



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## APRIL 2026 - 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.



### From the Rector

In his Epilogue to *Francis of Assisi*, Hermann Hesse wrote, “I would have remained silent and withheld all my words of the Blessed Saint of Assisi if it had been possible for me to take you to that beautiful basilica in Assisi where Giotto’s paintings of the life of Francis decorate the walls.” While I was indeed deeply moved by the masterpieces of medieval art that surrounded the saint’s remains and of course the remains themselves, I must confess that I felt the spirit of Francis most potently while hiking to and through the forest caves where Francis and his fellow friars would often go on retreat for prayer, a place called the *Eremo delle Carceri* or the Hermitage of the Caves.

While it was only about a two-and-a-half mile walk from my hotel, it turned out to be a steady incline of 1,250 feet up the slope of Mount Subasio, which meant that I was walking the height of the Empire State Building in a relatively short distance. So, I felt Assisi in my burning feet and aching limbs, in my breath and sweat, in each prayerful and slightly painful step. Apparently, more books have been written about St. Francis than any other person in history, including Jesus of Nazareth. However, I have been told that perhaps the best book to read about St. Francis is the “living book” of the city of Assisi itself. I felt that ring true for me as Francis’s old stomping grounds became integrated into my heart and body rather than simply my intellect. I also felt that ring true for me at the Eremo delle Carceri, where I was greeted with a bronze sculpture of a smiling St. Francis whose arms were extended open in gentle welcome and receptivity, encompassed by a circle of sun rays, decorated with symbols of the major faith traditions: the Jewish Star of David above the saint’s right hand, the Star and Crescent of Islam next to a bird perched on his right shoulder, the Cross of Christianity alighted atop his beaming face, the Om symbol of Hinduism near a pair of more birds on his left shoulder, and the Dharma Wheel of Buddhism beside his left hand. Sculpted by Sandro da Verscio, the statue is called *Ut Unum Sint*, which is Latin for “That They May Be One,” a reference to Jesus’s high priestly prayer for unity in John 17:21. The subtitle of the sculpture is *Francesco Dell’Amore Universale*, which means Francis of Universal Love. I had seen images of this sculpture before and, in some ways, I felt like my pilgrimage to Assisi was a pilgrimage to visit this sculpture, this Francis of Universal Love.



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At each sacred site in Assisi, I had been pausing to read portions of Hesse’s essay on Francis. So, while wandering through the gnarly and muddy trails to and through the prayer caves of Francis and his friars, I read aloud Hesse’s description of Francis as “an unparalleled master in that wonderful and glorious art which only the poets and saints have truly learned: the art of renewing oneself daily through encounters with nature and through intimacy with the life-giving powers of the earth.” After exploring all the trails, caves, grottos, and “prayer zones,” I stepped into the hermitage’s modern chapel to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and to perhaps read another selection from Hesse’s essay. As I was praying, a group of about seven pilgrims entered the chapel and began to pray aloud The Lord’s Prayer in German, followed by a longer litany of prayers.

While listening to the German pilgrims pray at the hermitage where St. Francis prayed, I felt like Hermann Hesse was showing me the persistent universal and ecumenical appeal of this little poor man of Assisi, who continues to draw pilgrims from all around the world, across different linguistic barriers, denominations, and faith traditions; a 13<sup>th</sup> century Roman Catholic in Umbria who inspired a 21<sup>st</sup> century Anglican priest in California to translate the words of a 20<sup>th</sup> century German-Swiss author from Calw who was raised by Pietist missionaries.

As I peered out the windows of the chapel, I marveled at the trees of Mount Subasio, the holm oaks (known as the *Leccio di San Francesco*) as well as a centuries-old Mediterranean cypress that is supported by metal straps and marked as the *Albero dell’epoca di San Francesco* – “Tree from the time of Saint Francis.” I recalled Hesse’s special fondness for trees, which he called “the most compelling preachers.” In a short essay on the subject, he wrote,

Trees are holy. If you know how to talk to them, how to listen to them, you will learn the truth... A tree says: “I trust that God is within me. I trust that my task is a holy one. I live from this trust”... When we’re sad and have difficulty enduring our life any longer, a tree can say to us: “Be quiet. Be at peace. Look at me... Let God speak within you while you stay silent.”<sup>1</sup>



While staying silent, I turned my gaze to the wooden crucifix behind the stone altar in the chapel and reflected on the Cross which has been called the Tree of Life. In a poem titled “Good Friday,” Hesse writes about trees being blind with tears and he concludes the poem by exclaiming, “All the gardens, all the hills, are Gethsemane and Golgotha,” implying also that all trees echo and reflect the meaning of that sacred tree upon which Jesus died.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Hermann Hesse, “Trees” in *Trees: An Anthology of Writings and Paintings by Hermann Hesse*, selected by Volker Michels, translated by Damion Searls (San Diego: Kales Press, 2024), 1 – 3.

