



Food Ministry

Please keep bringing those boxes and cans in every Sunday for the Food Basket. The need remains high in Modesto.

The basket is brought to the Altar along with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

The donations are brought to Interfaith Ministry by Sharon and Bob Neller.

Answer to Bible Quiz: C



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2nd Chance Computer



We haven't received many donations, so our supply is low. Terry plans to approach more school districts to participate in our Computer Program.

We do have 25 desktops that will be going out in mid-February for an Adult Education class.

If you know of any businesses or personal donations, please let us know.

Please keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers!



The Savior's Voice

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- ✚ 10-Minute Reflection Before Mass on Sundays of Lent
- ✚ Bible Study on the Paschal Mystery on Fridays of Lent @ 10am
- ✚ Fridays of Lent @ Noon: Stations of the Cross
- ✚ Confession: Friday and Sunday after the Service.

"A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside."

—Denis Waitley

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Our Lenten Focus

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

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♪ Even Song Scheduled ♪

We have been invited to an Even Song Service at Grace Anglican. This is a Sung Service and would be performed by the Choir and Lay Leaders. Right now it is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd at 5pm. Grace Anglican would like to invite Jesus Our Savior parishioners to attend and are hoping this is something our congregation would be interested in attending.

If interested in attending, see Fr. Woodrow and we can arrange a carpool.



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

☺ Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Nursery available



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Our Spiritual Journey

by Audrey Foster

Many wise Christians recommend keeping a daily journal, writing down your thoughts about life, God, relationships, whatever is on your mind. This practice has had good results for many, but it just doesn't work for me. What has been of great benefit to me over the years is keeping a notebook where I write down things I have read that move my heart. Most are jotted down in the early morning when I am having my quiet time with God, praying, reading the Bible and other faith inspired books.

Whenever I read randomly through my notebook, I find a gold mine of inspiration about a variety of subjects, expressed in ways that shed a light of understanding. I often say to myself "Yes! Exactly!" while I am reading. The late Oswald Chambers wrote: "The author who benefits you most is not the one who tells you something you did not know before, but the one who gives expression to the truth that has been dumbly struggling in you for utterance."

Over the next months, I would like to share some of my "finds" with you. To start, here is one from Saint Teresa of Avila in 1515:

**Let nothing disturb you, let nothing dismay you.
All things pass; God never changes.
Patience attains all that it strives for.
They who have God find they lack nothing.
God alone suffices.**

And here is a bedtime prayer from the Book of Common Prayer that bestows a mantle of peace and safekeeping:

O Lord, support us all the long day of this troublesome life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and the work is done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Lent begins February 26. If you don't already observe the practice, perhaps recording your spiritual journey for the forty days of Lent would be a good time to give it a try.

Our Sponsored Child in Uganda

Please continue to help sponsor Marvin Ntale. It costs \$30 per month to sponsor a child for Shared Blessings, which helps with food, clothes and school costs, to name a few.

Please check out the card and drawing that Marvin made for his sponsors. It is next to the donation box in the Parish Hall.

We appreciate your continued support of Marvin. Please put your donation in in the wooden box in the parish hall.



Christian Symbols

Shepherd's Crook

The shepherd's crook is a symbol for Jesus, the Good Shepherd. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). The crook also symbolizes the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. It's also used in connection with King David, who worked as a shepherd when he was young.

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"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always 'me first,' doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies."

(paraphrased from The Message Bible)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, MSG

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Answer to Kid's Page

"You are my friends if you do what I command.This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17 NIV

Special Dates

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day.....February 14
- Presidents Day.....February 17
- Transfiguration of Our Lord.....February 23,
- Ash Wednesday.....February 26
- Leap Day.....February 29



Bible Quiz

The precise number varies depending on the Bible version, but roughly how many times does the word "love" occur in the Old and New Testaments combined?

- A. 200-300
- B. 400-500
- C. 600-700
- D. 800-900

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- ♦ Tom D.
- ♦ Margie M.
- ♦ Maxine M.
- ♦ Jim H.
- ♦ Shirley E.
- ♦ Tatum
- ♦ Art E.
- ♦ Ruby L.
- ♦ Velmer R.
- ♦ Salaam S.
- ♦ Mary Lee
- ♦ Bob Z.
- ♦ Claude K.
- ♦ Genie B.
- ♦ Janet M.
- ♦ Luci B.
- ♦ Margaret M.
- ♦ Joan C.
- ♦ Doug C.
- ♦ Pamela J.
- ♦ Fr. Jack
- ♦ Jenny A.
- ♦ Pat L.
- ♦ Juanita T.
- ♦ James H.
- ♦ Rex A.
- ♦ Stephanie O.
- ♦ Gail C.
- ♦ London S.
- ♦ Richard T.
- ♦ Kay K.
- ♦ Dorothy Schuyler family—comfort
- ♦ For all who serve this country & first responders

