

## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## SEPTEMBER 2023 - CHRONICLE

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Where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit, as a community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ's Love for all.



The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie Sabbatical Priest

# Thank you!

By the time you read this article, our summer sabbatical time will be just about over. As we look forward to September 10, and the return of Fr. Daniel and Ashley, it is appropriate that I should use this space to say thank you.

I think we were all expecting this summer to be a quiet season with not much going on, a time for reflection and renewal. While I do hope we have all had the space for some reflection, these past three months or so, have been surprisingly busy. Our Sunday worship continued as usual, including a delightful mid-summer celebration of the Transfiguration on August 6. On all Sundays we were blessed with our Technical Team's expertise for inhouse sound and live streaming. Please take a moment to thank them for their ongoing commitment to this important ministry.

From Altar Guild through Ushers, all our worship and fellowship teams were present throughout the summer and each Sunday saw a seamless

continuation of all these ministries. At this time of year, our schedules often fall prey to vacations and family visits, but this was not the case.

We were honored to have Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg, Pastor Karen Stanley and Pastor Dan Price as guest preachers, they helped open the scriptures for us, and it was wonderful to hear their different voices. Thank you.

Under the leadership of our Music Coordinator and Organist Merry Phillips, with assistance from Thomas Swanger, Douglas Moorehead and Mother Nancy Streufert, our worship was always enhanced by glorious music. The Sundays at Four concert series continued, culminating in last Sunday's 'The Colors of the Organ', show casing the talents of our aforementioned musicians, as well as the capabilities of the Kegg organ.

Many of our committees and teams were active during these sabbatical months, all engaged in the ongoing work of the parish and making plans for the future. Our Joy Mass Team worked on preparations for the October 1 commencement of this new worship service, while the Green Team undertook research which will aid in helping us achieve our Diocese's goal of reducing our carbon footprint, and achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. The Stewardship Committee has been hard at work making plans for the fall, while on a more mundane level, a sub-group of the Vestry worked on updating our facilities use and fee schedules.

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#### From our Sabbatical Priest - Continued from the previous page

On Wednesday lunchtimes, Pastor Karen Stanley and I, with the help of Senior Warden Steve Preston, hosted a Lectionary Bible Study. Between twelve and fourteen of us met each week and discussed the readings for the upcoming Sunday. It was a very rewarding time, and our conversations often offered insights for those preaching that week. Sundays saw a program where we looked at some of our Anglican poets. Unfortunately, this was cut short by my illness.

We participated in two parish wide conversations about sabbatical time, and you can view the points raised on the portable bulletin boards in Lewis Hall.

Our Vestry and Wardens, Steve Preston and Jim Hendry, continued their work over the summer months, and my thanks go to them for maintaining their vital ministry during this sabbatical time, and for their ongoing support. Thanks also to our Archdeacon Pam Gossard, and Deacon Anne Pierson, for their assistance and continued pastoral care of our parish family, as well as our outreach ministries. Peg Gardner coordinated our efforts to provide new underwear, backpacks and school supplies for Betty Chinn's ministry, we gathered materials for Camp Living Waters, and maintained our monthly collections of cans for Food for People, and fresh produce for the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room.

Last but by no means least, I would like to thank our Parish Administrator Thomas Swanger, in a nutshell he is, in so many ways, the glue that holds us all together.

As we welcome back Fr. Daniel and Ashley from their summer adventures, I am looking forward to taking a break. I have enjoyed being your sabbatical priest, and thank you all for your support, your faithfulness, and commitment.

Blessings,

Lesley+



ASSOCIATE PRIEST — Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg

## Praying for the Lost Strays

During the two weeks that Perry was recovering from COVID, I became better acquainted with the Merlin app that I recently downloaded to my phone. If you're not familiar with the Merlin app, it helps identify wild birds by sight and sound. I specifically use it to record birds' calls and discover which birds they are. During the time I was basically isolated in my



part of the house, and Perry in his (my bedroom window was open to increase ventilation), many of these birds became good friends – American Crows, Common Ravens, and Chestnut-Backed Chickadees, for instance. But occasionally, Merlin would notify me by a red dot next to the identified bird that this bird was endangered or rarely found in our area. I heard a Western Meadowlark a few times, and was immediately transported to my growing up in the front range of the Rockies, when I would hear them on summer mornings.

Recently, as I recorded the dawn chorus, as I often do, I found a rare bird that had never popped up before: a Blackpoll Warbler. The Audubon Field Guide says that they are found in the eastern half of the United States and commonly breed in northern Canada. Regarding migration, it says that "in the fall, many fly nonstop from eastern Canada or the northeastern United States to northern South America. Every fall, many (to 100 or more) lost strays appear along the Pacific Coast." This bird that graced me with its song was undoubtedly a "lost stray."