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Pope Leo XIV announced the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint's death as the Jubilee Year of St. Francis not because he offers any technical solutions to counteracting the ubiquity of war and division, but because his "life points to the authentic source of peace," which is the Cross of Christ, the Tree of Life. Indeed, the wounds of Christ and the Tree of Life were branded on the very body of St. Francis. While listening to the prayers of the German pilgrims, I also tried listening to the trees outside as well as to the Tree of the Crucifix in the chapel which is always receiving our prayers, always absorbing and transforming our violence, always *listening* to us.

One of Francis's companions, Blessed Giles of Assisi, whose prayer cave I visited, was known to have said, "Blessed is the one who loves and does not therefore desire to be loved; blessed is the one who serves and does not therefore desire to be served; and *blessed is the one who listens and does not therefore desire to be listened to.*"<sup>3</sup> In that chapel, I heard the trees preaching and teaching me about their role as listeners and as emulators of the Tree of Life, which absorbs our violence and releases grace just as all trees absorb our carbon dioxide and release life-giving oxygen. The Tree of Life empowers us to be instruments of peace not by becoming trees ourselves, but by emulating this process of transforming death into life and violence into grace in our own unique ways. Hesse wrote, "Those who have learned to listen to trees no longer want to be a tree. They do not yearn to be anything but what they are." Similarly, Francis offered these final words to his brothers: "I have done only what I ought to have done. May Christ teach you what is yours to do." Just as each tree reflects the Tree of Life through its unique particularity, so too are we invited by St. Francis and Hermann Hesse to reflect the compassion of Christ through our own unique fulfillment of that powerful prayer aptly attributed to St. Francis and rooted in the wisdom of his friend Blessed Giles who prayed in the caves, surrounded by Mount Subasio's trees:



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love,  
*to be listened to as to listen.*  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

Assisi, Italy  
March 12, 2026  
Feast of St. Gregory the Great

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Giles of Assisi, *The Golden Sayings of Blessed Brother Giles*, translated by Paschal Robinson (Dolphin Press, 1907), 5.



# HOLY WEEK

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH | EUREKA



Palm Saturday  
Pizza and Palm Crosses  
March 28 | 5:00 pm | Nave

**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday of the Passion | March 29 | 8 and 10:30 am**

Holy Tuesday Centering Prayer  
March 31 | 6:30 pm | Chapel of Our Merciful Savior

Holy Wednesday Eucharist  
April 1 | 9:00 am | Chapel of Our Merciful Savior

**Tenebrae**  
Wednesday, April 1 | 7 pm | Chapel of Our Merciful Savior

## THE HOLY TRIDUUM

**Maundy Thursday | April 2 | 7:00 pm**  
*Holy Eucharist, Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar & Vigil*

## Good Friday Services

Stations of the Cross | April 3, noon | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour

Stations of the Cross Saunter | April 3, 2 pm | Sequoia Park

**The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday | April 3 | 7 pm**  
Christ Episcopal Church

Holy Saturday  
Holy Saturday Liturgy | April 4 | 11 am | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour

**The Great Vigil**  
Saturday, April 4 | 7 pm | Main Church

**Easter Sunday**  
April 5—Holy Eucharist | 8 & 10:30 AM | Main Church  
Easter Egg Hunt | 12:30 PM

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# The Kiss of the Forgiving Victim

The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg, Associate Priest

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[As an aside, a personal note: Several years ago, when I was Priest-in-Charge of St. Francis', Fortuna, I joined a private Facebook group called "Breaking the Episcopal Glass Ceiling," whose purpose was to support women clergy and to promote the election and appointment of women bishops in The Episcopal Church. Today was the installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Sarah Mullally, on the Feast of the Annunciation and also the day before her 64th birthday. My granddaughter Greta, who will turn two years old on Saturday, and who is a baptized member of St. Luke's Memorial Episcopal Church, will not remember a time when a woman had never been the Archbishop of Canterbury, first among equals in the Anglican Communion. Thanks be to God! May her ministry bless the world in novel, unanticipated ways.]

