

CROOK & CRÈCHE



Crook /krōok/

noun

the hooked staff of a shepherd.

Crèche /kreSH/

Noun

A model or tableau representing the scene of Jesus Christ's birth, displayed in homes or public places at Christmas.

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.
-Ephesians

Good Shepherd and Holy Family Newsletter
November 2014

Vicar's Notes



Dear Missioners,

"What are you thankful for?" - whenever my uncle Ron, a United Methodist minister, was asked to lead a blessing over a meal, he would ask everyone to share something for which they were thankful.

Around the room we would go in my big family, and no matter what someone said, and in our family we often had some fun things we'd throw in to see how Uncle Ron would deal with them, he always included everyone's gratitude: grasshoppers, a new doll, fried green tomatoes, a new job, another year, family and friends.... Everyone had a chance to share, and everyone's sharing was honored (that's a pretty good lesson).

As I think on the past year, I have a lot for which I am thankful, and here are just a few of them:

Sunlight through stained glass, the laughter and play of children, pumpkin ice cream, light traffic on Hwy 92, a whole year together (!). The Giants winning the World Series, coffee, children's artwork, cobwebs, crab legs and butter, bells ringing, the flowers that grow around the church. All the AA groups that meet in our churches, folks who come to get produce and folks who help distribute it.

Clam chowder, postage stamps you don't have lick, the Coastside Jewish Community, a beautiful installation service, quiche, crayons, banana slugs. Getting to know wonderful people. Shrove Tuesday pancakes and corned beef, beautiful sunsets and rosemary, a roof over my head, potluck lunches, hydrozoa and sea glass, God-sends, paper clips and ramen noodles, old red barns and Christmas lights, a warm blanket, loving family and friends.

Nina, piano tuners and piano fixers, LED lights, unlocked church doors, homemade communion bread, backpacks with school supplies, bake-sales and bubbles, all the ways we come together and give to support the mission and ministry of our two churches, pelicans diving for fish, the fog horn off in the distance and the glow of a candle flame, new friends and new experiences, old traditions and stories.

Nearly 200 years of ministry in Belmont and Half Moon Bay and the days and years ahead of us!, For the Grace and love of Jesus, and for each and every one of you. Thank you.

In Christ,
Michael+



children's Center Corner



On September 25th, Holy Family Children's Center held its annual Parent Social, which also served as a kickoff to the new school year and an opportunity to meet the new parents! The event was well-attended, and it was fun to see some familiar faces and welcome new ones! As has been our tradition, Holy Family Church provided a welcome reception prepared and served by Elizabeth, Gloria and Dave, and



Beth. Vivian made some very delicious sugar cookies in the shape of an apple for the teacher. ☺ Thank you to such a wonderful crew for your help in making this happen! Both parents and teachers alike expressed enthusiastic appreciation, especially since many came straight from work.



The parents seemed very interested in hearing about HFCC's mission and strategic plan. Rev. Michael provided a warm welcome from the church and outlined the relationship between the school, the church and the Diocese. He spoke about the spiritual aspect of the program and the way in which it fits into the Reggio-inspired context of fostering a spirituality of joy and wonder, honoring relationships with one another, and celebrating the beauty of the world around

us. Sue and Beth outlined some of the specific goals of the program such as 1) providing scholarships to expand student accessibility and diversity, 2) providing ongoing opportunities for staff to engage with other Reggio-inspired programs in order to exchange information and ideas, and 3) partnering with local, regional and national resources to assist in turning some of our program "dreams" into reality. To that end, we have been very fortunate to welcome Ellen, a professional grantwriter with an extensive background in education and leadership, including experience with church preschools, to our Advisory Board. We have some exciting projects "under development". If you would like to hear more about them, please talk with Rev. Michael, Chris, or myself at any time – we'd love to tell you about them!

Beth

From Your Deanery

Good Shepherd - Jan

I thoroughly enjoyed my first convention and would highly recommend being a delegate to anyone who has not done this. The convention was interesting, very well run and much was accomplished. For detailed information please see:

<http://www.diocal.org/governance/diocesan-convention/165-diocesan-convention>

I have been asked to write about the resolutions passed and will focus briefly on those five that were not passed by acclamation.

Resolution 1 - Proposition 47: Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act of 2014 was passed. Congregants are encouraged to support Prop 47 which would change courts sentencing structure and the money saved will be reallocated to local agencies, mental health, at risk K-12 student support. There will be a shift from drug offenses as penalty to mental health issue and creates different opportunities (housing, jobs, voting rights) for those convicted of certain felonies. The resolution also includes a request for congregations to engage in prayerful study of the root causes of mass incarceration on men of color in California and the Nation.