I immediately started thinking of the fires in Canada and along the west coast, and wondered about the journey these birds might have taken, and how the fires might affect them. We have the luxury of remaining indoors and using air purifiers to survive the few days of bad smoke we get here on the north coast. But, as I just learned, birds breathe differently than we do, and their lungs are more vulnerable for that reason. According to an Audubon article published in June 2023, "How Do Wildfires in Canada's Boreal Forest Affect Birds Across the Continent": "Bird lungs are not like human lungs. They are rigid, with several balloon-like air sacs facilitating airflow that travels only one way, so that birds take in air on both the inhale and exhale of a breath. This constant flow of fresh air pulls in roughly twice as much oxygen as human lungs, enabling birds to fly in oxygen-poor air at high altitudes. But it also makes them more susceptible to air pollution."

During the summer, we have been using Form IV of the Prayers of the People, and there is a petition that prays that God will "give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory." The ELCA also precedes most of the Prayers of the People with an invitation to pray for "the church, all in need, and all of God's creation." In the ELCA clergy resource titled *The Sunday Assembly*, there is a section called "Prayers of Intercession," which offers guidance to



Photo of a Blackpoll Warbler By Scott Heron © via flickr ShareAlike 2.0 Generic (CC BY-SA 2.0)

congregations that might want to compose their own prayers. After suggestions about the church, our elected leaders, and all who might be suffering, there are these questions: "Then, how shall we pray for creation today? What are the local, regional, and worldwide ecological needs? Can we name local rivers and streams, local forests and fields, and pray to God for their restoration and health? Can we pray for endangered species, for the well being of the animals?"

There are Episcopal and other mainline congregations that observe September as the "Season of Creation," which gives recognition in texts and liturgy of the gift and blessing that is God's creation, as we also have

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### From the Senior Warden Steven Preston

#### **Returning**!

We await, with eager anticipation, the return of Fr. Daniel and Ashley from Sabbatical! Every Sunday Worship Service during Sabbatical, we have joined in this *SABBATICAL PRAYER*:

Spirit of God, during this time of Sabbatical, we ask that you be with Father Daniel and Ashley as they explore new places and ideas. Renew them as they take a break from daily tasks and routine, allowing them time for reflection



and study, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Be with us also during this Sabbatical time, guiding us, as we too reflect and seek renewal. Grace Father Daniel, Ashley and our congregation with your presence, and keep us steadfast in the faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As part of our Sabbatical, we recorded our thoughts, learnings, and expectations at "Sabbatical Check-ins" during two Coffee Hours. These are posted on the portable bulletin board in Lewis Hall. I encourage you to spend some time reviewing them, as you prepare for our reunion with our beloved Rector on September 10th.

While we may wish to lavish Fr. Daniel with all kinds of attention, let us heed Mtr. Lesley's wise and experienced counsel to give him some time and space to adjust to taking up again the many responsibilities of pastoring such an active parish, just as he again takes on his priestly stole.

#### Advancing!

As Fr. Daniel assumes his duties again, let us look forward to the new visions, new energy, and new direction that he may lay before us, just as we have prayed in that Sabbatical Prayer: "allowing them time for reflection and study, and the excitement of new learning and direction."

#### Thank You!

During Sabbatical we have been graced with the wise and loving pastoring of Mtr. Lesley McCloughrie, our Sabbatical Priest. After her final service as Sabbatical Priest on September 3rd, she plans to spend a few weeks away as we reunite with Fr. Daniel. But she will return in her role here as an Associate Priest, and continues as Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery. We also thank the Sabbatical Team who prepared us so well for this time!

#### Best Skills, Best Churches • Registration Closes Friday, October 6, 2023 at 5 pm (AZ)!

#### Episcopal Diocese of Northern California • ASU Lodestar Center • Nonprofit Management Institute

This exciting program is designed to meet the professional needs of leaders of nonprofit and public organizations. Upon successful completion of the program, participants will receive a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation.

<u>The Topics:</u> Volunteers in Service: October 13-14, 2023; Legal Aspects of Governance: November 17-18, 2023;
<u>Effective Communication & Handling Conflict:</u> January 12-13, 2024; Marketing and Community Presence:
February 9-10, 2024; Financial Management for Effective Service: March 8-9, 2024; Fundraising Aspects of Stewardship: April 12-13, 2024. The 6 modules are from 6-9 pm Friday and 9am-Noon Saturday.

The cost is **\$400** for attendees from within the Diocese of Northern California. For more information on cost, graduation requirements, policies, and to register, <u>click here</u>.

#### Tuition reimbursement is available from Christ Church. Contact the church office for more information.

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seasons that recognize the life, work, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's impact on the church's life. It is a fairly new observance within the church year, but I think that in the late summer, turning to thoughts of God's creation, either as a focus of worship or in our own daily prayers, can be inspiring and a focus for action.

A former parishioner gave me a gift a couple of years ago, a book published by Forward Movement called *For the Beauty of the Earth: Daily Devotions Exploring Creation*. I highly recommend it to focus your own prayers for God's creation in any season. You might even see the work of Episcopalians you know!

In the meantime, would you please join me in praying for the Blackpoll Warbler, and other dear feathered creatures who might be lost or suffering in these times?

