



# Christ Episcopal Church

## JULY 2025 Chronicle

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Where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit, as a community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ's Love for all.

## A Note about 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend from Fr. Daniel

This weekend, we celebrate our country's birth in the adoption of the Declaration of Independence almost 250 years ago, when our founding fathers participated in the revolution against a king whom they experienced as a tyrant. During this Independence Day weekend, we remember and celebrate the core idea and value upon which our country was founded: this idea that *all persons are created equal*; that all people have been endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Although these words were written by Thomas Jefferson, who was a slave owner and who initially limited these rights to white men, his words have proven to be far more powerful and far-reaching and consequential than even he could have imagined. The musical *Hamilton* speaks to the far-reaching power of these words when a character says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal / And when I meet Thomas Jefferson, I'm a compel him to include women in the sequel." Eventually, we did include women in 1920 when the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was certified, thanks to the work of Episcopal activist Elizabeth Cady Stanton and others like her.



Jefferson's core idea of equality and liberty helps us to see the intrinsic and equal value of every human being, an idea that resonates deeply with our Christian values and the fundamental Christian teaching that we are all made in God's image. It is for this reason that I love singing patriotic songs at church with you all as we will do today, not because we are Christian Nationalists (not at all!) and not because we all agree politically (certainly not), but because we as Christians and Episcopalians uphold the core value and ideal at the heart of our nation: that all are made in God's image. This is also why I keep our American flag on the chancel and occasionally raise it to more prominent positions during 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, because we believe in *liberty and justice for all*.

This Sunday, David Powell will sing "America, the Beautiful" and we will all sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and "This is My Song, O God of all the nations" as well as the song often referred to as the Black National Anthem: "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Please join us as we sing to the God of our weary years and the God of our silent tears who has brought us thus far on the way and who will by His might, lead us into the Light.

# Introduction to St. Francis Chapters VII and VIII

In March, I shared my translation of the Prologue of Herman Hesse's *Francis of Assisi*; and in April, I shared Chapters 1 and 2; in May, Chapters 3 and 4; in June, Chapters 5 and 6; and this month, Chapters 7 and 8. There are twelve chapters altogether, so by the Feast of St. Francis (October 4), you will have the entire translation! Enjoy!

## Chapter VII

### An Embodiment of God's Favor



During this time, Francis was eager to complete the renovation of the San Damiano chapel. He walked around his hometown like a beggar, asking everyone for money or stones for building, and while many reviled him, many others donated generously so that he could complete his work. He also went about asking for oil for the altar lamp, and one day, while wearing his beggar's robe (which the bishop's gardener gave him out of pity), he entered a house where all his former companions were having a wild party. Seized with shame he turned back, but then immediately afterwards gathered his courage, walked back into the house and, with kindness and great humility, asked his former friends and drinking buddies to donate an offering to God's house. He did not act as if he were morally superior to them or as if his previous life of partying never happened. Rather, he spoke so authentically and nonjudgmentally that they could not help but respond with friendship.

Even the other residents of the city, who previously thought his behavior was a sign of pure madness and foolishness, began to receive him with love and reverence as an embodiment of God's favor and joyful radiance. The miserable lepers, among whom Francis had previously strutted as a noble lord and wealthy knight, loved him no less, since he now visited them as a poor man and a brother. Many citizens, however, still persecuted him with ridicule and insults, including his father and brother who despised him and mocked him at every opportunity and were ashamed of him.

## Chapter VIII

### The Porziuncola and the Poverello's Growing Popularity

After successfully restoring the chapel, he turned his attention to the small church of the Porziuncola, which was also in need of care and restoration. And if there ever was a place that claimed the affection of his heart, it was the Porziuncola, which he loved and adored above all the other places he ever visited throughout his entire life. It was there that he would often retreat, to enjoy hours of contemplative silence and spiritual consolation, receive visions, and sing canticles. With great effort, he restored this humble little church, and it was in this sacred place that he could most clearly hear the voice of God and understand his life's purpose. He felt strongly that the external work that he had accomplished up to that point with the chapel and the church were not sufficiently satisfying the deeper desires of his heart. And that was when these words of the Savior resounded within him: "Go and preach, proclaiming, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand.'" These words made his heart leap, and he was given a vision of all the peoples of the earth, afflicted with hunger and thirst, crying out, with arms stretched out to the heavens, begging for a message of hope and love.

From then on, Francis began to preach with a voice so sweet and strong that his sermons were received throughout the land as captivating songs that aroused holy passions and filled countless dark souls with the light of love. He did not speak as a scholar or skilled rhetorician. He spoke to the farmers like a farmer, to the

merchants like a merchant, to the knights like a knight. He spoke to everyone about what mattered to them most; and wherever he went, he spoke like a brother, like a fellow sufferer, like a wounded healer.

