



Our Sponsored Child in Uganda

Please remember that Jesus Our Savior is continuing to sponsor Marvin Ntale during this time. The monthly cost of \$30 helps with food, clothes and school costs.

Marvin lives in near poverty with his 3 sisters and their father who is a peasant farmer.

Please put your donation in with your offering envelopes. Thank you!

Answer to Bible Quiz: C
(See Exodus 7:14–12:32.)



2nd Chance Computer



We recently purchased 30 Chromebooks from Tri Valley Recycling in Stockton. Thankfully, we had the \$750 in our Computer Ministry Fund to pay for them. Terry has been delivering these Chromebooks to La Loma Junior High, Franklin Elementary, Gregori High School, Elliott Continuation High School in Modesto and Sipherd Elementary in Empire. In addition, he has also brought Chromebooks to the Oakdale Family Resource Center, Modesto City Schools Foster Program and Turlock Special Ed Transitions Program.

The need for computers is bigger than ever with distance learning, working from home and staying in contact with family and friends. Financial donations are very much appreciated!

If you know of a student or anyone else in need of a computer, please let us know by calling (209) 402-8586 or email terry.scott@gmail.com.

Please keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers!

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The Savior's Voice

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"When we long for life without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure."

—Peter Marshall
from the Newsletter/Newsletter



We are very happy to announce that we are now holding church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. under the tent in the parking lot.

Last Sunday was very pleasant with temperatures in the 70's with a cool breeze drifting through. The service lasts about 30 minutes and was very enjoyable with our church family. There is no singing and the sermon is not presented on Sunday mornings, but is printed in the weekly Morning Prayer bulletin. Communion is given with host only to parishioners.

We hope you feel comfortable with the outdoor service with spaced out seating, but understand if you prefer to use the weekly Morning Prayer bulletin at home. The most important part is worshipping God in your own way!



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Janet Miller

October 20, 1924-July 30, 2020



We just found out that our good friend and church member passed away in Tacoma, Washington. Janet was a founding member of Jesus Our Savior and was loved by everyone. She was a faithful member and also served many years on the Altar Guild, in addition to many other local organizations. In 2016, Janet's family moved her up to Washington state to be closer to her daughter. A memorial service is not planned at this time due to the current pandemic situation. She will be interred with her husband, Alexander in the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery.

It was a treat to see her smiling face every Sunday and we were very sad to see her move to Washington. RIP Jan!



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The Vestry meets the third Sunday of every month following the service.



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Our Restless Hearts

by Audrey Foster

The life and writings of Saint Augustine have been inspiring people for more than 16 centuries. He has had a powerful and lasting influence on the Christian church. Quotes from him fill my journal and some have become part of my basic philosophy of life, like **"Love God and do as you please"...** so brief but so full of meaning and not what it seems to be on the surface.


While he always loved scholarly pursuits, Augustine was a wild and restless young man, who ran around drinking and carousing for many of his early years. He was seeking answers to the deep questions of life, but looking in the wrong places. Later, he was to write about sin, **"Sin is a wandering from home, a wandering from happiness, a wandering in a region of darkness where we lose the things we love most. Sin is loving what won't make you happy, the thing that takes you far from true happiness into agony, loss, grief and misery."**

When he finally stopped resisting God's pursuit, Augustine wrote this moving poem:

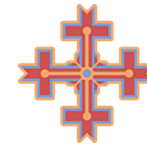
Late Have I Loved You

Late have I loved You, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved You.
You were within me while I have gone outside to seek You.
Unlovely myself, I rushed towards all these lovely things You had made.
And always you were with me and I was not with You.
All these beauties kept me from You--although they would not have existed at all unless they had their being in You.
You called, You cried, You shattered my defenses.
You sparkled, You blazed, You drove away my blindness.
You shed your fragrance and I drew in my breath and I pant for You.
I tasted and now I hunger and thirst.
You touch me and I burn with longing for your peace.

Augustine was able to put timeless emotions into words that speak to our hearts with illuminating simplicity. He captured our deepest feeling that life here on earth is not enough; we long for something else; we want eternity: **"You have created us for Yourself. Our hearts are restless until they find rest in You."**
Amen to that!!



The church continues to pay rent, utility bills, office supplies and salaries. With your financial support during this difficult time, the church will continue to thrive. Please mail your offering to the church or to Mary Scott. The offering is counted and deposited about every 2 weeks. Thank you for your support!



