

Pip's Squeak

September 24, 2017

"Jesus took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them." Matt. 10:16

Dear people of St. Philip's,

Sunday worship is a primary way for people to come visit seeking holy spaces in addition to community fellowship. While we do advertise on our phone answering machine that 8:00 worship is a "quiet service" and 10:00 is "lively worship with music, nursery, children and youth programs", we also have received a perspective that things are sometimes just a little TOO chaotic at the beginning of our 10am service. To alleviate the challenge of gathering people together in sacred space, we are changing the beginning of the service. Instead of a "Gathering Song" which everyone sings while sitting, we will have the pianist play prelude music prior to 10 AM. At 10 AM we will ring the church bell (hopefully with children's help), there will be an opening welcome from the priest, and then we will all stand for the procession with the cross. Children will begin with us in the church and follow the cross to the classrooms during the Gloria as usual.

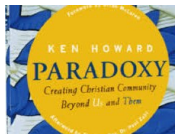
Families are always welcome to have their children in church with the parents if they choose, of course. We are only changing the beginning by removing the "Gathering Song". We will start at 10 and people can still come in to fully engage in worship whenever they arrive, no worries there!

We love having the children return to church as their teachers release them for Holy Communion--the murmurs and rustlings of children bring us all joy, for sure!

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

PARADOXY Book Study: Sunday Sept. 24, 11:45-1pm

"I'm not religious, I'm spiritual" this is the common theme of many people in our contemporary culture. People are seeking safe places to express their challenges of living in an "us v. them" world, but many have not made the choice to enter a Christian community for fear of judgement and condemnation. This Sunday we will be studying Chapter 4 of Ken Howard's book *PARADOXY* in which he discusses what it means to make a choice to be a Christian in this day and age. We will look at the history of church dogma, doctrine and teaching, and find a fun way to consider how our personal faith is or is not rooted in core creeds such as the Apostle's Creed. All are welcome to attend our book study after church this Sunday in Room 2. Come even if you have not read the book but wish to discuss how to live with "unity not uniformity" in our faith. Snacks provided.



This Week: Sep. 24 - Oct. 1

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Room #2
Today: 11:30 AM, **Paradoxy**, Room #2
Today: 4 PM, **Youth BBQ & Pool Party**
Wed., 10 AM, **Theology Book Group**
Wed., 7 PM, **Vestry**, Sanctuary
Fri., 6 PM, **Game Night**, Parish Hall
Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**

Save the Date

Sep. 27, **Vestry**
Oct. 1, **Blessing of the Animals**
Oct. 8, **Kid's Marketplace**
Oct. 14, **Kids' Night**, feed Shelter Guests
Nov. 5, **Halloween Candy Tithe**
Nov. 19, **30th Anniversary**
Dec. 1 & 2, **No Room at the Inn**



Middle & High School Youth & Families of Santa Cruz County

TODAY!! Kick Off BBQ/Pool Fun 4pm-6pm

Hidden Glen neighborhood (Pastor Mary's place)

Youth and leaders from all Santa Cruz Co. Episcopal Churches are invited to a kick-off event for the shared youth ministry. Come meet youth from other churches, learn about our Fall plans for fun, faith, fellowship and service. Contact Pastor Mary for details at pastor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com



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Children, Youth & Families Events:

Sun., Oct. 1: **Blessing of the Animals** at 8:00 & 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., Nov. 5, 2017: **Halloween Candy Tithe** (Helper needed)
Sun., Nov. 12, 2017: **Sunday School Kid's Vision: Strategic Planning** Part 2
Fri., Dec. 1, 2017: **No Room at the Inn Friday Gala**, Childcare available
Sat., Dec. 2, 2017: **No Room at the Inn Family Activities**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ALL EVENTS!!

Kid's Marketplace

Coming on October 8th! after the 10 AM service

Our first-ever **Kid's Marketplace** is an opportunity for kids from St. Philip's and the DLC to show off their maker skills, and for other kids and adults to support them by buying their wares.

