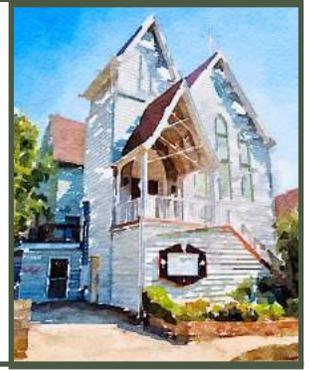


The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

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Dear friends in Christ,

Christmas can easily become anything but the most wonderful time of the year! It can be the season for too much shopping, fighting with family, going to numerous Christmas programs and parties, gaining weight, working long hours, and pretty soon we can be so exhausted we miss the joy and peace and new life that God offers as gift to each of us. Max Lucado has a short book called *God Came Near*. I highly recommend it to help keep focused on what is essential at this time. An excerpt reads:

“God came near.

He came not as a flash of light or as an unapproachable conqueror, but as One whose first cries were heard by a peasant girl and a sleepy carpenter. The hands that held him were not manicured, but callused and dirty.

No silk. No ivory. No hype. No party. No hoopla. God had come near ... for you.

Travel back in time and relive Christ the Son of God becoming man. Come with Max as he brings to life the most important event in history ... when God came near. And as you catch a vision of this incredible moment, let it mark the beginning of a new life for yourself. God came near. If he is who he says he is, there is no truth more worthy of your time.”

Treasure the days ahead and prepare the way for the Lord to come again into your heart. Don't forget to pick up the Advent Devotionals in the Narthex and Parish Hall.

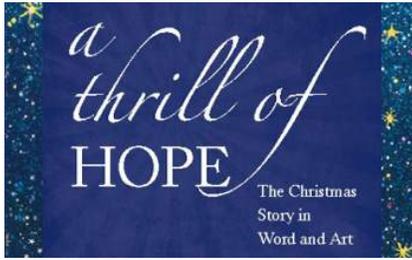
Blessings,

Rev Deb

Come Make A Joyful Noise!!

Pastoral Partners are again inviting you to join them for a delicious ham dinner on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. After dinner we will join together for a sing-along of some Advent and Christmas carols with a few just plain fun songs thrown in. This event, our gift to you, is open to everyone so bring a friend or neighbor for some tasty food and good fellowship. Watch for invitations in the Parish Hall to share with your friends and family. Any questions can be directed to Tom or Lee Weikert, 530-644-0382 or eklktcwe@earthlink.net.

Forum: A thrill of HOPE



Advent Forum: Nov 27, Dec 4 & Dec 11

"A Thrill of Hope" is an Advent study in words and art produced by Candler Theological Seminary. The 50 minute DVD combines well-known stories of the season with the art work of John August Swanson. It presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the gospels of Luke and Matthew.

Each passage of scripture is illustrated by and interpreted in the detailed and colorful artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by members of Candler Theological Seminary's faculty (part of Emory University in Atlanta).

Our Advent Forum sessions on Nov 27, Dec 4 and Dec 11 will use the material from A Thrill of Hope. The 3 sessions are divided based on a single work of Swanson:

- Annunciation to Mary -Luke 1:26-38
- The Nativity -Luke 2:1-7
- The Shepherds - Luke 2:8-20
- The Epiphany -Matthew 2:1-12
- The Presentation in the Temple -Luke 2:21-40
- Flight into Egypt Matthew 2:13-15

Here is an overview of the 6 images. You can find more info at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYxvEQH6HAo>



December Parish Pantry



Shop every Sunday before Christmas!

Set up help needed on December 3, 8:30 a.m. Please bring your craft and food items before 10:00. We look forward to you donations of crochet and knit items, jams, jellies, preserves, shortbread, fudge, note cards, soaps, and other hand crafted items.

Bring a friend, plan to stay for coffee, cookies, conversation and shopping. The Pantry will be open until 2:00 PM. Each Sunday in December the Pantry will have items available for purchase. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board in the parish hall.

Advent Retreat

We have been invited to join our brothers and sisters at Faith Episcopal for their Advent Retreat. Please be sure to register ahead of time if you would like to attend.

