



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## SEPTEMBER 2022 - CHRONICLE

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## I WILL, WITH GOD'S HELP

Journey toward Racial Healing and Justice

Deanery Workshop

Saturday | August 27 | Lewis Hall



This one-day workshop was specially developed for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California by the Commission for Intercultural Ministries. The participants, included representation from St. Alban's, St. Francis, St. Paul's and Christ Church. Participants renewed their Baptismal Covenant as they learned about forms of historic and contemporary racism and how to engage in ministry with sensitivity and respect for all.

Pictured above left instructors Jo Ann Williams, Miriam Casey, and Bob Wohlsen with Fr. Daniel. Participants listen intently and had group discussions in Lewis Hall. Closing was held in the Chapel.



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## FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London

# The “Middle Way” of Christian Missions

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During the Racial Healing and Justice workshop last Saturday, I was surprised and inspired by the fact that so many people who had been victims of prejudice and oppression from the church had remained faithful and even grateful to the church for sharing with them the Good News of God’s Love. The Gospel still seemed to be conveyed and received even though it was delivered along with the sinful baggage of racism, colonialism, prejudice, and even genocide. One question that always haunted me while studying American History was “How did so many slaves come to embrace the faith of their masters, especially when the slave-owners used their religion to justify slavery?” Although I never found a satisfactory answer, it’s clear that somehow the Good News of God’s Liberating Love still came across, despite the deeply flawed and morally depraved people who delivered it. This might be one of the most encouraging insights I received from the workshop as well as from our summer-long study of the provinces of the Anglican Communion: the power of the Gospel persists even when delivered with sinful baggage. Although this certainly does *not* justify any of the sinful baggage, it makes the Light of the Gospel shine even brighter amid the darkness.

Many of us have heard disturbing stories about Christian missionaries who have supplanted and essentially wiped out the rich cultures and peoples to whom they were sent. Such stories have led many Christians to give up on the projects of evangelism and mission entirely. Some of us may have also heard stories about Christian missionaries who had fallen so deeply in love with the rich cultures and peoples to whom they were sent that they end up recanting their faith in order to become part of the non-Christian culture. Stories like this might make us wonder if there’s anything especially life-giving about the Christian faith if it can be so easily discarded

in the face of other traditions. These stories represent two extreme forms of Christian evangelism: missionaries who behave as monsters on the one hand and missionaries who recant their faith on the other.

Although the history of Anglican missions certainly has its fair share of both monstrous missionaries and vapid evangelists, Anglican mission at its best has embodied a middle way, a *via media*, which allows the Gospel to both affirm *and* challenge culture. There is a great deal that we can affirm about many pagan and non-Christian cultures, and at the same time, there are aspects of pagan cultures that need to be challenged and even abolished, such as the practice of human sacrifice.<sup>1</sup> This missiological “middle way” is part of our DNA as Anglicans because our own church was built upon it. Pope Gregory the Great used this approach when he founded the *Ecclesia Anglicana* (Anglican Church) in the first place by sending St. Augustine to Canterbury to evangelize the pagan Angles in 597. When St. Augustine wrote



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<sup>1</sup> I often cite the Hindu practice of *sati* in which widows leap onto their deceased husband’s funeral pyre. It was Christian missionaries who boldly challenged and denounced this practice and helped to abolish it.

back to St. Gregory asking him what he should do about the pagan sites and practices of the Angles, the pope told him not to destroy them (like a monstrous missionary) but to find ways to both affirm and transform them. Anglican missionary Titus Presler wrote, “Gregory’s famous directive to adapt pagan sites and practices to Christian devotion rather than destroy them suggested a creative stance towards preexisting religions and cultures for mission in and from Britain, and it anticipated discussions of the scope and limits of syncretism and enculturation that have recurred in Anglican mission.”<sup>2</sup> This stance has, in fact, led to the preservation of cultures that might have otherwise been lost. Thanks to the Anglican Church, the Welsh language was preserved in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and the Yoruba and Baganda languages of Africa were preserved in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, to name a few.<sup>3</sup>

If you look in the back of your prayer book on page 867, you will see the Thirty-Nine Articles, which have historically conveyed the theological essence of our Anglican identity. The Rev. Dr. John Kater, who was an Anglican missionary in Panama, taught me the importance of Article XXXIV (34) on page 874 which reads: “It is not necessary that Traditions and Ceremonies be in all places one, or utterly like; for at all times they have been divers, and may be changed according to the diversity of countries, times, and manners, so that nothing be ordained against God’s Word....so that all things be done to edifying.” Kater taught me that this article captures, in many ways, the unique charism of Anglicanism, which at its best, does not emphasize the English language in worship, but the *vernacular* language in worship. It is this emphasis that has inspired Anglican missionaries to help preserve the unique languages of rich cultures.