It was in Assisi that he first began to spread the message of hope. He preached wherever he found a gathering of people, in the markets, on the streets, at the gates, and in the gardens. His words were simple and full of love; and he did not exhort anyone to do anything that he was not willing to do himself. In his heart, he held the image of the Savior about whom he preached, saying, "Look! This is humility. Look! This is patience. Look! This is love!" He reached many hearts and compelled them to reflect and reorient their lives; and a quiet adoration began to surround the preacher whose words radiated with the power and warmth of a bright and shimmering star. His preaching differed from the preaching of priests because his lessons and illustrations were not derived from books or scholastic treatises or theological tomes, but rather from the fire of his heart, the birds of the sky, and the songs of minstrels. He did not demand from others any kind of reverence for himself; on the contrary, he willingly emptied himself to be a servant for all. But his face beamed with goodness and joy, his eyes gleamed with a constant and pure flame, and he won over every soul with his sweet authenticity and charm, with parables and songs, like a lover who wins over his beloved and like a mother who embraces her children with tender care. And when he had finished speaking, one would never see him strutting away in pride or fluttering away his time, but rather leading a hard life, working diligently, and dedicating himself to all those who were in need, including the poor lepers, whom he would visit frequently and without trepidation.

After a while he was joined by a companion and brother, about whom we have little information. One day a man named Bernard of Quintavalle came to him and asked to spend an evening with him in conversation. This Bernard was a distinguished and very wealthy citizen, held in high esteem. After Francis spoke with him all night with warmth and sincerity, Bernard went and sold all his belongings, everything he had, and distributed his money among the poor. He then followed Francis, who built simple reed huts next to the Porziuncula for himself and his two disciples. Shortly afterwards, a young man named Giles joined them and the four of them wandered throughout the Umbrian countryside. They worked here and there with the farmers in the fields, receiving no money but only a modest meal and an opportunity to preach to the people and teach them their songs.

For this reason, Francis liked to call himself and his brothers *joculatores Domini*, or God's Jesters, as he proclaimed God's praise as a troubadour and traveling minstrel. Without a doubt, this was the happiest time of his life. He traveled as a pilgrim, wanderer, jongleur, and songbird, eager to serve anyone and everyone with a happy heart and to spread kindness and compassion wherever he went. He freely offered help and advice, worked tirelessly alongside the farmers and other workers, consoled the brokenhearted with words of hope, and sang cheerfully with those who were grateful. With a playful tenderness, the people soon began to call him, as they still do today, "il Poverello" because of his voluntary poverty.

Naturally, there was certainly no shortage of difficulty and conflict. The parents of those who followed Francis accused him of seducing the youth and despising family values while others feared that he would steal away their children too. However, the friars responded to all hostility and contempt with silence and humility, and all the people throughout Umbria were astounded by their behavior. Many welcomed them into their homes with kindness and although the friars were immensely grateful, they never accepted any money or gifts that were offered to them, but remained truly dedicated to the poverty of Christ, trusting that God alone would care for them each day.

The brothers would always return from their wanderings to the Porziuncola near Assisi, where they always found comfort and deeply rejoiced in the warmth of their love and friendship. They were now twelve in number.



## The Freedom of a Christian

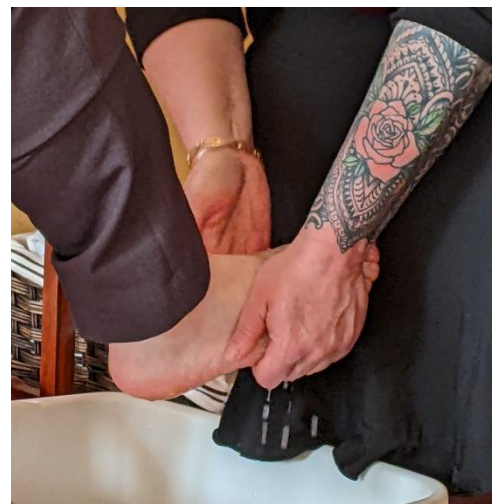
This weekend we celebrate the Fourth of July holiday, and wish Happy Birthday to America once again. It was 249 years ago, on July 4, 1776, that the Declaration of Independence was approved by the representatives of the Second Continental Congress in what would become Independence Hall in Philadelphia. As a student of American History, and as a recent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution through my patriot ancestor Chester Goodale, this history means a lot to me personally.

The Episcopal Church has its own story of the ordination and consecration in Scotland of Samuel Seabury, the former loyalist who became the first American bishop. At that point, the Episcopal Church was born in America. The Anglican Communion originated later, in 1867, 26 years after my third great-grandfather Samuel Goodale was ordained a priest in Providence, Rhode Island.

There is much talk of freedom at this time of year, and there are protests currently happening throughout the country by people who believe that freedom is eroding in America. We are Americans, but also especially Christians who inhabit this country and call it home.

