



Food Basket Ministry

As the holidays and colder weather approaches, Interfaith Ministry needs non-perishable food even more. Please keep bringing in your cans & boxes. The food basket is blessed by the priest after it is brought to the altar along with the offerings every Sunday.

A very big thank you to Bob and Sharon Neller for faithfully handling this wonderful ministry. They bag up the food donations every week and bring them into Interfaith Ministry.

Thanks for all your support with this important ministry!

Answer to Bible Quiz: C
(See John 1:6-7, NRSV.)

December Calendar

- ▶ Bible Study every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ Second Sunday in Advent .. December 9
- ▶ Confirmation December 13
- ▶ Fruits of the Spirit December 15
- ▶ Third Sunday in Advent December 16
- ▶ Fourth Sunday in Advent ... December 23
- ▶ Christmas Eve Service December 24
- ▶ Christmas Day Service December 25

Mission Statement



2nd Chance Computer Ministry Update

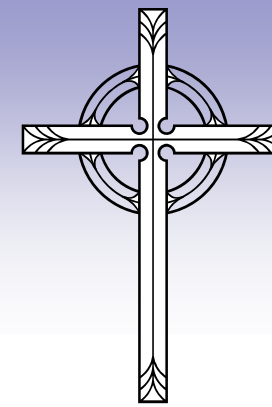


Terry Scott and Richard Shahbazian continue to deliver computers to the school sites. We have added a few new schools to the list: Kirchen Elementary and Mary Lou Dietrich in Modesto, Teel Jr. High in Empire School District and Roselawn Continuation in Turlock. One school site counselor was so appreciative that a student receiving chemo would be able to keep up with his schoolwork with the donated Chromebook.

We have purchased an additional 60 adapters for a cost of \$513.78. The Chromebooks are web-based and accessibility to Internet is necessary. Thank you for your continued donations to the computer Ministry, which enables us to purchase these WiFi adapters.

To date, we have given out over 6,500 computers to needy students and low income school parent groups. Please keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers.

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"The world is round so that friendship may encircle it."

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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Advent/Christmas



- **December 9** - Sign Christmas Cards during fellowship
- **December 15** - Fruits of the Spirit
- **December 16** - Decorate Christmas tree following service
- **December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 p.m.
- **December 25** - Christmas Day Service at 11:00 a.m.



Annual Meeting - January 27, 2019

The Church annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 27, 2019 following the church service.

The current members' terms who will expire are Gregory Matteson, Larry Beyers and Audrey Foster. Jim O'Neill and Ruby Louis terms expire in 2020.

We will vote in 5 Vestry members during the meeting. Please see page 5 for the Expectations, Duties & Responsibilities of a Vestry Member. If you are interested in running, please talk to Fr. Woodrow.

Fruits of the Spirit



A Quiet Day will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 - 2:00 at the Church. This will help us take time to focus and pray on the true meaning of the preparation of Advent and Christ's coming.

Please bring a sack lunch; coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

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 Sarah Pine Sexton

Bishop's Committee

James O'Neill Bishop's Warden
 Mary Scott..... Secretary

Larry Beyers Ruby Louis
 Audrey Foster Gregory Matteson

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
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 June Simas



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Goodbye Dear Friend

We are saddened to report that Beverly Burke passed away in November. A memorial service will be held at the Lakewood Chapel on January 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Below is Beverly's last article.

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

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+ Christian Symbols +

Five Pointed Star

The star of Bethlehem is often shown as a five-pointed star. Roughly shaped like a human being, it symbolizes Christ's incarnation. It also calls to mind the wise men's journey: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him'" (Matthew 2:1-2, NIV).

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Dates to Remember

- First Sunday of Advent December 2
- Second Sunday of Advent December 9
- Third Sunday of Advent December 16
- First day of winter December 21
- Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23
- Christmas Eve December 24
- Christmas Day December 25
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night..... December 31



Bible Quiz

According to the fourth Gospel, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the _____."

- A. love
- B. life
- C. light
- D. Lord

*Answer on page 8
 from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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| ☉ Tom D. | ☉ Margie M. |
| ☉ Maxine M. | ☉ Corrie |
| ☉ Shirley E. | ☉ Tatum |
| ☉ Art E. | ☉ Eva B. |
| ☉ Marlene | ☉ Genie B. |
| ☉ Velmer R. | ☉ Cayden |
| ☉ Janet M. | ☉ Alexander |
| ☉ Claude K. | ☉ Preston |
| ☉ Margaret M. | ☉ James H. |
| ☉ Sebastian | ☉ Juanita T. |
| ☉ Shannon | ☉ Maria S. |
| ☉ Marcela | ☉ Jaime |
| ☉ James H. | |

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 The Kid's Page: 36(10 in the J, 15 in the O, 11 in the Y); Jesus is at the bottom of the large O.



