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CELEBRATING OUR SHARED MINISTRY

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

October 2014



Vicar's Notes

Dearly Beloved,

Thus begins the rite of Holy Matrimony, which is on my mind of late because three couples have invited me into sharing this moment in their relationships lately: two having just occurred and another round the bend in November. Autumn is a wonderful time for couples to make their vows, and begin a new season in their own cycle of love. Fall, when the days grow shorter and colder, trees drop their leaves, and animals hibernate . . . the earth reminds us of the need for Sabbath. Weddings tend to focus on newness, possibilities – but not so much about dropping leaves, storing acorns, and setting up for the length of winter. Yet weddings, for all the sense of “beginning” they bring, offer us signs of love and hope, very much needed in the autumns and winters of the human condition. Every wedding is a chance to remember and give witness to the power of God’s love, and the deep peace of God for which we were created.

Every time a couple makes their vows, and every time we who witness them vow to support them, we bear testimony the belief that even in a time when the condition of many is horrible (war, human slavery, poverty, terrible diseases....), love is possible, and that it is necessary. That is a lot to ask of a couple and their wedding, which is why it takes a room full of folks vowing to support them... yet every time a couple come together to celebrate the love that has grown, and to commit themselves to one another for life, they do so with faith in their love and confident in their hope. Every time we come together as church, we have an opportunity to do the same thing – give thanks to God with faith in God’s love toward us, an confident in the peace of Christ.

As Holy Family begins the year of celebrating its silver jubilee at its house of worship at 1590 Cabrillo Highway South (and kicks off the Children’s Center’s 25th year!), and as Good Shepherd joins with us in shared ministry, we not only recall the achievements of our past, but claim love and hope for our present, confident in a future that God has in store for us. Kind of like weddings in autumn. As we work together, we can be thankful for over 160 years of ministry between us, and more importantly, recommit ourselves to following the way of Jesus now, for whom we claim our past and in whom we name our future.

In Christ,
Michael+



Tell us what you think



A chance to put in your two cents about aging-in-place on the Coastsides. A local group is hosting an internet survey asking adults of all ages to give their thoughts about the need for new alternatives and options for seniors to stay on the Coast. The survey takes about 10 minutes and can be found at :

vill-age.org.

It's a chance to influence the quality of life on the Coastsides as you or your parents plan for a vital future. Planning group is also looking for volunteers who want to get involved.



Alternative coffee hour

The next alternative coffee hour is in Half Moon Bay. Alternative coffee hour is a time when you can meet casually with Vicar Michael, since he has to head "over the hill" after Eucharist on most Sundays.

Tuesday, October 28th, 5:30-6:30pm at Pete's

From the Holy Family Stewardship Chair

Our deepest appreciation goes to our members who have offered a 13th month (and in several cases, a 14th month) of their annual pledge to help us with our budget shortfall. Your generosity is overwhelming; thank you so much for responding to our call.

Speaking of stewardship, it's getting to be that time of year again: a time of harvest, a time of giving thanks... and a time to think about what stewardship means to each of us.

We'll be starting the stewardship campaign on Sunday, October 26th, with the distribution of pledge packets for 2015.



Our in-gathering will be on Sunday, November 23rd.

Between those dates, we'll have some important communication at Sunday services and through email, and a few things that we'll be doing differently this year, so please stay tuned...

Dan

From your Junior Warden

Holy Family—Marilyn

Musings from the Junior Warden

This is not the church of my childhood- I was born and raised Anglican (Canada) and attended Sunday Services with my family, first in a Cathedral, and later in a large community church.

I was familiar with the service from the Book of Common Prayer, and kneeling to pray. There were beloved hymns that I enthusiastically sang, even if not completely on key, and a huge pipe organ and choir. The regular congregation members sat in “their” unofficially designated pews; the church membership was very stable.

As an adult, I took decades-long sabbatical leave from regular church attendance. Upon my return to church and to becoming a parishioner at Holy Family, I noted several changes.

First, rather than the grand cathedral, the church was small and intimate and next to a barn. The Sunday service was printed on leaflets, and you stood to pray. The Vicar was a woman, and a lesbian (I belonged). Sometimes my beloved familiar hymns were sung. There was a small organ, no pipes, and a piano, and choir.

The regular congregation members did not have “their” favorite pew, they move around from Sunday to Sunday, and in life too (many comings and goings, due to job opportunities, life transitions etc.)

And so, all these remembrances lead me to conclude that our church is alive and vital and changes as times, places, and people change. What has not changed is the message “You are Loved Beyond Measure”, and the fellowship I experience among the congregation members as we travel on our spiritual journeys.

