

St. John's Journal

Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon

November 2024



FAITH
for tomorrow

Our annual stewardship campaign will be only three weeks long, from **November 10th to November 24th**. Pledge cards will arrive in the mail before the campaign kicks off with a Texas style BBQ after church on November 10th with pulled pork and numerous side dishes. (A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to bring a dish.)

Please return your pledges by November 24th so the BAC can work on a budget for 2025.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

To avoid being late for church on Sunday, November 3rd, remember to set your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** before bedtime on Saturday, November 2nd.



The first Sunday in November celebrates All Saints and All Souls, and is a special time to remember those we have lost.



Restored!

The final phase of St. John's roof replacement occurred on October 16th, with the installation of the newly refurbished steeple and cross. Jennifer and Mike Mello restored the cross; Tom Glunt repaired the steeple; and Junior Warden Sally Glunt orchestrated the installation with Rich Rayburn Roofing.

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So, Noted!

St. John BAC met on Sunday October 13, 2024.

Senior Warden - On October 31st we have our annual Halloween Open House from 4:30 to around 7:00. We have been collecting socks, candy, apples, and plan to serve hot apple cider. We will gather around 2:30 to set up and decorate Theresa Hall. Hoping to have an announcement in the local circular. This is really a fun event, and I hope that many of you that may not have participated in the past will join us.

Stewardship – Our annual Stewardship Program kicks off on November 10th with a Texas-themed lunch. There will be a special presentation about our ministry's needs for the upcoming year. This will conclude on November 24th. PLEASE see me if you would like to prepare a dish for lunch.

Junior Warden - We want everyone to know that the steeple is back in its place of honor on the beautiful new roof. Thank you everyone that made this possible. Laurea and Sally met with the HVAC technicians while they were servicing the units and painted the exteriors with rust-resistant paint to help protect them. They look great!

The BAC has also formed two new committees. One is in line with the Diocese that encourages all of us to be greener and carbon-free. The other one is a special project with dedicated monies available to create an improved parking lot in the open field behind the church.

Vicar – We are coming up to the start of a new year which means that the Annual Meeting is coming. This gives all of us an opportunity to take on jobs, projects, and committees that support the health of our congregation and our community. We will be looking for new members for the BAC as some of the current ones will be leaving.

The Episcopal Church is participating in a survey called the **Attendees Survey**. All people attending our Episcopal congregations are invited to participate in the survey. It seeks to understand how COVID has impacted church life. If at least 10 of us from St. John do the survey, we will not only receive back the overall results of the survey, but we will also receive the results specific to St. John and we will receive a small cash thank you. I encourage you to participate and let us know what you think. The results need to be in by November 8. Here is the link to the survey: https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=13126

If you prefer you can ask the Vicar for a paper copy of the survey, fill it out and return it to him.



All Saints/All Souls Day is coming, and you are encouraged to fill out the form that will be made available to list those that you wish us to remember.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden

Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

The month of November seems to be full of significant events.

To begin with it is about the change of leadership. **On Saturday the 2nd, the Investiture of our new Presiding Bishop**, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, will occur. For those who are interested, the service can be watched live or recorded online. I will share the link with you in my email the Saturday before. We have been blessed by the inspiring ministry of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. There is a significant amount of uncertainty about how Bishop Rowe will take on this role in the Episcopal Church. He will probably be nothing like Bishop Curry, but we should pray that God will use him in his own special way during his tenure.

There is also uncertainty and maybe even fear about the change of leadership that will come from our **national election on November 5**. While we may find relief that the political ads will wind down afterwards, our anxieties may not really go away. So, I encourage us all to be in prayer, to seek out God as the center of our lives, no matter what storms we may face. God needs to be our rock, our true leader, who can help us weather the storms of life. Pray for each other that we may persevere. Pray for wisdom for all our leaders and all the people.

On November 3rd we will be observing All Saints and All Souls. It is a service where we remember the past saints who have led the church in many ways and left much spiritual wisdom to draw upon. We also remember the people we have known personally who have touched our lives but who are no longer with us. It is true that we do not live our lives alone. We live in the company of others and so many of them are God's way of blessing us. So, our prayer to God is a prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of these people.

There is certainly much to be thankful for as we head toward **Thanksgiving Day on the 28th. Beginning on the 10th, we will be having our church Stewardship Campaign.** There is much to be thankful for and we begin the campaign with a Stewardship "Dinner" following worship on the 10th. We can be thankful for each other and how we have been touched by the church. **The campaign culminates** with the ingathering and blessing of our pledges **on Christ the King Sunday, the 24th.** It seems most appropriate to present our intentions to support the work of the church to the Head of the Church. We give thanks to God for all that God has done and will do for us and through us in the life of St. John.

