

Pip's Squeak

November 26, 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 2nd 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 1st 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 26th at the latest** because they are all going to be wrapped on Monday the 27th! 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. 26—Dec. 3

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Room #2
Mon., Wed., Thu., **NRATI Set-up**
Tue., 3 PM, **Disciples Bible Study**
Tue., 7 PM, **Vestry**, Sanctuary
Fri., 5:30 PM, **NRATI Gala**
Sat., 10 AM, **NRATI Family Day**
Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**

Save the Date

Dec. 3, **Faith Formation, Youth**
Dec. 10, **Pageant Rehearsal**
Dec. 13, **Lessons & Carols**
Dec. 15, **Youth Christmas Party**
Dec. 17, **Pageant Rehearsal**
Dec. 17, **Christmas Pageant**
Dec. 24, 7 PM, **Christmas Eve Svc.**
Dec. 24, 10:30 PM, **Midnight Svc.**
Dec. 25, 10 AM, **Christmas Svc**

No formal Sunday school classes today

...but there will be our Nursery Care Provider, Rachel Cliff, will be here and is willing to open her doors to all ages for play and simple coloring.



St. Philip's Hosts 9 Lessons and Carols **Wednesday, December 13, 7pm**

San Agustin Church comes to St. Philip's for this traditional service of singing the Christmas story with carols and hearing lessons and meditations on the "Greatest Story Ever Told."

We've Lost a Friend

Bill Hall, Sr., passed away last week, peacefully in his cabin in Boulder Creek. Bill was a member of St. Philip's when he lived closer to our church from about 2008 - 2011, and visited occasionally after moving back to Boulder Creek. He played his mandolin and guitar with us, especially for 1st Sunday Folk Services and Blessing of the Animals. His most recent visit to St. Philip's was October 29, as part of his 81st birthday pilgrimage.

Bill spent many years as part of the Music Team of the spiritual retreats, Cursillo, and played music for numerous convalescent and retirement homes. Bill is beloved throughout Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties for his genuine love of Christ, especially expressed through his music.

St. Andrew's, Ben Lomond, was his most recent church home. Their Rector, Blaine Hammond, is working with Bill's family to discern steps toward having Celebration of Bill's life and memorial service, pending family needs. Bill will be cremated and his ashes spread in Lancaster, California, where Bill spent his childhood.

This is a tribute to Bill's life written by his son, Mark Hall:
"For the last 10 years, he had struggled to keep living each day the way that he loved: to play guitar for people in rest homes, eat a nice meal out, and then return to sleep in his rustic mountain cabin. His greatest fear was that he would lose his ability to drive and that all his favorite activities would be taken away from him. Apparently, Tuesday night he had just returned to his cabin from a day's adventures in town and suddenly passed away from a heart attack or stroke. Until his last hour, he lived on the mountaintop he loved, that had been his home for 40 years. He died with his guitar nearby and with a valid driver's license in his pocket."



It's Christmas Pageant time!!!!

Please come and join in the fun for ALL ages

Once again, Vicky Granger-Jones and Julie O'Brien will be leading our youth through the fun and creative process of coming together to put on a show for family and friends to enjoy. We will have parts for ALL ages—little ones all the way up to seniors in high school—(we would even be happy to have some ADULTs join in the fun!) All the details are below:

WHEN: 12/17 at 5pm. Coffee/tea & cookies to follow.

HOW: Rehearsals 12/10 (during the 10am service) & 12/17 (starting during the 10am service and finishing by 3pm).

WHY: Because it is always GREAT fun...and we love to bring a little joy (& laughter) to our family and friends.

SO NOW WHAT...

The most important thing for you to do now is to RSVP to let us know if we can plan on you or your child(ren) being part of the process. Vicky will also need to know if you or your child(ren) prefer(s) a speaking or a non-speaking part. Vicky plans to tweak the script to reflect the interests of those involved. There are one or two larger older narrator parts (reading from script) and lots of one or two line parts. Please let us know as soon as possible, so that Vicky can get working on writing and casting!

Please note...If you have a **younger** child, they can rehearse as they feel comfortable or else they can just show up on the night, put on a costume and join in! For **older** youth Vicky is really looking for helpers with costuming, staging, so please let us know ASAP!

You can **RSVP to Courtney Messer at cmesser222@yahoo.com** OR at **408.569.7724**. Be sure to include the following information:

- 1) Your child(ren)'s name(s)
- 2) Your name and contact information
- 3) The type of part your child would feel comfortable with (speaking or non-speaking). If speaking, give an idea of their level of comfort with speaking (i.e., a few lines...or a narrator). If your child prefers to help with "behind the scenes" activities (i.e. lighting, stage set-up/tear-down) please let us know.

Episcopal Youth Group of Santa Cruz County

REGIONAL YOUTH COORDINATOR NEEDED! The five Episcopal Churches of Santa Cruz County were awarded two grants to hire a half-time Regional Youth Director. The precise job description is under review, but we seek an energetic, well-organized person trained in youth ministry and administration to manage our newly formed regional youth group, which meets every other Sunday afternoon. If you know someone interested, please contact Pastor Mary Blessing at pastor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com or Rev. Austin Leininger of Calvary Episcopal Church, Santa Cruz, at aleininger@calvarysantacruz.org.



Upcoming dates:

Fri., Dec. 1st - 5 p.m. Service Project Fundraiser for the Homeless, St. Philip's
Sun., Dec. 3rd - 4 p.m. Faith Formation & Feast at 5, St. John's, Aptos
Fri., Dec. 15th - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Party (planning helpers needed!)

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Wanted! Unused Santa Cruz Refuse/Greecycle Disposal Tags

St. Philip's needs the donation of unused Santa Cruz Greecycle Disposal tags and parishioners with pick-up trucks to help us dispose of the growing mound of greecycle waste at the end the parking lot. If you are a Santa Cruz resident, please drop off your unneeded Greecycle Disposal tags at the office and we will be using them during one of our upcoming work days.

A meal train has been started for the Gabrielson family for Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday dinners. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/yldg9y>.

Questions? Contact Claudia at 831-438-4276 or office@ccsv.org.



Pilgrimage to the Land of the Holy One
September 2-14, 2018
See the flyers on the foyer table for all the details.

