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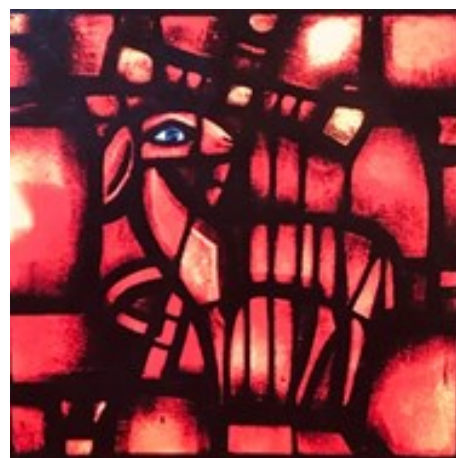
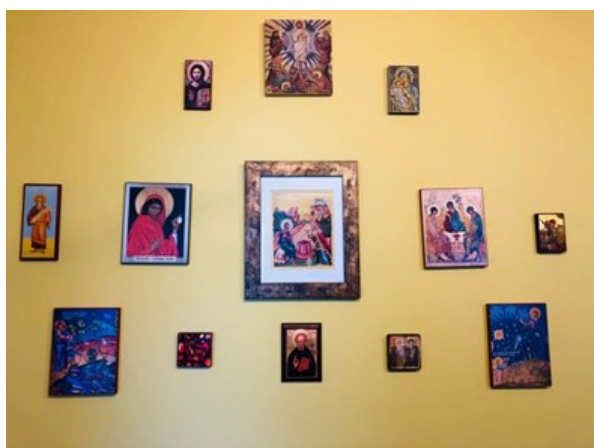
Blessing and Installation of the new Steeple Cross on Sept 1 and 2, 2019

As the summer season draws to an end and our 150<sup>th</sup> year commences, I want to share with you a reflection on the meaning of the symbol of Christ Church Eureka: the Lamb of God. I shared this during our last Summer Forum gathering in which Merry and I offered commentary and reflection on the Hymn of the Week, the Icon of the Week, and sometimes the Psalm of the Week. For this reason, we called the forum series “H.I.P. Summer.”

I offered reflections on the collection of icons in the Transfiguration House (pictured below) and I concluded with an icon I purchased in Taizé, France, which depicts the Lamb of God. The symbol of the Lamb is central to the Christian tradition and yet often its meaning remains obscure to most Christians. It is a symbol of Jesus Christ as well as a symbol of Christ Episcopal Church Eureka as shown in the sesquicentennial logo (below). So what does it mean?

After praying the Great Doxology of the Eucharistic prayer (as I hold up the bread and wine and say, “All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever”), what do you then say in response? You say, “Amen,” which is called the Great Amen. Many liturgists argue that the communal saying of the Great Amen is the pinnacle of the Eucharistic prayer, when the bread and wine become fully consecrated by all of us. So always remember to say or sing that Great Amen with lots of vim and vigor.

We then boldly pray together the Lord’s Prayer. And what happens after that? I then lift up the bread and break it. And according to the rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer, after the breaking of the Bread, a period of silence is to be observed. The silence is not given as an option, but as an expectation: “A period of silence is kept” (page 364).







After this silence, the priest then says “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us” with the people responding, “Therefore, let us keep the feast.” Many find this anthem to be unsettling because it contains language of sacrifice and seems to suggest that we have just sacrificed a Passover Lamb, upon which we will now feast. Often used along with this fraction anthem is the *Agnus Dei*, in which the priest says three times, “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.” The first two times, the people respond by saying, “Have mercy on us.” The third time, the people’s response is “grant us peace.” This anthem also seems to reiterate the idea that we have together sacrificed a Passover Lamb.

I will admit that I find some of this language and the theology often associated with it challenging and disturbing and yet, as I have been presiding as a priest for five years now, it is this breaking of the bread and the subsequent sacrificial language that I find to be the most powerful. I’m sure I will spend the rest of my life unpacking the meaning (and meanings) of these mysterious words, but in this article, I’d like to start unpacking some of the meaning behind these ancient liturgical assertions that Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us and that the Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world.

In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist refers to Jesus twice as the “Lamb of God” (John 1:29, 36). This is the first title given to Jesus in John’s Gospel, after the Prologue. This is also the only time in all of Scripture that the phrase “Lamb of God” is used, which makes it especially difficult to decipher. New Testament scholar



Sandra Schneiders believes that “somehow, everything is contained, like the oak in the acorn, in this foundational identification [of Jesus as the Lamb of God].” So what does it mean?

