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Good Shepherd and Holy Family Newsletter
July 2015

Vicar's Notes



On May 31st, a small group of us headed out of church to the highway, where we stood to greet, bless, cheer, and thank most of the thousands of cyclists passing by en route from the Cow Palace to Los Angeles, raising awareness for those living with HIV/AIDS, and raising money to help find a cure. Eddie Guarino and Les Shinozawa, Meilani, Juliet, and Allan Bolding, Chris Green, Dan Blick, Ken Myers (forgive me if I have forgotten anyone!) and I waved, smiled, and greeted the cyclists whirling

by, and shared more intimate moments with those who stopped for Communion or a prayer. 10 folks received Communion, and several stopped for a more personal blessing. I thought I'd share with you some of the comments we received, so you would know the kind of difference a simple act like smiling at waving at passers by can have:

"You are our angels"

"Christ on a bike" (said one of two UCC ministers who stopped and were grateful to have this to look forward to all day!)

"Will you bless my wife - her ashes are on the back of my bike"

"I'm riding for my partner, who died."

"I'm riding for my roommate who died, he was a great person"

Thank you... thank you... thank you.... hundreds of times.

Bless you.... bless you... bless you..... what we heard, not just what we said.

We gave blessings, but we also experienced them.

It wasn't just those on the bicycles, either. Their friends in support vehicles honked a gratitude and shared in the communal excitement reverberating up and down Highway 1. And not just the Life Cycle entourage: folks we knew, our own neighbors passing by, tourists in their cars, some neighbors on their own bikes - many people got (and gave) a small, a wave, a blessing. We put a little bit of ourselves out on the highway, and found as much or more love return to us as we offered.

Next year, let's make this a tradition!

Blessings, Michael+



Aids Ride and Aids Walk 2015

Congratulations to the thousands of dedicated cyclists who raised over \$15 million in donations. We support you in your courageous efforts to raise awareness and funds riding from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Thank you and we pray God's Blessings be upon you!



AIDS Walk San Francisco – July 19, 2015

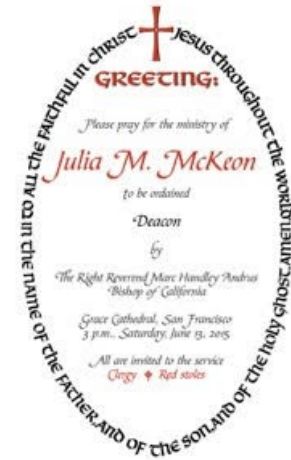
Did you know that more than 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection, and almost 1 in 7 (14%) are unaware of their infection? Since 1987, AIDS Walk San Francisco has raised **\$84 million** for HIV programs and services in the Bay Area. If you are interested in learning more, would like to volunteer, walk or offer support please contact Tassie at tbirdtas@gmail.com. ***Don't have time to participate but would like help?*** You can sponsor Tassie by donating here: <https://sf.aidswalk.net/tbirdtas>.



A deacon comes aboard



Many of you met have Julia McKeon, who has been hanging her hat with us again recently. Julia recently graduated from Church Divinity School of the Pacific with the degree of Master of Divinity, in preparation for ordination. She has been a wonderful addition to our Holy Family, helping lead Advent and Lenten studies, preaching, serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor. Her call to ordained ministry is evidenced in the way she has lived among us. Julia also serves as an on-call chaplain for Stanford University Medical Center.



On Saturday June 13th, we celebrated her ordination to the diaconate (the order of deacons). Julia has offered to serve as a deacon among us at Holy Family and Good Shepherd while she prepares for ordination to the priesthood (a period that is usually about 6 months, but it can be longer). I am delighted to (continue to) welcome her as a colleague, now as a deacon!

On Sunday, June 14th, Julia preached for us, and as part of her time with us, she will help us understand what it means to be a deacon and how that particular order of ministry sets an example for all of us and our vacations - whether we are ordained or not!

Here is a little background about the orders of ministry in the Episcopal Church.

According to our catechism (did you know that we had one?) in the back of the prayerbook, there are four orders of ministry:

The laity (that's most of the church!) are the **FIRST** order of ministry. The catechism says: "The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church." (p. 855, BCP).