Christian Symbols

Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.

from the Newsletter



1. Practicing meditation and relaxation techniques;
2. Having time to yourself;
3. Engaging in physical activity or exercise;
4. Reading;
5. Spending time with friends;
6. Finding humor;
7. Spending time on your hobbies;
8. Engaging in spirituality;

Special dates

- Labor Day.September 7
- Patriot Day.September 11
- National Grandparents Day.September 13
- Hispanic Heritage Month.Sept. 15-Oct. 15
- First day of autumn.September 22



Bible Quiz

Which of these was *not* one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness

*Answer on page 8
from the Newsletter*



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| ♦ Maxine M. | ♦ Jim H. |
| ♦ Shirley E. | ♦ Tatum |
| ♦ Art E. | ♦ Ruby L. |
| ♦ Velmer R. | ♦ Richard T. |
| ♦ Mary Lee | ♦ Bob Z. |
| ♦ Claude K. | ♦ Genie B. |
| ♦ Doug C. | ♦ Luci B. |
| ♦ Margaret M. | ♦ Joan C. |
| ♦ Kay K. | ♦ Pamela J. |
| ♦ Don G. | ♦ Jenny A. |
| ♦ Pat L. | ♦ Juanita T. |
| ♦ James H. | ♦ Rex A. |
| ♦ Stephanie O. | ♦ Gail C. |
| ♦ Pat | ♦ Margaret |
| ♦ Jackie P. | |
| ♦ Dorothy Schuyler family—comfort | |
| ♦ Jackie, David & Chris —comfort | |
| ♦ For all medical personnel, first responders and all who serve this country. | |



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| ★ Larry Beyers | August 5 |
| ★ Jeffrey Neller | August 21 |
| ★ Norma Parsons | August 26 |
| ★ Michael Simas | August 30 |
| ★ Cameron Thornburg | September 26 |

✠ Audrey & Fr. Tom Foster September 11 65 years

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, please let Mary Scott know.



Fr. Tom & Audrey Foster – We’re doing fine and enjoying getting together with family and friends. We are especially happy to be worshipping together again under the tent! ☺

Neal Mitchell – Thankfully, I’m still healthy and doing well. I am taking people to doctor’s appointments and picking up medications and fighting for patient rights. I enjoy coming to the church and getting communion on Sundays. ☺

Beyers – Luci is having problems with walking and can’t get out of the house. Robby is keeping busy with Door Dash dinner deliveries and Larry & Nicky are doing well. We are happy to say that Haley, Brent and Aydan are well. Brent had a false positive COVID test, but did find out that he has heart problems. ☺

Bill & Nancy Thomas – doing well even while dealing with the heat, smoke, election and pandemic. Our son and daughter-in-law live in the Santa Cruz mountains and had to evacuate for 10 days. They are now thankfully back at home and working on getting their grocery store ready to re-open in Felton. ☺

Terry & Mary Scott – Terry continues to stay busy with his online training for Aeries Software. He also enjoys riding his electric bicycle in the cooler evenings. I’m working on my 6th quilt for the grandchildren and plan on giving all 10 grandkids a “quarantine birthday quilt” this coming year. I’m a little frustrated with sciatica and back issues, but am confident that once I get to the spine doctor, it will be resolved. I enjoyed seeing people and the church services under the tent and look forward to more. ☺

June Simas – I have done a lot of things that I’ve put off, like painting and cleaning cupboards and the garage. Adam just started his junior year with distance learning. Gabriel is very excited to leave for the Navy on Wednesday. Once he arrives in Great Lakes, he will be quarantined for 2 weeks before he can begin boot camp. I will have a bone tumor removed from my knee this week and will be hobbling around after that. ☺

Gubuan Family – It is a changed world: Let’s start with Daughter **Honey** and family: **Isabella** is a junior at Christopher High School and **Joseph** is in middle school in Gilroy. Both have started school on line and are liking it. They meet their classmates in their zoom classrooms. But they still hope to go back to their school soon. Honey is vice principal of a San Jose High School. She works some days in school, other days at home. She says online school means really more work and longer hours. **Jayr** works at home but most days on site in Moss Landing.

John is back to Fort Hood in Texas from 9 month deployment in Romania. After quarantine, he would been with us for a two week break, but they were not allowed to travel to California. His wedding date this month has been moved to September 2021 because of the restrictions brought about by the pandemic. He is back to work and preparing for the next phase: he has applied to special forces, and if accepted, he will train to become a green beret. If not, he’ll continue on in the infantry and go back to captain’s career course in Fort Benning next year. Please pray for God’s will for John.

