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TOUCH: Wash Each Other's Feet

This Maundy Thursday, we are invited to worship with our friends at St. Alban's in Arcata at 6 PM (1675 Chester Ave) and experience the ancient practice of pedilavium, also known as foot-washing. Throughout Lent, John's Gospel has invited us to engage with our senses of audition by *listening to the wind*, taste by *savoring the water*, vision by *seeing the soil*, and olfaction by *smelling the aromas*. During Holy Week, we are invited to engage with our sense of touch by *washing each other's feet*. After washing his disciples' feet, Jesus said, "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:14). With such a clear and explicit commandment from Christ's lips, I'm frankly surprised that Christians don't engage in this practice more often. At the same time, I understand that some people find this practice a bit too awkward and intimate and prefer to interpret Jesus's command more poetically, highlighting other ways that we can metaphorically "wash each other's feet," i.e., purchasing socks for those in need or supporting non-profits (like Sandy in Honduras) that provide medical care for children with clubfeet or even helping with washing the dishes.



Usually when preachers expound on the foot washing of Maundy Thursday, they explain that foot washing was an expected act of hospitality within ancient Middle Eastern culture, where people often walked long distances without shoes or socks along dusty roads often covered in camel dung. Because people's feet were often dirty and smelly, the foot washing was generally expected to be performed by servants and slaves. So, preachers often highlight the great humility of Jesus who meekly enacts the role of servant and slave as he washes his disciples' smelly feet, before dying a slave's death. This is a beautiful and historically accurate understanding of the foot washing practice and one that helps us appreciate the spiritual depth of a practice that might seem

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rather foreign to us today. This context and understanding helps us to see the foot washing as a symbolic act of humility, service, hospitality, and self-giving love for one another; as a symbolic way of fulfilling Christ's *maundatum* for us to love one another as he has loved us, the *maundatum* from which Maundy Thursday derives its name (John 13:34).

However, I believe there is something even deeper going on in this symbolic act of foot washing. Beyond symbolically showing our humility and love for one another, this act invites us to experience Christ in each other's flesh; to touch and wash the feet of Christ, the very feet of God incarnate among us and within us. In the Middle East and other Eastern cultures, the feet were much more than a body part that frequently required cleaning. Within these cultures, the feet of a spiritual master or guru or rabbi were considered "channels of divine grace."¹ This is why students and disciples are said to *sit at the feet* of their teacher.² The Jewish Mishnah offers this proverb: "Let your house be a meeting for the Sages and *sit in the very dust of their feet* and drink in their words with thirst."³ In his book *Miracle of Love*, spiritual teacher Ram Dass writes, "Touching, holding, rubbing the guru's feet has profound significance in the Hindu tradition. For out of the guru's feet comes the spiritual elixir, the soma, the nectar, the essence of the sacred Ganges River—the subtle pran, or energy that heals and awakens. To touch the feet of such a being is not only to receive this grace, but it is an act of submission, of surrender to God, for that is what the guru represents on earth."⁴ This understanding of feet helps illuminate references to foot washing and anointing within our Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. In Genesis 18, Abraham offers foot washing to visitors who are revealed to be divine.⁵ And all four Gospels relate accounts of women anointing the feet of their rabbi Jesus, who comes to be understood as divine. If the feet of spiritual masters are channels of divine grace, then it is indeed scandalous and confusing for the divine Jesus Christ to venerate his bumbling disciples as bearers of divinity by washing their feet.

Episcopal priest and author Dr. James Hughes Reho writes, "From the perspective of his culture, Jesus in washing his disciples' feet is not only giving them an example of humility, he is affirming to them that they themselves carry the Divine within themselves, that they...can and should function as channels of...divine glory, for others. He is venerating them 'as if' they are already deified beings, because in one sense they—and all of us—already are."⁶ According to the doctrine of the Incarnation, the divine can be made manifest in material and flesh. We can experience the divine through our bodily senses. This Maundy Thursday, Christ invites us to

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¹James Hughes Reho, *Tantric Jesus: The Erotic Heart of Early Christianity* (Rochester VT: Destiny Books, 2017), 272.

²Rex White would likely remind me of the book *At the Feast of Maharishi: My Time with the Master* by Hans Vater (2020).

³Mishnah Avot 1:4

⁴Ram Dass, *Miracle of Love: Stories about Neem Karoli Baba* (Santa Fe NM: Hanuman Foundation, 1979), 33.

⁵Also, when Odysseus returns to Ithaca disguised as an old, dirty beggar in Homer's *Odyssey*, Penelope tells her maid servant to wash his feet. Upon recognizing a scar on his feet, the maid servant realizes that this apparent beggar is in fact the godlike Odysseus.

⁶Reho, *Tantric Jesus*, 282.

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experience the divine in one another, even in each other's flesh, in the intimate and sometimes awkward act of touching and washing one of the most sensitive parts of our entire body: our feet. So, I invite you to relax into the potential awkwardness and intimacy of this practice and open yourself up to the possibility that when we touch the feet of one another—each one of us, stumbling disciples—we are acknowledging the divine within each of us and we are touching the feet of Christ.



