



### Food Ministry

Please continue 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.

Bob and Sharon Neller faithfully bag up the cans and boxes every week and bring them into Interfaith Ministry. We appreciate all your help with this important ministry!



### New Day for Bible Study! Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

#### Church Calendar

- Bible Study every Friday at 10:0 a.m.
- February 17 ..... Vestry Meeting

**Answer to Bible Quiz: D**  
(See Luke 5:1-11.)

### Mission Statement:



To Know

**Christ**

& to Make Him Known

### 2nd Chance Computer



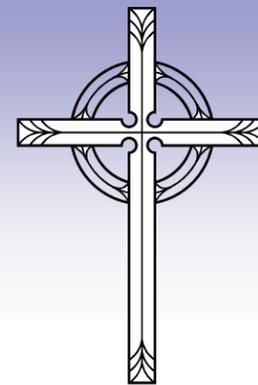
We are once again delivering computers to school sites. Just this week, 50 desktop computer systems were delivered to Robertson Road School in South Modesto.

K & K E-Waste Recycling has once again traded 7 All-In-One systems and 50 hard drives for some swapped computer parts. If the donated computer does not work, working parts are cannabilized for future use. Terry Scott is building a good relationship with E-Waste companies who now look for computers, monitors and keyboards that are still in good shape for us to use.

With your donations to the 2nd Chance Computer program, we are able continue this wonderful program, especially for WiFi adapters. To complete their homework, many students need to access the internet. Comcast has a great program for low-income families to receive internet access for a monthly fee of \$10.00.

Please keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers.

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# The Savior's Voice

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### New Vestry Voted In

At the Parish Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019, Mary Harnisch, Joan Court, Nathaniel Pine, June Simas and Linda York were voted onto the Vestry. Their terms will expire in 2021. Jim O'Neill and Audrey Foster (who took over Ruby Louis' resigned term) will remain until 2020.

In addition, Jim O'Neill and Liz Basham were elected as Diocesan Convention delegates and Gregory Matteson as an alternate delegate.

The monthly Vestry meetings are held following the service on the third Sunday of the month.

*"Love is like a tennis match;  
you'll never win consistently  
until you learn to serve well."*

—Dan P. Herod

from the Newsletter Newsletter



### The Church as Mosaic



A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

from the Newsletter Newsletter

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The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop, ACNA  
 The Rt. Rev Dr. Eric Menees ..... Bishop  
 .....Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin  
 The Rev. Woodrow Gubuan ..... Rector  
 The Rev. Tom Foster..... Rector Emeritus  
 Mary Scott..... Secretary  
 Sarah Pine ..... Sexton

### Vestry

James O'Neill ..... Senior Warden  
 Mary Scott..... Secretary

Joan Court	Nathaniel Pine
Audrey Foster	June Simas
Mary Harnisch	Linda York

*The Vestry 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	June Simas
Jim O'Neill	Linda York



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### Stories Behind Some of our Favorite Hymns by Audrey Foster

Amazing Grace was written in the 18th century, but it continues to touch the hearts of many all over the modern world. John Newton, author of the hymn, was a brawling sailor in the rough and tumble English navy. For six years he was captain of slave ships, infamous for their brutal treatment of their human cargo.

One night, in a fierce storm that threatened to take down his ship and everyone in it, John cried out to God. He remembered the Bible promises, which his beloved mother had him learn by heart as a very young child. She died when John was only seven and from that time, there was no one to nurture his soul. When he turned to God in that fearful storm, John's life and ship were spared and John became a changed man.

Over the next years, John studied scripture and eventually was ordained as a priest of the Church of England. He became a powerful evangelical preacher and wrote hundreds of hymns. Amazing Grace expresses in simple words, John's wonder at the incredible love of God that can set us free from even the most terrible sins.

Let the words fill your heart:

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a  
 wretch like me.*

*I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my  
 fears relieved.*

*How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come.*

*'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will  
 lead me home.*



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

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### + Christian Symbols +

#### Chi Rho

“Chi” and “rho” are the first two letters in the Greek spelling for Christ (XPICTOC, pronounced “Christos”). The blending of these two letters into one symbol formed a “sacred monogram.” Early Christians created many such symbols as codes to indicate their discipleship while avoiding detection by Roman persecutors. Many variations of the Chi Rho symbol exist, incorporating a cross, a shepherd's crook, the Greek letters alpha and omega, an anchor and other images.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

#### Special Dates

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day ..... February 14
- Presidents Day ..... February 18



#### Bible Quiz



In Luke's account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and “fish for people” (NIV), which disciple is not named?