Rachel is teaching high school math on line: she also says, more preparation, more complicated, more hours. Trying to find a new balance in her schedule.

Ruth thanks the time at home because of the pandemic. She finally converted our backyard into a garden paradise. She cooks and bakes and takes care of our neighbors who are working longer hours. I have never been more pampered in my life now that she is home this long time!

I miss the normal in person worship and seeing parishioners face to face. I hope the sermons, and bulletins’ weekly mailing help. Communion in the car was a good thing, but mass under the tent at 10 am starting this September will be more of a blessing for all of us. Let us pray for one another! ☺

Bob & Sharon Neller—Not much news on our front. We visited our grandson, Tommy, on his third birthday. Our entire family was there including Julie and Bob’s sister, Ann. Jeffrey is a great griller and he prepared a tasty tri-tip. The next day we went to Topaz Lake for a couple nights and then one night back to our old hometown of South Lake Tahoe. Now we are just staying home and enduring the heat. Sharon is now my temporary barber. We are doing well and hoping that everyone in our church family is staying safe, healthy and happy. ☺



The Rector’s Message

September 2020

I wish to share with you the salient points of the August 2020 message of our ACNA Archbishop Foley Beach that I consider most relevant to our situation.

During this *challenging time in our history*, we are faced with *unprecedented challenges*:

- A. The Pandemic;**
- B. Civil Unrest;**
- C. Election Season**

However, these are also opportunities to trust, follow, and obey the Lord. To maintain our focus and to maximize our response to these opportunities, we have to **keep the Main thing the MAIN THING – Jesus Christ and His Gospel!**

This is how it looks like in the concrete:

1. We all are going to be tempted to spend a lot of time and energy on the cultural concerns which are in the forefront of media. Not that these are not important, but as the Church our focus and our mission is Jesus Christ and His Gospel.
2. Specifically, regarding the **pandemic**, clergy and vestries should work together following the guidance of their bishop and the specific local, state, and demographics of the parish.
3. Specifically, regarding **racial issues**, we now have a Provincial Working Group on Race, Racism, and Racial Reconciliation which has begun meeting and who will present their results to the bishops in several months. Until then, it is time to listen and not to pontificate our specific political positions. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.
4. Specifically, regarding the **upcoming election** in the United States, clergy should attempt to minister to both the democrats and the republicans in their congregations and to not take public stands for one candidate or another. God is more concerned about our love and servant spirit than He is for us preaching that He has taken sides. Sadly, every issue is now politicized and the “cancel culture” attitude of writing off those who don’t agree 100% with one’s point of view is pervasive. Let us do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Archbishop Beach puts up St. Paul’s model of responding to his situation and context in Philippians 3:8-14

“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing

worth of knowing Jesus Christ my lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have already attained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Jesus Christ has made me his own. I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal of the upward call in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way.”

- Paul is speaking about his personhood, his prestige, his popularity, and his position which he had lost because of his commitment to Jesus Christ.

- Paul says it’s all garbage compared to knowing Jesus by faith and being “made His own.” We know Paul didn’t have it easy (see 2 Cor.6), but he was serving and obeying the Lord under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in gratefulness for what God had done for him because of his faith in Jesus.

- We have lost many things during this season, but what is most important flows out of our faith in Christ and our obedience to him. While we grieve our various losses, we keep our eyes looking toward the Lord’s will for us.

- Like Paul, let us “strain forward” to what is coming, and let us press on “toward the goal” of his upward call in Jesus. If we seek and ask, He will give us goals and objectives to move forward in our ministries, moving them toward his upward call and his eternal purposes.

I hope this helps us in more ways than one.



The Bishop's Corner

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vawter Menees

August 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may have heard, Governor Newsom has announced a new framework from the State of California with guidelines to minimize the risk of Covid-19 transmission. These new guidelines will go into effect Monday August 31, so they shouldn't impact your services this coming Sunday.

With the framework there are now **four categories for counties** rather than just being on or off the "watchlist". As of now, it appears that all of our congregations in California are in the highest category, purple or widespread. The guidelines state that **church activities in purple counties must be outdoors and include precautions**, so essentially no change for the moment.

There is something to be hopeful and thankful for in the new guidelines though. **Once a county becomes red, indoor activities can resume at 25% capacity, and at orange with 50% capacity, all with proper precautions of course**. We won't soon be getting back to a situation like we were before COVID-19, but this framework shows that with improving conditions in our counties we will be able to gather together indoors.

Also, it's important to note that while this framework has changed, the current church guidelines on recording services have not. We will still be able to record services indoors with a group of 10 or fewer people as long as precautions are being taken.