I find it interesting that in last Sunday's Second Reading from Galatians, in year C of the Revised Common Lectionary, we heard the words: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Martin Luther's Treatise on Christian Liberty, which is loosely based on this section from Galatians, has as its paradoxical main points: "A Christian is a most free lord of



all, subject to none,” and “A Christian is a most dutiful servant of all, subject to everyone.” In other words, we have the gift of Christ and the Holy Spirit, and we are freed to live and move as God’s presence blesses us every day. AND... that is not enough in itself. We are Christians for each other, for everyone in need. As Luther concludes, “[What] follows from all this is that Christians do not live within themselves, but in Christ and their neighbor. In Christ through faith, in the neighbor through love; by faith they move above themselves to God, from God they move below themselves through love; but remaining always in God and in divine love.”

So, in this busy season of summer, just a few words for your reflection.

Happy Independence Day, American friends!

Happy Interdependence Day, friends in Christ!



## I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice

Saturday, August 9, 2025 | 9:30am - 4:30pm  
Christ Episcopal Church  
625 15th St, Eureka, CA 95501

This workshop is rooted in our baptismal identity and the promises we make in baptism. It focuses on how we can more fully live into our promise to be loving toward our neighbors, to address racism in our communities and build the Beloved Community. During the workshop we follow the path of the Becoming Beloved Community labyrinth.

This hybrid workshop meets the requirement for licensing for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors and unlicensed lay leaders (such as vestry members and ministry leads) in the Diocese. Other lay licensed ministries need to take Sacred Ground to meet Diocesan licensing requirements.

Early registration is encouraged to ensure a place at the workshop.

Cost:

In person: \$25 (includes lunch)

Zoom: \$10 (no lunch)

Deadline to register: July 25, 2025

Questions? Contact Miriam Casey, [edncbbc@gmail.com](mailto:edncbbc@gmail.com)



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# Life Planning & Legacy Workshop at Christ Episcopal Church, Saturday, July 12

Christ Church invites the congregations of our deanery to participate in a life planning and legacy workshop on Saturday, July 12 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm with two sessions: "Life Planning" (why a person needs to get their things in order, with information about wills and trusts, medical decisions, and funeral planning) and "Let's Get to It" (how to execute a year-long planned giving campaign).

The workshop is sponsored by the Christ Church Stewardship Committee and will be presented by Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC) Board members Tony Yang and Peter Juve. Local estate planning attorney Judd Patton will also be on hand to answer questions on end-of-life legal issues. The schedule:



8:30 am	Gather for coffee and fellowship
9:00 am	Life Planning Workshop (EFNC)
10:30 am	Break
11 am	End-of-Life Legal Issues (Judd Patton, Esq.)
12 noon-1:00 pm	Life Planning Workshop (EFNC) (cont.)
1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Planned Giving Workshop (EFNC)
3:30 pm	Adjourn

**Sign-up sheets are available in the Heritage Room.  
Please sign up so we can plan for food and accommodations.  
For more information contact:  
Rev. Nancy Streufert, Event Coordinator.**

# Got Milk – Cartons, That Is? For Camp Living Waters

Boat-building campers need empty, well-rinsed and drained half gallon milk and juice cartons for the annual Camp Living Waters boat races. Your donation just might be the one transformed into a decorated boat that wins the race!

The camp would also appreciate donations of gift cards to meet additional needs for supplies.

Camp Living Waters, our Deanery camp in Redwood Valley for 9–15-year-olds, is scheduled for July 20-25.



**Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, July 13.**

Sara Hines is the Christ Church contact person for Camp Living Waters. Contact Sara for information about camp registration, the camp program, camperships and opportunities for adult volunteers. Sara's contact information: 707-445-8974 or sarahines42@yahoo.com.

For more information, please check with the Outreach Committee:  
Peg Gardner, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, or Pam Gossard.



Food for People totals for some reason haven't been getting into the Chronicle, so this month there will only be totals!

APRIL – 70 lbs.  
MAY – 68 lbs.  
JUNE – 53 lbs.

This brings our yearly total to 349 lbs. Let's hang in there – we can make our annual goal!

Thanks,

**Bev**





# Christ Episcopal Church Green Team Tip of the Month

Promoting Creation Care & Reducing our Carbon Footprint

## Being Green: Convenient or Inconvenient



Humans are great at finding ways to save time and make everyday chores easier and more convenient. Washboards have given way to washing machines and rakes to leaf blowers, saving us hours of back breaking effort. What we're not so good at is choosing inconvenience, even when we know it's good for us or accepting the reasons why it might be good for us when supporting facts are presented.



The Green Team Tip of the Month focuses on choices that can help each of us reduce our carbon footprint. Sometimes these suggestions recommend keeping the most convenient choice, or the most cost effective one. Last year, we reminded you that keeping your tires properly inflated can reduce fuel consumption enough to save 1-2 tanks of gas or recharges per year. We also learned that reuseable silicone bags have a much higher global warming potential than single use plastic bags—so much higher that it doesn't matter how many times you use them. We even found and reported that rechargeable batteries are a green alternative for devices, like the church microphones, that go through many batteries per year, but for devices like smoke detectors and clocks, that only use a one or two batteries a year, it is a greener alternative to use single use batteries.



