

Pip's Squeak

June 10, 2018

*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot....
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)*

Dear people of St. Philip's.

The month of June is quite a month of transition, a season of change, for many of our St. Philip's family. Thank you to all who helped us celebrate Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves's final official Bishop's visitation (see page of pictures which tell the story). Included were sacramentally significant moments for the following, Roy Spadacinni, Confirmation; Julie Ross; Reception; Fran Johnson, Reaffirmation of Faith, and St. John's member, Chris Rowen, Reception.

Additionally there are many far and wide who are experiencing the completion of education which will transition them to new academic possibilities or future jobs. (Please see our special page of graduates.) One of our key families, the Messer family, is transitioning to a new life in Texas due to a promotion for Tim. We will be celebrating them as part of our graduation, end-of-year picnic pool party on June 10.

And here in St. Philip's Church Office we find ourselves in a major transition as Office Manager, Dr. Elizabeth Forbes, moves back to Washington State with her husband, The Rev. Blaine Hammond, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ben Lomond, for their retirement. We were very blessed to have Elizabeth for seven years as a consistent, dedicated, well-educated and highly experienced person knowledgeable not only about the liturgy and functioning of the Episcopal Church, but also unique in her training and experience as a clinical psychologist. (Did you know that Elizabeth came to us with a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies, a Master's in Religion, and a Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Psychology with over twenty years of experience as a mental health and addictions counselor?) The unique gifts Elizabeth shared as a psychologist serving to carefully hear the many challenging problems people have who walk through our doors weekly will be sorely missed. We will celebrate Elizabeth in a good-bye luncheon on Wednesday, June 20 at Erik's Deli, Scotts Valley (see more details elsewhere in Pip). You can also help us celebrate both Elizabeth and Blaine at a special music event at St. Andrew's, Ben Lomond, Saturday, June 23, 5:30 PM.

While we are sad to see Elizabeth move on to another season of her life, we are delighted to announce that our Vestry has approved inviting Jane Ellis to serve as our next Office Administrator. Jane has extensive experience already serving as a regular office volunteer each Monday as well as working as bookkeeper and cleaning person for St. Philip's. Jane comes to us with an educational background in Mathematics. She has received extensive education in computer programs related to bookkeeping, a working knowledge of our church computer program for membership and finances, and is very capable of learning any new program she studies! As this next year unfolds our Office Administration Transition Team is going to work closely with Jane to ascertain the most significant supports the church office can make to our various ministries and building obligations with renters and community groups. Jane will continue her volunteer work as bookkeeper and co-leader of the Food Pantry, but will stop her work as church cleaner. Jane is an excellent listener, has a compassionate heart, and will always find a way to help someone as best she can.

Please take some time to either meet up in person or send Elizabeth and Jane a note of appreciation as they make these transitions in their lives and in the life of St. Philip's Church.

Peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY COORDINATOR



Welcome to parishioner, Susan Ortmeyer, into a new role as our Interim Children, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. Beginning this Sunday, June 10, Susan will be overseeing our summer Sunday school program and working as a consultant to St. Philip's as we transition our needs for Children, Youth and Family Ministries. Next week's PIP will give a more complete over-view of how we are moving forward in this ministry as well as an invitation to participate, whether you have children in the program or not! Looking forward to a fun summer for all!

This Week: June 10—16

Today 11:30am, **Potluck Picnic & Pool Party**
Mon., 10am **Second Monday Book Club**, Sanctuary
Tue., Noon, **Space Planning Discussion**
Tue., 6:30 PM, **Garden & Grounds Ministry**
Thu., 5 PM, **Food Pantry**
Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall
FCS Dinner made & served by TBA

Save the Date

June 20, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
June 23, **Rummage Sale**
September 30, **COPA Convention, Salinas**
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, **No Room at the Inn**

Today!! PICNIC POTLUCK
AT HIDDEN GLEN PICNIC & POOL AREA

Today! We will have our special end of school year celebrations in worship service and at our picnic party after church. In addition to celebrating graduates, we will give thanks for the Messer family who is moving to Texas. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be enjoying the festivities with all of us.

After our worship services, come to the Hidden Glen Pool and BBQ area at 214 Spreading Oak Drive, this is in Pastor Mary's neighborhood, where we will have a Potluck and Pool Party from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year we will be having a potluck, NOT a BBQ. Please bring a dish to share. We need food, drinks, and desert. If you have any questions or need any more information, please contact Lori Kintz at clerk@stphilip-sv.net or 828-551-6660. Bring you swimsuit and let's have a PARTY! See you at the POOL!!

Goodbye to the Messers

It is with excitement and sadness that we are saying farewell to our St. Philip's and Scotts Valley community. At the end of June we are heading out for a new adventure. Our family will be moving our home to Abilene, Texas. We are excited for Tim to be jumping into a new role with Starbucks. We are even more excited to be close to Tim's family.



Tim's grandparents are both anxiously waiting having their first born grandson and his family close by. We have found a beautiful home on 10 acres and are very happy to extend open arms to any visitors who may want to come experience some West Central Texas hospitality - we will have plenty of room and a pool to help keep cool in the heat!

We want to thank this entire community for the loving arms that were opened up to us 7 years ago when we found our way to St. Philip's. We have enjoyed so many wonderful memories and look forward to finding ways we can contribute to our new church family in Abilene. Please keep in touch with us! We can be reached at [6182 Peppergrass Lane, Abilene, Texas, 79606](tel:6182-Peppergrass Lane, Abilene, Texas, 79606). Since we will still have family in this area...we look forward to return visits in the future!

