

CHRIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2018 CHRONICLE



10th Anniversary of the Kegg Organ Concert September 16
Merry Phillips, Isabelle Demers, Fr. Daniel London

Reflecting on Worship and Redwoods

Christ Episcopal Church Eureka seeks to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. We strive to accomplish this by upholding our essential values of worship, discipleship, fellowship, outreach, and hospitality.

I am so thrilled about this newly articulated mission statement and I look forward to unpacking its manifold meanings with all of you in the years to come. I want to begin by sharing some brief initial reflections on our primary essential value: worship. As I have previously said, the most frequent command in all of Scripture is to worship God, a command that is repeated about 250 times and is often summed up with one Hebrew word: *Hallelujah*, which means “Praise the Lord.” But why is worship so frequently commanded in the Bible? Is it because God is an insecure deity in constant need of flattery and ego boosting? I sure hope not.

One way to start answering this question is by sharing a new tradition that Ashley and I have begun: driving the Avenue of the Giants at least once a year, on the feast day of St. Francis, October 4th (which is also Elizabeth Harper-Lawson’s birthday.) Although I personally grew up close to the coast redwoods, they still inspire me with great awe and wonder whenever I see them or touch them or walk among them. Our new tradition commenced this week during a road trip down to Santa Rosa for the Institution of a new rector at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. As part of the trip, Ashley and I felt compelled to visit the “Giants” of the Avenue not so much because of the many benefits that one inevitably experiences while enjoying the outdoors, but rather because we felt moved to visit the redwoods in order to simply bask in the glory of the redwoods. John Steinbeck said, “The redwoods, once seen, leave a mark or create a vision that stays with you always. From them comes silence and awe. The most irreverent people, in the presence of redwoods, fall under a spell of wonder and respect.” Isn’t that why most of us visit the redwoods? To look up at them in awe and fall under their powerful spell? To let our jaws drop in their towering presence and utter a dumbfounded “wow”?

Similarly, this is why we worship God. It is part of God’s nature to inspire wonder and amazement, much like the coast redwoods; and it is our destiny as humans to gaze towards heaven and be awestruck by God’s magnificent glory. In fact, the angels are expressing this awe and wonder all the time and we get to join them when we sing those sacred words that are whispered by every ocean wave, “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.”



Although there are enormous psychological and spiritual benefits to praising God, we do not worship God for our own sake. I have heard many people talk about how delighted and uplifted they feel during and after our worship time together. I feel it too! And I absolutely love it! But that’s not why we worship. If we go to church to feel good, we will eventually be disappointed. But if we go to church to worship God, then those good feelings will inevitably follow because we will be fulfilling our ultimate destiny as human beings. The great Anglican theologian Evelyn Underhill said, “It is true that corporate worship can become a powerful instrument for awakening, teaching and transforming people; and also true that every act of worship leaves the self other than it was before. But this subjective benefit of the worshipper must never be an aim; even where the benefit is sought for the loftiest reasons. The single aim of worship is God’s Glory.”



I do not visit the redwoods to be awakened, taught, or transformed by them. I visit them to simply bask in their glory, and as a result, I am often awakened, taught and transformed. Likewise, let us worship God not for “what we get out of it” but rather to bask in God’s glory. And what better place to worship God than here at Christ Episcopal Church Eureka, a church made almost completely out of that same awe-inspiring coast redwood. If you listen closely, you will hear the redwood of our church joining us in worship, along with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.



Stewardship Dinner, September 29

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRIEST

THE REV. DAVID SHEWMAKER

Reflection: On Being Weighed Down

Fr. David

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30, NRSV, from the Gospel for St. Francis’ Day.)

“Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*” (The Collect for St. Francis Day.)



I suppose that when we hear this scripture we most often think of the yokes used to harness oxen for pulling heavy loads. However, we must remember that Jesus was speaking to humans, most of whom were subject to carrying heavy loads in order to survive. Most often they were carrying these loads for some master, who demanded that they carry as much as they were able for whatever distances he required. Jesus was confronting this enslavement & physical abuse of many humans for the benefit of only a very few. Jesus' offering of an easy yoke & a light burden was an affront of the masters of his day.