Bishop's are listed second, because we order ourselves in the church into dioceses, which are under the leadership of a bishop. Bishop Marc Andrus is our bishop. Did you know we even get our name - Episcopal - from the greek word in the bible for bishops? *Episcopos* is the word for bishop in the New Testament.

Then are listed the priests and deacons. Priests, or "presbyters" (from the greek for "elder" - *presbyteros* in the New Testament).

The deacons derive their title from the word *diakonia*, which came in the early church to designate particular forms of service on behalf of the church - especially with the poor and needy. Recently, a common definition observes that deacons help interpret the needs of the world to the church.



Ordination

There is a little confusion (and much conversation) about deacons because we have two practices regarding the order of deacons in the Episcopal Church. Before anyone is ordained priest in our tradition, they must first be ordained a deacon. So while Julia is offering herself to become a priest in the church, she first becomes a deacon. We often refer to such deacons as "transitional". That is not a formal title - it is a common distinction from "permenant" deacons, those who feel God is calling them to service uniquely in this diaconal order of ministry.

Theologically, the church has long taught that one does not cease being a deacon when one becomes a priest. At the same time, we have been, especially in the Diocese of California, more recently renewing the order of deacons to be a more robust order of ministry, and we find more people fulfilling this calling. Regardless of whether one is pursuing priesthood or not, the ministry of the deacon is very important for the life of the church, and we should never imagine or speak of deacons as "mini-priests", or "half-done". I



Instead, it is important to recognize that God works among all of us in many and varied ways. The church has, over centuries, identified particular orders of ministry, each with its own purpose and responsibilities to help the church be the church. I hope that we can help Julia in this time of preparing for priesthood to not lose sight of the value of being a deacon among us - and may this time in which her diaconate is celebrated in our community be a time when those who may be called specifically to this order of ministry feel encouraged to explore and discern their vocation.

So what will Julia be doing among us as a deacon? There are liturgical gestures and responsibilities that symbolize ritually the ministry of the deacon. For example, Julia will be reading the gospel, announcing the prayers of the people and the confession, preparing the altar for Eucharist, lifting the chalice at the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer, and giving the dismissal at the end of the service. These are outward symbols of the ministry of deacon. And, we know she is a good preacher, so that will be something we can continue to enjoy.

Outside of our worship, Julia will share in some of the pastoral work, teaching, and other parts of our daily life as church. In addition, Julia will help me build relationships with larger community, which I hope will help her, and all of us, bridge the connection between the needs of the world and the gifts of the church. I will encourage Julia to think prayerfully and critically about the role of the deacon, even as she continues to prepare for, we hope, ordination to the priesthood.

To learn a little more about how we describe the four orders of ministry, you can read about them in the ordination services (beginning on page 510 in the Book of Common Prayer) or in the catechism (beginning on p. 855 in the BCP). Or just ask Julia or Michael...



General Convention



Have you noticed our prayers of the people on Sunday morning have included prayers for the "General Convention" and the election of the new presiding bishop?

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church that meets every three years. The Convention is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. The work at Convention is carried out by deputies and bishops representing each diocese. During its triennial meeting deputies and bishops consider a wide range of important matters facing the Church. This year will be the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church!

Every nine years, we elect a new presiding bishop to help lead the whole Episcopal Church. The tenure of our current Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, ends this year, and a new Presiding Bishop was elected our new "PB" was elected from four nominees.



The Episcopal Church's General Convention made history June 27 when it chose Diocese of North Carolina Bishop Michael Curry to be its 27th presiding bishop. Curry, 62, was elected by the House of Bishops from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. He received 121 votes of a total 174 cast. The number of votes needed for election was 89. Curry's election was confirmed an hour later by the House of Deputies, as outlined in the church's canons, by a vote of 800 to 12.

Eco Confirmation



The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, bishop of California, confirmed seven people, received one person, and reaffirmed baptismal vows for two people at Redondo Beach, Half Moon Bay, at EcoConfirmation on April 25. The beauty of the cliffs above the crashing sea framed the red and orange banners, the spiral of cosmic dance, and the sharing of the Eucharist.

