



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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From the Rector



Since September 2025, faith leaders from Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Roman Catholic, and Unitarian Universalist congregations have gathered monthly for a training program sponsored by the Clinton Foundation to address addiction and recovery in Humboldt County, which experiences overdose rates alarmingly higher than California state and national averages per capita. The training program has been co-led by the Rev. Dr. Matthew DuVall and Christian Thrasher, the CEO of the Substance Use Disorders and Recovery Division at the Clinton Foundation. In a conversation with President Clinton, Thrasher underscored faith leaders as a mostly untapped resource in combating the addiction and overdose crisis, highlighting our role as trusted sources of support and information who can use our unique platform to shatter stigma that keeps addiction in the shadows. From that conversation, the Empowering Faith Leaders program was born and has been successfully implemented in Arkansas, Texas, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, and now here in Humboldt County. As the rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Eureka, I have been privileged to participate in this training with Archdeacon Pam and Mother Nancy as well as with Bacchi. Over the last nine months, we have been meeting at different houses of worship for 3-to-4-hour-long learning sessions, in which we have become trainers in naloxone administration, learned how to more effectively combat stigma, and connected with local service providers. As the Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer for my diocese, I have been especially encouraged by the ecumenical partnerships and collaborations that have developed from this program as well as the emergence of a new cohort we call HOPEFUL (Humboldt Overdose Prevention Education Faiths United Leadership). Not only is the training program free, the Clinton Foundation gives each faith community \$2,000 to fund a community engagement project to raise awareness, share resources, and reduce stigma.

Our community engagement project will be a Recovery Sunday weekend, which will include a Benefit Recital on Friday May 1 at 7:30 PM to raise money for Crossroads North Coast Substance Abuse Council, a non-profit that has been successfully serving the north coast since 1975 by providing inpatient treatment for adults and young adults seeking help with substance use disorders. David Powell and Avery Alexander will

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be performing Franz Schubert's Song Cycle *Die Schöne Müllerin*. On Sunday May 3, we will be offering two worship services (at 8 AM and 10:30 AM) in which the 12 Steps of AA will be woven into the liturgy of Holy Eucharist. The sermon will be preached by parishioner Stephanie S., who will share her own experience of recovery. In between the services (at 9:15 AM) and after the 10:30 AM service (at 12:30 PM), the Program Coordinator of the Department of Health and Human Services Katie Jo Slaughter will lead an adult forum in the Parish Hall on Addiction and Recovery in Humboldt.

Recovery Sundays, which are usually designated as the last Sunday in September, began in 2018 and they are days when churches join others across the nation in addressing the damage of addiction, pastors show they want to help with one of the biggest problems in our neighborhoods, and believers support the hurting and addicted in their search for healing and freedom. This year, we will be hosting our first Recovery Sunday in early May, but in 2027, we intend to join hundreds of other churches around the world in observing Recovery Sunday on September 26, 2027. How might God be calling you to participate in this important new ministry?





RECOVERY SUNDAY

SUNDAY MAY 3 at Christ Episcopal Church Eureka
Recovery Sunday Holy Eucharist at 8 AM
Forum on Addiction & Recovery in Humboldt 9:15 AM
Recovery Sunday Choral Eucharist at 10:30 AM
Forum on Addiction & Recovery in Humboldt 12:30 PM

 Forum Presenter: Katie Jo Slaughter, Program Coordinator the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)



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THE GOOD BOOK CLUB



“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

Mark your calendars now – the Good Book Club returns in Summer 2026 with Paul, whose letters significantly influenced the development of Christianity. Paul’s letters to various churches make up thirteen of the twenty-seven books in the New Testament. This summer, we’ll read through three of these letters together:

- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Philipians

You can find the reading schedule at good-bookclub.org/readings. Join me in the Chapel of Our Merciful Savior at 12 noon on Fridays in

June and July, beginning June 5 to discuss the readings during the week. Bring your questions, your prayers, and your curiosity to our study this summer. And stay tuned for Bible study resources, and other information.

Reading the Bible is one of the best ways to grow spiritually, especially in the company of fellow travelers on the journey. The Good Book Club is a project of Forward Movement, creators of Lent Madness and Forward Day by Day, that invites us to join with others—whether locally in your church or globally online—in an immersive experience in reading books of the Bible.

