



Food Basket Ministry

Keep those cans and boxes coming in for the Food Basket. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of 106 bags! The Food Basket is brought up to the Altar with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

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

Church Calendar

- Bible Study every Friday at 10:0 a.m.
- Vestry Meeting June 23
- Youth Bible Study June 23

Answer to Bible Quiz: B
(See Acts 2:14ff.)

Mission Statement:



2nd Chance Computer Update



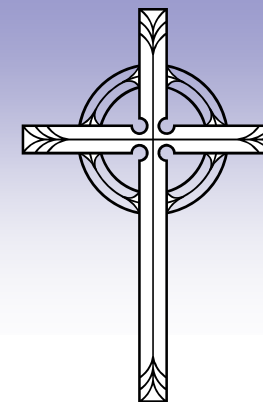
On Friday, Terry picked up 3 more pallets of computers from Modesto City Schools. Since students do not always return the power bricks when they turn in their school laptop, we are again short of power supplies.

Fortunately, we received a generous donation of \$1,000 from an Petersen Independent Study Program counselor. The students in this program are not assigned a school laptop and he has appreciated all the laptops his students have received over the years. With this contribution to the Computer Ministry Fund, we were able to purchase 45 power bricks for a cost of \$535.41.

We thank God for all his blessings to keep this wonderful ministry going!

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The Savior's Voice



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"There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself."

—Abraham Lincoln
from the Newsletter Newsletter



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Pentecost Service & Potluck



On June 9, Jesus Our Savior will hold a meaningful Pentecost service with incense. The service will be followed by a delicious potluck.

Don't miss this wonderful day and be sure to wear **RED!**

Honoring Our Dads

Jesus Our Savior is planning a short presentation by our children to honor our dads on June 16. We want to thank all our men for being a wonderful role model to our youth.

A coffee hour brunch for fellowship following the service will be held. Come help us honor our dads!



Container Drive "To Uganda With Love"

The Container Drive has begun in earnest. We are working to fill it and get it ready to ship in the fall. Some of the items needed are school supplies, laptops and electronics, textiles, medical equipment and supplies, construction tools and farm implements to name a few categories.

Please pick up a brochure that gives a detailed list of the items needed and help us fill the container!

A monetary donation is also very welcome. Please see Audrey Foster.



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 The Rev. Tom Foster..... Rector Emeritus
 Mary Scott..... Secretary
 Sarah Pine Sexton

Vestry

James O'Neill Senior Warden
 Nathaniel Pine..... Junior Warden
 Mary Scott..... Secretary

Joan Court June Simas
 Audrey Foster Linda York
 Mary Harnisch

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

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Stories Behind Some of our Favorite Hymns

by Audrey Foster



“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

One of the most widely sung verses in the world is the one we sing almost every Sunday as our offering is being presented at the Altar:

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

This was written in 1674 by Thomas Ken, an Anglican priest who was called "England's first hymnist" because up to that time, only the Psalms were sung in public worship.

Thomas was the chaplain at Winchester College, a boy's school in England, when he wrote three songs for the the boys to use privately in their rooms. One was to be sung upon waking, one on going to bed and one at midnight if sleep didn't come. All three hymns ended with a common refrain—the words and music familiar to us as our doxology, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

How touching to think that we are linked in the communion of saints with those young men from 500 years ago. They sang God's praises first thing in the morning and last thing at night, using the same words we sing on Sunday mornings.



20th of every month.

Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at mlscott159@gmail.com or call 606-5692.

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+ Christian Symbols + Triangle & Circle

Dating back to ancient Christianity, a circle symbolizes eternity, and a triangle, with its three equal sides and three equal angles, symbolizes the Holy Trinity. Placed together, they represent the eternal Three-in-One and One-in-Three: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
 Proverbs 8:22, NRSV

Special Dates

- Pentecost June 9
- Flag Day June 14
- Trinity Sunday June 16
- Father's Day June 16
- First day of summer June 21



Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul

*Answer on page 8
 from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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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 |
| ☉ Harrison R. | ☉ Albert H. |
| ☉ Jenny A. | ☉ Fr. Jack |

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

handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians



- ❖ Jim Harnisch June 1
- ❖ Sarah Pine June 3
- ❖ Julie Neller June 4
- ❖ Liz Basham June 16
- ❖ Adam Simas June 30

✚ Terry & Mary Scott June 26 20 yrs

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

GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!

Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.
 Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.

Ephesians
prepared
handiwork

LEFT

Christ
works
created

RIGHT

Jesus
advance
good
God

For we are God's _____ in _____

L pinky R thumb

_____ to do _____

L pointer R middle R ring L thumb

which _____ in _____

R pinky L ring R pointer

for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV

L middle

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 answer on page 7



The Rector's Message

INVITATIONS OF THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

The Feast of Pentecost recalls the descent of the Holy Spirit on the community of the disciples of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room in prayer. Appearing like tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit enflamed their hearts. And then "the rush of strong wind" that accompanied this descent drove them into the streets to begin the mission of the Church in the world.