CAMP LIVING WATERS REGISTRATION goes live on April 1. *No fooling!*

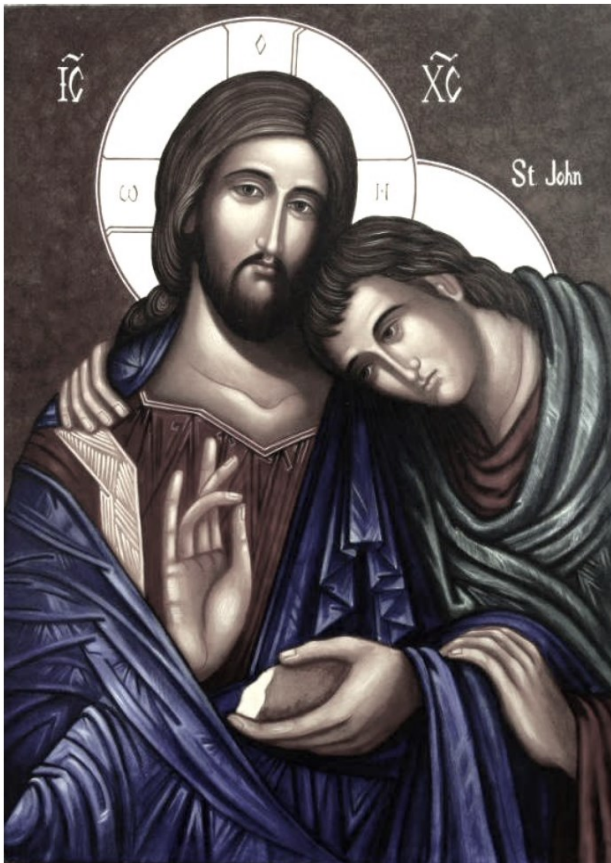
Registration for Camp Living Waters goes live on April 1, 2023 and can be found at camlivingwatershumboldt.org/registration

Registration for campers and counselors is due by July 1. Camp Living Waters is our deanery camp located in the heart of Redwood Valley off of Hwy 299. Camp begins on Sunday, July 23 at 6 p.m. and ends on Friday, July 28 at 3 p.m. Youth ages 9-15 come as campers and youth ages 16-17 serve as counselors. The registration fee is \$200 per camper/counselor and scholarships are available. Questions? Please contact the Rector, the Rev. Sara L. Potter (revsara@stalbansarcata.org) or Emily Armstrong Buck, Camp Coordinator (clwhumboldt@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!



July 23rd - 28th 2023
Register starting April 1st
CampLivingWatersHumboldt.org

The Sensual Gospel of John



Experiencing the Fourth Gospel through the Five Senses

“The Word made flesh,” according to William Temple, is the most important phrase in all of Christianity because it affirms flesh as the vehicle and instrument for spirit. Although some scholars have described Jesus in John’s Gospel as a detached “god who seems to glide over the face of the earth,” a closer look reveals how much John’s Jesus takes great delight in earthly pleasures. In this course, students will explore the ways in which the Fourth Gospel invites readers to appreciate the gift of our bodies and our bodily senses, including our heart sense. This uniquely Anglican approach to the Gospel of John incorporates wisdom from Nature and Forest Therapy, which will help inform some of the spiritual practices and disciplines throughout the course.

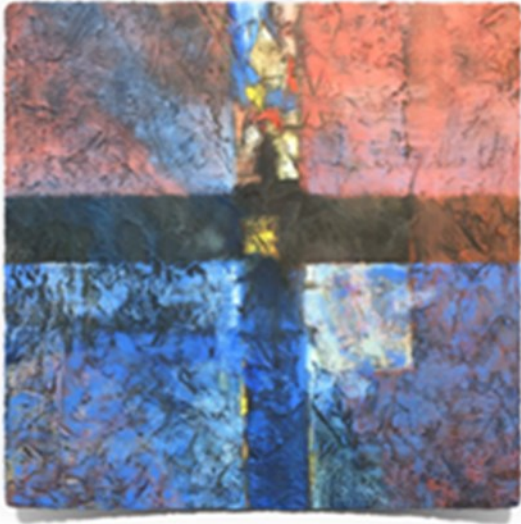
Instructor: The Rev. Daniel London, PhD, serves as the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka CA, near the world’s most stunning redwood forests. He is the author of *Theodicy and Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel* (Fortress Academic) and *The Cloud of Unknowing Distilled* (Apocryphile). He is also a Forest Therapy Guide, certified by the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy.



