



*To love the Lord God above all,
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to live out our Baptismal covenant
so that we build a community transformed by the love of
Jesus Christ.*

October 2018

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Chronicle

From the Rector

We've completed our auditions to fill the organist and choirmaster position at St. John's, but the committee hasn't yet met and decided which finalist to call. I hope that by the time you read this you will already know who we've hired and when they'll start work at St. John's.

The candidates are great and any of them would do a fabulous job. I'm looking forward to hearing the choirs accompanied by organ music again on Sunday morning.

Our budget for 2019 is in process, and the Vestry will be evaluating and (hopefully) adopting the 2019 budget at its meeting this month.

Finalizing the budget and overseeing the finances of the congregation is a big part of the work of the Vestry, and I am grateful to each of the Vestry members for their faithful efforts.

Once the budget is accepted, you'll hear from the Vestry about our pledge campaign for 2019. Like any public institution, our Parish community requires the prayer, love and support of each of our members if we are to thrive and grow.

Everyone will be hearing from a Vestry member directly this year, and we are hoping all of you will pledge. For us, the most important thing is having everyone engaged, regardless of how much they can pledge. All of you count, so we're

going to reach out to every member of St. John's.

On **Sunday, October 7**, we honor St. Francis, whose feast is October 4. Francis had a particular love of animals, so each year we bless the animals we share our lives with on the Sunday after his feast day. You are invited to bring your animal companions with you to church for a blessing on October 7.

Amazing things are happening at St. John's right now. Thank you for being part of it all!

Status of St. John's Master Plan

By Allen Ziegler

In June, the Vestry authorized funds for a contractor to conduct pre-construction work over the summer. This activity included examinations of the structural concrete frames in the sanctuary and the bell tower, the roof system and other incidental work in the sanctuary.

The Master Planning Committee is expecting the report on those tests and other investigations of the sanctuary in the next two weeks.

In October the committee will provide the results of the contractor's report and regular updates to the parish through the Chronicle. The committee will include information and recommendations regarding short-term and long-term plans.

Artículos en Español y Inglés

Save The Date! December 11 at 6 p.m.

By Padre Don Maddux

Our annual celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the eve of her feast day. The Mananitas and mass will begin at **6 p.m. on Tuesday December 11.**

We have again engaged the Mariachi band Fiesta Mexicana to play for the service. Some of our good cooks are already planning food for the event.

Please mark the date on your calendar and invite your friends.

Reserva la Fecha: 11 de Diciembre a las 6 p.m.

By Padre Don Maddux

Nuestra celebración anual de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe será en la víspera de su día. Las mañanitas y la misa comenzarán a las **6 p.m. el martes 11 de diciembre.**

Nuevamente hemos contratado a la banda de Mariachis, Fiesta Mexicana para tocar durante el servicio. Algunos de nuestros buenos cocineros ya están planeando comida para el evento.

Marquen la fecha en su calendario e inviten a sus familiares y amigos.

Sharing Our Faith

Editor's Note: *This month, Arlen Harris shares his passion for the Wednesday morning service at St. John's. We invite the rest of you to send us articles about what you enjoy at St. John's or why you do the ministries you do.*

Wednesday Morning Service

By Arlen Harris

St. John's is an incredible blessing. I say this while rarely setting foot in the church on a Sunday. I am an honored member of a beautiful, intimate congregation, between 8 and 28 people depending on the week, which meets every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. It is the center of my week and a perfect setting for my spiritual journey.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian having grown up in a big congregation at St. James, Kent. Understanding that each of us has a different walk with Christ, I found different things to do on Sunday mornings in my 30's, namely sleep and football.

It was many years and life changes until I came back to church and wandered in off the streets into St. John's on a Wednesday morning 6 years ago.