And now, as we begin Holy Week, the holiest time in the church year, I'd like to share with you two quotes that have inspired me recently.

First, from James Alison, *Jesus the Forgiving Victim: Listening for the Unheard Voice*:

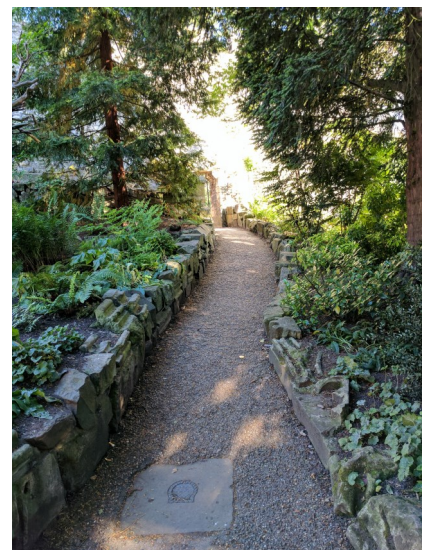
"... It is not only the power and deathlessness of God that is made visible, manifest, three-dimensional, if you like, in Jesus' going to his death. For us, death is also inseparable from the reality of shame, powerlessness, pain, failure, and loss. Jesus didn't only go to occupy a space of death in some abstract, hygienic sense. He went to occupy the space of being the sort of human who is thrown out in order that others can survive. In other words, he went to death as a victim, the sort of person whom others gang up against. And the reason that this is important is that it catches us at our worst, as it were. The space of the victim is the kind of place none of us at all ever wants to occupy, and if we find ourselves occupying it, it is kicking and screaming. More to the point, we spend a great deal of time pointing fingers and making sure that other people get to occupy that space, not us."

And second, from the book we recently read and discussed in the Adult Forum, Barbara Brown Taylor's *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* (speaking of Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son):

"Before he was welcomed home, the prodigal son 'came to.'" (I can imagine that he had formerly been unconscious.) "He recognized his sin against his father. He prepared his confession. He left one way of life for another, ready to do penance when he arrived home. His father's kiss erased it all, but not because the son was innocent. The son was guilty and



*Greta and Wren after baptism.*



*Wooded path in York..*

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he knew it, which was what gave the kiss its power. *Jesus' own kiss comes to us in the form of a cross. If we remain unaware of our collusion with the forces of death that put him there, then it will be very difficult for us to receive his absolution, with its stunning offer of new life*" (italics mine).

Let us gather as we are able, in the uniqueness of each day, during this holiest of weeks. We come to experience the pain, the promise, the gathering darkness, and the recognition of our kinship with those who forced Jesus to occupy the space of the ultimate victim. And on the other end—starting with a new fire, and erupting in shouts, confetti, ringing bells – may the “stunning offer of new life” once again take our breath away.



*St. Mary's, Eberston*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesus +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Youth group**  
**Christ Episcopal Church Eureka**  
**SUNDAYS @ 5PM**  
**MEET IN THE CHAPEL**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> & G STREETS, EUREKA**  
**(PARKING LOT AT 14<sup>TH</sup> & G STREETS)**  
**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL AGES WELCOME!**

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# April 2026

## Christ Episcopal Church

### Wednesday Chapel Services

#### Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour | 9 am

#### April 1 — Holy Eucharist: Rite II Holy Wednesday

Holy Wednesday, sometimes called “Spy Wednesday” or “Good Wednesday” commemorates Judas’ decision to betray Jesus to the authorities.



#### April 8 — Morning Prayer Commemorating William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877

William Augustus Muhlenberg was born into a German Lutheran family in Philadelphia in 1796, and drawn to The Episcopal Church by its use of English. He was very involved in the Sunday School movement and was concerned that the church minister to all social groups. The Church of the Holy Communion, which he founded in New York City, was known for its innovations: free pews, a parish school, an unemployment fund, and an emphasis on beauty in worship, centered on Holy Communion celebrated every Sunday.



#### April 15 — Morning Prayer Commemorating Damien, Priest and Leper, 1889 and Marianne Cope, Religious, 1918 of Hawaii

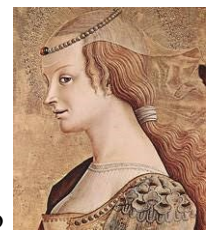
Born Joseph de Veuster in Belgium, Fr. Damien took the name Damien after the ancient physician and martyr. Volunteering for mission work in Hawaii, he was drawn to work with the leper community on Molokai. He lived among those he served, eventually contracting leprosy himself.