Often the tips ask us to consider how we can incorporate a little inconvenience or added expense into our lifestyles to reduce our personal carbon footprint. We've suggested line drying laundry—just line drying one load of wash per week can save as much as \$175/year and reduce your electricity consumption by 390 kWh, but it does take a lot longer to hang clothes on a line

than to throw them into a dryer. We've shown how substituting 1 cloth napkin for 3 paper napkins/day can save 79 Gallons of water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 lbs./year. When a few napkins are thrown in with other laundry, it takes no additional energy to wash and dry them, but it does take a few more minutes to fold them and put them away.



With each suggestion comes an explanation of how the change can impact the whole creation. Each tip is researched. Often, more than one source is cited to confirm information. We ask you to consider how adding a little inconvenience into your life can reap big rewards in our journey to towards carbon neutrality and finding greener ways of doing things.

The Green Team Tip of the Month is written by Elizabeth Haynes. If you have a tip to share, you can forward it to her at [ehaynes@mnsi.net](mailto:ehaynes@mnsi.net)





## **Join the 2025 Back-to-School Underwear Challenge!**

Betty Chinn has some middle and high school students in need of new underwear to help them be active participants in required physical education classes. Packages of t-shirts, briefs and white athletic socks in teen and adult sizes S to XL meet the needs of the boys. For girls, Betty's shopping team can make good use of 1) Target, Walmart or Kohl's gift cards, or 2) checks payable to Christ Church with Betty's Kids on the memo line or 3) cash in an envelope marked Betty's Kids. Checks and cash will be converted to gift cards for Betty's shoppers. Girls also need white athletic socks.

We'll be collecting donations in the Heritage Room until Sunday, August 10. Classes begin on Monday, August 19. If you've never heard the true story that provided the inspiration for this annual outreach project, why not check with the Outreach Committee:

Peg, Pam, and Elizabeth?

*A huge 'Thank You' in advance for reaching out to these students!*





## News from our 10:30 Coffee Hour Fellowship Ministry

Christ Church now has a fund, like the flower fund, which has been created to support our 10:30 coffee hour ministry. This fund, approved at the last vestry meeting, is to be self-supported in an on-going basis through donations from our congregation.

We have a wonderful team of volunteers who provide food for our 10:30 coffee hour, among which are a couple of volunteers who feel called to serve in this ministry but are financially challenged. As our congregation grows and the needs of the Food Team increases, so does the financial need to support our volunteers who are on a tight budget.

With this fund, we can enable those volunteers to continue serving in this ministry as well as any other team members in the future who might be in the same financial situation. This fund has a \$50 limit per volunteer per Sunday. If you feel called to support our 10:30 Coffee Hour Fellowship Ministry, donations can be placed in an envelope with the notation "Fellowship Fund," and added to the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for considering donating to this ministry.

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## FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY JULY 20



Fresh Produce Sunday is July 20th. Baskets will be placed at the back of the nave to collect donations of fresh produce which will be blessed and then taken to St. Vincent de Paul's dining facility on Monday morning. Thank you parishioners for remembering to help each month with your gifts of potatoes, carrots, apples, oranges, bananas, lettuce, onions, cabbage, kale, avocados, peaches, kiwis, and, and, and....

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# Vestry Highlights

...from the meeting on June 17, 2025 ...

- Treasurer Francis Rivinus reported that the parish is doing well financially at this time. There was brief discussion around the need to find and train an assistant treasurer.
- Revisions to the Organist's LOA were approved. An increase to the amount paid to substitute organists was also approved.
- After discussion of the need for financial support for coffee hour, the creation of a new self-sustaining fund was approved. Read more about this new fund in the article by Lynne Bean. Many thanks to Lynne for her advocacy and faithful support of the Sunday coffee hour fellowship.
- A proposed resolution to designate the substance of the Pierson Fund for use to support Green Team efforts was discussed and postponed indefinitely. It was noted that the fund is a restricted fund and in addition, it would be helpful to provide more information and education on the Green Team's proposals for solar panels, battery storage, etc. to the parish.
- Fr. Daniel and Deacon Pam were present for the blessing of Betty Chinn's newly opened Bayside Village. Pam+ will work with Betty to arrange a visit by the Vestry.
- It was announced that John Stephen Powers is the recipient of a Helen Person Memorial Scholarship this year. An announcement was made at the 10:30 service on June 22.
- From the Suggestion Box: 1) Parking Lot 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks – liability concerns were expressed - all agreed not to pursue; 2) Parking Lot Rummage Sale (proceeds to church) – generally agreed that this is a good idea and it will take a group of volunteers to plan and support; 3) Parking Lot Fence Relocation – will be considered and discussed at future meeting.

