

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

Rich in history, a visible & living church welcoming everyone to the family of Christ.



Dear friends in Christ,

The twelve days of Christmas begins with Christmas Day and ends on the day of Epiphany, January 6th. On that day the season of Christmas flows into the season of Epiphany. The word 'Epiphany' comes from two Greek words 'epi' and 'phaino' which mean "to show forth" or "appear." In the Epiphany season we are more intentional about 'showing forth' Christ and making him known to others. Epiphany lasts until February 13th, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. We will observe the coming of the Magi and the Baptism of our Lord on January 7th, the Sunday after Epiphany. "The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season." (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/epiphany>)

There are many paintings that depict the Epiphany. One of my favorite depictions is not a painting but a tapestry by Sir Edward Coley Burne-Jones. "The original tapestry was commissioned in 1886 by John Prideaux Lightfoot, rector of Exeter College, Oxford, for the Gothic revival chapel built for the college in the 1850s . The tapestry was completed in February 1890 and displayed in Morris & Co.'s Oxford Street showroom in London that Easter before being presented to Exeter College. Lightfoot did not live to see the finished tapestry; he died at the Rectory at Exeter College on 23 March 1887." ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoration_of_the_Magi_\(tapestry\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoration_of_the_Magi_(tapestry))).

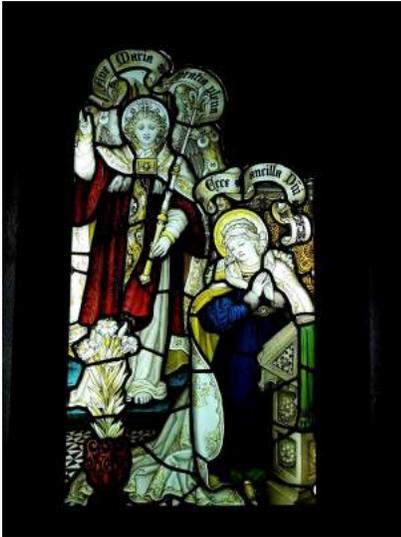
I am looking forward to the last few days of the Christmas season as I continue to reflect on the ways Christ is made new in my life.



with blessings and prayers,

Rev Deb

Dedication of the Annunciation Window



The stained glass window we dedicated on December 24th is a window that depicts the annunciation - or the announcement by the angel Gabriel to Mary. When we chose the date of this dedication of the window we did not know that the gospel reading was the one about the annunciation. The words at the top of the window in Latin say: "Ave Maria Gratia Plena" and to the side " Ecce Ancilla Dni" - Hail Mary full of Grace, Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

This window is a gift from Wendy Pryce and comes from artists across the pond and from a different time. The light that shines through spans centuries.

Chalking the Door

Chalking the Door is one custom that some families and churches do for Epiphany. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:
20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son .May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, Christus mansionem benedictat, “May Christ bless the house.” (<http://www.carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015>)

Communion Bread

Rev Deb, Rev Stephen and Leslyn Shortes went to a Communion Bread Baking session and baked some bread that we are going to use for Holy Communion on January 7th. We want to try it once and get your feedback afterwards. Baking bread together is a great way to have fellowship and make something that is used in the sacrament of Communion. Most home baked bread has been to “crumby” to be used for communion but we found one recipe that seems to work well. Please let Rev Deb know what you think about the home baked communion bread. If most people prefer it we can start a bread baking group of our own that could meet monthly.

2017 General Convention Re-Cap

The General Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California was held November 3-4 at the McClellan Conference Center in Sacramento. It was well attended with over 100 parishes being represented by clergy and lay delegates. Our Saviour delegates in attendance included Randall Douglas, Leta Parks and Leslyn Shortes. Leta also served as the chair of the Resolutions Committee for the Convention. The Rev's Debra Sabino, Stephen Shortes and Christine Leigh-Taylor were also present.

The most significant event of the convention was Bishop Beisner's official announcement of his retirement. After serving as our Bishop for 10 years, Bishop Beisner announced he will step down upon the election of his successor at a special convention to be held in February, 2019. A diocesan search committee has been assembled and a special consultant hired by the diocese for this lengthy process.

Because 2017 is also the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, among the special guests was Bishop Mark Homerud of the Lutheran Synod of the Pacific. Bishop Homerud served as a reminder that the work of the Reformation is ongoing.