- ❖ Abraham Foster December 1
- ❖ Helen Merrick December 3
- ❖ Rachel Allanigue December 7
- ❖ Gregory Matteson December 9
- ❖ June Simas December 21
- ❖ Neal Mitchell December 22
- ❖ Claude Knighten December 23
- ❖ Kasandra Foster December 24

✚ Nathanael & Sarah Pine Dec.8 16 years

The Kid's Page



What you need:

- Pencil
- Poster board
- Scissors
- Craft pompoms (red, white, green, silver, gold)
- Glue

What you do:

1. Trace large capital block letters J, O and Y on the poster board.
2. Cut out the letters.
3. Glue pompoms on one side of each letter, completely covering it.
4. Share JOY by displaying the letters in your home.

In Luke 2:10, the angels share good news that continues to bring great joy today.

Directions: Circle all the complete small "joy" words — forward only. Count the total. Bonus: See if you can find "Jesus" amid all the joy!

TOTAL JOY= _____

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The Rector's Voice

Coming Back Home for Christmas

I mean by home, the Church, in particular, the Church family of JESUS OUR SAVIOR ANGLICAN CHURCH. And Christmas is one very good time because it is the celebration of EMMANUEL – God coming and living with us.

Now the issue of coming home is certainly an acknowledgement that some have left. There are many reasons for leaving. Some reasons relate to changes in life situations: new residence, new school, new work, etc. Other reasons relate to socio-economic, political or religious issues. For instance, I left Jesus Our Savior Church, four years ago because I was called by the Bishop to an interim work as Vicar of St. Francis Church in Stockton.

If there are as many reasons for leaving, there are also many reasons for returning. Whatever are the reasons for returning, one very significant reason is that: **they were asked to return.** They come back especially because their parents or family members, clergy or church leaders or members invited and encouraged them to return.

One reason why I returned to Jesus Our Savior Church, was the Church's leadership's invitation. The Bishop did not have to ask me twice to come back home.

The invitation and encouragement to come back home this Christmas to Jesus Our Savior Church, is and should be coming from each and every one of us. **Each one of us can be this person – who invites or asks at least one other person to come home this Christmas.**

In the inside pages of THE SAVIOR'S VOICE, there are announcements of events this Advent and

Christmas. Each event is an *occasion to invite others to come home.*

Along this line, I wish to make this triple appeal to each of you:

1. Contact somebody you know who left the Church and tell him/her that you and Jesus Our Savior Church care.
2. Invite someone who no longer attends church or who no longer practices the faith to come to Jesus Our Savior Church.
3. Finally, when you see a new face or when the one you invited comes, help him/her be a friend of Jesus.

May the abundant blessings of Christmas be in our homes and in our Church home.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,



We are accepting donations for poinsettias to decorate the Church for Christmas. Please put your donation in the offering plate with a notation for poinsettias.



The Bishop's Corner

The Right Reverend Eric
Vawter Menees

December 6, 2018

The BCP Sermon Calendar

Last week, in the Bishop's Note, we looked at the scheduled readings of the Old Testament, Psalms, New Testament, and Gospel over a three-year cycle known as the Lectionary. Immediately following the reading of the Word of God is the Sermon. During public worship a sermon must follow the reading of the word – without exception.

Archbishop Cranmer, arguably the father of Anglicanism, defined a Church, in Article 19 of the Articles of Religion (also known as the 39 Articles) as: "The visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men, in which the pure word of God is preached and the sacraments are duly ministered according to Christ's ordinance in all those things that of necessity are requisite to the same."

"The Pure Word of God is preached" ... the sermon is an essential part of being a church and an essential aspect of ministry for deacons, priests and bishops. The purpose of the sermon is the train and equip the people of God to live lives that reflect their identity in Christ as the adopted children of God (John 1:12), new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17), and disciples of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28: 19).

Because this is such an important and sacred duty, clergy are tasked to give their very best to their sermon preparation. Sermon preparation is not to be left to the last minute or undertaken without serious prayer and study of God's Word. On average, I would guess that I spend 20 minutes of preparation for every minute of sermon preached. Underscoring the importance of sermon preparation is the biblical promise that those of us who teach the Word of God will be held to a higher

standard by God (James 3:1).

