

Pip's Squeak

March 15, 2015

Join THE MISSION

Last week I attended a meeting of the Santa Cruz Association of Faith Communities, as a representative of our parish Compassion Ministry – to learn more about their Rotating Shelter program, in which we have begun participating during this Lenten season. As we introduced ourselves, I said why I was there: and St. Philip's received a nice little round of applause! So they were all aware that we've begun this program up here. Calvary Episcopal's Pastor, Joel Miller, later thanked St. Philip's specifically – and he spoke of what a great need there is in our county for this service. (As a reminder of what churches can do to increase their attendance, Pastor Joel concluded his report with this pungent suggestion: Don't invite people to come to your church – "and help pay the electric bill" – rather, invite them to come join your mission! I think that's an idea worth considering.)

Local Rabbi Philip Posner, the main speaker at the meeting, had us all repeat a Jewish saying in Hebrew, and then translated: "You are not required to eradicate every injustice; but you ARE required to try."

I think that says it all; and I am very happy that the Shelter program is being tried here at St. Philip's. Reports from some of our guests as well as our pastor and some observers indicate that the past two Saturday nights' experience has been extremely positive all around; and if it continues to go well, I hope we will really get behind this as a parish and extend this much-needed hospitality on a regular basis.

All of us can participate in this program in some way: we welcome contributions of food for the evening meal (and will soon post a sign-up sheet for you); financial donations would help us to support our efforts to feed and house our guests for a Saturday night; and everyone can pray that those in need of shelter will find a little comfort here within our walls, and may be able to move on and find their way out of homelessness. I hope we will continue to open our doors and our hearts to our brothers and sisters in their need; with your cooperation, we will!

... Fran Soulé, Vestry Compassion Ministry Liaison

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This Week: March 15-21

Today, noon, **Vestry**, Sanctuary
Today, 3 pm, **Harp Concert**, Church Foyer
Mon., 7 pm, **Living With God**, Blue Room
Wed., 10:30, **Theology Book Group**, Sanctuary
Wed., 6 pm, **Soup Supper**, Sanctuary
Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer
Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary
Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall

Lenten Soup Suppers
Fellowship, prayer
and Bible—All ages
Wednesdays, 6-8pm

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Adult Bible Study
Sundays, Feb. 22- Mar. 22,
9am, **Episcopal 101:**
Introduction to Episcopal

Today! 3-5 PM St. Patrick Duet Concert
Jesse Autumn & Shelley Phillips St. Philip's Foyer/West Gallery

Youth 8th-12th Grade

Mar. 1-Mar. 22, & Apr. 12
4pm-5:30pm (May dates TBA.)
"Going Deeper in Faith & Christian
Service"

Seelbach Show on Now!

Donna Seelbach's Photographs
Aptos Library
7695 Soquel Ave. Aptos
Mar. 1-31
M-Th 11-7 & Fr-Sa 11-5

Episcopal Marriage Encounter

April 17-19, 20,
Hilton Garden Inn, Mountain View
Marriage Encounter is 44 hours
where married couples can get away
from jobs, kids, chores, and phones –
and focus only on each other. Please
contact: Curt & Arlene McClelland,
408-371-5581, curt@sbcglobal.net or go
to: www.episcopalme.com

A GIFT FOR YOU AND THOSE WHO LOVE YOU!

How To Complete an Advance
Healthcare Directive

Who needs one
What they do
How to fill one out
When to revise them

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2015

Times: 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.



Visit the information table for the documents and advice you need to cross this important item off your to-do list! Table hosted by Hospice of Santa Cruz County. All are welcome. Bring questions!