Nancy+

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays | 6:30 pm

Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour
corner of 15th and G streets



Addiction and The Twelve Steps

The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg, Associate Priest



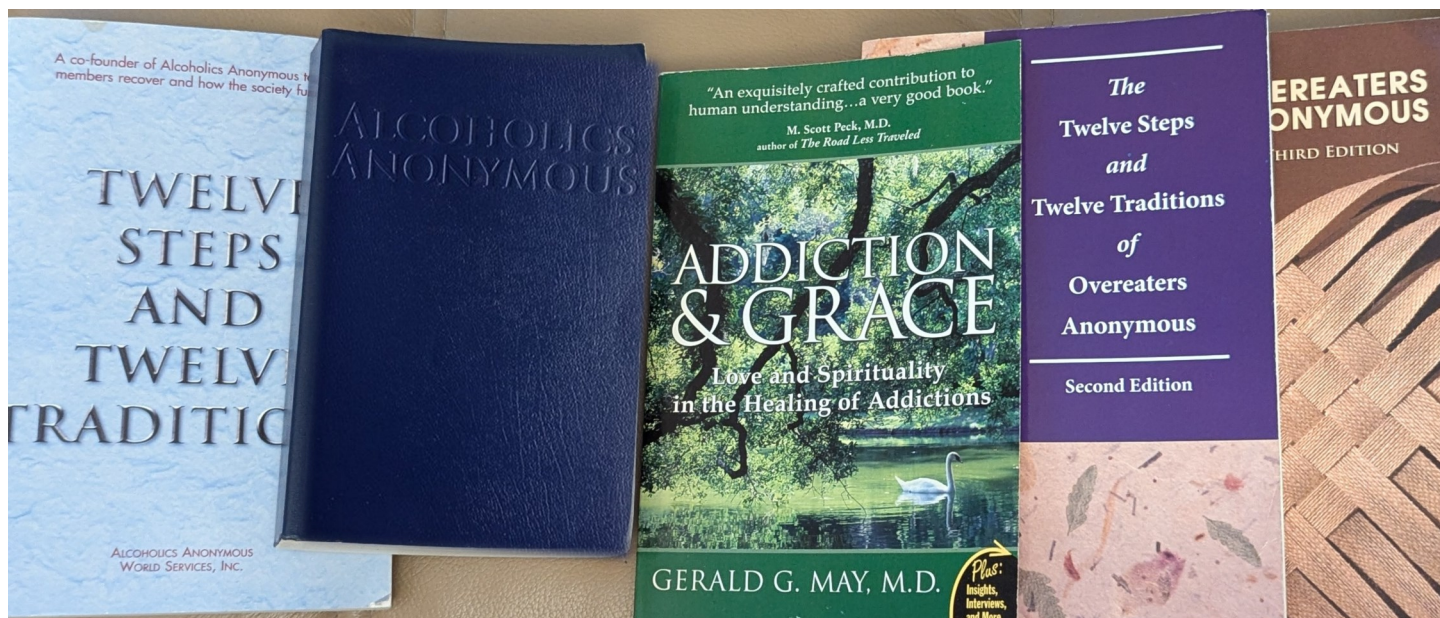
**“God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.” – Reinhold Niebuhr**

Do you have any substances, behaviors, anxieties, or compulsions over which you feel powerless? I know I do, and sometimes, it seems that more pop up every day.

I remember once meeting a Native American man, a member of the Lakota Sioux, who told me his story of becoming sober many years ago. He said, “I was looking all around me and I noticed a blade of grass. I thought, ‘The same life that is in that blade of grass is in me.’” That revelation was the moment that he stopped drinking.

Psychiatrist and Spiritual Counselor Gerald May, in his book, *Addiction and Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions*, shares a similar story of grace: “No matter what our primary dedication may be at any given time, God’s love can burst through upon us, miraculously. In my experience, these special miracles happen with uncommon frequency in the course of addictions. Without any evident reason, the weight of an addiction is lifted. ‘I was walking to the grocery store one day,’ said one alcoholic man, ‘and there, on the sidewalk, I discovered equanimity.’ He had suffered from alcoholism for many years, and that particular day had seemed no different from any other. Yet in a simple, wondrous moment, his life was transformed. He hasn’t had a drink since. He did not describe his experience in religious terms. All he knew was that nothing he had learned, and nothing he had done, had made it happen.”