Although sheep show up all throughout Scripture, in poetry, narratives and rituals, most scholars agree that the author of John is here referring to the Lamb of the Passover feast, the Paschal Lamb. So let us briefly turn our attention to the story of the Passover, as told in Exodus 12. Inspired by God, Moses told his people to slaughter an unblemished lamb as a Passover offering for each family. While the slaughtered lamb was enjoyed as a meal for the families, Moses told the elders to smear the blood of the lamb on the lintel of their door so that

the “Destroyer” would *pass over* the house and not kill the firstborn son of the house. (This ancient ritual is actually not too unlike what we do on the Feast of Epiphany when we chalk the lintel of our door and pray for God’s blessing and protection over this building and community for the new year.).



Now the idea of God smiting firstborn children or permitting a so-called “Destroyer” to smite children is a disturbing one indeed. However, we must remember that whenever God says or does something in the Scriptures that might appear to be violent and abusive towards victims, we are invited to read, mark, learn and interpret more carefully, creatively and prayerfully, in light of Christ’s explicit mission to protect and liberate the oppressed (Luke 4:18-20). So let us consider a more careful, creative and prayerful reading of the Passover in light of Christ’s explicit mission to protect the vulnerable and liberate the oppressed.

Let us remember that this Passover takes place after nine disastrous plagues have pummeled Egypt. You may recall the plagues of frogs, boils, locusts, and darkness etc., plagues that initially sound like they belong in the realm of fairy tale, but can actually be explained fairly well by scientists today, especially when understood as the ecological consequences of nearby volcanic activity (and there is record of a major volcanic eruption on Santorini island at around the same time). When it comes to the tenth plague that wipes out the firstborn of Egypt, however, scientists fail to provide a convincing explanation. This is where anthropologists step in and remind us of the ubiquitous ritual performed by ancient cultures, especially during times of extreme crisis: and that is the ritual of human sacrifice, specifically child sacrifice.<sup>2</sup> Generally, this ritual is performed in order to try appeasing the apparently angry gods.

So after nine disastrous plagues in a row, the Egyptian priests likely felt as if their gods were furious with them and demanded some kind of bloody placation. So the priests reverted to child sacrifice. This is not hard to imagine since the first chapter of Exodus describes the Pharaoh’s orders to drown every Hebrew boy in the Nile river (see Ex 1:22). But now it appears that everyone in Egypt is required to sacrifice their firstborn son in order to appease the angry gods, including the Pharaoh himself. And so in order to ensure that every house obeyed this dreadful ordinance, the Egyptian priests may have required each family to show proof of their obedience by wiping



the blood of their firstborn son on their door. If there was no blood seen on the door, the Egyptians priests would have to perform the dreadful ritual themselves, thus functioning collectively as the “Destroyer”.

The Hebrew people, however, did not believe in a God who needed to be appeased by child sacrifice or any human sacrifice for that matter. They learned this from their great father Abraham (in Genesis 22). So in a moment of divine inspiration, they decided to play a trick on the Egyptian priests. Instead of sacrificing their children, they would sacrifice a lamb and use the lamb’s blood on their door to make the priests *think* that they sacrificed their children. So while all of the firstborn of Egypt were being tragically slaughtered by the Egyptian priests or by the children’s own parents, the Hebrew families were actually enjoying a delicious lamb dinner with their children. They were enjoying the lamb of God, whose sacrifice and whose blood saved the lives of hundreds (if not thousands) of young children.

So how does this help us understand “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world” and “Christ our Passover who is sacrificed for us”? It helps us to understand Jesus as the living embodiment of God’s creative subversion of violence, Jesus as that amazing trick that God plays on our dreadful and death-dealing theologies. Jesus offers himself as a bloody sacrifice in order to end all bloody sacrifices, in order to make it abundantly clear that it is not God who demands bloodshed, it is *us*. And God is constantly giving Godself to us, sometimes as a Lamb in order to appease our own violence but ultimately in order to liberate us from violence altogether.

Although we have just barely scratched the *wooly* surface of the deep theological meaning of the “Lamb of God,” I hope that these terms “Lamb of God” and “Christ our Passover” are starting to glimmer with a new attraction and exciting mystery, the *Paschal* mystery, as it is often called. Let us continue to plumb the depths of these foundational identifications of Christ wherein is contained everything, like the oak in the acorn. And when we break the bread together, let us remember the Lamb of God who gave himself for us in love so that we may be freed from death and from our own violence and therefore enjoy together the peaceful and heavenly feast, the great Supper of the Lamb.



<sup>1</sup>Sandra M. Schneiders, *Jesus Risen in Our Midst: Essays on the Resurrection of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel*, 153. She also says that this identification functions as “a Johannine hermeneutical sword for cutting through [the] Gordian knot [of Jesus’ death as being simultaneously evil and salvific]. Schneiders, 167.

<sup>2</sup>See Kerry Muhlestein, *Violence in the Service of Order: The Religious Framework for Sanctioned Killing in Ancient Egypt* (Oxford: Archaeopress, 2011).