I found the above picture of a young woman carrying water jugs, because young girls were routinely forced into heavy labor, even, sometimes, by their own family. Today, we westerners can barely even imagine demanding such a thing of our precious young girls. And, yet, this still goes on in most of the world, most especially where poverty rules & survival for even one day requires extreme effort. How far away is the water that the family needs & who will carry it? Can there be any other way except beastly labor just to acquire the barest of life's necessities?

Jesus assures us that there is always another way, a way that gives us rest. Jesus assures us that this rest is one of God's gifts to us. However, for thousands of years, most of us have had to struggle just to get by. We have become addicted to that struggle to the point that we continue in that struggle even in this land that has plenty for everyone. Can we not, with regular prayer, learn to "delight in [God's] whole creation with perfectness of joy"? Do we really have a heavy burden upon our shoulders, or are we merely being reactive to the world's incessant seeking for more & more "vanities"?

May I assure you that taking the time for daily, silent, restful prayer will give you rest for our Lord is indeed "gentle & humble in heart?" Alleluia!



FROM THE INTERIM SENIOR WARDEN

JACKIE MOORE

Some of us, or I could say most of us, have experienced major life events at our church. One of the greatest days of my life was spent in our beautiful space marrying my best friend almost twenty four years ago to this day. If you had told me then that I would be the Senior Warden of our church and I would be writing articles for the chronicle I would never have believed it.

So how did I get here? Well after we were married, life took over and we were busy with careers and starting a family. Then one day, when Maddie was six, we were at softball practice. A parishioner (thank you Nancy Frey) encouraged me to come back to church as a new pastor was here and they were trying to build the Sunday school program. We had been thinking about coming back to church and that was all it took. A little nudge from a friend!

Since then, Fred has served two terms as Senior Warden both times leading the congregation through some difficult times. My Mom and Papa both joined the church and the choir. We had a very beautiful funeral for Papa four years ago. I joined the choir, the girls served as acolytes for several years, and I slowly became more involved in the workings of the church.

When Lyn Klay asked me to join the Applicant Review Committee, I asked Fred's opinion. Even though he knew I didn't really have the spare time to take this on, he said to me "you owe it to the church". And he was right. As we head into the 2018 Stewardship campaign, we need to ask ourselves are we practicing the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to our care?

So friends in Christ, are we being good Stewards of our church? Are we offering our time, talent and treasures? Are we supporting our new rector, are we helping pay the bills, are we making our church a better place? If the answers are yes, we can leave our "Cathedral of the North" to the next generation of Christ Episcopal Church parishioners. Oh and don't forget to ask a friend to church. They may come for the day and stay for a lifetime!



FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

HEIDI ERICKSON

Hello again my friends.

Here we go falling into the season of Autumn. Football, pumpkin patches, less sunlight, our Stewardship season.

Autumn has it all, doesn't? And let's not forget our adorable Trick or Treaters. And that leads me to my monthly missive (I learned a new word this month, so excited).

As your Junior Warden for the last, almost 2 years, I know, and continue to learn, what it takes to keep this beautiful church looking as wonderful and operational as we have come to expect. And with that information, I would like to ask a couple of questions: Do you think that we would attract a large number of new folks to this church if we allowed our lawn or landscaping to grow knee high? Or let the hole in the front door go un-repaired? Do you think that if a new person braved the overgrown vegetation and worn out look of our building and door to come inside the church and it was cold and dark because we didn't have money for light bulbs or to pay the heating bill that they would come back? Do you think that parents would allow their children and, in some cases their foster children to come into an overgrown,



dilapidated group of buildings just to have fun? In each case, the answer is probably "No."

Now, obviously, what is going on inside the church, service-wise is important. But let's be honest, who really wants to come inside a tired, worn out looking building to hear the word of God, when there is no heat or lighting? Or music?

It takes hard work, faith and yes, money to keep this incredible church looking and operating as well as it does. And that, my friends is why Stewardship season is so incredibly vital every year. Your financial commitment each year, gives us an idea how much we can budget to repair and usually improve, the appearance of our blessed campus.

