

Pip's Squeak

November 15, 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,

Thanksgiving is coming soon! Your generous offerings and "leaves" of gratitude and wishes are filling St. Philip's Tree of Life with hope... we give tremendous thanks to God for Christ's love shared in this place. Below you will see the lists of things for which people are grateful here, and things they also wish for us in the future. Please read them through prayerfully, and consider what you might add to help our leadership in listening and planning for ministry in 2016.

Your Stewardship Team

I am grateful for:

Communion and focus on Children; My church family and my personal family and friends; The comfort and friendliness St. Philip's provides my mom; The comfort of knowing St. Philips is always here, offering spiritual knowledge and contemplation; The Wonderful community of friends, the shared sense of unity in God; Being made so welcome & included in the life of the church; Having a job where people are supportive and kind; The loving, prayerful community of people; Coffee hour; Warm fellowship; Christ's loving presence; spiritual cooperation; Our fantastic pastor; Fellowship and love in this place; Community; Friends and family; I like it how it is; People come to the church to pray to the Lord; Life, family, friends; Wearing our Halloween Costumes to church; Lunch and Garden Tour; Welcoming spirit to all; Altar Guild. Vestry; Homeless project. Food Pantry; Music; Sunday school children & teachers; Pastor Mary; Church members; Prayer Groups; Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

I wish we could also:

Build a Sanctuary; Have closer relations with each other; More outreach for elderly shut-ins; Have audio visual equipment for worship; Have more time for quiet meditation; Work more in TEAMS of ministry; Share popcorn at coffee hour sometimes; Sing a-longs; Women's retreat; Talk about the direction our parish should take toward compassionate service; Community outreach opportunities for families and teens; Have more teens; Run around like a Race Track in Church; Have music at the 8:00 sometimes; Have more leaders, programs and activities for all ages; Have an assistant priest to help Mary; Increase budget to cover needed building repairs.



This Week: Nov. 15 - 21

Thu., 3:30, **Children's Music**, Santa Cruz
Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer
Fri., 10:30 am. **Meditation**, Sanctuary
Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall

**Coffee Hour
Sign-ups Needed:**

**Sign up on the foyer
bulletin board.**

Vandal Hits St. Philip's

Has anyone put money in the black lock box outside Pastor Mary's door?
On Nov. 3rd or 4th, it was broken into. If you put something in there, let
us know so we can be sure it's accounted for.



Acolytes & Adult Servers Training

Ages 8 and up

TODAY: 9-9:45 or 11:15-12:30
or at other times by appointment

Don't miss this chance



TODAY: High Schoolers + Tweeners,
10:00 AM, with Vicky Granger-Jones

Valerie Lyttle needed to resign her
role as Youth Coordinator for per-
sonal reasons. We send prayers of
well-being to her.

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

2016 Pledge Report:

**30 pledge cards received.
Hurray & Thanks!**

**General Fund Pledges:
\$93,020**

Dedicated pledge to

- ⇒ **Children, Youth,
Family: \$300**
- ⇒ **Music Ministry:
\$1100**





Jesus said that when we do something for someone

in need, we are doing it to him.

Let's do it!

Which of these is calling you?

Thanksgiving Goodies Distribution: Tues., Nov. 24, at 5 PM.

Our tradition of contributing homemade or special-treat goodies to the Food Pantry boxes for distribution the week of Thanksgiving has been a rousing success: let's do it again!

Our pantry supplies fresh and nonperishable foods, plus to this holiday basket we add a fresh chicken per family.

You can supply something homemade:

- ⇒ **cranberry relish ~ rolls ~ pie, cake, cookies or any sweet treats ~ sparkling cider or juice ~ financial contributions, if you prefer, to cover our costs ~ or whatever special items you like for Thanksgiving Dinner**

Just bring your gifts to the parish kitchen before this year's distribution date of Nov. 24th.

PS: if you would like to volunteer to Sally and Jane with the distribution on November 24, 5-6 PM, that would also be a wonderful way to show your thankfulness and compassion!

Thanksgiving Feast For All

Veterans Hall, Santa Cruz, Thur., Nov. 26

If you have a little time while you and your family wait for the bird to roast, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless and needy of Santa Cruz is a great place to show your gratefulness and enjoy serving others for a couple of hours. Volunteers can just show up:

- ⇒ **Decorate and Set Up** from 9am to 11am
⇒ **Prep cooks** - cutting veggies from 9am to 12pm (India Joze Restaurant)
⇒ **Bread and Dessert Prep** from 10am to 11:30am
⇒ **Afternoon Dinner Servers** from 11am to 1:30
⇒ **2nd Dinner Server shift** from 1pm to 3:30pm
⇒ **Clean Up Crew** from 3pm to 4pm
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Baby, it's Cold Outside!



Brrr! Winter is here, and if you are getting out your nice warm socks, imagine how the homeless of our community would love to do the same. So **in December**, we'll have a duly marked box in the



vestibule, where you can contribute some new socks for them. We will get these to the proper distribution centers before Christmas; and the feet of our less well supplied neighbors will thank you!

Fundraising Dinner for the Santa Cruz Faith Community Shelter

December 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

On the menu: Turkey Tetrazzini
Italian Pork in Sundried Tomato/Sage Sauce
Spaghetti Sauce
Vegetarian Marinara Sauce
Fancy Salad Bar

\$15.00

Dinner at the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge
2470 El Rancho Drive, Santa Cruz

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