

# *St. John's Journal*

## *June 2026*

### *Father Doug's Iconic Column*



I think it was two or three years ago that I asked people to make suggestions for classes at St. John. One of those suggestions was to investigate Prayer Book revision.

This topic has been alive for some time now in the Episcopal Church. Official groups at the denominational and diocesan level have been formed to explore the issues and make suggestions for how to move forward. Supplemental worship resource books have been published to put ideas in front of people so that they might give them trial usage and then provide feedback. The process is continuing.

I am planning on offering a series of Conversation Group meetings on the topic of Prayer Book Revision. I am still developing what this will look like, and I think how far we go with it will depend upon the interest of those who participate. Part of it will include learning about what has led up to this time of revision and what seem to be the already established principles for what will be retained and what kinds of changes are hoped for. We

will look at some already offered changes and compare them with what is in our existing Prayer Book. We will also want to listen to each other's feelings about what we would like to see changed and what we would not want

changed. We may even get to the point where we want to offer our feedback to the diocesan and denominational committees.

The reality is that revision of the Prayer Book is a big deal. Our worship and prayer life is highly shaped by what is in that book. The current one has been in use for nearly 50 years. For many of us, it is the only one we have known. It is central to who we are as Episcopal Christians. Some changes we might react to by saying "It's about time!" And other changes might deeply disturb us. We need to remember that what we have is "The Book of COMMON Prayer." It is not our personal prayer book, even though it may have become very personal to us. It is the book that seeks to guide our common life of worship and prayer. So, we need to look at it together and listen to how change or staying the same impacts us.

To that end, I would invite you to join together in Conversation on Thursdays at 10:30am starting on June 11th, as we explore what may be afoot. Come to learn, to share your heart, and pray together.

Fr. Doug

## **So, Noted!**

### **Finance Report:**

Reconciliations- The Morgan-Stanley account has been reconciled through April 30<sup>th</sup>. It netted a gain of \$840.48 in 2025, and began the Month of May with \$22,715.24. The Vicar's Discretionary Account has been reconciled through April 30, 2026.

Balance Sheet-In April there was no activity in the Medical Loan Closet, Memorial Fund, Clergy Reserve Account, or Unrestricted Savings. The Altar Fund received \$60.35 from Emmanuel to cover the cost of palm fronds. The Pass-Through Account received \$773. The Vicar's Discretionary Fund received \$410 in April and ended the month with a balance of \$896.08. Another Special

Offering will be taken in mid-August. The Capital Fund received a \$2000 donation, bringing the balance to \$149,930.45.

Operating Profit & Loss-April income was \$12,756 over budget due to some large annual pledge payments. Expenses were slightly under budget, closing out the month with a \$13,720 surplus in spite of an unexpectedly high pension cost.

Delightful Dilemma-The MacCallum family (Ginger's brother) sent us a check representing the residue of Ginger's estate, noting that "[I]t is not a memorial, but a completely unrestricted gift to be used any way the church wants or needs." We have definitely increased our church family with the inclusion of the greater MacCallum Family. We now need to consider how to utilize this gift of (are you sitting down?) \$191,000.

Church Pension Fund-Last month, we saw a huge increase in the Church Pension Fund payment (from \$443.22 to \$2,892.65). It appears that we have been underpaying since early last year and this was a catch-up payment. However, at the end of April we were billed the same high amount. After both Denise and Fr. Doug wrestled with them, they finally agreed that we now have a credit balance that will cover about three and a half months. After that, the monthly amount will be \$602.75.

**Senior Warden Report:** Laurea proposed to the BAC that we do one more Rainy Day Book Sale in December on the 5<sup>th</sup> with BARGAIN-BASEMENT PRICES. Nothing over \$2, literally! Laurea will be in charge of this final event. Jennifer is on board and Laurea would appreciate anyone else who would like to help. It will be a one and done day.

**Junior Warden Report:** We have received three bids for the construction of the parking lot. We chose to go "local" and picked the lowest bid with Johnson Rock Products!! Let the games begin!

**Vicar Report:** Father was able to install the new lighting to enhance the area the choir utilizes. Now they can see! Father also reminded some of us in BAC to complete our SAFE CHURCH TRAINING.

**Additional Items:** We had an update from Deb Holder with the Little Free Pantry Committee. We have agreed to help put on an Appreciation Day on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-2pm. There will be hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks. More information to come. Senior Warden will assist Deb Holder and Committee members, Judy, Maggie, Patti, Chris, and Sharon!

**June Birthdays & Anniversaries**  
6/2-George Neason  
6/9-Stephen Mohorko  
6/17-Chris & Patti Wood  
6/21-Bill & Laura Randolph  
6/25-Lori Holton  
6/28-Kathy Webb

**Upcoming Events –**

- June 11<sup>th</sup>-Conversations Group will resume
- June 14<sup>th</sup>-Healing Service and BAC Mtg
- June 16<sup>th</sup>-S.E.A. Board Mtg in Theresa Hall at 10-2pm

Submitted gratefully by, Laorea Arnoldt, Bishops Warden from May BAC Meeting



**Musings from Denise**

Reflection for the Season after Pentecost

The liturgical seasons of the year are color-coded: purple or royal blue for Advent, purple or unbleached linen for Lent, white for Christmas, Easter and other feast days, red for Holy Week, Pentecost, ordinations, and feast days of apostles, evangelists and martyrs, and green during Epiphany and the “Ordinary Time” after Pentecost.

