



Food Basket Ministry

A can or box of food a week is all we ask 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.

The donations are faithfully bagged up every week by Bob and Sharon Neller, who bring them into Interfaith Ministry, where the donations are put to good use for the homeless people of Modesto. We appreciate all your donations and help with this important ministry!

Church Calendar

- Bible Study every Friday at 10:0 a.m.
- Vestry Meeting September 15
- Youth Bible Study September 15
- Catechesis Classes 2nd & 4th Sunday

Answer to Bible Quiz: D
(See Joshua 6:1-5.)



2nd Chance Computer Update



We received some wonderful news yesterday that the Antone and Marie Raymus Foundation from Manteca has awarded Second Chance Computers a \$5,000 grant. We submitted the request last March and are happy we will be able to use these funds to get more computers to students.

In June, Modesto City Schools donated 90 desktop CPU's, but no monitors, keyboards or mice. Since we already had some complete systems in the storage unit and students only want laptops, Terry sold the CPU's to K & K E-Waste Recycling. With that sale, he purchased 100 Chromebooks from Tri Valley Recycling in Stockton. Another MCS donation of 72 CPU's were also sold to K & K and an additional 48 Chromebooks were just purchased.

Terry and Richard are now busy delivering the Chromebooks to the students at the schools for the new year.

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

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"Truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people."

—Harry Chapin

from the Newsletter Newsletter



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Ice Cream Sundae September 15

We will close the summer with a wonderful Coffee Hour of ice cream sundaes and snacks.

Jesus Our Savior will provide the ice cream. Please bring a topping, such as nuts, fruit, whipped cream or a syrup.

Come join us and don't miss the fun and fellowship!

Baptism Held on July 14th

We were very happy to welcome Luna Anderson to our church family in baptism. She is a very happy 18 month old and it's a real joy to watch her enthusiasm.

We will have another baptism when Fr. Tom baptizes his granddaughter on Sunday, September 8th.

It's a blessing to watch these babies become children of God!



from left: Gracey Welch, Luna Anderson, Glory Hernandex, Fr. Woodrow and Fr. Tom



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
 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

Liz Basham June Simas
 Jim O'Neill Linda York



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Stories Behind Some of our Favorite Hymns

by Audrey Foster

"Just as I Am"

The words for this hymn were poured out from the heart of an angry, bitter, resentful woman who sour attitude was poisoning the family atmosphere. Her health was poor and her disabilities had hardened her approach to God; she questioned His goodness. "If You love me, how can You treat me this way?" Charlotte Elliott would cry.

One night, when a clergyman was a guest for dinner, Charlotte lost her temper and in a violent outburst, spilled her complaints against God and her family. The embarrassed family left the table, leaving Charlotte and the clergyman alone. Gently, he confronted her, and she acknowledged that she was sick and tired of herself; she held on to her anger and hate because she felt there was nothing else to cling to. "Your cure is the very faith you are trying to despise," the clergyman told her.

Charlotte's heart softened as they talked and she asked what she should do to get right with God. She felt like such a hopeless mess. "Give yourself to God just as you are now, with all your fears, hates and loves, pride and shame," he told her. Charlotte did just that and her life was changed that day. John 6:37 became a special verse for her: "...he who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." She went on to write the words of the most famous invitational hymn, "Just as I Am".

Here are 2 of the 5 verses:

*Just as I am without one plea,
 but that Thy blood was shed for me
 And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am though tossed about,
 with many a conflict many a doubt.
 Fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Charlotte's physical health did not improve, but she lived to be 82. She wrote more than 150 hymns to express her gratefulness for God's accepting love.

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+ Christian Symbols +

Wheat

Many of Jesus' parables liken the kingdom of heaven to wheat growing abundantly in a field, as opposed to weeds planted by the evil one. When God "sows" the gospel broadly, some soil produces great crops of wheat (believers, people who become part of God's family); elsewhere, wheat (belief) flourishes briefly or not at all. Wheat also symbolizes the bread of Holy Communion and Christ, the bread of life.

from the Newsletter Newsletter

Answers to Kid's Page

ACROSS: 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6 Sarah

DOWN: 1 Rebekah, 3 Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth Generation

Special Dates

- Labor Day September 2
- National Grandparents Day September 8
- Patriot Day September 11
- Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 – Oct. 15
- First day of autumn September 23

Bible Quiz



What number fits in all the blanks to reveal God's instructions to Joshua about the city of Jericho?

