

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 photo was taken in 1986 and I was just hired as a freelance journalist for the Catholic Herald. I hung my press pass on my lanyard and walked into my first interview. It was with Elie Wiesel who had recently won the Nobel Peace Prize. During the press conference I mentioned that was my first interview as a new aspiring reporter. A photographer heard me say that and took a photo which captured my deep admiration for Wiesel. Wiesel was a Holocaust survivor and I had just finished

reading several of his books.

During the press conference someone asked him about the controversy with President Reagan and Reagan's visit to a German military cemetery in Bitburg. The Jewish community was outraged because the cemetery had graves of members of the German Waffen-ss. Wiesel's answer surprised me because it had more to do with how amazing our country was than about the controversy. He said that he strongly disagreed with Regan's decision and that he called the President to talk to him about it. He said that there was no other country in the world that a citizen could pick up the phone and talk to the President and strongly disagree with him and not be censored in any way. (In case you are interested you can find the text of his acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize at https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/peace/laureates/1986/wiesel-acceptance_en.html)

There is so much that is dividing our country right now. It is upsetting to hear phrases from the Bible used to justify political policies. We cannot make good decisions when the gap between parties is insurmountable. We need bi-partisan conversations to find ways through the conflicts that beset us so we can work for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. As we continue the conversations about borders, and other issues, I ask you all to pray for our country every day. You can use the following prayer from our Book of Common Prayer called For Sound Government or any other, but please set aside time for prayer.

“O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.”

I believe in the power of prayer. Prayer keeps us rooted in God, prevents us from remaining indifferent or becoming numb, and provides guidance for action.

Rev Deb

Vestry Corner May Meeting Notes

Financial Report

The financial report indicated we are running low on finances. Ree Wylie suggested calling church members to remind them to keep current on their pledges.

The wall repair for Peirce Hall will be \$23,000. The vestry considered a diocesan loan, a line of credit and borrowing from the Wentz Fund. Rick Wentz gave his permission to borrow from the Wentz fund with an agreement to pay it back within 3 years. Ree suggested that we could do a fund drive with donor recognition to help raise funds. Mike Berkery motioned to move \$23,000 from the Wentz Fund to repair the Pierce Hall wall & roof. Ree Wylie seconded the motion and it was passed.

Senior Warden Ree Wyly

“Ordinary Miracles Around Us” – Ree Wyly would like each Vestry member to write a paragraph or more about why we give back to the church to kick off a fund drive campaign.

Junior Warden Debbie Lightfoot

There has been a request to replace the awning and repaint an area near the piano. The Maintenance & Repair account will be used. Debbie Lightfoot will follow-up about the awning. Mike Berkery & Jim Baker will paint the floor.

Parish Picnic

The worship committee and vestry both decided to try something different this year. We want to find an annual summer parish event that includes more of our parishioners. Is there a park closer to Placerville that you would like to have a picnic and barbecue at? Do you want to have an event a different day than Sunday? We will be exploring other options for next year and want to hear from you. This year we are going to have a Welcome Back from Summer parish event on Sept 9th at the church and have a festive picnic and music after a 9:30 service. During that time we will collect ideas and thoughts for an annual gathering. We are very grateful to the Wyly's for helping us arrange the last 4 parish picnics in Pollock Pines.

Ministry Overview and Purpose

We began putting together purpose/ mission statements for each ministry last year. The vestry adheres by the church mission statement to help guide us. Please think and pray about the purpose of the particular ministry you are involved in and how it fits into the overall mission statement for the church. The vestry liaison for each ministry will contact the group to help articulate and gather the statements.

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL CARE

Prayer quilts
 Helping Hands
 Licensed Eucharistic Visitors
 Daughters of the King
 Home and Hospital Visitation

MINISTRIES OF FELLOWSHIP

Coffee hour hosting
 BUNCO
 Men's breakfast

Social events

MINISTRIES OF FORMATION

Sunday Forums

Wednesday Bible Study

Retreat Days-

Men's & Women's Retreat

Lent and Advent retreats

Sunday school & Nursery

Instruction for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Matrimony.

MINISTRIES OF OUTREACH

Outreach

Foster Care Date Night Out

Upper Room

SHARE

Veterans Ministry

Progress House

MINISTRIES OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

MINISTRIES OF EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH

Visit/call newcomers

Communication to church members

Newsletter

Email

Social Media

Facebook

Web page

MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP

Altar Guild

Ushers /Greeters

Lectors

Music Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers

Jubilee Ministry

What is a Jubilee Ministry Center? Could Our Saviour be one?

A Jubilee Ministry Center is a designation by The Episcopal Church (at General Convention 1982) that a local parish or entity is part of a “ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society.” Convention noted at the time that “this kind of ministry is at the heart of the mission of the church.”

In early spring 2018 Our Saviour was invited to consider applying for Jubilee status. This took us by surprise! Why? We are a small congregation and, we don't spend a lot of outreach money. But, wait! We do quite a few things that help the community around us. How much is enough to be a Jubilee Ministry? That was our question.

We gathered a few representatives of the church – not everyone, there wasn't enough time – to meet with the Jubilee officers of our diocese – Deacon Derek Jones and his wife Marcia Traner - on March 22. Rev. Debra, Deacon Steve, Marybea Varvel and David Zelinsky attended, in addition to me. We were there to learn.

