

Pip's Squeak

January 6, 2019

This Week: January 6—12

Today 9am **Between-Services Bible Study** Room #2
Wednesday 10:30am **Faith Leaders Study** Sanctuary
Thursday 5pm **Food Pantry** Narthex
Friday 11am **Prayer Meditation** Sanctuary
Friday 12pm **Building & Grounds Meeting** Office
Saturday 5 pm **FCS Overnight Guests** Parish Hall etc.
(January 12, **FCS Dinner made the Snell family**)



Save the Date

January 14 2nd **Monday Book Group** - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
January 23 **Vestry Meeting** Sanctuary
January 27 **Annual Meeting** Parish Hall
*** March 31 **Unified Service at 9am** ***

Pastor's Message

"The Harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into this harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38)

Dear people of St. Philip's,
A new calendar year has begun! This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany 'manifestation' of God, who has made himself manifest in the form of baby Jesus, to become God's love to the world. We will celebrate with Kings and gifts and a special baby Jesus 'King's cake'. We relish in the joy of knowing that the love of God through Christ is at the center of all we do in our Christian Community.

We are also called to take this LOVE and reach out beyond ourselves, into the neighborhood. Jesus sent his disciples out to share this good news, knowing there is a fruitful harvest, if only there were laborers willing to take the time to pluck the bounty. Some might be willing, if only they knew how.

Two or three of us are headed to learn more of the 'how' at our Diocesan Leadership Summit this Saturday January 12th from 9 to 3 at St. Paul's, Salinas. We invite you to join us to explore, or to participate in future neighborhood community building as we move forward into the Spring of 2019.

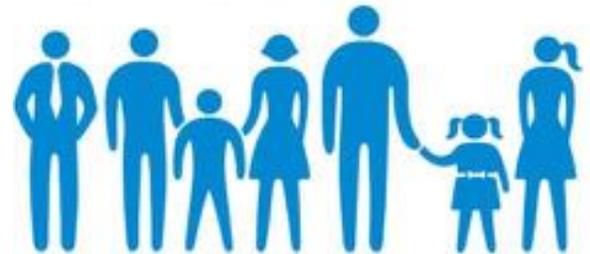
Here is what Canon Jesus Reyes, diocesan organizer for Congregational Development, has said about this Summit:

"We will join with the various leadership teams across the diocese to engage in a day of experiential learning and practical application. This year, we will build on the theme of Relational Courage, and practice what it means to discover and connect to new friends in our ministry contexts. This Summit is oriented around the four-fold cycle of: Noticing, Connecting, Befriending, and Partnering. We will learn what it means to see the gifts already in our neighborhoods, to build relationships with new friends, and to form partnerships beyond our church walls."

I am especially intrigued with the four-fold cycle of: "Noticing, Connecting, Befriending, and Partnering." St Philip's is acutely aware of the various people and groups in Scotts Valley that come to our location for a variety of community purposes and personal growth. But we still haven't learned how to partner with them connecting our message of love to their lives. We also have not learned how to effectively invite our immediate neighbors to engage in the life of St. Philip's. It is my hope that this Summit will instruct and inspire us to fulfill God's Commission to love our neighbors. Won't you join us? It's free, and it includes lunch!

*Peace be with you in Christ,
Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing*

**TOGETHER WE CAN DO
SO MUCH MORE**



Annual Meeting & Potluck
Sunday, January 27th, 11:30am – 1pm

Please plan on a festive potluck meal and our Annual Meeting January 27th following the 10:00 service. Child care will be provided.

We will honor outgoing Vestry members, vote on new members, celebrate our 2018 accomplishments, and seek our vision for 2019. Three Vestry positions open to begin ministry in 2019. If you are interested in running for our Vestry "board", please contact Pastor Mary for details.

More details will follow next week!

ALSO: Annual Reports from Vestry Members and Ministry Team Leaders are due January 21.



We thought about it!



Prayer for a Happy New Year

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one...
Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.
Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.
Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.
Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.
Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where people and His cause need me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help ...
God, make my year a happy one.

—Guideposts magazine (January 1973)

FEED the HUNGRY VOLUNTEER



Dinner for Our Overnight Guests

We are into a new year and would like signups for the next few months. A sheet will be available on the bulletin board and there are also copies of the guidelines for you to take. The Snell family has graciously offered to serve this Saturday, so the next time will be February.