Marianne Cope entered the Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York, and began working as a nurse administrator, accepting alcoholics and other undesirable patients before accepting a call to Hawaii for help managing hospitals for leprosy patients. She ministered to Fr. Damien once his illness made him unwelcome in outside society.

#### April 22 — Morning Prayer Commemorating Hadewijch of Brabant, poet and mystic

A Flemish mystic of the thirteenth century, Hadewijch is known through her writings: letters of spiritual counsel, poetry, and recorded visions all centered on the theme of Love. She was a Beguine, part of a movement that drew women to community-based religious life based on prayer, simplicity, works of mercy, and a devotion to the humanity of Jesus. In her writings, she encountered the love of God in the world around her, her community, and within herself, and she emphasized love as the key to know and serve God.



#### April 29 — Holy Eucharist Commemorating Catherine of Siena, 1380

At age six, Catherine began experiencing visions. She devoted herself to prayer and meditation until her family allowed her to be accepted as a Dominican postulant. She became a nurse, working during a period of severe plague, visited prisoners, and was called upon to arbitrate disagreements. She wrote *Dialogue*, a mystical work, dictated in ecstasy.



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# Christ Episcopal Church Eureka

Hosts a Benefit Recital for

## CROSSROADS

North Coast Substance Abuse Council

*presenting*



*David Powell, tenor & Avery Alexander, piano*

*featuring*

Franz Schubert's Song Cycle  
*Die schöne Müllerin*

Friday, May 1, 2026 at 7:30 pm

625 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, CA

Suggested Donation \$25





## CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm | Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour



## Quilters + Knitters

Inviting all crafters, stitchers, knitters, and quilters!

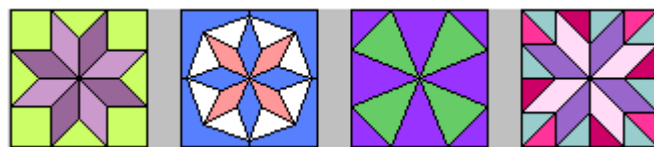
The day: Wednesday, April 8

The time: 9:30 AM

The place: Lewis Hall

All are welcome. Newcomers, come check us out! We also have coffee, snacks and enjoy visiting with each other.

Questions? Call Peg Gardner 443-9627 or Belinda Zander 442-4222.





Camp Living Waters is a week-long Episcopal summer camp in the heart of Redwood Valley. We are a non-profit camp based at St. Albans parish in Arcata and draw our staff members from the faith communities of the North Coast. Trained staff members from the local faith communities lead, supervise and encourage campers and counselors. Our week is based around a daily schedule including crafts, outdoor activities, swimming, Bible discussion, worship and nightly campfire, with additional special activities throughout the week such as stargazing. Campers from age 9 to 15 make new friendships and explore their faith; counselors learn leadership skills in a supportive atmosphere.

We spend the week living in and building a Christian community based in values of love, service and fun!

This year's camp will take place July 26-31. Register your camper starting Wednesday, April 1: <https://camplivingwatershumboldt.org/>

If you have any questions, email us at [CLWHumboldt@gmail.com!](mailto:CLWHumboldt@gmail.com)



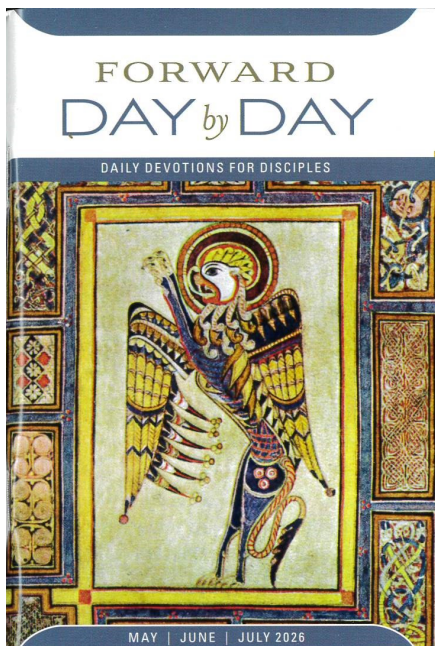


# SUNDAY ADULT FORUMS 2026

Sundays | 9:15 am | Lewis Hall  
*(between services)*

Please join us on Sundays  
at 9:15 am in Lewis Hall  
*(between services)*  
for discipleship  
and conversation on  
a variety of  
topics in 2026.

