

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

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



Dear friends in Christ,

I will never tire of learning new things about our founder, the Rev. Caleb Peirce. I received the following e-mail on March 10th:

*“Dear Reverend Debra,
Fifty years ago at an antiques store in N. White Plains, N.Y. I acquired, as part of an estate sale, the Thomas & Elizabeth Peirce family Bible, printed 1817. Within it are a number of pages, mostly written in quill pen, that annotate their marriage, (1815), and the births of their 9 children...mostly between the years 1816 and 1832, with the last two entries, (deaths), in the early 1900's.*

One of these children was Caleb Charles Peirce, (b. 1825), who was apparently the founder of your church in 1861 and served as pastor to the Placerville religious community until his death in 1902.

I'm in my 70's and planning to clear my home here in Arizona to move and downsize. In an initial inquiry to your church 5 years ago I offered to provide this Bible for your archives but was turned down for some reason. As a last effort I'm reaching out to see if there's interest in acquiring this artifact and its link to your church's history, as I believe it should be preserved in some way. I would be happy to make this Bible available and ship it free of charge.

Please feel free to respond at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

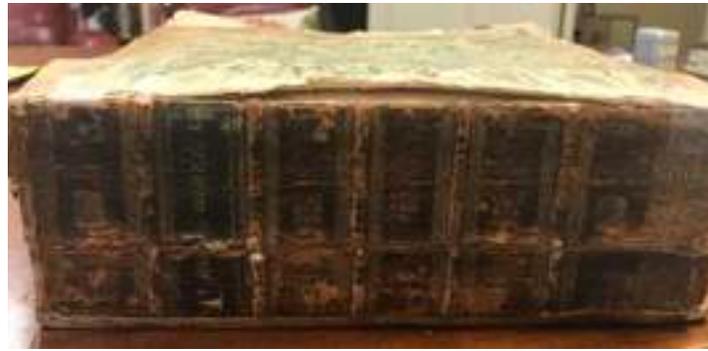
*Very Respectfully,
Steve Consorte”*

I wrote him back immediately and said we would be honored to have such a treasure at our church. On March 25 we received the Bible that had belonged the parents on Charles Caleb Peirce. His impact on our community in both his participation in civic events, as well as spiritual ones, is still felt today. He was driven by a commitment to Jesus Christ and grounded in the message of love for all regardless of their sect or creed. May we remember his message of unity among diversity today in our time of ever increasing division.

Below are some photos of the Bible that will be on display soon.

Blessings,

Rev Deb



FAMILY RECORD

BIRTH	DEATH
<p>Caleb Charles Pierce son of Thomas & Elizabeth was born 11th Mo 2nd 1825</p>	<p>William Pierce, son 11th Mo 24th 1829 Aged 3 years 3 months & 4 days</p>
<p>Eliza Pierce was born 1st Mo 11th 1830</p>	<p>Sarah Pierce and 11th month 1828 Aged 4 years 11 months & 16 days</p>
<p>Isabella Pierce was born 11th mo 29th 1831</p>	<p>Eliza Pierce died 1st mo 1st 1834 aged 1 mo 4 1/2 days</p>
<p>James Pierce was born 11th mo 23rd 1834</p>	<p>Sulia Pierce died 11th Mo 24th 1831 aged 2 years 7 mos & 1 day</p>
<p>Sulia Pierce was born 11th Mo 23rd 1839</p>	

<p>Thomas Pierce, son of Caleb & Elizabeth Pierce, was born 11th Mo 2nd 1826</p>	<p>Alexander Stone Pierce, son of Thomas & Elizabeth Pierce, was born 11th Mo 11th 1819</p>
<p>Elizabeth Margaret Pierce daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Pierce, was born 11th Mo 27th 1826</p>	<p>Suzanna Pierce, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth P. Pierce, was born 2nd Mo 15th 1820</p>
<p>Samuel Stone Pierce, son of Thomas & Elizabeth P. Pierce, was born 11th Mo 21st 1830</p>	<p>Sarah Pierce, daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth P. Pierce, was born 11th Mo 15th 1823</p>

Healing Retreat April 28th



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#MeToo and More

"Me Too"... are words that used to be spoken only from survivor to survivor. Now #MeToo is a *movement*. You are not alone and can share your stories and find resources for healing.