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Yet May is also honest about the complexity of recovery. He says, “I do mean it when I pray, ‘Thy will be done.’ But at any given time, in relation to a particular attachment, there are limits as to how much of God’s will I really want done. Although my cosmic intent is sincerely for God’s will, I am not so free when it comes to the small specifics of my life. It is helpful to be as honest as possible, to be able to say, ‘Thy will be done, but I do want to keep this thing...’ There is nothing to be ashamed of in this prayer; it is a matter of bringing ourselves, just as we are, to God, just as God is... If I find it very hard to bring myself to pray, to honestly turn to God in the midst of a particular activity, it is likely that activity is idolatrous. In most such cases, even if I can turn to God, I cannot honestly pray to be freed from the behavior; I really *do not* mean to give it up. At the very least, however, I can wordlessly turn to God as if to say, ‘See? This is who I am.’”

This Sunday, May 3, we will observe Recovery Sunday, when we make special mention of recovery from addiction. Our guest homily by Stephanie Schultz will refer to the issues associated with addictive substances and compulsive behaviors, and after both services there will be a Forum in Lewis Hall on Addiction and Recovery in Humboldt County.

There are many substances and behaviors we might see broadly as potentially addictive – alcohol, drugs, food, sex, smoking, and gambling, for example. Alcoholics Anonymous is the elder sibling of all 12-Step programs, and the Twelve Steps were first published in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* in 1939. While it seems incredible that the Anonymous programs are not even 100 years old, there is no question that many people, across cultures, nations, and generations, have been helped by this primarily spiritual program of recovery that started with a man known as Bill W., and his friend Dr. Bob. Many churches offer meeting space for these groups and are committed to assisting them.

The first three steps of recovery of any 12-Step program are these:

1. We admitted we were powerless over _____, that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him* (my favorite alternate wording is “over to the care of the God of our understanding.”)

These three seem deceptively simple, yet they may apply to many thoughts and behaviors. A person may revisit them again and again over a lifetime. They resonate not only in the brain, but in the whole person.

Powerlessness, coming to believe, turning our will and lives over to God... and serenity. I hope to see you Sunday.

In Easter joy,



FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S ON MAY 17

Fresh Produce Sunday is May 17. 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....



Quilters+

Quilters+ is beginning its summer break starting in May this year. We'll not meet in May, June, July or August. We will meet again on the 2nd Wednesday of September, which is September 9 at 9:30 am in Lewis Hall. See you then!

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



In Memoriam | The Rev. Dr. Susan Armstrong

A Memorial and Celebration of Life for Rev. Dr. Susan Armstrong who served as priest at Christ Church Eureka for ten years, including four years as Priest in Charge from 2012 to 2016. She also served as an Associate Priest at St. Alban's in Arcata and was passionately involved in our diocesan summer camp: [Camp Living Waters](#) in Redwood Valley.

SATURDAY | May 23, 2026 | 1:00 PM
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
1675 Chester Avenue, Arcata



May 2026

Christ Episcopal Church

Wednesday Chapel Services

Chapel of Our Merciful Saviour | 9 am

May 6 — Morning Prayer

Martyrs of the Reformation (transferred)

The Roman Catholic Church commemorates the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales on May 4: men and women who were executed for treason between 1535 and 1679 for their allegiance to the Catholic Church. In recent years, the Church of England has shared this commemoration, broadening it to all of the English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era. This commemoration remembers not only Anglican martyrs like Thomas Cranmer, Hugh Latimer, and Nicholas Ridley, who died for their adherence to the Church of England, but those Catholics who were killed by Anglicans—along with all other Christians who were persecuted by their fellow Christians for their beliefs, most notably the Anabaptists and the Quakers.



May 13 — Morning Prayer — *Cancelled*

May 20 — Morning Prayer

Commemorating Alcuin of York

Alcuin was born about 730 near York, into a noble family related to Willibrord, the first missionary to the Netherlands. He was educated at the cathedral school in York under Archbishop Egbert, a pupil of Bede. He thus inherited the best traditions of learning and zeal of the early English church.

After ordination as a deacon in 770, he became head of the York school. It was not uncommon for theologians and intellectuals in the early and medieval church to be ordained as deacons, teaching and scholarship being understood by the church as a diaconal ministry as well as care for the poor and the needy.