March 29 – Palm Sunday – Forum Break  
April 5 – Easter Sunday – Forum Break  
April 12 – Low Sunday – Forum Break  
April 19 – St. Anselm – Fr. Daniel  
April 26 – Good Shepherd - David Lochtie and the Lamb  
May 3 – Recovery Sunday  
May 10 – Julian of Norwich – Fr. Daniel  
May 17 – Forum Break  
May 24 - Pentecost



May | June | July  
*Forward Day by Day*  
now available!

As summer approaches, take time in the slower rhythms to listen for the still, small voice of God.

Pick up your copy of *Forward Day by Day* in the narthex.

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**Vestry Highlights** ...from the meetings of March 21 and March 24, 2026

Next Vestry meeting: April 28, 5:30 pm, Pierson Room

- A special meeting was called by the Wardens on March 21 for the purpose of appointing Joel Bisson to fill the Vestry vacancy. Joel will serve until the next Annual Mtg. at which there will be an election for the remaining two years of the vacancy.
- Following the special meeting, a Vestry Orientation was held from 2:15-5 in the Pierson Room.

March 24, 2026 meeting highlights:

- Work has been completed by Restif Cleaning Service—to clean and treat areas for mold in the Sanctuary, Sacristy, Heritage Room, Narthex, and Bathrooms.
- The Vestry also approved the expenditure for a professional fundraising consultant for the Creation Care Fundraising Committee. A workshop/training for the Committee will be held on March 1.
- Several committee reports were provided to the Vestry with updates on many activities and projects.
- The Vestry, with thanks and gratitude, accepted a donation from the Rev. Nancy Streufert, given in memory of her brother. The generous gift has been designated for uses that will sustain the music ministries at Christ Church. More information will be provided in a future Chronicle article.
- A quote for \$850.00 was approved for work on the Narthex display case.
- A draft Donation & Gift Policy was discussed and will be updated for review and approval at the next meeting.
- A quote for painting the Smullin house was discussed and will return for approval at the next meeting.

Vestry minutes, treasurer's reports, and other documents are posted on the bulletin board in Lewis Hall. NOTE: The bulletin boards in Lewis Hall are in the process of being updated.

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

Respectfully submitted, Merry Phillips, Senior Warden

## From the Senior Warden Merry Phillips



It is an honor and a privilege to share the good news of a recent gift to Christ Church. The Vestry accepted a generous and loving gift to Christ Episcopal Church, from the Rev. Nancy S. Streufert, at the March 24 meeting.

A gift of \$50,000 has been made to the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California (EFNC) in memory of Mtr. Nancy's brother Michael Ross. The gift will benefit 1) Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka and 2) congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. Music was central in the life of her brother Michael who died in August, 2024, and she has chosen to honor him with this memorial gift.

\$25,000 of the EFNC Fund will benefit Christ Church and a Donor Restricted Fund has been set up for that purpose, named the Michael Ross Music Ministries Fund. The purpose of the fund is "to enhance and sustain the music ministries at Christ Church to the glory of God in its worship, its ministries of beauty and hospitality through the Christ Church Concert Series and other musical events, and through community outreach music-related programs and events, especially to the underserved children and families of Humboldt County." The only exclusions for use are current staffing and routine maintenance of instruments.

Each year, beginning January 2026, \$2,500 will be distributed to Christ Church from EFNC. This will continue through 2035 (10 years). Any accrued earnings remaining the Fund in January 2036 may be distributed to Christ Church and the fund closed.

At the Diocesan level, an Endowment Fund to benefit congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California has been named as The Michael Ross Music Ministries Endowment Fund for Congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California in the amount of \$25,000.

The purpose and exclusions are the same, only directed on a wider basis, and will be set up as grants, for which Christ Church is eligible to apply. Please join the Vestry in recognizing and thanking Mtr. Nancy for this generous gift that supports the Vision and Mission of Christ Church in many ways. We are grateful for her ongoing support of the music ministries at Christ Church. **Soli Deo gloria (Glory to God alone).**



### **Vision of Christ Church**

A community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ's Love for all.

### **Mission of Christ Church**

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 mission through  
Worship; Discipleship; Fellowship; Outreach and Hospitality.