One of the reaffirmands, the Rev. Canon Stefani Schatz, canon to the ordinary, writes of the experience,



"As it began to rain on Friday evening I thought how ironic that it would rain on the one day we were planning to pray outdoors. By the time I reached Redondo Beach at Half Moon Bay it wasn't raining but the sky was still gray and the wind was blowing a lot — the wind was blowing a lot!! Slowly we began to gather on the bluff. There were people of all ages: children and youth with their parents, young adults, and elders too. I met a woman from St. Alban's, Albany, who recognized me from visiting there the previous Sunday. She wanted to reaffirm her confirmation vows in the beauty of God's creation and on the day before her birthday. There were other adults being confirmed and received together with about 8 youth and their parents from Church of the Epiphany, San Carlos, with the Rev. Alan Gates. The Rev. Trish Cunningham of Trinity-St. Peters, San Francisco, brought her two dogs. Holy Hikes and St. Giles, Moraga, was represented by the Rev. Justin Cannon and a couple of members. The local people from Holy Family, Half Moon Bay, and Good Shepherd, Belmont, provided excellent hospitality together with their vicar the Rev. Michael Arase-Barham."



Many of the people who participated will especially remember the grace of liturgical dancer Jenny Bawer Young, performing the cosmic dance with tribal traditional gestures from the Kalinga tribe in the Philippines, and the hawk that hovered overhead during the Confirmations.



Canon Stefani writes again, "Sharing Holy Eucharist in the midst of the cold wind, the mist, with the turbulent sea on one side and the green rolling hills on the other was spectacular. While we sang 'Whoever Eats this Bread' in a round, the crashing waves provided a rhythmic accompaniment. By the time everyone was served Holy Bread and Wine it was still windy but the sun had come out and there were smiles on the faces of God's people — we had just become a community."

walking the camino



At this year's Easter Vigil, the Holy Family community sent me off to walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostella in Spain with a pilgrim's blessing, scallop shell, and packet of prayers. I began the Camino Frances on April 8th and finished the 500 miles on May 13th in Santiago, feeling much lighter and freer. The simplicity, harmony and beauty of life along the walk brought to mind Christian pilgrims past, present and future all seeking connection with God over the rough and smooth patches of life. Walking through the hills, ancient villages, and fields of the countryside, I tried to stay very much in the present listening to the birds, the ripple of rivers and streams, and the wind through the trees and grasses. The cuckoo bird that we heard often along the way reminded us to be humble in our efforts to understand the mystery of this journey. For me, the kilometers accomplished did not matter as much as meeting the various companions that I walked with every day.



I felt very blessed to share stories of tragedy, hope, penance, courage, strength and challenge. I heard hundreds of different reasons to walk the Camino, to give 5-6 weeks to making life changes, to voluntarily becoming vulnerable, physically, emotionally and spiritually. In many ways, I felt carried along by angels who offered just the right words before I even knew I needed to hear them. When at

night, pilgrims would come together in the local Catholic church or around the dinner table, the gathering would be as intimate as family, even in knowing that we would often be separated the next day.

I will never forget that feeling of deep inner renewal found in companionship along the way. I am very appreciative of the time spent on the Camino in preparation for ordination in reminding me that so many journeys begin with great work of the feet and end with great work of the heart. *Julia*

My daughter, Rebecca, and I spent 14 days in Spain, and walked the last 120 miles of the El Camino de Santiago on a self-guided tour. We flew to Madrid and the next morning, we took the train to Ponferrada. We had a group dinner and orientation, and then set out walking the next day. The tour organizers gave us daily maps, with routes marked, and points of interest highlighted. We had a starting point and finish point each day, and could have one suitcase or bag transferred from one place to the next each day. We stayed in a wide variety of inns, hotels, and historic places. We were provided breakfast as well as our rooms at each inn, and the meals were hearty. Lunches were snacks we could find in bars along the way. Dinners were either in the kitchen/restaurant at the inn we were staying in, or at a local restaurant. There was a typical Pilgrim's meal, served early, which was a hearty bowl of potato soup with cannelloni beans and greens. Next came a green salad with fish on it, and steak or chicken with French fries. Initially we loved the food, but by the end, we were looking for some variety!



by Julia and Susan



Each day our walk was from 15-18 miles, going initially through vineyards with increasing hills, up to the top of O Cebreiro, back down to lower lands with woods and lots of wildflowers, and then through eucalyptus and pines before getting to Santiago de Compostela. Some days we walked on paved trails, some days dirt or gravel trails, and occasionally we were on the edge of a highway for a short while. There are wonderful markings to follow, which are yellow arrows of all sorts, mixed with more traditional stone mile markers, and the ever-present shell symbol. Generally there were bars to stop in every few miles, to use the bathroom, get a beer/wine/juice, or a snack, and sit and rest for a few minutes. We found these stops were fun as they gave us a chance to catch up with and chat with people we met along the way. The days were long, but most days the miles passed quickly with beautiful scenery which constantly changed, and always other pilgrims to meet and talk to.