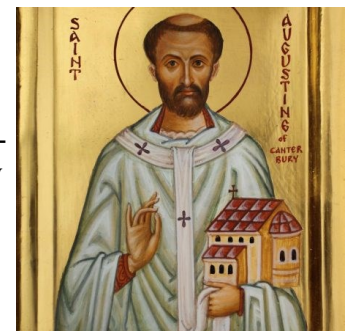
Alcuin was a man of vast learning, personal charm, and integrity of character. In his direction of Charlemagne’s Palace School at Aachen, he was chiefly responsible for the preservation of the classical heritage of Western civilization. Schools were revived in cathedrals and monasteries, and manuscripts of both pagan and Christian writings of antiquity were collated and copied.



May 27 — Holy Eucharist

Commemorating Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury (transferred)

Although Christianity had existed in Britain before the invasions of Angles and Saxons in the fifth century, Pope Gregory the Great decided in 596 to send a mission to the pagan Anglo-Saxons. Some correspondence between Augustine and Gregory survives. One of the Pope’s most famous counsels to the first Archbishop of Canterbury has to do with diversity in the young English church. Gregory writes, “If you have found customs, whether in the Roman, Gallican, or any other churches that may be more acceptable to God, I wish you to make a careful selection of them, and teach the church of the English, which is still young in the faith, whatever you can profitably learn from the various churches. For things should not be loved for the sake of places, but places for the sake of good things.” This counsel bears on the search for Christian “unity in diversity” of the ecumenical movement of today.





Christ Church Eureka – Green Team Report

Here Comes The Sun!

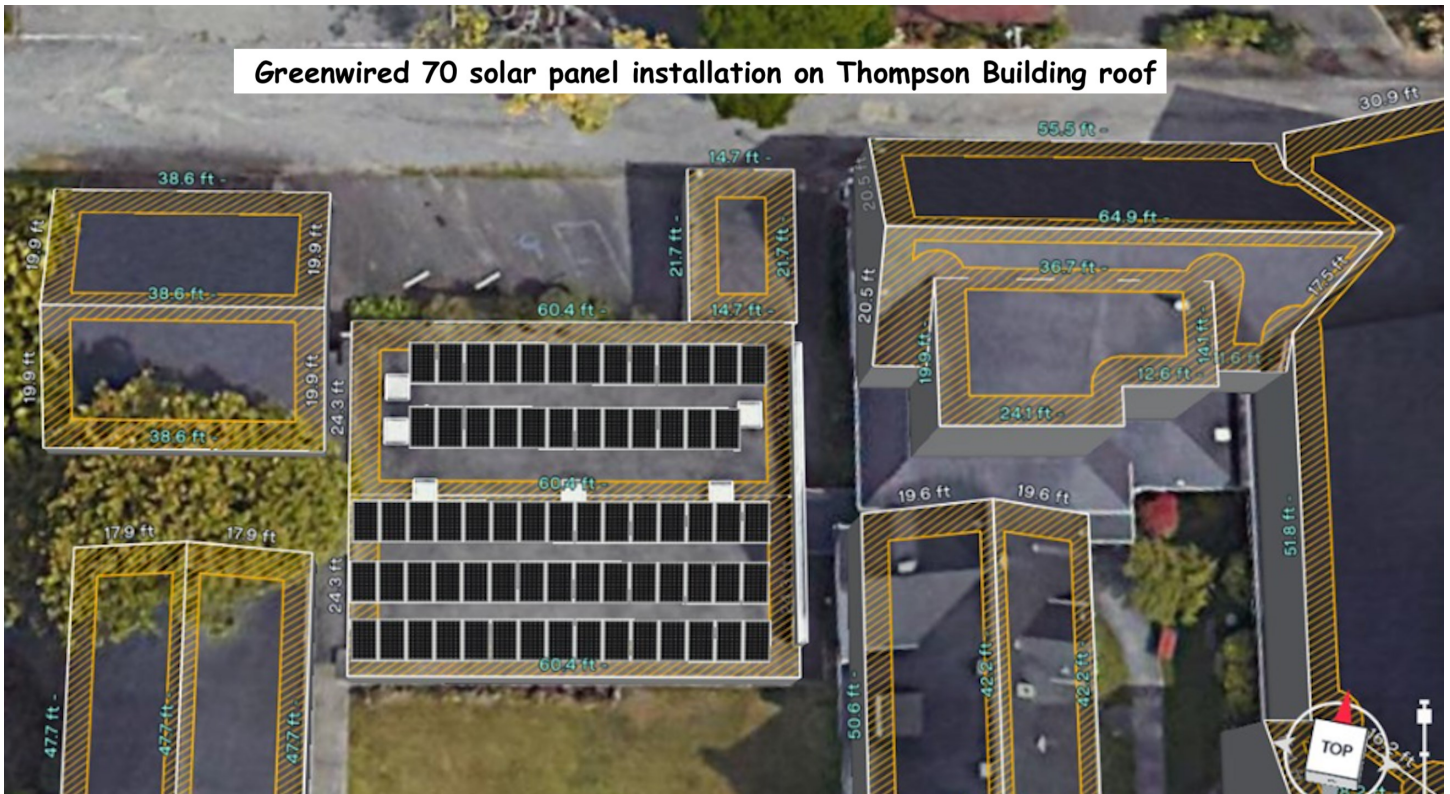
Thompson Building Re-Roofing to Prepare for the Solar Panels