## From the Junior Warden Elizabeth Harper-Lawson



### Recent Improvements/Projects on our Christ Church Properties

- Transfiguration House: Pear and other tree and shrub trimming, blackberry removal and fence repair. Last year the tree provided 142 pounds of pears to the Food Bank in October and November, plus providing pears for a lot of delicious pear sauce! (Mike Gonzo, Treescape – the same person who worked with Sr. Alice and Sr. Teresa.)
- Christ Church: Sanctuary floor cleaned. (Restif)
- Christ Church: Mold removal from Heritage Room, staircase to attic, sanctuary, bathrooms, sacristy, vesting room. (Restif)
- Christ Church: Stained Glass assessment. (Willet Studios, Karlene Phillips Wieland) (Arranged by Royal)
- Christ Church: Old phones removed. (Mike)
- Christ Church: Pierson Room: new wiring of lighting fixtures and energy efficient long-lasting bulbs installed. (Dan, Merry, Ian and Royal)
- McCarthy Meadow – future home of the labyrinth: sprinkler heads installed. (Dale and Grace)



*Dale and Grace installing sprinkler heads on McCarthy Meadow, future site of the labyrinth.*



# Christ Episcopal Church Green Team Tip of the Month

**Ephesians 5:25** So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

## Promoting Creation Care & Reducing our Carbon Footprint

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).

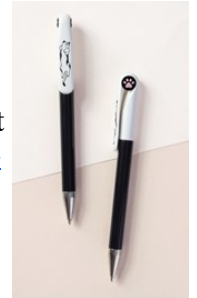
### Speaking Green Truth

“While campaigns against single-use plastics have gained momentum, pens remain a blind spot in global waste reduction efforts.” <https://shunwaste.com/article/how-many-pens-are-wasted-a-year>.

As we noted in our February 2026 article, Green Team Tips of the Month are always researched and usually more than one source is cited. Recently, Merry Phillips brought to our attention the lowly pen. She had bought a Seven Year Pen made by Seltzer Goods. It contains enough ink to last 7 years. This caused us to wonder how much ink is in most pens and what is the environmental impact of a pen. Most of us use pens daily without giving them much thought. And I couldn't see how I could possibly write 300 words on pens. And then I started looking for data. I learned quite a lot.

Most pens are discarded after only a few weeks even though they contain enough ink to last for a year or more. Often, they are discarded due to clogged tips or lost caps. Both of these issues can be resolved through pen maintenance.

At shunwaste.com I learned that while it's difficult to estimate the exact number of pens wasted each year, estimates suggest the number is in the billions. Earth 911 (<https://earth911.com/home-garden/infographic-sustainable-pens-pencils/>) and thenote.earth (<https://thenote.earth/plastic-ball-pen-pollution-note-pen-no-offence-to-earth/>) put the number at about 1.6 billion pens per year. This equates to more than 220,000 pounds of plastic waste each year. Laid end to end the discarded pens would circle the earth 4 times. And the majority of them are not biodegradable. When pens enter landfills, they leach harmful chemicals into the soil and water. Inks contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which contribute to pollution both during production and after use. Plastics break down into micro plastics which harm plants and animals. Pens are also difficult to recycle. Each pen is made from a variety of materials. Caps, barrels and fillers are each made from a different plastic. Metal clips, rubber grips and springs add to the problem. There are recycling programs for pens, but they aren't easily accessible. In 2020, BIC established the Write Recycle Initiative which allowed individuals and businesses to collect used pens, markers and mechanical pencils in designated boxes and ship them to TerraCycle where they were separated and processed. The program has diverted thousands of pounds of waste from landfills, but it is closed now. And, in Eureka, like in most areas, you can't just throw a pen into your blue bin.



### Better choices:

- **Biodegradable Pens** made from recycled paper, cornstarch or bamboo—some of these decompose in as little as 180 Days
- **Refillable Pens**—each refillable pen replaces up to 9 single use pens—that's a 90% waste reduction!
- Treat single use pens like valuable tools instead of disposable goods—give them proper care and maintenance to keep them from drying out. Why not challenge yourself to use the same pen for an entire year?

# Labyrinth Quest...

## *Labyrinth-Inspired Creativity*

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator



Walking the labyrinth has the potential to inspire creative expression in numerous ways. Many of our walkers write heartfelt messages in our Labyrinth Walk Reflection Journal which is placed nearby the labyrinth each month. The healing, peace, and insights received during a walk can also be expressed in a visual form in simple and creative ways.

Each month we set up a space in Lewis Hall for our Labyrinth Art Activities. We provide printed patterns of labyrinths and mandalas along with materials such as colored pencils, felt pens, and water color supplies. Our walkers have the opportunity to select a print and join the table where others are engaged in their coloring process. Tea and snacks are available to enjoy while they focus on their creative expression. It is also a chance for walkers to meet new folks and get acquainted. Participants are also free to sit at a table alone if they want a more reflective experience. Some of our labyrinth artists choose to write prayers or words of inspiration around the labyrinth paths. There is even a labyrinth design puzzle to indulge puzzle lovers. Sheena Ruchte has been our “Artist-in-Presence” at the labyrinth art tables and is available to give artistic support if needed.