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

—Dan P. Herod

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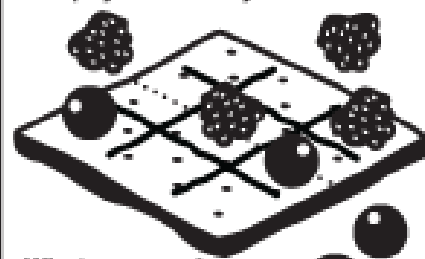


- ★Glory Hernandez February 7
- ★Marjorie Mateyer February 10
- ★Willy Gaa February 12
- ★Velmer Reeh February 12
- ★Marilyn Gaa February 19

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

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ ch _ th _ r.”
JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

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Answer on page 7*



The Rector's Message

“40 Days and 40 Nights

An Invitation to the Observation of Lent 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Bible, 40 is a significant number. It generally symbolizes a period of testing or probation - a prelude to a new day, so to say. In the Old Testament, to mention just a few, God flooded the earth for 40 days and 40 nights of rain during the time of Noah. In the exodus, the Israelites were tried and tested in the desert for 40 years before they entered the promised land. Moses fasted and prayed for 40 days and 40 nights before he received the Ten Commandments.

In the New Testament: Jesus was tempted by the devil during the 40 days and nights he fasted just before his public ministry. Jesus also appeared to his disciples and others for 40 days after his resurrection. Before his crucifixion, He prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem (Matt 24:1 - 2). 40 after his crucifixion in 30 A.D., the Romans destroyed the city and burned the temple to the ground.

It is against this backdrop of the significance and meaning of the Biblical 40 that we view the 40 days and 40 nights of Lent. In a more specific way, the Season of Lent recalls the 40 days and 40 nights of fasting and praying of Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. There, Jesus was tempted by the devil three times and each time He overcame the temptations.

According to the Fathers of the Church, the three temptations represent the classic temptations that humanity is faced with: the FLESH (stones to bread), the WORLD (ruling over all kingdoms), and the DEVIL (a leap from the Temple). The three ways Jesus overcame these temptations inaugurated the three classic

responses or disciplines of Lent: FASTING, ALMSGIVING and PRAYER.

In the name of the Church, I encourage all of us together with our family to practice these disciplines of Lent in these simple ways:

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent, especially on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays. It means abstaining from eating meat on those days. Additionally, fasting means limited eating: only a full meal on that day and no foods between meals.

Almsgiving: consists of willfully performing acts of charity, especially by giving to the poor. For every dime saved from fasting and abstinence, from not snacking and giving up sweets or drinks, put this amount aside in an envelope and label it FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. Offer this on the altar with your Easter Offering - the fruits of your sacrifice and self-denial.

Prayer: together with our family at least once a day during Lent. If this is not yet a family practice, this is a great time to start. Attend Sunday service as a family, and consider attending an extra service: Bible Study, Friday Station of the Cross and Reflection. Please see our Lenten Schedule.

I am praying earnestly that all of us will make Lent 2020, a season of grace and blessing.



The Bishop's Corner

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vawter Menees

In the early 1990's there was an interesting movie starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell, entitled Groundhog Day. This iconic movie was set around the secular holiday which gets minor news coverage in the west and only slightly more in the east. Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Legend has it that if it's a cloudy day and no shadow is seen because of cloudy skies Spring will arrive shortly.

Many of us know about Groundhog Day but not many know about the Feast of Candlemas, and not many of us are aware that this secular holiday was linked to Candlemas. Candlemas, now known as The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ served as the basis for Groundhog Day. The legend was that if Candlemas fell on a clear day, then winter would continue, and conversely, if it was a cloudy day, spring would arrive shortly.

Of course, Candlemas or The Feast of the Presentation, has nothing to do with weather and everything to do with Jesus and the Holy Family. The Feast of the Presentation reminds us, following scripture, 40 days after Jesus' birth, the Holy Family presented Mary and Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem. At this point, Jesus was already named and circumcised, and his presentation was where he was presented to the priests, sacrifices were offered, and Mary was acknowledged as being ritually pure according to Jewish law.

This Jewish ceremony continued into the medieval English church in a service called "the Churching of Women." The Jewish service was all about purification or making the new mother ritually clean, but the Christian service was all about blessing.

Following the birth of a child the mother had just gone through an incredibly stressful and dangerous event, one that took many women's lives in medieval times and today. The Churching of Women was a time for the church and the mother to give thanks to God for supporting her through this time of transition. It was also a recognition that as a mother she would need God's blessing. A blessing was given no matter the circumstances of the child, if the child was healthy, sick, or even if the child had already died. Either the mother would need God's help in caring for and raising her new child, or she would need God's blessing

service where the church lifted up the role of mothers.

The 2019 BCP marks the moment with the Liturgy known as the "Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child." Baptism is all about a person becoming a part of the body of Christ, and this service is all about coming together as a congregation and giving thanks to God for the health of the child and mother. Where baptism reflects on the duties we all have as Christians, this service hits on the duties Christians have in particular as parents. This liturgy marks the moment and blesses the family in the midst of the larger Church family.

There are so many wonderful ways to mark the moments of our lives in our new BCP and this is one that is often neglected or misunderstood by people.

