

# Pip's Squeak

August 12, 2018

## **This Week: August 12—18**

Sunday: 9am, **Bible Study**, Rm. #2  
Sunday: 7pm **DLC hosts Line Dance for Tweens & Teens** Parish Hall  
Monday: 10am **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Book Group** Sanctuary  
Wednesday 10:30am-12pm **"JESUS: A Pilgrimage" Book Group**  
Thursday: 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Narthex  
Friday: 11am, **Meditation**, Sanctuary  
Saturday: 5 pm, **FCS Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall etc.  
(Aug 18, **FCS Dinner made by Mary Ann Kono**)



## **Save the Date**

Aug 26 **DLC Movie Night for Tweens & Teens**  
Aug 13-14, **ECW Mary Lou Thompson Retreat**  
August 22, 7pm **Vestry Meeting**  
Sep 10 **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Book Group - Truly, Madly, Guilty** by Lianne Moriarty  
September 30, **COPA Convention, Salinas**  
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, **No Room at the Inn**

## **Pastor Mary is back! Aloha!**



*'The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein' (Psalm 24:1-2)*



ALOHA, People of St. Philip's,

Summer is such a terrific time to open one's body, mind and spirit to the beauty of "this fragile earth, our island home", as our Eucharistic Prayer C reminds us. I pray you have been fortunate as we have been to take some intentional time to explore national parks, state parks, beaches, mountains, and forests. But who among us has not been concerned for the forest fires burning throughout the western United States, as well as California, which has been devastated by fire and deaths? I thought our trip to Hawai'i I would be free of grass-fire worry — instead we were exposed to the challenges of road closures and bad air during a 3-day period on the Big Island, which was also suffering from lava eruption and now a tropical storm/Hurricane Hector.

World-wide we are experiencing extreme weather which seems to be increasing in intensity and frequency. There are environmental

scientists who are deeply grieved by our continued unwillingness to do intentional reductions of use of fossil fuels which have contributed mightily to climate change, and may be a root cause of these devastating events. Christians throughout the world are becoming increasingly aware of the need to take a spiritual leadership role to guide our faith communities to do something to make positive change.

Our own diocese is following the lead of Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who has partnered with eight other world religious leaders to ask our various Christian communities to participate in an ecumenical effort to live our Christian life with the intention of caring for our physical environment. We are to do this for our own spiritual transformation as well as the transformation of the world. We are asked to spend late summer and early fall leading up to our celebration of the saint who embodied a spiritual life caring for all God's creatures and creation itself. That saint, of course is Francis, whose day is marked as October 4, and who we honor annually the first weekend of October with our service of Blessing the Animals.

Here is the core message of the letter\* signed by Archbishop Welby and another eight religious leaders inviting all to participate in spiritual as well as physical care for the earth and all creatures:

"As the environmental crisis deepens, we Christians are urgently called to witness to our faith by taking bold action to preserve the gift we share ... During the Season of Creation, we ask ourselves: Do our actions honor the Lord as Creator? Are there ways to deepen our faith by protecting 'the least of these', who are most vulnerable to the consequences of environmental degradation?"

"We invite you to join us on a journey of faith that challenges and rewards us with fresh perspective and deeper bonds of love. United in our sincere wish to protect creation and all those who share it, we join hands across denominations as sisters and brothers in Christ. During this season, we walk together towards greater stewardship of our place in creation."

Archbishop Welby asks that the sermons and activities of September be dedicated to raising our awareness of global stewardship of our planet. Since I will be traveling in Israel Sept. 2-15, I will get a head start on this venture in my August preaching, and look forward to incorporating some perspectives from the Holy Land in my late September talks.

May the grace of God's Holy Creation bring you peace and new life,

Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing

\* <http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2018/06/church-leaders-endorse-season-of-creation-in-rare-ecumenical-joint-letter>

### **Church Office Reminders**

- Hours are now Tuesday-Friday, 12pm-4pm
- Office email address change: [officemanager@stphilip-sv.net](mailto:officemanager@stphilip-sv.net)
- Pastor email address change: [pastormary@stphilip-sv.net](mailto:pastormary@stphilip-sv.net)

### **Richard Morris Fundraising for St. Philip's Food Pantry!**



Many of you will remember Richard, who, along with his lovely family – Sue, Becky & Jack – were part of our community for all too short a time when his job brought him over from England for a couple of years. Now back in England, he has let

his dad persuade him to join him in running a marathon! In time-honored tradition, he is using his participation as an opportunity to raise funds for charity, and, along with one in England, he has chosen St. Philip's Food Pantry as a beneficiary. If you would like to read his story and help him reach his goal, here is the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-morris39>

### **Alert! Tweens and Teens Invited to Learn Line Dancing with the Discovery Learning Center**



Homeschooling mom, Amber Blavin, will be teaching tweens and teens the basic steps and then leading a line dance with some of her helpers at the



Discovery Learning Center tonight from 7pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall.

Cost: \$10 (or get a summer membership for the whole family for reduced rate of \$30). Includes entry to dance, 1x food ticket, unlimited lemonade/water. Additional food tickets available for \$5. Menu: Home-made Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Chips, Lemonade.

Let them know if you plan to come on their Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/224512888250871>

### **Episcopal Climate News green-living tip of the week:**



Turn down the air conditioner! The AC might bring temporary relief from the heat, but the energy it uses also helps create that very same hot weather: More than 100 million tons of CO2 each year -- the equivalent of 21.5 million cars.

A new report says that the number of ACs worldwide could triple by 2050. This would be bad news for the earth and the people who depend on it, doubling the amount of greenhouse-gas emissions from coal and natural-gas plants. The simple fact is, with exceptions for senior citizens and people with certain health issues, most of us don't even need AC. Americans lived without it for centuries, and even today, only 8% of residents in the world's hottest countries have it. Let's care for God's creation by keeping our ACs off whenever possible and never setting the summer thermostat below 73 degrees.

### **A DINNER THEATER FUNDRAISING EVENT SUPPORTING STORAGE PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS PERSONS' BELONGINGS**

Welcome to a night of intrigue and adventure as we set sail on a theatrical and culinary journey. **Dinner Theater Ambience** features the effervescent theatrical presentation, "**Ambience is Everything.**" Piano improvisationalist, **Wireless Lovebird** will keep a deft hand on the wheel as this ship of fools navigates uncharted waters. Dinner will feature a Global Culinary Odyssey created by multiple award-winning chef **Joseph Schultz of India Joze**, with keto, gluten-free and vegan options.

This is a fundraising event in support of **Day & Night Storage Program** for homeless persons' belongings. This program has been highly successful at improving the experience of homelessness in Santa Cruz by providing a clean, safe and dignifying place for people to store personal belongings. See the [Website: Day & Night Storage Program](#) for more details.

**DATE AND TIME:** Fri, September 14, 2018, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** 418 Project Auditorium, 418 Front Street Santa Cruz  
Tickets are \$45 - Use the following link for

**>> TICKETS <<** or cut and paste the following url:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-theater-ambience-tickets-48868004517?aff=eac2>