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| A. James | C. Simon  |
| B. John  | D. Andrew |

*Answer on page 8  
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- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| ☉ Tom D.      | ☉ Margie M. |
| ☉ Maxine M.   | ☉ James H.  |
| ☉ Shirley E.  | ☉ Tatum     |
| ☉ Art E.      | ☉ Margi     |
| ☉ Ruby L.     | ☉ Jaime     |
| ☉ Velmer R.   | ☉ Mary Lee  |
| ☉ Claude K.   | ☉ Eva B.    |
| ☉ Janet M.    | ☉ Genie B.  |
| ☉ Margaret M. | ☉ Luci B.   |
| ☉ Shannon     | ☉ Marcela   |
| ☉ Bob N.      | ☉ Sebastian |
| ☉ Pamela J.   | ☉ Fr. Tom   |
| ☉ Gail C.     | ☉ Mary S.   |

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.

#### Answers to Kid's Page

refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect



- ❖ Marjorie Mateyer February 9
- ❖ Willy Gaa February 12
- ❖ Velmer Reeh February 12
- ❖ Marilyn Gaa February 19

*If we don't have your birthday above or 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

**A MESSAGE OF Love**

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



**What you need:**

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

**What you do:**

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



**PUZZLE**

**WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE**

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.

God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_." Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

from the Newsletter Newsletter  
answer on page 7



## The Rector's Voice

### The State of the Congregation of Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church [Annual Meeting 01/27/18 Excerpts]

#### JOSAC in 2018: By Fr. Tom Foster, Rector Emeritus.

Fr. Tom reported that for the past year, we were faithful to our mission statement (To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known) by coming together to worship, by loving God and loving one another. He noted that we have expressed our mission statement through many ministries and services: giving rides to parishioners; Sunday School; Acolytes; visiting the sick and shut-ins and bringing communion to them; putting the advertising sign outside on Sundays; 2nd Chance Computers; Family Connections Christian Adoptions; Shared Blessings Program; Bible Study; maintenance of the church; coffee hour and fellowship; Vestry; Altar Guild and office help.

Fr. Tom said that we have a few options to check into whether we want to stay here or look for a new locale to rent or to buy or to unite with other people. He also noted that we could have an outreach ministry of daycare, or preschool or possibly a bell choir.

**JOSAC from January to September 2018: By Jim O'Neil, Senior Warden.** Jim gave an overview of 2018 and noted that our church did well without a priest in charge most of the year. We thank God for his blessings on our coming together during that time. We are especially thankful for Fr. Tom and our supply priest, Fr. Jim Stout; the Lay Readers; Audrey Foster and Ruby Louis for Coffee Hour; Acolytes; Mary Scott, our secretary; and Linda York and Gregory Matteson for the homilies from J. C. Ryle. We are also very grateful that Fr. Woodrow accepted the call to our church.

We are also thankful that Jesus Our Savior has been financially solvent for the last 3 years with a total income of \$60,000 in 2016, \$61,000 in 2017 and \$62,000 in 2018. This a modest but good picture of our faithfulness, loyalty and generosity.

It is projected that in 2019, we may have a negative balance principally because we now have a Rector to support, and a rising rental cost. However, from the recent history of our financial stewardship, we hope that Jesus Our Savior may end

the year with a positive balance.

**JOSAC from October to December 2018: By Woodrow Gubuan, Rector.** Fr. Woodrow reported that he is happy to be back after a 4 year absence. The Bishop said Jesus Our Savior and Grace in Tur-lock, are yoked churches. Since he could only do Jesus Our Savior, Fr. Woodrow signed an agreement to serve for one year, or until a priest is found for the yoked position, whichever comes first.

Fr. Woodrow thanked the retiring Vestry members: Larry Beyers, Gregory Matteson and Ruby Louis. He noted that Audrey Foster's term actually expired, but she has graciously accepted to serve out Ruby's term, who resigned due to her health. He also thanked the 2018 convention delegates: Jim O'Neill, Liz Bashan, Greg Matteson. He singled out to thank: Fr. Tom for his faithfulness, love, loyalty and care; Mary Scott for her invaluable help and availability in many areas of our Church life: secretary, vestry clerk, acting treasurer, bookkeeper, music, hospitality, newsletter...

Fr. Woodrow asked us to remember and to pray for members of JOSAC who departed this life in 2018: JoAnne Mitchell, Jean Reeh, Beverly Burke and Erlene Richburg.