We have a Labyrinth Art Journal available and all are invited to add their completed work to it along with a message about the labyrinth experience. It’s becoming quite a treasured collection of beautiful labyrinths!

I have also facilitated two Labyrinth-themed Collage Gatherings for walkers who are interested in creating 5” x 8” collages with labyrinth images incorporated into their design. This is an art form I have enjoyed since I began my Labyrinth Facilitator work, and I wanted to share the process with others. We begin with a quiet time of centering around a small labyrinth in the Heritage Room and then move into Lewis Hall to work on creating the collages. I provide hundreds of images for the participants to choose from along with all other needed tools and materials. We have another collage gathering scheduled on Saturday, April 11th from 1-4 pm.

Both the coloring of printed patterns and the collage work are simple art activities that require no particular skill or previous experience. The participants take home a work of art that reflects their personal response to their labyrinth walk. It is a meaningful way to honor their connection to the labyrinth as a form of walking meditation, prayer, or contemplation.

All are welcome to step into this joyful, creative expression. Walk the labyrinth! Color a labyrinth to take home! Or join the next collage gathering!

Our next 3rd Saturday Labyrinth Walk is April 18th . Drop in 2-5 pm. Our themes for April will be Easter Glory and Blessing the Earth Day.

On the right and continued on the next page are some examples of the labyrinth-themed collages I’ve created and two of Sheena’s labyrinth drawings and paintings.



Above: one of Katherine De Lorme’s labyrinth-themed collages. More col-

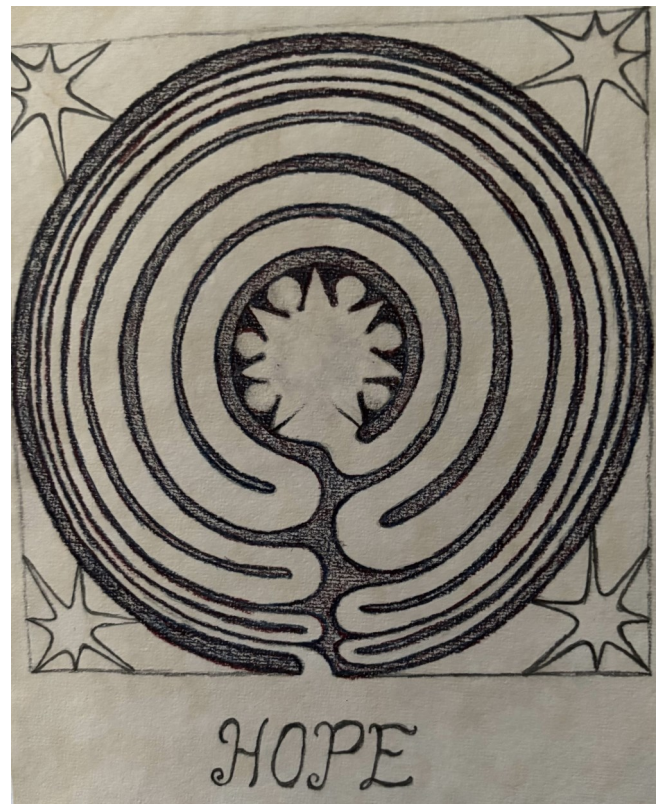
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Above: Additional examples of Katherine De Lorme's labyrinth-themed collages.



Trust in God by Sheena Ruchtie



Hope by Sheena Ruchtie



# Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County

## Your Support Changes Lives.

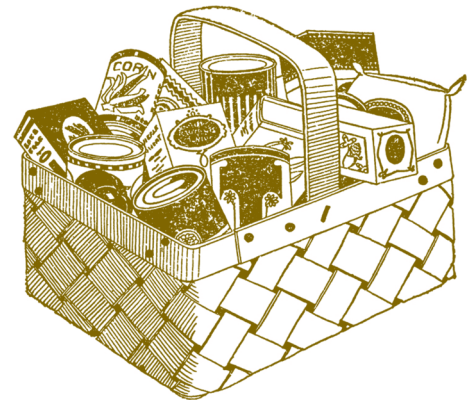
Thank you for your generous donations to the Food for People program. You have given 445 pounds of non-perishable food so far this year.

