

St. John's Journal

Bandon-by-the-Sea, Oregon

August 2025

A Blessing for Bandon



Following the Eucharistic Service on Sunday, July 13, 2025, St. John's congregation processed to the south lawn, where a new structure stood waiting to be blessed and commissioned for the benefit of the entire community.

Deb Holder was inspired by many "Little Free Pantries" in the Eugene area and wanted to start one in Bandon. She and Judy Jackson approached Fr. Doug about having this community service located at St. John. This may be the first Little Free Pantry in the Central and South Coast of Oregon.

Our "**Little Free Pantry**" is stocked with donated shelf stable, non-perishable foods. The public is invited to "Give What You Can" and "Take What You Need." Suggested donations (new and unopened):

Canned: Chicken or Tuna, Soups, Tomatoes or Sauce, Beans and Vegetables; Dried Beans and Peas, Macaroni & Cheese, Pasta, Rice, Ramen, Cereals, Oatmeal, Peanut or other Nut Butters, Jelly, Jam or Fruit Spreads, Crackers, Chips, Pretzels, Nuts or Trail Mix, Protein Bars, Shelf Stable Milks, Shelf Stable Broths, Salad Dressing, Bread, Rolls, Bagels.

For more information, contact 541-556-8695 via phone or text.

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So, Noted!

St. John BAC met on July 13, 2025.

Financial Report-The highlights are as follows:

Reconciliations- The Morgan Stanley account has been reconciled through June 30th. The June statement for the Sweet Fund has not arrived. The Vicar's Discretionary account has been reconciled through June 30th and has a balance of \$552.98. The primary checking account is reconciled. The June 30th statement shows the \$784 the bank deposited to the wrong customer's account on May 27th has been restored to our account. The Money Market is still under review. The bank charged us \$97.36 in June for checks they said they would provide for free. That charge was finally reversed on July 10th.

Balance Sheet- Altar Fund had no activity in June. The Medical Loan Closet received \$260 in donations and ended June with \$3,442.98. The Memorial Garden Fund spent \$151.06 on plants and soil, bringing the balance to \$1,563.46. The Capital Fund received \$1,500 in donations and paid \$2,674 to Civil West Engineering for invoices #2 and #3. Invoice #4 for \$1,099 was paid on July 8 and will appear on the next report.

Investments- Morgan Stanley account added interest of \$70.98 in June, bringing the balance to \$22,054.82. Sweet Fund had a net gain of \$1,237.59 in May, bringing the balance to \$35,784.73.

Senior Warden-A request was made to investigate an interesting "musical" that a local individual is working on titled, "Young Jesus". We are interested in learning more about this project. We will keep you updated.

Junior Warden-The Parking Lot subcommittee accepted a final draft (ours) and will submit that to the engineer at Civil West Engineering. A new "Inclusion" banner is being made and will replace the tattered one up. The "Green Team" reports that we made it through an energy assessment with flying colors. They will continue with the recycling of cans and bottles, paper and cardboard. The idea of placing solar panels will be put aside for now. That will be a future endeavor. As for the kitchen, we will need to replace the dishwasher and monitor the oven temperatures.

Vicar-Still on jury duty

Upcoming Events:

August 4-25 Vicar on vacation.

September 14th BAC Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden



Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

An old Facebook post by a former hospice co-worker appeared in my Notifications. It was written eight years ago and was a reflection on events from eight years before. Deb was a nurse, and I was a chaplain, for a hospice in Massachusetts.

On a fateful early morning, Deb had called our boss Nanci saying she would not be in to work. She was hardly able to get the words out of her mouth that her estranged husband had snuck into the house in the middle of the night and killed their 5-year-old daughter. Deb called back later and asked Nanci if I could stop by at some point. Nanci then explained that I was already on the way. Nanci had called me and asked me to go and spend however long I needed to support Deb in any way that I could. I spent the day with Deb and her extended family who had gathered there, while police officers did their investigation. Later I helped plan and then lead the little girl's funeral.

What was important about Deb's Facebook post was her reflection upon all the support that she had received from family and friends and especially her colleagues in the hospice. I must admit that reading it again brought me to tears, because my role in that support was very prominent in her reflection. The tragedy of the event sixteen years ago has faded for me but being reminded about the importance of my relationship with Deb and the other members of our hospice has touched me deeply even now.

Recently I have been reflecting upon the importance of other people in the variety of places I have lived and worked. I have lived and worked in a lot of different places in my life: Portland, Eugene, Florence, Tillamook, Sutherlin, La Grande, Baker City, John Day, Ontario, Coos Bay and Bandon Oregon; San Anselmo, California; New Meadows, Idaho; Evanston, Illinois; Hanson, Massachusetts. I have been a part of churches in all those places, as well as a couple of hospice and campus ministries. And in all those gatherings of people I cared about the people that were a part of them. I touched their lives, and they touched mine. Sometimes I regret leaving all those important people behind, wishing that I had been more stable, something like the 80-year-old parishioner I had in Sutherlin who had lived in the same house her whole life. But then I consider how my moving around has gifted me with an amazing number of people whom I cherish for their parts in my life and I in theirs. If it had been up to me, I would have lived in far fewer place, but God apparently had other plans.