## Our Special Sesquicentennial Guest of the Month: The Very Rev. Dr. Don Brown

From September 2019 to May 2020, Christ Episcopal Church Eureka will be celebrating its 150th anniversary with concerts, receptions and other festivities. Once a month, the church will host a special guest who will provide a program on a Saturday and preach a sermon on the following Sunday. Programs are designed to not only acknowledge the church's history and past legacy, but also to guide us in ways that we can serve the wider community and world, by giving special care and attention to future generations. All are invited to celebrate with us!

Our first special guest speaker will be the Very Reverend Dr. Don Brown, the former dean of Trinity Cathedral Sacramento, who grew up in Eureka. He will give a presentation on the meaning of the Holy Cross on Saturday, September 14 at 3:00 pm in Lewis Hall (the parish hall) and will guest preach on Sunday, September 15 at the 8:00 and 10:30 am services. The Saturday program is free and open to the community.



The Very Reverend Dr. Don Brown will discuss the close relationship between the way we speak of atonement and how it tacitly can be used to justify child abuse. This conversation is intended to offer helpful insights and perspectives for all who work with and reach out to children, specifically those who have had adverse childhood experiences. Don Brown will also share a little bit about how Christ Church Eureka has been formative for him and his vocation.

Sunday's service will be a special celebration of Holy Cross Day, in honor of the newly made and installed cross on the top of the church's steeple. All are welcome! After the old cross fell over a year ago, Eric Hollenbeck of Blue Ox designed and built the new cross which was installed recently on Labor Day. For pictures of the installation of the new cross, see the Christ Episcopal Church Eureka Facebook page.

The Very Rev. Dr. Don Brown served as a mentor to students in the Episcopal Service Corps in the Diocese of California and has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Willamette University in Salem, Oregon since 2004. He was a board member of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific for 12 years, was a 5-time deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and was co-chair of the Lutheran-Episcopal Commission that oversaw the creation of a full communion relationship with the Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Carol Anne Smullin Brown met while students at Eureka High. They now live in Berkeley, CA and attend All Souls Parish in Berkeley.

Greetings my friends in Christ,

Our summer was as eventful as expected, sprinkled with a bit of the unexpected but overall it didn't disappoint! Other than our trip to Europe, many of our traditional summer events happened as they do every year. We camped, we went to a Crab's game, we ate our share of BBQ, entertained and enjoyed cocktails on our back deck.

When I look out at the Redwood trees, I am starting to see the yellow leaves that will soon fall off and litter the driveway. This morning the air was crisp and I could hear the kids heading to the high school. Here we are heading into to Fall and it seems as if I was just writing last year's September article about the football season starting at Eureka High. I know we can all agree that the year flew by.



Speaking of last year's article, here at Christ Church we are getting ready for some Fall events that happened last year. In about two weeks we are going to "Bounce back to Church" again with the Bouncy House for the kids. The Choir will also be reconvening again in either the back of the church or up in the Nave and before we know, it we will be sharing another delicious meal at our Stewardship Dinner.

As I mentioned last month we have been busy cooking up an event that none of us have ever been a part of before; our sesquicentennial! This event will last from September to May of next year and there will be something for everyone. My small piece of the pie, joke intended, is the creation of our 4th commemorative Christ Church Cookbook. Many of you probably have a copy of the circa 1980's cookbooks **Our Daily Bread** and **Our Cookbook** compiled by the ECW. I cherish my copy of the cookbook because it has several recipes submitted by my beloved mother-in-law Madelon. Our family favorite is the Cheese Tetrizzini on page 64. Its is delicious and I plan to include it!

My vision for the new cookbook is a book that will have more than just recipes. I would like to include new recipes, recipes from the last three cookbooks, pictures and anything you think would be interested and appropriate for this commemorative book. Please share any ideas you may have. I will be gathering these things and putting them in a file and having it printed locally by the great folks at Scrapper's Edge. I have already received my first two recipes so please start them coming. You can submit a hard copy in my box in the office or email me files at [jackiemoore@suddenlink.net](mailto:jackiemoore@suddenlink.net). Thank you in advance for helping me get this cool and exciting project moving toward the oven!

This last year was another unforgettable year at Christ Church - we've now had 149 years of fellowship and friendship in this community and that's something we can all be proud of. Here's to year 150 and cooking up 150 more!

-Jackie Moore



August was again a busy month that seemed to just fly by. We are making progress on getting the new cross installed on the bell tower. If all goes well, I hope to have the task accomplished by the first week in September.

The challenge we experienced with our phone system has been taken care of and should not give us any more trouble.

The labyrinth repainting team has been meeting and have a plan for refreshing the labyrinth in the Chapel, with our busy schedule finding a window of time to accomplish the work is a bit of a challenge.

We are going to have a work party scheduled for Saturday, the 21st of September, to spruce up the campus in preparation for the Heritage Tour on 6 October.

The list of “long term” projects is alive and well and steadily growing (as to be expected).