As we continue to support the Food for People program together, we reflect on the joy of Easter and we are inspired to share love and hope with others.

## What would Food for People like in their Easter basket?

### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Canned tuna/chicken/beans
- Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce/paste
- Easy-to-prepare foods: soups/stew/chili
- Pasta
- Rice
- Dried beans
- Nuts and nut butters
- Dried fruit
- Baking mixes
- Coffee
- Alternative milks (almond/oat milk)



**PLEASE NO GLASS OR HOMEMADE FOODS!**

**If you would like to donate funds, you can write a check to Christ Episcopal Church and mark the memo "Food for People."**

## FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S ON APRIL 19



Fresh Produce Sunday is April 19. 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....

# Called to *Serve*

## LAY MINISTRY by Marty Vega



As March came to a close, we welcomed the onset of our Holy Week, extending into early April. This period is filled with activity as we engage in special services, enriched by the efforts of our Lay Ministries. Their dedication brings beauty, joy, and deep spirituality to our gatherings.

Amidst this vibrant celebration and with Spring upon us, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on your unique contributions. Consider how your talents can enhance one of our Lay Ministries, helping to foster a warm and uplifting environment for all.

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	Royal McCarthy John Patton Kathy Clague	→707 498-1215 →707 448-4536 →kjc7001@humboldt.edu
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Coffee Hour 10:30 am	Lynne Bean	→707 822-6086
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Youth Group Team	Robin Cardona	→707 267-5825 or robinacardona@gmail.com



# April Birthday Wishes

Watch over your children, 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.**

Kyle Freeman	4/03	Byrd Lochtie	4/11
Jill Maples	4/04	Connie Miller	4/21
William Powers	4/08	John Hammond	4/22
Gabe Bennett	4/11	Helen Hui	4/26
Jane Bermudez	4/11		



*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.**

Perry & Pastor Jeri Gray-Reneberg 4/22



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](mailto:christchurcheureka@gmail.com)  
 We want to acknowledge and celebrate your special day next year!



## The April 2026 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.

Every Sunday in April The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Fortuna.

Intercessor: We pray for the congregations of our Deanery. This month, we pray for St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Fortuna. Gracious God, grant them inspiration and creative energy as they celebrate the Paschal Mystery and continue to explore ways to support their Latino neighbors and other immigrants in their community. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen.

People: Hear our prayer.



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**April 5**

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church, St. Helena  
The Rev. Amy Denney Zuniga, Rector  
The Rev. Diana Deen, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico  
The Most Rev. Enrique Trevino Cruz  
Primate of Mexico and Bishop of Cuernavaca

**April 12**

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Grace Episcopal Church, Wheatland  
The Rev. John Day, Long-term Supply

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola  
The Most Rev. Vicente Msosa  
Presiding Bishop of Igreja Anglicana de Mozambique  
e Angola & Bishop of Zambezia Missionary District

**April 19**

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Davis  
The Rev. Pamela Dolan, Rector  
The Ven. Margaret Grayden, Archdeacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of the Province of Myanmar  
The Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo  
Archbishop of Myanmar & Bishop of Yangon

**April 26**

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Kenwood  
The Rev. Mack Olsen, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev. Paul Mallatt, Deacon

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Nevada City  
The Rev. Bradley Helmuth, Rector

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of Nigeria  
The Most Rev. Henry C. Ndukuba  
Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria  
& Bishop of Abuja

**May 3**

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Willows  
The Rev. Delia Fay, Long-term Supply

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Church of North India (United)  
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning  
Moderator of the Church of North India  
& Bishop of Calcutta

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.



# April 2026

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SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
<p><b>Easter Sunday</b> 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka">https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka</a> Egg Hunt 12:30 PM</p> <p><b>JUST ONE CAN</b></p>		<p>Writers' Group 12:30 PM Pierson Room</p> <p>Centering Prayer 6:30 PM   Chapel</p>	<p><b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b> 9 AM   Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room Tenebrae 7 PM   Chapel</p>	<p><b>Maudsey 2 Thursday</b> No Bible Study Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM All Night Vigil 9 PM - 7 AM   Heritage Room</p>	<p><b>Good Friday 3</b> Stations of the Cross Noon   Chapel Stations of the Cross Saunter 2 PM   Sequoia Park Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Holy Saturday 4</b> Altar Guild 10 AM Holy Saturday Liturgy 11 AM   Chapel Vigil rehearsal 1 PM Great Vigil of Easter 7 PM</p>
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