

# Navigator ~ July 2021



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4<sup>th</sup>  
of  
JULY!

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church  
Juneau, Alaska

## **From the Priest-in-Charge**

Dear Friends in Christ:

We have had a hard month as three members of the families at St. Brendan's have gone to greater life. Michael, Tamara and Jordan Rowcroft lost Mary Rose; Carla Adams lost her mother Mary Ann; and Daisy Davenport lost her husband Billy.

I can only say at this time that finding ways to express our love and encouragement to all the members of our church family is so important. I don't think anyone ever knows how much they are loved. We assume they do, but who does not question themselves and wonder if they are really important in this life?

A shared faith community is one of the great riches of human life. It becomes even more so if we take the time to remember to tell one another how much they matter to us. Saying things like, "When I talk to you, I can tell you are really tuning in to me." Or, "I appreciate how hard you work to keep our outreach vibrant, even during this pandemic." Or, "I love how you make me laugh." Or, simply, "I am so glad you are a part of this congregation."

We all want to feel valued. And we all want others to feel loved, supported and valued also. We do not know, as Father Bob Hardman's prayer says, how long we have to walk this journey with one another. Let's be swift to love, and be sure to be kind.

Let's make St. Brendan's a place where everyone knows they are loved.

Faithfully,

Mother Caroline+

## **How Long, O Lord?**

Several people have asked me lately how long we will have to limit church services, and hold back on things like singing together, exchanging the peace and sharing the common cup.

I wish I knew.

A lot will depend on the behavior of the Coronavirus in our community and whether variants of the virus become a problem. I know most of us have been vaccinated, and I thank you for being such a responsible community in that way. You can help by encouraging your friends and neighbors to do so also if they are able. As variants of the virus develop from infected people, encouraging folks you know outside Juneau, even outside of Alaska, to get vaccinated, especially if they live in areas where vaccination rates are low, will help us defeat the impact of this pandemic. If the virus is spreading anywhere, it endangers communities everywhere. Including here.

In the meantime, please be patient and understanding. The Vestry and I want St. Brendan's a safe place to worship and carry on our common life. The restrictions are painful, but they are a way we show our love and concern for one another, and everyone around us.

Mother Caroline+

## **Mother Caroline—Continuing Education**

I wanted to let you know that I will be taking an online course July 29-30 and August 2-3, and will not be available for phone contact or meetings during that time except for emergencies. Thank you for your support!



## **A word on Stewardship from Rob Smith**

If you were to look up the word stewardship in a dictionary you would find that it has several definitions. The first and most basic definition in the dictionary which was:

Stewardship – The job of supervising, managing, or taking care of something entrusted to one’s care.

I also found this explanation:

“Stewardship incorporates the concept that God created the earth and everything in it and directed man to be the stewards/caretakers of this creation including his fellow man, animals, and the environment. The church has taken on this responsibility as a reflection of the individuals who make up the church and as such stewardship within the church refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth are managed, used, or given for the service of God and the protection of his creation.”

With this understanding that it is not just a matter of putting a portion of my financial wealth in the offering plate or dropping off food to support the foodbank of a community, both of which are a form of stewardship. Donating time to help protect God’s creation is a form of stewardship. Maybe this explains why volunteering to work at preserving and returning blocks of land to their “original natural state” leaves one with a different sense of accomplishment. Especially after going out and picking up trash and pulling invasive plants (particularly ivy and wild blackberry vines) knowing that by removing these invasive plants that had been introduced generations earlier it is enabling the return of fish and other wildlife to the sloughs and streams in the land. It is a slow process without instant gratification but at the end of the day knowing you potentially have made a difference in returning a small portion of this earth to its original state is gratifying. This, to me, after my new understanding of what all is included in the definition of stewardship may help explain that warm, good feeling that is felt after helping with the work.



## *July Food Drives*

We will be having food drives on **July 10th** and **July 24th** in support of the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.



Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Take care  
Carla

## **Outreach ~ Reaching Out in Love**

*Summer days have finally found their way to Juneau. I hope you have been able to take advantage of them.*

*Joyce has an update on “Nothing But Nets”, our June project. Thank you to everyone who made donations .*

*June we celebrated Father’s Day. I hope all the men in our church family had a nice day. Just as our church family enjoyed ice cream bars on Father’s Day, five boxes of Costco ice cream bars were dropped off at Glory Hall for patrons to enjoy on that Sunday.*

*St. Brendan’s also honored the men at the Pioneers Home with a special full size chocolate sheet cake from Safeway. Thank you Jeff & Carol for picking up the cake and delivering it on Saturday and for taking pictures of it. As you can see, it looked really great!*



*Teresa working in Safeway’s bakery is a big plus for us when ordering cakes. She knows just what we want. Special thanks to her this time as I caught her on the day they were leaving on vacation.*

*July 4th is less than a week away. To celebrate, AWARE and JYC will each receive 2 boxes of ice cream bars. Thank you Carol & Jeff for working this into your shopping day. They are sure to see some happy faces.*

*Pioneers Home will be enjoying root beer floats in July thanks to St. Brendan’s. They normally plan a special meal or event on the 4th so it might be mid month. Root beer floats are special any day.*

*Glory Hall has been very busy serving meals to a large number of patrons. They seldom have fresh fruit available so sometime during the month, apples, clementines, & bananas will be dropped off.*

*We're hoping we can have an "End of Summer" BBQ picnic and celebrate Children's Day at church the end of August. We will bring it up to the Vestry regarding their thoughts, concerns, and whether it falls within our guidelines for gathering and food.*

