
The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour



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From the Priest-in-Charge

Dear friends in Christ,

Last month I was asked to visit someone in jail who was involved in a DUI while on his way back from a ski trip in Lake Tahoe. He swerved into oncoming traffic, which resulted in the death of a person in the other car. It reminds me of the recent situation involving Bishop Heather Cook from Maryland. She was involved in the death of a Maryland bicyclist in a hit and run accident in January. She is now indicted for Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Driving under the Influence. Bishop Beisner responded to the tragedy in a monthly e-newsletter saying, "... I want to remind us to look to ourselves, and our own behavior, and to make sure we are doing all we can to be healthy leaders of healthy congregations. Twice, in recent months, I have been present at Vestry meetings where wine was being served. I love wine, and I celebrate our Northern California wine-making culture, but mixing alcohol and official decision-making is not only a clear violation of long-standing diocesan policy; it is a shockingly irresponsible thing for church leaders to do.

It left me to wonder how the clergy in those places, and how I myself, might be contributing to such behavior. On another recent occasion, I attended a diocesan function where it was difficult to find anything non-alcoholic to drink with the meal. Again, a clear violation of our policy, formally articulated by Convention in 1994 and in force ever since. But this is not an issue of being obedient to the letter of the law.

The reality is that we live in a society that is, in many ways, driven by addictive process. We, therefore, have much to deal with personally, as well as professionally, as we minister in a church that is very much a reflection of that society. We are called to be agents of transformation in that context. We need God's help, and we need to support each other

We may or may not have issues with chemical dependency, but I am sure that every one of us needs to pay attention to the power of addictive process in our lives. The Church we are called to serve needs us to be doing that work, honestly and well."

We, at Our Savior, have updated our Facilities Building Agreement to include information about the diocesan alcohol usage policy. We will be asking all the groups who use the church to sign the updated Agreement in the days ahead. We do serve alcohol at some of the events at our church, and in doing so, we need to insure that we do so in a manner that does not encourage irresponsible drinking.

Keep me in your prayers as I minister to those whose lives have been tragically altered as a result of alcohol use.

For more information you can read a portion of the book "So You Think You Don't Know One?" online at <https://www.churchpublishing.org>.

Prayerfully yours,

Rev Deb

ALCOHOL POLICY

The policy of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California concerning the use of alcohol in the congregations, schools and other institutions of the Diocese is set out in the following requirements and guidelines. It is the responsibility of the Rector/ Priest-in-Charge in consultation with the Vestry/Bishop's Committee to implement this policy in the local setting and to make it known to their congregations. The purpose of this policy is to provide structure for the reasonable and responsible use of alcohol within congregational life; to honor and protect those who do not or should not consume alcoholic beverages; and to strengthen the health and well-being of the Church. This policy is not intended to limit the authority of a Vestry or Bishop's Committee to adopt additional requirements or guidelines for their own congregation.

Requirements

- ◆ All applicable federal, state, and local laws should be obeyed, including those governing the serving of alcoholic beverages to minors.
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages and food containing alcohol must be clearly labeled as such.
- ◆ Whenever alcohol is served, non-alcoholic alternatives should always be offered with equal attractiveness and accessibility.
- ◆ The service of alcoholic beverages at church or church sponsored events should not be publicized as an attraction of the event.
- ◆ The group or organization sponsoring the activity at which alcoholic beverages are served must have permission from the church for this plan. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose ability to drive may thus be impaired.
- ◆ Recognizing the effect of alcohol as a mood-altering drug, it would be advisable to consider the nature of the function at which alcoholic beverages are proposed to be served.
- ◆ Consideration should be given to the development of local practices which are sensitive to the needs of recovering people wishing to receive the sacraments.
- ◆ Chemical usage other than alcohol is clearly controlled under federal, state and local laws and, as such, should be forbidden at any church or church sponsored function.
- ◆ This policy should be posted in the kitchen.
- ◆ Wine and champagne, whether in glasses or bottles, should be served rather than left on dining tables.
- ◆ Unused alcoholic beverages are to be removed from church premises as soon as possible following an event.
- ◆ Serving adults alcoholic beverages at events that are primarily for children and young persons is strongly discouraged.

