

Pip's Squeak

March 25, 2018



March 25, 8 & 10 AM, **Procession of the Palms**
March 29, 6 PM, **Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Meal**
March 30, 12 PM, **Good Friday Stations of the Cross**
March 30, 6 PM, **Good Friday Service** at Community
Covenant Church, 2700 El Rancho Dr., Santa Cruz
March 31, 5 PM, **Healing Service & Agape Meal**
April 1, 8 & 10 AM, **Feast of the Resurrection**. *Nursery avail.*
Easter Egg Hunt and **Potluck Lunch** after the 10 AM service.
Invite your friends!!

Servers Needed: Want to serve during our special Holy Week Services? Please look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church.

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"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

Dear people of St. Philips,

As we begin our Holy Week procession into Jesus' last week of life among us, I am deeply moved by the simplicity and depth of Jesus' words shared during his final meal: "Love one another." To his dying breath Jesus thought first and foremost of others, never of himself. How are we to live into this in our time, in our place, in our way?

Please won't you join us as we walk with Jesus through a celebratory, yet heart-wrenchingly difficult week? We begin Sunday, March 25 with Jesus' grand procession into Jerusalem on a donkey, the people waiving palm branches and laying their coats upon the ground as if rolling out the red carpet for a royal leader. On Sunday we will hear this story as a dramatic reading throughout the congregation. This year we will reflect especially on the impact this day and this week had upon the children —>

of Jesus' day, wondering what the impact of this story has on our children today. Teens and older children who are interested will be invited to take a part by reading a role.

As the week progresses, on Thursday evening we will have a lovely banquet representing Jesus' Last Supper, complete with foot-washing and holy communion. Friday is known as Good Friday, even though as a child I thought it should have been named Black Friday... We will have a noon service at St. Philip's, walking and praying the "Stations of the Cross" as Jesus is painfully marching to his sacrifice of life on our behalf. At 6 p.m. we join Community Covenant Church for an artistic/musical remembrance of Jesus' final day.

Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m. we will gather for prayers of healing, anointing and prayer in deep appreciation for Jesus' life and death which revealed to us eternal life. At 6p.m. we will share a meal of love, agape, with our Shelter Guests. All are welcome to both of these events, please let me know if you will be joining us for dinner to be able to prepare appropriately.

EASTER SUNDAY! RESURRECTION DAY!! (No foolin'!) is April 1... at both the 8:00 and the 10:00 we will rejoice with alleluias and celebrate God's glory in raising Jesus from the dead! This is no joke, even though we will have fun remembering it with joyful music, a festive coffee hour and an Easter egg hunt for the kids following the 10 a.m. service.

We are called to love one another every day—let us be sure to reveal that love in welcoming all who visit any or all of these Holy Week celebrations, as well as our familiar best friends and families.

May Christ's love be with you, always, *Pastor Mary & Jim Blessing*

This Week: Mar. 25 - 31

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

Today: noon, **Vestry**

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

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

Thu., 6 PM, **Maundy Thursday Service**

Fri., noon & 6 PM, **Good Friday Service**

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

Sat., 5 PM, **FCS Dinner will be a Healing Service & Agape Meal, made & served by Pastor Mary & Friends**

Save the Date

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 12, **Garden Tour & English Tea**

May 18, **AFC Fundraising Dinner**

June 3, **Bishop's Visit**

June 10, **BBQ & Pool Party**

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.

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.



BISHOP MARY'S VISITATION: June 3

Coming soon to a garden near you!

Do you want to help with our May 12th English Tea & Garden Tour?
If so, please contact the church office ASAP!!
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or 831-438-4360.



Local Resident Seeks Housing

My name is Jocelyn Maurer. My husband is Kevin Maurer, the General Contractor who has been doing the renovations on your church recently.

I'm writing because my retired mom (77 years young) has recently lost her home & is desperately searching for a small studio for herself & her little companion dog, in Scotts Valley. She only has her social security to live on, so this task has been nearly impossible. There is no affordable housing available. All senior low-income buildings I've contacted have closed waiting lists & no vacancies. She is staying with us for the time being, but we don't have quite enough space to accommodate her & she really would love her privacy and independence back.

Kevin & I both thought that maybe someone in your church might know of an available place for her in our area. She doesn't drive any longer, so we were hoping she could find something within Scotts Valley, near us. Her maximum rent limit would be \$1000/month. Anything less (or if utilities were included in that) would be a huge blessing to her.

I know this seems impossible in our area, but we have been praying & I know God watches out for us. My mom is a wonderful, kind person who has helped others her entire life. I just would love to find her a safe little place of her own. She said she doesn't need a kitchen. If she just had a countertop to put her coffee pot & microwave on, she has her own mini-refrigerator she could use.

If you know of anything or any of your church members might have something, we would be so grateful to hear.
Jocelyn Maurer, jocelynrenee@comcast.net, 831-316-7728



Do you need a renter?

SVPD Offers project distributing Flannel Shirts

The Scotts Valley Police Department has been given 150 flannel shirts. They need help getting them out to those who need them. Who will do a quick organizing of an event to do this? They would like to be here when the shirts are given out, making positive community contacts. Maybe on a Sunday when everyone wears a flannel shirt? Or...

Contact the church office if you would like to take this on: stphilips.sv@gmail.com or 831.428.4360.