I encourage all of you to visit the new state covid website covid19.ca.gov to

familiarize yourselves with the new framework to better prepare for indoor worship. I've also attached the most recent guidelines for churches in California. Please make sure your church services and other activities are in accordance with both state and your local county guidelines.

As always, please keep our governing authorities at both the state and federal levels in your prayers, that God give them the wisdom and the discernment to best lead our state and country at this time.

Your servant and bishop,

Bp. Eric Menees
bishop@anglicandsj.org

September 4, 2020

Dear Friends,

I write to let you know that Fr. Jack Faucett died this morning after a long battle with lung cancer and a host of other illnesses. Fr. Jack decided yesterday to end treatments and place himself into the Lord's hands. Fr. Grossman and I visited yesterday and administered Last Rites. Fr. Jack was comfortable, awake and alert.

Please keep Joan Faucett in your prayers and the family as they grieve. I will let you know when a Requiem Mass will be livestreamed.

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall be live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-26 BCP 249

Bp. Eric Menees



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Pine Family - things are going well and home life is good. It's a little stressful juggling the kids' schedules with online learning and dealing with getting connected to the schools. **Nathanial** just got a new job at Audi and likes it. **Gabriel** is in his last year of high school and likes his classes. He enjoys playing football with his friends in the park. **Isiah's** classes are going okay, but he has had some issues getting connected to the school and then they say he is absent. **Suzana** is doing well, but doesn't like online learning. She completed a geography project and is enjoying some advanced placement classes. **Angelina** also doesn't like online learning as she misses her friends. She attends a dance class through Zoom meetings and likes to go outside and play with her friends.

Velmer Reeh - Everything is normal as I continue to do shopping, housework, laundry and working in the yard. I enjoy the Morning Prayer bulletin, since I don't have to worry about hearing the sermon. My doctor says my heart is not strong enough for some needed surgery, but it's strong enough to do my regular things. Please keep me in your prayers.

Jim O'Neill - I am doing okay but tired of the hot weather. I'm glad that the church has thought of a way to cope with the restrictions that churches are under, but I will be glad when we can hold services inside once again.

Ruby Louis - I accomplished reading the Bible through once again and enjoyed that. Trying to stay positive as I miss church and our church family. I pray everyone is safe and doing well. Health-wise, I am taking it one day at a time. Blessings for everyone.

Margaret Moore - going day to day and doing fine. Her grandson is taking good care of her.

Joan Court - Everyone is doing well at Dale Commons. I had my first COVID-19 test yesterday and am waiting for the results. Then we'll have to take a second one. I don't do well in the heat with my high blood pressure so am happy to stay inside my well air conditioned apartment!

Liz Basham - I am coping okay, but miss living in my home. I love coming to church with Jim O'Neill.

Linda York - My daughter Shelby and her husband Justin took me to Frazier's Flat to do some fishing. It was too smoky in the mountains so we didn't stay long and unfortunately, we didn't catch any fish. I did enjoy the ride and getting out. In town, I do my running around to the post office and stores and other errands.

Juanita Thorington - is now in Section A at Vintage Faire and doing well according to her son Mike.

Marjorie Mateyer - is doing okay at Vintage Faire, but we can't find out more, since they don't give out information to non-family.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Norma Parsons - I'm handling everything fine, but can't go out because of a COVID-19 test and am waiting for the results. Before the test, I was able to go on a ride to see my 4 great-grandchildren and am expecting a 5th great-grandchild in December.

Mary & Jim Harnisch - We are doing really well now that we have stopped watching the news. There are too many negative things and we feel the truth hurts. We do enjoy our Bible study every morning.

Claude & Kay Knighten - We are doing okay but will be better when our medical issues are resolved. Kay has a MRI scheduled and Claude has an orthopedic appointment scheduled and also a surgery in October.

Gregory Matteson - In general, I'm doing okay. Due to the isolation, I had problems with insomnia but am sleeping better now. I am concerned and praying for my friends in Santa Cruz.

Seth Simas - I'm busy with online distance teaching for my classes. I teach World and US History at Johansen High for 9-11 graders.

Tom & Ruth Carrillo - I thank Lord Jesus that through all this my husband, Thomas has been able to work. I recently got laid off on Monday. I have put my resume in a couple of places and I can't thank God enough for letting me know that there are better jobs with health benefits and more pay. All my kids are healthy and doing well. I'm thankful to be able to stay home and know there are options out there for me. I strongly believe that God has something even better for me.