From the Senior Warden - Continued from the page 4

DIOCESAN E-NEWS: Sign up for this weekly newsletter at <u>https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/#signup</u>.

**BELOVED COMMUNITY RESOURCE NEWSLETTER:** A very useful resource for the broader social justice activities of the Diocese and the National Church. Sign up here: <u>https://bit.ly/BCRnewsletter</u>.

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

Steve Preston, Senior Warden





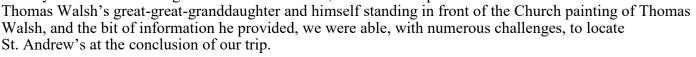
Centering Prayer Tuesdays 6:30 pm | In person and on Zoom

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

## From the Junior Warden Jim Hendry

At the end of July, Lyn and I were able to spend 15 days in Ireland, enjoying the beautiful green rolling hills, ancient castles, and wonderful old churches, many of whom had been disassembled over the centuries due to troubles between the Catholics and the Protestants. I do not yet have much information about Thomas Walsh (a founder of Christ Church Eureka in 1870). But he did attend the Church of Ireland's St. Andrews Church in Scotshouse before coming to this country. With the encouragement of Father Daniel, who sent us a picture of



It is a beautiful church, still standing and holds services two times a month. As with all of Ireland, the grounds, including the graveyard, are lush, green and perfectly maintained. If you have room in your bucket, put St. Andrews on your list.

Once home, several things needed attention at the Transfiguration House. Minor work was done on the fence

at the rear of the carport to strengthen it (and help keep the dogs in!). The earthquake caused cracks in some interior walls and broke apart a convex corner in the entry room. Those were repaired and repainted. The 11' x 6' front porch had been constructed using T&G boards in the center and plywood on each side. The porch was arched in the center and dropped more than an inch to each side. All of the old decking was removed and mostly disposed of. The porch was reframed at one level and covered with 2" x 6" cedar planks inside of a perimeter border. I wasn't sure whether we should paint the boards or just save them as is, so nothing has been done with that part yet.

While at the house I noticed that it might be time for a yard clean up. I have suggested this to Heidi Erickson who did a great job of organizing the church clean up project and hope that the same can be done for the yards at Transfiguration House.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hendry Junior Warden



Lyn standing in front of the Church of St. Andrew, Scotshouse, County Monaghan.





# Stewardship dinner will be a BBQ lunch—something new *Save the date—Saturday, October 14, 12:30 p.m.*

For the first time the Stewardship Dinner will now be the Stewardship BBQ Lunch on Saturday, October 14, at 12:30 p.m. in Lewis Hall. As our annual stewardship campaign gets underway, you will be hearing about our theme, *Rooted in Abundance*, and its reminder to us that we are inspired to give because so much as been given to us.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:8

The Stewardship Committee has met twice in the month of August with Mtr. Lesley to make plans for our Stewardship Campaign for 2024. Committee members include: Lin Chase, Kathy Clague, Peg Gardner, Daniel Hafer, Jim Hendry, Lyn Klay, Royal McCarthy, Steve Preston, and Annalee Veach. Thomas Swanger will provide administrative support. The menu is being planned as well as plans for an auction. Auction items will be on display beginning Sunday, October 8 to give everyone a chance to see the items up close. If you would like to donate a basket for the auction speak with any committee member. Auction winners will be announced at the lunch!

Watch for more information in the weekly Email Updates and Sunday bulletins concerning reservations.

We will have a Stewardship theme song and some musical presentations again this year during the lunch.



#### 2024 Stewardship BBQ Lunch Saturday, October 14 | Gather at 12:30 p.m. Lewis Hall | Christ Episcopal Church

"... blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream ... "Jeremiah 17:7-8a

### Christ Church Green Team • Tip-of-the-Month

This month, your Green Team offers a FREE opportunity to learn what federal money resources are available to help you solarize and electrify your home. A way to help your budget and the planet! This Tip-of-the-Month is brought to you by Interfaith Power and Light. Join us for a webinar/conversation on electrification—what it looks like; and what federal resources are available.

What:Webinar: Inflation Reduction Act Resources to Electrify Your HomeWhen:September 7, 2023 at 4:00pm

Where: Zoom – you can <u>click here to register</u>

A FREE 1-hour webinar. After you RSVP, you will receive an email from IPL with the Zoom link.

#### Christ Church Eureka Green Team • Mission and Vision Statement

In fulfillment of Diocesan Resolution R1-2022, General Convention Resolution A087, and our church mission statement, the Christ Church Green Team promotes care for the earth and its resources as God's gifts for sustaining life. We strive to minimize the environmental footprint of the parish and its people by honoring the land and practicing mindful stewardship of our planet and its resources. As Christ Church Eureka, we seek to provide a carbon neutral presence by the year 2030.



Interfaith Power & Light Putting Faith Into Action for a Safe Climate

## Inflation Reduction Act Resources to Help You Electrify Your Home

Interfaith Power & Light is a Diocesan-approved contractor for the Commission on the Environment.

