

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 am looking forward to a new program year with everyone. September is the month that ushers in new beginnings. Peirce Hall is almost finished, thanks to the hard work of so many. The bulletin boards will be up soon and we will be able to post sign up sheets and calendars to help keep information posted in as many places as possible. We are looking at ways to make the website, Facebook, and the weekly e-blast more effective.

Pastor Christine included an article about becoming a Jubilee Center. The outreach that our small church is engaged in has not gone unnoticed and we were contacted by diocesan Jubilee Members to consider whether we wanted to be designated as a Jubilee Center. You can read more about that in Pastor Christine's article.

We all have every reason to be extremely proud of our church. Our outreach efforts continues to expand. The vestry recently met with Terri Kessler about increasing visibility with high school students in our area. One of the suggestions was to open our facility for groups that work with teens. We contacted a couple of those groups and have worked out an arrangement with New Morning Youth and Family Services. They will begin using Peirce Hall in Sept on a monthly basis. New Morning provides many services for children and youth including several types of counseling and an emergency shelter when needed. We are also going to begin facilitating monthly meetings as a result of the retreat that we had a few months ago for people dealing with #Me Too concerns. The retreat was just beginning and there was interest in continuing to meet on a regular basis to keep the conversation going. On Sept 5th we are going to begin a monthly group to provide a place for ongoing healing and support for women who have experienced harassment, abuse or other trauma in their lives.

On a personal note, it is a time of grieving. Four of good friends of mine died in August; one was a deacon in our diocese that some of you may know, the Rev Deacon Davis Ferrell. My spiritual director, Sr Claire Graham, a drummer from one of my former church bands, Steve Mitchell, and a friend from St Francis chapel. In addition, another clergy in our diocese, Rev. George "Ted" Ridgway, (the brother of Bob Ridgway) also passed away. Please keep their family and friends in your prayers.

Times like these make you step back and appreciate how precious life is.

Rev Deb

A Blessing for Beauty by John O'Donahue

May the beauty of your life become more visible to you, that you may glimpse your wild divinity.

May the wonders of the earth call you forth from all your small, secret prisons and set your feet free in the pastures of possibilities.

May the light of dawn anoint your eyes that you may behold what a miracle a day is.

May the liturgy of twilight shelter all your fears and darkness within the circle of ease.

May the angel of memory surprise you in bleak times with new gifts from the harvest of your vanished days.

May you allow no dark hand to quench the candle of hope in your heart.

May you discover a new generosity towards yourself, and encourage yourself to engage your life as a great adventure.

May the outside voices of fear and despair find no echo in you.

May you always trust the urgency and wisdom of your own spirit.

May the shelter and nourishment of all the good you have done, the love you have shown, the suffering you have carried, awaken around you to bless your life a thousand times.

And when love finds the path to your door may you open like the earth to the dawn, and trust your every hidden color towards its nourishment of light.

May you find enough stillness and silence to savor the kiss of God on your soul and delight in the eternity that shaped you, that holds you and calls you.

And may you know that despite confusion, anxiety and emptiness, your name is written in Heaven.

And may you come to see your life as a quiet sacrament of service, which awakens around you a rhythm where doubt gives way to the grace of wonder, where what is awkward and strained can find elegance, and where crippled hope can find wings, and torment enter at last unto the grace of serenity.

May Divine Beauty bless you.

Rev Deb

Walk the Stations of the Cross

Walking the Stations of the Cross was not one of the rites of the early church but became a people's observation that was eventually adopted by the church. It is not limited to the Lenten Season. Churches and monasteries around the world have such paths available year round. Tom and Lee Weikert also have a path with stations that follow Jesus from his condemnation to his death on the cross and on to the empty tomb. There are 14 stops along this journey, "stations", with 14 plaques depicting the events, similar to the painted Stations of the Cross in our church sanctuary.

September 14th is officially Holy Cross Day so we will be walking the Stations at the Weikerts' on Saturday, September 15 at 10:30 AM. We stop for a reading and a prayer at each tree where a plaque is hung. We will be using the very personal "Everyone's Stations of the Cross" instead of the more familiar Holy Week "The Way of the Cross". Our path is a moderate climb, eased by a zigzag pattern, up the hill behind our home. Sturdy shoes are a must. There are a couple of benches for resting along the way.