We are creating a safe space to gather together - to be "women of many and one voice."

We would love to have you join us -

When: Saturday, April 28th, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Church of Our Saviour
2979 Coloma Street
Placerville, CA 95667

This event is free to women in the community.

Please register by sending an email to oursaviour.placerville@gmail.com

Offered by the Healing Ministry Team, Church of Our Saviour

The #MeToo movement began by a woman named Tarana Burke in an effort to empower women through empathy, especially young and vulnerable women. The phrase became more widely used in 2017, when women began using the phrase to help reveal the extent of problems with sexual harassment and assault.

We wanted to offer a healing retreat that address the issues of harassment and assault, and also acknowledge that the original purpose included something more, hence the title #Me Too and More. The phrase has come to mean different things for different people.

Please join us on April 28th from 1 to 4 if you would like to attend the retreat that is being developed by some of the Healing Ministers.



Easter Egg Hunt

All children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt in Pierce Hall following the 10:30 Easter Service. We will meet on the patio outside Peirce Hall. Bags will be provided or you can bring your own Easter basket. For more information talk to one of our teachers- Leslyn Shortes, Terry Berkery or LeAnn Bettencourt.



The Next Bunco Night is April 3rd from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Don't forget to bring \$5.00, a canned good to donate, some food to share and your good luck!

Be prepared to laugh!

Foster Family Date Night Out

A huge thank you to the following church members who so graciously donated their time, talents and funds for a another successful Foster/Caregivers Night Out in February: Marybea, Sandy, LeAnn, Kathy, Leslyn, Steve, Jim, Janice, Charles, Marcia, Juline, and Karin.

We had 16 children between the ages of 10 months and 12 years. It is so rewarding to get to know these sweet children. We welcome other members to help with this service.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall to join in the next Night Out on April 6, 2018. We can use your help for an hour or three--any time between 5:30 and 9:00. Thank you so much for considering this most worthwhile endeavor.

2018 Women's Retreat - Save the Date!

We have reserved St. Columba for the weekend of October 26-28, 2018. The contract has been signed and the deposit paid. I have confirmed that Kathy is available to cook for us! Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a relaxing and memorable weekend in Inverness.

Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Church of Our Saviour's Helping Hands

What a loving, giving parishioners we are privileged to worship with. Many of us have signed up with the Helping Hands ministry and stand ready to help as needed. Please bless us by allowing us to help you if you have a need. Need to have meals brought in for a while? Need a ride to the doctor, to the airport or to buy groceries? Need someone to help reach things you can't reach or to pick something up from the store for you? Need a sitter for someone who can't be left alone while you get out for a while? These are just some of the ways we are ready to help. If you have a need or want to sign up for the Helping Hands Ministry please call the office at 530 622-2441 and leave a message or email Deacon Stephen at stephenshortes@gmail.com.

Veterans News

Jailhouse Miracle

While he was in Veterans Court, he was just an automaton. No personality. Just tuned out.

Naturally he flunked. Some time in state prison.

When he came back, he was a human. He hugged. He had ethics. He had acquired some humanity.

But being homeless leaves you cold and lonely.

Time for some meth.

Back in jail, but still human.

His probation officer was going to the mat for him. She wanted a plan in place for his discharge. She asked the court to release him to me on Friday, so that he would not get into trouble over the weekend. Saturday was the scheduled release date.

Word came back that he refused. Wanted to serve his full time.

We all thought that he had turned down the offer of a place in a recovery program on Friday.

I went to see him in jail.

Turns out the new judge used to be his defense attorney. Advised him to stay in jail. Early release meant going to recovery was court ordered. Failure meant a violation of a court order. Back to jail. Go post-release to Recovery, and failure does not mean incarceration.

Made sense.

Dan "Treeman" Harger of Treehouse Ministries set him up with free room, board and supervision for the weekend. Thank you, Dan.

Monday, we are off to Recovery. Thought the bed was lost, but two sentences into explaining why he was showing up Monday instead of Friday, we were good to go.

By the way, our felon has nine years of honorable service in the U.S. Army.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer

American Legion Post 119

Our Saviour is invited to become a Jubilee Ministry Center

This is a feel-good story for everyone at Our Saviour.