## Next Vestry meeting: July 29, 5:30 pm, Pierson Room

Vestry minutes, treasurer's reports, and other documents are posted by the Clerk of the Vestry, Peg Gardner, on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall.

If you have questions or concerns about parish activities, please contact a member of the Vestry!

**From the Junior Warden**

**Heidi Erickson**



## Here's ... July

*So, where was I... Oh yeah, summertime at Christ Church. The painting project continues . . .*

Erik, Sr has returned from his surgery and has recovered nicely. He, Erik, Jr and Jordan are moving full steam ahead with the painting of our precious church. They have painted the west side of the office/apartment building and Lewis Hall. And are now working in the courtyard between the office and the church. I've received many compliments on the color of the chapel. Which is the same color as the church will be when it's done. One parishioner even called it "warm." What a perfect description. Warm, like the congregation of Christ Church. See what I did there.



Here is a happy dilemma to have. I was looking at the church calendar for July trying to find an available Saturday to schedule a work day. But there are no Saturdays in July where something isn't happening at Christ Church. While it's wonderful that our church is so active, it makes it tough to schedule a work day without being disruptive to the event that is going on.

Never fear though, I will look for a Saturday in August to schedule a work day. Meanwhile, if you happen to have an available couple of hours on a weekday in July, let me know and I can put you to work.

Today I received a very cool delivery from FedEx. A blue 23-gallon Highboy Recycling container with a swing lid, made in the USA, of course. This container is going to be placed next to the other recycling container in Lewis Hall.

The difference is, this Highboy container will be collecting CRV (California Redemption Value) cans and bottles only. When you finish that plastic bottle of water or juice, or that can of soda or that wine bottle, rinse it out and place it in the container. If it says CA redemption value on it, otherwise it goes in the other blue container.

I will be emptying the container every Friday and when enough recycling has been collected, I will cash them in and the money will be given to different ministries at Christ Church each time.

Here's the thing, please don't bring recycling from home, just yet. If you want to donate your CRV items to the church, let me know and I will be happy to plan to come pick them up and add it to what is collected at church. Let's see how this container in Lewis Hall works out before we start accepting people's recycles.

And one final item that I wasn't able to mention last month. The Transfiguration House, aka The Rectory, aka where Father Daniel and Ashley live with their adorable doggies is also in the process of being painted. Not by Erik and his sons, but a different painter, since Erik and the boys are already busy.



Thank you to Jim Hendry, Lyn Klay and Elizabeth Harper- Lawson for keeping me updated on the progress. I've heard that the paint job has really made the house look even better.

So, much like last month, as I write this article, the Giants have lost yet another game (You're killin' me Smalls!), my kitty Kiko still wants me off his table, and it's almost my bedtime.

However, I would be remiss if I didn't include my simple thoughts on celebrating the 249th birthday of this amazing country, The United States of America.

It has always fascinated me when I read a book or watch a show about how this country began and where we are now. I am in complete awe of the brave pilgrims that made the journey to this country because they wanted the freedom to worship God in their own way and the freedom to live their lives how they wanted. They didn't want to be ruled by some far away Monarch that taxed them into oblivion (Tea, anyone) and wouldn't allow them to worship the Lord the way they wanted.

They fought to form their own government with guidance from God.

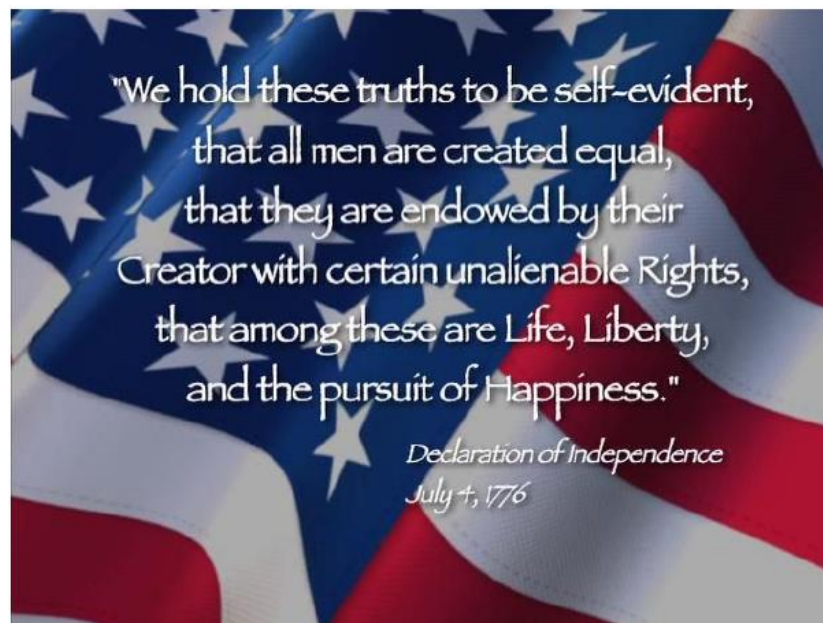
Were mistakes made? Sure. It's not easy starting a new country. Has this great country improved? Absolutely! Is there still room for improvement? You bet.

