



### Food Ministry

Please keep bringing your cans and boxes of food for the Food Basket. It is brought up to the altar with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

We want to thank Bob and Sharon Neller as they faithfully bag up the cans and boxes every week and bring them into Interfaith Ministry.

We appreciate all your help with this important ministry!

### + Christian Symbols +



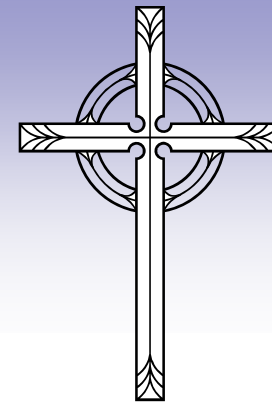
#### Crown

A crown, of course, symbolizes royal authority. As a Christian symbol it represents both Christ as King of kings (Revelation 17:14, for example) and the eternal life promised to Christ's followers: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, ESV).

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

**Answer to Bible Quiz: C**  
(See Daniel 3:25.)

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# The Savior's Voice

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*"Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success."*

*—Henry Ford*  
*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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### Meeting with Bishop



On October 15, following the service and a potluck, Bishop Eric Menees met with the Bishop's Committees from Grace Anglican Church in Turlock and Jesus Our Savior to discuss the priest position that will be yoked between both churches.

As you may remember, Fr. Ron Ryan applied for the position and was a guest priest on September 3. Unfortunately, Fr. Ron Ryan notified Bishop Eric that he didn't feel that he was a good fit for the position as he felt he was low church evangelical.

As a result of the meeting, it was decided that Fr. Tom would go to Turlock for one Sunday a month and celebrate at Jesus Our Savior the other three Sundays. The yoked priest position will be advertised nationally. Please keep praying for a new priest for both churches!

**Service time is at 10:00 a.m until further notice.**



**Don't forget to turn your clocks back on**

**November 4!**

**If you haven't turned in your 2018 pledge, please do so soon to help us prepare a 2018 budget!**



The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop, ACNA  
 The Rt. Rev Dr. Eric Menees ..... Bishop  
 .....Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin  
 The Rev. Canon Thomas M. Foster...  
 ..... Vicar Emeritus  
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### Bishop's Committee

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 Mary Scott ..... Secretary

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 Audrey Foster

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

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.



Liz Basham  
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## Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

### "Divine Wisdom"

In times of change or even turmoil, I may examine my plans or re-examine myself, wondering why is this happening? What can I do? What's next?

Placing all wondering and questioning aside, I realize that divine wisdom is always present to illuminate my way. In prayerful meditation, I obtain a serene balance between questions and solutions. I acknowledge the peace within that soothes my soul.

I feel the calm assurance of divine insight and tranquility of trust in outcomes. God is always here. Whether or not the details are obvious to me, I am ready to move forward confidently with my plans and understanding. I anticipate the known and trust in God for the unknown.

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way be known upon earth." Psalm 67:12

*with blessings and love,  
 Beverly Burke  
 Welcoming Committee*

### You're invited to a Celebration of Life for Betty Hill.

Saturday, November 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Jesus Our Savior.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.  
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## 2nd Chance Computer

The next Computer Give-Away is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Second Chance Computers has been donating about 100 computers on a monthly basis to parents enrolled in the Modesto City Schools Adult Ed Computer Literacy program. In addition, we're making connections with the STEM Program at Cal State Stanislaus University, as well as through the Stanislaus County Migrant Program.

More schools are asking to have the computers delivered to their site instead of having the students pick them up at the church. While the pick ups at the church are lower, there seems to be an increase in the number of computers requested for the schools.

With donations to the Computer Ministry program, Jesus Our Savior has purchased 50 power bricks for Dell laptops. To donate old computers or money, call Terry at 402-8586 or the church at 551-5279. Thanks for all your help!