Much of the solution to the climate crisis is just doing two things: getting all the carbon out of our electricity supply, and then electrifying everything we can.

The climate investments from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) have made it easier to electrify our homes, save money, and help the U.S. meet our climate goals.

The IRA created new incentives to help you go electric — swapping out your old, fossil-fueled appliances for new, clean electric ones — over the next ten years.

Join us on September 7th at 7pm ET for a webinar with Jamal Lewis, Director of Policy Partnerships and Equitable Electrification for Rewiring America, for a conversation on electrification, what it looks like, and what federal resources are available to help you do it.

The IRA's home energy offerings include upfront discounts, tax credits, and low-cost financing that together provide a substantial amount of money for every household to electrify the machines they rely on — the cars they drive, how they heat the air and water in their homes, cook their food, dry their clothes and get their power — regardless of income level.

Shifting our household energy use to efficient technologies that use renewable energy is an opportunity to help bring about climate justice based on our shared values: caring for one another and our common home.

## Did You Know? The Season of Creation Begins September 1



"The Season of Creation, September 1st through October 4th, is celebrated by Christians around the world as a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship to God, one another, and all of creation. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action for climate justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction. The 2023 theme is *Let Justice and Peace Flow*. In celebrating the Season, we are invited to consider anew our ecological, economic, and political ways of living." (Quoted from The Episcopal Church, Creation Care webpage.)

Use this link to learn more about The Episcopal Church's resources for the Season of Creation. <u>https://www.episcopalchurch.org/season-of-creation-and-st-francis-day-resources/</u>)

Here is a brief video that highlights the urgency of the climate crisis and the invitation for us to work together to care for creation, for justice and peace to flow. <u>Prepare for Season of Creation 2023: Let Justice</u> <u>and Peace Flow</u>

Miriam Casey Commission on the Environment ednccoe@gmail.com

**Important Note from Bishop Megan:** the additional non-biblical texts that are offered *may not be used as a substitute for any of our scriptural readings.* They can be added in and read in addition to our usual lectionary or shared at the homily time.



#### WEEDING SATURDAYS IN AUGUST

#### A big THANK YOU to those that participated!

- Kathy Clague Heidi Erickson Jim Hendry Lyn Klay Julie Lawson David Lochtie
- Bev Olson Vickie Patton John Patton Steve Preston Francis Rivinus Gigi Rivinus

Kitchen Support for coffee and snacks!

Peg and Howard Gardner



I can tell you, I've visited lots of churches and experience a wide range of hospitality (or lack thereof). Let's start with some negative experiences.



Photo by Belinda Fewings on Unsplash

When I moved to a new town some years ago, I visited

a number of Episcopal congregations, mostly smaller churches. I got one of two welcomes, both terrible in their own way. Some churches were clearly desperate for new members, so they literally asked me to be on their vestry before they asked for my name. And so on. Others were just the opposite. I began to worry that I had accidentally taken an invisibility potion: they completely and utterly ignored me.

Those are the extremes of bad welcome. Don't ignore people, and don't smother them. Fortunately, most of my experience as a guest has been quite good.

A couple of weeks ago, I visited a church. Someone noticed I was new on the way in, and they made sure I had a leaflet and knew where to sit. And they welcomed me warmly. After the service, the clergy encouraged me to come to coffee hour. When I arrived there, someone found me and struck up a conversation. It was delightful. If I lived there, I'd go back.

Good hospitality takes good intentionality. Raise up a ministry of greeters (different from ushers) whose only job is to welcome everyone, especially people who might be there for the first time. If they have a child in tow, help them with whatever they need to know (are there classes?).

Encourage members to say hello to guests. Offer some coaching on how to strike up a conversation that invites folks in, without causing offense or putting people off.

Shorten the passing of the peace, or at least train folks to pay attention to guests. If you are visiting a church, it's no fun to stand there with your hands in your pockets for several minutes while all the members catch up. And that's not what the peace is for, anyway!

Coffee hour is a danger zone! Make sure guests are welcomed and invited into conversation.

Why do we do this? Because Jesus said when we welcome strangers, we are welcoming Christ himself.

On a less theological note, studies have shown that when people walk through the doors of a church for the first time, it's likely they're experiencing major transition in their lives. They have moved. They have a new job, or they've lost a job. Someone is dying or has died. A child is coming. And so on. People are fragile in these moments, and a gracious welcome can make all the difference in the world. So can a horrible welcome.

Fall is coming, and so are guests. Now is a great time to talk about how you can make sure your church is welcoming people warmly.

Yours faithfully,

Scott Gunn Executive Director

## New Ministry Begins

The Joy Mass Family Service will begin on October 1st from 9:30-10 am in the Chapel of Our Merciful Savior. Children are the focus of this short and colorful service. A short story with Eucharist, song and prayer and a small snack to start the week off with joy. We are looking for volunteers for our four service roles:

#### Storyteller:

A very short (5 min) story from the Gospel or Godly Play

#### Helper:

Assist with welcoming families in, answering questions, another set of hands!