Thank you again for all your support and help and for all the volunteers that keep our Church smoothly functioning. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

God Bless  
Royal McCarthy  
Junior Warden



A group of deacons is sometimes referred to as a “disturbance” of deacons. At our last Sacred Saunter of the summer, Father Daniel said just as Jedis (in Star Wars) often feel a disturbance in the Force, he sensed “a disturbance in the forest,” a disturbance of deacons.



**Remembering, Respecting, and Renewing the Past**

As Christ Episcopal Church approaches the kick-off of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, history has been very much on my mind. Not just the history of the church building and programs, but the history of all the people whose presence has built, nurtured, and sustained the church over time. To all who have contributed their time and talent, who have worshipped together, celebrated and shared meals together, and who have gone out into the community to do the work Jesus would have us do – bravo! We are blessed to have this special occasion to remember and respect the individuals and their work as we strive to continue and renew their rich legacy.



Remembering and celebrating the rich tradition of music at Christ Church will be a part of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We are renewing a couple of past events that haven't been offered for a few years. The October Halloween concert, or "Monster Mash (October 27), will be followed by a spaghetti dinner cooked by the Pattons. I still remember the spaghetti dinner from years ago – it was wonderful! And on December 1, the church will be filled with the music of Handel for a Messiah "Sing-Along." Messiah performances have been held at Christ Church over many years and different formats. We hope that this year's "Sing-Along" will be received as enthusiastically as past events!

Looking the more recent past (this summer!) – many thanks are owed to individuals who helped with the "Sundays at 4" concerts in June, July, and August. The concerts planning group (Doug Moorehead, Lyn Klay, Steve Cole, Nancy Frey, and Elizabeth Harper-Lawson) put together a wonderful summer series beginning with "Bach to Poulenc: A Summer Bouquet of Classical Music," then in July "Silk Road Junction 101: An Asian/American Collaboration," and ending in August with "Hymns from the Heart." All of the concerts were well-attended and well-received. In addition to the planning group (who serve in many other capacities in addition to planning!), several other individuals are involved in the events. Many thanks to: Fr. Daniel who offers a warm welcome and introduction for each concert, Paul Gossard for setting up the sound system, Altar Guild members who help with the chancel arrangements, John Hammond for taking care of and helping arrange the facilities, and all who usher, greet, and welcome concert attendees, including Jill Stover, Helen Hui, Jim Hendry, Joe Hawk, Heidi Erickson, and anyone I may have inadvertently left out!

I owe a huge “thank you” to all of you for our final “Sundays at 4” – “Hymns from the Heart.” It was wonderful to have so many parishioners participate in sharing your “favorite” hymn(s). As to be expected, few of us have one “favorite”! What I loved most was learning why certain hymns have inspired you – what spoke to your heart about a particular hymn. And it was wonderful to hear all of the voices raised together as we sang those hymns. We had many members from the community at the hymn sing and it was clear that this was an important and meaningful gathering to them. This may be an old tradition whose time has come for renewing!

I received a generous gift from a parishioner this summer and I hope that she will not mind this public thank you. As many of you know, Mrs. Lois Gossard will be moving this fall, and in her preparations for moving, she offered me the opportunity to look at some of the organ music she has collected over the years. In case you didn’t know, Lois is a fine pianist and organist, and has played and directed choirs here in Eureka. She has played at Christ Church for ECW events and for Chapel services. I gratefully accepted her offer and am now enjoying the new music, some of which I will pass along to my students. Thank you, Lois! And thank you to Paul Gossard for facilitating it all!

As often happens when going through items that have been kept over the years, I found a First Presbyterian Church service bulletin from 1949. Remember the days when bulletins were one folded sheet? Listed in the bulletin is “Mrs. Waldo Gossard, Organist and Choir Director.” Her son, Paul Gossard, shared that he has fond memories of sitting in the front pew listening to his mother play the organ!

I share this, because I was struck by these words at the beginning of the service bulletin, following the title of the Organ Prelude:

*The Organ Prelude is a Veil dropped between Everyday Life and the Sanctuary; in Crossing the Threshold the Music should separate the World Without from the World Within.*

I often wonder what the purpose is of the opening voluntary and this gave me a new way of thinking about it. It is also a wonderful connection to the past and the timelessness of what we do each Sunday. If you have memories/stories to share about your experience of music in the church, and especially involving the history of Christ Church, I would love to hear about them!



**WHO IS MY MASTER**

By Fr. David

*"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." (Matthew 6:24, from the Gospel for Labor Day.)*

This quotation of Jesus is usually translated as "You can't serve both God & Money." That is indeed the literal translation of the original word, "Mammon," who was thought to be a demon, or one of the names of Satan, in medieval times. At any rate, this is clearly about the accumulation of wealth, most especially about the excessive drive to do so.

