

# Pip's Squeak

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## What are you giving up for Lent?

That's always a good conversation-starter around this time of year, right? How about if you could come back with a good retort, like "I'm not giving up anything – I'm giving, instead!"

This Lenten season, St. Philip's is planning to provide each and every one of us a door to Giving by participating in the Santa Cruz Rotating Homeless Shelter Program, as we offer food and shelter for the night to those in need of it.

We would like to commit St. Philip's parish to a trial participation in this program for the Saturday evenings of Lent, from February 28- March 28, and then evaluate how it is working for us and our facility. Our neighbors at Community Covenant Church, across the highway, have expressed interest in participating with us in implementing this program.

The program, as it has been devised via Calvary Episcopal Church's outreach, will be managed and supervised by a Program Director and trained, certified Night Monitors. They bring the food, and guests help with set-up and clean-up.

How can you personally participate? As a start, we are invited to come and eat with our guests when and if we are able, as a real sign of our solidarity with our brothers and sisters. I'm sure that financial contributions would be welcomed by the program too: but the real giving is best done personally. If you would like to read a thorough overview of how the Rotating Faith Communities Shelter program operates, you will find copies on the table in the vestibule. I hope we will be able to open our door when Christ asks for entry via his presence in the poor and homeless of the Santa Cruz area.

*Lord, when did we see you  
hungry or homeless?*

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*This Week: Feb. 22 –28*

Wed., 10:30, **Theology Book Group**, Sanctuary  
Wed., 6 pm, **Soup Supper**, Parish Hall  
Thu., 5-6:30, **Food Pantry**, Foyer  
Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary

## Adult Bible Study

Sundays, February 22- March 22  
9am-9:50 am

"Episcopal 101:  
Introduction to Episcopal  
Christianity & St. Philip's Church"

## Youth 8th-12th Grade

February 22-May 17  
4pm-5:30pm



"Going Deeper in  
Faith & Christian  
Service"

Most Sundays  
with holidays  
negotiated by  
participants.

All are invited to discern  
Confirmation -- their adult  
affirmation of Christian Faith.  
Led by Pastor Mary Blessing  
and other adult leaders of faith.

Lenten Soup Suppers  
Fellowship, prayer and Bible  
February 25–March 25  
6pm–8pm  
All ages invited  
child care upon request

**St. Patrick Duet Concert**  
**Jesse Autumn & Shelley Phillips**  
**Sunday March 15, 3-5 PM**  
**St. Philip's Foyer/West Gallery**

Features dueting folk & double  
strung harps and Irish wood-  
winds. There is café style seating,  
and food and drink will be avail-  
able for purchase to benefit the  
Community Music School. There is  
a \$20 suggested donation at the  
door, advance tickets, \$15 General  
-\$10 Students & Seniors at  
[brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).  
Hope you can come!

**Seelbach Show of Photos**  
Donna Seelbach will be  
showing her exquisite  
photographs at the Aptos  
Library, March 2-31.  
**Come & See!**

**Pastoral Care: Will you be  
the hands & feet of Christ?**

When people can't get to  
church we can go to them. This  
may involve a get well note, phone  
contact, visit, or taking them Holy  
Communion. You define your  
ministry as the Spirit leads you. If  
you would like to participate in  
this meaningful ministry, contact  
Elizabeth, at 438-4360 or  
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will be Mar. 7, 9-12, St. Philip's.

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