Confirmation



Bishop Beisner will be visiting Our Saviour on Sept 27. He will be confirming those who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on that day.

Confirmation is "a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism." At Confirmation, an individual receives the laying on of hands by the bishop, thereby affirming their own faith and visibly connecting to the broader Body of Christ.

If you have been confirmed but wish to renew your commitment to the church you can Reaffirm your confirmation. For many people, their path has wandered in and out of various denominations. Reaffirmation is a way to re-state your commitment to Christ in The Episcopal Church, honoring your growth in faith throughout your spiritual journey.

Reception is for people who have been active throughout their lives in other denominations. Often, individuals who made a public profession of faith in another faith tradition will choose to be Received into The Episcopal Church.

We will be offering the following Confirmation Classes on Sunday's at 9:30. We will schedule additional time as needed. This class is open to all who wish to learn more about the church as well as those who wish to be Confirmed, Reaffirmed or Received into the Church.

June 14	Introduction -Rev Deb
June 21	Worship - Rev Deb
June 28	History of ECUSA - Tom Weikert
Sept 6	Book of common prayer- Tom Weikert
Sept 13	Sacraments - Tom Weikert
Sept 20	Review -Rev Deb and Tom
Sept 27	Bishop!

Brief Bio for Tom Weikert

RevDeb asked me to describe some of the experiences I've had that might help me assist her with the Confirmation class. For most of my work life I taught high school students subjects such as civics, European history, and economics. I've taught Church history to adults. I completed a preaching class with Fr. Craig Keuhn and have been practicing that craft for a few years. I also completed last year the church's Education for Ministry four year curriculum. For twelve years I have been a 'reader' (evaluator) of the General Ordination Examinations required of all candidates for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Church. For nine years until retiring in 2014 I was a member of the Commission on Ministry, which shepherds ordination preparation for all candidates for the diaconate and the priesthood in our diocese.

Mark your calendar! MAY 31

We will have only one worship on May 31 at 9:30 followed by a Town Hall Meeting in the Church, followed by a potluck in the Parish Hall.

Sometimes we have so many things going on that it's hard to get a large group to attend. In order to find out what your needs and wishes are we are going to have only one service on May 31. After the worship service we will stay in the church for a Town Hall type meeting so that we can talk to everyone and get input from you.

All church events: BBQ - at church, at park
 Parish socials
 Smaller dinner events - i.e. Foyer groups
 Street Tent Faire Placerville
 Concerts in church
 Pastoral Partner events
 and other ideas that come from you!



Save the Date! July 17-19, 2015

15th Annual Women's Summer Retreat at St. Columba Retreat House in Inverness, California.

We have reservations for the third weekend in July at St. Columba with Rev. Susan Plucker! Our theme this year will be Simplicity. Start planning now to join us for a relaxing weekend at the beautiful St. Columba Retreat House in Inverness.

Look for informational brochures about our summer retreats in the parish hall after mid-April.

S.H.A.R.E NEWS

In the month of March SHARE provided emergency food to 378 families. This food went to 1491 individuals. Items short in supply at this time include cereal, canned or dry soup, pasta, canned fruit.

USHER, READER training update!!!

May 3 at 9:30 Rev Deb will lead a Reader and Usher update. Please make plans to attend if you are a Reader or Usher

Wentz Bequethment

Some of you remember Fred and Beth Wentz. They began worshipping at Our Saviour in 1965. They were both very active in the church. Fred passed away in 2010 and Beth passed away June of 2014. With her death, a bequeathment to the Church Building Restoration Fund was triggered. They were quite specific in their wishes that the money go to the restoration and maintenance of the sanctuary. Fred loved the building since he grew up in Placerville in the 20s and 30s and remembers it back to his childhood visits to "town."