I found warmth like I have never felt, love from the early risers that was welcoming and nourishing and a new conversation with God that saved my life. There's rarely a sermon. When I first arrived, Mother June invited and guided reflections on our readings or the Saint of the day. Now R.C. or Doug preside. We pass the peace with hugs around for everyone, and we break bread in remembrance that we are living members of Christ. We cry together when we hurt, we laugh and celebrate exciting news, and we are always excited when someone else wanders off the street to pray with us.

I love St. John's and our Wednesday gang. Maybe someday I will hear what R.C. has to say on a Sunday, but at this crossroads of my journey, I am filled with Christ's love by the beautiful service every Wednesday. (Exception, we go to breakfast at IHOP on the Wednesday before Christmas and New Year.)

Deacons Rock!

By Deacon Terri Lolcama

Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves."

The deacons of the church are to lead us all in remembering that to follow Jesus Christ is to serve as he did.

The word *deacon* derives from the Greek *diakonos* meaning servant or minister.

The Episcopal Church has recognized deacons since New Testament days (see 1 Timothy 3.)



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*Holy Wisdom Inclusive Catholic Community and
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
present a two-day workshop*

The Women of Luke

*Disciples, Mission Financiers, Faithful Witnesses,
Partners in Word & Sacrament.*

Friday, November 2, 2018

7 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, November 3

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followed by liturgy at 5 pm

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to let us know you are coming



Presenter: Jane Via

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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Jane Via, Ph.D (Religious Studies, Marquette), J.D (University of San Diego). Jane taught Theology before practicing law. She is an ordained Roman Catholic Woman Priest. In 2005, Jane co-founded (with priest Rod Stephens) Mary Magdalene the Apostle, an independent Roman Catholic parish, where she serves as Pastor Emerita. Jane belongs to the Immaculate Heart Community of Los Angeles. In 2017, she was elected and ordained a bishop of the Western Region of RCWP. She lives with her husband, Phil Faker, in San Diego, CA. They have two adult sons.

Deacons Rock

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Famous deacons include Stephen, Laurence, Alcuin and many more. Although most deacons are not famous, the ministry of outreach and service by nearly 3,000 deacons across the world speaks volumes to their leadership in the Church. A man or woman with a vocation to this ministry may be proposed and recommended to the bishop by the Rector and Vestry of a parish. If, after specific examinations, the person's vocation is affirmed, a course of study and examinations are given prior to ordination.

A deacon is unique in that she or he is sacramentally dedicated to Christian ministry of service with the entire authority of the Church.

Daren Chidester is on the "road" to becoming a deacon. The process is not an easy one and may take several years. We invite his parish family to lift Daren up as he makes this faith journey.

Two times a year in our diocese, all deacons and those in the process meet with Bishop Greg Rickel to share our faith and ministries, dine together and relax in one of the rocking chairs at Seabeck. Keep all of us in prayer as we celebrate this time to be together.

Sometimes we just need to sit!

October Sunday Forums

Sunday Forums meet at **9:15 a.m.** between services. October forums are:

- **October 7**, (Indigenous People's weekend): Doctrine of Discovery led by The Rector
- **October 14**, Intro to Course 2, The Way of Love at St. John's: Learning led by the Rev. Dr. Bill Hardwick
- **October 21**, Where has the bonny lad from Nazareth gone? led by Dr. Bob Peck
- **October 28**, Where has the bonny lad from Nazareth gone? Led by Dr. Bob Peck

The Way of Love at St. John's

By The Rev. Dr. Bill Hardwick

The first course in the *Love is the Way at St. John's* series is underway with two groups meeting on **Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. and Thursday at 10:45 a.m.**

It's not too late to join us, and copies of the book *Pilgrim* are still available.

The Wednesday and Thursday book groups will continue with a total of six courses through May. We are designating them as "Tract 1." "Tract 2" involves reading books and discussing them with others online.

Tract 2 is organized in three sessions corresponding to the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. In each season you will have a choice of three books to read and discuss. Each book in turn will be linked to books in the other two seasons, following the themes of Scripture, Worship and Theology.