An Update on Re-Roofing of the Thompson Building: Before the solar panel installation, the Thompson Building needs re-roofing. On November 25, 2025 Vestry approved a bid from Moore’s Roofing and Services, including replacing the six skylights.

Work is scheduled to begin the week of May 4th, weather permitting. They will be working primarily from the parking lot side of the building.

Installation of the solar array and battery system will follow during the summer. We should be fully solar-powered by autumn!



Steven D. Preston, Green Team Chair and Vestry member



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.

May 3 – Recovery Sunday—*Forum on Addiction & Recovery in Humboldt*
9:15 am and 12:30 pm

May 10 – Julian of Norwich – Fr. Daniel

May 17 – Forum Break

May 24 - Pentecost



Youth group

Christ Episcopal Church Eureka

SUNDAYS @ 5PM

MEET IN THE CHAPEL

15TH & G STREETS, EUREKA

(PARKING LOT AT 14TH & G STREETS)

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL AGES WELCOME!

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Vestry Highlights ...from the meeting of April 28, 2026

Next Vestry meeting: May 26, 5:30 pm, Pierson Room

- The Vestry approved an increased expenditure for additional landscape work around the labyrinth. The work will be done by Blue Stone Landscaping and is expected to be completed by early June. The Vestry also expressed its appreciation to Dale Maples and Royal McCarthy for all of their hard work and generous help with the landscaping plan.
- The Vestry approved an expenditure for a second and final workshop for the Creation Care Fundraising Committee. The workshop will cover solicitation training for committee members involved in the capital campaign.
- The senior warden's report included re-visiting the results of the 2025 Mutual Ministry Review and a discussion of ongoing and future priorities. For detailed discussion points, see the Vestry minutes. All agreed it was a good generative discussion, giving us much to think about.
- Several committee reports were provided to the Vestry with updates on many activities and projects. Thanks to the cadre of volunteers whose work make these ministries and activities successful.
- The *Donation & Gift Policy* – 2nd Reading (Policy #2026-02) was discussed and approved with one formatting change. The policy will provide guidance for soliciting and accepting gifts (cash or transferable assets).
- Policy #2026-03 – *In-Kind and Non-Cash Donation Policy* was discussed. There were several suggestions for changes and requests for additional information and/or definitions. M. Phillips will return the policy for a 2nd Reading at the May meeting.
- Jenny Harris has been appointed as the Christ Church liaison to the Camp Living Waters Steering Committee.

Vestry minutes, treasurer's reports, etc. 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 Junior Warden Elizabeth Harper-Lawson



Recent Improvements/Projects on our Christ Church Properties:

- Display case in the Narthex restored (Mike Flynn)

