



**Don't Forget!  
The Food  
Ministry during  
the Holidays!**

Please make an extra effort to donate at this time so many people will get a good meal at Interfaith Ministries during the holiday season and the cold weather.

We're asking you to bring a can or a box a week for the Food Basket located at the side of the church. The basket is then brought up to the Altar along with the offering every Sunday and is blessed with our offerings.

A BIG THANK YOU to Robert & Sharon Neller for all their faithful work bagging and bringing the donations into Interfaith Ministries.

**+ Christian Symbols +**

**Cedar Tree**

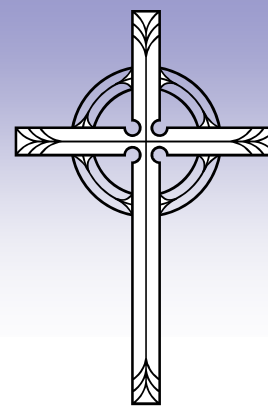


A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

**Answer to Bible Quiz: A**  
(See Luke 1:26ff.)

**Jesus, Our Savior**  
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# The Savior's Voice

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*"Jesus did not come to make  
God's love possible, but to make  
God's love visible."*

*—Author unknown  
from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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**Don't Miss the  
Second Annual Holiday Faire!**



Bring your checkbook! We will have a silent auction for gift baskets and other wonderful gifts that have been made up and donated by parishioners. A Cookie Walk will also be held for \$4.00 for a dozen cookies.

Don't miss the fun and fellowship during the coffee hour. This is also a great chance to help with your holiday baking and shopping!

The proceeds will go to the Church Remodeling Fund for further remodeling projects.

✝ **December 6<sup>th</sup> II Advent Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. - Holy Communion,  
sermon, Sunday School



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Holy Communion, sermon, Sunday School

✝ **December 20<sup>th</sup> IV Advent Sunday** - 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion, sermon, Sunday School

✝ **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve** - 7:00 p.m.  
Sung Holy Communion & sermon

✝ **December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day** - 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Pageant & Holy Communion



Liz Basham is collecting money for poinsettias to decorate the church. The cost is \$8.00 each and if you would like to contribute, please see Liz or call her at 523-9994.



The Rt. Rev. R. Duncan, Archbishop, ACNA  
 The Rt. Rev Eric Menees ..... Bishop  
 .....Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin  
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 ..... Vicar Emeritus  
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### Bishop's Committee

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 Seth Simas..... Jr. Warden/Treasurer  
 Mary Scott..... Clerk

Joan Court            Helen Merrick  
 Pamela Jordan        Velmer Reeh  
 Gregory Matteson

*The Bishop's Committee meets the second Sunday of every month following the Sunday service.*

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



### Altar Guild Co-Directresses

Liz Bashm & Jan Miller

### Members:

Mary O'Leary            Margaret Moore

### Auxiliary members:

Betty Hill                Joan Court



Editor ..... Fr. Jack Faucett  
 Design & Format.....Mary Scott



## Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

### Divine Order

*In this moment, a divine plan is unfolding in my life.*

There may be times when events in my life just do not seem to make sense. I may question why something happened or how I ended up in my present circumstances.

With an increasing understanding of divine order, however, I realize that when my attention is focused solely on myself and my world of experiences, I am not seeing the whole picture. As I expand my vision through the lense of a spiritual understanding, I take in the divine plan that is unfolding. I see order in my life and in the world.

From this expanded viewpoint, I watch as problems shrink in both size and importance. I relax and enjoy living in each now moment, allowing answers to come in the form of inner wisdom and divine solutions.

*"From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view, even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way." 2 Corinthians 5:16*

*With blessings and love,  
Beverly Burke  
Welcoming Committee*



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 15th of every month.

Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at [mlscott9@pacbell.net](mailto:mlscott9@pacbell.net) or call 529-7606.

