

# Don't Forget! the Food Ministry!

Please bring a can or a box a week for the Food Basket 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.

All the donated food items are brought to Interfaith Ministries, where they are very welcome.

We would also like to keep some of the items in our church pantry for times they may be needed.

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

## + Christian Symbols +

#### Altar

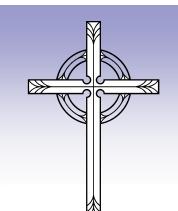
This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually fairly large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.

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**Answer to Bible Quiz:** D (See Leviticus 16:10, 21, NIV.)

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# We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors ... but they all exist very nicely together in the same box.

—Robert Fulghum from the Newsletter Newsletter



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# **All Saints Party Planned**



Jesus Our Savior will be holding the annual All Saints Party on Thursday, October 30th at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share at the potluck. We would also appreciate if could bring a bag of candy on Sunday, October 26 for the party.

Come join us for fun, fellowship and games. Don't forget to dress as your favorite saint!

## **Computer Give-Away a Success!**

Thirty-seven computers were given away Saturday,
October 4 to deserving students from Mark Twain
Jr. High, LaLoma Jr. High and Hanshaw Middle School. Teachers
and counselors select the recipients based on their high achievement
and low inome status.

We had many volunteers helping, including our Jr. Warden, Seth Simas, who is also a teacher at Hanshaw Middle School.

Robert Half & Associates recently donated 50 CPU's and Sonora High School donated 37 monitors. In addition, we continue to receive many personal donations.

The hard drive on the computers are scrubbed and new free software (Linux) is installed. If the system is unable to be fixed, parts can still be taken from them to use. The parts that can't be used are taken to E-Waste.

Another Computer Give-Away will be scheduled in late October or early November, once another set of computers are ready. Please come and see how excited the students and their parents are to receive a free refurbished computer.

We also have 2nd Chance Computers business cards at the church that you can pass out to interested people who want to donate to this ministry. We appreciate all your support!



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## **Bishop's Committee**

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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

ALTAR GUILD

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#### Members:

Mary O'Leary Margaret Moore

**Auxiliary members:** 

Betty Hill Joan Court



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# Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

#### How am I?

I am abundantly blessed and fulfilled.

Incidents of talking to oneself are often the subjects of humorous stories. However, as I confirm in meditation where I am in my life plan, I ask myself, "How am I?" I run through my checklist: "Are my plans God-inspired?" I feel deep in my soul that my choices are right for me? Paying attention to what brings me joy can reveal volumes about my right actions and perfect calling.

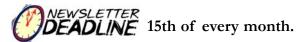
Supportive affirmations keep me focused:

- I am making progress toward my God-inspired goals each day.
- I choose divinely guided steps to pursue my perfect calling.
- I claim a fulfilling life for myself at home, at work and in my community.
- My word and actions make a difference.

How am I? More than fine! I am blessed!

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble." 2 Peter 1:10

> With blessings and love, Beverly Burke Welcoming Committee



Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at mlscott9@pacbell.net or call 529-7606.

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# Status of the Church Remodeling

The altar wall is almost finished and just waiting for the Bell Tower to be installed. The Acolyte room is waiting for the final plaster and paint coats. Most of the electrical work is done.

We will be saving money for the next stage before we begin more remodeling. The next stage includes moving the kitchen sink to the wall next to the Sunday School door. The area is already plumbed with pipes and overhead cabinets will also be put above the counter.

If you would like to donate to the next stage of remodeling, you can put your donation in the offering plate. Please designate that it's for the Building Fund.

We would also like to thank Neal Mitchell and Nathanial Pine for the installation of the Stations of the Cross!

#### Dates to remember

• World Communion Sunday	October 5
• Columbus Day Observance	October 13
• Reformation Sunday	October 26
Reformation Day	October 31

## Answers to Kid's Page

"As long as the earth endures seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22 NIV

#### **Bible Quiz**

What modern expression comes from the practice, described in Leviticus, of a priest confessing Israel's sins over the head of an animal and sending it (and the sins with it) into the desert?