Thus, the Church was born. Birthdays are always a good time to reflect on questions about our life and mission. And there is one question that I like us to think about: Where are we going as a Church family of Jesus Our Savior?

Today, there is a growing realization that, looking at our membership's demographics, we see an aging family. Over the years, our membership has shrunk through natural attrition. Our average Sunday attendance has fluctuated with the ups and downs of health issues of our membership.

Admittedly, we have not replaced those we lost from within our ranks and from newcomers. We have very few newcomers or 'returnees' whose numbers are not enough to re-fill even just the empty seats.

Where do we look for hope and courage to go on? The Feast of Pentecost gives us three good reasons for hopeful encouragement. These also serve as the three invitations of the Feast of Pentecost.

First Invitation: STAY TOGETHER. Before his ascension, Jesus commanded his disciples not to depart from Jerusalem, but to STAY TOGETHER to wait for the promise of the Father: "While at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised." (Acts 1:4).

To STAY TOGETHER was the condition for the disciples to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, if we continue

to stay together, the Holy Spirit will be our hope and our strength.

Second Invitation: PRAYER. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." (Acts 1:14) They were gathered in prayer with Mary in the Upper Room, awaiting the promised event.

Prayer kept the "emerging Church" together and nurtured Her and gave Her growth. If we pray together as a community, the Holy Spirit will nurture us and give us growth.

Third Invitation: MISSION. The Holy Spirit is the gift of our Lord Jesus to his disciples and to us. For Jesus says: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to remain with you forever." (Jn 14:16).

Jesus meant this gift to be shared with others. And it is this same gift of the Holy Spirit that we received that impels us to give: to take to the streets of the world in order to bring the Good News of Salvation.

On the Feast of Pentecost, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts so that we will be able to respond to the invitations:

**TO STAY TOGETHER,
 TO PRAY,
 TO DO MISSION.**



The Bishop's Note

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

Feast of the Ascension

Today is the fortieth day after Easter, the day we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. On this date we commemorate Jesus' ascension into heaven where he sits at the right hand of the Father making intercessions for us. Jesus' ascension into heaven is recorded in the gospels of Mark & Luke but perhaps most fully in the first chapter of the Book of Acts:

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6-11)

The question exists for us – “So what does this mean?” Well first of all the Feast of the Ascension is based on the Word of God. It is based on an actual historical event. It is the fulfillment of Jesus' own prophetic words. It is the fulfillment of his exaltation - the redemption of his humility – that this man who had so horribly died on the cross for our sins now sits at the right hand of God.

But what do we understand by the Ascension?

▪ **Intercessor** - St. Paul tells us that Jesus ascended into heaven and is busy ...*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.* (Romans

8:34) There he sits as our intermediary between God and man. Every prayer you pray Jesus hears and brings to the Father – constantly advocating on our behalf.

▪ **Judge** – St. Matthew tells us, in chapter 25, that Jesus will come separate the sheep from the goats and 2nd Timothy chapter 4 tells us that Jesus will judge the living and the dead. So, there he waits enthroned at the right hand of the Father waiting to be our judge. This same King Jesus who intercedes on our behalf also prepares to be our Judge.

The Feast of the Ascension, which is on a par with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, is all about Jesus AND our present and future in Him! The question for us then is how do we live in the in-between time? We have to ask ourselves the question, "Are we redeeming the time until Jesus returns? Are we fulfilling the ministries he has given to the church?" We have been placed where we are for a purpose.

In the account from the Book of Acts, the two angels asked the disciples, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky?" It was the Earth, not the sky, which they should be occupied with - to be witnesses not stargazers! Our calling is not upwards in nostalgia, but outwards in compassion to a lost world that needs Jesus.

I pray you all a very blessed celebration of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Diocesan Calendar

- † June 1 - ACTS Meeting
- † June 8 - Commission on Ministry
- † June 11 - Rural Deans
- † June 15 - Standing Committee

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A Father's Legacy

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in Bible Study Magazine. Joseph obeyed God — despite the risk to his reputation — by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised the Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "new exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son."

"Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."

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Angels Along Life's Trail

Weary long-distance hikers sometimes encounter "trail angels" — people who offer food and drink, bandages, shoelaces and even a place to do laundry. Along the Pacific Crest Trail, one home, dubbed Hiker's Heaven, serves as a mail drop. Trail angels say they find great joy in offering kindness to strangers.

Unexpected kindnesses — and regular rest stops — make any journey less grueling and more enjoyable. That's also true on the journey of life as we experience (and bestow) generosity and pause to spend time with God. After all, "It is God to whom and with whom we travel," said Elisabeth Elliot. "And while he is the end of our journey, he is also at every stopping place."

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What Rain Reveals



Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.



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