

# Pip's Squeak

November 29, 2015

## **This Week: Nov. 29 - Dec. 4**

Wed., **Theology Book Group**, Sanctuary

Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer

Fri., 10:30 am. **Meditation**, Sanctuary

Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall

Now it's **St. Philip's Food Pantry's** turn to offer **thanks**. There was such a generous response to our request

## **Advent Theology Book Group Invitation**

**Wednesday mornings, 10:30 AM - Noon**

During three Wednesdays in December, our group will be discussing "The Good Book" -- i.e., the liturgy readings for the Sundays of Advent (we're in Year C this time). On Wednesday, December 2nd, we will discuss the scripture readings for Sunday, December 6th -- and so on, for the following two weeks in December. Come join us, on Dec. 2-9-16, and each time we'll look at the readings for the coming Sunday and have a lively discussion. (We'll be hunting for a good next book to study starting in 2016; suggestions welcomed.)

for special food to include in the Thanksgiving food baskets: sparkling cider, baked goods, other meal essentials. Our recipients were as *amazed and grateful* as the Food Pantry team and we saw many smiles and heard such heartfelt appreciation. Many, many thanks for your gracious giving.

**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

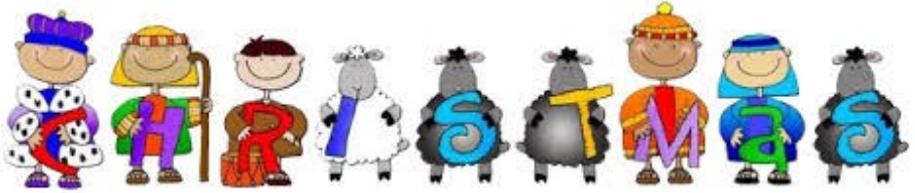
Dec. 20: Pacific Voices  
Concert, 3:00 pm

See Jane Ellis or Susan Seaburg



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**The Christmas Pageant is Sun, Dec 13th  
Treats in the Parish Hall following  
5:00-6:15 pm**

So let's get ready! **Rehearsals** for speaking roles will take place during Sunday School time On Dec 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Stage Set up** will be straight after church 11:30 am, during which time the cast will have lunch.

**Dress rehearsal** will be 12:30 - 1:30p.m

All children should arrive no earlier than 4:30pm and no later than 4:50 pm on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to hear from you as soon as possible if your child will be available and their preference for a speaking or non-speaking role. There are one or two larger, older narrator parts (reading from script) and lots of one or two line parts. I want the children to enjoy their level of participation and feel comfortable and involved, so let me know how they feel about costuming, roles etc.

They **ALL** have something to contribute to the magic and the fun of the evening and I am more concerned that they have a positive experience than that we put on a polished production.

**For older youth I am really looking for helpers with costuming, staging, so please let me know!**

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## A Word to the Church

*from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*

God came among us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth to show us the Way. He came to show us the Way to life, the Way to love. He came to show us the Way beyond what often can be the nightmares of our own devisings and into the dream of God's intending. That's why, when Jesus called his first followers he did it with the simple words, "Follow me." "Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fish for people."

Follow me and love will show you how to become more than you ever dreamed you could be. Follow me and I will help you change the world from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends. Jesus came and started a movement and we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

Near the end of Matthew's Gospel story of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, Mary Magdalene and some of the women go to the tomb to anoint his body. When they get there they find that the tomb is empty, the stone has been rolled away and there is no body there. Then they see and hear an angel who says to them, "This Jesus of Nazareth whom you seek, he is not here, he has been raised as he said he would be and he has now gone ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him. It is in Galilee that the Risen Lord will be found and seen for he has gone ahead of us." *continued next page*

Come

*Follow me*

Galilee.

Which is a way of talking about the world.

Galilee.

In the streets of the city.

Galilee.

In our rural communities.

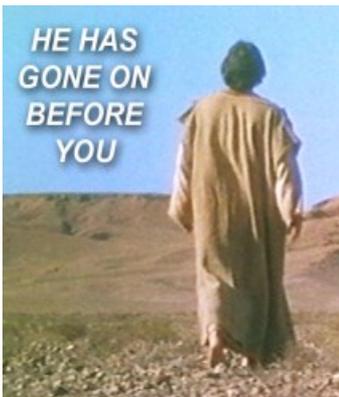
Galilee in our hospitals.

Galilee in our office places.

Galilee where God's children live and dwell there.

In Galilee you will meet the living Christ for He has already gone ahead of you. A few years ago I was in a coffee shop in Raleigh, North Carolina, just a few blocks away from our Diocesan House there. While in line I started a conversation with a gentleman who turned out to be a Mennonite pastor. He had been sent to Raleigh to organize a church in the community on the streets without walls. As we were talking over our coffee, he said something to me that I have not forgotten. He said the Mennonite community asked him to do this because they believed that in this environment in which we live, the church can no longer wait for its congregation to come to it, the church must go where the congregation is.

Now is our time to go. To go into the world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. To go into the world and help to be agents and instruments of God's reconciliation. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free.



This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world.

God bless you, and keep the faith.

*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*