What we learned is interesting, and inspiring. To be a Jubilee Ministry, one must be an Episcopal entity, rooted in worship, with at least one human rights advocacy program and one human service program.

Church of Our Saviour received the first Episcopal Community Services Warren Dunning Social Ministries grant – a three year grant, totaling \$12,000 – in May 2017 for our proposal to help found a Veteran Services Permanent Stand Down in El Dorado County. This was a huge down payment on an open-every-week-day office in the Veterans Memorial Building next to the fairgrounds on Placerville Drive. Since mid-November when we opened this office – we call it EDVR (El Dorado Veteran Resources) – has served well over 110 veterans with caring listening, gift cards for gas, groceries or bus rides and referrals to other services. The lobby of the Veterans Memorial Building has become a welcoming place, with a coffee and snack bar, free reading glasses and other amenities. Our Saviour has helped make that possible, both with the grant funding (and other grant funding we have pursued), and the personal involvement of parishioner David Zelinsky, who has a record of life-saving help for veterans in crisis, and several volunteers from Our Saviour who serve as office volunteers or database managers.

That was what brought us to the attention of the diocesan Jubilee Officers. They wanted to know what else we do. There's lots to tell. We told them about Upper Room, and the food we contribute and the cooking and serving teams we send once a month. We told them about Foster Care Date Night Out which gives foster parents the opportunity to leave their children with trusted adults for a few hours. We told them about our Quilt Ministry, and the impact that these simple blankets make on those who are suffering or in pain. (We learned recently that the family of

one of our quilt recipients who died wished their loved one to be buried in the quilt.) We told them about SHARE, our free-will contributions to a community food bank.

Why would Our Saviour want this designation as a Jubilee Ministry Center? For three possible reasons:

- 1) It makes us ask ourselves what we do in the community, and what difference it makes, and would anyone miss us if we didn't do what we do?
- 2) What is it that we at Our Saviour would wish to contribute to Placerville/El Dorado County that is totally beyond our means – but not beyond our vision?
- 3) If we had a big vision, as a Jubilee Center we would have access to some big grants.

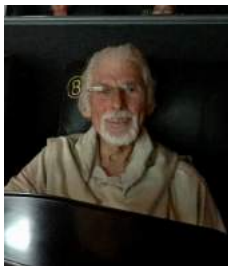
The Jubilee Ministry designation is an invitation to think beyond what we are presently doing. What passions for ministry might be percolating in the congregation? What big event or service might you be hoping for? Please email the church at oursaviour.placerville@gmail.com if you have some thoughts about this.

We will be having some Forum dates in the fall to talk about it more.

Pastor Christine

Church of Our Saviour goes to the movies!

The new movie about Mister Rogers is a must see. We had a great time and tickets are only \$5.00 on Tuesdays!





The Next Bunco Night is July 3rd and August 7th 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!



July & August Birthdays:

Brenda Hill	July 1st
Mike Muetz	July 3rd
Ian Roberts	July 5th
Charles Griffen	July 6th
Allen Wylly	July 8th
Kathy Fritschi	July 10th
Stacy McCormack	July 26th
Clair Bishop	Aug 2nd
Patti Woolridge	Aug 23rd
Tim Sullivan	Aug 25th
Kathryn Nugent	Aug 26th
Rev. Debra Sabino	Aug 30th

July & August Anniversaries:

Kathy & Gary Amees	08/25/1984
Bruce & June Ebbe	08/28/1960

July Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	T.Weikert	L.Weikert	S.Bert/C.Griffin
8	C. Griffin	J.Griffin	T.Weikert/J.Schoener
15	D.Zelinsky	T. Wilson	T.Wilson/S.Bert
22	D.Zelinsky	S.Bert	T.Wilson/S.Bert
29	S.Bert	L.Powell	L.Powell/C.Griffin

July Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
1	J. Baker/ M. Baker	B. Roberts	D.Lightfoot/E.Cannon
8	M.Muetz/Y.Giordano	C.McLaughlin	T.Berkery/M.Berkery
15	J. Baker/ M. Baker	T. Fritschi	D.Lightfoot/D.Decker
23	Y.Giordano/L.Parks	L.Parks	D.Decker/E.Cannon
29	J.Baker/M.Baker	T. Fritschi	T.Berkery/M.Berkery

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

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Jul 2018 (Pacific Time)

Our Saviour, Holidays in United States

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8 8am - Holy Eucharist 10:15am - Nursery 10:30am - Family 12:15pm - Vestry	9	10 11:30am - Harp 5:30pm - Yoga with	11 10am - Qi Gong	12 10am - Arts Council	13 6:30pm - Welcome	14 9am - Prayer 9:30am - Yoga with 11:30am - Senior 6pm - Foster Care
15 8am - Holy Eucharist 10:15am - Nursery 10:30am - Family	16	17 11:30am - Harp 5:30pm - Yoga with	18 10am - Qi Gong	19 10am - Arts Council 5:30pm - Sierra Club	20 10am - Altar Guild 6:30pm - Welcome	21 8am - Men's 9:30am - Yoga with 11:30am - Senior
22 8am - Holy Eucharist 10:15am - Nursery 10:30am - Family	23	24 11:30am - Harp 5:30pm - Yoga with	25 10am - Qi Gong	26 10am - Arts Council 12pm - Upper Room	27 6:30pm - Welcome	28 9:30am - Yoga with 11:30am - Senior
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