So, as we come together (whatever your political persuasion) to watch the night sky burst with the many shapes and colors of the fireworks on July 4th, just remember that God has blessed this country, and all of us in so many ways, known and unknown.

Happy birthday America, with prayers for many more.

Have a fun, blessed month everyone.

Heidi



# Parking Lot Rummage Sale?

Any interest in helping set-up a late Summer/early Fall Rummage Sale in the Christ Church Parking lot?



Perhaps each family could have a table? Keep things simple. Vestry has given permission. If you would like to help make this event happen, please contact Elizabeth via email at [eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net](mailto:eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net) or phone 707 445 1726 to leave a message.

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Have you had a chance to notice the meticulous weed whacking and weeding in the parking lot and surroundings?

Thanks to Daniel Padilla for undertaking this work.

Daniel, a parishioner at St. Alban's, has launched a new business in lawn and garden care. He is accepting new clients. Text him at 707 572-6307. (*Texting preferred.*)

... and he is also a handyman!!



## **LAWN AND GARDENING SERVICE**

- *Yard care in general.*
- *Reasonable prices.*

**Contact us by text on 707-572-6307**

**— Daniel —**



# Labyrinth Quest...

## *Our Labyrinth is Coming to Life?*

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator



“By following an invisible thread we connect to the Source, the Sacred. We can’t see it, and yet some deep part of us knows it’s there. This innate awareness gives us solace and peace during stormy times.”

Lauren Artress, *Walking a Sacred Path*

The process of creating the Christ Church Labyrinth has begun!

Two years ago, The Labyrinth Committee began discussions about building an outdoor labyrinth on the McCarthy Meadow. We were committed to bringing this sacred form of walking prayer or meditation to everyone at any hour.

Last winter, after consulting with a professional labyrinth designer, Lars Howlett, we were finally prepared to begin the construction process when the weather was right.

We decided to create our labyrinth like the one at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Woodland, CA. It is a replica of the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral (built in 1201 CE), which has 11 paths called “circuits.” Ours is designed with the same basic pattern but will have 7 circuits due to our smaller lawn area.

Royal McCarthy, Dale Maples, and John Patton have teamed up to layout the labyrinth pattern in the grass with red lines. The borders of the path will be created by sinking bricks at ground level where the red lines are now, making it easy to maintain by simply mowing the lawn area.

The next phase of the project will be to lay in these brick borders. Specific cuts in bricks will be needed to form the curves and the rosette shapes in the center. We agreed that a path width of 24” will be a comfortable walking space and will also allow for a walker.

This preliminary stage of the construction has given us the opportunity to walk the labyrinth and decide if the



Detail of Labyrinth at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Woodland, CA



Volunteers at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church placing bricks in the carved-out labyrinth on a grassy area in front of the church.

orientation is in right relationship to the surroundings. We estimate the work will be complete by late summer or early fall.

I have walked our “work in progress” labyrinth numerous times and with each walk, I give thanks to the earth beneath my feet for serving as a sacred site for our labyrinth. I pray that all who walk it will find peace, insight, healing, joy, and even transformation.

Five of us walked it together after our Centering Prayer gathering this week. It was a great joy to share this sacred path after a long time of planning!

In addition to individuals walking for their personal reasons, there will be occasions to incorporate the labyrinth into celebrations of our liturgical seasons and ceremonies such as weddings and baptisms.

A birthday labyrinth walk is a beautiful way to begin a new year!

So many life events can be honored by a reflective walk.

If you're new to labyrinth walking or have many experiences with other labyrinths, we invite you to bring your heartfelt, prayerful steps to our “work-in-progress” labyrinth!



## Christ Church Eureka Labyrinth Coming Soon!



*Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Labyrinth  
Woodland CA*

Announcement signed placed in the Education Building windows facing the labyrinth area.



Above: Dale Maples, Royal McCarthy and John Patton laying out the labyrinth pattern on the lawn.

Left: View of the labyrinth layout from the Church Office.

## Future Labyrinth Walk Dates

(No Walk in July)

**Saturdays | 2-5 PM | August 16, September 20, & October 18**





## Inviting all crafters, stitchers, knitters, and quilters!!

The next summer gathering is Wednesday, July 9, 9:30 am, Lewis Hall!

All are invited to join an informal group of handwork aficionados (or wannabes) for mornings of stitching, knitting, crocheting, or other handwork on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 on July 9, and August 13. Bring your own projects to work on – and enjoy company and conversation while you work. And perhaps even get some expert advice on a project you've been struggling with! All are welcome!