### Dates to Remember

- National Adoption Month
- All Saints' Day ..... November 1
- Betty Hill Celebration of Life ..... November 4
- Daylight-Saving Time ends ..... November 4
- Election Day ..... November 7
- Veterans Day ..... November 11
- Thanksgiving Day ..... November 23
- Christ the King Sunday ..... November 26



## Bible Quiz

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count

*Answer on page 8  
 from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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| Tom D.           | Margie M.  |
| Maxine M.        | Corrie     |
| Shirley E.       | Tatum      |
| Art E.           | Myles P.   |
| JoAnne & Neal M. | Eva B.     |
| Jean & Velmer R. | Genie B.   |
| Janet M.         | Cayden     |
| Faye B.          | Alexzander |
| Isha             | Preston    |
| Margaret M.      | Jude       |
| Claude K.        | Lois       |
| Fr. Jack & Joan  | Maria S.   |
| Tatum            | Janie      |
| Ben M.           | Marlene    |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request card, located at the entrance table and also on the parish hall table or call the church at 551-5279.

**Come join us for Bible Study every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.!**



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| ❖ Sharon Neller  | October 6  |
| ❖ Linda York     | October 7  |
| ❖ Jason Simas    | October 13 |
| ❖ Jan Miller     | October 20 |
| ❖ Audrey Foster  | October 29 |
| ❖ Gabriel Simas  | November 4 |
| ❖ Trent Simas    | November 4 |
| ❖ Fr. Tom Foster | November 5 |

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| ✚ Claude & Kay Knighten   | Oct. 2 | 7 yrs  |
| ✚ Bob & Sharon Neller     | Oct. 2 | 41 yrs |
| ✚ Larry & Luci Beyers     | Oct. 4 | 47 yrs |
| ✚ Neal & Jo Anne Mitchell | Nov. 1 | 37 yrs |

*If you are not on the Birthday & Anniversary chart located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, please let Mary Scott know.*

# The Kid's Page



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



**What you need:**

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.



## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,  
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,  
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

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 and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_  
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from the Newsletter Newsletter



### From Fr. Tom, Vicar Emeritus

Moses is coming to visit us, Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. No, not the old Testament Moses, but Moses Ssbeggala from "Children's Safe Uganda" (CSU). A dynamic son of our loving Lord!

We have been active as a parish in support of this fast growing ministry for families. A school, a clinic, trade school, self-help businesses are all part of CSU. Seven hundred people are growing as Christians through this outreach. If you would like to be a part of this work, come to church on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to meet Moses in person. He is easy to get to know, a converted Muslim who speaks good English.

Through Shared Blessings, Audrey's work has blossomed way beyond just adoptions, by people giving \$30 a month to sponsor a child or any monetary gift you feel moved to give. About 200 people give regularly to this wonderful ministry. Every penny you give goes for the missions we support: 3 in Uganda, 1 in India and 1 in Myanmar. Local administrative staff are all volunteers.

Moses will be having a pro bono surgery for correction of a long time physical problem on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for his long-awaited healing.

*Blessings from  
Father Tom*

### Time to Thank, Time to Share

*Thanksgiving is a time to share.  
 A roasted turkey stuffed with care,  
 potatoes, yams and buttered rolls  
 are passed around in festive bowls.  
 But first we thank our God above  
 and share with others  
 his great love.  
 The dish served last is always best —  
 a slice of pie for every guest.*

—MaryAnn Sundby  
 from the Newsletter Newsletter

### Programs sponsored by Shared Blessings



**Dorcas Village, Uganda** Since 1997  
 Present work centers on helping children who are HIV positive and on providing education for needy village children.

**Keziya Children's Home, Uganda** Since 2004  
 Ministering to orphans, Keziya offers a nurturing home for destitute children. Their Trade School provides their older children with skills for the future.

**Odisha, India** Since 2005  
 Bringing new hope for tribal children in grinding poverty, this work focuses on giving the basics of life—food, shelter, clothing and then adding on a solid education in our boarding school.

**Children Safe Uganda, (CSU)** Since 2012  
 Under dynamic leadership, CSU cares for the poorest of the poor, inspiring hundreds of children and adults to climb out of poverty. A primary school in the jungle, a trade school, clean water wells, a medical clinic and much more...

**Emmanuel Children's Home Myanmar (ECH)** Since 2014  
 Assisting a young pastor and his wife raise the 22 children in their care is rewarding for Shared Blessings. The orphans are a joy to know—full of fun and yet responsible and hard working, compassionate and filled with love for God.