An online course offered by the Center for Anglican Learning and Leadership (CALL)
Church Divinity School of the Pacific (CDSP)

Course runs from April 10 to May 29, 2023 / \$245 Standard Rate

Register here: <https://cdsp.edu/call-courses-spring-2023/>



“Take Up Your Cross”
David Lochtie, artist

Semper Virens Deanery

HOLY WEEK

CHRIST CHURCH EUREKA
ST. ALBAN'S AND ST. FRANCIS

Holy Monday Centering Prayer (April 3) 6:30 PM

Tenebrae (April 4) 6 PM
at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fortuna

The Holy Triduum:

Maundy Thursday (April 6) 6 PM (reservations required)
at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arcata

Stations of the Cross Sacred Saunter (April 7) 12 noon | Sequoia Park

The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday (April 7) 6 PM
at Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka

*Service will be live streamed on <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka>

Holy Saturday Sacred Saunter (April 8) 11 AM | Sequoia Park

The Great Vigil (April 8) 7 PM

*Service will be live streamed on <https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka>

Easter Sunday (April 9) 8 and 10:30 AM



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: Easter 2023 Message

March 30, 2023
Office of Public Affairs

This is a different Easter message. I've shared Easter messages from Jerusalem some years ago, and I have shared Easter and Christmas messages from a variety of locations. Last year for Christmas, we were in San Diego. Today I'm in Paris, part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe. We just finished a revival—over 50 young people and some 300-400 people from all over Europe who came for this revival service. It was a remarkable thing to behold and be part of.

The Convocation here in Europe is engaged in incredible ministries, with some joining together with Episcopal Relief & Development to make it possible for resettlement of those who are refugees from war and famine, particularly those who are refugees from Ukraine.

Thinking about it—I realize not only with this view—but with the reality of Easter looming on our horizon, John's Gospel opens: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then there is a point in which it says, of Christ coming into the world, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it."

On that early Easter morning, John says in his 20th chapter, that early in the morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some of the other women went to the tomb. They went to the tomb after the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. They went to the tomb of their world having fallen apart. They went to the tomb of all their hopes and dreams having collapsed.

But they got up and they went anyway. They went to perform the rites of burial, to do for a loved one what you would want to do for them. They went, following the liturgies of their religion and their tradition, and, lo and behold, when they went, they discovered that, even in the darkness, the light of God's love, the light of Jesus Christ—the light of Christ, as we say in the Great Vigil—in fact, was shining in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Jesus had been raised from the dead. He was alive, and darkness and evil and selfishness could not stop him. Love—as the old song says—love lifted him up.

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We are here in Paris, this wonderful city. While there are protests going on in the city—garbage has not been collected, and it’s all over the city—we are here in Paris, in Europe, with refugees streaming into this continent from all over the world, impacted by changes in weather pattern, impacted by war and famine. We are here in a world struggling to find its soul, but the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it. Jesus lives. He has been raised from the dead. That is the message of Easter, and that is the good news of great tidings. From Paris, I’m Michael Curry. God love you. God bless you, and the light shines in the darkness, wherever there is darkness. This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Amen.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
The 27th Presidig Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church



JUST ONE CAN Food Drive for Food for People SUNDAY | April 2

Parishioners are asked to bring at least one canned food item, next Sunday, **April 2**, in support of Food for People.



Food for People is doing really well — so don't be taken back if I keep asking for more, that is just me. This month I transported 56 pounds of canned goods to the food bank which brings our total to 172 pounds for the year so far.

Please do what you can - there are so many that are barely making it and the demand is great.

Thanks Bev



Quilters+

The day: Wednesday, April 12

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall

Our next Quilters + meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall.

We will be working on blankets for local foster children and prayer quilts for our parish. No experience needed. Supplies will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

We need to build up a completed supply of both the blankets and the quilts. Your help is appreciated.

You can bring your own project to work on. Come and enjoy conversation, snacks, and working together.

Questions? Call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222.



Centering Prayer

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | In person and on Zoom

****Centering Prayer will meet on Monday, April 3, at 6:30 pm during HOLY WEEK! ****

*Covid protocols are: Full vaccination is recommended, masks are **OPTIONAL** for those who are fully vaccinated, and masks are expected for those who are not fully vaccinated. Seating is distanced.*

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82639812032>



SACRED SAUNTER

Save the Dates

Holy Week Sacred Saunters

Stations of the Cross Sacred Saunter | April 7
12 noon | Sequoia Park

Holy Saturday Sacred Saunter | April 8
11 am | Sequoia Park

From the Senior Warden Steven Preston



VESTRY MEETINGS: *It was a very busy month for your Vestry!*

March 4th Diocesan “Vestry Essentials” training: The entire Vestry, Fr. Daniel, Archdeacon Pam Gossard, and Clerk Peg Gardner met to take part in this three-hour Zoom training, watching on large monitors, some in the Chapel and some in the Pierson Room. This included four workshops in two breakout periods, three of which group members joined in our two locations. Following an opening address from Bishop Megan, the training covered the basics of the legal, canonical, and fiduciary responsibilities of Vestry members. Also covered were such areas as: effective meetings and communications; human resources, legal, and financial matters; and pastoral and spiritual leadership. During our sack lunch, Vestry members expressed great appreciation for the subject matters covered. We all received a follow-up email from the Diocese with a link to recordings of the training and resource materials.