Harry Wells (knitting guru), Stephanie Schulz (crocheter and quilter), and Merry Phillips (sewist/quilter/cross-stitcher) will coordinate. Coffee/tea and light refreshments will be provided.



## CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | In person (Chapel)

Covid protocols are: Full vaccination is recommended, masks are **OPTIONAL** for those who are full vaccinated, and masks are expected for those who are not fully vaccinated. Seating is distanced.

# Called to *Serve*

## LAY MINISTRY by Marty Vega



Happy summer! The year feels like it's flying by, however, while the summer months are great for vacations and relaxation, the essential functions of our church don't slow down. The behind-the-scenes support keeps everything running smoothly, plus our summer days can even present unique opportunities for ministry and outreach. Here are two ideas to consider as you read through this list of ministries: Offer Flexible Help: regular volunteers may be on vacation, so any assistance you can provide, even for limited durations can be a great help. Property Maintenance: summer is often a good time for additional outdoor maintenance, such as yard work or cleaning up church grounds.

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	Royal McCarthy	→707 498-1215
	John Patton	→707 443-1825
	Kathy Clague	→707 822 5860
Altar Guild		
Associates & Oblates of the		
Sisters of the Transfiguration	Stephanie Schultz	→707 498-1058
Choir	David Powell	→davidbpowell@gmail.com
Coffee Hour 8:00 am	Peg Gardner	→707 443-9627
Coffee Hour 10:30 am	Lynne Bean	→707 822-6086
Concerts at Christ Church	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
Contribution Counters	Christ Church Office	→707 442-1797
Eucharistic Visitors	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
Green Team	Steven Preston	→213 304-3715
Joy Mass Team	Vickie Patton	→707 443-1825
	Robin Cardona	→707 267-5825
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Office Assistants	Church Office	→707 442-1797
Prayer Circle	Jannetje Vrieze	→jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com
Quilters +	Belinda Zander	→707 442-4222
Readers and Intercessors	Marty Vega	→707 443-9782
Stream Team	Perry Gray-Reneberg	→perryggr@gmail.com
Ushers and Greeters	Sharon Kalberer	→707 630-3100
Welcome Bags	Belinda Zander	→707 442-4222





# July Birthdays



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.**

David Powell	07/02	Joan Stewart	07/25
Ronalda Carlson	07/06	Carrie Hogan	07/25
Alice Rosendahl	07/15	Grace Maples	07/25
Stephanie Schultz	07/16	Julia Lawson	07/26
Steve Cole	07/18	Willie McCarthy	07/26
Gail Freeman	07/22	Derek Maples	07/27
		David Lochtie	07/29



*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.**

Kimberly & Scott Powers	07/03	Ann & Gordon Carter	07/14
Ann Clark & Gary Knudsen	07/04	Thomas & Peach Bond	07/16
Nick & Anna Smithler	07/07	Grey & Carrie Brothers	07/27

Beth and Ian Haynes 07/31



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

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

## A word cloud featuring various religious and spiritual terms. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with some words being significantly larger than others. The colors used include shades of blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. The words include: heaven, forgive, Thy, come, Give, Father, temptation, lead, deliver, day, trespass, trespasses, kingdom, art, bread, earth, hallowed, thy, evil, done, name, and daily.

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 in July, The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crescent City.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.





**July 6**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Anderson

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Church of Nigeria

The Most Rev. Henry C. Ndukuba

Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja

**July 13**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Red Bluff

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Church of North India (United)

The Most Rev. Bijay Nayak, Moderator  
and Bishop of Agra

**July 20**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sacramento  
The Rev. Rik Rasmussen, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev. Anne Skakey, Associate Priest

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Church of Pakistan (United)  
The Most Rev. Dr. Azad Marshall, Moderator  
and Bishop of Raiwind

**July 27**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Gridley

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea  
The Right Rev. Nathan Ingen, Acting Archbishop  
and Bishop of Aipo Rongo

**August 3**

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Corning

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
The Most Rev. Brent Alawas  
Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

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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 2023-2026 Anglican Cycle of Prayer for you. Deacon Anne.