However, perhaps Jesus was warning us against a more general meaning, that of being devoted to one's own culture to the degree that it is put above all else, including the teachings of our Lord himself. Indeed, Jesus clearly calls us out of, that is, beyond our acculturation. He calls us out of the world into a new fellowship, the Kingdom (culture) of God.



When before Pilate, Jesus declares that His "Kingdom is not from this place," clearly indicating that God's reign is not the imposition of rules for behavior from any particular culture. This was counter to what the religious leaders of his time believed. They were quite certain that their Hebrew culture was indeed THE culture that was to be the model for all cultures.

At another time, Jesus said to the crowds who were following him, "Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one's own self!—can't be my disciple." (The Message.) Now, that seems harsh! It certainly is counter cultural in our culture, which gives at least lip service to "family values."

I believe that what Jesus is trying to unlock in our stubborn minds is that we need to be open to more possibilities than are presented by that with which we have been presented in our cultures. Miroslav Volv, in *Exclusion and Embrace*, 1996, p. 50-51, expresses it this way: "There is a reality more important than the culture to which we belong. It is God and the new world that God is creating, a world in which people from every nation and every tribe, with all their cultural goods, will gather around the triune God, a world in which every tear will be wiped away and 'pain will be no more' (Revelation 21:3). Christians will take a distance from their own culture because they give the ultimate allegiance to God and God's promised future."

So, Of course, I love my country! Of course I love Humboldt County! Of course, I love Christ Church & being an Episcopalian! But, since I have been borne by the Spirit, those thing are not all that I love. Again, Volv says, "The distance from my own culture that results from being born by the Spirit creates a fissure in me *through which others can come in.*" (Italics mine.)

In the Creed that we say each Sunday, we say we are members of a “catholic” church, meaning that we are not unconnected from every other church in the world, regardless of our level of comfort with their style of worship or sets of beliefs. All are our siblings in Christ who belong to us and to whom we belong!

If my master is Wealth or acquisition or power, then I will not be able to welcome anyone, because they might keep wealth from me. If my master is the Lord, then I can welcome everyone, because no one can take my Lord away! Jesus promised me that He will be with me always! ALWAYS! How cool is that!

Therefore, there is no need for me to fear anyone because they look, talk, act, or think differently than I do. We are all one in Christ! “For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:26-29, NRSV.)

-Fr. Shewmaker



## Steeple Cross Installation



On April 7, 2018 (seven days after Easter Sunday), the old steeple cross fell down due to rotted wood and rusted metal. Work began on the design of a new steeple cross under the leadership of Junior Warden Heidi Erickson. When Royal McCarthy became the new Junior Warden he worked tirelessly to see this project through to the end. He commissioned Eric Hollenbeck of Blue Ox Millworks to design and build the new cross. After making sure that no damage was done to the roof as a result of the old cross falling, Royal arranged the rental of a cherry picker and the expertise of the Danco Group for the installation of the new cross. Steve from the Danco Group and Fr. Daniel initially ascended and descended to remove the remaining metal pole of the old cross. Then they brought up the new cross along with Fr. Daniel’s trusty aspergillum and aspersorium for more blessings. The new steeple cross was successfully installed and sprinkled with holy water on September 2, 2019 (Labor Day). The Blessing for the new Steeple Cross was written by the Very Rev. Dr. Don Brown, former dean of Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento. He and his wife Carol Anne Smullin Brown were born and raised in Eureka and are long-time friends of Christ Episcopal Church. They will be our special guests as we continue to kick off our 150th anniversary on the Feast of the Holy Cross (Sept 14 and 15). "We ask your blessing, O Loving God, upon this Holy Cross. May it ever remind us of your Son’s Love for us and for all creation. On this cross, an instrument of death, your Son, our Savior, stretched out his loving arms so that he might gather all the peoples of the earth into your peaceful Kingdom. On this day we ask your blessing upon this cross that it might always be a reminder to us of our calling to live and love as Jesus did. May it call us to be people of mercy, integrity, and peace. May it motivate and inspire us to seek the best for all people, here and throughout the world. We ask this blessing in the Name of Jesus Christ, our brother and our savior. Amen."





On Saturday August 17th, I baptized Heather Harman at the Arcata Community Pool with Archdeacon Pam, Deacon Anne, Sponsor John Hammond, Niksa, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson and Heather's friend Joe. Heather asked to be baptized by full immersion several months ago. I told her that we did not have the facilities for immersion and that I would be happy to baptize her on a Sunday morning (as I did Reina and Kamryn). Since she was leaving for New York on Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> and we had been running out of options, I told her I could baptize her by full immersion if she would make the arrangements and if the entire congregation is invited to participate and if the bishop approves, since private baptisms are generally not permitted in the Episcopal Church. The invitation to the congregation went out late, but it went out nonetheless and the baptism was anything but private since it was in a public space and we were all evangelizing by virtue of our presence. And Bishop Megan heartily approved! -Fr. Daniel



## NOTICES AND LAY MINISTRIES

### Lay Ministries

Have you enjoyed our heat waves? School is back in session and that means Fall is coming soon. We've had a few new volunteers who are having a good time learning and doing something new. It's not too late to join, we'd love to have you.