A. hogwash

B. from the horse's mouth

C. monkey business

D. scapegoat

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Evan W. Karen T. Gabriella John Prayers Betty H. Lucille Maxine M. Healing  $\triangleright$ Art & Jane E. Carlton McC. Nancy B. Fr. Bill & Shirley Marjorie M.  $\Rightarrow$ Dave & Michelle Ruby H. Gwen H. Rob & Lori Eva B. Helen M. Gloria W. Iean R. Pamela J. Yvette C. Eiden JoAnne M. Rachel Jennifer Wendv Molly H. Corinne Sam A. **1** Cayden Michael Don & Ruby Gillian Joan C. Kennedy R. **1** Conley Janet M. Gregory M. 0 Ruth G. Haley B. Phil R. Myles P. Wicher Family Genie B. 0 Lucille Rashel S. **3** Kay K. Beverly B. Sandra B. Elaine S. **1** Alexzander Jan L.

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



Sharon Neller	October 6
Albert Hernandez	October 10
Jason Simas	October 13
Maxine Martin	October 14
Shirley Eastman	October 16
Don Louis	October 20
Janet Miller	October 20
Audrey Foster	October 29
Claude & Kay Knighten Oct. 2 Bob & Sharon Neller Oct. 2 Larry & Luci Beyers Oct. 4	38 years

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

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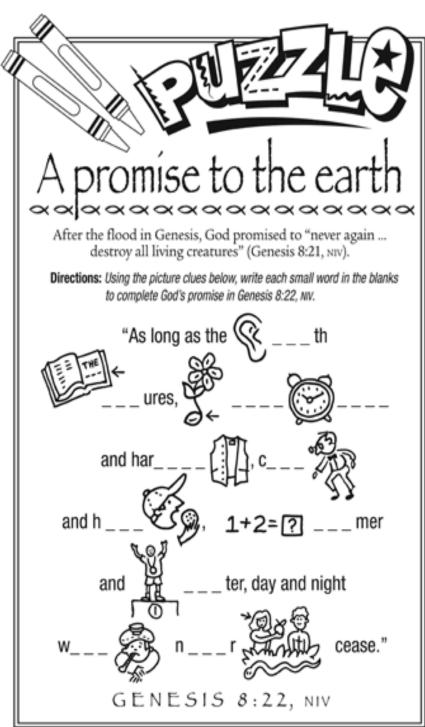
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- Bowls
- Spoons
- · Toppings (chocolate chips, nuts, pretzels, fish-shaped crackers, candy corn, dried cranberries, yogurtcovered raisins, etc.)

#### What you do:

- 1. Set up the table, placing each topping in a bowl. Place a spoon in each bowl.
- 2. Invite friends to create their own cornucopia by spooning chosen goodies into their waffle cones.
- Enjoy!



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# The Vicar's Voice

Dearly beloved,

Blessings to you all of you. I would begin with this, as a reminder about our Sanctuary. Please remember at all times it is a place designated for worship unto the Lord and we gather there to glorify Him and be one with Him. The bringing of food and drink, along with idle conversations and chatter is disrespectful, and is not a Christian attitude. Let us be prayerful and considerate of others at all times. The Sanctuary is the Temple unto God.

In the beginning of the Eucharist, we have the statement Blessed be God. It is both an outburst and praise of thanksgiving to God. Blessed be God is the characteristic form of prayer in the Old Testament and in Jewish worship both corporate and individual, it reminds us, as it does the Jews that God is not someone we seek but someone who comes seeking us. For the Jews, God called to Moses from the midst of the burning bush, brought Israel out of bondage and then revealed himself on Sinai. For the Christian, the story is reemphasized. The eternal Son became man, not when we decided to ask for it but at the time the Father willed. The tomb was left behind by the risen Christ not because the disciples hoped for it nor because they expected it. Instead Christ rose and appeared to his chosen witnesses to their great surprise, producing first trembling and astonishment, then gradual recognition and finally joy.

In the communion service, we experience joy and recognition as our Lord seeks us out and by sharing his love and compassion, He is with us always.

> By Him, In Him, with Him, Fr. Jack

# Calling all Men!

ome join us for a Men's Prayer Breakfast Group on Saturday, October 11 at Denney's, 1525 McHenry Avenue, Modesto.

We will meet at a different restaurant each month at 9:00 a.m. for Bible study, reflection and fellowship.

Come join us for prayer, reflection and a good breakfast!

