

Rector's Report (submitted to Christ Church Eureka vestry on August 23, 2020)

Our relatively new Nissan Rogue was damaged as a result of a mouse chewing into the engine's wire harness. The car remained in the shop for about three weeks and the cost for parts and labor exceeded \$3,500. Our insurance covered most of the cost, but we had to pay a \$1,000 deductible. We are now in conversation with Humboldt Termite and Pest control about outdoor service to prevent future car damage.

At the beginning of the month, I submitted a book review for the Bulletin for the Colloquium on Violence & Religion. The book is titled *A Short Treatise on the Metaphysics of Tsunamis* by Jean-Pierre Dupuy and the review should be published by the end of next week. I will probably include my review in the September Chronicle.

On August 7, I met with the Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg, a Lutheran minister who served as the priest-in-charge at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Fortuna for seven years. We discussed the possibility of her serving as an Associate Priest at Christ Church Eureka. She and I are both open and interested in this possibility. As long as the vestry is ok with this, I will check in again with Canon Andrea and Bishop Megan about next steps.

It was a delight to have the Rev. Sister Diana guest preach on the Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 9) and then have her and Sister Teresa join us for coffee hour.

I completed the 25-part video series on Psalm 119 and the Hebrew alphabet and I am now in the process of preparing for my class on the Gospel of John to be taught through the Center for Bible Study starting in late September. I also would like to start making plans for restarting Confirmation Class, perhaps at 1 PM on Sundays, once a month, using the same zoom link for coffee hour.

On Saturday August 22, Royal and I attended a virtual retreat through the Bishop's Ranch titled "Song and Silence: Sing the Sacred Chant of Hildegard von Bingen." The retreat leader led us in chants through zoom. We all remained muted. The retreat gave me some ideas about ways we can continue offering choir practice during the pandemic. Also, we are planning to celebrate the Feast of Hildegard of Bingen (Sept 17) on Sunday Sept 20.

We are making plans to regather outside for a Liturgy of the Word service on Saturday Sept 19 at 5 PM.

I am still slated to be the special guest leader for the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program for Christ Episcopal Church in Sausalito. We have to adapt and modify the program considerably due to COVID and I do not foresee myself travelling down there. The program and our modifications of it are giving me ideas for our own stewardship campaign here at Christ Church Eureka during this challenging time.