe, or list the information and location of papers in a notebook. (Include passwords.)

Write a Will that specifies how your estate (your property, money, and other assets) will be distributed and managed when you die – and keep it up to date. Let your intended executor or another designee know where to find it in the case of your demise. Some people download a Last Will template from the Internet and customize it. Others have an attorney prepare one. If you use an attorney, leave his/her contact information where your designee can find it.

Plan for your future health care. Advance directives are legal documents that provide instructions for medical care and only go into effect if you cannot communicate your own wishes due to disease or severe injury. The most common advance directives include a living will and a durable power of attorney for health care.

Review your plans regularly – at least once each year (around your birthday perhaps?) and when any major life event occurs, like a divorce, move, or major change in your health.

Lesson #2: Pets are family. If you live alone and have pets, plan for their care after you are gone or no longer able to look after them.

Lesson #3: Tell someone you know and trust where to find your important papers. You don't need to discuss your personal affairs, but someone you trust should know where to find your papers in case of an emergency. If you don't have a relative or friend you trust, ask a lawyer to help. (Some banks also provide assistance.)

Lesson #4: Plan funeral arrangements. Decide what kind of funeral or memorial service you would like and where it will be held; whether you would like to be buried or cremated and whether you want your body's ashes kept by loved ones or scattered in a favorite place (like St. John's new Memorial Scatter Garden). Put your preferences in writing and give copies to your loved ones and to our Vicar or a lawyer. List favorite Bible passages or hymns to include in the memorial service.

A few years ago, St. John's held a workshop on recording these plans, and Ginger recently suggested it's time for us to do it again.

So, Noted!

The Bishop's Advisory Committee met on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

Financial report-No activity in the Vicar's Discretionary Fund occurred in June. A call for donations was scheduled for Sunday, July 28.

The Altar Guild spent \$17.99 on worship supplies, bringing their balance to \$657.09.

The Medical Loan Closet received \$35 in donations and paid \$132.94 for replacement parts and supplies. Their balance was \$3,388.64 as of June 30th.

The Memorial Garden Fund received a \$20 donation and is at \$1,129.50. There was no other activity in June.

The Pass-Through Gifts Fund mailed \$500 to the Diocese for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Balance is currently \$497. Disbursements have not yet been made.

Operating Profit & Loss had expenses exceeding income by \$3,339.55 during the month of June. Year-to-date, however, expenses were only \$942.32 more than income. June expenses included \$423 to repair the Narthex window and \$284 for postage stamps and PO Box rental.

The Profit & Loss for the first six months shows that income is actually better than expected...things are looking good so far.

Junior Warden report-The heat pumps will be serviced this fall and we will have the technician repaint the exterior grill for protection from rust.

We have a date for the roof installation for August 5th from Rayburn Roofing. See newsletter for a more detailed report from Sally Glunt.

Vicar's report-Cardboard was gathered and put down to protect the recently weeded portion of the front garden. Bark mulch has been added and it looks wonderful!

We had our first interment on July 11th. Denise Skillman and Laurea Arnoldt attended as witnesses as well as the family.

We are planning on a memorial service for Ginger on August 22nd at 2 p.m.

Doug reported that he will be on vacation from August 12-18th.

Upcoming Events:

- August 12-18th vacation for Father;
- August 22nd Ginger's Memorial Service;
- August 24 Convocation Meeting in Port Orford at St. Christopher at 11am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden

Sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.



St. John was packed with 44 people (about twice our usual attendance) on July 7, 2024 to witness the baptism of

Lucy Elizabeth Cooper,

who is pictured at left and below with her family: Grandparents Tom and Sally Glunt, Uncle Derek Gates, Aunt Katie and Cousin Perrie, and her parents, Maggie and Gordon Cooper, flanking Fr. Douglas Hale.



Blessing of St. John's Memorial Scatter Garden

Following a Eucharist on Sunday, June 30th, about a dozen parishioners (not all appear in the photo) gathered in the front garden to witness the blessing of St. John's Memorial Scatter Garden.

As Fr. Doug Hale moved to each quadrant of the garden to offer a blessing, we could hear Cynthia Mohorko playing a lovely rendition of "In the Garden" (LEVAS #69) through the open doors of the church.

Back in the late 1980's, church members began advocating for a memorial garden at St. John's. Among the most vocal proponents were Bill and Jean Eaton, who would be delighted to see that the garden has become a reality, even though the entire scheme has not been finalized. Their ashes were scattered there years ago.



William T. "Bill" and Jean L. (Muzzy) Eaton were active members of St. John's from 1984 until the early 2000's. Both were born in Massachusetts (Jean on April 30, 1927; Bill on September 1, 1927) and they married in 1949. A graduate of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Bill spent 10 years as a Navy aviator and test pilot, then 25 years as an engineer at Lockheed in the missiles and space division.

Bill wore many hats at St. John, including Senior Warden and Lay Eucharistic Minister. He (along with Bill Cook) led St. John's during a long interim period without clergy. Bulletins for Morning Prayer services listed "Friar Tuck" as the officiant, poking fun at Bill Eaton's balding pate and rotund figure. Eaton was also a member of the Bandon Lions Club and a hospice volunteer. After many years of poor health, he died November 27, 2004. His memorial service was held by The Rev. Barbara Mudge on December 4, 2004 and his ashes were scattered in the garden where his marker now sits.