While many of you donate your time, talents and treasures to this church all through the year, it still takes a financial commitment from everyone to keep us going strong into the future. Believe me, when I tell you that no amount of money or time donated, is ever taken for granted.

I know that each year, we ask you all to dig deep into your hearts, minds and pocketbooks to financially help us continue our mission of "Glorifying God, following Jesus Christ and to serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit". And yet, here we are, right in the middle of Stewardship season, asking you again to consider possibly increasing your yearly financial contribution to our church.

I would like to share something that I do in regards to my pledge. Each pledge book has 52 envelopes, plus a few more for birthdays and holidays. So I place my monthly pledge in an envelope, and then each week that I come to church, I use one of the other envelopes to make an extra donation. Sometimes it's as small as \$3 (\$1 each for me and my 2 kids) or if I happen to be a little more financially blessed, I give more. See how easy that is? You make your usual pledge and then you give just a little more during the month.

For example: if everyone used their envelopes to give \$1 per week, in addition to their monthly pledge, that would be a huge blessing to the church. I am not even going to attempt the math, it's too fluid, but it would really make a difference in the church's budget. If you are already doing that THANK YOU. But if you're not, maybe consider trying it for a month. With just a little increase in pledges/donations, we could continue caring for our lawn and garden. We can fix that hole in the front door (not to worry, that is just an exaggerated example), we can keep the lights and heater on. And the beautiful service can continue, with music.

So, as you prayerfully consider your pledge for this upcoming year, just think about what it takes to keep this campus a glorious place to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
As always, I thank you sincerely for all that YOU do and contribute to our Holy home.

See you at the Stewardship dinner Sept 29th and Happy Halloween.

Blessings,

Heidi Erickson
Your Jr Warden

Organ Concerts at Christ Church

Concerts at Christ Church involve a great many people, and our most recent concert on September 16 was no exception! Sponsored by the “Organ Concerts at Christ Church” series,” the well-attended concert given by organist Isabelle Demers was a huge success. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Kegg organ as well as to hear a world-class performer, who delighted us not only with her playing, but her wonderful sense of humor and personality.



These concerts come to fruition through the efforts of many ... Our concerts working group, who helps plan and prepare for the concerts includes: Steve Cole, Nancy Frey, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Lyn Klay, Douglas Moorehead, and Merry Phillips. Each of us on the working group has responsibilities for the various parts of the concert – publicity, artist contact, finances, reception, and organizing volunteers to help at the concert (usher, take money at the door, set-up, etc.).

I'd like to recognize the volunteers who helped in many ways with September's concert: Thomas Swanger, Kathy Clague, and altar guild members who maintain and prepare the space for our concerts. Special thanks to Thomas for the beautifully arranged flowers and for taking care to arrange the chancel space so that the sacredness of the space is preserved, while at the same time we enjoy the beauty of the space for the concert. Nancy Frey's 'crew' who served as ushers and greeters at the door: Heidi Erickson, Jill Stover, Helen Hui, Roni Carlson, Steve Cole (and others I'm failing to remember at the time) and Lyn Klay and 'crew' who prepared the lovely reception – thank you to all of you. And thank you Paul Gossard for setting up the sound system and Father Daniel for the great introduction and welcome to the concert.

And thanks to all who attended the concert, helped host Isabelle (rides, dinner, etc.). I received a lovely email from Isabelle ~ she enjoyed her time here, meeting so many kind and wonderful people, and was delighted to play the Kegg organ.

Lastly, there are parishioners who donate to the concert series on a yearly basis – “unsung heroes” – whose support is greatly appreciated. Blessings and thanks to you!

