

Pip's Squeak

June 11, 2017

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth'...so God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves...God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good."

(Genesis 1:1, 20-21; 24-25)

Dear people of St. Philip's,

God's creation is teeming with rich, beautiful life—"this fragile earth our island home." Genesis, the beginning of God's story of creation, is explored this week in our sermon, lectionary and our children's program.



All summer long our youngest members will enjoy time exploring the Animals of the Bible. Play-lessons on how all God's creatures are featured in the Bible will help our youngsters grow in appreciation of all Creation.

Our regular Sunday School teachers will be taking a summer break, inviting other members to take a Sunday session to interact with our kids in one fashion or the other regarding Animals in the Bible. I am looking forward to being the adult leader of the first session, June 11. Young adult Asha Allott is also assisting in Sunday school for the summer, and Chrissy Mills will be returning in July to help. Won't you consider taking one of these Sundays to share your interest in animals, the beauty of the earth, or some special aspect of Creation with these students?

Please contact Pastor Mary if you wish to participate 831-438-4360, pastor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com.

Peace to you in Christ, *Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing*

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Pizza & Planning

**Fall Planning for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team
Wednesday, June 21st at 6 PM; childcare provided**

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**NOTE: Adult Bible Study on Sunday, June 11 at 9:00 AM
will be on Genesis 1, led by Lay Preacher Bill Dolby.**

We meet in Room 2.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

This Week: June 11 - 17

Bible Study, 9 AM, Room #2

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**2nd Monday Book Club, Sanctuary
Wed., 10 AM, Theology Book Group
Fri., 10:30 AM, Meditation, Sanctuary
Sat., Overnight Shelter Group**

Could You Provide a Meal for the Rotation Shelter Guests?

There are many Saturday evenings available for sign ups for the satellite shelter meal. **July 8** and following we need people to commit to preparing and serving a meal on the **2nd and 5th Saturdays** through the end of the year. (Family Ministries will do Oct. 14 and Anne Austin is on for Dec. 9.) The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Money is available to help with expenses and an information sheet is also available next to the sign up sheet. Contact Kaye Oliver at virjesna@comcast.net or at [831-600-8259](tel:831-600-8259) for further information.

Thank you for participating in this important ministry.

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COPA Training - July 11 - July 18, 2017

There is a National Training in July for the full week training in Industrial Area Foundation/COPA method of working together to make positive change in this world based on strong personal relationships.

Pastor Mary has taken this training twice in Berkeley over the January time period, and that training will be available again in January 2018.

On the foyer bulletin board is a flyer with details for the July National training for you or others who think may be interested in attending. Please speak with me if you are interested but don't know if you can swing the funds to do it. I'll find \$\$, promise!

Peace to you in Christ, *Mary+*

Save the Date

June 21, 6 PM, **CYF Ministry Team Mtg.**

June 25, **Paradoxy**, after 10 AM service, Community Room

June 25, 3 PM, **COPA Leaders Meeting**, Castroville

June 28, 7 PM, **Vestry**, Sanctuary

July 9, **Rogation Festive Fellowship w/ Discovery Learning Center**

July 24-28, **Vacation Bible School**, San Agustin Church

Aug. 4-6, **Annual Recovery Retreat**

Oct. 1, **Blessing of the Animals**

Nov. 19, **30th Anniversary**

Referrals Needed for Appraiser, Roofer, General Contractor:

We are researching our options to secure a loan to assist us in fixing our extensive property damage. We are in need of a commercial property appraiser, a roofer, and a general contractor to provide quotes and information regarding our property. If you have any contacts, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you. *Lori Kintz, Senior Warden.*



Vestry Update:

At our monthly Vestry meeting, which was held on Wednesday evening, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. we moved to go forward with a Strategic Planning process over the next year. Greg Kintz will be chairing this team. Our Parish Life team planned for ways to move forward with Children and Youth Christian Education planning, and subsequently called a meeting with CYF ministry team members and parents to begin planning for fall. The summer CYF program is being organized around a theme of "Animals of the Bible" and is being staffed by members of the parish to give parents a break from teaching classes. Our Mission and Outreach team is planning ways to bring in community members to educated us with what is happening locally on topics such as immigration, homelessness, food insecurity, among others; they also had an update about our recent Garden Tour and English Tea Event. Our Stewardship of Resources team has been working on welcoming the Discovery Learning Center to our campus, organizing several parish work days with many parishioners helping, working towards building repairs and continuing the good progress we have made with our grounds and landscaping. We are investigating ways to fund needed repairs on our roof and HVAC systems, which may include loans. We are beginning to organize our Stewardship campaign to begin in the fall, along with building a team to look at our finances and budget. All of our meetings are open to the parish and are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Please join us.

Lori Kintz, Senior Warden

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30th Anniversary Celebration

Save the date of Sunday, November 19th for us to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of St. Philip's, which was founded on November 3, 1987. Bishop Mary will be joining us as we celebrate the past and look forward to the future.

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AFCSC: What's That, You Say?

I wanted to share with you an update from the **Association of Faith Communities of Santa Cruz County**. As you may know, Faith Community Shelter, who are our guests here at St. Philip's on Saturday nights, is run through AFCSC.

Debbie Bates, who manages the shelter, reports that the Shelter would be full once one additional person has been vetted. Five people have transferred to the Faith Community Shelter upon the closure of the Winter Shelter. Other initiatives that AFCSC is working on include talking to Gov. Brown regarding finding suitable state land that might accommodate an emergency shelter or camping facility; Socks for People in Need; Safe Spaces Parking Program; Tiny Houses Project; and Shared Housing Pilot Program.

Monthly Leadership Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church at 532 Center Street in the Parish Hall. I attend on behalf of St. Philip's; please join me if you would like to learn more. *Lori Kintz, Senior Warden*

Ways to Support St. Philip's

There are many ways to support St. Philip's on an on-going or one-time basis:

- Pledge (Annual Giving) to St. Philip's
- General Fund Donation
- Clergy Discretionary Fund Donation
- Altar Guild Flowers Donation
- Support the Food Pantry with a Donation
- Support our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry
- Support our Compassion Ministry
- Make a donation in our "Sundae Sunday" during prayers
- Make a gift to our Building Fund
- Make a gift to our Landscaping Fund
- Give a Memorial Gift
- Give a Special Gift
- The Giving Tree

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Call for Stewardship Team: In the next few weeks, we will begin planning for our stewardship season. If you feel called to this ministry, we welcome your participation. Please contact Pastor Mary or Lori Kintz.

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The Giving Tree: There are many items that can help make our ministries successful. Most are small and relatively inexpensive, but added together they take a big part of our annual budget. Some can be easily purchased while you are already shopping for other items, some might even be items you already have in a closet at home. Take a leaf from the Giving Tree on the window of the Sanctuary, procure the item

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Sanctuary Chairs...

As you may know, our Sanctuary chairs are in real need of re-upholstering. Many of the chairs are out of the sanctuary and in storage because the fabric has worn out, and the ones that are left in the Sanctuary are disintegrating at a fast pace. All together we have approximately 170 chairs. We would like to begin the project of re-upholstering them. There are many people who have expressed interest in helping and some have even volunteered to provide some funding. We are looking for a project manager to coordinate the whole process. Deciding on a budget, working with our treasurer to coordinate funding, deciding on and obtaining fabric, and gathering a work team to actually do the labor of upholstering. Possibly looking at ways to incorporate book storage of some sort on the chairs, or not. If you feel called to help with this important task for our worship, and if one of you feels especially called to manage this process, please contact

Lori Kintz at seniorwarden@stphilip-sv.net.