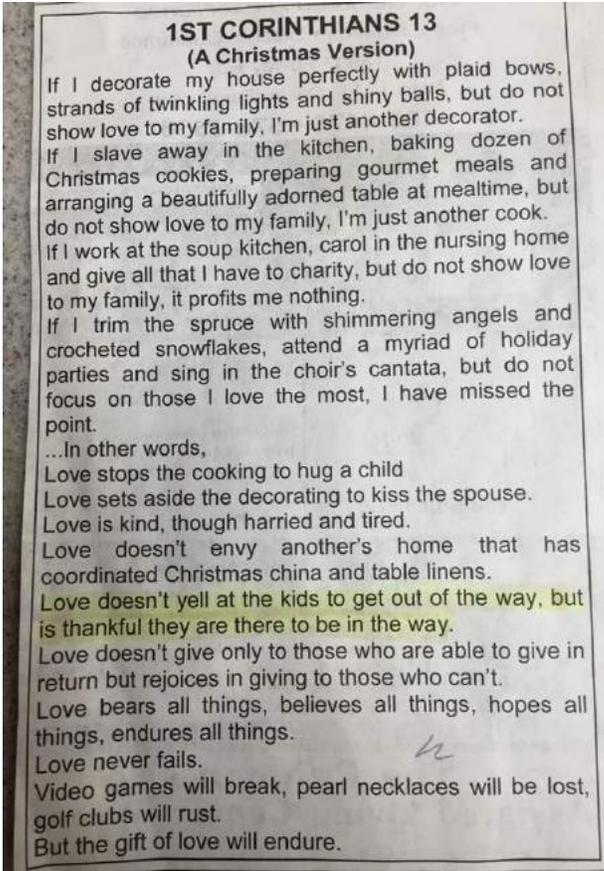
Ms. Lacy Broemel, Refugee and Immigration Policy Analyst with the Office of Government Regulations of the Episcopal Church was also a featured speaker.

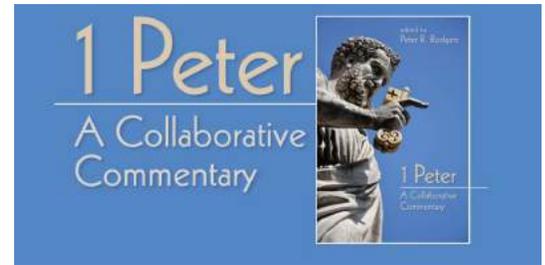
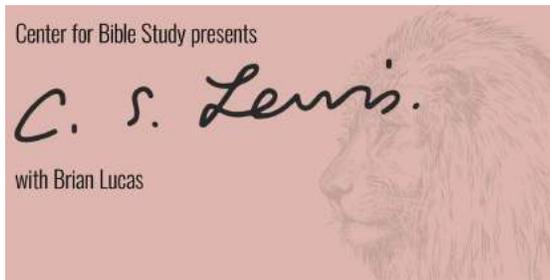
Convention delegates passed procedural resolutions simplifying the process of electing members to the Diocesan Board of Trustees and reducing the amount of time a Special Focus Parish is supervised by the diocese from two years to 18 months.

A note from Leslyn Shortes

I attended a Breakout Session as a Lay delegate at our recent Convention. Lucy Broemel of the Episcopal Office of Government Relations explained her work and also the work of the Episcopal Migration Ministries. Lucy works with Congress and other offices of the government to influence policy in keeping with resolutions passed by the Episcopal General Convention including: reconciliation, climate and the environment and justice.

She shared that the work of the Episcopal Migration Ministries is grounded in Matthew 25:35: I was a stranger and you invited me in. Through a network of 30 affiliate offices in 26 dioceses, they provide services to aid 5000 refugee families per year. Refugees are the most thoroughly vetted people entering the U.S.. The Episcopal church has a long history of outreach to strangers. In the 1800's a Port Ministry was started on both coasts and In the 1930's local parishes collected donations to provide steamship passage to those fleeing Nazi Europe. Today there are more than 60 million displaced people world wide, including more than 19 million refugees Both of these organizations will appreciate your prayers and donations if you feel so called.





Enter into the world of C. S. Lewis, mid-20th century England, his family, friends, events and works of other writers who shaped him; his education and then subsequent career as a tutor at Oxford University, his later marriage and invitation to a full professorship at Cambridge University. We will explore his path to Christianity and its impact on his life and work and seek to get a grasp of the length and breadth and depth of his writings, more than 40 books plus numerous essays, sermons, book reviews and voluminous correspondence. We will read through and explore together some of his essays and talks crossing over a number of subject areas and talks to gain some acquaintance with him as a man of faith, writer and teacher who works continue speak to us now 50 years subsequent to his death.

with Brian Lucas
 Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30pm
 January 16 – March 20
 St. Andrews Episcopal Church
 7850 Watt Ave, Antelope, CA, 95843
 \$100 Early Bird Registration by January 1
 \$200 Registration after January 1
 Register online at cbs-cslewis18.eventbrite.com

In celebration of the release of 1 Peter: A Collaborative Commentary, Peter Rodgers and the Center for Bible Study in partnership with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will be hosting this one day conference. The conference will feature Peter Rodgers and other contributors to the commentary providing reflections and meditations from various selections from the commentary.