If you are interested in donating, please pick up a brochure, see Audrey Foster or call the church.



## Bishop's Note

October 19, 2017  
Sabbatical 2017

*“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” (Mark 1:35)*

This week I have returned from my Sabbatical leave. I cannot tell you how grateful I am to the Diocesan Council for granting me the privilege of taking a two-month sabbatical leave. After thirty years of ministry, it was overdue and much appreciated. Of course, with respects to taking a sabbatical in the past I was my own worst enemy. No one had forbade me from taking a sabbatical, I just convinced myself that I was too busy, would let too many people down, or when I returned the workload would be even greater. I recognize now that this was simply pride speaking – I should have taken a sabbatical leave every ten years or so, and I suspect I would have been even more productive in the long run.

The need to step away, pray, and reflect is steeped in the scriptures, as we see from St. Mark above. That is exactly what I did on my time away. I began with a personal retreat for two-weeks in Ronan, Montana, at the home of a parishioner in the Diocese of Western Anglicans. The Hicks have opened the separate granny flat within their home to clergy who are seeking beauty, silence, and time with the Lord. This was exactly what I experienced during my time in Ronan. What a joy to take long walks at the foot of the Swan Range Mountains!

Following my time in Montana, I returned to the valley for two weeks of chores around the house that had long been put off. From there I attended the College of Bishops meeting in British Columbia, and then off for nearly a month at the Anglican Leadership

Institute (ALI) which was held at the FOCUS Study Center on Martha's Vineyard.

During my time with ALI, I was honored to be with sixteen other leaders from around the world: Australia, Ireland, India, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, and Tanzania. The lectures and classes were terrific but the time spent with these others leaders was truly a blessing. To learn of their leadership challenges put in perspective the issues which I find vexing - lawsuits, etc. For example, the week before ALI began, gunmen ambushed Bishop Gabriel of South Sudan in his car. The car was hit seventeen times and, miraculously, only one person was hit and killed. In Northern Kenya, a horrific drought has been ravaging the area, killing livestock and people. In Northern Nigeria, Islamic Terrorists regularly attack and kill Christians, often specifically targeting Anglican Christians. And yet, in the midst of these challenges and countless others, these godly men continue to faithfully lead their dioceses with boldness and grace.

My sabbatical also gave me opportunity to reflect on the Diocese of San Joaquin and my ministry amongst all of you. I count myself immensely blessed to be, by God's grace, your bishop. I have returned rested and excited about the many challenges ahead.

I very much look forward to our upcoming Diocesan Convention and being able to see so many of the leaders in the Diocese.

*I pray you all a very blessed week.*  
Bishop Menees

### Diocesan Calendar

- † **October 27-28** - Diocesan Convention
- † **October 30-31** - Diocesan Office Closed
- † **November 10** - Diocesan Office Closed
- † **November 27-29** - Fall Clergy Retreat

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The San Joaquin Anglican newsletter is now available at the church.



On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us! Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later.

Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road (New York Magazine).

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chronicles 16:34, for example).

Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for us as well as for those we thank? To that, we respond, "Thanks be to God!"

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

## A Spirit of Adoption



My youngest sister was adopted, as were many of my childhood friends. When I married a man with a son whose birth mother had died, I adopted the child. Later my husband and I had a son together.

We, too, have been adopted — by God. When God looks at us, he sees people who are as much his children as Jesus is. God loves us as he loves Jesus, and we are equal heirs with Jesus to God's gift of eternal life. As Paul wrote, we "have received a spirit of adoption ... we are children of God, and if children, then ... heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:15-17, NRSV).

When someone refers to my oldest son as my stepson, I'm momentarily taken aback; never do I think of him that way. Nor do we think of our boys as half-brothers. Though biologically half-siblings, legally and in terms of our parental love and responsibility, they're full-fledged brothers because each is fully our child.

What a blessing, not only to have these boys as children but also to receive, through them, a clear reminder of the right of all of us to "be called children of God; [for] that is what we are" (1 John 3:1, NRSV).

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