ADVENT RETREAT "The Freedom of Simplicity"

JOIN US FOR FAITH EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S ANNUAL
ADVENT RETREAT DAY

Saturday, December 10
8:45 am - 12:30 pm

2200 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE • CAMERON PARK, CA

Dress Comfortably + Invite Your Friends + Free Event

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

OR REGISTER WITH CASS: cass@casssales.com // 916.799.3525

Poinsettia Memorial



Christmas Poinsettias will be available in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving. A \$10.00 donation is requested per plant. Please make your check payable to The Altar Guild and give it to an Altar Guild member along with your wishes as to why you are giving the Poinsettia. Please have all donations in by December 14th so requests can be printed in the Christmas bulletin and poinsettias can be purchased.

Thank you, The Altar Guild

Celebrate Christmas at Our Saviour



Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Christmas Eve at 4 pm.

Christmas Day at 9:30 am.

Parents Night Out and C.S. Lewis Film Series

Starting December 9, Church of Our Saviour will be hosting a monthly films series for foster children. Parents are welcome to stay with the children or take time off from their parenting duties for a well deserved break. The program will start with the Chronicles of Narnia, the popular children's series for which C.S. Lewis may be best known. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will kick off the series followed by Prince Caspian and The Voyage of the Dawn Trader in subsequent months. There will also be a brief talk about the Life and Writings of C.S. Lewis, suitable for adults and children before the films. Pizza and popcorn will be served, and all members of the parish are welcome to attend with or without children. For more information or to volunteer contact Revdebra.oursaviour@gmail.com or Leta Parks at 713-822-5615 or parksleta@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study



Our Women's Bible Study continues to meet at 11:00 each Wednesday in the library in Peirce Hall. For more information call LeAnn at 644-4789

Veterans Update

Death: 1. Even when you save a life, it is only for the moment. JAG was a profoundly good human being. Ultimately, he could not reconcile his own personal ethics with what he did to civilians in Iraq. Sure, he followed orders, but where were the weapons of mass destruction? Trauma, cognitive dissonance. PTS(D). Anger. Ultimately, suicide.

2. A life saver. VAR was a major asset. He was there when I needed him on Saturday mornings at Green Valley Community Church. He was there when I needed him for a lost, and about to be homeless, Veteran. He was there to try to salvage the unsalvageable, a family with numerous children, and a built in, but homeless nanny, headed by a one hundred per cent service connected, disabled Veteran. Who loved gambling. And was about to abandon them. Again. VAR died last week of a sudden heart attack. He was a Godsend.

There have been other deaths. Tough times.

Mather: Driving the three Veterans to Mather was actually fun. They had a good sense of humor. They gave me a thank you card. That was a first.

Mather efficiently and compassionately helped them through numerous physicals, labs, prescriptions and counseling sessions. Chest x-rays on the spot for TB clearance. Good access to specialists. Audiology. Optometry. Medical Records. New ID cards.

It's not just about health. It's building a case for service connected benefits. It's completing the documentation needed for admission to State Veterans homes.

It can also be old home week. Saw several El Dorado County Veterans. Especially, from Veterans Court. One graduate is doing great, and keeping up his sessions. Another was handling his recent transition to a T-house pretty well.

MOJ, not so good. Cold turkey. Withdrawal, not fun. Waiting for detox. Hungry and thirsty. I could help with that. His Veteran Justice Outreach Specialist is now up to speed. Good, honorably discharged young man. Pray for him.

Hey, there's PAF! Perennially homeless, but so resourceful. In a good place, for now. Gave me the housing contact info for other Veterans. PAF has helped me help many others.

A beaten up, homeless Veteran came up to me. Not an El Dorado County Veteran. But I had a few moments. Talked to the Patient Advocate. Not clear if she gave him vouchers or not. Called PAF's landlord. Ok, but not for a week.

This Veteran claimed to not smoke, do drugs, or drink. Sacramento Veterans Resource Center had once connected me to a place near McClellan, run by Tess. She might take him. Just had to say a few prayers. Time to go, and bring the Three Musketeers back home.