March 4th Special Meeting: At the Rector’s request, on March 1st the Wardens emailed a call for a Special Meeting of the Vestry for 1:00 p.m. on March 4th, to follow the online Diocesan “Vestry Essentials” training, “for the sole purpose of approving the donation, location, and installation of the ‘little library/prayer request box’ that is being donated and installed by the Rev. Anne Pierson.” This was a long-pending matter that was delayed from the February meeting. At this meeting, and after discussion of the location for the ‘little library/prayer request box’ Vestry voted unanimously “to accept, with deep gratitude, The Rev. Anne Pierson’s donation of a “Little Library and Prayer Request Station” and to authorize her to have it installed between the steps and the ramp on 15th Street.” There being no further business in order, the meeting was adjourned after less than fifteen minutes.

March 25th Regular Meeting: The Vestry’s regular meeting was held on Saturday, March 25th in the Pierson Room, following the three-hour Vestry Orientation Meeting and sack lunch (instead of Sunday, March 26th). The Vestry approved the minutes of the February 26th Vestry Meeting and the March 4th Vestry Special Meeting. The written Senior Warden’s and Outreach Reports were approved. The Financial Report through February had been reviewed at the Orientation Meeting and was received. The application for property tax exemption for the Transfiguration House (the Rectory) has been hand-delivered to the County Assessor’s office, and is pending Assessor’s approval and a refund of property taxes paid.

Fr. Daniel reported on his activities as Rector, and on further planning for his Sabbatical Leave from May 22 through September 9. He pointed out that the proposed Sabbatical Budget and proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Sabbatical Priest are later on the agenda. Fr. Daniel also reiterated plans for Holy Week, and Easter: there will be a Deanery Tenebrae Service at St. Francis in Fortuna, and a Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service at St. Albans in Arcata, with other services at Christ Church as usual.

Senior Warden Steve Preston briefly called attention to several items from his written Senior Warden’s Report.

Junior Warden Jim Hendry amplified on his written report, reporting on the status of the preparations for renting the apartment. He reported that, in light of the church’s listing by the City of Eureka as a “Structure of Historic Significance,” and the City “strongly encouraging us to maintain all aspects of the buildings as original,” he is investigating rebuilding the existing wood-frame windows, at additional cost, instead of replacing them with vinyl windows as had been authorized at February’s Vestry meeting (those windows have been cancelled; no further action was taken by Vestry). Jim reported that all other refurbishing of the apartment has been done, and that replacement appliances were expected shortly. He has ordered a fire-resistant escape ladder for the upstairs rooms, and is looking into getting two more fire extinguishers. He reported “we are getting closer to

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looking for a tenant [which our property manager will do] with stipulations and understandings regarding future work on the windows.” He is ordering parking signs for the relocated handicapped and tenant spaces. The goal is still to secure a tenant as soon as possible, so the rental revenue can resume.

Jim also reported that the new speakers are ready to install in the sanctuary and that he and Steve Cole hope that can be done before the Easter services. He reported that the Rectory refrigerator/freezer has been repaired, and the attic drop-down stairs will be repaired during the Rector’s Sabbatical absence. Jim previewed our need to soon analyze the church’s energy needs, and what that will involve. He also discussed other current needs and projects, and Vestry member and Facilities Team Leader Heidi Erickson stated that she expects to report to the April Vestry meeting about our maintenance needs.

Archdeacon Pam Gossard reported on various activities in the parish and the Diocese.

Vestry approved the 2022 Parochial Report that had been submitted to the Diocese. There were brief reports on: the Facilities Team, the Joy Mass Family Service planning, our Green Team/Carbon Neutrality, and the Emergency Response Team.

Vestry approved reimbursing Clerk Peg Gardner for the Art Therapy Kits that she assembled and sent to Sacramento for Diocesan support of refugee children. After review, Vestry approved the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Mtr. Lesley as Sabbatical Priest, and approved the proposed Sabbatical Budget that came from the Sabbatical Team and the Finance Committee; the budget allocates money from the Sabbatical Fund, which will total over \$33,000 by the time the Sabbatical begins in late-May. The budget includes directed donations requested by Mtr. Lesley in lieu of compensation as Sabbatical Priest, with additional donations to be decided later by the Vestry. We discussed plans for the three-hour Vestry Retreat on Saturday, April 29, which will center around Sabbatical, and dedication of the Fish Memorial Wall/Walkway and the McCarthy Meadow on May 14th. Since Nellie Thompson expects to move from the area before May 1st, we heard there is the need for someone to continue delivering the 3rd Sunday fresh produce to St. Vincent de Paul each month. Finally, an ad hoc committee was formed to revise our Campus Facilities Use Agreements and Fee Schedule; Fr. Daniel, Steve Preston, Jim Hendry, Steve Cole, and Heidi Erickson volunteered. **It was a very busy two hours! (The minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings, Outreach Report, and Financial Report are always posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.)**