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

### Prayer Books

Prayer Books: Catherine Mace is in need of copies of the book of Common Prayer, the 1789, 1892 and 1928 versions for the program on October fifth. If you have one please give her a call 707-445-0703. Thanks!

### Quilters +

The next Quilters+ meeting will be on October 2nd, 2019 in Lewis Hall. 9:30-noon or drop in anytime. New members especially welcome! Questions? Call Peg at 443-9627 or Joan at 443-9637.

### FOOD FOR PEOPLE

Food For People thanks you, and I thank you. You all have really outdone yourselves. For the month of July alone 57 pounds of non-perishables have been donated. Starting in August the personal hygiene items have really been going strong. Many Wednesdays when I help the clients shop, I see outgoing the personal items that I have brought that day. Our totals are really going up, but please don't slow down.  
Thank you, Bev Olson

### ECW

ECW will return to its regular schedule of meetings and potluck lunches on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 12 noon. We will begin our get together with a service of noonday prayer that will be led by the Venerable Pam Gossard. Following the service, we'll have lunch and a brief business meeting. After the meeting, Kathyryne Delorme will lead a Labyrinth Walk on the newly refurbished labyrinth in the chapel.

According to Kathyryne, she "believes that walking the labyrinth is a metaphor for the spiritual journey. She has been a joyful labyrinth walker since 1995 when she participated in the Inaugural Labyrinth Walk at San Franciscos Grace Cathedral and has studied the work of Dr. Lauren Artress, who pioneered the renaissance of this walking meditation.'

Kathyryne writes that she "has incorporated labyrinth walking as a spiritual practice in her work as an Expressive Arts Therapist, Bereavement Counselor, Dreamwork Facilitator, and workshop leader," and that "she will share a brief history of labyrinth traditions, how to open the heart and mind to the labyrinth walking experience, and the multi-faceted healing benefits of this prayerful practice."



## **Help Wanted - Pierson Room Project**

I need one or two helpers to help me lightly sand, prime and paint the Pierson Room. With 2 or 3 of us it will take no time at all. I would like to complete this project by the end of September. Lets brighten up our conference room for those who use it and for our 150th Anniversary Celebration!!! Please contact me at 707-599-4964 Lynne Bean

## **Operation New Chairs**

A couple of months ago the Vestry was approached by a parishioner who directed our attention to our banquet chairs in Lewis Hall. Out of all of our chairs, only 25 are acceptable due to stains and tears. Quotes were submitted from a local upholstery business as well as on-line quotes for new chairs. To upholster 90 chairs the quoted was over \$8,000 with the on-line quotes for new chairs being a little less. The vestry voted to go with new chairs and I agreed to take on this project. I was able to find a company who sells quality, commercial grade chairs at sale prices. Last Sunday the vestry voted to approve the purchase of 150 new chairs in preparation for our 150th Anniversary Celebration for a total of \$4,800 including freight and tax. Our Operation New Chairs campaign will begin Sunday, September 1. For those of you who would like to help make this happen, you can sponsor one or more chairs for just \$30/each. Lynne Bean, Member of the Vestry

## **Welcome Committee**

Our Welcome Committee, comprised of Irene Hannaford, Julie Lawson, Bev Olson, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson and myself, meet monthly. We would like to share with you excerpts from a letter to Fr. Daniel from visitors from

Texas in July, Susette and Keith Mahaffey:

“My wife, Susette, and I were blessed to be able to attend your lovely church on 14 July and at that time found one more reason to love the Eureka Area - another reason to consider Eureka our summer home! You all were so gracious, warm and inviting that we felt as though we had been members there for quite some time.

It was very apparent to us that the spirit lives in you and your congregation and that you all are busy loving God and your neighbor! We felt uplifted, fed and blessed as we left and regretted that we could not return until we visit Eureka again.

In the time since, we have received your electronic bulletin twice and thrill to read what is going on each time we get it! Please do continue to send it to us! Your bulletin is a model of what every parish ought to strive to produce to keep people nourished and informed, and it helps us maintain a contact with a church we would love to be a part of!.....Again, we were delighted to meet you and many of your congregation and look forward to a continued contact and relationship with you and your church - God has not only blessed you but us as well! We send our best wishes and prayers to you all. We are already planning our return to Eureka next year and look forward to seeing you all again!”

Many thanks to all of you who help make our visitors feel welcome!

Speaking of visitors, please notice the new pew card/pencil holders attached to the back of each row of seats next to the isle. The Welcome Committee is in the process of replenishing the supply of Welcome Brochures and visitor cards for our visitors.