Church phone number ..... (209) 551-5279  
 Fr. Jack Faucett ..... (209) 812-4146



## Another Successful Computer Give-Away!

On Saturday, December 6, **80 computers** were given to students from Hanshaw Middle School, LaLoma Jr. High, Mark Twain Jr. High and Roosevelt Jr. High. In addition, thanks to another generous donation from Robert Half & Associates, we were able to give **43 laptops** to high school students from Beyer, Elliott, Gregori, Downey, Johansen and Modesto High Schools. These students are all selected by teachers and counselors based on their high achievement and low income status. To pay it forward, these students are asked to perform 6 hours of community service at a place of their choice.

Once again, we had many helpers and would like to thank Seth Simas, Richard Shabazian and the many helpers from each school site. Come and check out the next one - it's always great to see how excited the kids are.

Please help us to continue this wonderful ministry. All personal and business donations are welcomed. **2nd Chance Computers** business cards are available at the church and all donors will receive a donation receipt. Thanks for all your support!

### Dates to remember

- Second Sunday of Advent ..... December 7
- Third Sunday of Advent ..... December 14
- Fourth Sunday of Advent ..... December 21
- First Day of Winter ..... December 21
- Christmas Eve ..... December 24
- Christmas Day ..... December 25
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night ..... December 31



### Bible Quiz

What's the name of the angel who told Mary she would give birth to God's Son?

- A. Gabriel
- B. Raphael
- C. Michael
- D. Jonathan

*Answer on page 8  
from the Newsletter Newsletter*

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| ☺ Karen T.           | ☺ Evan W.       |
| ☺ Gabriella          | ☺ John          |
| ☺ Betty H.           | ☺ Lucille       |
| ☺ Maxine M.          | ☺ Art & Jane E. |
| ☺ Carlton McC.       | ☺ Nancy B.      |
| ☺ Fr. Bill & Shirley | ☺ Marjorie M.   |
| ☺ Dave & Michelle    | ☺ Ruby H.       |
| ☺ Rob & Lori         | ☺ Gwen H.       |
| ☺ Helen M.           | ☺ Eva B.        |
| ☺ Gloria W.          | ☺ Jean R.       |
| ☺ Pamela J.          | ☺ Yvette C.     |
| ☺ Eiden              | ☺ JoAnne M.     |
| ☺ Rachel             | ☺ Bryce         |
| ☺ Wendy              | ☺ Molly H.      |
| ☺ Sam A.             | ☺ Corinne       |
| ☺ Cayden Michael     | ☺ Don & Ruby    |
| ☺ Joan C.            | ☺ Gillian       |
| ☺ Kennedy R.         | ☺ Conley        |
| ☺ Janet M.           | ☺ Annabelle     |
| ☺ Haley B.           | ☺ Ruth G.       |
| ☺ Phil R.            | ☺ Myles P.      |
| ☺ Wicher Family      | ☺ Genie B.      |
| ☺ Rashel S.          | ☺ Lucille       |
| ☺ Kay K.             | ☺ Beverly B.    |
| ☺ Sandra B.          | ☺ Annabelle     |
| ☺ Alexzander         | ☺ Jan L.        |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please call the church at 551-5279.



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| Abraham Foster   | December 1  |
| Helen Merrick    | December 3  |
| Corinne Golden   | December 8  |
| Gregory Matteson | December 9  |
| June Simas       | December 21 |
| Taylen Merrick   | December 22 |
| Neal Mitchell    | December 22 |
| Claude Knighten  | December 23 |
| Kasandra Foster  | December 24 |

Nathaniel & Sarah Pine ..... December 8 12 years

*If you are not on the Birthday/Anniversary Chart, please let Mary Scott know.*

# The Kid's Page

*"Away in a Manger"* **PLATE**



Make this special plate as a gift to give this Christmas.