Snack Provider:

Bring a light snack for the group

#### Altar Guild:

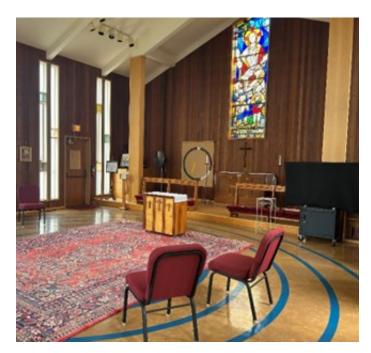
Prepare our small children's altar in the chapel with linens, communion plates, rocks and water for confession

Safe Church training is <u>required</u> prior to working with the children. If you are interested in becoming involved in this new ministry, please sign-up on the sheets in Lewis Hall or contact either Co-Director:

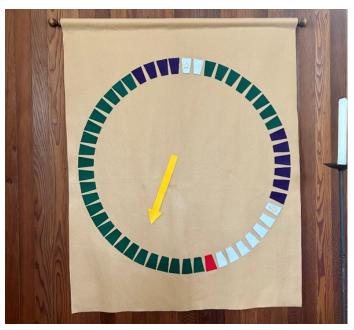
OR

Robin Cardona 707-267-5825 Vickie Patton 707-443-1825









## News from Sandy in Honduras

An update shared with the Rotary Club of Wolfeboro, NH and Christ Episcopal Church









Jose Castellano Santiago Paz



Escarlet

Jose Castellano Santiago Paz has been in my program for three years. This year we saw some wonderful results of all our efforts.

Jose arrived with a pretty deformed lower leg. Shriners Hospitals for Children does remarkable things and in their generosity I have been able to send many children to them from my program.

In addition to Jose in 2023 we did 20 club foot surgeries in Honduras with a team I started bringing over 10 years ago.

We continue to follow several amputees we have helped for years. I include a photo of Escarlet who is photographed participating in a school program and unashamed of her prosthetic. She has made three trips to Shriners Hospital.

All these children, in order to get help, require medical reports, exams, and travel expenses which is what my program provides for through Sandy in Honduras.

We also do various doctor appointments and medical exams for patients who are brought to me for help.

Thank you so much for your continued help.

All this support is done at no expense to the American taxpayers. It is 100 % paid for by volunteer hours and financial donations.

NOTE: Sandy in Honduras is an outreach program supported by Christ Episcopal Church. Since 1998, Sandy Shultz has been providing medical care for children in Honduras. Sandy visits us on the north coast usually during the fall months when she comes to spend time with her life-long friend and parishioner Byrd Lochtie.



Food for People has developed a bit of a snag. I only took 28 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Food Bank this month. This brings our yearly total to 461 pounds.

There are some who do not realize what non-perishable means. It is a food itemed processed or packaged to withstand prolonged storage.

We have been mentioning what to bring ... but let me help clarify. I will list what not to bring and just maybe we can clear this situation up.

- · Don't bring any food that you have cooked and prepared.
- $\cdot$  Don't bring anything that belongs in the refrigerator and/or freezer.
- · Don't bring fresh fruits and vegetables.
- · Don't bring any bread items.

I hope this helps to make it clear what can be donated to the Food Bank. If not please touch

base with me at church and I will be happy to speak with you. And again, thank you for your support of our local food bank.

Stay safe

Bev

JUST ONE CAN Food Drive Food for People SUNDAY | September 3

Parishioners are asked to bring at least one canned food item, on Sunday, September 3, in support of Food for People. THANKS!



#### Registration for "I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice" Now Open!

This workshop is rooted in our baptismal identity and the promises we make in baptism. It focuses on how we can more fully live into our promise to be more loving toward our neighbors. During the workshop we follow the path of the Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth.

Saturday, September 23 | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm | Zoom Only Register here: <u>https://form.jotform.com/232118584394158</u> For More Information contact Miriam Casey. <u>edncbbc@gmail.com</u>



Episcopal Church Becoming Beloved Community

\* This workshop meets the requirement for licensing in the Diocese.



Episcopal Diocese of Northern California



**Commission for Intercultural Ministries** 

#### Remembering The March on Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" Speech 60 Years Later

It has been 60 years since 250,000 people marched on Washington to raise their voices for social justice, the end of segregation, fair wages, economic opportunities and the right of full citizenship, and Dr. King gave his prophetic speech at the Lincoln Memorial.

On August 28, 1963 he delivered his "I have a dream" speech. Link to transcript of the speech-<u>https://www.npr.org/2010/01/18/122701268/i-have-</u> a-dream-speech-in-its-entirety



The Episcopal Church has prioritized mobilizing our faith community to work together to build the Beloved Community—to tell the truth about racism and its harmful impact on our communities, to proclaim the dream of a community without the inequities and harm created by racism, to grow in our capacity to love each other the way Jesus wants us to love, and to engage in our communities to address inequities created by racism.