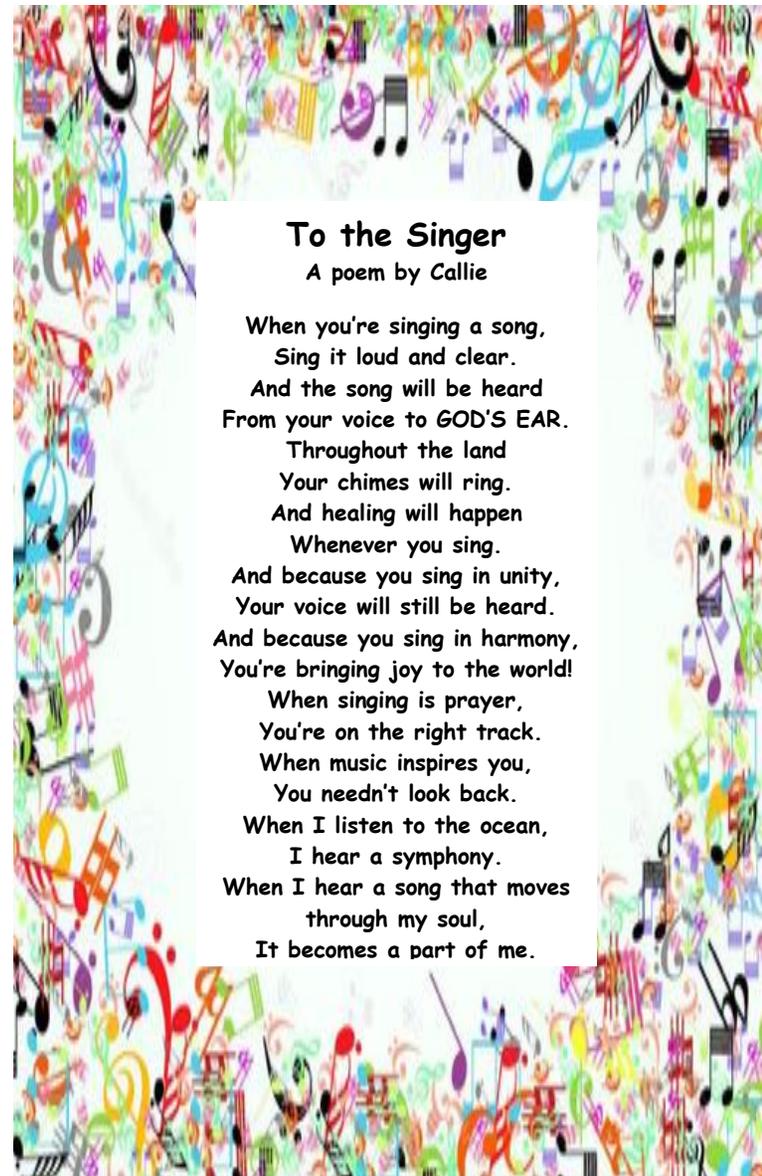
We only have to cover second Saturdays now as Community Covenant Church has agreed to do fifth Saturdays.

There is money available to help defray costs, if needed. If shopping is a problem, there are also frozen dinners available in the Food Pantry freezer.

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer, or contact the church office or our shelter dinner coordinator, Kaye Olivier (see contact information below) to let us know you are volunteering.

Instructions are on the bulletin board next to the sign-up sheet. Thank you so much for participating in this important ministry.

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RETROUVAILLE

HelpOurMarriage.org
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille Weekend

4 Stages of Marriage

The 4 stages of marriage are:

- (1) Romance,
- (2) Disillusionment,
- (3) Misery, and
- (4) Awakening.

Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please try Retrouvaille.

For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 18th call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at HelpOurMarriage.org

Coffee Hour Signup

If you enjoy the snacks and fellowship at coffee hour after the 10am service, please consider signing up to provide the refreshments on the bulletin board or at this link:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AABA629A3F58-coffee1>

Earn Free \$ for St. Philip's



Use this link to support St. Philip's smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0206255

Painting Has Started!



The "alcove" in the area of the narthex outside the office has been painted and looks fresh and clean. Next is the office door, which now looks very dingy in comparison! If you would like to help with the many areas which remain to be painted, please let Jim Blessing or Clive Ellis know.



Contributions to the 'Pip'

I'd really like to see more contributions to the Pip from our members. Some examples:

- An article and/or pictures of church activities
- A description of your ministry and what it means to you
- A description of a ministry you would *like* to see here at St. Philip's
- A joke, comic strip etc. – just make sure it's tasteful and at least somewhat relevant!
- A favorite Bible passage
- A favorite inspirational quote
- A favorite song lyric or poem

Help me to liven up our newsletter! Use your imagination. What would you enjoy reading about? Send submissions to officemanager@stphilip-sv.net and put "Pip" in the subject line.

Thanks, Jane



Will You Be the Hands of Christ in Our Community?

Again this year, the Association of Faith Communities of Santa Cruz County (AFCSC) will assist with an emergency winter shelter project (WSP) for Santa Cruz County.



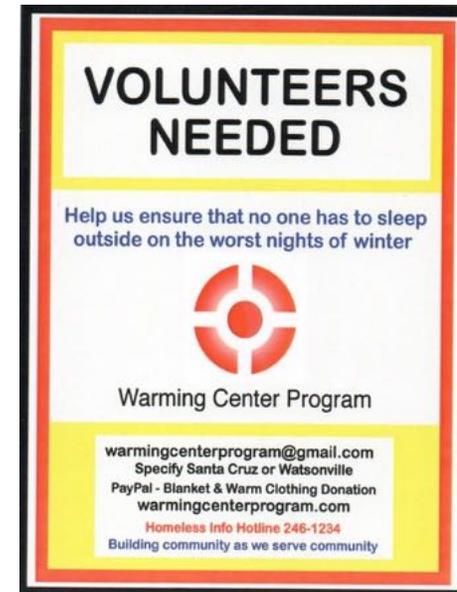
St. Philip's will be serving at the WSP on **April 14th and 15th**, 2019.