As we have learned about the Anglican churches in South East Asia, South India, Southern Africa, South America, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Wales, West Africa, West Indies, and New Zealand, we have seen some Anglican missionaries fail miserably and others evangelize courageously, even to the point of death. Ultimately, we have seen the liberating and life-giving power of the Gospel prevail despite human sinfulness and we have seen how the Gospel has affirmed and preserved and challenged diverse cultures, including our own. My hope is that these stories inspire us to share the Good News of God’s Love as Christ calls us to do in the Great Commission (Matt 28:19) and to do so in creative and “edifying” ways, as Anglicans embodying the *via media*.



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<sup>2</sup> Titus Presler, “The History of Mission in the Anglican Communion” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anglican Communion*, ed. Ian S. Markham et al (Malden MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), 16.

<sup>3</sup> “The Anglican Church was as important in the process [of preserving the Welsh language] as it was to be among the Yoruba or Baganda in nineteenth-century Africa.” Kevin Ward, *A History of Global Anglicanism*, 24



# Labor Day and the Gospel of Christ

The Rev. David Shewmaker, Associate Priest

*Following is the Gospel reading appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary for Labor Day:*

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"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 6:19-24



*Following are Wikipedia statements about Labor Day:*

Today, Labor Day is often regarded as a day of rest and parades.... Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer. Some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend for parties before returning to school. However, of late, schools have begun well before Labor Day, as early as July 24 in many urban districts, including major southern cities in the United States such as Atlanta, Miami, and Los Angeles. In addition, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labor_Day)

I see no mention of storing up treasures in heaven in this description, or, for that matter, even anything about honoring God's gift to humans of the ability to labor. Might not we Christians take this year as an opportunity to reflect upon what we can do with our labor? Is it not that Jesus says we will use what comes from our heart to produce outcomes of our labor. "...If your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness." Our heart causes us to "see" the kind of world that it projects, and then our eye proceeds to manifest that world. If that world is light, then we project light. If it is dark, then we project darkness. "Where your treasure is, there your heart is also."

Saint Paul gives us a prescription for building the kind of world that will really be better for all of us in the epistle for Labor Day:

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw-- the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

This would indicate that Christians must, of course, only build on the foundation of Christ. That is obvious. But, what building materials we use to build upon that foundation are up to us, each of us, and each of our

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## Labor Day and the Gospel of Christ — Fr. David Shewmaker *Continued from page 4*

communities of the body of Christ. Paul says we can choose either “gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw.” What material are we using today in our Labors to build up the body of Christ? Are we using precious materials to build a beautiful structure that reflects the beauty of its foundation? Or, are we using the human dross of apathy, prejudice, ill-feeling, pettiness, etc.? Have we chosen to stop forgetting that this church we are in, though built on the solid foundation of Christ our Lord, has walls, timbers, floor joists, roofing materials, etc. that are made up of who we are and are held together by how we behave to each other?

I think we will be honest if we admit that there is probably both precious materials and human dross in the walls of this church. We must forget neither part of this. We have much to be proud of, much to build upon. Also, we have made some errors that have excluded some Christ-centered actions that we are called to perform.

So, how do we get more towards using precious building materials? As is always the case, the answer is in the word of God, The Psalm for Labor Day, which says:

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.

*From Psalm 107*

Remember what the foundation said? “**Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5:7

I really believe that what Jesus is saying is that if we really want righteousness as fully as we are able, then that desire will be satisfied! Let us hunger and thirst for it without ceasing! Then, the walls of this church will be precious, indeed!

Father David



The Church office will be closed from  
Tuesday, September 7 — Friday, September 9.

The office will reopen on  
Tuesday, September 13, at 9 am.