The books for the Fall season starting in October are:

- **Conversations with Scripture: the Gospel of Mark**, by Marcus Borg
 "Conversations with Scripture is the umbrella title of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study Series. Written in accessible language and sensitive to those who have little or no experience in reading the Bible, each book in the series focuses on exploring the historical and critical background, plus modern application of the texts."
- **Gathered for God: Church Teachings for a Changing World: Volume 8**, by Dent Davidson and Jeff Lee
 "What's really going on when Episcopalians gather for worship? Musician Dent Davidson and Bishop Jeff Lee bring decades of partnership to this lively conversation about the rituals that make faith real—gathering, bathing, welcoming, storytelling, feasting, and sending God's people. More than a treatise on the Book of Common Prayer, *Gathered for God* opens fresh ways of seeing what the Prayer Book makes possible."
- **The Episcopal Way: Church's Teachings for a Changing World Series: Volume 1**, by Eric H. F. Law and Stephanie Speller

"In this foundational text for the Church's Teachings for a Changing World, Law and Spellers explore seismic shifts in American life and the opportunities and challenges each presents to the church today. With a winning combination of passion, creativity, and wisdom, the authors call for a return to Episcopal basics and insist that

faithfully engaging a changing world might be the most truly Anglican practice of all."

All these books are available from Church Publishers as well as Amazon.com and other online booksellers. If you want more information about any of them, feel free to contact me at bill@stjohnsoly.org.

Directions for accessing the online discussion groups will be available soon in *This Week*.

Pastoral Care

By Elaine Ross

The Pastoral Care Committee, the people who visit and take Communion to parishioners who are unable to make it to church, is going through a reorganization.

We will be reviewing our call to service and the best way we can live out that service to God and our parishioners. Because of this work we will be doing, we have decided to not hold a luncheon this fall. We will hold a lunch in the spring and, hopefully, it will be bigger and better than ever.

We will be holding a meeting **Wednesday, November 14 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Guild Room. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in learning more about us and what we do to attend. If you are unable to attend but would like information or to talk to one of us, please contact R.C. and he can connect you with someone. We are very interested in welcoming new members and hope to see some new faces in November.

Women's Spirituality



Women's Spirituality Group Committee meeting in July to plan for the Fall

The Women's Spirituality Group recommenced on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 10 a.m. – noon in the Guild Room due to the holiday weekend on the first Saturday.

Future monthly meetings will be on the first Saturday of the month. All women are invited to come, restore your spirits and make new friends.

Around the Parish

Artist of the Quarter, Vickie MacMillan

By Diane Russell

Love at first sight! That was Vickie's introduction to barn quilts painted on wood. It all began when she explored Anna Pavelka's farm (the prototype for *My Antonia*) in Red Cloud, Nebraska, and part of the Willa Cather Foundation. A friend at the Foundation offered to teach her to paint one herself. Through a class at the Webster County Extension Office, she broadened her skills. Did you know that every state and national park has its own quilt square?

Vickie's first display is *God's Eye*, painted as a baptismal gift, and *The Light of the Son*, painted as a gift for Deacon Lolcama and based on the new clergy vestments.

For Vickie, painting barn squares is part meditation and part contemplation - a form of prayer. Her barn squares have been offered as auction items and have served as memorial tributes, as well as gifts for loved ones. In October 2019 Vickie will present 26 pieces at a show at the Willa Cather Foundation.

For more information on *What is a barn quilt?* and *The History of Barn Quilt Squares*, check out Vickie's website: www.barnquilt-design.weebly.com.

Oktoberfest Potluck

By Chuck Moore

The October potluck will be on **Friday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m.** Please bring a German-themed side or main dish to share with about 10-15 people. As always, wine, coffee, and a (very) limited amount of German beer will be provided.

Contact Chuck Moore at chuckmoore55@hotmail.com for more information.