*Jo Dahl, Head teacher at JYC, will be retiring end of July. Many of us would joke with her on Graduation Sunday each year to when she was going to graduate & we could honor her. She would laugh and just tell us it was coming. Well, it's here.*

*Fellowship and Outreach will meet in mid July to plan how St. Brendan's can honor her. She's not planning on traveling til September so that makes it easier to plan something in August. We don't want to say anything to her until we have a plan. We will update you after committee members have met.*

*Thank you for your support to our ministries and to each other. May God continue to bless St. Brendan's, our church family, and our community.*

*Enjoy your summer and take care.  
Penny*



*This article was in the Navigator last month. You are seeing it again because Outreach wants to extent the opportunity for folks to donate through the end of July.*

## **"Nothing But Nets"**

*Every 60 seconds, a child dies of malaria, which is easily prevented through the use of an insecticide-treated net. A "net" costs about \$10 to purchase, deliver, and educate the recipient on its proper use. Bed nets are a simple, life-saving solution and we can help provide them to those in need.*



*Several years ago, St. Brendan's adopted "Nothing But Nets" as an outreach for the month of June in honor of our children in the St. Brendan's family.*

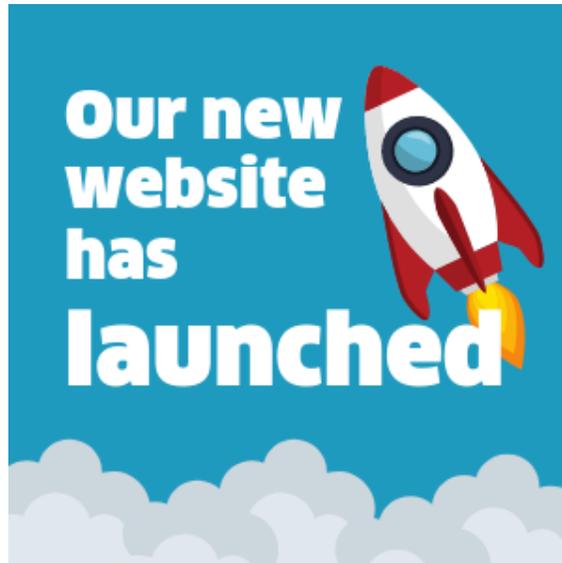
*"Nothing But Nets" was created by the United Nations Foundation in 2006. Since then, more than \$65 million has been raised to help deliver more than 12 million bed nets to families in need. Each bed net is effective for approximately 4 years. "Nothing But Nets" works with the United Nations partners such as UNICEF, the UN Refugees, and the World Health Organization to purchase and distribute the bed nets in Sub-Saharan Africa.*

*A net can mean the difference between life and death. Malaria is a disease caused by the blood parasite Plasmodium which is transmitted by mosquitos. Malaria is devastating in Africa where it is the leading killer of children. In fact, there are 10 new cases of malaria every second and 90% of all malaria deaths occur in the Sub-Saharan region of Africa.*

*"Nothing But Nets" is our June Outreach Project. This month in honor of our youth we can help save lives of children in Africa by donating money toward the nets. Ten dollars will buy one net and protect a family of four.*

*Thank you for being so generous with this outreach project in the past years. **DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO ST. BRENDAN'S. PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CHECK "NOTHING BUT NETS".** Thank you, thank you!!*

*Joyce*



**St Brendan's has a new website**

<https://www.stbrendansjuneau.org/>

The website is full of information,

Galley meals

Sunday school

the Navigator

space rental

Calendar of Events

and

a link to the most recent Sunday Service.

Although many of the pages are not being actively used yet until we go back to Pre-COVID-19 status.

***We have a donation page that will be active by July 8<sup>th</sup>.***

Which means that donations can be done online to St Brendan's with a Debit or Credit card.

Please let us know what you think?

Lori Seymour

## Notes from the Office

Vestry Agenda  
St. Brendan's Episcopal Church  
July 8, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

*Contact any vestry member (see next page) if you have any questions or concerns*

Opening Prayer  
Welcome Dianna Scheel as new Vestry member  
    Replacing Barbara Learmonth  
Agenda Approval

Routine Administrative  
Elect Clerk  
June 10 Minutes approval  
Office Manager's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Stewardship/Grants

Old Business  
Building and Grounds (contact for estimates)  
JYC Ministry set up  
Expanded Rentals  
Caroline's pending retirement  
Update mitigation plan

New Business  
Deanery linens offer

Senior Warden's Report  
    Goal Setting update  
Junior Warden's Report  
Priest-in-Charge Report

Next regular meeting August 12, 2021  
Closing Prayer

### Loose Offering

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:

    Priest-in-Charge

    Discretionary Fund

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:

    Glory Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:

    General Fund

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

    Vestry Discretionary  
    Fund

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:

    Episcopal Relief and  
    Development Fund  
    (ERD)

**Let me know if you would like  
to see minutes or financials  
from this meeting or any  
previous meeting.  
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**Vestry ~ 2021**

*(leadership positions, those in bold print, are for 2021 only)*

**Senior Warden: Rob Smith (2020-2022)**

**Junior Warden: Chris Conder (2021-2023)**

**Dianna Scheel (Replacing Barbara Learmonth until Annual Meeting)**

**Jackie Shulz (Replacing Stephanie Butler until Annual Meeting)**

**Steve Seymour (2019-2021)**

**Dee Smith (2020-2022)**

**Treasurer: Lori Seymour (Ex-officio)**