

Pip's Squeak

November 8, 2015



You are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. John 15:5



Dear people of St. Philip's,

Fall Season is finally upon us! Santa Cruz Mountains tend to have evergreens but the foliage trees we do have are turning their colors...in a glorious burst of beauty throughout New England, the mid-west and other areas of the world, we see colorful, unique leaves filling the landscape. Here at St. Philip's we also see a burst of new growth of colorful, heart-shaped leaves bursting forth from the branches on the Tree of Life in our Sanctuary! These leaves represent the love and gratitude all of you have for St. Philip's, while also inviting all of us to share our dreams and hopes for our little faith community nestled along the hillside in Scotts Valley.

Most of you have already received a heart-shaped leaf in the mail and have returned it to add to the tree. Some of you may not have received one, and some may want to add more. When you come to church, whether for Sunday services, a book study, club meeting, tutoring, our food pantry, to serve our rotating shelter overnight guests, or just to drop by and say hello, we invite you to add another leaf with your gratuitudes and dreams. There can never be too many leaves on the Tree of Life!

Like the widow in the Gospel of Mark who offers all that she has to God, we are invited to make our pledge of sacrificial giving to the work of God's holy ministry expressed here at St. Philip the Apostle Episcopal Church. Just as one leaf added to the tree combines with all the other leaves to make a colorful array of glorious life, whatever gifts you offer of time, talent and treasure will be added to all the other gifts to create abundant ministry possibilities.

Your Stewardship Team and Vestry will carefully read through the heart-shaped leaves to see what ministries are valued and what future ministries we dream to have. They will combine those ideas with our time, talent, and treasure giving to create a 2016 budget. Please do prayerfully share with us your honest hopes, and declare your interest in helping to bring it to fruition.

You ARE the branches of Christ's ministry and love in the world! We invite you to make a promise to remain in faithful abiding love in Him as we listen and plan for God's purposes in our collective lives.

Faithfully, Pastor Mary and your Stewardship Team

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This Week: Nov. 8 - 14

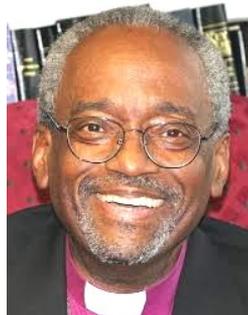
Mon., 10, **2nd Monday Book Club**, Sanctuary
Thu., 3:30, **Children's Music**, Santa Cruz
Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer
Fri., 10:30 am. **Meditation**, Sanctuary
Sat., 12 noon, **Altar Guild Luncheon**, Snctry
Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall

Thanks and More Thanks

To Roy Spadaccini for hauling away couches, a table, and a sink. *Resourceful Roy* found new homes for all items, which is a much better end than taking them to the Transfer Station.

Newly Elected Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

encourages Episcopalians to claim our place in The Jesus Movement! Part of his call is to get us up and out of our building & into the streets, parks, neighborhoods where we live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you'd like to hear directly from Bishop Michael, please check out this YouTube video on our national church website. You can also hear his fantastic sermon at his installation as 27th Presiding Bishop. <https://www.facebook.com/episcopalian/>



Acolytes & Adult Servers Training

Ages 8 and up

Sun., Nov. 15, 9-9:45 or 11:15-12:30

or at other times by appointment

**Don't miss this chance
to join the team!**



Sun., Nov 8: Tweeners at 10am
High Schoolers 11:15 to 1:30

Sun., Nov. 15: High Schoolers +
Tweeners, 10:00 AM,
with Vicky Granger-Jones

Sun., Nov 22: Tweeners at 10am,
and 11:30-1:30

***For the Dec. schedule
Watch this space!***

Save the date:

Feb. 5-7: Winter retreat

Dec. 9: Lessons & Carols,
7pm, St. Philip's hosts

Dec. 13: Children's Pageant.
4pm

Dec. 19: Pacific Voices
Concert, 7:30 pm

Dec. 20: Pacific Voices
Concert, 3:00 pm
See Jane Ellis or Susan Seaburg