### First of all ...



At the southwestern edge of New Zealand, a National Geographic writer traveled with a local guide along paths strewn with river pebbles. Suddenly the guide bent to pick up a finger-long sliver of "greenstone" jade — shimmery and smoothed by the river. He handed it to the journalist, saying, "Our people have a tradition that you don't keep the first piece you find. So I'm giving it to you."

Throughout Scripture, "first fruits" signifies people giving their best back to God because he first gave the best of himself to humanity. Ultimately, Paul teaches, "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died" (1 Corinthians 15:20, NRSV).

In response to this gift of life, we give our own first fruits to God; for example, we might spend early-morning time in prayer, set aside an offering as our first budget item, and make sure our first words to family each day are sweet ones.

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**D**rayer is the core of our **L** day. Take prayer out, and the day would collapse, would be pithless, a straw blown in the wind. But how can you pray — really pray, I mean — with one against whom you have a grudge or whom you have been discussing critically with another? Try it. You will find it cannot be done.

-Amy Carmichael

from the Newsletter Newsletter

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## Bishop's Note: Collect for the week of Pentecost 17 -Proper 22

"Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

This week's collect calls to mind the story from the Gospel of Mark. A father brings his son to Jesus. The son has suffered for some time from demons who would torment and harm him. The father said to Jesus, "But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.' And Jesus said to him, "If you can"! All things are possible for one who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:22-24)

The father approached Jesus seeking compassion on his son, only to discover that Jesus had already desired to heal him. The father exclaims, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When we pray this collect this week, we proclaim the reality that God is more ready to hear than we are to pray. How often have we said, "I don't want to bother God with something so small and insignificant," when in reality, the Lord wants to hear our prayers; He wants to receive our petitions? Perhaps our fear is that God is like us - that He gets tired and short tempered and doesn't want to be bothered. But that is NOT the character of God. God's character is not only ready to hear, but also ready to respond to our need.

Additionally, it is not only God's character to respond to our physical needs - food & clothing - but our spiritual and emotional needs as well.

"...pour upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid...." The need for forgiveness is a deep need that we are often afraid of. And yet the Lord's desire is to forgive us, in order to restore our relationship with Him. Not that He needs reconciliation with us, but that we need reconciliation with Him.

Thanks be to God that we are loved beyond our wildest imagination, at our deepest core! And to that I say...AMEN.

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

#### **Diocesan Calendar**



- **October 18** Diocesan Council
- October 25 Anglican Church Women Honored Women's Luncheon
- **October 31-November 1 -** Diocesan Convention
- November 1 and 3 Diocesan Office Closed

## Are you a Match?

Stephanie from St. Francis, Stockton is in very bad shape and needs a liver transplant. If you are between the ages of 18 to 50, please consider being tested to see if you are a match. Only a portion of your liver would be transplanted and you would give a wonderful gift of life to a young girl.



# Website Under Construction

Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church is currently being designed and will be ready for viewing soon.

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# What's a Christian to do with Halloween?

These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows' Day (All Saints' Day) "All Hallows' Eve." As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called "seas of light." Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties

No matter your views, you can remind children that though it's fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — hallowed! — *children*.

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# **Recycling Update**

Keep up the good work and keep bringing in plastic soda bottles and aluminum soda cans. To date, our recycling efforts have brought in \$202.51.

Don't forget your used toner and ink cartridges. Office Max has changed their recyle policy and will now only take 10 cartridges per month. That is still a \$10.00 credit for office supplies and newsletter copying.

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

# Something's Fishy



On her blog "Tales of Wonder," Marlo Schalesky writes about the short-lived goldfish her family has accumulated over the years. When her daughter brought two more home, Schalesky tried to lower her expectations: "Fish like this don't live that long." Yet those particular fish thrived — one lived five years! Schalesky figured their well water must have been purer than the city water their previous pets inhabited.

People are like fish that way, Schalesky suggests: What surrounds us has power over us. Constantly "swimming" in negativity and impure thoughts hinders our growth and well-being. Yet if we seek Christ-like surroundings, we'll thrive spiritually.

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things"

(Philippians 4:8, NIV).

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# Don't Forget! Prime ShineTickets for Sale!!



at \$7.00 each.



See Seth Simas, Mary Scott or call the church to get a coupon! Your car will appreciate it!

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