

Pip's Squeak

May 31, 2015

Works of the Holy Spirit Continue!

From Pentecost & Baptism to Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation

Today, Trinity Sunday, we learn about the Holy Spirit as one of the 3 aspects of God's amazing Triune nature—One God in Three Persons, we say... Elusive as that might be, it has been the tradition of the church from very early on (1st C. in the Eastern Orthodox Church) to consider God to consist of 3 distinct aspects that are in deep relationship to one another: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The early Greek Church didn't know quite what to call the dynamic RELATIONSHIP of these three, so St. Gregory of Nyssa (3rd/4th C.) came up a word to describe the Holy Trinity as PERICHORESIS: Father, Son & Holy Spirit in relationship to one another as a kind of 'dance movement' (literally 'peri' =around & choresis='to make room, or go forward, rotation'). There is a mutual 'movement equally shared' among the Holy Three, described in the Gospel of John 16 &17 about the Holy Spirit will glorify the Son, Jesus, and the Son will glorify the Father and the Father will glorify the Son and the Spirit. ...around and around it goes in a 'divine dance' moving and interacting with the world at large...

As part of the "divine dance" of God's Holy Spirit presence in our lives we will have a special Sunday, June 7, when Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves comes to both the 8:00 and 10:00. At the 9:00 Coffee Hour we will have a simple potluck breakfast for all to greet Bishop Mary, the Confirmation Candidates will meet privately with her at 9:30. During the 10:00 service 7 teenagers and one adult will be making their "adult faith commitment" sacramentally enacted through the saying of prayers and the laying on of hands of the bishop. Three other adults from St. Philip's and one from St. Thomas, Sunnyvale will be Received into the Episcopal Church through prayers with Bishop Mary. In the early church, the process of Baptism and Confirmation were one ceremonial event, chosen by an adult who went through extensive training. Now, because so many are baptized as a baby or young child, where parents and godparents speak on our behalf, we invite people to take a course to go deeper in their spiritual walk, then choose to participate in the ceremonial act of Confirmation. This is a joyous occasion for all involved, the Confirmation candidates, those being Received, their families and our church family at large. We hope you will be here to add your love and support.

In Christ, *Pastor Mary*

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This Week: May 31 - June 6

Wed., 10:30, **Theology Book Group**, Sct

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

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

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

On June 7th, **Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves will be here** for 8:00 am and 10 a.m. services. At 9:00 a.m. there is a potluck breakfast for all, including the confirmation families, then you may meet with Bp. Mary. We will have a short reception with cake following the 10:00 a.m. service. **Please come and celebrate with us.**

Church Bookkeeper/Accountant ~ St. John's, Aptos

St. John's is seeking a part-time Bookkeeper/Accountant, averaging 12-15 hours a week; hours very flexible depending on workload and applicant's needs. The position will work closely with the Rector and Treasurer, assisting in managing an annual budget of \$300,000. Must have a solid background in accounting and will handle cash and fundraising receipting, disbursements, payroll and related reports, bank & other reconciliations and all other normal full-charge bookkeeper duties for a non-profit. The person will also be responsible for analysis and preparation of monthly and annual financial statements, annual reports, and budget reports to various Interest groups, a resale (retail) shop, the Vestry and Treasurer.

Save the Date

June 13: Faith Community Shelters Fund Raiser, 5-9 pm

June 20: All Church Rummage Sale. Save your stuff!

⇒ **Faith Community Shelters**

Is in need of personal care items. Please see the list on the plastic tub in the foyer. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Help Wanted: Nursery Care provider. 9:45-11:45 Sunday mornings. Contact Pastor Mary if interested, pasor.stphilips.sv@gmail.com or 831.438.4360.

Food Challenge: Let's fill 2 grocery sacks/week:

1 for VCUM & 1 for our Food Pantry

Every time you shop, pick up non-perishable foods & bring them to church throughout the summer. Or you might want to bring a single, large donation one week.