I have been in contact with their son Rick Wentz, who currently lives in New Zealand. We have 'skyped' and also visited in person when he was in Placerville last month.



Rick and I walked around the sanctuary to talk about the specific ideas he had about the restoration. He wanted to make sure the church was structurally sound and wants us to look at the overall structural integrity of the building as well as some questionable sagging and misalignment of floor boards under the carpet near the altar. He talked about replacing the carpet and refinishing the pews (in a way that keeps the notches and marks that are part of the history of the space). We looked at the stairs to the bell tower and he thought it would be to restore those to the condition they were 'back in the day.' Then he looked up at the large cross that hangs over the altar. He told me the story about the walnut orchards that he used to go to with his father and how his father made that cross from one of the trees in the walnut orchard. He remembers the hours and love his father spent making it for the church. It wasn't until much later that the corpus, the body of the suffering Christ was added to the cross. That addition was not something the family liked and felt that it took away from the meaning of the original cross.



I had some people do some digging for me to find out when the corpus was added. It turns out that it was an anonymous gift that was given when Father Reid was the priest. I also had various groups talk about what they thought about the corpus and how they would feel if it were removed. The majority of the people said that they would prefer to have it removed, as it doesn't focus on a spirituality of resurrection but of suffering. It also scared some young children.

A little history on crosses and crucifixes. It wasn't until the Middle Ages that the Crucifix began to be used. "By the thirteenth century, the crucifix had begun to show the body of Jesus as twisted and bleeding on the cross, as the importance of the incarnation and the humanity of Jesus grew. This new crucifix became the centerpiece in many churches and cathedrals, a favored object of contemplation. This may partially be because the medieval Catholic Church placed suffering at the heart of its salvation doctrine.

During the fifteenth century, Renaissance painters and sculptors further refined the image of Christ on the cross, representing Jesus with his arms outstretched and his head bowed and eyes closed,

but his body no longer wretched and in pain. In accordance with the prevailing spirit of the day, Jesus often displayed serenity and grace.

During the Reformation, Protestants saw the crucifix as an example of idolatry and tied it closely with the Catholic church.

There are those that believe that the empty cross is a more powerful symbol, as it emphasizes the fact that Christ is no longer there and his triumph over death. Most Protestant Christians who use the cross as a symbol use the empty cross. However, the Catholic tradition prefers to place emphasis on Christ's death for the sins of humanity." (www.newworldencyclopedia) The cross has multiple meanings and significance for Christians and some Episcopal churches have Crucifixes, some do not.

With all that in mind, the vestry decided to have the corpus removed from the cross above the altar. At the Town Hall meeting on May 31 we will talk to the whole congregation about suggestions for another place to put the corpus or perhaps give as a gift to a church who is looking for one.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

ELDER OPTIONS www.elderoptionsca.com
(530) 626-6939

Elder Care is a credentialed Geriatric Care Manager that offer a holistic, client-centered approach to caring for older adults and those with ongoing health challenges. They are serving our community and working with families to help loved ones negotiate the path of aging. Upcoming Support Groups are as follows:

Alzheimer's Support Group: 3rd Monday/month, 10-11:30am, 82 Main St., Placerville

Parkinson's Support Group: 2nd Tuesday/month, 12-2:00pm, Four Seasons Community
Bldg. Media Room, 3186 Four Seasons Dr., El Dorado Hills

EL DORADO COUNTY HEAP PROGRAM

Do You Need Help Paying Your Utility Bill? El Dorado County's HEAP program helps low-income families pay their heating and cooling costs such as PG&E, firewood, pellets, propane or heating oil. Feel free to call to schedule an appointment. Home visits are available as well. 530-621-6150



Greetings Sunday School families. We hope your family had a wonderful Easter! This month we will have a childrens' Sunday on the last Sunday of May (May 31, 2015). Some of our children will help with the service and we will be celebrating the end of our Sunday School year. (There will be nursery care.) Sunday School will resume in September.