And while we have come to the end of November, there is one more opportunity to express thanks. **On Sunday December 1st**, the First Sunday in Advent, we will be receiving the **Thanksgiving Special Offering.** This offering is an opportunity to express our thanks for so many blessings that we have received by passing blessings on to others, especially to those most in need. The offering will go to the Diocesan Poor and Homeless Fund that supports ministries throughout the Diocese.

While this month has some sources of anxiety within it, may it be our focus upon God and our thanksgiving for all the blessing that we have received that focuses our resolve to be people who care for one another and for the most vulnerable around us.

Fr. Doug





136th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The convention was held in Salem October 25th and 26th. St. John was represented by Fr. Doug, Laurea Arnoldt and Denise Skillman. We checked in on Friday, greeted old friends we hadn't seen in person for five years, and visited exhibitors' tables, picking up information about various ministries throughout Western Oregon. We ran into The Rev. Mary Piper who was one of our supply priests and helped with the establishment of our Medical Loan Closet. She sent greetings to us all and hopes to visit sometime soon.

Ten delegates from the South Coast Convocation planned to dine together at Amadeus Friday night, but there was a mix-up with our reservation, so we returned to the Grand Hotel's Bentley Restaurant with little hope of sitting together. To our surprise and delight, the restaurant set up a separate room for us and treated us very well.

There were two business sessions on Saturday to handle elections, discuss resolutions and approve the budget for 2025. Approximately 226 delegates were present for elections and ballot measures, and aside from a few technical glitches setting us up with a new automatic voting program, business was handled swiftly and the convention ended nearly two hours early.

The first session began with written greetings from former Oregon bishops: the Rt. Reverends Robert Ladehoff, Johncy Itty and Michael Hanley; and a video greeting from Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe.

Election Results

Standing Committee: Sandi Orbell of Resurrection, Eugene (Lay) and The Rev. VJ Sathyaraj of Trinity, Portland (Clergy)

Board of Trustees: Denise Skillman of St. John, Bandon (Lay) and The Rev. Brendan Barnicle of St. Francis, Wilsonville (Clergy)

Trinity Cathedral Chapter: The Rev. Scott Painter of St. Michael & All Angels, Portland

Diocesan Council — LAY ORDER: Melissa Bird (Good Samaritan, Corvallis), Aimee Fritsch (St. Paul's, Salem), and Kari Scheie (St. Bede's, Forest Grove); **CLERGY:** The Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams (St. John the Baptist, Portland), The Rev. Sara Fischer (Hope & Bread City Mission), and The Rev. Douglas Hale (St. John, Bandon)

Diocesan Camp & Retreat Ministries Board: Matthew Taylor (St. David of Wales, Portland)**Action Items:**

The 2025 budget and all resolutions had been discussed in pre-convention hearings via Zoom. As a result, some were amended or substituted before the convention and there was little discussion on the floor.

- (Amended) Resolution for Diocesan Support for the Association of Episcopal Deacons (AED) strongly encouraged congregations to contribute to the AED on behalf of deacons assigned to them. PASSED.
- (Substitute) Resolution for Compensation for Non-Stipendiary Clergy creates a working group to study the viability of providing a small stipend for all current active deacons and non-stipendiary clergy under the age of 72 so they will qualify for benefits offered by the Church Pension Group. (St. John has no non-stipendiary clergy at this time.) PASSED.
- Resolution for Diocesan DPA Disclosure for Budgeting amends Canon 5.1 to require that Diocesan Program Assessment (DPA) estimates for each congregation be submitted along with the proposed diocesan budget at least 45 days prior to the annual convention. (Approximately 91% of the budget is funded by the DPA, and in the past, the budget has been approved without knowing what the individual assessment would be, often resulting in churches having to amend their own budgets to cover a higher-than-anticipated cost.) PASSED (214 to 9).
- Resolution amending Canon 1.4, 1.5(b) and 1.6 by adding notifications of meetings to an "Official Youth Presence" that was established last year. PASSED.
- Resolution amending Canon 3.3 to reduce the size of the Diocesan Council from 26 members (excluding *ex officio* members) to 14 (one clergy and one lay person from each of seven convocations). This eliminates 12 elected at-large members from anywhere in the diocese, and the transition will take three years to implement in order to provide for staggered terms. PASSED (209 to 3).
- Adopted a Diocesan Budget of \$2,315,107 for 2025 which is \$128,753 higher than this year.

The announcement that The Rev. Bernie Lindley (St. Timothy's, Brookings) was presented with a Humanitarian Award by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon was met with a standing ovation.