On the Day of Pentecost, we wore red, symbolizing the Holy Spirit’s tongues of fire that descended upon the disciples, enabling them to preach the Word in many languages.

After Pentecost, the Church enters its longest season, known as “Ordinary Time,” which is marked by green, the color of growth. As pre-teens, my Baptist friend and I used to sneak off to attend a Methodist Sunday School down the street.

We couldn’t go every Sunday, but we went often enough (especially during the summer) to realize the parables read during “Ordinary Time” helped shape our understanding of discipleship. We learned that God reveals holiness in ordinary objects of everyday life – seeds, bread, lamps, and coins, for example. We also learned that the ways we use our time, resources, and energy are part of both our discipleship and our stewardship of what God has given us.

While we often focus on financial stewardship in the Fall, that is only one part of the stewardship that should be a part of our life together all year long.

June is a good month for us to remember that we are also stewards of our time, and that rest is an important part of our summer. That point was clearer when we were able to take a break from school during the summer. However, in my last job (which catered to tourists) summer was definitely not a time for me to rest. It was a time for me to help others find a way to rest. It required a different perspective and quite a lot of energy. Now that I’m retired, every day should be a day of rest, but somehow all my days are filled with church, family and friends, and I have to deliberately carve out little breaks here and there and not feel guilty about them.

After all, God rested after creation (Exodus 20:11) and Jesus rested during a storm (Matthew 8:23-26). I may not have done anything as earth-shattering as they did, but certainly my small efforts are worth an occasional day off.



Hello- St John Members.

Our church is so lucky to have the Bandon McKay's Market reimburse us 1% of the receipts we turn in. Last year we netted \$1,160.13 and this year already



\$773.08 so keep up the great job of giving us your receipts! But keep in mind:

1. They must be Bandon only!
2. They must be within a year of being turned in.
3. Alcohol, tobacco, Lottery tickets & gift cards must be subtracted from the total so it's helpful if you underline them for those of us who are counting them 🧐
4. It's also helpful if you smooth them out before you put them in the white file box in the hallway of the church labeled McKay's Receipts.

So thanks again to all of you who faithfully put them in the white file box and thanks to the team of members who help me count them every quarter!

Maggie Lowery

## DIDJA KNOW?

The Bible does not mention the modern Gregorian month of June by name. Instead, it refers to the Hebrew lunisolar calendar. The timeframe that falls in June corresponds to the third month of the Hebrew calendar, called **Sivan** (beginning in late May and stretching through June). [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

Biblically, June/Sivan marks several major events, spiritual milestones, and prophetic messages:

- **Pentecost (Shavuot):** Sivan is the month of giving, most notably when the Israelites received the Torah and the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19). In the New Testament, this is also the month the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples in Jerusalem (Acts 2).
- **Divine Visitation:** The sixth month from the start of the Jewish religious calendar is Sivan. This is famously noted in Luke 1:26-38, when the angel Gabriel was sent to Mary in Nazareth to announce that she would give birth to Jesus.

- **Reversal of Enemies:** In the Book of Esther, the king's decree allowing the Jewish people to defend themselves against their enemies was dictated in Sivan (Esther 8:9-11), leading to deliverance and celebration.
- **Prophetic Warnings:** In [Ezekiel 31:1-2](#), the word of the Lord came in the third month (Sivan) to the Pharaoh of Egypt, serving as a warning against pride and a promise that worldly empires would be brought down. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)]

For Christians, June is also traditionally known as the month dedicated to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, a period of reflection focused on compassion, devotion, and steadfast love. [[1](#)]

## 2026 Summer Camp at Camp Cove

We're thrilled to invite children and youth from across the diocese to return to Camp Cove this summer! This beloved ministry of the **Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon** offers a sacred and joy-filled space for campers to grow in faith, friendship, and fun.

All youth are welcome to register for any of the camp sessions, but we're especially excited about the **Middle School Week (Grades 6–7, July 5–10)** when our own Canon Christopher Craun will be serving as Camp Chaplain during that session!

**Need a ride?** A camp shuttle will be available from The Dalles, meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1805 Minnesota St. The church will graciously open its doors to offer restrooms and snacks for campers before departure.

Register directly through the camp website at [coveascensionschool.com/summer-camp](https://coveascensionschool.com/summer-camp). **Registration deadlines for all camps are one week prior to the start of camp.**

**And let us know if you're going!** We'd love to know which campers from our diocese plan to attend. If your family could use financial support, scholarships are available. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Canon Chris at [ccraun@ecwo.org](mailto:ccraun@ecwo.org).

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**A Believe Out Loud**  
**Congregation**

## WHO WE ARE

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: Kathy Webb**

**Treasurer: Denise Skillman**

**Clerk: Jennifer Mello**

**Members at large: Patti Wood, Lorilyn Colton, & Maggie Lowery**

**Convention Delegates: Laurea Arnoldt & Kay Marino**

**Alternates: Mary Garrett**

## CHURCH STAFF

**Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale**

**Music Director: Cynthia M0horko**

**Office: Denise Skillman, Laurea Arnoldt, & Maggie Lowery**

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.”**

# JUNE 2026



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	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	Choir 6:30 pm		
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				Conversations 10:30-12 pm		
	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	Choir 6:30 pm		
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		S.E.A. Board Meeting 10-2 pm		Conversations 10:30-12 pm		
	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	Choir 6:30 pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Conversations 10:30-12 pm		
	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	Choir 6:30 pm		
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