This long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice invites all of us, as followers of Jesus, to get involved with our communities, and to live more fully into our Baptismal promises.

For more information about The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to building the Beloved Community, please see the resources provided at <u>https://www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community</u>.

In the Diocese of Northern California there are resources available to support our congregations:

- The Commission for Intercultural Ministries. Its Mission is "Striving to reflect the diversity of heaven by living into the long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice of the Beloved Community in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California." For more information see the Commission for Intercultural Ministries' webpage on the Diocesan <u>website</u>.
- Sacred Ground Circles and "I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice" workshops. For more information about these formation opportunities, see the Racial Healing and Reconciliation Training and Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles webpage on the Diocesan <u>website</u>.

Miriam Casey Co-Chair, Commission for Intercultural Ministries edncbbc@gmail.com

# Vestry Page

### YOUR VESTRY

#### CLASS OF 2023:

Jim Hendry Junior Warden

Steve Preston Senior Warden

Belinda Zander

#### CLASS OF 2024:

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CLASS OF 2025:

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Heidi Erickson

Joan Stewart

**Rector:** The Rev. Dr. Daniel London

**SABBATICAL PRIEST:** The Very Rev. Lesley McCloghrie

**ARCHDEACON:** The Ven. Pam Gossard

> *CLERK:* Peg Gardner

**TREASURER:** Bob Hines

Assistant Treasurer: Thomas Swanger

Minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings, Outreach, and Financial Reports are always posted on the Lewis Hall bulletin board. <u>AUGUST 27TH MEETING</u>: At its regular meeting, after opening prayer by Joan Stewart, Vestry approved the minutes of the July 16th Vestry Meeting and the written reports from the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Outreach Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Facilities Use Agreements & Fees, Facilities Team, Green Team, and Joy Mass Team. The Financial Report through July was reviewed and received.

Mtr. Lesley led us in a "Check-In" time and reported on her activities as Sabbatical Priest, including meeting with members of the Stewardship Committee. As this was her last meeting with Vestry as Sabbatical Priest, she expressed her deep gratitude and enjoyment working with the Wardens and Vestry during her tenure, and appreciated the support she had been given.

Senior Warden Steve Preston highlighted from his written report the Diocesan Board of Trustees adoption of a Diocesan Commitment to Diversity statement and a Shorter Diversity Statement, and suggested Vestry consider adapting them for our parish, and that the shorter one be included on all materials, including worship bulletins. Steve reported he has been appointed to the Supporting Events Team for the April 27, 2024 "Fearless Faith Revival" with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, at St. John's Church in Roseville. The Team is responsible for overseeing events, recruiting volunteers, and planning the program schedule. Steve also reported that Fr. Daniel has asked him to meet for lunch to begin re-connecting prior to his September 10th return from Sabbatical.

Junior Warden Jim Hendry reported on his and Lyn's trip to Ireland, including visiting the home church of our founder Thomas Walsh. He reported on work he has completed at Transfiguration House prior to Fr. Daniel's and Ashley's return, including extensive repairs to the front porch decking. He suggested a yard cleanup day at the Rectory in the near future.

Due to illness, Archdeacon Pam Gossard was not present to report. Mtr. Lesley reported briefly on their conversations.

Robin Cardona reported on the Joy Mass Team's meeting on the 25th, and on the continuing preparations for the October 1st start, including ordering an outdoor banner for the H Street side of the church and yard signs for use around the Chapel to welcome and direct people into the Chapel (all grant-funded). Liturgical and publicity materials were reviewed, and contact will be made with the *Times-Standard* feature reporter, who is interested in writing an article about the Joy Mass Family Service. Grant-funded equipment purchases will await Fr. Daniel's return.

After five months of work, the Ad Hoc Vestry Committee presented revised Facilities Use Fee Schedules (for Community Groups, Funerals, and Weddings) and a new Facilities Use Agreement form (based on a Diocesan template) for Vestry approval. After a minor revision by Vestry to the Agreement form, all four documents were unanimously approved. Mtr. Lesley thanked Vestry members Robin Cardona, Roni Carlson, Steve Cole, Heidi Erickson, Jim Hendry, and Steve Preston, and advisors Royal McCarthy and Merry Phillips, for their hard work. The Committee is dissolved. Mtr. Lesley and Senior Warden Steve Preston reported on the in-process planning by the 10-member Stewardship Committee for our 2024 Stewardship Campaign, which will start with a Saturday afternoon BBQ Lunch rather than an evening dinner.

Steve Preston reported that the Green Team met on Sunday, August 6th, and heard from Daniel Moyer of the Creation Care Team from St. Alban's about the process they have pursued for decarbonization. Our Team members are assembling the data needed to begin our IPL "Cool Congregation Calculator" input, preparatory to our needs assessment. They also will begin drafting a Plan of Action to recommend to Vestry, perhaps at their October meeting, which will include doing our needs assessment, and identifying possible funding sources.