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# Welcome Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg, our newest Associate Priest



Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg was ordained a Lutheran pastor nearly 35 years ago (December 13, 1987, St. Lucy's Day) at Community of Christ Lutheran/Episcopal Church in Westminster, Colorado, at a time when Episcopalians and Lutherans (now the ELCA) were unofficially beginning joint ministry. She has officiated using the Book of Common Prayer since that time.

Her first ministry, through Community of Christ, was with survivors of abuse and with churches in the field of domestic violence in the Denver area. She has many years' experience in domestic violence programs, serving as domestic violence program manager in Ventura, California, developing domestic violence materials for clergy and the general public in Lincoln, Nebraska, and as a member of the board of directors of Humboldt Domestic Violence Services. She also has many years' experience with Planned Parenthood in reproductive health, serving as staff and on governing and advisory boards. She has been a member of local group Clergy for Choice (now Clergy for Reproductive Health) since 2004.

Pastor Jeri and her family relocated to Humboldt County in August of 2003, when her husband Perry Gray-Reneberg began to teach as a lecturer at Humboldt State University (now Cal Poly Humboldt).

She served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Redway from 2008-2010, welcoming former members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church after their church closure. From 2010-2017 she was priest-in-charge of St. Francis' in Fortuna, serving under the terms of Called to Common Mission, the agreement between The Episcopal Church and the ELCA which allows for full clergy exchange.

During her 2017 sabbatical, she was diagnosed with breast cancer and underwent treatment over the next year, leaving St Francis' at that time. She has been cancer free since.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in English and History (double major) from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California, and a Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pastor Jeri and Perry married in Colorado in April of 1989. Perry is an industrial technologist, a Renaissance man, with a strong faith of his own. Perry has two children from a previous marriage, Jonathan (who lives near Indianapolis) and Shanna (who lives in eastern Washington). He currently works as the Greens Mechanic for the Baywood Golf and Country Club.

Pastor Jeri and Perry also have two grown daughters. Wren, an Episcopalian, was formerly on the vestry and junior warden at St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church in Cupertino. Wren married Erik Stayton in 2020 and they combined their names into a new name. They go by "St. Gray." They moved to Tacoma, Washington a few months ago and are getting involved with their new community. Wren is a licensed MFT therapist and Erik is a research scientist who works for Nissan. They have two dogs, Penny, a Whoodle (Wheaten Terrier-Poodle), and Dottie, a Tibetan Terrier.

Linden Gray-Reneberg, Pastor Jeri and Perry's younger daughter, is a paralegal in Southern California, working with Facebook's program Oculus. She is also trained as a User Experience Designer, and hopes to make a career change soon. She is a member of a local Lutheran church and has



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## Welcome Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg — *Continued from page 6*

been active in vocal music with her congregation. Her boyfriend's name is Mason. She has a cat named Hughie, who is a Bengal-Sphinx mix.

Both daughters sing and play the piano, as Pastor Jeri does. They have all sung together in church when possible.

Wren and Linden were involved for several years as staff and campers of Camp Living Waters. Linden also served on the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee while in high school.

Both daughters are also graduates of California Lutheran University. Pastor Jeri serves as a Convocator for that institution, representing the congregations of the Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA.

Pastor Jeri is happy to join Christ Church's ministry team as an Associate Priest!

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## 100-Day Challenge Humboldt

*An effort to house 25 families with children in 100 days*

August 30, 2022

Dear Faith Leaders,

I'm writing to give you an update on the 100-Day Challenge Humboldt and to ask if you can help with a specific need that has arisen (listed at the end of this letter).

The 100-Day Challenge is an effort by local government and non-profit agencies to work together across bureaucratic boundaries to house 25 families with children in 100 days. As you can imagine, this is a very high goal.

So far, we have housed three families. 1) Cooperation Humboldt and HSP (Housing Support Program of DHHS) collaborated to house a family with an autistic child whose car broke down in Humboldt County while traveling. 2) Uplift Eureka and the Bringing Families Home project of DHHS came together to house a couple with four children who have been homeless for over a year because they lost their housing in the pandemic. 3) And Uplift Eureka and the Salvation Army, for the first time, coordinated housing for a family with two teen-aged sons who, though mom and dad are working full-time, couldn't afford the deposit because they were paying for hotel rooms to keep off the street.