With Love and Many Thanks,
Courtney, Tim, Rylee, and William

SPACE PLANNING DISCUSSION

As we are moving through our repair project, it is time to discuss space planning. If you are available to give time to joining with other ministry leaders in this group discussion, please join us on Tuesday, June 12th at Noon in the Sanctuary.

Many stakeholders have given input into needs and ideas for their ministry areas and we will be reviewing all of this input.

If you have any other input into the process, you can complete this form with your information here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/QYTMW7RCmkgmX3mB2>

Contact Lori Kintz at clerk@stphilip-sv.net or Clive Ellis at juniorwarden@stphilip-sv.net with any questions or concerns.

GARDEN AND GROUNDS MINISTRY GROUP

We are having a **Garden and Grounds Ministry Group** meeting on **Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m.** We would like to have a discussion to pray and talk about this joyful ministry, prioritize what needs to be done, and get some dates and times on the church calendar so that we can invite our parish to help with the work.

We will discuss ideas and plans for moving forward with repair work resolving the drainage issue on the bed in front of the Sanctuary as it meets with the stucco on the atrium wall. There are also drainage issues around the back of the building. There is great interest in having a vegetable garden. One of the clearest voices we have heard from our Strategic Planning discussions is our children dreaming about a place to play outside. Soon we will have new working doors in the Parish Hall and how lovely it would be to throw them open on a nice day and have Coffee Hour outside in our beautiful garden!

Some parishioners have expressed a wish to work with a team or group as an opportunity for ministry and fellowship, as opposed to only working alone. We have had offers of

plants and repair work for fences, and we periodically have Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups who wish to provide service hours. The Discovery Learning Center has also expressed some interest in helping to work on the outside space, as this would be a huge blessing to their families and kids as well, so there is a place to play that is not the parking lot.

If there are other parishioners you think would be interested in this ministry, please invite them along!

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**GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF**

RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 23

-In St. Philip's Parking Lot-
An opportunity to clean out your surplus possessions!
Rent a booth or donate your saleables to St. Philip's. Details to come.

THE DISCOVERY LEARNING CENTER NEEDS HELP

The Discovery Learning Center has been serving the homeschooling community for almost a decade. Since our move from Santa Cruz to Scotts Valley last summer we have struggled to retain our existing membership and also to attract members in our new community. Part of the problem is that we do not have a full board this year so several of our board members are overwhelmed by doing the jobs of more than one person. In order to continue after this summer we urgently need active board members, people to help with marketing and social media, volunteer teachers, special event coordinators, and financial donations.

You can find out more information about the Discover Learning Center on their website here: DLCSantaCruz.org.

Please let the DLC know if you would be interested in helping in any of these areas at info@dlcsantacruz.org

DLC Lending Library Hours

Monday 11:30 - 1:30
Tuesday 11:30 - 1:30
Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00

DLC Summer Membership

Summer lending library: \$30
Summer supporting member: \$50
[Sign-up with PayPal today!](#)

DLC Board Meeting

June 18th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Our board meetings are always open to the public. If you are interested in learning more about our organization or if you might want to become more involved in serving homeschooling families in Santa Cruz County, come to a board meeting!

All are welcome!

REPAIR WORK UPDATE

A large milestone has been met in completing Phase 2 of our repair and construction work. Over the summer, the new Parish Hall doors and the Joiner Library sliding patio door will be replaced. Stucco will be repaired around the new doors. The flat roof section at the rear of the building will be completely replaced. The external stairs and stairwell will be rebuilt. There is still some interior work to complete in the Sanctuary with water remediation in and around the atrium windows and some electrical work. This work will be completed at the end of the summer.

Now comes the fun part! There will be many opportunities for you to help with this repair project. We will be painting (oh, lots of painting!), repairing, sealing and laying floors, moving furniture, hanging curtains and artwork, and generally putting things back together. Look for work days and COME HELP!

COPA CIVIC ACADEMIES ON HOUSING

The COPA (*Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action*) convention will celebrate its 15 years of creating change and improving the quality of life for us all. A special focus will be on the four issue areas: Health Care, Housing, Immigration, and Mental Health/Addiction.

If you are interested in learning more, please attend a planning meeting: see bulletin board for details.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,
Ben Lomond
Cordially invites one and all
to the Retirement Party
for Fr. Blaine Hammond
Sunday, June 24th
11:30ish, after 10 AM service

SV Community Theater Guild's
2nd annual
Night at the Theater
June 16th, 4:30 - 8:30 pm.
Enjoy a Western BBQ dinner,
silent and live auction items,
and dancing.
Tickets at www.svtheaterguild.org

Congratulations to our 2018 graduates! St. Philip's will be celebrating those who are graduating at our church service this Sunday, 10am, followed by a picnic/pool party at Hidden Glen Pool, Scotts Valley

Gillian Allen: Graduated from Humboldt State, double degree, BS in Environmental Studies and a BA in Religious Studies.

Katie Allen: Graduating from Harbor High, cum laude, Valedictorian. Attending UCSC in the Fall.

Christopher Arcarese: Graduated Scotts Valley High School. Attending Cabrillo College in Drama & Theatre.

Pastor Mary Blessing: Graduated from Church Divinity School of Pacific, Certificate in Theological Studies in Congregational Development. (Enhancement of current Master's of Divinity Degree)

Ellis Olivas: Cabrillo College Associate's Degree. Attending UC Riverside in the Fall.

Jeremy Ritchey: Graduating from Kirby High School, attending Seattle University, Nursing Program.

Savannah Thompson: Graduated from Robert Louis Stevenson School. Attending Cal Poly in the Fall.
(Not all grads pictured.)