Jean was a Lioness and President of St. John's very active ECW for many years, coordinating fundraisers, outreach programs, church potlucks, and other social events. She also served on the Altar Guild and behind the scenes in countless ways. When she died in 2017, her ashes were scattered beside her husband's.

R.I.P.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS BIRTHDAYS

8/9: Caroline McKemy; 8/21: Rosemary Dunster; 8/23: Patti Hale

ANNIVERSARIES

8/11: Patti & Doug Hale; 8/14: Juanita Limon & Bob Graville



(If your name should be on this list, please contact the office so we can update our records and honor your day when it comes around again.)

Thanks to the Gardening Volunteers... who pulled weeds, trimmed bushes, spread cardboard and bark to beautify St. John's Memorial Scatter Garden both before and after it was blessed on June 30th, The people who weeded were: **Judy, Kathy, Jennifer, Ginny, Anne, Laurea, Roy and Sally.** Many people contributed cardboard; **Jon and Judy** laid it out, and spread the bark mulch.

New Duty Assignments

Ginger's role as Church Administrator included many tasks that have been assigned to volunteers.

Mail, email and the monthly **newsletter** are now being handled by Denise Skillman. (Note that the church's email box will not be checked as often, so if you have a message that needs quick action, please copy to deniseskillman@gmail.com).

Service Bulletins and **Prayers of the People** are being prepared by Laurea Arnoldt.

Lay Ministry Schedules (LEM's, Lectors, Ushers, Hosts, etc.) are now handled by Jennifer Mello.

Purchasing of Supplies is now Kathy Webb's responsibility. (Note there is a mailbox for "Purchasing Agent" in the office if you notice something needs to be restocked.)

Filing system update will be handled by Sally Glunt.

Other short term office projects could use more volunteers. Please stop by the office if you are interested in lending a hand.

Prayers

The time has come to update our prayer list. We do this periodically by removing names after the requested number of weeks has passed or if we have no recent updates for the person.

If your loved one was inadvertently removed, please contact the Prayer Chain via deniseskillman@gmail.com so they can be added back on with an update of their condition.

The Prayer Chain is a small group dedicated to intercessory prayer throughout the week on behalf of those named on the list read during Sunday services. If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain, please send Denise an email.

You may also add new names to the Prayer Request list on the clipboard outside the church office.

August 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	2	3
4 (11th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II	5 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	6 9a-12p ADAPT 7:30p AA	7 7:30p AA	8 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	9	10
11 (12th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II, BAC Healing Service	12 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	13 7:30p AA	14 7:30p AA	15 No Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	16	17
18 (13th Sunday after Pentecost) Morning Prayer II	19 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	20 NEWS DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER 7:30p AA	21 7:30p AA	22 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	23	24 Convocation meets at St. Christopher, Port Orford 11 a.m.
25 (14th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II	26 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	27 7:30p AA	28 7:30p AA	29 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	30	31



From the Junior Warden

THE ROOFING PROJECT IS UNDERWAY



Rich Rayburn Roofing was the successful bidder for our reroofing project. They intended to begin on August 5th, but were able to get an early start on July 24th. The project will take 2 to 4 weeks depending on weather and any damage that is discovered once the old roof is removed. Please say a prayer that neither of these is significant. Our estimated project costs could increase if there is significant rot that needs repair before the new roof is installed.

During this construction, please take additional precautions as you park and enter/exit the church. Stay away from active construction zones. This may mean using an alternative door. If you have a key to the doors on the deck (Theresa Hall, library, and kitchen), that key also opens the two doors entering the hallway. There will not be any construction on Sunday, and generally the crews will finish their day at 5 pm. We will notify groups that use the church during the week, so they are also aware to take extra precaution.

You will see a construction crew trailer, old roofing materials, and new roofing materials staged at the church for the duration. Take one last look at the brick chimney, it will be removed during this project to eliminate the hazard. We will also clean and repair the steeple cross during the project. The BAC unanimously chose Onyx colored roofing material, a darkish charcoal, which will coordinate well with the Church architecture and the surrounding neighborhood. It will look stunning!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (541) 551-1903.

Sally Glunt
Junior Warden

DON'T FORGET THE NEEDS OF 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. Other items that cannot be obtained with food stamps include: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, safety razors, soap (bath and laundry), and women's sanitary products.

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Medical Loan Closet

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Phone: 541-590-2443

A Believe Out Loud

Congregation



W H O W E A R E

St. John Episcopal Church is 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)

(Generally meets 2nd Sundays after Coffee Hour)

Bishop's Warden: Laurea Arnoldt

Junior Warden: Sally Glunt

Treasurer: Denise Skillman

Clerk: Ginny Hall

Members at large:

Michelle Felkins, Jennifer Mello, Gail Pray & Kathy Webb

Convention Delegates:

Laurea Arnoldt & Denise Skillman (Alternate: Kay Marino)

CHURCH STAFF

Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale

Music Director: Cynthia Mohorko

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."