A point about the length of sermons: While in college and seminary, well-meaning parishioners would give me preaching advice long before I stepped into the pulpit. "If you can't say it in 10 minutes, it's not worth saying." As a student intern, I tried to adhere to that maxim until, in seminary, my preaching professor told us that the idea of keeping a sermon to 10 minutes harkened back to a time with the entire congregation spent an hour in Sunday School prior to the service and the sermon was meant to be a capstone to the Sunday School lesson. However, following WWII, Sunday School attendance began to wane to the point where it was essentially abandoned. Children's Sunday school was moved to the 20-30 minutes during the Liturgy of the Word, and Adult Sunday School was moved to a Rector's Forum between services — which would be sparsely attended — with topics that were all over the map. So, then it became clear that to be serious about our responsibility in teaching the Word of God, a 10-minute sermon would be the bare minimum length of a sermon as opposed to the maximum. As one friend of mine said: "Sermonettes are for Christianettes." If we are serious about our faith and serious about preaching the "pure Word of God," then both the preacher and the disciple need to be serious about sermons.

I pray you all a truly bless Advent!

Bishop Menees

Diocesan Calendar

- † December 11 - Rural Dean Meeting
- † December 13 - Confirmation @ St. Matthias
- † December 15 - Standing Council Meeting
- † December 24 - Diocesan Office Closed @12:00
- † December 25-26 - Diocesan Office Closed
- † December 31 - Diocesan Office Closed @12:00
- † January 1 - Diocesan Office Closed

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Expectations, Duties & Responsibilities of a Vestry Member

1. Vestry members are expected to attend weekly worship at Jesus Our Savior unless reasonably prevented.
2. Vestry members are expected to exercise good personal and corporate stewardship, be supportive of all ministries of the diocese and congregation and work closely with the Rector and fellow Vestry members.
3. Vestry members are expected to attend all workshops and retreats set by our Bishop/Rector for training and fellowship.
4. Vestry members are expected to attend all Vestry meetings, which are held on the third Sunday of the month, unless excused or rescheduled.
5. All meetings are open session unless posted otherwise to discuss personnel or legal matters.
6. Vestry members working with money, children or the elderly are required under Diocesan policy to submit to a Live Scan background check. (the cost of that program is \$33.00. Vestry members are asked to pay the upfront costs and Jesus Our Savior will refund to you a \$20.00. All Vestry members are mandatory reporters under the law.)
7. Vestry members are responsible for the finances of the congregation and the upkeep of the building.
8. Vestry members are asked to make monthly reports to the Rector and Vestry.
9. Vestry members are expected to work closely with the Rector and fellow members for the fulfillment of the Mission and Vision of Jesus Our Savior.
10. In order to be voted in, each member must be a Confirmed Communicant in good standing as required by Diocesan Canon.

The Rector appoints the Senior Warden; the Vestry elects the Junior Warden.



Confirmation to be Held on December 13

Bishop Menees will perform confirmations at St. Matthias Church in Oakdale on the evening of Thursday, December 13. The time has not yet been set. Isaiah and Suzana Pine and Adam Simas will be our confirmands from Jesus Our Savior. Come and help them celebrate this wonderful event.



Pray Modesto December 23-29

We have been asked once again to participate in Pray Modesto 2018-2019. Our goal is to ensure the city is bathed in prayer daily. Grace Baptist Fellowship is handing the prayer watch "baton" to our church. Jesus Our Savior is scheduled to pray for the city December 23-29, 2018.

We would like to have two people to commit to pray on each of our assigned days. A pink "Pray Modesto" prayer list is included in this newsletter. If you are willing to help our city, please speak to Jim O'Neill.



A Merry Balance

In Luke 10:38-42, Martha gets a bad rap. After all, we need Marthas to get things done and to show hospitality. (Note that Martha is the one who opens up her home to Jesus in the first place!)

Marthas are needed in December, but holiday preparations shouldn't shift our focus from the reason for the season. When we become "worried and distracted" as Martha did (v. 41, NRSV), we're tempted to trade God's "one thing" (v. 42) for the world's many worthless things. Yet if we're only like Mary, we may forget to let the world know who we're celebrating!

So this Christmas, keep a proper balance between your inner Mary and your inner Martha. Take time to "be Mary," kneeling at the manger, so that all the merry things you do as Martha have meaning and serve the newborn king.

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