Lynne Bean, Welcome Committee

## **STS. MARTHA AND MARY NEWS**

We are working on promoting the Trinidad Retreat Center for qualified groups to meet. Whether as a group meeting or just a retreat. TRC is the Presbyterian's name for where we are meeting on Sundays.





More pictures from our August Sacred Saunters at Sequoia Park





## **THE CYCLES OF PRAYERS FOR OUR DIOCESE AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

Please pray for the dioceses, 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 & Transition Committees.

### **Deanery Prayers September 2019: Saints Martha and Mary**

We pray for the congregations of our Deanery and especially for the people of Saints Martha and Mary Parochial Mission Church, that they discover new and sustainable ways to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit in Trinidad.

### **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 & Transition Committees.

### **Every Sunday, our former Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Barry L. Beisner, requested 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 & Transition Committees request that we pray:**

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, that she may serve as a faithful pastor, 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 Saints Martha and Mary Parochial Mission Church, that they discover new and sustainable ways to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit in Trinidad.

### **Specific Sunday Prayers for our diocese and the Anglican Communion:**

#### **September 1, Pray for:**

##### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Grace Episcopal Church, Saint Helena, The Rev. Amy Denney , Zuniga, Rector, The Rev. Anne Clarke, Assistant Rector, The Rev Wendy Watson, Associate

##### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama - Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

#### **September 8, Pray for:**

##### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Church of the Incarnation Episcopal Church, Santa Rosa, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Shaver, Rector, The Rev. Pamela Moore, Deacon, The Rev. Dr. Gail Cafferata, Associate, The Rev. Laura Darling, Associate, The Rev. Jamie Knutsen, Associate, The Rev. Dr. Richard Hugh Stevenson, Associate

##### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum

#### **September 15, Pray for:**

##### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Sebastopol, The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris, Rector, The Rev. Kate Sefton, Deacon



Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Most Rev Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga

**September 22**, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sonoma, The Rev. Canon Jim Thomas, Priest-in-Charge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali - Archbishop of Uganda & the Bishop of Kampala

**September 29**, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Susanville, The Rev. David Cohen, Priest-in-Charge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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

**October 6**, Pray for:

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sutter Creek, The Rev. Paul Colbert, Priest-in-Charge

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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

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...2019...full.pdf](#). If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2019 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

Anne Pierson, Deacon

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Holland	09/13	Marcia Merling	09/15
David Moore	09/23	Peg Gardner	09/26
Jake Schultz	09/23	Richard Whaley	09/26

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John and Vicktoria Patton	09/02	Lynne and Greg Bean	09/08
Nancy and Richard Streufert	09/25		

# September 2019

<i>1 12 Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	2	3	4 9:30 Quilters Plus 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Compline	5 Noon Centering Prayer	6	7 10:00 Altar Guild
8 <i>13 Pentecost</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Bounce Back to Church 10:40 Sunday School	9	10 Office Closed	11 Office Closed 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Compline	12 Noon Centering Prayer	13	14 10:00 Altar Guild 3:00 Presentation of Holy Cross
15 <i>14 Pentecost</i> <i>Fresh Produce Sunday</i> Feast of Holy Cross 8:00 Holy Eucharist 10:30 Holy Eucharist 10:40 Sunday School	16	17 1:00 150 Anniversary Mtg	18 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Compline	19 Noon Centering Prayer	20	21 10:00 Altar Guild 5:00 Stewardship Dinner
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The Rt. Rev. Megan M. Traquair  
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*Choir Director*

Dr. Douglas Moorehead, *Organist Emeritus*

John Hammond, *Sexton*

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Jackie Moore, *Senior Warden*  
Royal McCarthy, *Junior Warden*

Lynne Dougherty Bean, Kathleen Lake, Bev Olson, Christina Strevey, Jannetje Vrieze, Bill Walser

Gail Freeman, *Asst. treasurer*

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### Our Mission

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 through Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, Outreach and Hospitality.



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### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Sundays

Contemplative Eucharist 8 AM  
Choral Eucharist 10:30 AM

#### Wednesdays

Compline 7 PM  
in Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour  
Children are welcome in services at all times



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## 150th Anniversary Celebration





## HISTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH

In November 21, 1866, lumberman Thomas Walsh wrote to the Humboldt Times, saying he proposed erecting "an Episcopal Church in Eureka



called Christ Church," explaining that the name was appropriate because he believed Jesus Christ to be the "Door to Heaven." After William Carson decided a lot to the vestry, the church was built in downtown Eureka on 4th and E street. When the vestry asked Bishop William Ingraham Kip for a rector, he responded, "I would be happy to comply



with your request, if you would but tell me where Eureka is located." Happily, the Rev. John Gierlow (pictured below) found his way to Eureka and became the parish's first rector, holding the first worship service on May 22, 1870. In 1938, because of an encroaching marsh and noisy trolley traffic, the church broke ground for a new building at its present location



on the corner of 15th and H Street. Over the years, the church has grown, thanks to the generosity of committed parishioners and donors such as William Carson and William Smullin and beloved rectors such as the Revs. J. Thomas Lewis, John L. Thompson, and W. Doug Thompson. Today, Christ Church is *steadfast and growing*, with Fr. Daniel London

joyfully serving as the 9th long-term rector. Under his leadership, the 150-year-old church is seeking new ways to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit. By accomplishing this mission, Christ Church Eureka continues to fulfill Thomas Walsh's original vision by embodying God's Love as an open and ever - welcoming "Door to Heaven."