Facilities Team Leader Heidi Erickson reported on the most urgent deferred maintenance needs of the church that the Team has identified, which include painting of the main church building, replacing or reconditioning the Narthex exterior doors, repairing or replacing the west-facing windows in Lewis Hall, and some minor repairs around the campus. Paving the parking lots was also discussed. Heidi reported on some continuing projects and needs, and on the successful "Saturday Weedings."

Mtr. Lesley reported that St. Paul's in Crescent City has been without power for over a week due to fires in the nearby forests and the previous theft of their generator, disrupting not only their worship but also their outreach in providing sack lunches for needy people due to lack of refrigeration. She recommended, and Vestry approved, sending them \$1,000 for generator replacement, drawing \$400 left from the Rio Dell earthquake donations, \$200 from the Sts. Martha and Mary Fund, and the balance from the Sabbatical Discretionary Fund. She reported that she will ask Ft. Francis' and St. Alban's if they can assist, and that the Bishop's office is seeking funds to help St. Paul's as well.

Vestry took note of the "Liturgy for Return from Sabbatical" that had been sent out, and most reported they would be able to be present at the September 10th services to participate.

Robin Cardona had sent a request that we respond to a plea from the Humboldt County Animal Care and Control shelter for canned pet food. She suggested we solicit food donations from parishioners timed around the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. Vestry unanimously approved this for the first two weeks of October, and Robin will handle determining what the shelter does and does not want, and will handle communicating this to the parish.

Peg Gardner reported on the progress and problems St. Alban's is having in sponsoring the Afghani family of four who arrived last month. The most pressing problem is that the church cannot secure housing for them until the father, mother, and two children (soon to be three) have received their Social Security cards. Steve Preston and Peg reported that we will donate one (Re)Start bedroom bin and one bathroom bin to them when they are in their own housing.

Finally, Senior Warden Steve Preston reported that there are increasing calls from staff and some lay leaders for the church to hire a Sexton to oversee cleaning, be responsible for meeting setup and clearing, and other like duties. The Wardens and Vestry members briefly discussed this, and, at Mtr. Lesley's suggestion, this will be referred to Fr. Daniel and the Personnel and Finance Committees.

After a very full and productive meeting, and with five minutes to spare, Mtr. Lesley closed the meeting with prayer and a dismissal.

#### The next Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, September 24th at 1 pm in the Pierson Room.

Steve Preston Senior Warden Semper Virens Deanery

# Sacred Saunter

#### Saturday, September 9 | 11 am Commemorating the Martyrs of Memphis Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge | Loleta



Join us for Sacred Saunter on September 9, 11 am at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Mtr. Geri Cunningham of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fortuna is preaching and presiding. We will commemorate the Martyrs of Memphis. Please let us know by September 6 if you are planning on attending.

The Salmon Creek Unit/Shorebird Loop Trail is open 7 days a week, 8am to 5pm, except federal holidays. Parking is plentiful. There is a restroom near the parking lot. The Visitor Center is open Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 12pm & 1pm to 5pm. We will meet in the courtyard by the Visitor Center. You might want to consider getting there a little early to look through the Visitor Center.

The Shorebird Loop Trail (1.7 miles roundtrip) is a level gravel trail that begins at the Visitor Center and features an observation gazebo, wetland deck, elevated platform, benches, and interpretive panels. The trail passes along seasonal freshwater wetlands, eventually leading to a permanent brackish pond and the eastern edge of Hookton Slough. Look for swallows and sparrows, listen for the marsh wren or secretive Virginia rail and keep an eye skyward for raptors like peregrine falcon and bald eagle. To reduce disturbance to habitats, wildlife and wildlife viewing opportunities, please: No Pets - No Bicycles - No Jogging - No Horses.

#### **Driving Directions**

Take Exit 696 off Highway 101. If northbound turn left and go west over the overpass and take the first right, then follow the entrance road north and west  $\sim$  1.3 miles to the Headquarters. If southbound turn right and then immediately left onto the entrance road and proceed 1.3 miles north and west to the Headquarters.

Email or telephone the church office by Tuesday, September 5 if you plan on attending – 707.442.1797 or <u>christchurcheureka@gmail.com</u>.



#### THE MARTYRS OF MEMPHIS:

Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schuyler, 1878.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs of Memphis, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# Are You Disaster Ready?



# **BEREADY EVENT**

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 10am to 3pm – FREE!

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must be registered and present to win



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## **Outreach Report**

Underwear Challenge – 2023 Outreach Update 42+72+24+31+22+\$ = Caring—Thank You!

Thanks to Christ Church parishioners, The Underwear Challenge of 2023 was again a success. Each summer, beginning in pre-Covid times, we have collected new underwear for Betty Chinn to distribute to middle and high school students who have limited resources to enable them to be more comfortable and estimated resources to enable them to be more com-



fortable and active participants in required physical education classes.