All of us at St. John have been on the move in our lives. Some have left and returned later in life. Some have been here for quite some time but didn't start here. Some are recent

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additions to our fellowship. We have all left behind people who were important parts of our lives. They valued us and we valued them. Those people have been gifts to us and now the people here are gifts to us and we to them. And we all are gifts from God. It is important to cherish all those people and maybe even let them know how important they have been in our lives.

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I leave on vacation after church on August 3rd. I will be gone for three weeks. The first week will be spent in Calgary, Canada where Patti will be meeting with members of the Anglican Dominican Order and celebrating their shared life together (I get to tag along). The second week Patti and I will be going on an Alaska Cruise to celebrate the 35 years of our shared life together. Then we return to Oregon for a final week that will include a large gathering of the Hale family, people who have been a part of my life from the beginning.

But don't worry. I am coming back. I am under orders from above (and from you) that I cannot leave. We all still have a lot to do to be here for one another. God has brought us together.

Fr. Doug



Recently seen on a wall plaque:

IN HAPPY
MOMENTS
PRAISE GOD
IN DIFFICULT
MOMENTS
SEEK GOD
IN QUIET
MOMENTS
WORSHIP GOD
IN PAINFUL
MOMENTS
TRUST GOD
IN EVERY
MOMENT
THANK GOD

We're making steady progress toward carbon neutrality. That was the Green Team's conclusion after comparing a recent energy audit to one conducted in 2011 when Theresa Hall was remodeled. During the past fourteen years, oil furnaces were replaced by heat pumps; energy saving windows and lights were installed. The Green Team has recommended budgeting for replacement of kitchen appliances with Energy Star models and continuing to upgrade lighting in Theresa Hall, the Medical Loan Closet and the Library over the next few years.



OLD TESTAMENT HEADLINE PUZZLES

Fill in the missing letters of each "Headline," which relates a Bible story. Then unscramble the letters you've added to the headline to form a name which is the object of the headline.

	Missing Letters	Hidden Name
Example: BLI*D C*PTIVE DE*TR*Y* TE*PLE	<u>N A S O S M</u>	<u>Samson</u>
1. LUNATIC *AS TH*USANDS OF A*IM*LS	_____	_____
2. K*NG *OUBLY *IOLATES SACRE* L*WS	_____	_____
3. C*PTIVE BOY'S THR*E FRIEN*S DE*IVERED FROM F*RE U*HURT	_____	_____
4. M*THER RETURNS HO*E AFTER YE*RS OF A*GU*SH	_____	_____

ANAGRAM PUZZLES

Unscramble the letters of the nonsensical message to spell the name of a Bible place or event.

Bible Cities: (1) THEY BAN _____

(2) TO A CHIN _____

(3) DOE CAN AIM _____

Events: (4) STAR OF GRAIN UNIT _____

(5) SAP ROVES _____

(6) PUTS PEARLS _____

ANSWERS:

Anagram Puzzles: (1) Bethany (2) Antioch (3) Macedonia (4) Transfiguration (5) Passover (6) Last Supper

Headline Puzzles: (1) HONAI, Noah (2) IDVDA, David (3) AEDLIN, Daniel (4) OMANI, Naomi



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Fr. Doug will be on Vacation August 4-24. Join us for Morning Prayer led by the Rev. Bobbi Neason (8/10), Denise Skillman (8/17), and Kay Marino or Denise Skillman (8/24).</i></p>					1	2
3 8th after Pentecost Eucharist 9:30a	4 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	5 7:30p AA	6 7:30p AA	7 6:30p Choir	8	9
10 9th after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30a	11 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	12 7:30p AA	13 7:30p AA	14 6:30p Choir	15	16
17 10th after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30a	18 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	19 10-12 S.E.A. 7:30p AA	20 7:30p AA	21 6:30p Choir	22 Newsletter Deadline	23
24 11th after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30a	25 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	26 7:30p AA	27 7:30p AA	28 6:30p Choir	29	30
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August Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

8/11 Revs. Doug and Patti Hale

8/14 Juanita Limon and Bob Graville

BIRTHDAYS

8/9 Caroline McKemy

8/18 Linda Baldwin

8/21 Rosemary Dunster

8/23 Patti Hale

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

Book Nook

The Book Nook located in the vestibule by the restrooms has been quietly building a clientele from among church members, Medical Loan Closet clients, and members of various groups that hold meetings in Theresa Hall.

Initial stock for these shelves came from the remnants of the "Rainy Day Book Sale" we held last December. There is quite a variety of genres to choose from.

The Book Nook operates on an honor system. Hardbound books are \$3.00, Softbound books are \$2.00. Place money in the paper church beneath the mirror.



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

CHURCH STAFF

Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale

On vacation August 4 to 25.
Normal Office Hours will resume in September
(Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Music Director: Cynthia Mohorko

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

*(Generally meets 2nd Sundays after Coffee Hour.
No meeting is scheduled for August.)*

Officers:

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden; Kathy Webb, Junior Warden; Jennifer Mello, Clerk; Denise Skillman, Treasurer

Members at Large:

Lori Holton, Maggie Lowery, Gail Pray

Convention Delegates:

Mary Garrett, Sally Glunt
(Alternates: Patti & Chris Wood)

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.