Space is limited and lunch will be included.

Commentary is available for purchase online at Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com and christianbook.com.

Saturday, January 13
 10am – 4pm
 St. Andrews Episcopal Church
 7850 Watt Ave, Antelope, CA, 95843
 \$20 registration includes lunch.
 Register online at cbs-1peter-meditations.eventbrite.com

Save the Date for Men's Movie Night

Save the date February 10, Saturday at 4:00PM, movie and pizza. I Will Push You a great movie for men on friendship and the Pilgrimage walk on the Camino. Great opportunity to invite men friends I will just need number for pizza. Please contact Deacon Stephen Shortes for more details.

Veterans News

Another slow day

It was supposed to be another slow day.

Set up payment for recently incarcerated Veteran for Audiology. Also referred him to VA counseling at Sacramento Probation request.

Met very upset, recently incarcerated Veteran, who wants to pound on the sheriff's department. Talked to department. Arrest will go through administrative review. Talked to his landlord at request of County Supervisor.

Phoned Placerville P.D. to assist County Veterans Department with homeless Veteran. He needs conservatorship. The law is in the way. At least the officer was grateful to the Legion for his baseball team.

Attended court with Veteran who missed jury duty while in rehab. All is ok.

Went to jail with County Veteran Service Representative. Got paper work signed for benefits and health care. Will work on helping his homeless significant other with Marine Corps League, MFSG, and Pioneer Bible Church.

Discussed permanent Stand Down budget with Pastor Christine.

Picked up PG&E bill from elderly Guardsman. Paid it.

Signed homeless certificate at County Dept. of V.A. Informed them that another homeless Veteran is having surgery at Travis. We bought them the gas they needed yesterday.

Visited local store where a Veteran had gone on a drunken rampage. They know him, care for him, but this was not ok. Advised them to contact his Probation Officer. Veteran has not been seen for 48 hours.

Saw homeless Veteran on street. Reviewed steps for getting housed with him.

More in the pipeline for tomorrow.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119

530-919-8488

Annual Meeting January 28th.

We will be having our Annual Meeting on January 28th. We will meet in the church following the worship service that day. The worship service will be at 9:30 am. There will be a potluck following the Annual Meeting.

Call for Reports

If you are the chair or leader of a committee in the church please turn in a written report to the church secretary by Jan 15th so she can prepare the Annual Report.

Financial News



A BIG THANK YOU to all who have turned in their pledge cards for 2018 - AND A REMINDER to those that have not turned in their cards that your vestry needs to plan the future of Our Saviour for 2018. To date we have 25 signed pledge cards, six of which are new pledges for 2018. I know that this is a very busy time of the year but if you could complete your pledge cards it would be

greatly appreciated. Pledge sheets are included in this newsletter for you to complete and return to the church either through the mail or placement the offering at church.

Birthdays

Debbie Lightfoot	January 5
Kim Nugent	January 7
Bob Fagnani	January 19
Sarah Ramsay	January 28

Anniversaries

Chris & Suzanne Kenny	January 26, 1985
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Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
7	S. Bert	J. Griffin	T.Wilson/C.Griffin
14	C. Griffin	T. Wilson	N. Lawson/J. Scheoner
21	D. Zelinsky	Liz Powell	B. Wirth / P. Wooldridge
28	T. Weikert	L. Weikert	S.Bert/R.Douglas

Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
7	J.Baker/M.Baker	B. Roberts	E.Cannon/D.Decker
14	Y. Giordano	C. McLaughlin	T.Berkery/M.Berkery
21	J.Baker/M.Baker	M. Muetz	E.Cannon/D. Lightfoot
28	T.Weikert/Y.Giordano	Combined Service	S.Bert/R. Douglas

Church Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-11:30**Contact list**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 New Year's Eve 8am - Holy 10:15am - Nursery 10:30am - Family	1 New Year's Day	2 5:30pm - Yoga with 6pm - Bunco @	3 10am - Qi Gong 11am - Women's	4 10am - Arts Council 10am - DOK	5 6:30pm - Welcome	6 9:30am - Yoga with 11:30am - Senior
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28 Annual Meeting 9:30am - Family	29	30 5:30pm - Yoga with	31 10am - Qi Gong 11am - Women's	1 10am - Arts Council 10am - DOK	2 6:30pm - Welcome	3 9:30am - Yoga with 11:30am - Senior

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