It's wonderful to be a part of the challenge to help organizations in our community come together and multiply their resources to house our neighbors. Here is where your congregation can pitch in. We have a teenaged girl who is about 5 months pregnant and living on the river bar in Rio Dell. We need to get her into a hotel for a few months while permanent housing is secured. The 100-Day Challenge anticipates a need of about \$2,000, and I promised to reach out to our faith partners to see if we couldn't round up that amount.

If your congregation has any funds set aside for emergency assistance, you can make a check out to the City of Eureka with "100-Day Challenge" in the memo. And please notify me so I can report your generosity to the team!

Thank you and God bless you,

*The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Irelan, Pastor*

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY

# 100-DAY CHALLENGE ON HOMELESSNESS

OUR GOAL:

To House 25 Families with Children  
by October 2022

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JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A  
POSITIVE CHANGE!

- WE NEED LANDLORDS
- WE NEED FINANCIAL HELP  
FOR DEPOSITS!

If you would like to help email:  
[100daychallengehumboldt@gmail.com](mailto:100daychallengehumboldt@gmail.com)  
or leave a message at (707) 572-4669



## From the Senior Warden Steven Preston



**VESTRY MEETING:** At its August 28th meeting in Lewis Hall, the Vestry approved the July minutes and received various other reports (including the financial report). The rents for the apartment (in the office building) and Smullin House were reviewed, and pursuant to advice from our property management company, Vestry voted to increase the apartment rent by \$50 per month, starting on January 1, 2023. Vestry decided not to increase the Smullin House rent at this time. The Vestry heard a progress report from Project Manager Royal McCarthy about the Retaining Wall Project; the evolving plans for restoring/upgrading the lawn (The Meadow) after construction were briefly discussed and will be decided soon. Vestry reviewed the church constitution's Articles 1-6 (delayed for 4 months), agreeing to add additional ways to give notice for Annual and Special Parish Meetings, and agreed to some grammatical changes; The remaining Articles will be reviewed in September, with a vote on adopting an amended version of the constitution later in the year, after required noticing.

Fr. Daniel reported on his activities as Rector, his nomination as a deputy for the next General Convention in 2024, and on further planning for his Sabbatical Leave from mid-May through mid-August 2023. Further discussion of Associate Priest Appointments and Agreements was deferred. Junior Warden John Patton reported on pending projects, and that two parishioners have agreed to serve on the new Facilities Team so far; Team Leader Heidi Erickson is talking with other parishioners about joining; and a review and report on pending and necessary maintenance projects will be forthcoming. I briefly highlighted some items from my written Senior Warden's report. We discussed the Diocesan "Best Skills, Best Churches" training that will run monthly from September 23-24 through March 17-18 (except in December), noted that registration has been extended through September 9th, and that there are still two available reimbursements of the fee. Archdeacon Pam Gossard reported on her activities and on the highly successful Camp Living Waters.

We continued to explore approaches to Lay Ministry recruitment, while noting some increased volunteering. Parish Administrator Thomas Swanger reported that an interim revised Church Directory should be published shortly, with a final Directory with optional (color!) pictures expected this fall. Robin Cardona reported further on plans to reintroduce Children's Sunday School in the fall, working with Children's Sunday School teacher Vickie Patton; plans for the September 11th post-worship "Welcome Home Potluck BBQ" were detailed, and Vestry agreed informally that funds in the current budget for Children's Education could be used for the BBQ. The required "Safe Church" training and certification for Vestry members, officers, and children's workers was discussed, and online links will be sent to those affected shortly. Plans for the October 8th Stewardship Dinner and Online Auction were discussed, as well as brief reports on the Emergency Response Team, the Deanery's Project [Re]Start, and the need to paint the Transfiguration House (Rector) front steps and porch. *(The minutes of the most recent Vestry meetings and the Financial Report are always posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.)*

**LAY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES: Livestream Team:** If you would like more information or to volunteer for the Livestream Team, please contact Paul Gossard, Royal McCarthy, or Thomas Swanger. **The 8:00 am & 10:30 am Service Coffee Hours:** There are sign-up sheets for set-up volunteers and for food for each service in Lewis Hall. **Other Opportunities:** There are many other opportunities for using your skills, experience, and gifts, where you would be welcomed with open arms and grateful hearts! **Please contact any Lay Ministry Leader for information or to volunteer:** Their names and contact information are in the monthly *Chronicle* newsletter.

