

# Pip's Squeak

September 18, 2016

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, **thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.** And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:3-4)*

Dear people of St. Philip's,

THANK YOU ALL so very much for the festive celebration of our 10 years of ministry together! Each and every one of you is a fabulous, faithful child of God, whose good work in partnership with one another is destined for completion in Jesus Christ, as St. Paul said of the "Philippians". (Isn't that what we are as members of St. Philip's, "Philippians", even if we aren't living in Philippi?! Smile...) Truly, it was such a joy to pause to give thanks for our ministry together—bless you!

Every aspect of the day was filled with the light of Christ pouring through all of you—special music not just at 10:00 but also at the 8:00 service, thanks to Shelley Phillips; the Altar Guild's presentation of the Outdoor Altar created by Donna Seelbach and Don Roth; the lovely flowers and reception set up by Barbara Lyon, Julie O'Brien, and Alejandra Saldaña; the Kid's Choir introducing us with a special song (and dance!) of Peace; Pastor Lucretia Mann's fun "Shalom/Peace" dance; plus Pastor Lucretia and Bill Dolby's witnessing as part of the homily; Senior Warden Lori Kintz's invitation to give a special Clergy Discretionary Account gift in honor of these 10 years together\*; Susan Ortemeyer and Jon Neff leading the children in a special poster-making project /flower offering for to honor long-time Sunday School Coordinator, Julie O'Brien as well as me; Vicky Granger-Jones leading the youth in creating a "10 Best Things" list in honor of my ministry; Steve Allen's remarkably detailed slide show of the past 10 years of ministry together accompanied by the fabulous printed booklet of some of the highlights which Vicky helped produce; the added cards of appreciation organized by Lori and created by you which touched my heart deeply; the abundant food offerings for our pot-luck (there were 12 baskets left over!); and the hard work of cleaning up afterwards led by Jane Ellis, Lori, Alejandra and Andy... There were certainly many others of you who probably did things "behind the scenes" that I may never know about, so please accept this as my deep appreciation for you, too! This was truly a remarkable day, blessed with the love and appreciation we all share for God and each other in Christ.

Bless you, all! In Christ's abundant love, *Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing*

\*Special thanks to EVERYONE for your tremendous generosity in giving to the Clergy Discretionary Fund to help pay for things people who are suffering economically need such as: short-term rent; emergency shelter; Pacific Gas and Electric bills; food vouchers, gas vouchers, and emergency medical/dental payments. As of this writing the amount donated in appreciation for our 10 years of ministry is more than \$1,700., and some funds continue to pour in. (One family was especially generous with a \$1,000 offering.)

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**This Week: Sep 18 - 24**

Wed., 11 am, **Theology Book Group**  
Thu., 5 pm, **Food Pantry**, Foyer  
Fri., 10:30, **Meditation**, Sanctuary  
Fri., **Youth Big Sur Campout**  
Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, PH

**SAVE THE DATE**

Sep 28 **Vestry**  
Oct 2 **Blessing of the Animals**  
Oct 8 **\*Youth Feed Shelter Guests\***  
Nov 4-5 **Diocesan Convention**  
Nov 6 **Fran Soulé Memorial Service**  
Feb 3-5, '17 **Winter Retreat**, Lake Tahoe

**Youth Ministry Wants You!**

- 1: Can you rotate Sundays with our fabulous 6-12th graders? Charise will help plan discussions, but needs to have a Sunday or two free. Or do you have ideas for youth activities? Contact Charise directly at [ocharise@gmail.com](mailto:ocharise@gmail.com).
- 2: Sept 23-25: Diocesan Camp Out needs adults! Contact Charise.



**Altar Flower Sign Up:**

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entry hall.  
Honor who is special in your life!

**Coffee Hour at St. Philip's: Sign up to be a host!**

Celebrate What is Special: a birthday, anniversary, memorial  
The goal of coffee hour is to embody the welcome Jesus gives us to his realm. Sign up at <http://www.stphilip-sv.net/coffeehour>.



***Cartons & Cash!***

Once again, the food pantry seeks your egg cartons. **Cash donations** are welcome also. The produce we get from Second Harvest is free, but eggs and other protein sources, as well as shelf-stable foods have to be purchased. We can buy them from Second Harvest at lower prices than even Costco so cash gifts go a long way. And we love to come in on Thursday mornings and find the bags and boxes of food you leave for us!  
Our hungry neighbors thank you!



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## NURSERY CARE PROVIDER: Hello, Families and All

We are pleased to announce that we have hired long-time member Rachel Clift as our Nursery Care Provider. She has substituted for us numerous times, and served as our summer care-giver almost every Sunday...and now she will be with us each week as the regular sitter. We are delighted to have someone with Rachel's experience and dedication.

Be sure to give her a big hello when you see her, even if you don't have nursery age kids, because she is giving the gift of time and security to allow our parents to worship and engage fully in the community, while loving these children as Christ loves them.



### ***"Make Your Wishes Known"***

*A free seminar on Advance Directives, given  
by Shirley Sapena,  
of Hospice of Santa Cruz County*

**October 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12 noon - 1pm  
St. Philip's Episcopal Church**

Free follow-up 1-1 consultation to  
complete your Advanced Directive on **Oct.  
25<sup>th</sup>, 10 to 12 noon at St. Philip's**

## **Theology Book Group**

Wed., September 21: 11:00 - 12:30  
in the sanctuary

Book: Mudhouse Sabbath  
by Lauren Winner  
**Please join us!**



**Book Group**

## NOTICE:

St. Philip's will not be hosting the Harvest Fair this year. Please consider attending the Scotts Valley Senior Center's Holiday Craft Faire on November 5th.

We are planning a **new holiday Christmas event** which we hope will become a fun and new tradition!

"No Room at the Inn",

a display of nativity scenes (crèches), will be here at St. Philip's on December 2nd & 3rd, with proceeds benefitting homeless ministries.

Please look for future articles, and meanwhile, **save the dates!**

**No Room at the Inn: December 2 & 3**



**Hospice Support: see bulletin board re: attending the Hospice Support meetings.**