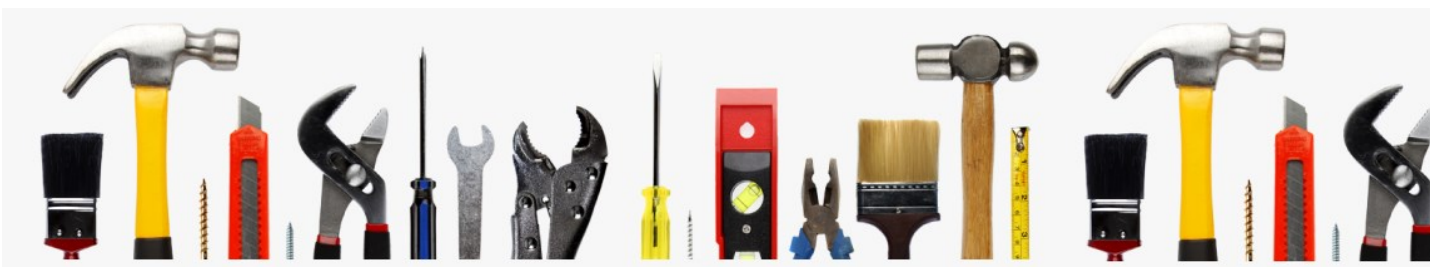


The display case is in memory of The Rev. John Shurtleff, Rector, 1903-1916. This case will once again hold our parish's original communion set given to Thomas Walsh in 1869.

- Outside Little Free Library repaired. Mike was able to repair the door and reattached it (Mike Robnett)
- McCarthy Meadow water pressure improved in preparation for the Labyrinth (Dale Maples)
- Transfiguration House: 8 Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors installed. (February 24) (AnElectrician)
- Smullin House: front garden diseased tree removal (March 9) (Royal McCarthy and Heidi Erickson)
- Christ Church grounds: Chips from tree removal projects at Smullin house tree spread along the 15th Street garden (March 13, 18) (Daniel Padilla)
- Christ Church: Heater filters replaced in the basement 24x24x1. Chapel to follow. 20x25. (Mike Robnett)

Happening Soon:

--New Roof on the Thompson Building (Moore's Roofing & Services, Eureka)





Christ Episcopal Church Green Team Tip of the Month

Psalm 104:25 Yonder is the sea,
great and wide, creeping things
innumerable are there, living
things both small and great.

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.

Green Cleaning

Consider using cellulose sponges when you need a sponge. They are inexpensive, biodegradable, and even compostable. Plastic sponges, or cellulose sponges with attached scrubbers are not biodegradable and they shed microplastics. Even worse are magic sponges.

When I bought my first magic eraser sponge, I thought I had found a magic bullet! They cleaned my fiberglass tub better than anything I had ever tried—I didn't even need cleanser! I bought a few of them—replacing as they wore out—quite literally disappeared down my drains. That made me wonder what it was that I was washing down the drain with each cleaning. Boy, was I shocked when I learned they are made from melamine. Remember those retro plastic dishes from the 50s and 60s. Yup that melamine. The dishes were kitschy and seemed innocuous. But in 2008, reports began to circulate of Chinese babies getting sick, presenting with kidney stones and even dying, from melamine laced milk. Somehow, the chemical composition of melamine can make the milk appear to have a higher protein content than regular milk. The milk was pulled from store shelves and the World Health Organization established more stringent controls to protect children. (<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC2799451/>) But the sponges are still available.



Of course, we don't eat sponges, so no problem, right? Not so! They have a huge environmental impact. Every time they are used, they shed microplastics that are left on our counters and dishes—meaning we do consume them. OR, they are washed down the drain and end up in our waterways.

In fact, researchers at Nanjing University in China found that on average magic sponges shed 6.5 million fibers (microplastics) per gram of sponge. They estimate 1.55 trillion microfibrils are released **each month** from magic sponges. <https://www.newsweek.com/scientists-warn-microplastics-harmful-magic-sponge-1915769> These numbers are staggering. I needed to try to find some-

thing to make this more concrete. So, I did some calculations. Plastic pop bottles weigh between 9 and 14 grams. If a magic sponge sheds 6.5 million microplastic fibers per gram of sponge, then a 9 gram pop bottle would be equivalent to 58.5 million microplastic fibers. How many pop bottles could you create/month from that 1.55 trillion microfibrils—2.7 billion—that's about 8 pop bottles per person in the US—every month. Unfortunately, we can't collect the microfibrils to make pop bottles. We just need to keep them out of the environment. **Let's choose cleaning supplies made from natural fiber like cotton, bamboo and cellulose!**

Its not all bleak!

On a positive note—although we all need to be aware of the microplastics, the reports of microplastic pollution may be overestimated. According to a March 29, 2026 report from the University of Michigan nitrile and latex gloves that are used in labs release tiny particles of stearates which closely resemble microplastics. The researchers emphasize that microplastics are a real problem. But perhaps not quite as bad as we thought. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2026/03/260329222938.htm>

Labyrinth Quest...