Resolution 3 - Liturgical Marriage Equality was passed. This a recommendation to the General Convention that the wording will be changed from a "man and woman" and "husband and wife" will be rewritten using gender neutral terms in the book of Common Prayer.

Resolution 4, 4A and the final amended 4A - Socially Responsible Investing in compliance with Episcopal Church Portfolio Restrictions was passed in the final form. The resolution set no time restrictions on moving funds but asks "that the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility of the Executive Council and the Church Pension Fund, in consultation with experts in the fields of economics and investing, ethics, renewable energy development, jointly assess whether the benefit of a divestment strategy would be in compliance with our values and issue a report"

Resolution 6 - Benefits Cost Sharing was not passed.

Resolution 7 - Promoting Peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine was passed. It was resolved to recommend to the General Convention that the Church divest holdings in Caterpillar, G4S, Hewlett Packard and Motorola Solutions and that Episcopalians should boycott products manufactured in the West Bank and East Jerusalem

A resolution was made from the floor regarding the firing of 8 faculty at the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan and was approved. From Diocal:

"The Diocese of California deplores the actions of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in firing 8 faculty members protesting the dean and president's allegedly inappropriate behavior. These actions are directly in opposition to the policies and procedures of the Episcopal Church. The board's interpretation of the faculty's letter of protest as a "resignation" cut off the possibilities of real and necessary conversation, and is unacceptable. As members of the Episcopal Church, we call for the faculty members to be reinstated with their full academic rights and privileges, and a robust, independent and transparent investigation carried out. Please know that our prayers have been and continue to be with the whole community of General Seminary." Jan

Convention Delegates

Holy Family - Gloria and Marilyn

Summary of Bishop Marc's 2014 Convocational Address.

"...So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation..."

One of the features of our diocese is religious diversity. Bishop Marc spent the last 2 years with Tibetan Buddhists, who see that the enlightened society is possible because of the basic goodness of humanity. This view reminded the Bishop of the vision statement constructed 7 years ago for the Diocese of California. Historically, the phrase Beloved Community appeared in the 1900s within the Fellowship of Reconciliation. In the mid-20th century, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation used Beloved Community extensively. Mindfulness in Buddhism helps manifest an Enlightened Society; reconciliation leads to the Beloved Community. In Martin Luther King's Christian vision, reconciliation is similar to mindfulness revealing basic human goodness in Buddhism, and this the underlying work of Christ.

Our role in being the Beloved Community, is forwarding Christ's reconciliation in the world. Reconciliation came to mean bring people at variance with one another into concord, and eventually reconciliation was understood as to make peace between people and God. Christ on the cross is the universal symbol of Jesus Christ's reconciling the world. As Christians we understand that the flourishing of the Beloved Community appears as a result of following Jesus in his universal work of reconciliation. We are invited by God to draw on the ever-present power of love to accomplish this work.

Bishop Marc spoke of some of the many stories of our congregations making partnerships with each other for common ministry. Our area ministry of Good Shepherd and Holy Family was cited in calling a new vicar. At the Grace Cathedral there is Yoga on the Labyrinth which is drawing over 700 young adults every Tuesday evening.

Christ leads us personally. The Bishop told the story of Abigail Nelson who studied global poverty and the transnational economies connected to global poverty. While doing her field research in South America she volunteered at an AIDS clinic. Sitting by the bed of a man who was in his last moments of life, she held his hand, and to her fear he embraced her. She was afraid of his sores, emaciated body, and his disease; in the embrace she felt joy, and within herself the overcoming of the difference between her and him. It was a dramatic experience of reconciliation that transformed Abigail. It is in these transformative moments when we move forward despite our fears, resting on the grace of reconciliation already won and the confidence of Christ with us that is the hope and good news. Christ is born in each Christian soul, and the ministry of Christ takes place within that soul, bringing forth transfigured individuals. The reconciling work of Christ is not external to you, it blossoms within you.



Gloria
Marilyn

Advent Conspiracy

This year Advent begins on the last Sunday of November - the 30th!