My favorite town was Villa Franca, which was a typical European village, with a town square, and lots of pubs and restaurants to choose from, all with outdoor seating, so we ended up spending the evening chatting with many other pilgrims. Most of the other villages we stayed in were much smaller, and had only one or two places to eat, and no town square to wander in. My favorite places to stay were the Posadas Inns, which are part of a chain of historical buildings that have been beautifully restored.

My favorite memories of the trip are the people we met and friendships we made along the way. We often stayed in the same inns with other pilgrims several nights in a row, and shared meals, so we got quite friendly, as we passed each other many times during the day, as well as at breakfast.



The hard parts of the trip were that some days the pubs were few and far between. The fifth day, there were no pubs for most of the walk, it was hot, and we developed blisters. The sixth day, it started raining heavily, and the toll of my blisters, and lots of miles walked was heavy, but we found entertaining friends, and well-placed pubs, and nice chocolate bars, and made it through! By the next to last day, our waterproof boots were wet all the way through, we were out of chocolate bars, and it was raining hard, but we found a new walking companion

who was very entertaining, and the day passed much faster than we had expected.

If I were doing this trip again, I would pack less! I would also schedule several nights in the Posadas Inns, so we had some non-walking days. I liked the freedom of having our reservations made and paid ahead, so we did not have to worry about where we would stay each night. The arrival in Santiago de Compostela was so exhilarating that the blisters and long walking days seemed worth it all! Susan



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
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5 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	6 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	7 10a Bible Study, Belmont	8
12 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	13 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	14 10a Bible Study, Belmont 7p HFCC Parent's Meeting	15
19 10a Celebration of Shared Ministry, Good Shepherd followed by Potluck	20	21 10a Bible Study, Belmont 6p HFCC Parent's Meeting 7p HF Bishop's Committee	22 9:20am HFCC Chapel
26 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	27	28 10a Bible Study, Belmont 6:30p GS Bishop's Committee	29

Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 7p, Independence Day Evensong, HF	4 Independence Day Noon, Parade, Half Moon Bay 2pm, Bell Ringing, Good Shepherd
9 7:30-9p,Discussion Group at HFEC	10	11
16 7:30-9p,Discussion Group at HFEC	17	18
23 7:30-9p,Discussion Group at HFEC	24 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	25 9:30am/10:30am Produce Distribution, HF
30 9:20am, HFCC Chapel 7:30-9p,Discussion Group at HFEC	31 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	



JULY 2015



Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for:

- * The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop
- * The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop-Elect
- * The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of the Diocese of California
- * The Rev. Michael Arase-Barham, Vicar of Holy Family and Good Shepherd
- * The Rev. Julia McKeon, Deacon of Holy Family and Good Shepherd
- * The Coastside Jewish Community, their interim clergy, Rabbi Jane Rachel Litman, and their discernment as they continue their search for long-term clergy.



In the Holy Family Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

- July 5** The Director and staff of the Holy Family Children's Center:
Sue, Lynn, Agnes, Mariela and Dana
- July 12** Members of the Holy Family Children's Center Advisory Board:
Beth , Chris , Ellen , Sue , Nicole and Petra
- July 19** Coastside Race Dialogues, Coastside Hope, Catholic Worker, Puente, and the Coastside Backpack Drive.
- July 26** Our brothers and sisters in the Coastside Jewish Community, and for the Society of St. Francis, especially Brother Jude and Brother Juniper.