By virtue of being awarded the first-ever Warren Dunning Social Ministry grant from Episcopal Community Services (ECS) last year – a three-year grant totaling \$12,000 for the purpose of helping to establish a permanent veterans' "stand down" in El Dorado County – we have come to the attention of the Jubilee Officers of our diocese. They, who are members of the ECS Board, contacted me a few weeks ago to inquire if our parish would like to become a Jubilee Center. I sent the message on to Rev. Deb, but also asked the obvious question: "what does that mean?" Here's a short answer.

Jubilee Ministries were created by General Convention in 1982 to encourage "joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society." And, as of fall 2016 over 600 Episcopal churches are involved in this expanding network.

Here's the benefit: Once designated a Jubilee Center, we are eligible to apply for several annually budgeted grants to support ministries of poverty relief and other social needs. Some of these grants are very large!

On a rainy Thursday, March 22, Rev. Debra, Deacon Steve, Pastor Christine, Marybea Varvel and David Zelinsky, as representatives of Our Saviour's various outreach efforts (though not all of them, by any means), met with our diocesan jubilee officers, Derek Jones and Marcia Traner, a married couple and parishioners at St. Brigid's in Rio Vista. They knew about our Veterans' Stand Down grant, which they thought was good enough to qualify us to apply to be a Jubilee Center. What they didn't know was how much ELSE individuals and groups from Our Saviour do in the community to address critical needs. So, we told them.

Upper Room – once a month we send two crews to prepare food and then serve it to about 60 hungry clients, also sending them home with a bag lunch for the next day. Many of our parishioners participate.

Progress House and Share – two more local non-profits that help clients recover and stabilize their lives with housing and food. Progress House works particularly with women with children. Our Saviour collects food and other items for these agencies.

Veterans' Commission, Veterans' Court and the County Jail – David Zelinsky attends the Veterans' Commission meetings – not every California county has one; he goes to Veterans' Court to support those being prosecuted, and he picks up veteran probationers from the county jail and takes them to what he hopes will be their next stop on the road to an improved life. Deacon Steve has recently been visiting one on one with a jail inmate to try to establish a constructive mentorship. Whether he is a veteran is not known, and it doesn't matter.

Prayer blanket ministry – creating beautiful expressions of comfort for those in health or life distress. Many people at Our Saviour (all women?) participate in this effort, and the blankets are periodically blessed at worship and then delivered to Progress House or Mercy Hospital, Folsom. At a recent sermon we heard from the Mercy Hospital chaplain about the appreciative impact of these gifts on her patients.

Foster Parents' Night Out – once a quarter we heat up the pizza, put on a movie and welcome a bunch of foster kids for a Friday night of fun, while their foster parents get to have a date night. This is organized by Karen Aguilar with the support of a bunch of Our Saviour folks.

Pastor Christine and Our Saviour had also received a \$2,500 grant from ECS three years ago to establish a weekly veterans' yoga program. Funds were used for an open house, flyers, and insurance, but no further financial support was needed after a while, so last year we refunded about \$1,400 to ECS. That brought us many brownie points. By the way, veterans' yoga continues at the Veterans Memorial Building, every Wednesday at 1 pm. It's open to veteran spouses, too. (I am one!)

And then, we did point out all the parishioners who are members of veteran service organizations and auxiliaries. Although their ministries are not initiated at Our Saviour, their compassionate efforts are very much part of the ethos of Our Saviour.

To put it mildly, the Jubilee Officers were impressed! They thought all that was going on was the Veterans’ Stand Down. And, yes, we also told them how well that is going, how many parishioners are involved in numerous ways, and some of the exciting future directions (stay tuned).

So, what’s next with the Jubilee Center idea? First, we will put together the simple application to be designated a Jubilee Ministry. Once we receive that designation, which would be sometime in fall 2018, we will be eligible to apply for grants.

The second activity is to start thinking about what we, the people and the institution of Our Saviour, would like to see in our community and county to address critical social needs. Does homelessness concern you? What do you see as a possible or partial solution? Housing? Institutions? Does hunger or mental illness or chemical addiction make your top list? Do you have a remedial direction in mind?

This dreaming will involve parish-wide interaction. But if – or rather when – we receive that Jubilee designation, it would be great if we were ready to put a plan forward, because the grant cycle begins in late fall.