## 150TH CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

From September 2019 to May 2020, Christ Church will be celebrating its 150th anniversary with concerts, receptions and other festivities. Each month, we will have a special guest who will help us to not only acknowledge our past legacy, but also guide us in ways that we can serve the wider community and world, by giving special care and attention to future generations. All are welcome to celebrate with us!

### September 2019:

**The Very Reverend Dr. Don Brown\***  
*former Dean of Trinity Cathedral Sacramento*

- Sept 8 Bounce Back to Church with Bounce House (10:30 AM)
- Sept 14 Presentation on Holy Cross (3 PM)\*
- Sept 15 Feast of Holy Cross (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Sept 21 Stewardship Dinner (5 PM)

### October:

**Catherine Mace\***  
*Christ Church Eureka parishioner & former president of Humboldt County Historical Society*

- Oct 5 St. Francis Blessing of Animals at Sequoia Park (11 AM)
- Oct 5 Presentation on Christ Church History (4 PM)\*
- Oct 6 Combined Worship Service (9:30 AM)
- Oct 6 Eureka Heritage Society Home Tour (12 - 5 PM)\*
- Oct 13 Organ Concert: Christopher Houlihan (3 PM)
- Oct 27 Monster Mash Concert (4 PM)

### November:

**The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie\***  
*Episcopal priest, author, and retreat leader*

- Nov 3 Chamber Players of the Redwoods Concert (3 PM)
- Nov 16 Presentation on Liturgical Year (11 AM - 3 PM)\*
- Nov 17 Guest Preacher Suzanne Guthrie (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Nov 20 Interfaith Thanksgiving Sing (7 PM)

### December:

**Pastor Dan Price, PhD\***  
*Scholar of 20th century theologian Karl Barth & former pastor of First Presbyterian Church Eureka*

- Dec 1 Lessons & Carols (9:30 AM)
- Dec 1 Handel's Messiah Sing-Along (3 PM)
- Dec 8 Feast Day of Karl Barth (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Dec 8 Ferrdale Community Choir Concert (3 PM)
- Dec 10 Karl Barth & Richard Rohr discussion (5:30 PM)\*
- Dec 24 Christingle Family Service (4 PM)
- Dec 24 *Midnight Mass (10 PM)*

### January 2020:

**Celebrating Past Clergy of Christ Church**  
Jan 26 Blessing of Fr. Doug Memorial Library (10:30 AM)

### February:

**The Rev. Dr. Mark S. Anschutz\***  
*former rector of Christ Church Alexandria VA and St. Michael and All Angels Dallas TX*

- Feb 2 Parish Annual Meeting (9:30 AM)
- Feb 15 Couples Workshop (9 AM - 12 PM)\*
- Feb 16 Renewal of Vows Service (8 & 10:30 AM)\*
- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday (12 PM & 7 PM)

### March:

**The Rev. Eric Duff\***  
*Episcopal priest, therapist, social worker and author*

- March 11 Anne Holcomb from Food for People (12 PM)
- March 14 Presentation on Apostle's House book (3 PM)\*
- March 15 Guest Preacher Eric Duff (8 & 10:30 AM)\*

### April:

**Pastor Paul Harris\***  
*Advocate for foster care children & former pastor of Eureka First Church of the Nazarene*

- April 11 *Easter Vigil (7 PM)*
- April 12 *Easter Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt (8 & 10:30 AM)*
- April 18 Ferrdale Community Choir Concert (7:30 PM)
- April 25 Presentation on The Forgotten Initiative (3 PM)\*
- April 26 Guest Preacher Paul Harris (8 & 10:30 AM)\*

### May:

**+Bishop Megan Traquair\***  
*Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California*

- May 3 1549 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)
- May 3 Chamber Player of the Redwoods Concert (3 PM)
- May 10 1662 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)
- May 17 *1789 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)\**
- +Bishop Megan Traquair guest preaching and presiding*
- May 24 1892 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)
- May 31 1928 Prayer Book Eucharist (8 & 10:30 AM)

*Music and Arts Camp in the summer!*

*Dates TBD*

(The asterisk indicates events that feature our special guest of the month)