If you have any births or adoptions in your family, I strongly encourage you to use this service. Bring the new parents and their child to your congregation and let them join their thanksgiving with the thanksgiving of the congregation during the Eucharist. When you, or someone in your congregation celebrates the birth or adoption of a child I encourage you to Mark the Moment with this lovely liturgy.

Diocesan Calendar

- ✚ Rural Deans—February 11
- ✚ Diocesan Office Closed —February 17
- ✚ Standing Committee—February 15
- ✚ Ash Wednesday—February 26

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Church Reports from our Annual Meeting



Senior Warden

Jim O'Neill: For the 2019 calendar year, overall, we were in good shape as we have been in the past. The finances are not in my purview, but we are operating in the black. Fr. Woodrow and Mary will give more detailed info. on the finances. Fr. Woodrow and I contacted the Bishop about using incense in our church and he responded that incense is generally used in a big church with tall ceilings and we have a small building with a low ceiling. So Fr. Woodrow will be using incense sparingly for some specific services.

Junior Warden

Nathaniel Pine: Another year has passed at JOSAC. In 2019, we have maintained our building and grounds, yet we have not added anything new. If anyone has ideas for possible additions to our grounds or building, please let me know. I will be happy to look into implementing said ideas if passed through the Vestry.

Acolytes

Linda York: I'd like to thank the young people who give their time and talents to make our worship service more meaningful and beautiful.

Altar Guild

Liz Basham: Linda York, June Simas, Mary Harnisch and Jim O'Neill 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.

Building Fund

The Vestry voted to use money from the Building Fund (with approval from the donors) to pay for building-related expenses and utilities.

Computer Ministry

Mary Scott: The computer ministry is going very well. We have given out about 725 computers for 2019 and over 8,700 computers total. There are still a lot of students and families in need and we are working to get out as many as possible as the computers become available. 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: Our ongoing ministry of transporting the blessed food donations to Inter-Faith Ministries continues. In 2019, we brought 103 bags of food for donation. We usually make a delivery every two to three weeks. We hope that all members will contribute the food donations for our ministry. Also, we need bags for the delivery.

Greeting Card Ministry

Mary Scott: Thanks to all who continue to bring in cards for this ministry. We try to keep up with all those who are ill or in need of friendly contact. Please be sure to keep me informed of anyone who is sick or in need of a reminder that we're thinking of them!

Layreaders

Linda York: We have a chart that is not being used very often, so I encourage you to sign up for a reading or two and give the parishioners a different voice to listen to. So come one and all and join us!

Sunday School

Liz Basham: We are always looking for more kids, but the students who come seem to enjoy the classes.

Transport Ministry

Linda York: I like being able to bring people to church who might not otherwise be able to attend. I feel very blessed to be able to do this. Thanks to Greg Matteson also!

Hospitality

Audrey Foster: We believe that having refreshments together after the service is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with each other and also a good way to welcome newcomers. While there is a loose master plan for our coffee hours, they are notable for the variety of delectables every week. Our generous congregants supply home made items, treats from the bakery and often items that serve as lunch. Mary Scott makes sure the basic supplies are on hand: coffee, tea, sugar, paper plates, napkins, etc. Jameolah often delights in serving plates of middle eastern cooking (like dolma and rice pilaf) to everyone in the room. We depend on everyone to keep the refreshments plentiful and varied at the coffee hours so we can enjoy the food as well as the friendships. Those who are unable to bring food often donate for supplies. Potlucks after the service are always well attended, with more than enough food to go around. We have about four a year, attached to special events such as the Annual Meeting. The ice cream social has become an annual event, with the church supplying the ice cream and the parishioners bringing the toppings. Everyone looks forward to this on a hot summer Sunday.

Outreach

Audrey Foster: Our parish has been supporting the work of Shared Blessings for several years. (Shared Blessings is a non-profit organization run by Audrey Foster and started in 1997. It works with orphanages and other relief organizations in Uganda, India and Myanmar. A sponsorship program where people can sponsor a child for \$30 a month is the basic fund raiser, but individual gifts also make up a large part of the income. The organization does not use any of the sponsorship money for administration so 100 percent of the money given is sent.) In 2019 we took part in the campaign to fill a shipping container that will go to Uganda, Africa to help in a very poor village. Besides money (\$140), our congregation contributed medical supplies, hand sewn dresses, school supplies and more. Several people worked on helping to load the container on some very hot days this summer: Seth, Gabe and Adam Simas, and Nate, Gabe and Isaiah Pine. The container has not left yet because of red tape. There is paperwork needed before it can be inspected. Audrey will let everyone know when it is loaded on the ship and ready to go. An ongoing outreach is our sponsorship of Marvin Ntale, a 15 year-old boy at SLU (Shared Love Uganda). We began this sponsorship in the fall of 2019 and by the end of the year, \$125 was given for Marvin's support. A picture of Marvin is on the coffee hour refreshment table next to a donation box where people can drop money in as they wish.

Stewardship

Linda York: Our church has so many stewards who give of their time, their talent and treasure and I'm so glad to be a small part of that.