This event is suitable for all ages. Please join us and bring a bag lunch. It's lovely on the back deck in the fall. The Weikerts will provide beverages. If you have any questions, please call Tom or Lee at 644-0382 or email Lee at eklktelee@earthlink.net. The address is 4110 Sierra Springs Drive, Pollock Pines. Directions will be available in the Parish Hall.

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 just a few representatives of the church – not every leader, 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 2017 when we opened this office – we call it EDVR (El Dorado Veteran Resources) – we have served well over 110 veterans with caring listening, gift cards for gas, groceries or bus rides and referrals to other services. It is run by volunteers.

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. Recently, EDVR added a transportation team, to get veterans to and from medical appointments – in town and at the Mather VA hospital.

And even more recently, Thompsons Dodge, Jeep etc., donated a brand new Dodge Caravan van to Military Family Support Group – of which the EDVR is a program – to help transport veterans. Things are building with respect to veteran ministry.

The Warren Dunning grant was what brought us to the attention of the diocesan Jubilee Officers. They wanted to know what else we do. There was a lot 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 with 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 look at what we do in the community, and the difference it makes, and ask: “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? Because,
- 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. Or express your thoughts to me.

We will be having some Forum dates in the fall to talk about it more. This is an exciting possibility. Please don't think – "I can't do anything more." Jubilee is about partnering with other groups that may have the person-power but no funding to do something significant in our community. So, please, dream away. What would make a positive difference in El Dorado County. If you can dream it, and it serves those who need healing and help, then let's hear your ideas!

Pastor Christine (leighta@mcn.org)

Church-wide Forum on Ministries – Old and New Sept. 23, 30 and Oct 14th

September traditionally marks the beginning of a new year in church ministry – as we welcome parishioners and visitors back from vacations, children back to school, and choirs back to regular attendance. This year, we'd like to hear from you before we just plunge into the same old routine. We are always entering the river of life in a new place. It makes sense to take the pulse of the parish about ministries you feel are important.

To do this, we've planned three Sunday between-service forums – at 9:30 am - to hear about the ministries you care about. We will invite all members of the congregation to come and help us dream and design an overall ministry program. There may be a new ministry someone wants to start, or promote a particular ministry that we already are engaged in.

In these forums we ask that you not be concerned about how much money or person-power it would take to initiate or support a particular ministry. We'd really like these to be brain-storming sessions about what you are passionate about.

Ongoing ministries include: veterans' care, Upper Room, Prayer quilts, Foster Parents' night out, Eucharistic visiting and others. We hope a representative for each of these will be present. We'd also like to hear your interests in pastoral care, music, hospitality, recovery organizations, use of our buildings, etc. as well as other ideas that are completely new.

Please come on Sundays, September 23, 30 and Oct 14th to share your ideas about ministries you think are important to or possible for Church of Our Saviour.

Rev. Debra, Pastor Christine and Deacon Stephen

Worship Committee

The worship committee met and discussed how we can include more members of the congregation in the Prayers of the People. We would like to schedule someone who is seated in the congregation to read the Prayers of the People rather than have one of the clergy read them. Please let Rev Deb know if you are interested in being a reader for the Prayers of the People. In addition we are asking people to please write down your thanksgivings and prayers of concern on a piece of paper that the ushers will have so

they can be read aloud during the Prayers of the People. The time during Announcements will be limited to Birthdays, Anniversaries and timely church news. We are looking to reduce the amount of time spent for the Announcements.

Shhhh.....Quiet time

Several people have expressed a desire to return to the practice of keeping the sanctuary quiet from 10:15 to 10:30. It is important to be able to have some quiet time in the church for private prayer and refecton. Many times the only time people can do that is prior to the church service. Please be mindful of that and help keep the sanctuary a quiet prayer space.

Speaking of church ministries...

