

# Pip's Squeak

November 5, 2017

*"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."*  
Luke 2:7 KJV

## No Room at the Inn

Shopping, baking, decorating...so much to do in these weeks coming up to Christmas. Why not begin our own pilgrimage to the manger by putting the holy back into holiday? St. Philip's will once more be offering its display of nativity scenes with its **No Room At The Inn** event.

We'll have the opportunity to view the unique and original Nativities displayed in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM as a meaningful way to embark upon our own journey to Christmas.

The Opening Gala will be held Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Best of all, the proceeds support St. Philip's Compassion Ministries, especially the Affiliated Faith Communities Rotating Shelter, WINGS Homeless Advocacy, and St. Philip's Food Pantry. Come to the manger yourself and experience the adoration of the magi and the wonder of the shepherds.

What can you do to help? Here are some of the opportunities. See which one(s) best fit your (or your family's) interests and schedules:

- \* Donate items to either Basket Drawing or Silent Auction or both! We need these by **Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> at the latest** because they are all going to be wrapped on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>! Please start searching for and bring items in ASAP!! We want to have a sumptuous offering of items for our guests!
- \* Help with the set up and/or take down for the event
- \* Offer your own Nativity scene, special family decoration or Christmas books for shared reading
- \* Bake holiday goodies for Saturday's Bake Sale or provide hors d'oeuvres for the Friday night Gala

## No Room at the Inn

**Friday, December 1: Gala Wine Tasting & Silent Auction**  
5:30 - 8:00 PM

**Saturday, December 2: Family Day**

*Children's Activities, Bake Sale, Opportunity Drawings, Holiday Items Sale*  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### This Week: Nov. 5—11

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Room #2  
Today: **Halloween Candy Tithe**  
Today: **Worship & Liturgy Planning**  
Today: **Stewardship Campaign Continues**  
Today: 4 PM, **Faith Formation, Youth**  
Tue., 11 AM, **Out in Our Faith**, Sanctuary  
Tue., 3 PM, **Disciples Bible Study**  
Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**  
Sat., **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

### Save the Date

Nov. 12, **Kids Vision: Strategic Planning**  
Nov. 14, **COPA Youth Meeting**  
Nov. 19, **Faith Formation, Youth**  
Nov. 28, **Vestry Meeting**  
Dec. 1 & 2, **No Room at the Inn**  
Dec. 3, **Faith Formation, Youth**  
Dec. 15, **Youth Christmas Party**  
June 3, **Bishop's Visit**

## Halloween Candy Tithe

**Today!** At both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service, we will bless the gift of the candy and the givers of the gifts.  
The candy will go to our own Food Pantry.

## Today: Worship and Liturgy Planning Team Meeting

The Worship and Liturgy Planning Team will gather on Sunday, Nov. 5th at Noon to plan worship and liturgy, beginning with the season of Advent. If you have a heart for working as part of a team to strengthen our worship, please, please join us! Contact Pastor Mary or Pastor Lucretia for more information.

**Sarah Joy Gabrielson** has recently been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and could use some extra help. A meal train has been started for the family for Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday dinners. Please sign up at this link <https://mealtrain.com/yldg9y>.

Questions? Contact Claudia at 831-438-4276 or [office@ccsv.org](mailto:office@ccsv.org).



## Thanksgiving Food for the Food Pantry

Cooler weather and Thanksgiving just ahead seem like the right time to do some extra baking. If you're already in the kitchen making some home made goodies, please consider making just a little extra to share with our Food Pantry families this Thanksgiving. The Food Pantry will be distributing special foods on Tuesday, November 21st. If you can have your goodies to the church by then we would very much appreciate it.

**Out in Our Faith**—an interfaith advocacy group for LGBTQI members of our community will meet for lunch on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM at St. Philip's. All are welcome!

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**COPA Reaching Youth Meeting Nov. 14th 7 PM**  
**Lutheran Community Church**  
**95 Alta Vista Ave., Watsonville**

Learn & offer ways to care for all youth throughout our county, not just the ones attending church.

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**Episcopal Youth Group of Santa Cruz County**

The five Episcopal Churches in the county have formed a regional youth group, and have already received a grant from the Diocese of El Camino Real to help fund formation of the group. If you are in middle or high school, come join us, we have fun! We meet every other Sunday afternoon. We are looking for someone from St. Philip's to serve as a parish coordinator working with the Youth Group mentor to coordinate our participation.

If you would be willing to support our youth, please contact Pastor Mary.

**Upcoming dates:**

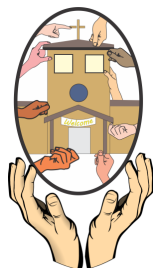
Sun., Nov. 5th - 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation & Feast at 5, St. John's, Aptos  
Sun., Nov. 19th - 4 p.m. Faith Formation, Calvary Church, Santa Cruz  
Fri., Dec. 15th - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Party (planning helpers needed!)



**30 Years**

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**30th Anniversary  
Celebration  
and Stewardship  
Ingathering Day**  
**Sunday, November 12**



Our 30th Anniversary Celebration will now happen on **Sunday, November 12th** in conjunction with our Stewardship Ingathering Day. We will gather to dedicate our pledge cards for the coming year, as well as celebrate our history and a momentous 30th anniversary!

**Bishop's Visit Rescheduled!**

Bishop Mary will now visit us on **June 3, 2018**. Put that on your calendar now so we can be sure to have a full house to welcome Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves. She is not coming on Nov. 19.



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**What Is Out in Our Faith?**

**Out in Our Faith** is a coalition of many faith communities—Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Unitarian and non-denominational congregations—in Santa Cruz County. Our mission is to promote the full inclusion of LGBTQI families, couples and individuals within the area houses of worship that fulfill their spiritual needs. This coalition was founded in 2004 by members of *Twice Blessed* at Temple Beth El/JCC. **St. Philip's is hosting a luncheon meeting on November 7th at 11:30. All are welcome!**

**Out in Our Faith Congregation Members**

Temple Beth El/JCC  
Peace United Church of Christ  
St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church  
All Saints Episcopal Church  
Aptos Community United Methodist Church  
Chadeish Yameinu Jewish Renewal of the Monterey Bay  
Gay and Lesbian Ministry of Holy Cross Catholic Church  
St. Stephens Lutheran Church  
Santa Cruz Hillel Foundation  
Santa Cruz Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)  
United Methodist Church of Santa Cruz  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County  
Calvary Episcopal Church of Santa Cruz  
Santa Cruz Zen Center  
Le Selva Beach Community Church/United Church of Christ  
Inner Light Ministries  
Ocean Gates Zen Center  
Congregation Emeth  
Resurrection Catholic Community  
Center for Conscious Living  
Vipassana Santa Cruz  
Watsonville United Methodist Church  
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Watsonville  
Lutheran Community Church, Watsonville