GREEN TEAM / CARBON NEUTRALITY: We have formed a “Green Team” (Jim Hendry, Heidi Erickson, Tom Bond, and me) to lead our church’s response to the calls of General Convention and our Diocesan Annual Convention to assess, plan, and implement moves toward carbon neutrality by 2030. Our Green Team and Fr. Daniel attended the 1-hour webinar on March 18th on “Forming a Green Team” (Heidi was unable to attend, but will view the recorded webinar). We plan to meet in the near future to debrief and start our planning process. The second webinar is Saturday, April 29th. Meanwhile, the Diocesan Commission on the Environment is aggressively identifying and pursuing resources to help our churches to meet the Needs Assessment mandate before 2025, and to plan and implement efforts toward carbon neutrality by 2030 (just seven years away). **Late report:** We welcome Beth Haynes as a new member of the Christ Church Green Team! **If you would like to join us, please contact me.**

JOY MASS FAMILY SERVICE: Our team, led by Robin Cardona and Vickie Patton, is well advanced in planning for the October 1st start of this 9:30-10:00 am service. This month, some of us met in the Chapel for a “run-through” of the Mass, which took about 23 minutes, and it went very well. There will be future planning meetings, to include focusing on publicity and outreach.

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LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: There are many ministry opportunities for using your skills, experience, and gifts, where you would be welcomed with open arms and grateful hearts! **Please contact any Lay Ministry Leader for information or to volunteer. Their names and contact information are listed elsewhere in this *Chronicle* newsletter.**

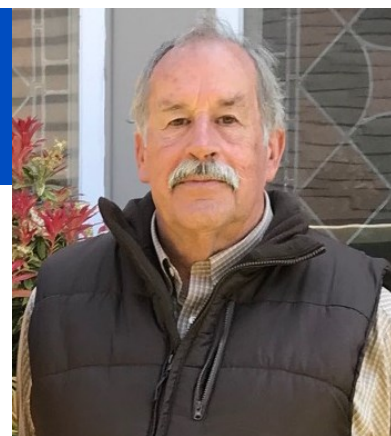
DIOCESAN E-NEWS: If you don't already subscribe, I encourage you to keep up with the Bishop, the Diocese, other parishes, and helpful resources, by signing up for this weekly newsletter at <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/#signup>

BELOVED COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER: The monthly e-newsletter of the Diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries. This is a very useful resource for the broader social justice activities of the Diocese and the National Church. Sign up here: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/WeHHFWL/CommForInterculturalMinis?source_id=696b0aee-db58-472b-8bb0-20bffb2f2e30&source_type=em&c=oucj0_J3utLeJgH3CmEt0aSUVuO_yUugYT9y_xgaet73FkBlxJ6pA==

Within every challenge lies opportunity! The task is to find the opportunity and to fulfill it!!

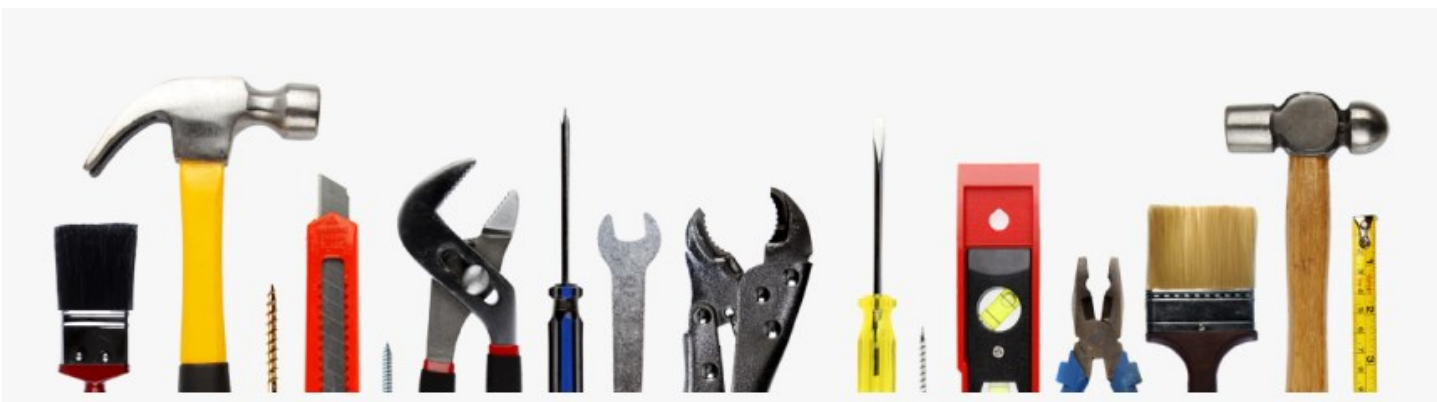
Steve Preston
Senior Warden

From the Junior Warden Jim Hendry



Activities since last month include dealing with electrical issues in the Pierson Room, specifically replacing the GFI plug near the sink, and replacing the old, spongy circuit breaker which controls that circuit and adding a new wall plug near the white board in the room.