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**BIBLE STUDY GROUP:** This six-week group led by Pastor Karen Stanley, explored the three synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The meetings were well-attended, and there was great discussion and attention throughout the study. There is high interest in additional Bible Study opportunities. Fr. Daniel and I have discussed another six-week (or so) group, possibly focusing on the Epistle of James, perhaps starting later in September or in October. **Watch the weekly emails and worship bulletins for more information.**

**MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** After months and months of discussion, and Vestry approval, the rough-textured concrete block wall with brick cap to the public sidewalk on 15th street, with a four-foot wide sidewalk along the wall, is under construction! New lawn and landscaping will be decided soon and installed. **Many thanks to Junior Warden John Patton, Project Manager Royal McCarthy, and Vestry Member Steve Cole for the months of hard work getting us to this point!**

**DIOCESAN LGBTQ+ AND ALLIES MEETING:** Sponsored by the Diocesan Commission for Intercultural Ministries. After the August 20th Zoom meeting, a subcommittee has refined a recommended Mission, Values, and Vision Statement, and proposed the name of **“The Rainbow Ministry.”** These recommendations will be considered at the next Zoom meeting on Saturday, September 17th. The Diocese’s new Missioner for Church Life, Fr. Mack Olson, is taking an active role. Two parishioners from the Diocese of San Joaquin also have been taking part in the meetings. **If you are Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Questioning+ (2S/LGBTQIAQ+) or an ally, and you would like to be included in these meetings, please contact me.**

**DIOCESAN E-NEWS:** If you don’t already subscribe, I encourage you to keep up with the Bishop, the Diocese, and other parishes by signing up for this weekly newsletter at: <https://www.norcalepiscopal.org/#signup>

**WELCOME HOME POTLUCK BBQ:** Sunday, September 11th, after the 10:30 service, will be a festive Welcome Home Potluck BBQ! The church school will be providing BBQ’d burgers and hot dogs. There is a sign-up list on the food table in Lewis Hall for parishioners to choose which side dishes they can bring to the feast. **Let’s all gather round!**

Steve Preston  
Senior Warden

## Blessing the Linens from St. Mary's at St. Paul's Crescent City



Linens from St. Mary's, Ferndale where given to St. Paul's, Crescent City and blessed for use by The Rev. Nancy Streufert.

Pictured left to right: Mother Nancy, Katie Benoit, and Karen Wert.

Special thanks to our Kathy Clague, Christ Church Altar Guild Directress for her loving care in laundering, ironing, and folding the linens for presentation at the August 28th service at St. Paul's.





Save the Date—Saturday, October 1  
Semper Virens Deanery—Sacred Saunter  
Led by Christ Church | Eureka  
Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



The October Semper Virens Deanery Sacred Saunter will be hosted by Christ Church at Sequoia Park. We will celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and have the blessing of our animals. We will meet at the grand redwood gate on W Street and Milo Lane at 11:00 am.



Semper Virens Deanery—Sacred Saunter | Cheatham Grove, Carlotta  
Led by St. Francis, Fortuna | August 6





# New retaining wall project

*Work to be completed by the end of September*

*Photos by Royal McCarthy*







# WELCOME HOME SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**BBQ & Potluck**

immediately following the 10:30 am service.

The Church School will BBQ  
hot dogs and hamburgers.

Please plan to join in the festivities.



**POTLUCK SIGN-UP SHEET IN LEWIS HALL**



## CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE

Our Prayer Circle will pray for your special need if you request it by contacting Jannetje Vrieze. She emails it to Prayer Circle members, and they add the request to their regular prayers.

Three good things to know:

1. Prayer Circle members practice strict respect and confidentiality.
2. If you ask for prayers for another person or persons,  
they must know about it and agree.



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## In-person Stewardship dinner returns to Christ Church

### *Saturday, October 8, 6 p.m.*

For the first time in 2 years the Stewardship Dinner will be in-person, sit-down meal on Saturday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. in Lewis Hall.

The Stewardship committee has met twice in the month of August to make plans for a festive regathering in Lewis Hall. Lyn Klay will serve as our party planner. Lynne Bean will gather together raffle items for our online auction to be held from October 1 until October 8. The auction will end at 6 p.m. and winners will be announced at the dinner! Auction items will be on display in Lewis Hall on Sunday, October 2 to give everyone a chance to see the items up close.