In the Good Shepherd Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

- July 5** Don , Karen , Allison , Margo , Jane , Phyllis
- July 12** Evelyn , Carol , Elizabeth , Vern , Matthew , Britt , Grayson
- July 19** Jean , John , Rob , Kim & Steve , Mike & Karen
- July 26** The staff of Little Hands Preschool:
Donna , Lelaine , Carol , Michelle , Erika

Graduations

Congratulations to John and Cello , class of 2015 High School graduates!



Deacon's Corner

"Always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers" (Thes. 1:2) was how Paul and his coauthors started many letters praising the recipients and giving thanks for their faith and how they lived out the Gospel. With equal enthusiasm, I want to thank you all for the support, care and enthusiasm that you so generously offered during my ordination and the start of my ministry. I am filled with appreciation for the efforts of so many people, from making a Spirit-filled stole, to picture taking, to carrying the banner, to notes and cards, to smiles and hugs, to the lovely gifts. I am deeply touched by your warm welcome and acceptance and very grateful to serve at both Holy Family and Good Shepherd. I feel as blessed as Paul.....maybe more!

As we grow together over the coming months in bringing the concerns of the world to the Church as deacons, we look for ways to be authentic witnesses of the gospel in action. For me, I see the fruits of the Spirit every Wednesday morning at the free Community Breakfast at the Lutheran Church. It's a very joyous interfaith effort with the Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic Worker, and "None" volunteers. (Breakfast is served on Thursday mornings as well from 7-9AM.) Each day, about 100 kids, seniors, and families, homeless, and maybe some of the lonely come for breakfast.

We also take the extra cooked eggs and make them into breakfast burritos for the day laborers on Kelly Avenue. During the summer, there is a need for more volunteers so if anyone has some time or would just like a good cooked breakfast, let me know or come on over. Local Catholic Worker, Eric DeBode will be joining us in August at Holy Family to talk about their work and the upcoming Parade for Health Justice in September.

More information is available at <http://www.kacw.org>.

In Faith, Julia

Coastside Annual Backpack Drive

It's back to school time. Help us provide backpacks and school supplies to 500+ students this year!

We staffed a booth at two Saturday HMB Farmers' Market to collect donations and raise awareness; Peggy organized the June 20th booth and Ken organized the July 11th booth. Between the two dates, we received over \$1000 in donations. In August, we will need to prepare and distribute the backpacks:

Backpack preparation/supply sorting: Friday, August 7th

Backpack distribution: Saturday, August 8th



Donations help us purchase the necessary supplies to help our students begin the school year right. Please send your tax deductible contribution to Holy Family Episcopal Church, 1590 Cabrillo Highway South, Half Moon Bay, Ca 94019, memo "backpacks". Help us spread the word, too. We hope to raise at least \$8000. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Thanks to all who have helped, are helping, and will help!

Happenings

Belmont Input

Belmont is seeking input into priorities! A coffee was hosted by Good Shepherd on Sunday, May 31st.

Two presenters from the city came to receive feedback from the neighborhood.

Thanks to Mike , Chuck , and Monica for helping us offer this event!



"Your Voice...Your Belmont"

WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL SERVICES?



MAINTAIN LOCAL SERVICES

The City is working to maintain local services as Sacramento continues to find new ways to take our local funds. Over the last 20 years, the State has taken \$15.5 million from the City of Belmont.

This has left us with repairs and improvements for our roads, storm drains, parks and more that Belmont cannot address.

ARE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PRIORITIES?

- ☐ Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response times
- ☐ Fixing streets, sidewalks, and storm drains
- ☐ Maintaining water quality in creeks and the Bay
- ☐ Maintaining/enhancing senior services
- ☐ Maintaining parks, open space, and sports fields and improving after-school programs

Join the conversation! Take our Community Survey and tell us services you want to protect, maintain, or improve.



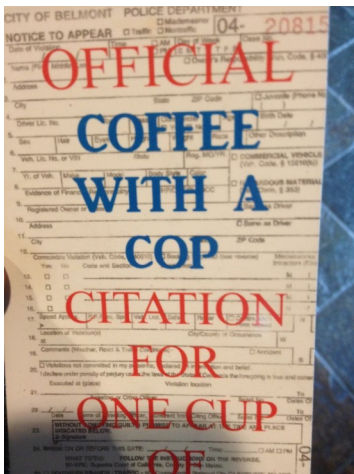
Take our Community Survey!
www.belmont.gov/survey

Contact Jozi Plut at (650) 595-7408 with any questions.

