



### Food Ministry

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

Let's start off 2018 with a big push to help the homeless receive a good meal at Interfaith Ministry.

As always, we want to give Bob and Sharon Neller our deepest appreciation for their faithful dedication to this ministry. They take the food donations every week and bag them up to bring them into Interfaith Ministry.

We appreciate all your help with this important ministry!

### + Christian Symbols +

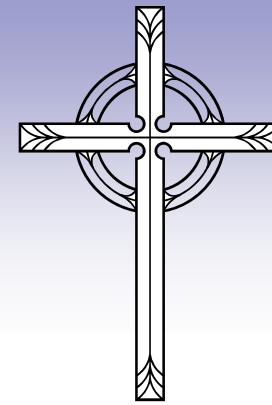


This set of letters spells "Christ" in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

Answer to Bible Quiz: A  
(See John 8:11.)

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# The Savior's Voice

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***"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."***

—Martin Luther King Jr.  
*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

### Annual Parish Meeting Set



The annual parish meeting is set for **January 21** immediately following the church service. The agenda will cover the status of finding a new priest, finances and voting for Diocesan Council delegates.

Be sure to come and find out all the latest and enjoy a delicious potluck lunch. If you have any questions, please call the church at 521-5279.



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### From Connected Living Residents

With money and other donations from parishioners, we put together 10 Christmas baskets filled with socks, lotion, body wash, coloring books and crayons, nuts, candy and snacks with other miscellaneous items.

As a thank you, the staff at Connective Living brought in bagels, cream cheese and coffee from Starbucks for the December 31st coffee hour following the service. The pictures of the residents and thank you card are still in the parish hall.

Thanks to all who donated to help make a more Merry Christmas to the residents!



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 .....Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin  
 The Rev. Canon Thomas M. Foster...  
 ..... Vicar Emeritus  
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*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.

 **Altar Guild**  
 Liz Basham  
 Jim O'Neill



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## Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

*"I make room for new ideas."*

A new day, a new year, a new beginning! Today everyone is thinking in terms of newness. We may feel as if we have emerged out of an old world into a new one, as if we are taking hold of a new life, as if the very spirit of newness is alive in us.

I dedicate this day to new ideas, new viewpoints and renewed living. I leave behind outgrown thoughts of past limitations and lack. I let go of past grudges and outdated viewpoints. Fresh ideas refresh my mind. I make room for new, vital, healthy and prosperous ideas.

My world is new as I respond to life in a new way. I see people and situations in a new way. I see people and situations in a new light. I begin today by acknowledging the spirit of newness within me, and I am renewed in mind, body and spirit.

*"Sing to him a new song." Psalm 33:3*

*with blessings and love,  
Beverly Burke  
Welcoming Committee*

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.

Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at [mlscott159@gmail.com](mailto:mlscott159@gmail.com) or call 606-5692.

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### 2nd Chance Computer Update

We will give out 50 laptops to the Center for Human Services this month. Their staff selects the students who will receive the laptops. Students at Elliott High School do not receive school-provided laptops, so 20 laptops will be distributed to them, also.

We are still in search of more desktop and laptop computers and hope to resume the monthly Computer Give-Away in February. An e-mail has been sent to all former donors and schools advising everyone of this situation.

If you know of any companies or people with old computers, please call Terry at 402-8586 or the church at 551-5279. Thanks for all your help!

### Dates to Remember

- New Year's Day ..... January 1
- Epiphany ..... January 6
- Baptism of the Lord ..... January 7
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance January 15
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ..... January 18-25

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



### Bible Quiz

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

*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.          | ☉ Alexander |
| ☉ Isha             | ☉ Preston   |
| ☉ Margaret M.      | ☉ Jude      |
| ☉ Claude K.        | ☉ Lois      |
| ☉ Bob T.           | ☉ Maria S.  |
| ☉ Tatum            | ☉ Janie     |
| ☉ Ben M.           | ☉ Marlene   |
| ☉ Linda Y.         |             |

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.

Answer to Kids's Page: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come! The old has gone, the new is here! *2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV*"



- ❖ Margaret Moore January 4
- ❖ Marcela Malcolm January 5
- ❖ Pamela Jordan January 18
- ❖ Nathaniel Pine January 20
- ❖ Mary Scott January 21
- ❖ Luci Beyers January 26

*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



**NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS**

Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

**What you need:**

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



**PUZZLE**

**A NEW CREATION**

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*

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 QWCDREYATMIOC�HFASWCOR  
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\_\_\_\_\_ ! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer on page 7  
 from the Newsletter Newsletter



From  
**Fr. Tom,**  
**Vicar Emeritus**

Thirty seven thousand (37,000) people surround Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church. In Modesto, 200,000+ people reside around us. Half of these people have no allegiance to Jesus Christ and His Church. What can we do to share the Gospel of Jesus? Our vocation (calling), our Christian duty is to pray for God's direction. Reach out for the poor in soul, to the spiritually hungry, to the ??