We are please with the progress of the apartment work and hope it will be available to rent soon by our property management company. For a full report on the apartment progress read the Senior Warden's Report, page 9, last paragraph continuing to the top of page 10 on all other activities reported to the Vestry.





The Road from Holy Week to Emmaus

I am writing this in the last week of March. Palm/Passion Sunday is this next Sunday, which starts Holy Week and the Triduum (three days). I've had a hard time deciding what to write this month, because this is the month of the most change in the whole church year.

And, I have to admit, I've been feeling more than a little down, due mostly to this interminable winter. Lent, this year, has been sort of tacked onto the end of earthquakes/rain and snow storms/windstorms season. This Easter, neither of my daughters will be with me, which to this point has been a rare occurrence, but may be the new reality.

Then it occurred to me: where I am right now, looking for a bright spot while knowing that the ultimate bright spot – Easter – is coming, is like the time when the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus (which we read together on the Third Sunday of Easter).

One of my favorite hymn writers, Susan Palo Cherwien, put it well in the second verse of her hymn, Day of Arising:

“When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.”

Where I am is similar to where those two disciples found themselves, but not exactly the same. They were devastated, trying to come to terms with the loss of the prophet they had hoped was the Messiah. They had heard rumblings that he might be alive, but they didn't yet know for themselves. I, on the other hand, live daily under the tension of our Eucharistic words, “Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.”

I know that the brighter days of Spring are coming, despite all evidence to the contrary. I know that my Redeemer lives. I know that because He lives, I also shall live, because He promised it. And I know it in my heart and soul, not only in my mind.

And as we gather together and share the bread, as did those dejected disciples who walked with their unknown companion (that is, one who would share bread with them) to Emmaus, I also know it in my body. The five senses Fr. Daniel mentioned in his Lenten sermons are all activated: I hear the words, “the Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven,” I see the bread placed in my hand and feel its weight, I taste it on my tongue, and I smell the wine as it is offered. Jesus is alive again in his body, and I am alive in mine. Thanks be to God.

So in this time of persistent gloomy weather, and walking with Christ through Holy Week to Easter, I can pray, with the last words of that hymn:

“Christ our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.”

May it be so, for all of us, and for God's world.

Amen, amen. (A**elulia!)

Easter

The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Associate Priest



You will receive this edition of the Chronicle just as we begin Holy Week, the most somber time of the Christian year, a week that will lead us through Christ's death to his glorious resurrection, celebrated on the day we know as Easter Day. Easter, we are so familiar with the word, but it is an odd word, it doesn't seem in any way related to Resurrection, or new life, and in fact the official title of what we usually call Easter Sunday, is "The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day". So where did the word Easter come from, what was its meaning and how did we come to adopt it?

It seems that most scholars believe that it came from the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess, Eostre. The Venerable Bede, or as he is also known St. Bede, was an English monk and scholar who lived from around 672/3 to 735. He is best known for his "The Ecclesiastical History of the English People", one of the best-written sources for early English history. His theory was that the Anglo Saxons, the ancestors of the English people, named the month of April, *Eosturmonath*, after the goddess Eostre, also spelled "Eastre". Bede believed that, since the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection usually fell in that month, the people began using the same word for that particular festival. The Anglo-Saxons also used the word *eastre* for the season of spring, so it is easy to see how over time, it became changed to Easter, and eventually referred only to the holy day which commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord. The German and English people appear to have used the same root for Easter, medieval German speakers using the word, *Ostarstrupha* for Easter, and in modern German, Easter is now *Ostern*.

Some researchers have rejected Bede's theory about the origins of the word Easter. Scholars have pointed out, that they have not found any other mention of *Eostre* in ancient or medieval documents. Their thought is, that this lack of corroborating evidence, may come from the fact that Bede, who had been raised and educated in a monastery, had no real knowledge of the folklore and pagan beliefs of the time, and has handed down to us an educated guess, rather than the true facts. These researchers offer several other theories for the origin of the word Easter. One is that it comes from *Eostur*, an old Norse word for spring, some say it is from old Germanic and Anglo-Saxon word for east. In early Germanic languages there were many variants for east, *ostana*, *osten* and *austen*, to name but a few. Researchers say any one of these could have been the origin of the word Easter.

Other writers tell us that we come by the word Easter because of a misinterpretation of a Latin phrase. Early Latin speaking Christians, apparently called the Easter festival *hebdomada alba*, which means "the week of albs". This referring to the white garments worn by the baptismal candidates during the Easter Vigil, and through the eight days following. In this particular context, the word *alba*, which is the feminine form of *albus*, means white, but some thought it was actually *alba*, meaning "dawn". This theory says that Old High German speakers went on to call the festival *eostarun* or "dawn" in their own language, this usage eventually evolving into the modern German *Ostern* and the English "Easter".