When we start back up in the fall we will need three new teachers - that means we need you! We need people from all walks of life: the young and young at heart, men and women, those who attend the 8am and the 10:30am service. Please consider this mission of love and come join our team of wonderful teachers as we guide the young people of our church. We need a total of three new teachers, at least one teacher for each of our classes: K-3rd grade and 4th-8th grade so there is a place for you regardless of your interest/skill with children of different ages. Our curriculum is fun and very easy to teach to. Our children need you! Please contact me if you are interested or even if you just have questions: 647-2104/b2d21339@msn.com

Except for special circumstances where the children stay with their families for the entire service each Sunday our Sunday School program offers two classes: one for children K-3rd grade who gather in the Sunday School room at 10:20 then process with instruments and proceed to class after a blessing; the other class is for kids 4th grade and older, they process (without instruments) and leave the service at the welcome after the acolytes are done with their duties, they meet in St Marks' room - both classes return to church to celebrate the Eucharist with their families.

Thank you,

Brandy Dorrans, Sunday School Superintendent





May Birthdays:

Judy Muetz	May 4
Erica Ames	May 6
Sandy Bert	May 10
Angela Sullivan	May 12
Kay Gordon	May 13
Mike McCormack	May 18
Jerry George	May 26

Ministry Schedule 8:00 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
3	T. Weikert	J. McDonald	L. Hill / C. Griffin	
10	S. Bert	L. Weikert	S. Wagner/ J. Schoener	
17	L. Hill	T. Wilson	B. Wirth / P. Wooldridge	
24	D. Zelinsky	L. Perpall	J. George / L. George	
31	T. Weikert	L. Hill	E. Hawkins/ S. Wagner	

Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher	Acolyte
3	Y. Giordano/M. Muetz	B. Roberts	W. Roberts / J. McCormack	
10	J. Baker/M. Baker	T. Fritschi	E. Cannon/ D. Lightfoot	
17	Y. Giordano/S. Bert	M. Berkery	W. Roberts /M. Muetz	
24	J. Baker/M. Baker	S. Bert	J.McCormack/E. Cannon	
31	S. Bert/ M. Muetz	C. McLaughlin/ Ian Roberts	B. Roberts/M. Miller	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:20 AM Sunday School K-3rd 10:30 AM Family Service with Music 12:10 PM Choir Practice	27 7:15 PM NA	28 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church	29 9:00 AM Church Use Li-brary 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Eucharist 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM EfM	30 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church	1 6:30 PM Welcome Home Group	2 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-up 10:00 AM Pastoral Partners
3 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Usher Reader Training 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:20 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Family Service 12:10 PM Choir Practice 12:15 PM Executive Com-	4 7:15 PM NA	5 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church 6:00 PM Bunco	6 9:00 AM Church Use Li-brary 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Eucharist 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM EfM	7 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church 10:00 AM DOK	8 6:30 PM Welcome Home Group	9 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-up 10:00 AM Pastoral Partners
10 Mothers' Day 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:20 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Family Service 12:10 PM Choir Practice 12:15 PM Vestry Meeting	11 7:15 PM NA	12 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church	13 9:00 AM Church Use Li-brary 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Eucharist 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM EfM	14 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church	15 6:30 PM Welcome Home Group	16 9:00 AM Prayer Blanket Group (Parish Hall) 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-up
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24 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:15 AM Nursery Care 10:20 AM Sunday School K-3rd 10:30 AM Family Service with Music 12:10 PM Choir Practice	25 Memorial Day 7:15 PM NA	26 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church	27 9:00 AM Church Use Li-brary 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Eucharist 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM EfM	28 Upper Room 8:30 AM Morning Prayer in church	29 6:30 PM Welcome Home Group	30 Pastoral Part...Georgetown 10:00 AM Altar Guild Set-up
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