Obviously, a church doesn’t need to be large to be considered a Jubilee Ministry Center. Even the invitation to apply for this status shows that Our Saviour is recognized as relevant and involved in our community. Thank you for ALL YOU DO!

Pastor Christine Leigh-Taylor

PS There is no reason any or every Episcopal church can not be considered a Jubilee Ministry Center. It is a matter of self-identity.



April Birthdays:

Anna Marie Fristschi	4th
Bob Cannon	7th
Rich Bettencourt	10th
Joanne Schoener	15th
Trish Naylor	25th

April Anniversaries:

Mike & Judy Muetz	April 7, 1972
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Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	T. Weikert	L. Weikert	S.Bert/C.Griffin
8	S. Bert	C. Persse	N. Lawson/J. Scheoner
15	D. Zelinsky	T. Wilson	B. Wirth / P. Wooldridge
22	C. Griffin	L. Powell	L. Powell/N. Lawson
29	See 10:30AM	J. Griffin	See 10:30AM

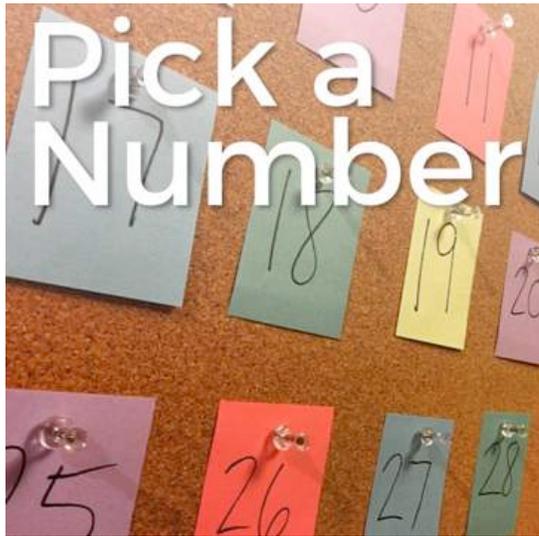
Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	Y.Giordano/M Muetz	B. Roberts	E.Cannon/D. Lightfoot
8	J.Baker/M.Baker	C. McLaughlin	T.Berkery/M.Berkery
15	M Muetz	T. Fritschi	D. Decker/D. Lightfoot
22	Y.Giordano	T. Fritschi	E.Cannon/D. Decker
29	J. Baker/M. Baker	See 8:00AM	T.Berkery/M.Berkery

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

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Financial News



“Pick a Number” Fundraiser. The numbers include every number from 1-70. The idea is that you "pick a number" to donate. Once you take the envelope with the number on it, place that dollar amount in the envelope and place the envelope in the collection plate on Sunday morning.

We will leave the board up for about 30 days. By that point hopefully most (if not all) of the numbers will have been taken and “donated.”

How much money can I raise?

Our board has 70 numbers, and when all of them are taken we will raise \$2,485. If only half of the numbers are taken, we will still raise over a thousand dollars! (And no single person had to give more than \$70.)

Ready, set, go

It’s time to get started! We will place the board in the narthex starting April 8th. We can do it. Remember: God knows exactly how much money we need to fundraise. And He’s not worried about it. So get out there, have some fun, and enjoy the process.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 8am - Holy 10:15am - Nur 10:30am - Fam	2	3 5:30pm - Yoga 6pm - Bunco @	4 10am - Qi 11am - Women	5 10am - Arts 10am - DOK	6 5:30pm - Foste 6:30pm - Welc	7 9:30am - Yoga 11:30am - Seni
8 8am - Holy 10:15am - Nur 10:30am - Fam 12:30pm - Hea	9	10 5:30pm - Yoga	11 10am - Qi 11am - Women	12 10am - Arts	13 6:30pm - Welc	14 9am - Prayer 9:30am - Yoga 11:30am - Seni
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22 8am - Holy 10:15am - Nur 10:30am - Fam 1pm - Rotary	23	24 5:30pm - Yoga	25 10am - Qi 11am - Women	26 10am - Arts 12pm - Upper	27 6:30pm - Welc	28 9:30am - Yoga 11:30am - Seni 1pm - # Me
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