If we were to go further back in history looking for the origins of the word Easter, we will find that some nineteenth century folklorists discovered striking similarities between between the Germanic root words for "dawn", and the name of the goddess Eostre. Also they noted that the names of the ancient Roman, Greek and Indian dawn goddesses, Aurora, Eos and Ushas, all seem to derive from the same root word. Nineteenth Century German folklorist Jacob Grimm, who did subscribe to Bede's account of "Easter's" origin, concluded that the goddess Eostre must represent the dawn, and that she was known, not only to the Anglo-Saxons, but also to the Germanic peoples. He then went on to give her a German name, Ostara. Grimm's theory was

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widely accepted, and many contemporary sources now refer to Eostre/Ostara as a dawn goddess, although the Venerable Bede never identified what she represented, and did not give her a German name.

As Christians, we may find this association of our most sacred festival with pagan goddesses and a natural phenomenon difficult, but both dawn and the direction east, feature in the scriptures. Mary Magdalene and others came to Jesus' tomb at dawn, only to find it empty. Many churches hold sunrise/dawn services on Easter morning. Also the direction "east" had mystical connections for the early Christians. The Resurrection was discovered at dawn, which occurs in the east, Paradise was thought to be in the east, and Jesus' return, the Second Coming, as described in the Book of Revelation, was to be from the east.

The belief that the east is the direction of the divine, shows up in ancient liturgies and in architecture. In early Baptismal liturgies, candidates faced west to renounce the devil, and east to declare their belief in the Trinity. Churches were built with the altar at the east end, and priests used to celebrate mass facing east, away from the people and toward the divine, (in some places they still do).

As Christians we inherited this directional tradition from our Jewish ancestors. Both Solomon's temple and the Israelites' tabernacle faced east and, in the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, there are many stories where God's blessings and aid, come from the east. In Matthew's Gospel, 2:1-2, we hear of the wise men, the Magi, who came from the east, following the star which led them to the place where Jesus was. Whatever its origins, we know that for us, Easter, is the Day of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we celebrate it with great thanksgiving, with song, jubilation and of course Easter eggs, be they colored, candy or chocolate. Why eggs? Well, that is another story. *(See Chronicle April 2022)*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Easter 3. Book of Common Prayer

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Kick Off your Earth Day 2023 Celebration

The Church of the Incarnation and the Commission for the Environment are excited to invite you to a screening of the documentary film, *The Ants & the Grasshopper*, on Wednesday evening, April 19.

The film will be screened in-person at The Church of the Incarnation in Santa Rosa, and simultaneously broadcast over Zoom. We hope you'll watch with us!

Please RSVP for the in-person event to bob.wohlsen@gmail.com



Here is the Zoom information to participate online:

Topic: The Ants and the Grasshopper Screening
Time: Apr 19, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81516563752?pwd=WTQ3WW91QzFGRUUvRWc1TlZqOUNrUT09>

Meeting ID: 815 1656 3752

Passcode: 719100

Or dial in: +1 669 444 9171 US

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81516563752?pwd=WTQ3WW91QzFGRUUvRWc1TlZqOUNrUT09>

To view the film trailer go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6J29qHOMm8k>

Anita Chitaya has a gift; she can help bring abundant food from dead soil, she can make men fight for gender equality, and she can end child hunger in her village. Now, to save her home from extreme weather, she faces her greatest challenge: persuading Americans that climate change is

real. Traveling from Malawi to California to the White House, she meets climate skeptics and despairing farmers. Her journey takes her across all the divisions shaping the US, from the rural-urban divide, to schisms of race, class and gender, to the thinking that allows Americans to believe we live on a different planet from everyone else. It will take all her skill and experience to persuade us that we're all in this together.

This documentary, ten years in the making, weaves together the most urgent themes of our times: climate change, gender and racial inequality, the gaps between the rich and the poor, and the ideas that groups around the world have generated in order to save the planet.

For more information contact Bob Wohlsen - bob.wohlsen@gmail.com



March 13 2023
Office of Public Affairs
Media Release (Extract)

From The Episcopal Church’s House of Bishops spring gathering:

“... Create safe spaces ... from harassment based on gender identity ...”

At The Episcopal Church’s House of Bishops spring gathering, 122 bishops gathered March 8-13 at Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama, for a time of retreat....

Recalling its [March 2022 statement of love and continued support for transgender people and their families](#), the House of Bishops reaffirmed its commitment in a resolution responding to current legislative actions in 41 states targeting trans people. “We urge all in our church, in all the countries in which The Episcopal Church is found, to create safe spaces and shield all people from harassment based on gender identity, and to join in advocacy to protect them from discriminatory laws,” the resolution states....

