

Pip's Squeak

May 21, 2017

"Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments....' (John 14:15a)

Dear people of St. Philip's,

We all want to love Jesus, don't we? But are we able to "keep [his] commandments"? They seem as focused and yet a lofty as far as commandments go --"love God and love neighbor." Not long lists of rules, but profound ways of *being* in the world. And for each one of us, how the love of God and neighbor manifests itself will be different depending on the lives we lead.

One of the ways St. Philip's as a community shows love for God and neighbor is to offer our building and grounds to many groups whom we perceive as also equipping people to live healthier, happy lives. As we have heard, we will soon be welcoming the Discovery Learning Center, a parent-run homeschool resource center. We are delighted to be a place where children and their parents come to learn, explore, and grow. We are also realistic that it will be a time of radical hospitality as our classrooms are used differently--but because we center our efforts in Jesus' spiritual commandments to "love God and love neighbor" we believe the source of love will provide us the patience and creativity to have a lively and successful partnership with this community non-profit.

Normally the Sunday before Ascension day, which is this Sunday May 21, would be "Rogation Sunday"--a time when the church gathers for special prayers and blessings upon the gifts of land and use of our buildings. This year we are going to delay our "Rogation Blessings" until Sunday July 9 when St. Philip's will host a special lunch and ice cream social after church to welcome the Discovery Learning Center. During the 10am church service we will bless the classrooms in thanksgiving for this new partnership. Please save the date!

Peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing

The Discovery Learning Center is Moving In!

The DLC will rent two of our Sunday school classrooms that see little use during the week. One of those rooms will be for their exclusive use for their library, while the other room will be jointly used for their weekday classes and our Sunday school classes.

On Sundays, the only change will be that the elementary school classroom will shift to Classroom 3. Starting in the fall, on weekdays you might notice increased activity around our previously sleepy classroom areas.

SAVE THE DATE of July 9th, when we will have a hot dog lunch and ice cream social after the 10 AM service with members of the DLC. Stay a bit and get to know our new neighbors!

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This Week: May 14 - 20

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Rm. #2
Wed., 10 AM, **Theology Book Group**
Wed., 7 PM, **Vestry**, Sanctuary
Fri., 10:30 AM, **Meditation**, Sanctuary
Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**

Save the Date

May 28, **Paradoxy Book Discussion**
June 4, **Pentecost Celebration**
July 9, **Festive Fellowship w/ DLC**

"Paradoxy : Creating Christian Community Beyond Us and Them"

Sunday, May 28 , after the 10am service.

COPA Organizes Central Coast:

Affordable Housing Team

Mon., June 05 at 06:30 PM

Resurrection Church in Aptos, CA

COPA Leaders Meeting

Sun., June 25 at 3 PM

IBEW Hall Castroville

Celebration of a New Ministry

Friday, June 9th, 7:00 PM

St. John the Baptist, Aptos welcomes the Rev. Tracy J. Wells Miller as their new rector. All are invited to share their joy!

RSVP by June 1, please, to sjbaptos@gmail.com

Clergy: red stoles

Reception with live music and dancing following the installation.

Vacation Bible School is coming!

WHERE: San Agustin Church, SV

WHEN: July 24-28 (Mon-Fri)

To Register: go to www.sanagustin.church/

Registrations Due by July 1st



Ministry Opportunities at St. Philip's

- **Worship Team Coordinator Needed.** Has God given you the gift of organizing? Duties primarily involve scheduling team members. Please prayerfully consider if you feel called to serve in this work.
- **Server** on the first Sunday of the month
- **Ushers** on the first, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays
- **Coffee Hour Host.** Sign up at stphilip-sv.net/coffeehour or on the foyer bulletin board.