# July 2025

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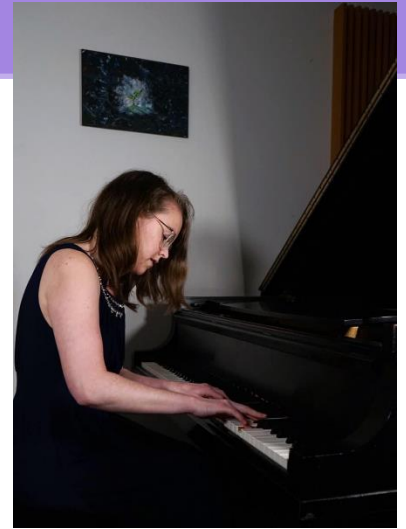
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SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
		1 Writer's Group 12:30 PM Pierson Room Clericus Meeting 2 PM   Lewis Hall	2 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM   Chapel Staff Meeting 10:00 AM   Lewis Hall Worship Committee 11:00 AM   Lewis Hall	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY [Office closed]	5 Altar Guild 10 AM
The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <b>JUST ONE CAN Food Drive</b>	6 7	8 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	9 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM   Chapel Crafters Group and stitchers, knitters & quilters!! 9:30 AM Lewis Hall	10 <b>Green Team</b> 5:15 PM Pierson Room	11	12 Altar Guild 9 AM <b>Life Planning &amp; Legacy Workshop</b> 8:30-3:30 PM Lewis Hall
The 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream	13 14	15 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	16 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM   Chapel	17	18	19 Altar Guild 9 AM Howard W. Gardner Memorial Service 11:00 AM   Main Church
The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <b>FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY</b>	20 21	22 Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	23 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM   Chapel	24	25 Stewardship Cmte. 3:00 PM   Pierson Labyrinth Cmte. 4:00 PM   Chapel.	26 Altar Guild 10 AM
The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II and livestream <b>SUNDAYS AT 4</b> 3 Generations Organ Concert CONCERT 4 PM   Main Church	27 28	29 VESTRY meets 5:30 PM   Lewis Hall Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	30 Morning Prayer 9:00 AM   Chapel	31		

### 3 Generations of Christ Church Organists *Organ concert on July 27*

This summer's first "Sundays at 4" concert is coming up on July 27. The concert will be a collaboration between Doug, Merry, and Avery; the "3 generations" of Christ Church organists.

The program will feature a variety of music, including collaborations between the performers and historical information on each piece. These concerts are free and open to the public.



**Save the dates!**

Sunday August 24 – Dumitrescu Family from Rio Dell  
*featuring Adrian (violin), Jolene (piano) and Quentin (piano) Dumitrescu*

Sunday, September 28-Scotia Band, directed by Kenneth Ayoob  
*featuring traditional and contemporary band music including "Phantom of the Opera"*



# Oasis

A safe online space for  
gathering, reflection, and sharing

- Open to all **2S/LGBTQIA+** people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
- Every month on the 3rd Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom

For more information or for the  
Zoom link to our support group,  
contact:

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



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# Safe Church Updates

*Learn about the changes!*



In our Baptismal Covenant, we promise to respect the dignity of every human being. One way we live out that value is through the implementation of our Safe Church Policies. Our Safe Church Policies establish and maintain standards intended to ensure our faith communities are safe places where all of God's people are loved and encouraged to grow into the people God calls us to be. These policies provide specific requirements, recommendations, best practices, and guidelines that seek to respond in proactive and intentional ways to care for, be responsible to, and create safe and transformational spaces for everyone.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California recently updated their Safe Church and fiduciary requirements to comply with the State of California (*Required by California AB506*). They apply to parish clergy, employees, Vestry, Treasurers, check signers and lay leaders over the age of 18 who spend 32 hours or more a year with children and youth (which includes our Joy Mass Team). An email and hard copy letter will be coming soon to each person who has requirements to be completed. If you have any questions please reach out Thomas Swanger ([christchurcheureka@gmail.com](mailto:christchurcheureka@gmail.com)). We are hoping to have the requirements completed by August 1.

In many respects these updated requirements are more streamlined than they were before. One new requirement is Live Scan fingerprinting. We will have a notary on site to do Live Scans at Christ Church on Friday, July 25, and on Saturday, July 26. Appointment times and sign-up process will be forwarded to everyone.

Again, if you have any questions please reach out to Thomas. Thank you for helping us to make us a safe community and good financial stewards

Position	Background Screenings					Promoting a Safe Environment: Employee/Supervisor Sexual Harassment Training - CA (Renew every 2 years)
	Mandated Reporter (Renew every 2 years)	Background Check (Renew every 5 years)	DMV Records Check	Credit Check	LiveScan Fingerprinting (Only completed once. Not renewed.)	
Clergy	X	X	X	X	X	Required by all clergy and lay employees <b>ONLY IF</b> the employer has a combination of 5 or more employees and volunteers (see note below)
Lay Employees	X	X	If authorized to drive	Required for Treasurers and check signers	X	
Unpaid Administrators (Including Vestry/Mission Committee Members)	X	X			X	See Note Below
Volunteers	See Note Below	See Note Below			See Note Below	



The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair  
Bishop  
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



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### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London - Rector  
The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie - Associate Priest  
The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg - Associate Priest  
The Rev. Nancy Streufert - Associate Priest  
The Venerable Pam Gossard - Archdeacon  
The Rev. Anne Pierson - Deacon

Avery Alexander - Music Coordinator and Organist  
David B. Powell - Choir Director  
Dr. Douglas Moorehead - Organist Emeritus

Mike Robnett, Sexton  
Janet Yale – Administrative Assistant

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