

Pip's Squeak

February 4, 2018

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Dear people of St. Philip's,

Christ has called us into one spiritual body of ministries, working together using a variety of gifts and abilities. Everyone here at St. Philip's gives what they can to build up the Body of Christ in so many ways. We are blessed to have such faithfulness! The Spirit equips us with people with gifts of administration and craft in addition to more obvious spiritual gifts. Without these gifts being put to God's purposes St. Philip's would have never been able to survive the challenges of 2017!

Our Annual Meeting/Potluck gathering was a time of celebrating those who have served, voting for others to move forward in future service, and marking the transition of some into new, related ministries. One new Vestry member was elected by unanimous acclamation, Karen Snell. Two people were elected by acclamation to serve as Delegate/Alternate to Convention. Two Vestry members, Lori Kintz and Jane Ellis, terms expired as voting members, but each has offered to continue to serve, Lori as Clerk of Vestry, and Jane as Bookkeeper. Jon Neff, whose Vestry term ends in 2019, accepted my offer to be appointed Senior Warden.

After the main meeting concluded, the new Vestry met briefly to elect Clive Ellis as Junior Warden, Lori Kintz as Clerk (voice no vote) and Greg Kintz as Treasurer (voice no vote).

We look forward to 2018 as a new beginning, ready to seek new relationships of love and service with one another and those God continues to bring into our community.

Peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing

2018 members of Vestry and Delegates/Alternate to Diocesan Convention:

Vestry:

Anne Austin, Wendy Chapler, Clive Ellis, Jon Neff, Alejandra Saldaña, David Sanguinetti, Donna Seelbach, Karen Snell

Clerk: Lori Kintz, Treasurer: Greg Kintz

Delegates:

Bill Dolby, Cindy Hershberger, Lori Kintz

Alternate: Alejandra Saldaña

This Week: Feb. 4 - 10

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Rm. #2
Today: 11:30, **CYF Team Meeting, in the Parish Hall**
Tue., 3 PM, **Bible Study**, Sanctuary
Fri., 11 AM, **Meditation**, Sanctuary
Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**

Save the Date

Feb. 12, **2nd Monday Book Grp.**
Feb. 13, **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
Feb. 14, **Ash Wednesday Svcs.**
Feb. 21-Mar. 21, **Lenten Series**
June 3, **Bishop's Visit**

**Today: Children, Youth, and Family Team Meeting
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

We will be planning for the Spring and beyond, so please plan to join us if you have a heart to work with our amazing children and youth. Lunch is included.

Contact Jon Neff with any questions.

Hayley is available to provide childcare if needed.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**



Come join us for fellowship and Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday! We will have a great Pancake supper with all the trimmings! This is an ALL PARISH event, as we gather before Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent.

Let Susan Ortmeyer or Lori Kintz know if you would be willing to

TENT OF ABRAHAM EVENT

February 11, from 3:30-6:00

Center for Spiritual Living, Felt St., in Santa Cruz.

An important step toward understanding our differences and celebrating our shared history is to learn more about Judaism and Islam. The featured speaker will be Amina Abid, Operations Manager for the SF Bay Area Council on American-Islamic Relations. Please register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnzFRZN3UmzHEPaAML6-yaZ4xTSPv7aJG6Ufa6A0wPOjSM1w/viewform>

For further information,

see the Compassion Ministries bulletin board in the foyer.



Annual Meeting

Thank all of you who attended our Annual Meeting last Sunday. We had a fantastic potluck lunch, kicked off our Strategic Planning Process using our wondering question, DREAM BIGGER, heard an update on the status of our finances and ministries, voted to accept the resolution for a building repair loan through the Mission Investment Fund, and elected members to our Vestry and Diocesan Delegate team. We also made a quick video "get well card" to send to Pastor Lucretia in the hospital. Good news, she is home now!

We welcome Karen Crocker Snell to our Vestry. We are thrilled to have Karen join the Vestry. Jane Ellis and Lori Kintz have finished up their terms and roll off. Jon Neff has accepted the position of Senior Warden, and Clive Ellis will remain for another year as Junior Warden. We are so blessed to have their steady leadership and wisdom. Greg Kintz will become our Treasurer, and Jane Ellis will be our bookkeeper. A huge THANK YOU to Jane for all that she has done and all she continues to do for St. Philip's. Lori Kintz will be the Clerk of the Vestry. Cindy Hershberger, Bill Dolby, and Lori Kintz will be Diocesan Delegates, and Alejandra Saldaña is our Alternate.

Clive Ellis gave us a thorough review of what repair work has happened and will be happening soon in the building. A copy of his presentation has been sent to you via email. It also will be displayed in the Narthex, as well as a board with information regarding construction timelines and work on the facilities. Look for that very soon.

Please plan to join us for either the Wednesday Soup Suppers or the Sunday Soup Lunches as we DREAM BIGGER. We need to hear from every single person here at St. Philip's.

We are so very grateful to everyone who attended the Annual Meeting and who helped make it happen by working in the kitchen, bringing food, attending, asking careful and thoughtful questions, and praying for our community. Together we move forward, we are grateful.

Lori Kintz, Clerk

High and Middle School Youth -- Join is on February 11th when during Sunday School time we will take a walk up the street to Starbucks and have a casual discussion to plan out activities for the next few months. Come join us! See Kris Munro or Vicky Granger-Jones for more information.

Teen Service Project: Cooking for the St. Philip's Faith Communities Shelter, March 10, 4-7pm.

Regional Youth Ministry of Santa Cruz County. We have proposed having a special meeting of all teens and parents on Saturday, March 17, exact time TBA. We will meet with our partner churches and their teens to discover our hopes and dreams for this ministry. Canon Jesus Reyes will be our facilitator. This will be fun as well as meaningful! Please contact Pastor Mary immediately to let her know if you can attend that day, and if not we will create a different time.



**OUR HOUSE-ELVES
ARE CURRENTLY
ON STRIKE.**

**YOU WILL HAVE TO
CLEAN UP YOUR
OWN MESS UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**