Israelite warriors, led by __ priests blowing __ ram's-horn trumpets for __ days, would march around the city once a day, except for the last day, when they would march around it __ times; then the walls of Jericho would fall.

- A. one
- B. three
- C. five
- D. seven

*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. | ☉ Jaime |
| ☉ Ruby L. | ☉ Mary Lee |
| ☉ Velmer R. | ☉ Eva B. |
| ☉ Claude K. | ☉ Genie B. |
| ☉ Janet M. | ☉ Luci B. |
| ☉ Margaret M. | ☉ Fr. Tom |
| ☉ Bob N. | ☉ Albert H. |
| ☉ Pamela J. | ☉ Fr. Jack |
| ☉ Jenny A. | ☉ Joan T. |
| ☉ Joan C. | |

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.



- ❖ Brittany Thornburg July 14
- ❖ Robby Beyers July 15
- ❖ Jordan Simas July 16
- ❖ Juanita Thorington July 20
- ❖ Larry Beyers August 5
- ❖ Tom Dimperio August 18
- ❖ Jeffrey Neller August 21
- ❖ Norma Parsons August 26
- ❖ Angel Carrillo August 28
- ❖ Michael Simas August 30
- ❖ Cameron Thornburg September 26

❖ Fr. Tom & Audrey Foster Sept. 11 64

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



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS
 2. David's grandfather
 5. Jacob's grandfather
 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN
 1. Judah's grandmother
 3. Joseph's grandfather
 4. Solomon's grandfather
 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

from the Newsletter Newsletter answer on page 7



The Rector's Message

Reflection on the Past Year

On September 30, 2019, I will have been your priest at JOSAC for one year. I thank the Lord for being a part of such a loving and compassionate Church family.

These questions fill my mind and heart: Are we growing as a Church family of Jesus our Savior Anglican Church? Where can we grow? What do we need to do in order to grow?

I found that these questions of growing as a Church family were articulated by Rick Warren (*Purpose Driven Church*) from an interesting vantage point. He said:

The problem with many churches is that they begin with the wrong question. They ask, "What will make our church grow?" This is a misunderstanding of the issue. It's like saying, "How can we build a wave?" The question we need to ask instead is, "What is keeping our church from growing?" What barriers are blocking the waves God wants to send our way? What obstacles and hindrances are preventing growth from happening?

All living things grow — you don't have to make them grow. It's the natural thing for living organisms to do if they are healthy. For example, I don't have to command my three children to grow. They naturally grow. As long as I remove hindrances such as poor nutrition or an unsafe environment, their growth will be automatic. If my kids don't grow, something has gone terribly wrong. Lack of growth usually indicates an unhealthy situation, possibly a disease. [pp. 15-16]

These are the same questions and the same thoughts that I am inviting all of us to ask ourselves and to ponder in our minds and heart.

My prayer is for the grace to understand our situation, and for the strength to put into practice God's will in our life and mission.



2019 Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

The Anglican Liturgy Press has informed us that due to the high demand, the regular pew edition books have been backordered. They are expected to ship from South Korea in September and will be mailed out to the parishes in the order they received each individual parish order.

Unfortunately, when we informed you of the cost of the books, we didn't add in the tax and shipping costs. The total cost for one pew edition book is \$19.34 and the total cost of the deluxe edition is \$34.40. To date, we have received \$1,339.40 and the total purchase price was \$2,391.24. We have also not been reimbursed from Grace Anglican Church for \$558.8 yet for their books. The deluxe editions are still expected in October.

Jesus Our Saviors' old BCP books have been donated to the "To Uganda with Love" container drive. We know they will be put to good use in Uganda.

Layreaders Needed



We would love to add more readers to our church.

Please put your name on the Layreader Chart for one Sunday. Mary will e-mail you the scripture before that Sunday, so you will be prepared.



The Bishop's Note

The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees

BCP Morning Prayer – The Psalter

As we continue our examination of the 2019 Book of Common Prayer's service of Morning Prayer, we move from the Invitatory to the Psalter.

The daily praying of the psalms dates to centuries before the Incarnation of our Lord. Jesus regularly quotes the psalms, think of the Pharisees who confront Jesus in the synoptic gospels. In Matthew 22:41-46, Jesus turns the tables and asks the Pharisees about the Christ. When they are unable to answer Jesus quotes King David and Psalm 110.