The Advent wreath helps us mark sacred time over the journey of four Sundays towards the feast of the Nativity. Reflections and prayers at the time of the wreath lighting each week are usually offered, and there are a variety of themes drawn upon for this ritual - especially "hope, love, joy, and peace." This year, we will be incorporating four tenants from a group that wants to help us reclaim Advent from the busy-ness that accompanies cultural expectations around merry-making. Those tenants are:

- ◆ Worship fully
- ◆ Spend less
- ◆ Give more
- ◆ Love all

Join us as we walk through Advent and prepare our hearts, once again, to receive Emanuel - God with us!



Advent mini-retreat

1 hours of respite to make room for Christmas

In order to help with slowing down in Advent, Vicar Michael has invited Bonnie to offer some facilitated quiet time - an Advent "mini-retreat". Save the date: Sunday, December 14th, 3-6 p.m.

The retreat will be offered in three sessions, come to one, two, or all three. The sessions will change on the hour, beginning as 3, 4, and 5 p.m.

Watch for more information at church and by email

November 12th through 21st, annual giving tree fundraiser. A tree is located in the front classroom with leaves, each one noting an item the school needs or desires to further its programming. Parents have been invited to take a "leaf" from the tree and either purchase the item for the center, or make a cash donation toward the purchase.

As a mission of the church, any support from missionaries of Holy Family would be gratefully appreciated. For more information, visit the tree in the front room, or contact Vicar Michael or Director Sue.



Holy Family will participate in this year's Adopt A Family program sponsored by Coastside Hope. It is a long standing tradition at Holy Family to adopt a family (or families) and a Senior. This year we have signed up to adopt two families and a Senior. Please look in the upcoming Mission Minutes or announcements at church on the details of our adoptees. April has graciously accepted to coordinate with Coastside Hope. The deadline for this year is December 6th for donations to be delivered to the Coastside Hope Christmas Bureau. Thank you April and to all who donate and shop for those in need.



Advent Wreath Making

Like to have an advent wreath for your home? Holy Family will be hosting an advent wreath workshop on November 29th, from 10am to 2pm. Please contact the church office if you are interested, so we can ensure we have enough supplies for everyone who would like to make a wreath.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2 Celebration of Shared Ministry All Saints Day - Welcome CJC 10a Holy Eucharist, Potluck/ HF	3	4 10a Bible Study, Belmont Jackie Daly's house	5 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
9 9a Holy Eucharist, Mass on Main Street, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	10 7p HFCC Advisory Board	11 10a Bible Study, Belmont Jackie Daly's house HFCC Advisory Board	12 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
16 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	17 7pm Bishop's committee, HF	18 10a Bible Study, Belmont Jackie Daly's house	19 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
23 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	24	25 10a Bible Study, Jackie Daly's house 6:30p Bishop's committee, GS	26 6:30p, Holy Eucharist (GS) 7:30p, Holy Eucharist (HF)
30 Advent I 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS			

Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am Hearts for Justice (human trafficking forum), Trinity Menlo Park
6 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House	7 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	8 10am Hayward Field Trip, meet at GS 4-6pm, Concert Series, Young Musicians Recital
13 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House	14 Vicar Michael's Sabbath 7p, Diocesan Convention Eucharist	15 9a-3p, Ye Old Christmas Bazaar, craft fair and bake sale, GS 3-6p Farewell to Jhos and Julie with CJC (Skylawn)
20 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	22 9:45am Produce Distribution, HF
27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING School and Church Offices Closed	28 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	29 10a-2p Advent Wreath workshop, HF



NOVEMBER 2014



Slam, Bang, Squeak, Rattle

Who You Gonna Call?

Ghost Busters is probably your first response.

But in this case we would like you to contact Buildings & Grounds. We even have our own button on the Holy Family website build@holyfamilyhmb.org which forwards to the members listed below.

As time goes on, many of our facilities are approaching 50 years old, if they are not there already. And from time to time things need repairing due to use or abuse. Rather than struggle with something that won't open or close properly, call us. If something won't turn ON / OFF properly, let us know. If you see a safety hazard, contact us because that's what we volunteered to do. If we can't fix it ourselves, we know others who probably have the expertise that's needed.



Holy Family Buildings & Grounds members:

Dave

Allan

Stan

Cycle of Prayer

Good Shepherd & Holy Family Cycles of Prayer

Please keep our +Marc our bishop, and Michael+ our vicar, in your prayers.

