

The Navigator

November 2022



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
Juneau, Alaska

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Currently our book group at St. Brendan's is reading a book by Katharine Hayhoe, Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World. Some of you may remember Dr. Hayhoe when she came to speak in Juneau a few years ago. If you heard her, I am sure you were struck by her graciousness, her communication skills and her kindness.

The book is about communicating about the climate crisis and engaging people in making changes in their lives. But more than that, Dr. Hayhoe stresses the importance of positive motivation, of making allies of the people we speak to, rather than inflicting shame and guilt on people who already suspect they could be making a better effort.

It occurs to me that engagement and creating partnerships is a means to accomplish much of what Christianity teaches. Making people feel bad because they are sinners rarely draws them closer to Christ, or makes them more virtuous. Telling people they don't give enough has never been an effective stewardship strategy. Accusing our fellow Christians of arrogance toward others is unlikely to induce humility in our interactions.

I like Dr. Hayhoe's approach of engaging others by her attitude of "we are all in this together." We are all sinners, dependent on grace. We all want to be generous and giving, and can strive in those directions together. We all want a community based on acceptance and mutual regard. And yes, we all want to do better in reducing our carbon footprints on "this fragile earth, our island home."

None of us have yet become the people we would like to be. None of us have reached the goals we strive for. All of us would like to become more loving, kinder, more thoughtful Christian believers. Imperfect as we are, we share this journey of becoming. So let's be kind to one another when we see each other stumble on the road. Most of all, let's be kind to ourselves.

Jesus loves us. Just as we are.

Faithfully,

Mother Caroline+

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 5 - Food Bank donations

November 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends

November 6 – Stewardship Ingathering/All Saints Day Parish Potluck

November 8 - General Election Day

November 10 - Vestry meeting

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 20 – Last Sunday of Pentecost

November 25 – Thanksgiving Day

December 3 – 11th Annual Holiday Market & Pancake Breakfast

STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign, “More Than Enough,” will end with the Ingathering at church on **Sunday, November 7**. If you plan to make a pledge, we ask that you submit your pledge card by that day.

A pledge card and pledge envelope were mailed to you, and the pledge card is also available online at stbrendansjuneau.org. You can submit your pledge card in one of the following ways:

1. Mail your completed pledge card in the pledge envelope to Jeff Fujioka, Pledge Secretary, P.O. Box 210628, Auke Bay, AK 99821; or
2. Place your completed pledge card in the pledge envelope, bring it with you to church, and place it in the offering plate; or
3. Pledge online using the pledge card on our website at stbrendansjuneau.org.

Barbara, Dee, & Jackie

PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(BCP p. 822)

GENERAL ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Juneau voters can cast their ballots in this election in a variety of ways:

- **In-person Voting at the polls on Election Day:** Polls are open on Election Day, **November 8**, 7:00am to 8:00pm. Bring identification! You can vote if you are in line by 8:00pm when the polls close. Note: Due to redistricting, your polling place may have changed. Find your polling place at myvoterinformation.alaska.gov.
- **In-person Voting before Election Day:** Absentee In-Person and Early Voting is available beginning **October 24**. Find a location near you at elections.alaska.gov/avo.
- **By-Mail or Electronic Transmission Absentee Voting:** Anyone can vote from home by mail, fax or online delivery. You can still apply for an electronic transmission absentee ballot at absenteeballotapplication.alaska.gov. The deadline to apply for a by-mail absentee ballot has passed, but other deadlines are listed below:
 - o **November 7** – Deadline to apply for electronic transmission ballot
 - o **November 8** – Postmark deadline for by-mail ballots

PRAYER IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

Oh God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(BCP p. 824)

FOOD DRIVE NEWS!

We will hold a food drive at St. Brendan's on **Saturday, November 5** from 10am to 11am.

Food can also be dropped off in the Church Nursery on Sundays, before or after church.



The food and monetary donations that we collect will be passed on to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank, to help feed those in our community who struggle with food insecurity.