**What you need:**

- Clear glass plate
- Acrylic craft paint
- Paintbrush and water
- Black permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. Turn plate upside-down on table. Paint one of your palms brown, and press it on the center of the plate.
2. Rotate the plate so fingers point down. Using yellow paint, make a straw bed in the palm.
3. Mix white and brown paint for Jesus' face. Use white paint for a swaddled body.
4. Paint a yellow star above Jesus and a yellow border around the plate rim.
5. When paint is dry, turn plate over. With the marker, draw dots for Jesus' eyes and write the words of Luke 2:12 around the plate rim.



## Born king of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

Directions: In the grid below, draw lines by starting at the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

16-17	28-17-6	61-50-39	8-7-18	106-96-85-97-107-106	42-41-52-63-64-53
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111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121
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from the Newsletter Newsletter  
Answer key in office



Advent, the great season of preparation for Christmas, brings a new dimension to our lives. We will celebrate Jesus' 2014<sup>th</sup> birthday, so we need to prepare ourselves by starting anew. Going deeper than last year by adding Bible reading, study and asking Jesus how we can serve Him best.

Jesus has promised to return for the great Judgment Day, so we are preparing for finals. His Gift to us is to remind us that we are His & He loves us.

- † November 30<sup>th</sup> **I Advent Sunday** 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion, sermon, Blessing of Advent wreath and healing service
- † December 6<sup>th</sup> **II Advent Sunday** 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion, sermon, Sunday School
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Sung Holy Communion & sermon
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Children's Pageant & Holy Communion
- † December 28<sup>th</sup> **I Christmas** 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion & sermon

Daily Morning Prayer - 9:30 a.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study - Thursdays 9:45 a.m.

Confessions - Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## A Special Baby



Mark Lowry, who wrote the lyrics to the Christmas song "Mary, Did You Know?" says he's always been amazed by Mary's silence at the cross, as her son was being crucified. Maybe she was remembering back to that first Christmas, he wonders, when she counted Jesus' fingers and toes.

"I wonder if she realized then that those were the same fingers that had scooped out the oceans and formed the seas. I wonder if she realized those were the same feet that had walked on streets of gold and been worshiped by angels. Those little lips were the same lips that had spoken the world into existence. When Mary kissed her little baby, she wasn't just kissing another baby; she was kissing the face of God."

Mary silently watched her son die 33 years later, Lowry notes — not just for the world but also for his own mother. "The baby boy she had delivered on that first Christmas was now on a cross delivering her."

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*Note: If you haven't heard the song, "Mary, Did You Know?" performed by the group Pentonix, please check it out. You Tube address below. This song is just beautiful.*



www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifCWN5pJGIE



## Bishop's Note for Advent 2 Year B

In this second week of Advent, we continue to watch and pray and prepare to receive the Lord! This week we hear the Prophet Isaiah calling out to the people words of comfort and hope. However, they immediately follow the warning to King Hezekiah that the Babylonians will attack and carry off the young men and the treasury. How can you have both a prophecy of doom and a prophecy of hope for the same people? The answer is: because God sees the big picture - the macro and the micro - of all situations.

What is that prophecy of hope? "3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Even if you are not familiar with the words of Isaiah, you will probably associate them with John the Baptist proclaiming the fulfillment of this prophecy. In fact, all four gospels confirm (Mt. 3:3, Mk. 1:2, Lk. 3:4 & Jn. 1:24) that Jesus is indeed the fulfillment of this prophecy - a prophecy uttered some seven hundred years prior to Jesus, and that preceded great devastation and grief. But through it all, God was faithful, even if the people were not.

As we move through the trials and tribulations of life, we can always count on the absolutely constant character of God - He will never leave us or forsake us. (Hebrews 13:5) Why? Because of what he did two thousand years ago in a stable in Bethlehem; the Glory of the Lord was revealed in Jesus bar-Joseph who is also known as Immanuel - God with us. (Mt. 1:23)

Because God is constant and has revealed Himself in His Son Jesus, we can trust that He will fulfill His promise to come again and judge the earth; not judging out of wrath or vengeance, but out of His constant character of love and justice.