Reservations will be made online. A link will be available in the weekly Email Updates beginning September 3. You can also make reservations by emailing the church office at [christ-churcheureka@gmail.com](mailto:christ-churcheureka@gmail.com) or calling the office at 707.442-1797.

Again this year, we will have a Stewardship theme song and some musical presentations during the evening.





# Food for People

*The Food Bank for Humboldt County*

Greetings Everyone,

I have lots to share with all of you. I have three topics and I wasn't sure which one to start with. That was until I heard Fr. Daniel's sermon on Sunday.

1. Matching Challenge. **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT.** Now through the end of September, your gifts to Food for People will double thanks to a \$20,000 matching challenge. See above for more details.
2. New Building. Take a drive down 14th Street to Summer to see the new building. Construction is well underway with exterior walls erected and the roof nearly completed. In order to complete the building project, Food for People needs to raise \$150,000 in order to not take on any debt. (They have raised \$5.95 million). Consider making a donation.
3. First Sunday's **Just One Can** collections. **THANK YOU!** The donations for August increased from July and our parish donated 55 pounds. In the Sundays that followed, we added an additional 24 pounds. Let's keep this going!

Keep Safe!

Bev

# MATCHING CHALLENGE



**Your gift to Food for People will double in value through the end of September, thanks to a \$20,000 Matching Challenge from Craig Hansen and Craig Hansen Insurance.**

**Visit the Food for People webpage (<https://www.foodforpeople.org>) and click on the Matching Challenge logo to make an online donation which will be matched by Craig Hansen Insurance!**



## Liturgical Calendar — September 2022

### Holy Cross Day—September 14



Installation of our new steeple cross September 2020

*Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

The historian Eusebius, in his *Life of Constantine*, tells how that emperor ordered the erection of a complex of buildings in Jerusalem “on a scale of imperial magnificence,” to set forth as “an object of attraction and veneration to all, the blessed place of our Savior’s resurrection.” The overall supervision of the work—on the site where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands—was entrusted to Constantine’s mother, the empress Helena.

In Jesus’ time, the hill of Calvary had stood outside the city; but when the Roman city which succeeded Jerusalem, Aelia Capitolina, was built, the hill was buried under tons of fill. It was during the excavations directed by Helena that a relic, believed to be that of the true cross, was discovered.

Constantine’s shrine included two principal buildings: a large basilica, used for the Liturgy of the Word, and a circular church, known as “The Resurrection”—its altar placed on the site of the tomb—which was used for the Liturgy of the Table, and for the singing of the Daily Office.

Toward one side of the courtyard which separated the two buildings, and through which the faithful had to pass on their way from Word to Sacrament, the exposed top of Calvary’s hill was visible. It was there that the solemn veneration of the cross took place on Good Friday; and it was there that the congregation gathered daily for a final prayer and dismissal after Vespers.

The dedication of the buildings was completed on September 14th, 335, the seventh month of the Roman calendar, a date suggested by the account of the dedication of Solomon’s temple in the same city, in the seventh month of the Jewish calendar, hundreds of years before (2 Chronicles 7:8–10).



Holy Cross Sunday—September 2019.

Altar floral arrangement featuring the old steeple cross.



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# Called to *Serve*

## LAY MINISTRY

By Marty Vega

Our opportunities to serve have been growing as we cautiously return to pre-pandemic activities. Some members and visitors are comfortable without masks, and some are comfortable with masks on. What a blessing to have that choice.



Here is an updated list of current Lay Ministries and some new contact names. Please, share your talents and gifts with us and have some fun.

Anne Pierson	Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	448-2025
Kathy Clague	Altar Guild	822-5860
David Powell	Choir	davidbpowell@gmail.com
Lynne Bean	10:30am Coffee Hour	822-6086
Peg Gardner	8am Coffee Hour	443-9627
Bob and Sara Hines	Contribution Counters	445-8974
Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	Eucharistic Visitors	445-1726
Marty Vega	Lectors and Intercessors	443-9782
Jannetje Vrieze	Prayer Circle	499-8667
Belinda Zander	Quilters +	442-4222
Vickie Patton	Story Corner	443-1825
Robin Cardona	Story Corner	267-5825
Christ Church Office	Technical Team	442-1797
Sharon Kalberer	Ushers and Greeters	630-3100
Belinda Zander	Welcome Bags	442-4222



### Quilters+ - September 14 9:30 am | Lewis Hall

Our first Fall Quilters Plus meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 9:30 am in Lewis Hall. Everyone is welcome. We will be working on blankets for local foster children and prayer quilts. No experience necessary. Supplies will be provided.