St. John's Christmas Faire 2018

By Laura Tayne

When we open our doors at **9 a.m. on November 17**, St. John's will be warmly welcoming about 500 happy folks who come looking for good food, handmade Christmas gifts, wreaths and greens, used books, Vestryshire sauce, plum pudding and music in many forms.

Many hands are needed to make the Christmas Faire successful. Please check the list below to see how you can join in:

- Be a greeter. We offer each shopper a shopping bag as they come in and direct them to the various vendor areas.
- Help staff a table for a two-hour shift.
- Prepare a yummy baked item for our bake sale table. If you can, package your item(s) attractively and suggest a price. Thanksgiving is the Thursday following the sale, so baked goods appropriate for Thanksgiving would go well - or anything you love to bake.
- Donate:
 - ◆ Used books and CDs
 - ◆ Clean longneck beer bottles
 - ◆ Clean, appealing items for kids to purchase as gifts
 - ◆ Bottles of foodstuff, lotion or what-have-you for our bottle parlor game.

Questions? Please contact Laura Tayne at ltayne2@gmail.com or 360-357-5537.

The Bookworm's Nook

By Jenny Loudon

I asked Jean Laws if she had recently read a book that she would recommend for me to review for this month's issue of the Chronicle. I know she reads a lot of books from our church library, especially fiction, and I expected that she would suggest a novel. Instead, she walked over to the book cart in the Parish Hall and picked up a memoir, *Where the Wind Leads*, by Vinh Chung.



My husband Ben read the book before I had time to do so, and he said it was one of the best books he'd ever read. I thought that seemed excessive praise until I read the book myself. Now I agree.

This is a moving story of true events by one of the Vietnamese "Boat People." Ethnically Chinese and extremely wealthy before the Communist takeover of his country, Vinh left his homeland with his family (parents, grandparents and seven siblings) in 1979, when he was three and a half years old.

The story includes amazing and wonderful people and events, tragic and comic moments, and much wisdom and compassion. I will not spoil this adventure for you by describing them. I will say that the author is now a medical doctor in Colorado, married and with several children, and that his family members have, in all, twenty-one university degrees. (That information is on the book's cover, so this isn't a "spoiler").

I want to add that the book is written with charm and wit. I found myself laughing in places, weeping in others, and actually a mite envious of Dr. Chung's writing talent. I find myself hoping Vinh Chung will write more soon. The story of his family is fascinating and important, but what makes this book a great memoir is the author's heart and faith, and his exceptional command of the art of writing.

Coffee Hour after Ten-Thirty and Holy Hospitality

By Carolyn Maddux



Many thanks to the teams of parishioners who have provided holy hospitality at coffee hours through the summer and beginning of the new season.

Coffee hour (coffee hosted by Vestry members, by the way!) with a little something to nibble provides the perfect opportunity for visiting with old and new church friends and is a welcoming gesture for newcomers and visitors.

Upcoming host captains include:

- **September 30**, Lin Hampton
- **October 7**, Mark Tepley
- **October 14**, Caitlin Bird
- **October 21**, Mary Knotts
- **October 28**, Dorn Barr
- **November 4**, Lin Hampton
- **November 11**, Mary Ann Mahurin

If you're new to St. John's but like the idea of getting acquainted by joining a coffee hour team, please call the church office or e-mail Carolyn Maddux at cmaddux@hcc.net.

Library Ministry

By Janice Jackson



The Library Ministry has completed the audit and re-labeling of books.

Final lists by Author, Title and Dewey number are being printed. A few more changes will be made to mark the shelves and make it easier to locate books. Thank you all for your patience and support.

We are now preparing a list of books we wish to add to our library. If you have books you want in our library, please give us the name and author. If you

wish to purchase and donate the book, we would be glad to have them.

Donations can be placed in the donation box on the bottom shelf to the right of the door when you come in. Lightly used books suitable for our library, with no marks or underlines, are accepted!