This week we light the second candle of the Advent wreath and draw closer to the day when we will either be called home, or welcome Him who promised to come in His Second Advent.

*I pray you all a blessed Lord's Day.  
Bishop Menees*

### Catechism Questions 49 - 51

49. Who is Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is the eternal Word and Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity. He took on human flesh to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world, the only Mediator between God and fallen mankind. (1 Timothy 2:5; John 1:14; 14:6; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

50. What does "Jesus" mean?

"Jesus" means "God saves" and is taken from the Hebrew name Yeshua or Joshua. In Jesus, God has come to save us from the power of sin and death. (Matthew 1:21)

51. What does "Christ" mean?

Christos is a Greek word meaning "Anointed One." Old Testament kings, priests and prophets were anointed with oil. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to perfectly fulfill these roles and he rules now as God's prophet, priest, and king over his Church and all creation. (Acts 10:38)

### Diocesan Calendar



- ✠ December 13 - Anglican Fourth Day - Tehachapi
- ✠ December 20 - Diocesan Council
- ✠ December 22-December 31 - Bishop Menees on vacation
- ✠ December 24 - Diocesan Office closes at noon
- ✠ December 25-26- Diocesan Office closed
- ✠ December 31 - Diocesan Office closes at noon
- ✠ January 1-2 - Diocesan Office closed



## The Light of the World

Early Christians celebrated both Jesus' birth and baptism on Epiphany, January 6. Only in the fourth century did Roman Christians appropriate a pagan festival to celebrate what we now call Christmas — a contraction of "Christ Mass."

But the origin of when we celebrate Jesus' birth doesn't detract from the day's holiness. In fact, God has always transformed things of the world to serve his purposes and show his glory.

The festival honoring the "Unconquered Sun," held on what was then considered the winter solstice, was deemed the perfect time to praise the "Sun of Righteousness" (a prophetic name for Christ; see Malachi 4:2).

By claiming this day as our own, Christians profess that earthly darkness — winter's seasonal darkness and the darkness in our hearts and lives — is brightened not by a heavenly body that will one day cease to shine but by Jesus, the real unconquered and unconquerable Light of the World.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

## Daughters of the Holy Cross

by Joan Faucett, President



We have finished the training period and will now meet once a month. All donations are appreciated as they come back to help the programs of the church.



## Keep up the good work!

Please keep bringing in plastic soda bottles and aluminum soda cans. To date, our recycling efforts have brought in \$228.03.

Don't forget your used toner and ink cartridges. Office Max has changed their recycle policy and will now only take 10 cartridges per month. That is still a \$10.00 credit for office supplies and newsletter copying, which we receive at the end of the month.

Thank you for only putting aluminum soda cans and plastic soda bottles or crv juice bottles in the recycle cans. It makes the job much easier.

## Christmas Traditions Around the Globe



Although Americans celebrate the holiday with candlelight services, piles of gifts, large feasts, lights and trees, people in other countries mark Jesus' birth in many interesting ways:

- ✱ Nine days before Christmas in Mexico, Las Posadas processions reenact Joseph and Mary's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem.
- ✱ Instead of decorating trees, Italians place fruit on small wooden pyramids.
- ✱ On Christmas Eve, the streets of Caracas, Venezuela, are blocked off so people can roller-skate to church.
- ✱ Ukrainian Christmas trees often feature an artificial spider and web. According to a folk tale, a poor woman who couldn't afford decorations awoke one Christmas morning to find that spiders had "trimmed" her children's trees with delicate webs.
- ✱ In Brazil, the gift-bringer is known as Papai Noel (Father Noel), who lives in Greenland, according to legend. When he arrives in Brazil, he wears silk clothing because of the summer heat.
- ✱ It's considered bad etiquette to send red Christmas cards in Japan because funeral notices are customarily printed in red.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



## Prime Shine Coupons

are still available for \$7.00 each.

See Seth Simas, Mary Scott or call the church to get a coupon!

This is a fun, useful stocking stuffer. The proceeds go to the Building Fund.