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 44 "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? 45 If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions."

Jesus' reliance on the psalms demonstrates their importance in his life. That same importance is reflected in the use of the Psalter in the services of Morning and Evening Prayer. The 2019 BCP gives two options for praying the psalms in Morning and Evening Prayer. Option 1, which is the more traditional manner dating back to the earliest prayer books, has the participants reading the entire Psalter through on a 30-day cycle. I personally enjoy this manner because the psalms, over the years have become very familiar to me, so that I can draw upon them more easily in ministry. Of course, this also adds 5-7 minutes more to

the Office. The second option, which is equally valid, prays the entire Psalter over a 60-day period. Some people report that they feel less overwhelmed with this cycle and that they can concentrate more on the psalms that they do pray. In either case, the regular reading and praying of the psalms in the Daily Office feed the souls and inspire ministry – "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Ps. 110:105) Or this morning's psalm, "O Lord, you have searched me out and known me, you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thoughts from afar." (Ps. 139:1)

Lastly, the psalms printed in the 2019 BCP are a renewed version of the Coverdale Psalter. The following description of that translation comes from the ACNA Website: (www.anglicanchurch.net/?/main/page/1599) compare it to the 1963 version. They renew the translation accordingly.

I pray you all a very blessed day!

(A (Very) Brief History of the Anglican Coverdale Psalter is available on the Bishop's Note page on the Diocese of San Joaquin website.)

Diocesan Calendar

- † **September 10** - Rural Deans
- † **September 14** - Commission on Ministry
- † **September 14** - ACTS Meeting
- † **September 20-22** - Clergy Wives Retreat
- † **September 21** - Standing Committee
- † **October 5** - Daughters of the Holy Cross Fall Gathering
- † **November 7** - Diocesan Convention Dinner
- † **November 8** - Diocesan Convention
- † **November 24** - Bishop at Jesus Our Savior

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Thank You!

Ruby Louis shows one of her two amazing pictures that are going to a village church in Uganda. With love in every action, Ruby made the pictures, painstakingly placing 32,000 tiny gems to create the visual. She also made a duplicate of the one she holds that is on our church wall.

We would also like to thank **Jim O'Neill** for the donation of the parament linens for the altar and lecterns, the TV, many of the beautiful banners and for his ongoing donation of the votive candles. **Joan Court** has generously donated funds for 2 office bookcases. Another big thank you goes to **Liz Basham** who has donated the baptism napkins, altar linens and Sunday School supplies. We have also received many other anonymous donations to the church. If you would like to donate, some suggestions are communion wine and hosts and altar flowers. A monetary donation for the new 2019 BCP books would also be greatly appreciated.

Look around the church and check out all these wonderful donations that our parishioners have given and don't forget all our faithful parishioners who continue to support our church financially and in many other ways.

Jesus Our Savior is very blessed to have such a wonderful church family!

Counters needed to help count the

Sunday offering. Will you volunteer one Sunday a month to help with this ministry?

Please talk to Fr. Woodrow or Mary.

Container Drive

"To Uganda With Love"



A sumptuous potluck at Jesus Our Savior on Sunday, August 18 marked the end of the Shared Blessings campaign "To Uganda With Love". The goal to fill a shipping container for a poverty stricken village in Uganda was extremely successful and JOSAC members had a large share in this.

Besides donating cash contributions of \$240 and a quantity of medical supplies, new clothing, sewing supplies and more, members pitched in with their physical labor, filling Terry Scott's truck and delivering items to the container located at a site in north Modesto. A special thanks goes to Terry Scott, Seth, Gabe and Adam Simas, Nate, Gabe and Isaiah Pine for their quick and efficient work, carried out on a very hot August afternoon.

Going to Uganda in the container is a wide variety of goods. There are desks and chairs, textbooks, library books, pencils, pens, markers, paper, scissors, glue, etc. for the school. There are filing cabinets, office chairs, cabinets, and solar lights. There are 31 bicycles, tool boxes and tools. For the medical clinic, there are incubators, a sonogram machine, hospital beds, carts, blood pressure cuffs, sterile gloves and more. These are just some of the things that will brighten lives and bring hope to people who have so very little in the way of material goods.

There is still a lot of work to be done before the container can be lifted by a crane onto a truck, delivered to a port in Oakland and then loaded into the hold of a ship. Keep this outreach in your prayers for a successful completion!