Lately there have been donations for books that had been checked out and for some reason not returned. We replace the missing books with the new ones. Thank you one and all.

Our Library sponsored the Pacific Northwest Association of Church Libraries (PNAACL) meeting on September 15. PNAACL has 10 meetings a year and provides information on books, possible ways to display books, and suggestions and training in various library chores. The speaker for this meeting was our own Fr. Don Maddux, previous Artist of the Quarter, who spoke on his wonderful Brass Rubbings.

Plans are being made for the Christmas Faire. We are preparing baskets for Christmas Presents and gathering books for sale. Please leave your book, movie, and CD donations in the library at any time!

The new artist of the quarter is Vickie MacMillan with her wonderful Barn Quilt Designs.

The Diocese of Olympia Legal Defense Fund

For the month of September, the outreach focus of St. John's is the Diocese of Olympia's Immigrant Legal Defense Fund.

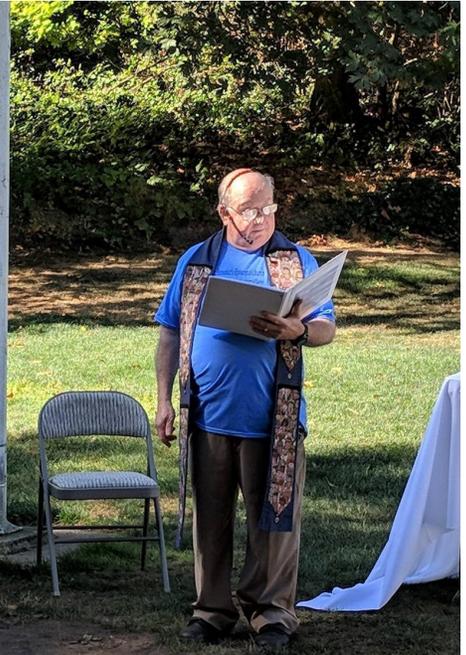
St. John's supports immigrant rights in many ways, one being with financial contributions for legal assistance.

The Diocese of Olympia's Immigrant Legal Defense Fund (LDF) was established in 2017 to help those trying to defend themselves against deportation and for those hoping for asylum. Please consider supporting this fund in one or more of the following ways:

- Place a check or cash in St. John's open plate, marking it for the "Legal Defense Fund"
- Give online at ecww.org and click on "Give"

If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Sullivan, Mark Tepley or Father RC.

2018 Tri-Parish Picnic



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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October 20 - 21, 2018

7410 South 12th Street, Tacoma, WA

Saturday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Celtic Music and Dancers • High Tea • Lunch Shoppe
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Sunday

Celebration of the Feast of St. Andrew

Church services on Sunday October 21st at 8am & 10am
with bagpipes and a Kirking of the Tartans

Celtic Spirituality Seminar at 3:30pm

For more information:
www.saintandrewstacoma.org

Beyond the Walls

Our Students Arnol and Alondra at El Hogar in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

By Sue Michie



Thank you for your continued support of Arnol and Alondra at El Hogar.

Your loose change, and any dollars and/or checks, placed into the colorful offering plates on the Second Sundays, go to support Arnol and Alondra. Please keep them, the other students, and the staff at El Hogar in your prayers. The next Second Sundays are **October 14** and **November 11**.



(Clockwise from the upper-left) Denia and Genesis inspecting the radishes; Erika Gissel with fresh picked cilantro; Erika Gissel and Carol plant cilantro with Profe Karen; Rocio found the biggest radish; Alondra harvesting radishes; Cristian, Felix, and Amy picking green beans. (Photos courtesy of Erika Skafel)

We received the previous photo from El Hogar. It shows their new garden and the students tending it. They also wrote a note explaining the photo.

Note from El Hogar

The area between the volunteer house and the dining room has now been made into a garden plot with raised garden beds.