Elizabeth Harper-Lawson and Howard and Peg Gardner had a wonderful visit with Betty when they delivered the donations. And how did we do? For boys: 42 T-shirts, 72 boxer shorts, 24 pairs of socks. For girls, 31 pairs of underpants and 22 pairs of socks. For girls, in particular, Target and Kohl's gift cards made it possible to fill in as needed. In fact, Betty was very excited and thrilled that there was just over \$500 in gift cards and she might be able to share a little with some of the 20 scholarship students she assists every year. And now there's another story to be told – how underwear can connect to post-secondary scholarships.

Thanks to all our donors for their generosity and caring.

---Outreach Committee: Pam Gossard, Peg Gardner, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson

## Back-to-school Backpacks for Betty Chinn

The past two years, the Vestry has designated funds to be spent from "Community Giving" to create backpacks filled with specified school supplies for students being served by the Betty Kwan Chinn Foundation.

The Vestry agreed to fund 24 backpacks again this year. The multi-pocket backpacks were filled with a pack of Crayola Crayons; Color Markers; several basic #2 pencils, pre-sharpened; some Highlighters, two Oxford Spiral notebooks, a pencil case, and a 12" ruler.





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# Honoring a Lion



The Eureka Host Lions Club honored longtime member Royal McCarthy with a custom plaque at its July meeting for his continued service to the club and the community.

The Eureka Host Lions Club has been serving the Eureka community since 1928. It meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the Tea Garden Cafe on Myrtle Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

August 9, 2023 at 3:21 a.m. By <u>THE TIMES-STANDARD</u> |





### **October Pet Supply Drive**

Around the feast day of St Francis of Assisi (early October), we will be welcoming donations of dog and cat food to be donated to the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The county's animal control officers, the shelter itself and their rescue partner Redwood Pals Rescue have seen an increase in requests for assistance with dog food. These requests are coming from low-income individuals who are struggling to make ends meet as well as those that are currently homeless. In Humboldt communities, there are very few resources to assist with pet food.

There will be more information on how and when to donate in the upcoming weekly Email Updates and the October Chronicle!

Preferred Brands: Purina Kitten Chow Canned/Wet foods

Less Preferred Brands: Ol' Roy Alpo Kibbles n Bits Kirkland brand cat food



## LAY MINISTRY By Marty Vega

The end of Summer and the beginning of Autumn are here. Labor Day, Grandparent's Day and the International Day of Peace are in September. While it's National Happy Cat Month, we have National Hug Your Hound day as well. We have some new members of various ministries, and would love to have more of you join in the fun.

Listed below are the lay ministries most of us think about first. Each leader would love to describe what they do, and if there's something else – we may have a behind the scene group for that too – just let me know.

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers Altar Guild Choir Coffee Hour 8am Coffee Hour 10:30am **Contribution Counters Eucharistic Visitors Green Team** Joy Mass Team

**Prayer Circle Ouilters** + **Readers and Intercessors** Technical Team Ushers and Greeters Welcome Bags

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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.

Lisa Bozzoli	09/01	Tom Davies	09/20
Isaac Cardona	09/02	Kathryne DeLorme	09/22
Evaonne Hendrig	cks 09/08	David Moore	09/23
Lourdes Triana	09/08	Dan Phillips	09/23
Marcia Marling	09/15	Jake Schultz	09/23
Carol Martinez	09/15	Peg Gardner	09/26
Christina Strevey	y 09/19	Sharon Kalberer	09/26
	Richard Whaley	09/26	



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.** 

John & Victoria Patton	09/02
Lynne & Greg Bean	09/08
Nancy & Richard Streufert	09/25



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologizes 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 September 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 and beyond.

Every Sunday in August, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arcata.

- Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our deanery, this month for the people of St. Alban's, Arcata. Bless them in their welcoming hospitality and their continuing support to Arcata House Partnership. Guide them in their blossoming ministries of creation care and cultural partnerships with Afghan refugees and local native tribes.
- People:
- Lord, hear our prayer.





#### September 3

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Clément's Episcopal Church, Rancho Cordova The Rev. Zac Neubauer, Priest-in-Charge

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Rev. James Richard Wong, Primate and Bishop of Seychelles

> **September 10** DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Trinity Church, Sutter Creek

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of Ireland The Most Rev. John McDowell Archbishop of Armagh and Primate

The Most Rev. Michael Jackson Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough

#### September 17

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Francis Episcopal Church, Fortuna The Rev. Geri Cunningham, Priest-in-Charge

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) The Most Rev. Henry C. Ndukuba Metropolitan and Primate of all Nigeria

#### September 24

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Francis in the Redwoods, Willits The Rev. Betsy Bruneau, Priest

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of North India (United) The Most Rev. Bijay Nayak Moderator and Bishop of Phulbani

#### October 1

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sonoma The Rev. Canon James M. Thomas, Jr., PhD, Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Canon Stephen Brannon, Rector Emeritus

#### ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church in Japan The Rt. Rev. Luke Ken-ichi Muto, Primate and Bishop of Kyushu



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.

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