Future Belmont Coffee with a Cop

Belmont Chamber of commerce sponsors a monthly coffee with a cop that doc's bagels and Carlmont shopping center. Come meet one of our local officers, hear what is on our neighbors minds, and get a free cup of coffee.

First Tuesdays of each month, 7-9am



In our Communities

San Mateo County Pride Festival

Good Shepherd hosted a booth at the San Mateo County Pride festival on Saturday, June 14th, 11am-6pm.

Since many from Holy Family attended Julia's ordination representing both congregations, Good Shepherd also handed out Holy Family information at their booth!

Thanks to Chuck and Fred for helping to organize the event, and all who signed up to help!



Equipping the Beloved Community

Chuck, Jan, Debby, Mike and Vicar Michael attended the "Equipping the Beloved Community" workshop at St. Mathews. May 2nd.

It was very interesting and informative especially the session with Tim Soerens and the discussion in the church's sanctuary. Chuck

The next workshop is Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. Clement's, 2837 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley



Happenings

Peninsula Deanery BBQ

Holy Family hosted the Peninsula Deanery annual BBQ on Thursday, June 25th. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Peninsula Deanery were asked to attend. The Deanery consists of all the Episcopal Churches on the Peninsula (within the Diocese of California). Clergy and lay representatives from each congregation gather regularly throughout the year for pray, consultation, and updates about Convention and our shared life and ministry with the Diocese. Thanks to our Deanery delegates and alternates:

Holy Family:

Convener: Marylin and Gloria
Alternates: Peggy and Flo

Good Shepherd:

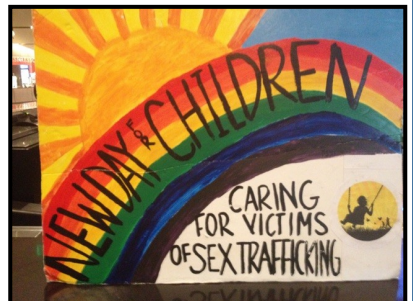
Convener: Bruce Jan Christiansen
Alternates: Fred Monica

Freedom Summit

WOW attending Freedom Summit 2015 changed my perception on human trafficking. I'm afraid like so many people, my picture consisted of refugee people arriving in SF late at night in a small packed boat, then stuffed in a van and whisked to China Town! This picture was dramatically changed on May 9 at the Freedom Summit at Levi Stadium.

Can you imagine my surprise when I learned that over 80 percent of people involved in sex traffic are US citizens! The day was filled with testimonies of escape and overcoming the problem of power and control. I'm so grateful our churches are becoming informed and involved in this widespread Bay area problem.

I will, God willing, attend the next Freedom Summit in two years, and I encourage You to come along also. Nancy



In Our Communities - cont'd

Vietnam Traveling Memorial

Eric of Good Shepherd at the Vietnam travelling memorial. Thanks to Dave and Gloria, HF, for being docents at the memorial.



Ascension Day - Stanford

“FORGIVE, and see how close heaven feels”

The Rev. Becca Stevens, University Episcopal Chaplain, St. Augustine’s Chapel, Vanderbilt University, gave the Homily at The Ascension of Our Lord service May 14, 2015 at Stanford Memorial Church, on the Stanford Univ. campus. The service was hosted by the Episcopal and Lutheran Campus Ministries for their annual shared service.

Rev. Becca’s work and words were awe inspiring and touched us deeply. First, because of her work, as founder of Magdalene house and Thistle Farms in 1997, is a private residential sanctuary for women with criminal histories of prostitution and drug addiction. At Magdalene, women receive 2 years of free housing, therapy, medical care, education and employment (at Thistle Farms)—everything they need to prepare them for the transition back to the community. The program is based on the 12-step program and has had over 150 graduates, about ¾ of whom remain clean and sober 2 ½ years after entering the program. Magdalene, from its humble beginnings of 5 women, now includes 6 houses and about 30 women enter at a time. Unfortunately, there are over 100 women on the waiting list. Thistle Farms makes products that promote healing—bath and body oils, and candles by hand. And the notion of healing brings me to the second point, her words.