November 2

Holy Family:

Lauren, Jim & Heather,
Dan, Jennifer, John, David, David & Sheila

Good Shepherd:

Bob, Bernie, Jackie, Florence, Barbara,
Jan, Jack +



November 9

Holy Family:

Allan & Juliet, India, Meilani,
Susan, Deb & Ned

Good Shepherd:

Christopher, Daniel, Bob & Amy,
Maria, Eda, Tom

November 16

Holy Family:

Stan, April, Stano, Helen, Gloria & David, Flo

Good Shepherd:

Margie, Jesus, Mike &, Janine,
Arlette, Monica, Pat

November 23

Holy Family:

Vivian, Allison, Lynette, Paul, Natalie, Jake, Eddy+

Good Shepherd:

Mimi, Judd, Tassie, Alyson,
Riley, Chuck, Fred

November 30

Holy Family:

Marylin, Anne, Leslie, Wayne,
Elizabeth, Brian,

Good Shepherd:

Dot, Wing, Geoff, Phillip,
Linda, Bruce, Rhonda

Photos of the Holy Family Blessing of the Animals Service

On a glorious warm sunny October day for the coastside, we gathered together at Holy Family giving thanks for our beloved pets and for all the animals of the earth.



Thanks and Blessings

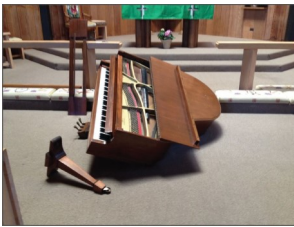
Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival

Many thanks to all who volunteered to make this year's Pumpkin Festival Ice Cream booth both FUN and SUCCESSFUL! A HUGE SHOUT OUT goes to Darren, Dan, Stan and their children for organizing and managing the volunteers. Already looking forward to next year's festival.



Good Shepherd Piano Rescuers!

90 minutes before the concert at Good Shepherd was to start, the piano collapsed! Thanks to ??? for stabilizing the piano so the concert could proceed.



Trivia Bee 2014

A lively and fun evening at the 2014 Trivia Bee sponsored by the Redwood City Friends of Literacy. Good Shepherd was represented by Jan, Barbara and Don. Can you find them in the photo?



Upcoming Events

November 15th, 3-6pm

Jhos and Julie are being honored by the Coastsid Jewish Community and will be bidden farewell at a fete on Saturday, November 15th, 3-6pm at Skylawn (top of Hwy 92). They invite all of us to join them for this event to share in celebrating their work and sending them off with a blessing!



Thanksgiving Eve Services

Wednesday, November 26th

6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist incorporating the "12 Steps"

The Rev. Michael Arase-Barham, celebrant & preacher

7:30 p.m. at Holy Family

The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Ring, celebrant & preacher

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Let us know your birthday or anniversary (month / day only). In future issues of the newsletter, we will publish the special dates you tell us about. Send the dates and event to:

newsletter@holyfamilyhmb.org.



A Note from the Editor:

Welcome to the 4th edition of the Crook & Crèche newsletter. C&C is published monthly. Articles and photos received by the 20th of month, will be included in the next monthly issue. The e-mail address is: **Newsletter@holyfamilyhmb.org**

Blessings, Vivian

Celebration of Shared Ministry

December 21st, we will celebrate together at Good Shepherd
Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Mary, who has worked extensively with immigrants and victims of human trafficking.

Blue Christmas



The Blue Christmas service is an alternative for those who have a difficult time with the sentimentality that is prevalent in the commercialization of Christmas. Look to upcoming Mission Minutes and the December newsletter for the date and

Holy Family Silent Auction and Talent Show - postponed

Look for an announcement in upcoming newsletters for a new date.

Good Shepherd Ye Olde Christmas Bazaar - November 15th

Good Shepherd's First Annual Ye Olde Christmas Bazaar. We are soliciting crafters and hobbyists to sell their wares from 9am to 3pm. We'll have great decorations and holiday gift items to purchase.



Annual Meetings:

Holy Family, January 25th (following the 9am service)

Good Shepherd, February 8th (following the 11am service)

Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist: Sundays Holy Family 9 a.m. Good Shepherd 11 a.m.

Check the schedule for our month Celebration of Shared Ministry - one service at 10am

Clergy and Staff:

The Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus, Eighth Bishop of the Diocese of California

The Rev. Michael P. Arase-Barham, Vicar

Sue, Holy Family Children's Center Director

Good Shepherd Bishop's Committee:

Mike, Senior Warden

Linda, Junior Warden

Don

Monica

Fred

Bruce

Nancy

Treasurer - Alyson Towery

Holy Family Bishop's Committee:

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