Upcoming Concerts – watch for details on the web site and in the next *Chronicle*:

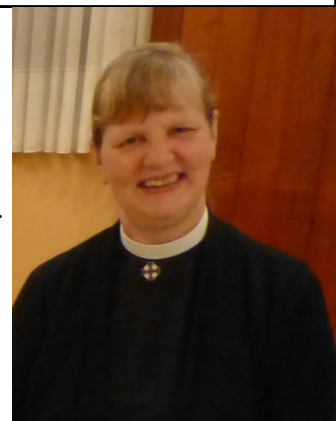
Sunday, November 4, 2:00 pm – Chamber Players of the Redwoods
Thursday, November 15, 7:30 pm – New World String Project

FROM SR. DIANA DONCASTER

Dear friends at Christ Church,

It seems so long since I was able to be there. I miss you all most profoundly and think about you often. Perhaps one day I will be able to visit, but until then I hold you in my heart and prayers and give thank for you and the generous lives and ministries you share.

It would be so lovely if we could send a lot of the excess rain we are getting in Ohio, courtesy of the remnants of the most recent storm to blast up the Ohio Valley. California certainly needs it much more than we do. We are watching the seemingly endless wildfires with horror and praying with love. Your prayers would be appreciated, too, for the people of Cincinnati still shaken by the random shooting/murders at a downtown bank, with more families and friends grieving unnecessarily, more injured in hospitals, more traumatized people. We are becoming so accustomed to the violence that it is not unusual to hear, “well, at least it wasn’t a school this time.” True enough, but how do we help? How do we create an atmosphere where people do not feel driven to desperate acts of hatred and destruction? The lead article in the *Transfiguration Quarterly* struggles to address the question of how we live Christ’s peace in a world filled with violence. I would love to hear your thoughts in response.



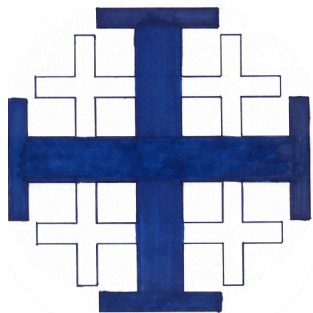
Motka is curled up next to me as I write and sends purrs. She is having a bit of a rough time these days as a new cat has come to join us, a rapidly growing male kitten named Scooter. We had hoped that a kitten and a male would be easier for a adult female to accept, but Her Royal Furryness much prefers to be THE Cat. Perhaps one day we will discover them curled up together or chasing one another up and down the hall in a fun game of cat tag. I keep explaining to her that we are a Christian community and she is expected to do her share of living a loving and generously forgiving life, but so far she has not fully comprehended that concept. Perhaps, like many people she agrees with that theory when life is going smoothly but find it difficult to put into practice.

As some of you know, Sister Teresa will soon be staying in Eureka for a month. She is looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones; exploring her old north coast haunts and just being where she so enjoyed her life and ministry with Sister Alice. It is a relief for her not to have to carry the load of being our Superior.

This comes with my love (and Motka’s) and many hugs from too long a distance. May God continue to bless you and call you into richer relationship and generous ministry.

Shalom,

Sr. Diana



NOTICES AND LAY MINISTRIES

STOCKING STUFFER TIME IS COMING AGAIN!

Just a head's up to keep an eye out for small gifts for our annual Stocking Stuffer collection. Our local foster children love being able to pick out something that appeals to them for Christmas. We collect small gifts from \$1-\$10 for boys and girls from infants through high school. The gifts will be blessed at our Thanksgiving eve service on Wednesday, November 21st. A collection box will be located in the Heritage Room sometime late in October. --- Peg Gardner

FOOD FOR PEOPLE

It is just me again, asking for what you can share out of your kitchen cabinets. The people affected by the Redding area fires have been coming, but that does not mean that we don't have people here locally, too. So if you have a spare item that is non-perishable, please think of Food for People and bring it on Sunday. Thanks. --- Bev Olson

QUILTERS PLUS - JOIN US!

All are welcome at 9:30 on the first Wednesday morning of the month (next meeting Nov. 7) as we gather to create new fleece throws for foster children. When we have another group of blankets ready, they will be blessed and taken to the TFI Foster Family Resource Center. Creating a fringed edge is truly easy. There's good fellowship, coffee and snacks, too! --- Peg Gardner

LAY MINISTRIES

We're looking for a few good members to join us in making worship at Christ Church extra inviting to members and visitors. We have something for everyone, so jump right in and help give thanks and glory to God.