David Zelinsky Service Officer
American Legion Post 119 530-919-8488

MFSG Military Community Free Pantry

On behalf of Military Family Support Group (MFSG), I invite all military & veteran families and military supporters in El Dorado County to learn about a FREE pantry for local military/veteran families in need which is housed at the Veterans Memorial Building (VMB). The pantry will offer non-perishable items at no cost to families in need in our local military/veteran community. The pantry officially opened on Wednesday, 10/5/16, at 8:00am.

Items available (also desired for donations) include: diapers, wipes, TP, personal hygiene items, mini flashlights, water bottles, instant food items, canned soup, chili, vegetables & fruit (pull tab tops please), powdered milk, nuts, trail mix, energy bars, candy, peanut butter, crackers, small laundry & dishwashing soap, basic kitchen staple foods, matches, socks, knit hats, hand warmers, can openers, garbage bags, food storage bags, etc. (no glass containers!)

Address: Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville, CA, 95667

Hours of Operation: Monday & Wednesday-Friday from 8:00am–Noon
(Tuesday by appointment only)

ANY military or veteran family may access and take items from the pantry when they are in need for any reason. There is no requirement to prove need. The pantry can only be accessed once military/veteran ID is provided to the VMB building manager on duty (Please **DO NOT** bother the Veteran Services Office – be sure to seek out the VMB building manager!). There is a simple form to be filled out with required signature before items may be taken. Military Family Support Group will maintain and stock the pantry. We welcome donations from the community! If dropping off donations, please make certain they are clearly marked 'MFSG Pantry'.

Pastor Christine placed a large box downstairs in the Parish Hall to collect items (a microwave has already been donated), and she will deliver it to the Pantry on November 11, Veterans' Day. This is a tangible way we can say 'thank you for your service' to some of our veterans who now need our help.

Episcopal Annual Convention

Our Saviour was well represented at the Annual Meeting of the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California held November 3-5 in McClellan. The Rev. Debra Warwick-Sabino and Rev Christin Taylor represented our clergy and Charles Griffin, Leta Parks and Allen Wyly were our lay delegates. Over 300 clergy and lay delegates from seven Deaneries and Diocesan Staff attended. Participants voted on resolutions and petitions, elected church officials and participated in breakout sessions on varying topics. Elections were held for members of the Diocesan Board of Trustees, Standing Committee and Deputies to the National Convention to be held in 2018. Among the resolutions to be approved was one to promote understanding of the needs of the peoples of the Holy Land. The resolution encourages parishes and Deaneries to support the work being done by the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and to consider pilgrimages there. A forum on this topic will be held at Our Saviour in 2017. Convention attendees were able to participate in packing 10,000 meals for the Stop Hunger Now project. A dinner held on Friday evening featured an address by the much loved Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb, former Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California.

Financial Corner

“December is almost here and we are working on the year end accounting for the church. If you need a new pledge statement or if you are not going to be able to meet your pledge for 2016 please contact Trish Sweeney and let her know. Trish is the church bookkeeper and she is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-12.”

Trish Sweeney
Bookkeeper

Time, Talent and Treasure



*Please be sure to turn in your time and talent survey and your pledge card to the church office by December 7th. Trish Sweeney keeps track of the pledges that are received. Pledge cards are available in the church office and the sanctuary.



Joanne McCormack	Dec 2
Mona Baker	Dec 12
Sean Nugent	Dec 12
Gary Ames	Dec 21
Elise Piazza	Dec 21
Dorothy Nisbet	Dec 25
Chelsea McCormack	Dec 26
Elsie Cannon	Dec 27
Coralie Persse	Dec 29

John & Kim Nugent	Dec 13
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Vestry News

Vestry members oversee parish financial issues and approve the annual budget. They also serve as liaisons for communication between the Vestry and Ministry Teams. We will have three seats up for election in 2017. One is 2 year seat, 2 are 3 year seats. Vestry members should represent the breadth and diversity of the parish membership and the slate of nominees should be drawn from a broad spectrum of parish life. To be eligible to serve on the Vestry, a person shall be a communicant whose name is duly enrolled in the Register of the Parish, be sixteen years of age or older, regular in attendance at services and other church activities, and a steward of their time, talent and treasure for its support.