We are only serving two nights, as it has been difficult for St. Philip's to have enough volunteers to staff a seven day week.

Lori Kintz is taking the lead both nights and each team needs five more volunteers. Please sign up at www.stphilip-sv.net/Signup. We can bring appetizers or dessert if we want, and we also need to bring four (4) gallons of milk for dinner/breakfast.

See December 9 Pip's Squeak for more details.

If you have any questions, contact Lori Kintz at lori@kintz.net or 828-551-6660.



Affiliated Faith Communities Volunteer opportunities

Usually word of mouth among God's people keeps the AFC moving forward. But we got more opportunities to help the least of us then we can handle. It's such a gift.

January 21st Martin Luther King March - the NAACP has invited the AFC to participate in their march this year by collecting socks, donations and holding up informational signs (e.g. There are 200 homeless children in Santa Cruz or 30% of Santa Cruz homeless have been on the streets for 10 years or more.) and staffing an AFC informational table where folks can donate. The money raised does not go the AFC, but directly to a Mini-Grant fund to pay for bus passes, cost of car registration, fees to get birth certificates, state ID, etc.

Contact Suzanne McLean at peacefulsuz@gmail.com It's a twofer...be part of the March, help out the homeless. But you need to contact Suzanne before the 10th of January. If we can't staff it, we'll need to pull back.

Each Thursday and Friday nights The Shower the People trailer is set up at the Winter Shelter each night between 5:00 and 8pm at the VFW on 7th St. in Live Oak. Volunteers to check people in, and hand out towels would be much appreciated. The look on the faces of those who just got a shower is payment enough.

Contact Jon Showalter at showalterjon@gmail.com

Substitute cooks for Winter Shelter Sometimes, the lead person from churches volunteering at the Winter Shelter can't recruit enough people on a particular night. If you'd like to be part of an on-call list when this happens, it would help out a lot. Contact Lisa Johnson at lisajohnsonsc@yahoo.com

Ramping up expanding the Faith Community Shelter (FCS) and SafeSpaces parking program. When we get funding for these programs we are going have to turn around and rise up a program real fast. What would it cost to lease a vehicle to haul stuff around? Where do you rent Port a Potties, will our contractual agreements protect everybody, how do we set up trash service on a site already getting trash service. and a hundred other things. If you'd like to be part of the planning for these programs:

Contact Debbie Bates debates44@aol.com for FCS and Joel Miller perejoel67@gmail.com for Safespaces.

Visit afcsantacruz.org if these terms are unfamiliar.

We would love for you to join in the fun, 'cause doing God's work is fun.

Association of Faith Communities Founding Principles

We see that every faith, regardless of form, has as a core value helping those who are suffering due to injustice, poverty, homelessness.

We are committed to honor and serve the faith communities of Santa Cruz County in their myriad forms, whether Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Protestant, nondenominational Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, Islamic, or communities of other faiths.

Association of Faith Communities Mission Statement

Our mission as an association of faith communities is to coordinate the efforts of our members in their collective ministries to people who are living in poverty or who are homeless, and to assist our members in enhancing the effectiveness of our individual and collective efforts.



Opportunities to Serve

- Provide a Saturday Shelter Dinner
- Host Coffee hour
- Offer your building-related skills to help the Junior Warden
- Direct the project to reupholster the sanctuary chairs
- Pull weeds
- Clean a window
- Reseat the Handicapped sign outside Pastor Mary's office
- Parish Historian – organize our historical records of Parish Life
- What would you like to see done?



Wish List

- **Food Pantry:** Ziploc bags (any size); Canned corn; Soups (not chicken noodle or tomato!); Rice; butter; cheese; sour cream; salad dressings; cereal, yogurt
- **Office:** Paper storage unit
- **Janitorial:** Toilet Paper; Paper towels; Hand soap refill; Trash bags (10g/13g/33g)
- **Kitchen:** Dish soap; Ziploc bags
- **Altar Guild:** Hannukah candles, tealight candles
- **Your ministry:** What do you need? Let the office know





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2nd Monday Book Club

Every second Monday of the month we have a Book Club meeting in the Sanctuary from 10am to 12pm. Everyone is welcome (and friends), even if you haven't read the book! It is a delightful social time and the discussion ranges all over the place, from what's happening in people's lives, to showing the latest grandkid photographs, to world events and finally to the book! Please join us.

Our upcoming book selections are:

Jan 14: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* – Rebecca Skloot

Feb 11: *The Rent Collector* – Camron Wright

Mar 11: *If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name* – Heather Lende

April 8: *Carrying Albert Home* – Homer Hickam