There are so many unsung heroes who keep who are vital to our church. I don't thank people often enough and want to acknowledge some of them. I am so grateful to Vickie McLain who keeps the Facebook and website up to date, Lee Weikert who sends the weekly E-blast, Elsie Cannon who staples and folds the church bulletins, Jim & Mona Baker and Mike & Terry Berkery who do everything they can at the drop of a hat, all those who gather to makes Prayer Quilts, those who lead and attend BUNCO, our Intercessory Prayer team, the Altar Guild & ushers, greeters and readers, those who care for the foster caregivers, Charles Griffin for keeping the church buildings clean and those who put so much time and care into creating weekly coffee hours that are delicious and look gourmet! I know there are some who have not been mentioned but you are all the lifeblood of our church. THANK YOU!

Vestry Corner

Why I pledge (or tithe) to Church of Our Saviour

I wasn't brought up to tithe. My parents simply put money in the offering plate when we attended church. I did the same as I grew up and became an adult. It wasn't until I started attending Church of Our Saviour that I began to tithe. I began to tithe because I WANTED to! I am inspired by the story in the bible of the woman who gave her last coin to the temple. I am thankful for all the wonderful blessings God has bestowed upon me. I am amazed that God wants me as one of His sheep. I care about the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the future of Our Saviour. Most importantly, I deeply want God's work to be done and for His word to be heard. That is why I tithe.

Most Sincerely,

Debbie Lightfoot

August is National Make-a-Will Month

Did you know that August is 'National Make-a-Will' month? Although having a valid will is one of the best ways to ensure that your end-of-life wishes will be fulfilled, only about 50% of Americans have an up-to-date written will. It's always best to use a qualified attorney to set up your estate plans, but before

you meet with your lawyer, Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) has several resources to help you prepare for writing or updating your will.

We have available for you, a free downloadable copy of ECF's Planning for the End of Life in either English or Spanish. You can also view this helpful webinar on the same topic.

Already completed your estate plans? Please pass this on to others, or if you are a leader at your Episcopal parish, take a look at ECF's many resources for Planned Giving and End of Life planning on our website.

For more information contact Jim Murphy at 800-697-2858 or at giving@episcopalfoundation.org.

Veterans News

Aloha always wants me to be the one to get her when she gets out of jail. I don't always accommodate her, but will help when I can. Amazingly, a recovery program was good to go to take her straight from jail. So from Placerville to South Sac, stopping just for required meds, and collecting her wallet that had miraculously been found by another Veteran on the bike trail.

Back to Placerville for Veterans Court. Jacko's big day! Graduation! Charges wiped off his record, plus court fines and fees go away. From homeless and impoverished in South Lake Tahoe, to feeling ownership for the Veterans Recovery program he was part of.

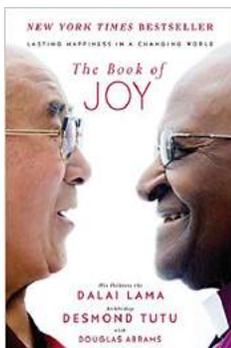
"Jacko, where is Razzie?" Another combat Veteran. Young kid. Voices in his head. Seemed to like the program, but, then, gone. Left EVERYTHING behind. No news. Bench warrants piling up.

Time for prayer.

David Zelinsky

Service Officer-American Legion Post 119

Bishop's Book for Fall 2018



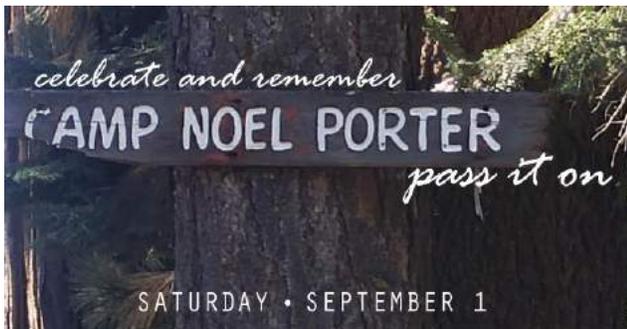
Bishop Barry Beisner has selected "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" as this fall's Bishop's Book. Perhaps we could do an Advent Book study and read this book together.

From authors Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama: "We hope this small book will be an invitation to more joy and more happiness...We are sharing what two friends, from very different worlds, have witnessed and learned in our long lives. We hope you will discover whether what is included here is true by applying it in your own life."