World Labyrinth Day Peace Walk

Kathryne DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator



On Saturday, May 2nd, people in over 35 countries will participate in the 18th annual *World Labyrinth Day Peace Walk*, a moving meditation for peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Whether you are familiar with labyrinths or new to the practice of walking a labyrinth, all are welcome to learn more and take part. World Labyrinth Day is an international event held on the first Saturday each May, sponsored by The Labyrinth Society, the Australian Labyrinth Network, Legacy Labyrinth Project, and Veriditas, the home of the Labyrinth Revival and the organization I trained with as a Labyrinth Facilitator.

With the intention, “*We Walk as One at 1*,” thousands will participate by walking a labyrinth at 1:00 p.m. local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. There will be individual walks, local community celebrations, and worldwide connections through online events and social media. Existing labyrinths will be visited, and new temporary or permanent labyrinths will be built.

Labyrinths are found throughout the world with the oldest dating back thousands of years. In contemporary use, labyrinths provide an opportunity for personal reflection, spiritual practice, or the reduction of stress in many different public and private settings. Over 6,000 labyrinths are listed on the World-Wide Labyrinth Locator website: labyrinthlocator.com.

**This will be our 3rd year to participate in the Peace Walk.
Our gathering will begin at noon in Lewis Hall.**

I will share a video montage of the 2025 World Labyrinth Day walkers from many countries and most US states. This brief world tour shows us that we are a part of a truly global event. This will be followed by a slide presentation, “Labyrinth Walking for Healing, Reflection, and Celebration.”

We’ll share a **Prayer for World Peace** and then we’ll begin our labyrinth walk at 1:00, joining thousands worldwide.

There will be three labyrinths available for your walks from 1-3pm:

The canvas labyrinth in the Heritage Room
A temporary “Rainbow Labyrinth” in the Chancel
The Chapel labyrinth

Following the walk, there will opportunities for:

- Meditation/Centering Prayer in the Sanctuary
- Browsing the labyrinth books on display
- Writing a few words about your experience on large printed labyrinth patterns
- Finger labyrinth walking
- Walking another of the labyrinths

Labyrinth Art Activities:

Join the Labyrinth Art Table to paint or embellish printed labyrinth patterns, coloring or writing prayers and reflections around the paths. Examples and all materials provided.

*Check out the Labyrinth Puzzles!

* Coffee, tea, and snacks available.

**Join us for this inspiring gathering as we join with thousands
around the world to pray and walk for Peace!**

For more information: worldlabyrinthday.org

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NOTE DATE CHANGES OF UPCOMING WALKS:
Saturday July 18th | 2 – 5pm Drop-in
Saturday September 12th | 2 - 5 pm Drop-in
December 5th | 2-5pm Drop-in



Food for People

The Food Bank for Humboldt County

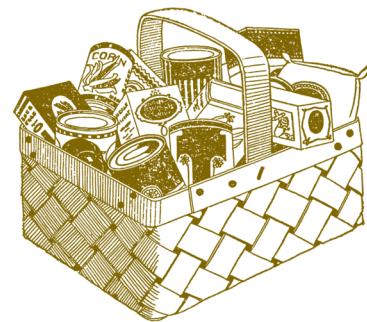
Your Support Changes Lives.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Food for People program.

Your April non-perishable food donations amount to 154 pounds.

Year to date we have delivered 599 pounds of your donated food items to the Food for People Warehouse!

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



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.”

Called to *Serve*

LAY MINISTRY by Marty Vega



April ushered in Holy Week, a profound time marked by reverent services, from the tranquil atmosphere of Tenebrae to the jubilation of Easter. Our Lay Ministries played a vital role, enhancing the beauty and emotional resonance of these celebrations. During the rest of April, we witnessed the energizing addition of new members to various ministries, further enriching our community.

As we embrace the vibrancy of Spring, it's the perfect opportunity to engage in self-reflection. Consider how your unique talents can contribute to our Lay Ministries or which areas spark your interest to explore something new. Your involvement could make a significant difference and lead to personal growth, so let's seize this chance to make a positive impact together!