You can also bring your own project to work on. Come and enjoy conversation and working together.

Questions, call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222



## September Birthday Wishes



Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lisa Bozzoli	09/01	Tom Davies	09/20
Isaac Cardona	09/02	Kathryne DeLorme	09/22
Evaonne Hendricks	09/08	David Moore	09/23
Lourdes Triana	09/08	Dan Phillips	09/23
Richard Holland	09/13	Jake Schultz	09/23
Marcia Marling	09/15	Peg Gardner	09/26
Carol Martinez	09/15	Sharon Kalberer	09/26
Christina Strevey	09/19	Richard Whaley	09/26



*Happy Anniversary*



O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

John & Victoria Patton	09/02
Lynne & Greg Bean	09/08
Nancy & Richard Streufert	09/25



Did we miss your special day? The staff apologies for our time perception disorder with any omissions of birthdays and anniversaries. Send your special day information to:

[christchurchureka@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchureka@gmail.com)

We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



## The September 2022 Cycle 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, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Look graciously on your Church and our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, as she so graciously and ably serves as a caring, faithful pastor for your people, guiding and supporting us in our ministries during this time of Covid-19.

Every Sunday in September, The Very Rev. Sara Potter, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Arcata.

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our deanery this month for the people of St. Alban's, Arcata. In this time of beginnings, they ask God's blessing as they renew relationships with one another. And they pray for guidance as they enter into new opportunities of ministry and service. We pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Hear our prayer**





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### **September 4**

#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Clement's Episcopal Church, Rancho Cordova  
The Rev. Zac Neubauer, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev. Jimi Benesh, Associate Priest  
The Rev. Michael Kerrick, Associate Priest

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Church of Australia  
The Most Rev. Geoffrey Smith  
Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide

### **September 11**

#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Trinity Church, Sutter Creek

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Church of Bangladesh  
The Rt. Rev. Samuel Sunl Mankhin  
Primate and Bishop of Kushtia

### **September 18**

#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Fortuna  
The Rev. Geri Cunningham, Priest-in-Charge

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil  
The Most Rev. Naudal Alves Gomes  
Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

### **September 25**

#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Francis in the Redwoods, Willits  
The Rev. Betsy Bruneau, Priest

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi  
The Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi  
Metropolitan and Primate and Bishop of Buye

### **October 2**

#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Trinity Episcopal Church, Sonoma  
The Rev. Canon James M. Thomas, PhD  
Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev. Canon Stephen Brannon, Rector Emeritus

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Church of Canada  
The Most Rev Linda Nicholls, Primate

### **October 9**

#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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

#### **ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Church of the Province of Central Africa,  
The Most Rev. Albert Chama  
Archbishop and Primate

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: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx>. If you do not have a computer, I would be glad to make a copy of the 2022 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you.

The Rev. Anne Pierson, Deacon



# August 2022

SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
					1 2	3 Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
						Deanery Sacred Saunter 11 AM   Kloop Lake Arcata Marsh
FOOD FOR PEOPLE—Just One Can 4 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>	LABOR DAY 5 Office closed	6 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	7 Office closed	8 Office closed Rose Society	9 Office closed	10 Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
14th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>	12 Office closed	13 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	14 Holy Cross Day Quilters+ - 9:30 am   Lewis Hall	15 Office closed	16	17 Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY 18 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a>	19 Office closed	20 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	21 St. Matthew, Evangelist Stewardship Team 3:00 PM	22 Office closed	23	24 Altar Guild Preparation 10 AM
16th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a> VESTRY MEETS	26 Office closed	27 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour	28	29 Office closed St Michael and All Angels	30	



The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair  
Bishop  
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The Rev. K Lesley McCloghrie - Associate Priest  
The Rev. David Shewmaker - Associate Priest  
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The Rev. Anne Pierson - Deacon

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