To read the entire Media Release as published by The Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs

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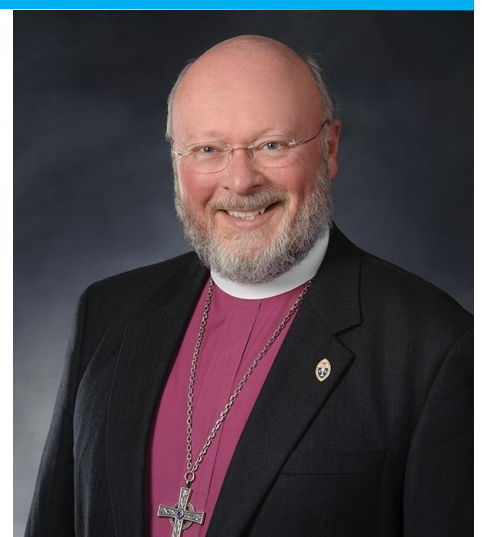
[House of Bishops elects Armed Forces and Federal Ministries bishop suffragan and Navajoland provisional bishop, reaffirms trans rights – The Episcopal Church](#)

Bishop Barry Beisner Elected Provisional Bishop of Navajoland.

At its March 12 business meeting, the House of Bishops confirmed the recommendation of the people of the Navajoland area mission to appoint the **Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner** as their bishop provisional. Beisner served previously as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, and, since 2019, has served as assisting bishop in Navajoland with a focus on the formation of new clergy—in collaboration with his wife, the Rev. Dr. Ann Hallisey.

Congratulations Bishop Barry!

– Office of Public Affairs



Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

March came roaring in like a lion this year, and April will bring us the Lamb as we celebrate Easter.

As you remember the last couple of years, we slowly and carefully returned to face to face worship. Have you noticed each week we have some new groups, and some of our old ones have taken on new roles? Lent and Easter are a perfect time to join one of the lay ministries of our parish and find out what's new and what is unchanged.



The term, Lay Ministry, refers to the many ways the laity, those of us sitting in the pews of the church, live out our baptismal covenant (Book of Common Prayer, page 304). Listed below are a few groups for your consideration. Please join us; we'd love to have you.

Anne Pierson
Kathy Clague
David Powell
Lynne Bean
Peg Gardner
Bob and Sara Hines
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson
Marty Vega
Jannetje Vrieze
Belinda Zander
Vickie Patton
Robin Cardona
Christ Church Office
Sharon Kalberer
Belinda Zander

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8am Coffee Hour 443-9627
Contribution Counters 445-8974
Eucharistic Visitors 445-1726
Lectors and Intercessors 443-9782
Prayer Circle jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com
Quilters + 442-4222
Story Corner 443-1825
Story Corner 267-5825
Technical Team 442-1797
Ushers and Greeters 630-3100
Welcome Bags 442-4222



April Birthday Wishes



Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyle Freeman	04/03
Byrd Lochtie	04/11
Gabe Bennett	04/11
Jane Bermudez	04/11
Heather Erickson	04/24
Helen Hui	04/26



Happy Anniversary



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

No Anniversaries in the month of April!



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologies for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:
christchurcheureka@gmail.com

We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



The April 2023 Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Look graciously on your Church and our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, as she so graciously and ably serves as a caring, faithful pastor for your people, guiding and supporting us in our ministries during this time of Covid-19.

Every Sunday in March, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fortuna:

Intercessor: We pray that the Holy Spirit fills the people of St. Francis, Fortuna, as they come, hear, and believe throughout this holy time. Grant them renewed vigor to engage in being a welcoming community, expressing joy in God's creation, and sharing Christ's peace and love with their community.

People: *Hear our prayer.*



April 2

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena
The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga, Rector
The Rev. Wendy Watson, Retired Associate Priest
The Rev. William “Father Mac” McIlmoyl,
Rector Emeritus

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
The Most Rev. Justin Badi Drama, Primate

April 9

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church, Wheatland
The Rev. George Foxworth, Supply Priest
The Rev. Rick Laughman, Supply Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
The Most Rev. Ezekiel Condo, Primate

April 16

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Lake Almanor
The Rev. Matt Warren, Priest (*Seasonal*)

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Tanzania
The Most Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa
Archbishop of Tanzania and Bishop of Tanga

April 23

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, Kenwood
The Rev. Doyle Dietz Allen, Rector

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Nevada City
The Rev. Bradley Helmuth, Rector,
The Very Rev. Canon Mary Hauck, Associate Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Uganda
The Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba
Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala

April 30

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Willows
The Rev. Charles Rouse, Assisting Priest

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Episcopal Church
The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate

May 7

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Crescent City

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church in Wales
The Most Rev. Andrew John
Archbishop and Primate of Wales
and Bishop of Bangor

If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx>. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2023 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Deacon Anne.



APRIL 2023

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
PALM SUNDAY 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	HOLY WEEK See schedule of services on page 5 of The Chronicle			Quilters + Lewis Hall 9:30 AM	Rose Society Lewis Hall 7 PM	Lenten Sacred Saunter with students from Cal Poly Humboldt RS 394 Christian- ity: Liturgy & Charisma Sequoia Park 11 AM
EASTER DAY 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	Office closed	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Rose Society Lewis Hall 7 PM		Altar Guild 10 AM
EASTER 1 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	Office closed	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Office closed		Altar Guild 10 AM
FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY						
EASTER 2 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka	Office closed	Centering Prayer 6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal Heritage Room 5:30 PM	Office closed		Altar Guild 10 AM VESTRY RETREAT
EASTER 3 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka						



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