Vestry members are expected to:

- 1) Be actively involved in the programs, activities, and spiritual life of the parish;
 - 2) Regularly attend worship services, monthly Vestry meetings, retreats, and conferences;
 - 3) Model stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
 - 4) Be willing to serve as a liaison to the Ministry Team
 - 5) Work with the clergy, staff, and other members of the parish to foster an environment of mutual trust and prayerful support.
 - 6) Attend major gatherings of the congregation (e.g., Annual Meeting,) and as many other events (e.g., Adult Formation opportunities, fundraising and community-building activities, etc.) as possible.
 - 7) Serve the entire parish and not a constituency.
 - 8) Be committed to careful listening and open and respectful dialogue, considering a wide range of points of view.
 - 9) Take seriously personal growth in the faith through community or private study and practice
- If you wish to nominate a candidate for the Vestry, please discuss it with him or her and convey the eligibility requirements and these expectations to each person you wish to nominate to ensure that each nominee is eligible and willing to serve. Vestry Nominations are due by December 15th.

Delegates to Convention

Lay delegates and alternate delegates are elected either at the congregation's annual meeting or by the vestry/mission committee. All congregations have at least one delegate, larger congregations have more . The lay delegates and alternates are certified as such to the Secretary of the Convention and then listed on the official voting and mailing lists.

A lay delegate should be someone who can represent the congregation and vote on its behalf on a variety of subjects. A member of the vestry or a retiring warden often makes a good delegate because of intimate knowledge of the workings of that congregation.

All congregational clergy also serve as delegates and should be considered as part of the congregation's delegation. Delegates represent their congregation at the annual Diocesan Convention and any specially convened conventions. Delegates advise their vestry/mission committee and congregation of issues pending before the region or the Diocese, seek their opinions, and report back to them when actions are taken.

All delegates and alternate delegates should reserve the date of the Diocesan Convention and be able to attend it. The Convention Dates for 2017 are November 3-4.

NOMINEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT - Must be submitted no later than December 15, 2016.

I _____, agree that my name may be placed in nomination for election to the Vestry of The Church of Our Saviour. I understand that in order to serve on the Vestry I must be 16 years of age or older, a communicant in good standing for a continuous period of at least 12 months prior to my election, and baptized/received into the Episcopal Church, or will be baptized, confirmed, or received as soon after election to the Vestry as practicable.

I understand that as a member of the Vestry, I am expected to act in a manner that expresses my position of faithful leadership in the parish. These expectations include:

- 1) Be actively involved in the programs, activities, and spiritual life of the parish;
- 2) Regularly attend worship services, monthly Vestry meetings, retreats, and conferences;
- 3) Practice proportionate giving with an awareness of the tithe as the Biblical standard of giving;
- 4) Be willing to serve as a liaison to a committee in the church.
- 5) Work with the clergy, staff, and other members of the parish to foster an environment of mutual trust and prayerful support.
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Vestry group norms:

Meetings begin & end on time

Be prepared for the meeting Be open, honest, direct -- transparent

Respect one another

Assume good intentions

No side conversations

Everyone participates

Keep appropriate confidentiality

Embrace consensus that does not require full agreement Once a decision is made, the group respects it.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Please return the Nomination Form, with a short biographical sketch to Jim Baker, Senior Warden. The biographical sketch should not exceed 300 words in length.

Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
6	D. Zelinsky	J. McDonald	C. Griffin/N. Lawson	
13	S. Bert	L. Perpall	S. Wagner/J. Schoener	
20	D. Zelinsky	T. Wilson	L. George/J. George	
27	T. Weikert	Lis Powell	P. Wooldridge/B. Wirth	

Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
6	L. Parks/Y. Giordano	B. Roberts	R. Douglas/J. Baker
13	J. Baker/M. Muetz	C. McLaughlin	D. Lightfoot/B. Roberts
20	J. Baker/M. Baker	S. Bert	M. Miller/E. Cannon
27	M. Muetz/Y.Giordano	T. Fritschi	E. Cannon/D. Decker

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