Your continued support of this outreach is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Carla

ALL SAINTS DAY PARISH POTLUCK

Don't miss our first post-Covid parish potluck on **Sunday, November 6**, following the service. Bring a dish to share.

This is a chance to show off the great new recipes you learned during Covid quarantine, or bring back the old favorites we've been missing.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH PROJECT – MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Brendan's Outreach project for November is Meals on Wheels (MOW).

MOW is part of Southeast Senior Services and delivers hot and nutritious meals to seniors 5 days a week. Many of the seniors being served are living on fixed incomes, and some are recovering from surgery, illness, or have disabilities that keep them homebound.

Currently 165 meals are being delivered each day. These meals are delivered by 61 regular and substitute volunteers, covering 12 routes a day throughout Juneau and Douglas. For more than 20 years, I have been one of these volunteers.

I have an assigned route in the Valley, and I deliver every Tuesday to about 12-15 people. It only takes me about 1 hour to deliver, but the good feelings associated with helping those in need last for a long time! Besides the food delivery, what a volunteer provides that is equally important is a safety check for those who may be living alone. Some elders to whom I deliver love to chat for a few minutes about grandchildren, pets or the weather, but many just smile, or say "thank you," or we wish each other a good day!

Meals on Wheels does receive some grant funds, but also relies heavily on donations from individuals to continue this essential service.

If you can, please consider donating through St. Brendan's to Meals on Wheels. Just write Outreach- MOW on the memo section of your check. If you would like to consider giving of your time also, the program can always use drivers on a regular or substitute schedule. There is also a need for people who can run the meals to and from town and St. Paul's Church in the valley.

You can contact Leslie at the MOW office at 907-463-6179 and offer to help!!!!

Thanks!

Jo

JYC GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Johnson Youth Center recently had a special celebration to honor 2 young ladies - a high school graduation party! It started with a delicious breakfast and then flowed into the cap and gown part.

The girls had family members there to help celebrate their accomplishment. Handing out their certificates was Dr. Bridget Weiss (Juneau school superintendent). Besides the JYC staff, there were school board members and Mother Caroline and me to help honor them. Each graduate received a St. Brendan's Cross.

The staff at JYC wanted me to pass on a BIG THANK YOU for all the support we give them and the girls.

Carol

OUTREACH REPORT

JYC Halloween Bags

Ten bags full of color with lots of goodies inside.



The Seymour family spent quality time together making and decorating 20 cookies for the bags. Bet they had a blast!



Fall bookmarks made by Ingrid are another treat.



Thank you everyone for making Halloween fun for the JYC girls. They'll enjoy all your treats.

St. Brendan's 11th Annual Holiday Market

Thank you, Ingrid, for spearheading our 11th Annual Holiday Market on **December 3**. Listen for upcoming announcements about what you can make, bake or donate, and about other ways you can help.

Thank you to everyone for blessing our Outreach ministries with your loving support, donations, and prayers.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family, and may God continue to bless our St. Brendan's family, our church, and our ministries.

With a grateful heart,
Penny

You can help!!!

***Feel free to copy and print the flyer on the next page
and distribute!!!***

*St. Brendan's
11th Annual
Holiday
Market*

*December 3rd
9am-4pm*

4207 Mendenhall Loop Rd.

Homemade Jams, Jellies
Baked & Home Goods
Holiday & Home Decor
Alaska Arts
& so much more!

Pancake Breakfast 9-11am



Visa &
Mastercard
Accepted

Proceeds benefit Ministries in our Community

St. Brendan's Sign



The sign that has been sitting on the knoll to the right of the driveway to St. Brendan's was originally carved in 1988 by Donna Standerwick. This photo, a little blurry because it is photo of a photo, was originally placed on the edge of the property when construction was just beginning.

Over the years the sign has been stained, painted, and become weather worn.



At a neighbor's house for dinner I met up with Rai (Ray) Behnert. Through conversation I found that Rai liked to carve. I mentioned that St. Brendan's had a sign that was in need of refurbishing. He said he would take a look at it and let me know if he was interested. By the end of May Rai had decided that he would like to take on the project. We had to get through summer and the sign delivered the sign to Rai in mid August.