#### Financial Report: By Mary Scott.

Mary gave a brief breakdown of 2018 Year End Report & Projected 2019 Budget. It is noteworthy that this year 2019, a line item called undesignated income has been included in order to balance the budget. It means, that we hope to appeal for more generous giving or do some fund raising to meet our budget needs.

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## The Bishop's Corner

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

### Bishop's Note - the Peace

As we continue our examination of the Service of the Holy Eucharist in the 2019 BCP we transition from the Comfortable Words of Jesus to the "The Peace."

The Peace is one of the most poignant and misunderstood portions of the Liturgy.

#### The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

In the gospel of Matthew Jesus tells his disciples: "So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 11 – *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

The placement of The Peace is designed to assist people not to receive Holy Communion in an unworthy manner by reconciling with God and with their neighbor. The point of the Peace is NOT to catch up with your neighbor but to reconcile with your neighbor. It gladdens my heart when I witness those reconciliations.

For ten years I was the chaplain at the Bishop's School. We had Eucharist regularly but the creme-de-la-creme was the Senior Class Eucharist at the end of the year just

before the Baccalaureate Service. The Senior Class Eucharist was open only to students of the senior class and each year I would speak to the importance of reconciliation prior to graduation. What more appropriate place to speak to that than the Eucharist? What a joy to see friendships healed and broken hearts mended. Students who had a harsh word, or heard a rumor, three years prior would cross the aisle to say to the other – "Peace of the Lord be with you! And also, with you!"

Forgiven by Christ in confession and the pronouncement of Absolution, students would be reconciled with their fellow student. This is the very point of The Peace within the liturgy!

At the same time this can be a moment of distraction in the liturgy when rather than reconciliation it becomes a time to "catch up." Many a time I've seen a visitor leave assuming that the service had ended. Oddly the tendency to catch up seems to lengthen with the size of the congregation. It's so easy... we all know each other, we're glad to see one another... and so the conversation leads to plans for lunch after church or shopping trips. This Sunday, I want to encourage you to avoid the temptation to "catch up" and to use the time, if necessary, to reconcile with your brother or sister in order to approach the table in a worthy manner.

I pray you every blessing this week!

### Diocesan Calendar

- † February 8-10 - Diocesan Vestry Retreat
- † February 16 - Standing Committee
- † February 18 - Diocesan Office Closed

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## The State of the Congregation of Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church [Annual Meeting 01/27/18 Excerpts] *continued from page 3*

Mary gave a brief breakdown of the report and noted that the designated income and expenses are now separated from the operating income and expenses and are now put on the back page in order to make the financial report clearer and easier to read. [The Financial Report and the Budget together with their details are available to see by parishioners upon request.]

### Church Reports

**Acolytes - Linda York:** We are so appreciative of our great acolytes. They do so much and these six young people are a treasure in our church. We had a pizza party this year and presented certificates and awards to our acolytes. A shout out to the families who try diligently to get the kids here in time for church according to the schedule. Well done to all! All young folks from 8 years old and on are invited to join us.

**Altar Guild - Liz Basham:** It's been a joy being Altar Guild Directress. June Simas and Mary Harnisch have been a big help, but we still need more members to help with the Altar Guild. If interested in joining, please talk to Fr. Woodrow.

**Computer Ministry - Mary Scott:** The computer ministry is going better than ever. We have given out over 6,500 refurbished computers to high achieving, low income students in the Modesto City Schools, Empire, Stanislaus Union and other school districts. We are adding districts all the time, as requests keep coming in. Some computers have also been requested for low income parents and parent groups and a refugee group. If you want to donate an old computer, or know of a person or business who does, please let us know.

**Food Ministry - Bob & Sharon Neller:** Congratulations, with your help throughout 2018, we brought in 106 bags of food for the Interfaith Ministry. Due to the growing need, more donations are always needed. Thanks for your continued support!

**Layreaders - Linda York:** Do you like to read? In front of an audience? Do WE have a spot for you! Teens can be lecturers, also and even pre-teens. No license is needed. Please see Fr. Woodrow or Linda York.

**Sunday School - Liz Basham:** We have a lot of fun and learn a lot. We are always looking for new children.

## Neighborly Love



As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved — and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, "When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way."

In a review of the touching documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for *Variety* notes: "Rogers' real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn't a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it — it's a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don't see and feel that, and act on it, then you're just another narcissist with a kitchen slogan."

Last October, when a synagogue shooting shattered the peace of Rogers' real-life former neighborhood, residents of all religions embraced one another as neighbors. Afterward, the Fred Rogers Center stated, "We long for a day when there is no more tragedy born from hatred."

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*