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May 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 Je-

Casey Cardona	5/05	Victoria Patton	5/13
Michelle Howard	5/06	Daniel Price	5/15
Annalee Veach	5/06	Veva Stone	5/18
Ashley London Bacchi	5/07	Ann Clark	5/19
Valerie Markin	5/07	Janelle Harris	5/19
Jacqueline Gordon Hubbard	5/08	Nellie Thompson	5/19
Lyn Klay	5/08	Bill Walser	5/19
Reese Maples	5/08	Lin Chase	5/20
Alicia Shewmaker	5/09	Sister Diana Doncaster	5/20
Theodore Zheng	5/12	John Patton	5/22
Carol Holland	5/13	Marty Vega	5/23
Mary Jane Jennetti	5/13	Pam Gossard	5/30



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.**

Richard & Susan Whaley	5/16	Hal & Alice Rosendahl	5/28
Daniel London & Ashley London Bacchi	5/20	Jake & Stephanie Schultz	5/28



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!



The May 2026 Cycle of Prayers

for our Diocese and the Anglican Communion

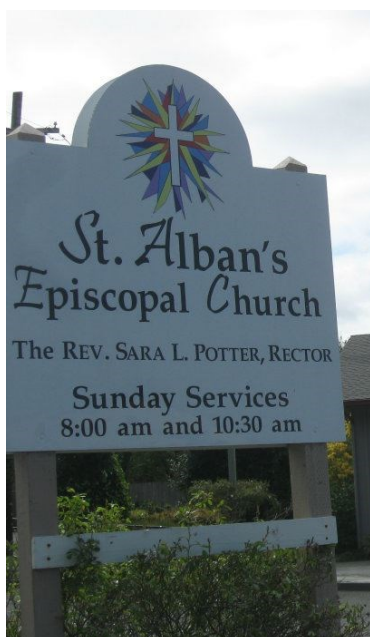
Please pray for the diocese, congregations, and clergy listed below on the Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer as well as those prayers requested by our Bishop, Dean and Diocesan Search & Transition Committees.

Every Sunday, the Diocesan Transition Committee requests that we pray for our bishop.

Every Sunday in May The Very Rev. K. Lesley McCloghrie, Dean of our Semper Virens Deanery, has asked us to pray for the people of 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. Gracious God in Christ, grant them the continued courage to care with deep reverence for creation—the same creation where you lived, died, and rose again to bring us life. Bless their witness of caring for the earth, may it be a testimony of loving their neighbors.

People: Hear our prayer.



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

May 10

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Crescent City

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

May 17

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Ukiah

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
The Rt. Rev. Nathan Ingen
Bishop of Aipo Rongo & Acting Archbishop of
Papua New Guinea

May 24

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Incarnation Episcopal Church, Santa Rosa
The Rev. Stephen Shaver, Rector
The Rev. Pamela Moore, Deacon

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Rev. Nestor Dagas Poltic
Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church in
the Philippines

May 31

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oroville
The Rev. William Rontani, Priest-in-Charge

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colusa

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
The Most Rev. Laurent Mbanda
Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal au Rwanda
& Bishop of Gasabo

June 7

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

The Scottish Episcopal Church
The Most Rev. Mark Strange
Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church
& Bishop of Moray, Ross & Cathness

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.



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SUN	M	T	W	Th	F	SAT
Fifth Sunday of Easter Recovery Sunday 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group JUST ONE CAN		Writers' Group 12:30 PM Pierson Room Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	MORNING PRAYER 9 AM Chapel Staff Meeting 10:15 AM Lewis Hall Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room		Benefit Recital 7:30 PM	World Labyrinth Day 11:30 am
The Sixth Sunday of Easter 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group		Green Team Pierson Room 5:15 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	Quilters + Knitters <i>On Summer Hiatus</i> Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room	Ascension Day Foster Parents Association Meeting 9:30 am	Labyrinth Committee Webinar 2pm Lewis Hall Labyrinth Committee 4pm Lewis Hall	Altar Guild 10 AM
The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group FRESH PRODUCE SUNDAY CONCERT 4 PM Chamber Players of the Redwoods		Writers' Group 12:30 PM Pierson Room Thomas Merton Redwoods 5:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	MORNING PRAYER 9 AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room			Altar Guild 10 AM
Pentecost 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group		Vestry 5:30 PM Lewis Hall Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Chapel	HOLY EUCHARIST 9 AM Chapel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Heritage Room		Associates of the Transfiguration 11 AM Eucharist In the Chapel 12 noon Lunch Lewis Hall	Altar Guild 10 AM
Trinity Sunday 8 AM—Eucharist: Rite II Adult Forum—9:15-10:15 AM 10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist: Rite II https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurchEureka 5:00 PM—Youth Group						



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