

St. John's Journal

August 2026



Father Doug's Iconic Column

There are several things coming up that we can look forward to.

The construction of our expanded and improved parking lot is underway. How this will unfold is a mystery. We initially thought that it would be quite some time before it got started. And then suddenly the Johnson Rock crew was hard at work preparing the new area of the lot. So, we got pulled into the idea that it was going to be a very quick job. But then it has slowed down considerably. They have done work every once in a while. So, keep your eyes on it and watch for whatever develops. Let it surprise you when you see something new.

In mid-August, I will be taking two weeks of vacation. For the first week, Patti and I will be flying to Hartford, Connecticut to spend some time with my eldest brother, Jack, and his wife, Jane. We might even see a nephew or two. It is unclear what the second week will look like, but I am hoping that it will be both restful and reinvigorating. During those two weeks, worship at St. John will be Morning Prayer. Bobbi will be leading one Sunday, and Denise the other. For several years before I came to St. John, Morning Prayer was a frequent form of worship. Some of you may appreciate getting to use it for a couple weeks, either because it has become quite familiar to you before or because it is an opportunity to experience a different form of worship.

The Conversation Class will not be held through August. With a good number of people being out of town from time to time and my being gone for a couple weeks, I decided it would be good to take some time off. I am looking at the idea of offering my "Not All Things Episcopal Class" starting in September. For people who have come to us from other church traditions, this would be a good opportunity for learning some basic

information about the Episcopal Church. For those who have been around for quite some time, it might be a good refresher course. The class will last for six weeks, though I am not sure exactly on which date it will start. Stay tuned for that information. If you are interested in the class, please let me know.

Fr. Doug

So, Noted! Bishop's Advisory Council Meeting July 12, 2026

Little Free Pantry Deb holder has rescheduled the Appreciation Party to September 19, 2026, due to construction.

Treasurers Report

Reconciliations – The Primary Checking and Vicar's Discretionary Fund are reconciled through June 30th. The Money Market Account is awaiting audit corrections from the past two years before it can be reconciled.

Budget Review – For the first half of 2026, total operating income is running 130% over budget (primarily due to early pledge payments) and total expenses are running 3% below budget. So, overall, we are doing well. However, there are a few expense line items that are running over budget that will bear watching in the second half of 2026. These include the Kyocera copier lease (146% of budget), Property & Liability Insurance (+105%), Utilities (+109%), Vicar's Life Insurance (+124%), Vicar's Pension Contribution (+209%), and Worker's Compensation (\$98 to date, not included in our adopted budget). One positive outcome of the upcoming payroll change from Paylocity to Paragon is that our costs for the Vicar's benefits will be more transparent and easier to budget.

Investments – The Sweet Fund ended May with \$43,366.16. The June statement hasn't arrived. Morgan Stanley's statement has not yet arrived.

No Senior Warden Report

Junior Warden Report Parking Lot construction should be completed by month's end.

Vicar Report

1. Gifted crucifix will be hung over the doorway in the nave
2. Gone on vacation for 2 weeks (August 10-24)
3. BAC will be on the 9th
4. Conversations group will be off until September.
5. Add Maggie to Stewardship Committee in September.

Upcoming Events –

August 9-BAC

August 10-24 – Father Doug Vacation

Submitted gratefully by, Laurea Arnoldt,
Bishops Warden from the July BAC Meeting

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 11-Patti & Doug Hale

August 21 – Rosemary Dunster

August 23 – Patti Hale

August 23 – Patti Knollman

Musings from Denise

AN APPLE'S POTENTIAL

My folks were not regular church goers until we moved to Bandon. They started out just trying to get to know the community, but it was soon clear that they really enjoyed the activities and fellowship at First Presbyterian Church. The worship services reminded them of those they attended as children up until I was about 8 years old. Occasionally, I attended with them, but they could not understand why I preferred St. John's Episcopal Church. At that time, the churches' schedules aligned so that I could attend an early Eucharist at St. John's and walk around the block to join my parents at First Presbyterian.

There were probably twenty children in their congregation, who sat with their parents in the pews for the first few minutes of the service, until they were called forward for story time. Various lay people took turns each Sunday to tell a story the adults could listen to, before whisking the children off to Sunday School. (St. John's did something similar many years ago, but with fewer children. Alas, we have but one child now.)

One of the story tellers at First Presbyterian was extremely talented, both in telling the story and illustrating it with props. I wish I could remember his name, but it was 40 years ago. At least I can remember the main points and the moral of the story:



TEACHER holds up a picture of an apple: "I'm going to tell you a story about an apple."

TEACHER pulls an orange out of a bag: "See? Here is an apple."

CHILDREN cry out: "That's not an apple! It's an orange!"

TEACHER: "Well, of course it's an apple. Here, I'll show you." With that, he cuts the fruit with a knife and peels back the orange rind, revealing an apple inside. He comments that an orange is easy to peel, but an apple is not.

TEACHER holds up a picture of an apple tree: "Apples grow on trees, don't they? (The children agree.) "Can you tell how many apples are on a tree? We can count them on the branches or gather them in baskets to count them."

TEACHER: "Where do apple trees come from?"

CHILDREN: "Seeds!"

TEACHER: "If we take a seed from this apple and plant it and care for it, a tree will grow. It will bear fruit and we can take seeds from that fruit and plant more trees.

MORAL: We can all count the apples in a tree, but only God can count the trees in an apple. In other words, only God can peer into the future and see the potential fruits of our labor... even when we can't.

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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"

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2 Pentecost	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	7:30 pm AA	Choir 6:30 pm		
9 Pentecost BAC Mtg	10 Fr. Doug on vacation 7:30 pm AA	11 Vacation 7:30 pm AA	12 Vacation 7:30 pm AA	13 Vacation Choir 6:30 pm	14 Vacation	15 Vacation
16 Pentecost Vacation	17 Vacation 7:30 pm AA	18 Vacation S.E.A. Board Mtg 10-12 pm 7:30 pm AA	19 Vacation 7:30 pm AA	20 Vacation Choir 6:30 pm	21 Vacation	22 Vacation
23 Pentecost Vacation	24 7:30 pm AA	25 7:30 pm AA	26 7:30 pm AA	27	28	29
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