Exploring the Old Testament - Fall course in Antelope

Join the Rev. Peter Rodgers, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Antelope, as he teaches an eight week course entitled "Exploring the Old Testament in the New," at St. Clement's, Rancho Cordova, beginning Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. Rev. Peter taught New Testament and Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary for 13 years. He has published numerous articles and several books, including "[Exploring the Old Testament in the New](#)," which the course is based on. The suggested donation for the course is \$50. For more information or to register, please contact the church office at St. Clement's at 916-635-5282, or email the Rev. Kenn Katona at kenn.katona@gmail.com.

Camp Noel Porter Celebration - Sept. 1



For decades, Camp Noel Porter has been a sacred place for families, young adults, youth, and children. As camping programs have changed, the Camp Noel Porter board and the Board of Trustees have prayerfully decided that it is no longer possible to hold camp programs on this site. It is time to say goodbye to this summer camp ministry, remembering the spirit-filled gifts that we have received here. The time has come to "pass it on" as our camp song reminds us.

We will be honoring this beloved ministry on Saturday, Sept. 1. (for questions, please email communications@norcalepiscopal.org)

What about the Noel Porter property?

While both boards have reached consensus approving a possible property sale, there is no sale in process at this time. Any sale of the property would need to account for the care of the chapel and answer the concerns about St. Nicholas church.



The Next Bunco Night is Sept 4th 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!

Did you know?

Did you know that you could take private harp lessons by Grammy Award winning harpist Anne Roos right here at Church of Our Saviour? Please contact Anne at: anne@celticharpmusic.com and 530-541-257 (my website is <http://harpistanneroos.com>), for anyone interested in learning to play the harp.

Anne offers lessons on each Tuesday, except the 1st Tuesday of the month (since there is Bunko on the 1st Tuesday). Lessons can be scheduled between 10 am-6 pm.



September Birthdays:

Tom Fritschi	Sept 4th
Joseph Piazza	Sept 4th
Lauren George	Sept 8th
Armin Filsinger	Sept 14th
Janice Griffin	Sept 16th
LeAnn Bettencourt	Sept 17th
Kathy Ames	Sept 25th
Bruce Ebbe	Sept 28th
Bob Ridgway	Sept 29th

September Anniversaries:

Tim & Angela Sullivan	Sept 11,2004
Allen & ReeAnn Wvly	Sept 6,1969

September Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
2	T.Weikert	L.Powell	S.Bert/C.Griffin
9	Combines Service		
16	D.Zelinsky	T. Wilson	T.Wilson/S.Bert
23	C. Griffin	J. Griffin	N.Lawson/J.Schoener
30	S.Bert	L.Perpall	C.Griffin/N.Lawson

September Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
2	Y. Giordano	B. Roberts	D.Decker/E.Cannon
9	M.Muetz	C.McLaughlin	T.Berkery/M.Berkery
16	J. Baker/ M. Baker	T. Fritschi	D.Lightfoot/D.Decker
23	Y.Giordano/L.Parks	L.Parks	R.Douglas/E.Cannon
30	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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8am - Holy Eucharist 10:15am - Nursery Care 10:30am - Family Service	27 Labor Day	28 11:30am - Harp lessons 5:30pm - Yoga with Tammy	29 10am - Qi Gong	30 10am - Arts Council	31 6:30pm - Welcome Home	1 9:30am - Yoga with Tammy 11:30am - Senior Yoga with
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9 Choir and Sunday school 9:30am - Welcome Back 11am - Lay Ministry	10	11 11:30am - Harp lessons 5:30pm - Yoga with Tammy	12 10am - Qi Gong 11am - Women's Bible	13 10am - Arts Council	14 6pm - Foster Care Parent 6:30pm - Welcome Home	15 9:30am - Yoga with Tammy 10:30am - Stations of the 11:30am - Senior Yoga with
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23 Men's Retreat @ Mercy 8am - Holy Eucharist 10:15am - Nursery Care 10:30am - Family Service	24	25 11:30am - Harp lessons 5:30pm - Yoga with Tammy	26 10am - Qi Gong 11am - Women's Bible	27 10am - Arts Council 12pm - Upper Room	28 6:30pm - Welcome Home	29 9:30am - Yoga with Tammy 11:30am - Senior Yoga with
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