Reports on the state of the treasury, investments and budget were presented, Of particular interest to us was the discovery that the Board of Trustees issued only three grants this year: one for our roof and grants to two other churches.

Donated raffle baskets were on display Friday and Saturday. Raffle winners were announced near the end of the second business session. Nearly \$3,000 was raised for the Hope & Bread City Mission in Portland.

The convention ended with a humorous skit and resolutions of courtesy that were sung, not read. The Rev. Beto Arciniega (retiring from Latino ministries), Wes Sedlacek (for ZOOM coaching), the Grand Hotel staff for excellent care, the Bishop and staff for their leadership and facilitating the Convention, and St. Timothy's in Brookings for their work with the homeless.

November 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 SEA Annual Meeting 1pm-3p CHANGE CLOCKS!
3 (24th after Pentecost) 9:30a Holy Eucharist	4 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	5 7:30p AA	6 7:30p AA	7 6:30p Choir	8	9
10 (25th after Pentecost) 9:30a Holy Eucharist	11 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	12 7:30p AA	13 7:30p AA	14 6:30p Choir	15	16
17 (26th after Pentecost) 9:30a Holy Eucharist BAC	18 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	19 SEA Board 10-12 7:30p AA	20 NEWS DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER 7:30p AA	21 6:30p Choir	22	23
24 (23rd after Pentecost) 9:30a Holy Eucharist	25 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	26 7:30p AA	27 7:30p AA	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30

What's for Dinner?

Mom was a great cook. She had been perfecting her skills since the age of ten, when she became responsible for all grocery shopping, meal planning, and cooking. By the time she was married, she was already tired of cooking, so she began attending extension classes to learn new skills and cuisines to make it more interesting. In the process, she expanded our family's appreciation of foods from all over the world. What she did not share, however, were the skills she had learned in class. She was vehement about keeping me out of the kitchen as I was growing up (except for clean-up and holidays) so that cooking would not become the drudgery it had been for her.

"You'll have plenty of time to learn all that when you're on your own," she said.

That time has yet to come. I may be able to scramble an egg or toss a few ingredients together and zap them in the microwave, but that's about it. Thanksgiving and Christmas were the only times I was allowed in the kitchen (mostly to polish the silver, chop celery and onions, prepare the bread and oysters for the turkey dressing, and arrange the *crudit  * platter). When our Christmas menu changed to prime rib and Yorkshire pudding, the side jobs got a lot easier. I actually pulled off both those meals on my own a couple times when she was very ill, and a couple times for guests after she was gone.

One of my chief retirement goals was to learn how to cook properly. I inherited a whole library of cookbooks to get me started, but my doctor took away all my favorite foods and learning how to cook lost its appeal. Last month, though, an odd thing happened to me when I was on a cruise and not in control of what any of my meals would be. I came home actually *wanting* to cook.

I probably ate more seafood than I do at home. It was impossible to pass up lox and bagels for breakfast in the lounge. (Dining room service was slow and risked missing the morning shore excursions, so the lounge was a better choice.) At lunch and dinner, salmon, blue crab, shrimp, scallops, and several kinds of seafood salad were offered. A bright pink "beet risotto" was served with the scallops. Unusual, but tasty.

I know I ate more apples than usual, but New York is known for its apples, so naturally they were featured. They even had a grower give us a talk on eight varieties, accompanied by samples. Did you know there are over 7,500 cultivars of apples and 1,600 are grown in these United States? Two visits to apple orchards were arranged, though I missed them both due to scheduling conflicts.

Of the thirty meals I ate away from home, my favorite was "Duck Confit," which was tender and tasty, but unfortunately too complex a recipe to try at home. The most disappointing dish was a dessert listed as "Poached Pear with Bleu Cheese and Port Wine Sauce." Poached pears were one of my grandmother's few good dishes, but this didn't look anything like hers. In fact, it looked and tasted like an apple turnover and the sauce was bitter. But I can't really complain about one dud out of so many elegant and delicious meals.

Even though I always ordered half portions on the cruise, I ate much more than I eat at home and pushed away from the table feeling stuffed. It's a good thing we had plenty of opportunities to walk it all off.

As I started going through my mail at home, I was struck by three organizations' requests for donations to feed the hungry. One was to provide a Thanksgiving meal to local neighbors in need. I receive these every year, but this time, when I am feeling particularly blessed (and still overstuffed), they seem more compelling. For many of our friends and neighbors, the question is not just "What's for dinner?" but "Will there be anything to eat?" I aim to ensure that at least some will have a proper Thanksgiving feast.

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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**

(Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Music Director: Cynthia Mohorko**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY****Debbie Griffith (10th)**

(No anniversaries were listed)

(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.)



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