Lynne Bean	Coffee Hour	822-6086
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Bob Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Anne Pierson	Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers	442-2025
Sanford Pyron	Announcers	444-0968
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Susan Whaley	Ushers and Greeters	445-2924

Marty

ECW IN OCTOBER

ECW will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 10 for its monthly meeting. A slight change in the usual order includes meeting in Lewis Hall at 12 noon for both Eucharist and potluck lunch. Fr. Daniel will preside "at table" for the Eucharist. Following lunch, Deacon Pam and Paul Gossard will give an illustrated talk about their recent visit to cathedrals in the south of England.

GIVING STATEMENTS VIA EMAIL - IT'S NEW FOR US

In October, soon after September offerings are entered in the computer, Christ Church will begin to send quarterly giving statements via email to those who have provided the office with email contact information. For those without email, you will not notice a change. Your statement will be printed out as in the past. If, however, you have email but want a printed copy, we will code your computer record to print a copy. Please call or email Shirley Curtis in the office and she will ensure that your preference is honored. This change will save some time, paper and envelopes. Questions? Please contact Peg Gardner.



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THE CYCLES OF PRAYERS FOR OUR DIOCESE AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search Committee.

Every Sunday, our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, requests we pray for:

The Diocese of Jerusalem, The Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, Archbishop and Primate for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, the Diocese of Jerusalem, and for the Christians in the Holy Land

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Search Committee requests that we pray:

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Every Sunday, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for:

The congregations of our deanery and especially for the people of Saint Mary's. As a small Episcopal Mission, may they continue outreach in their community and wherever the need arises.

Specific Sunday Prayers for our diocese and the Anglican Communion:

October 7, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Benicia, The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector, The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate, The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate, The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate, The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

October 14, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Calistoga, The Rev. Mac McIlmoyl, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Susan Napoliello, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon

October 21, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Faith Episcopal Church, Cameron Park, The Rev. Dr. Sean Cox, Rector, The Rev. Sonya Reichel, Assistant Rector

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Daniel Sarfo, Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi

October 28, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, The Very Rev. Mary Hudak, Rector, The Rev. Rod Davis, Associate, The Rev. Roy Whitten, Associate, The Rev. Cindy Long, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd & The Honorable John Holder Archbishop of West Indies & Bishop of

Barbados

November 4, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

St. George's Episcopal Church, Carmichael, The Rev. Ray Hess, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Robert Olsen, Deacon

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Rt Rev'd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo, and The Venerable Keerthisiri Fernando, Bishop of Kurunegala, in the Church of Ceylon

If you wish to offer prayers daily for the church in the world, our Anglican Cycle of Prayer has a daily list of diocese and clergy who would benefit from your prayer ministry. This list can be obtained via this website: [amp...2018...full.pdf](#). If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2018 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

Anne Pierson, Deacon



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Fred & Jackie Moore	October 1	Douglas Frey	October 1
Catherine Mace	October 2	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	October 4
Barrett Mace	October 15	Sharon Dircks	October 23
Lee Albright	October 26	Bob Hines	October 28
Earl Morgan	October 28		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	¹ Office closed	² 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 Compline	³ 9:30 Quilters...Plus 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 Choir Practice	⁴ 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	⁵	⁶ 10:00 Racial Reconciliation Training
⁷ <i>St. Francis</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School 2:00 Blessing of the Animals	⁸ Office closed	⁹ 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 Compline	¹⁰ Noon ECW 5:30 Choir Practice	¹¹ 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	¹²	¹³
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²¹ <i>22 Pentecost</i> <i>Fresh Produce</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School 12:15 Vestry	²² Office closed	²³ <i>St. James of Jerusalem</i> 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 Compline	²⁴ 5:30 Choir Practice	²⁵ 12:00 Centering Prayer Group	²⁶	²⁷
²⁸ <i>23 Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Installation of Fr. David 10:40 Sunday School	²⁹ <i>St. Simon and St. Jude</i> Office closed	³⁰ 6:00 Discipleship 7:00 Compline	³¹ 5:30 Choir Practice			



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