

**FAITH IN ACTION: Community Participation via COPA**

Tuesday night, June 21st, Pastor Mary, Alejandra, Andy, and I went to Castroville to meet with a COPA group, this one focusing on the issue of housing in our communities. This is a team of organizations, some who are member organizations of COPA, as well as some local non-profit organizations that are working on all aspects of housing issues in our area. We shared stories of our own and our communities struggles with housing. We talked about ways to continue our discussions in an effort to learn more about the very complex issue of housing. I had the opportunity to carpool with another COPA member, who comes from Aptos United Methodist Church. We had a wonderful talk in the car (which was a VERY long conversation with the traffic!) about how we both believed that most people want to live their lives with dignity and security, about how GOD wants us to take care of each other, and how we as individuals and as part of our own faith communities, can work to make that happen. Just by showing up and learning more, I feel like St. Philip's is helping to make a difference for our community.

Look in the coming months for some further opportunities for discussion and engagement. We will be having gatherings, called house meetings, to discuss issues that are important to our lives. We are also making plans to host a Civic Academy, which is a forum for you to learn more about an issue, this one will focus on housing in our area.

Also, plan to attend the COPA Democracy Institute called: Inequality in our Region on Thursday, July 7th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 7th at Watsonville 1st UMC, 229 Stanford Street, Watsonville.

I'd be happy to answer any questions. *Lori Kintz, Senior Warden*

Check out the new "Mission and Ministry" bulletin board to read more about COPA..... on it you will also find a newsletter of the **Affiliated Faith Communities Shelter, and the newsletter of Episcopal Relief and Development—GET INVOLVED!**



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**Living with God Men's Group**

Next gathering Monday, June 27, 7pm, at St. Philip's. We'll be in the Sanctuary Hope to see you... Mike, Fitzgerald 31.252.0104.

**This Week: June 26-July 2**

Mon, 7pm, **Men's Group**, Sanctuary  
Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer  
Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary  
Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, PH

**SAVE THE DATE**

July 1 **St. Philip's Variety Show**  
July 24, **Youth Croquet Tournie**  
Sep 23 **Youth Big Sur Campout**  
Feb 3-5, **Winter Retreat**, Lake Tahoe



*Flower Fund Donations Desired*  
*Give Thanks! Celebrate! Donating to the Flower Fund actually supports altar guild regular expenses such as candles, communion items, special purposes. \$35 Donation*

**Summer Variety Show – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 7pm**

You are invited to an evening of entertainment at St. Philip's.—invite friends!  
*Admission is a free will offering to support our music ministries.*  
**We have many wonderful performers and "acts" for our Friday night "Variety Show":** Irish Pipes; Jazz piano, Oboe and Flute duet, soloist singers , Morris Dancers, dramatic readings and more! **Helpers needed to serve refreshments and make cakes for a bake sale during the intermission.**  
Contact Sue Morris: morris5@sky.com, 831-325-9330.

**Women's Retreat**

**LESSONS OF THE BIBLE WOMEN FOR THE 21ST C. WOMAN**

*Mary Lou Thompson Retreat*, sponsored by the ECW of El Camino Real  
July 21, 2016 2pm– July 22, 2016 2pm

At the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista

Coordinated by Diane Lovelace, 408-263-8945 or DiLovelace@aol.com  
*(You may also speak with Pastor Mary for details.*

*She highly recommends this retreat!)*

**Cost: semi-private room \$140/Private room \$170**

**Full application is found on table in foyer.**

*Scholarship funds available.*