Let's share ideas on what we can do, by:

1. Having a brainstorming session at our annual meeting, and
2. By writing down your thoughts and giving your ideas to one another.

Let see's if we can find and build some more outreach.

I would like to hear from you, so we can build on our present outreach programs: Shared Blessings, Computer Give-Away ministry, Food Basket and our church website.

There are many "inside" callings that need members: Bible Study, Sunday School, Altar Guild, Music (choir).

Let's work on strengthening and growing our church in 2018!

*Blessings from,  
 Father Tom*



Numbered lists grab our attention. In the checkout aisle or on the internet, we gravitate toward headings such as "10 ways to lose weight by summer!" or "3 simple steps to acing that test!"

Ancient Jewish sages urged people to count out and speak at least 100 blessings, or statements of gratitude, each day. What would happen if we intentionally listed 100 blessings daily? Can you imagine?!

What if the first blessing we counted was simply the day itself? "Thank you, God, for this brand new day!" "Bless my use of this day, Lord, that I might glorify you." Scripture encourages such awareness and promises an additional blessing in return: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12, NIV).

—Heidi Mann  
 from the Newsletter Newsletter



## Bishop's Note

January 4, 2018  
Adopted and Cherished

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! Today is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas so... if you are following the hymn... you should have given your true love "Ten Lords-A-Leaping." I pray that your Christmas and New Years celebrations were blessed.

Last Sunday we celebrated the First Sunday after Christmas, and the gospel lesson was taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of John. I am always struck by the beauty and majesty of John's prolog: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (John 1:1-5)

What St. John does in his Incarnation Narrative is not so much to describe what happened, as St. Matthew and St. Luke do, but rather the meaning of what happened. In this prolog it is confirmed that Jesus was in the beginning at creation and chose to take on human form - to be born of the virgin - or as John states so perfectly in verse 14: *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

What strikes me so very much are the verses immediately following that: *"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."* (John 1:12-13)

The Creator of the Universe - the Prince of Peace; the Lord of Lords; the Word made Flesh - desires to receive us as His adopted sons and daughters. The mind whirls as it tries

to contemplate the majesty and the mystery of that concept. Not only did God take on human form to redeem us, but he gives the "right" to become "children of God" through our belief in Him! Our adoption is based upon our belief, not our sanctity. Perhaps that is one of the greatest gifts of all?

There are many who argue that all people are "children of God." But that is just not true. According to Genesis chapter 1, all people are "created in the image of God" (Genesis 1:27) and are therefore afforded every dignity and honor as human beings; from the moment of conception to the moment of death. But that does not mean they are "children of God," which comes only through belief in Jesus Christ. It is there that discipleship begins - our belief in Jesus as the Word made flesh; in Jesus who lived, and died, and rose again; in Jesus who will one day return.

As we begin this New Year, let us once again confirm our belief in Jesus and ponder anew our adoption as beloved children of God!

*Bishop Menees*

### Diocesan Calendar

- † **January 16** - Clericus Meeting at JOSAC
- † **January 20** - Diocesan Council and Standing Committee Visioning Retreat
- † **January 26-27** - Walk for Life - San Francisco Symposium (26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 10pm) and main event (27<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm)
- † **February 14** - Ash Wednesday

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## A Penguin "Parable"

During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective "crèches" (French for "cribs"); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can't survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



**New Offering envelopes** are available for 2018. The boxes are on the table in the parish hall and also on the side table in the sanctuary.



## A New You



The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective.

—G.K. Chesterton  
*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

## From the Correct Perspective



A child sat at his grandmother's feet as she embroidered. Looking up, he saw a mishmash of threads and ugly knots but no discernible picture or words. "Nana," he said with concern, "that's not very pretty."

"Come up here," Grandma invited, "and look at it from this side. You have to see it from my perspective."

"Oh!" the boy exclaimed then. "It's beautiful!"

Seeing the world from our human, earthly viewpoint, we can't grasp the masterpiece that God is completing. But when we finally see it from his perspective, we'll discover that the threads and knots all contribute to a beautiful work of art. That work won't be finished until Jesus returns, but in the meantime, may God grant us an occasional glimpse of the work in progress — from God's side!

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*