I received a text from Rai the end of September letting me know that he had, through research of St. Brendan made a few enhancements, was putting the last coat of urethane on the sign, and would be ready for pick up. Jeff Fujioka and I picked up the sign on October 2.



To the left is Rai with the refurbished sign in its new location by the front door to the church. A decision was made to install the sign in the portico to provide more protection in the years to come.

These next few photos show the detail of the cross and Bishop Lattime blessing the sign.

The Celtic knot design on the cross was not on the original carving.

Bishop, Rai, and the sign.



And one more bit of history. Rai is no stranger to St. Brendan's. Here is a much younger Rai playing the pipes at the ground breaking of St. Brendan's.

Thanks Rai, a job well done.
DG Hall



Notes from the Office

The next Vestry Meeting will be November 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in Adams Hall
Contact any vestry member (see page 13) if you have any questions or concerns for the Vestry.

In October:

St. Brendan's housed two Petersburg High School volleyball teams and one swimming team.

We were scheduled to house a family for Family Promise but were not needed.

Just a reminder about leaving items at the church. Please check with someone before dropping things off. If you think it is something the Bazaar might use please contact Ingrid, for anything else contact Dan.

*Have you taken the opportunity
to sign-up for Coffee hour?*

See sign-up sheet on bulletin
board in entry...

Email Dan at:

sbrendans1985@gmail.com

**for approved minutes and
financials from any vestry
meeting**

Loose Offering

1st Sunday of the month:

Priest-in-Charge

Discretionary Fund

2nd Sunday of the month:

Glory Hall

3rd Sunday of the month:

General Fund

4th Sunday of the month:

Vestry Discretionary
Fund

5th Sunday of the month:

Meals on Wheels

Forward Day by Day

**The Forward Day by Day
for November, December,
January is available on table
in entry.**

**See Dan for large print
edition**

Dan Hall
Office/Building Manager
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November 6 ~ December 18 ~ 2022 Schedule

Service	Nov.6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18
Altar	Daisy	Lori	Brita & Sherry	Dianna	Daisy	Lori	Brita & Sherry
Godly Play							
Sunday School							
1st Reading	Stephanie M.	Brita	Dee	Jo	Dee	Barbara	Rob
2nd Chalice							
Psalm	Stephanie H.	Jackie	Stephanie M.	Brita	Dianna	Jo	Dee
2nd Reading	Barbara	Rob	Stephanie H.	Jackie	Stephanie M.	Brita	Dianna
Prayers	Jo	Dianna	Barbara	Rob	Stephanie H.	Jackie	Stephanie M.
Ushers							
Chalice Holders	Dianna Barbara	Rob Jo	Dianna Barbara	Rob Jo	Dianna Barbara	Rob Jo	Dianna Barbara
Morning Prayer							
Coffee Hour							

November

Building Use 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 Food Drive 10-11 a.m.
6 Pentecostal <u>2 pm – 5 pm</u>	7	8	9 Book Group 6:30-8	10 Vestry 6:30-8 p.m.	11 Pentecostal 7:30pm-11:30 pm	12 Pentecostal 10 am-noon
13 Pentecostal <u>2 pm – 5 pm</u>	14	15	16 Book Group 6:30-8	17	18 Pentecostal 7:30pm-11:30 pm Girl Scouts 6-7 pm	19
20 Pentecostal 2 pm – 5 pm	21	22 Parkinson's Support Group 6 p.m.	23	24	25 Pentecostal 7:30pm-11:30 pm	26
27 Pentecostal 2 pm – 5 pm	28	29	30			<u>December 3</u> <u>Bazaar</u> <u>9 am-4pm</u>

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Vestry ~ 2022
(leadership positions are for 2022)

**Senior Warden: Rob Smith (2020-2022)
Junior Warden: Jeff Fujioka (2022-2024)
Vestry Clerk: Jackie Schulz (2022-2024)
Dee Smith (2020-2022)
Chris Conder (2021-2023)
Dan Hall (2022-2023)
Treasurer: Lori Seymour (Ex-officio)**