The Rev. Becca is passionate about the power of forgiveness and the Magdalene motto of “love heals”. She knows the horrors of childhood abuse and the transformative power of forgiveness. Becca told the story of her father who was killed by a drunk driver, leaving her mother a widow, with 5 children to raise. In court, Becca’s mother told this man that “they would be alright”, in essence you are forgiven. This transformative power of forgiveness has gifted Becca and the women of Magdalene to take “flight” to be free from the weight of their past. And it is Becca’s contention that the women who seek the program, also want to “fly”.

View a 9 minute video on YOUTUBE, or “googling” Magdalene and Thistle Farms so that you will be inspired too.

Marylin



HFCC Spring Highlights

Spring was an exciting time at the Children's Center! On April 18th, HFCC held its annual Art Fair, which is their biggest fundraising event of the year. They exceeded their fundraising goals this year, raising \$6,775 in proceeds and \$1,438 in donations to the Building Our Future Fund! Thank you to all of you who attended and provided your support! There was lots of "oohing" and "aahing" over their artistic creations, especially when we learned that the children do almost all of the work themselves, with very little assistance from the adult staff. They are quite a talented group of artists, and there were some fierce bidding wars for their depictions on canvas of The Johnston House and of Pandas riding on surfboards! There was also a quilt which Vivian pieced together, containing squares in which the children had created individual drawings. finished product was truly stunning!



On May 6th, Holy Family joined HFCC parents in honoring the staff at HFCC during Teacher Appreciation Week. Scheduling a special treat for each day, the parents honored the staff with gift cards, breakfast muffins, baked goods, flowers, and dinner out at a local restaurant which they got to select. Holy Family provided a special lunch, with Vivian preparing a scrumptious meal complete with AWESOME gluten-free brownies! Flo and Beth helped to serve the meal, and we gave each of the staff members a soapstone heart to take with them in recognition of the loving ministry they provide to the hearts and minds of our Coastside children. The staff felt well and truly pampered throughout the week, and parents and church members alike had a great time putting together the daily goodies and surprises!



On June 12th, the Center held its annual graduation and celebration of students who are moving on to Kindergarten. The Center maintained its tradition of "interviewing" each graduate and reading their answers as the children went forward to the stage to receive their diplomas. The answers are always great fun—one child said he would like to be an engineer when he grows up "because they make things and then wiggle them to see if they work"! The audience was treated at the end of the ceremony to a performance by all of the children, who sang "This Little Light of Mine" complete with hand motions. Congratulations to all of our graduating preschoolers!!!

Mahalo's

Many thanks and Mahalo's go out to:

- To Marilyn for updating our mission directory, and Flo for helping format the directory!
- To Linda for coordinating the rummage sale (raising over \$800!).
To Flo , Vivian , Peggy and Beth for helping with Teacher Appreciation
- To Peggy for helping coordinate hospitality for the eco-Confirmation (April 26th) and Coastside Race Dialogue (May 20th), and many more helpings!
- To Keith for abundant offering of labor to help with several project (small and large) around Holy Family's campus.
- To Allan , Will and the legion of painters who primed and painted the Holy Family playground and perimeter fences
- To Juliet for help with music, and the new family service
- To Juliet, Nina, Meilani, Eddie, Natalie, Dan and others for help with music and occasional instrumental offerings
- To Meilani for offering the beautiful talent on the oboe
- To Allan for making a "flame-thrower" for our Pentecost games, and for sharing his wonderful story-telling skills.
- To Natalie for a beautiful job leading with her clarinet on "When the Saints go marchin' in!" at the family service.
- To Mike and Janine for all you do to support the ministry of Good Shepherd church, silently, quietly, and thoughtfully.
- To Br. Jude and Br. Juniper for joining us periodically!

Save the Date

Celebrations of Shared Ministry

Each monthly shared ministry worship is at 10am, followed by a potluck lunch

- July 19, Good Shepherd
- August 17, Holy Family
- September 20, Good Shepherd

Rummage & Craft Bake Sales at Good Shepherd

- November 14, 9am to 3pm, Second Annual Christmas Bazaar

National Night Out - Downtown Belmont:

Good Shepherd is host!

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 - 9pm

Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival, October 17 and 18

Holy Family Pumpkin Ice Cream Booth, 9am to 5pm



A Note from the Editor:

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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

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