

# Pip's Squeak

March 11, 2018

*...live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, a striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit... one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all... Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-5*

St. Paul knew that early Christians needed lots of encouragement about how to create a new kind of community centered on what they shared in common—Christ's love—rather than being distracted by their differences. One of the ways they bridged the gap was literally to have family style meals in people's homes where they shared their stories of witnessing the power of Jesus Christ in their lives. Greek and Jew, slave and free, male and female they gathered and broke bread in remembrance of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Lenten Soup Lunches and Wednesday Soup Suppers have been opportunities to do a similar form of sharing a meal and sharing our stories. Our conversations of listening to one another's stories on our journey of faith are a bit like meals that one of the founders of our nation, Thomas Jefferson, enjoyed hosting. Jefferson is said to have invited small ideologically diverse groups to dinner. Over good food and good conversation, they came to know each other as human beings, allowing them to get on with the fragile business of creating a nation made up of people with diverse backgrounds and opinions. He is quoted as saying, "I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy as reason to withdraw from a friend." Some even credit Jefferson with saving our young republic because of the "Great Dinner Bargain of 1790". <https://tlh.villagesquare.us/event/jefferson-dinner/>

Unique about this experience is the invitational aspect of people asking one another if they would like to share. Most do, some choose to pass. When one person is speaking the entire group pauses to truly listen to the others, rather than having the usual chat between each other with everyone talking at once. Our fireside room conversations this way have allowed us to bond in deep appreciation for one another, learning more and more about how we have grown in our individual faith journeys.

Please won't you join us this Sunday after church or next Wednesday evening for fellowship and sharing our experiences regarding Children, Youth and Family ministry?

Peace to you in Christ,  
Pastor Mary and Jim  
Blessing



## **This Week: Mar. 11 - 17**

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Rm. #2

Today: 11:30, **Lenten Soup Lunch & Discussion**

Today: following Soup Lunch, **Acolyte Training**  
Mon., **2nd Monday Book Club**

Tue., 3 PM, **Bible Study**, Sanctuary

Wed., 6 PM, **Lenten Soup Supper & Discussion**

Thu., 5 PM, **Food Pantry**

Sat., **Faith Communities Shelter Overnight Guests**

## **Save the Date**

Feb. 21-Mar. 21, **Lenten Series**

Mar. 18, **Goodbye Reception for Pastor Lucretia**

Mar. 24, **Parish Work Day to prepare for Holy Week**

Mar. 25, **Vestry**

Apr. 7, **Conflict Management Training, Monterey Deanery**

Apr. 8-14, **St. Philip's Serves at Winter Shelter**

Apr. 13, **Youth Group Lock-In Overnight**

May 3, **National Day of Prayer, hosted by St. Philip's**

May 18, **AFC Fundraising Dinner**

June 3, **Bishop's Visit**

June 10, **BBQ & Pool Party**

**Lenten Explorations of our Faith Journeys:  
Setting the Groundwork for Strategic Planning  
Lunches on Sundays, 11:30 - 1:00 PM  
Dinners on Wednesdays, 6 - 7:30 PM**

**4th Week of Lent, Today & March 14:  
Children, Youth, and Families**

**5th Week of Lent - Buildings and Grounds**

Won't you join us for food, fellowship and story telling? This week we listen to each other's story about a time when we experienced something special during compassion ministry, outreach or evangelism. Together we grow closer to God and each other in Christ.

Childcare offered both Sunday and Wednesday.

To sign up to bring soup, salad, or bread, or to help set up or clean up, go to the front page of our website and click the Sign-Up Genius button.

Questions? Contact Greg Kintz, 828.551.0336 or greg@kintz.net or Pastor Mary, or call the church office, [831-438-4360](tel:831-438-4360).

## **\*BISHOP MARY'S VISITATION: June 3\***

**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** Today, following soup lunch. All children age 7 and up, teens and even adults are invited to participate. We need adult servers, too, so please see Pastor Mary if you are able and interested in that ministry around the altar.

### **Farewell Reception for Pastor Lucretia—March 18**

Pastor Lucretia is leaving us soon, her last Sunday with us will be March 18th. We will be having a special reception during coffee hour to celebrate her ministry with us and wish her well on her new adventures. If you are interested in helping with the reception, please contact Lori Kintz.

### **Parish Work Day to prepare for Holy Week—Sat., Mar. 24**

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will have a parish work day to prepare our building and grounds for Holy Week. Come one, come all! Come for an hour or all day! Many hands make light work.