The area will fit twenty 4' X 8' beds to plant vegetables, fruits and herbs. A Service Team from Burlington, Ontario, Canada worked alongside the students and maintenance staff at El Hogar to erect a fence around the perimeter of the garden, and now raised beds have been built – the project was halfway there!

A mother/daughter team from California worked with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes to plant the first crops in April. Not everything they planted initially germinated, but the green beans, radishes, beets, cucumber and cilantro thrived.

In May, the 6th grade class helped with the first harvest. They were able to harvest about 3 pounds of radishes and a large bunch of cilantro. With that, the cook made chismol (a salad similar to pico de gallo) with radishes. Since then, there have been 3 more harvests of green beans and cucumbers, a harvest of beets, and an ongoing supply of cilantro.

The garden is used as a live laboratory for the science classes.

Whenever the gate is open, children come in and inspect the plants, and always ask to help water in the morning and evening. The teacher is promoting a sense of ownership among the students, and even held a competition between each grade to come up with a name for the garden. After a schoolwide vote, the 4th grade class won, giving the garden the name *Huerto Sembrando Esperanza* (Planting Hope Orchard). A sign is being made to hang at the entrance.

With the ongoing support of the staff and students at El Hogar, the garden project is thriving, and will continue to grow as more gardens get built to make room to plant cabbage, lettuce, carrots, onions and much more!

Our student Alondra is pictured holding radishes in both hands, bottom center of the photo.

Recurring Schedule

Sunday

- 8, 10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, childcare at 9 a.m.
- 6 p.m. *La Santa Eucaristía*
- 6 p.m. Compline Choir Practice
- 8 p.m. Compline Service

Monday

- 10 a.m. Monday Morning Crafters, Parish Hall
- 12:30 p.m. Quilting Group, Parish Hall

Wednesday

- 7 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*, Chapel
- 10 a.m. Bible Study, Parish Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Book Group, Parish Hall

Thursday

- 10:45 a.m. Book Group, Parish Hall
- Noon Centering Prayer, Parish Hall
- 5:30 p.m. EfM, Guild Meeting Room

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Men's Group, Library

October Schedule

October 6, Saturday

- 10 a.m. Women's Spirituality, Guild Room

October 8, Monday

- 5:30 p.m. Strengthening Sanctuary, Parish Hall

October 9, Tuesday

- 1 p.m. Busy Bees, Guild Meeting Room
- 5:30 p.m. Altar Guild, Parish Hall
- 7 p.m. Building & Grounds, Library

October 10, Wednesday

- 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Care, Guild Room

October 11, Thursday

- 6 p.m. Budget Committee, Library

October 12, Friday

- 6:30 p.m. **Oktoberfest Potluck, Parish Hall**

October 18, Thursday

- 12:30 p.m. St. Mary's, Guild Room
- 7 p.m. Vestry, Parish Hall

October 22, Monday

- 5:30 p.m. Strengthening Sanctuary, Parish Hall

October 24, Wednesday

- 11 a.m. Daughters of the King, Guild Room



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We are updating our list of Chronicle contributors who receive the call for articles each month. If you want your name added or removed, please email Mary Jane Hancock, maryjanehancock@gmail.com.

Mail your November articles and pictures to your Chronicle editors, Maryjane Hancock and Christie Guydish, at maryjanehancock@gmail.com, **no later than October 15, 2018.**

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Seattle Pro Musica at St. John's on November 11

By Carolyn Maddux

Seattle Pro Musica, under the direction of Karen Thomas, will perform a program that commemorates Veterans' Day (formerly Armistice Day) at **3 p.m. on Sunday, November 11.**

Karen Thomas, who has directed Pro Musica for 30 years, comments that the choir will "mark 100 years since the end of World War I with English, French and German carols in the



spirit of the *Christmas truce* that took place in the trenches during the war."

Part of the St. John's Concert Series, the Pro Musica program is always a full-house event. Suggested donation is \$20.