Here are some possibilities for your young maker:

- fresh-baked cookies, scones, or cakes;
- hand-made jewelry;
- greeting cards or paintings;
- DIY body products such as lotion or soap;
- home-grown food such as fresh eggs, tomatoes, peppers, corn, etc.

Kid's Marketplace Participating kids will donate 10% of what they make to either St. Philip's Compassion Ministry or to the County of Santa Cruz Animal Shelter.

If interested or if you have questions, please contact Susan Ortmeyer at [562-761-0697](tel:562-761-0697) or susanortmeyer@gmail.com.

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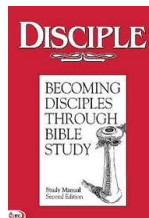
Collaborate On Youth Ministry: DIOCESAN GRANT GIVEN!

We are still waiting to hear from the National Church for additional grant money for the Regional Youth Minister.

Fall 2017 Calvary Episcopal, Santa Cruz, St. John's, Aptos and St. Philip's, Scotts Valley are initiating a shared ministry program among our Middle and High School members. All Saints, Watsonville and St. Andrew's, Ben Lomond are invited to participate, also. It will be a multi-faceted effort of Fun, Faith and Fellowship for students in 6th - 12th Grade.

Proposed Schedule Fall 2017:

Sunday Sept. 24, 4-6pm, St. Philip's Hosts BBQ/pool "Kick-off"
Friday, Sept. 29, 6-8pm, St. Philip's Game Night with dessert (all ages)
Sunday, Oct. 1, 4pm--St. John's "Faith Formation" & "Feast at 5"
Sunday, Oct 15, 4pm--Calvary Episcopal, Santa Cruz--Faith Formation
Sunday, Oct 29, 4pm--St. Philip's "Día De Los Muertos"
Sunday, Nov 5, 4pm--St. John's, Aptos, Faith Formation & "Feast at 5"
Sunday, Nov.19, 4pm- Calvary Episcopal, Santa Cruz "Faith Formation"
Friday, Dec. 1, 5-8pm, St. Philip's Service Project Fundraiser for Homeless
Sunday, Dec. 3, 4pm--St. John's Aptos, "Faith Formation" & "Feast at 5"
Friday, Dec. 15. 4pm-8pm—Christmas Party, maybe "Las Posadas" progressive meal, reenacting seeking Mary, Joseph, Jesus by going from church to church or home to home--planning needed!!



DISCIPLE:

Bible Study to Begin in October!

Sign up NOW on foyer bulletin board.

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders.

This Adult Christian formation class is rooted in learning what the Bible teaches, cover-to-cover. Pastor Mary Blessing leading, with assistants. Pastor Mary and Jim have led this Bible study at two previous churches. The personal growth that comes through getting to know God's Word better and how to apply it to one's every day life is extraordinarily fruitful.

We will do the "FastTrak" version of DISCIPLES, for busy people: 24 weeks, about an hour each week. Weekday group will begin Tuesday, October 10, 3:00 - 4:30 PM at St. Philip's. There will also be an evening or weekend session if there is interest. Contact Pastor Mary if interested.

Update on Facilities Repairs

Good news! St. Philip's was given permission from the Diocesan Board of Trustees and Diocesan Finance Committee to move forward with borrowing money to repair our roof and interior spaces in the back wing, tenant, and sanctuary spaces of our building. We will be pursuing a SBA Disaster Loan and a loan from the Episcopal Church Building Fund. We anticipate funding these upcoming loan payments with a combination of new rental income, an increase in our current renters' rate, a slight increase in our community use fees, and increased pledge.

In coming weeks, you will hear more about our Stewardship season, please pray about St. Philip's and God's call to joyfully give so that we are able to do His work in the community. Also pray about ways to use the treasure of your time and your talents to help do all the work, there is much to be done. Also, I ask your prayers for our Vestry, our Finance Committee, and our Stewardship Team as we move through this process, always seeking God's call and God's grace. Together we can accomplish what God calls us to do!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me. You can also talk with our Junior Warden, Clive Ellis; our Treasurer Jane Ellis; our Stewardship chair, Greg Kintz; and any Vestry member.

Lori Kintz, Senior Warden