### **Holy Week: All Services are for All Ages!**

March 25, 8 & 10 AM, Procession of the Palms & Holy Eucharist  
*The usual Nursery service is available if needed.*

March 29, 6 PM, Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Meal

March 30, 12 PM, Good Friday Service at St. Philip's

March 30, 6 PM, Good Friday Service at Community Covenant Church, 2700 El Rancho Dr., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

March 31, 5 PM, Easter Eve & Agape Meal

April 1, 8 & 10 AM, Feast of the Resurrection. *Nursery service is available during services.* Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Lunch after the 10 AM service. Invite your friends!!

### **Youth Group Lock-In— April 13-14**

Youth Group Lock-In and Escape Room and Breakfast on Saturday morning. Contact Kris Munro, munrokin@gmail.com

***Do you want to help with our Mother's Day Weekend English Tea & Garden Tour? If so, please contact church office ASAP!! stphilips.sv@gmail.com or 831-438-4360.***

### **FROM ANXIETY TO LOVE:**

#### ***A Contemplative Approach to Youth Ministry***

9:30AM- 4PM March 17, 2018 CDSP, 2451 Ridge Rd, Berkeley  
*This workshop helps us transition from anxiety to love, isolation to community, passivity to compassionate action.*  
\$25, including lunch and materials.

Childcare available, request at registration.

Register at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/cdsp/event/YMS2018.htm>

### **Christian Formation: "Why Episcopal?"**

Have you ever stopped to think why there are different denominations of our Christian faith? Do you know the history of The Episcopal Church as the American representation of the Anglican Church, born out of the Church of England, yet distinctly a product of the founding members of the United States?

This Spring, Pastor Mary Blessing and Lay Leader Bill Dolby will be teaching a course: *Why Episcopal? Sharing the history, theology and current context of The Episcopal Church.* This is a 5 week course, with exact time and location decided based on participants' needs. This class is also suitable for those preparing for CONFIRMATION or RECEPTION, or adult AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, which will be on June 3 when Bishop Mary visits us.

### **Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator Position Open**

St Philip's and Santa Cruz Co. Episcopal Churches are seeking a Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator, RYM. 20 hours/week, with health care benefits and pension. Qualifications include: committed Christian, 21 years old or over, with experience working with youth. Primary function is as coordinator/missioner of an Episcopal Church sponsored regional youth program in Santa Cruz County. (See full job description posted on "Church Activities" bulletin board in St. Philip's foyer. Contact Pastor Mary, [pastor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com)) or 831-438-4360.

**St. Philip's Serves at the Winter Shelter Outreach Ministry**

St. Philip's is a participant in the Association of Faith Communities of Santa Cruz County. One of the ministries of AFC is to manage the Faith Community Shelter, which St. Philip's has the honor of hosting on Saturday evenings. Another outreach ministry of AFC is to be the operating agency of the Winter Shelter Outreach Ministry, working with the Salvation Army, which is the lead agency. You can see more about AFC here at their beautiful new website [www.afcsantacruz.org/](http://www.afcsantacruz.org/).

AFC has asked all of its faith community members to commit to serving the Winter Shelter for one week. **St. Philip's will be serving the week of April 8 through April 14th.** We need to have between four and six volunteers each evening. This includes one lead or contact person. Approximate time is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer groups can have children and young adults, with a ratio of two children to one adult. Ages should be 10 - 15 years old in the dining area of host site if helping serve (cocoa/tea, dessert) and 16 - 18 years old in the kitchen with direct adult supervision.

All food is provided, with the exception of three (3) gallons of milk that St. Philip's will provide every day (one gallon is used at dinner, and two gallons are used the next morning at breakfast.) Volunteers will assemble salads/side dishes, serve heated casseroles, hot beverages to approximately 30-60 homeless guests.

Volunteers are encouraged prior to the meal to go into the dining hall and introduce themselves, offer a prayer, devotional or a meditative time of quiet prior to a meal and to visit and share a meal with the guests. Clean-up.

If you can help in your community, please sign up by going to the front page of our website and clicking the Sign-Up Genius button.

If you have questions, you can contact Kaye Olivier at [virjesna@comcast.net](mailto:virjesna@comcast.net) or Lori Kintz at [lori@kintz.net](mailto:lori@kintz.net).

We were honored to serve last year, and are looking forward to helping our community again this year.



**Association of Faith Communities (AFC)  
Celebration Dinner Gala**

MAY 18 2018  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
PORTUGUESE HALL  
216 Evergreen Street, Santa Cruz

FELLOWSHIP  
SILENT AUCTION  
DINNER  
LIVE AUCTION

Reserve your spot here:

[https://www.afcsantacruz.org/gala\\_dinner.html](https://www.afcsantacruz.org/gala_dinner.html)