

Pip's Squeak

July 2, 2017

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. (Matthew 6:25-26)

Dear People of St. Philip's,

Jesus tells us not to worry about anything in life because God has already provided us with everything we need—we just need to learn how to distribute what we have to meet each others' needs. Some people call this sharing, a practice we all learn by the time we hit kindergarten!

Here at St. Philip's we have had a practice of finding ways to share our beautiful property and church building with all sorts of organizations, clubs, community groups, businesses upstairs, and non-profits downstairs.

We rejoice that when one of our members learned that an important children's resource center, the Discovery Learning Center homeschool non-profit, needed to find a new home—we were able to work an agreement to have them move to St. Philip's. The Discovery Learning Center has now moved in to rooms 3 & 4; 3 will be a shared space with St Philip's Sunday School, and room 4 will be dedicated to their membership's library.

In the tradition of the English Church's "Rogation" or "Blessing the Bounds of the Parish", on Sunday July 9, we will have a special opportunity to celebrate this new partnership. Following the 10:00 service we will have a special lunch of hot dogs and an ice-cream social and will do our version of "Blessing the Bounds", giving thanks for God's blessing that we are able to share our classrooms and our grounds with this terrific organization.

As the summer months continue you will see that there are various places throughout St. Philip's that are under construction as we work hard to repair storm/water damage to meeting rooms, storage rooms, the Food Pantry and our roof. We hope to minimize inconvenience, so bear with us!

Please know that while we give thanks for all that God has given us as a place of worship, education and community service, we also know that much will be required of us to be good stewards. That means all of us are called to give time, talent and treasure to maintain all we are given.

Celebrating, giving thanks allows us to enjoy the moment and to *"not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own."*

Peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing

This Week: July 2 - 8

**Today: PARADOXY 9 AM, Room #2
(Children in Worship Today)
MON. & TUE. OFFICE CLOSED
(No Theology Book Group till Sept)
(No Meditation Friday)
Fri. 10:30 AM Bible Study
Brookdale
Sat., Overnight Shelter Group, St.
Philip's Church Feed (Snell Family)**

Save the Date

July 9, **Festive Fellowship with
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**

*The church office will be closed on
Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th.*



Vacation Bible School is coming!

**WHERE: San Agustin Church, SV
WHEN: July 24-28 (Mon-Fri)
TIME: 9am - 12 noon daily
COST: \$60 per camper
AGE REQUIREMENT: Grades 1-5**



**To Register: go to <http://www.sanagustin.church/>
Registrations Due by July 1st**

Hope to see you at Avalanche Ranch this summer!

**7th Annual Recovery Retreat
August 4-6
at the beautiful
St. Francis Retreat Center**

Recovery—Sharing our Stories

Find registration information at <http://realepiscopal.org/> then click on
Events, August calendar, Recovery Retreat.
This is a ***Don't Miss*** event!



Update from
Association of Faith Communities of Santa Cruz County
(AFCSC)

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.

At the most recent meeting, we saw a presentation from a community organization that helps end homelessness through job creation called Transforming the Bay Through Christ (TBC.) TBC has been specifically developing programs that benefit people who are homeless, specifically veterans. Bright Vision Solar is an example of a program that is creating new job opportunities and housing employing veterans.

Faith Community Shelter continues to serve between sixteen to eighteen people per night. Two members have housing vouchers, and one member has money, up to \$1,000, but have not yet found housing, which is in extremely short supply. The shelter members are discussing raising some funds so that they can assist their other members who have specific needs, such as bus passes. Water for daytime consumption away from the shelter sites is a needed item. There was discussion about setting up a system for matching donations to provide a match for funds raised by shelter members who have specific needs.

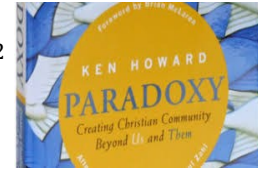
Other activities of AFCSC include collecting socks for people who are homeless, (SPIN), Safe Spaces Parking Program, and working towards a year round shelter. AFCSC's Leadership Council is discussing how best to coordinate its efforts to provide shelter services with City and County agencies in light of the Final Report and Recommendations of the City of Santa Cruz Homeless Coordinating Committee.

Monthly Leadership Council Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, with the next one being held on Thursday, July 6th, at 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church at 532 Center Street in the Parish Hall.

Lori Kintz
Senior Warden

~ Bible Study Hour ~

By popular demand, the *Paradoxy* Book Group will meet this Sunday from 9 to 9:50 in Room 2 and thereafter weekly for the next 4-6 weeks. All are welcome, whether you are new to this group, cannot make every session, or have not read the book. Come and try it on! Come discuss talking across significant differences!



Pastor Mary and Tina Grubbe will also hold monthly sessions the 4th Sunday of Each Month, 11:30-1pm, also in Room 2. We wish to broaden the participation by having 2 concurrent sessions at different times. There are still 8 copies of Ken Howard's book *PARADOXY: Creating Christian Community Beyond Us and Them* available in the office.

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Food Pantry Continues to help many of our neighbors each week. **THANK YOU TO THE DOBSON FAMILY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF EGGS FROM THEIR HENS!** EVERYONE, Please Donate Your Used Egg Cartons each week, egg cartons are always needed...

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Children Youth & Families

met twice to create the following events:

- Sun, July 9: Discovery Learning Center **lunch & ice-cream**, 11:30-1pm
- Sun., September 10: Homecoming **BBQ and Pool Party**- noon-4pm.
- Fri., September 29: **Game Night** with Desserts.
- Sun., Oct. 1: **Blessing of the Animals** at both 8:00 and 10:00 am Services
- Sun., October 8, 2017: **Kid's Marketplace**, following 10am service.
- Sat., October 14, 2017: Kid's Night **Cooking for our Shelter Guests**.
- Sun., Oct. 22, 2017: Sunday School- Kid's Vision: **Strategic Planning** Part 1
- Sun., November 5, 2017: **Halloween Candy Tithes** (Helper needed)
- Sun., Nov. 12, 2017: Sunday School- Kid's Vision: **Strategic Planning** Part 2

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ALL EVENTS!!

Invite your family and friends!

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