Marilyn

GOOD SHEPHERD'S MUSIC WITH A MISSION

~~ TAKING SHAPE AND SOUND



Vicar Michael, the Bishops Committee and members of GS are planning to host a monthly concert series as a mission of the church. A complex and evolving endeavor, the motivation: share the love of Christ with music, by providing a special venue for musicians to perform their best with a church sponsored "support package". The "package" includes site location, advertisement, promotion, reception and refreshments for performers and their audience. For a community, non-professional musician this is a dream come true! Just make the music, and Good Shepherd takes care of the details in collaboration with the performers. And revenue? No tickets no sales; free will offerings gratefully accepted at the concert. Not the way to capitalize a business, but the way of faith to support a mission.

The intention here is to place Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Belmont on the mental map of as many people as possible with an enriching experience. 'However many people walk thru the doors of Good Shepherd is all for the good,' says Michael+. 'The more good reasons we create for people to walk thru our doors is how we support the community and grow.' A monthly concert series just might be one of those good reasons.

So, to practice hosting a monthly concert series, before committing to do so, means actually to do it, practice like a musician does and get feed- back. Host a concert, or two or three. Good Shepherd is hosting three monthly sample concerts including reception/refreshments and a brief focus-group discussion immediately following the performance to reap audience and performers feedback. September saw the first concert, Rust-Edelmann, a cello/bassoon duo. Wonderfully successful, the concert had good attendance (55!) and received donations sufficient to cover the cost.

Concert #2 is Sunday 10/26 3pm, a classical music concert of four ensembles around the piano, for flute, violin, cello, clarinet, and soprano voice. A delightful, intimate and beautiful mix and remixing of these instruments over the course of four compositions, including (fittingly for the occasion) Shepherd on the Rock by Franz Schubert.

Please help support the discernment process to make this a "shared ministry" if we move forward. Attend the concert, bring friends, invite others, give feedback by filling in a survey provided at the concert or by attending the focus-group discussion after the performance.



Cycle of Prayer

October 5

Holy Family Cycle of Prayer:

Ellen , Kristen & Jeff; Dan ; David , Mary ; Will ; Ken , Joan , Ken , Beth , Susan , Kelly , Alex , Rebeca , Angela , Jack , The Produce Distribution outreach ministry

Good Shepherd Cycle of Prayer:

Geoff ; Philip ; Linda ; Bruce ; Little Hands School, Carol , Lalain

October 12

Holy Family Cycle of Prayer:

Victoria ; Damaris , Connie ; Janine , Joel , Carter, Spencer, Micaela; Peggy ; Kathy ; Sahar , John; Bonnie ; Barbara , David ; The HFCC Advisory Board: Ellen, Petra, Nicole, Sue, Chris

Good Shepherd Cycle of Prayer:

Barbara ; Nancy , Michael ;Betty ; Jeanette , Robert ; Hospital-
ler Ministry & Good Shepherd Chapel, Elizabeth, Betty,
Chuck, Fred, Bruce, Monica, and Jan



October 19

Holy Family Cycle of Prayer:

Keith , Lynda ; Robert , Lynn ; Paula ; Carl ; Pat ; Chris , Miguel ; Dawn , Sam ; Dana ; Gwen , Brent

Good Shepherd Cycle of Prayer:

Don , Kathy , Allison , Margo , Jane , Project READ

October 26

Holy Family Cycle of Prayer:

Susan , Margaret , Bill ; Elizabeth ; Lauri ; Rosemary ; Diane ; Sally , Frank , Cello ; Peggy ; Kay ; Charles ; Susan

Good Shepherd Cycle of Prayer:

Jean , John , Rob , Kim and Steve , Karen , Mike

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
			1 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
5 Shared Ministry 10a Holy Eucharist, 25th anniversary of 1590 and Children's Center Potluck/ HF	6 7p HFCC Advisory Board	7 10a Bible Study, Belmont Jackie 's house	8 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
12 9a Holy Eucharist, HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS 3p Free Classical bassoon and cello concert, GS	13	14 10a Bible Study, Belmont Jackie 's house	15 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
19 Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival, NO service at HF 11a Holy Eucharist, GS	20 7pm Bishop's committee, HF	21 10a Bible Study, Belmont Jackie 's house	22 6:30p Evening Prayer, GS Chapel 7:00p Spiritual Conversation, GS Chapel
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Thu	Fri	Sat
2 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House	3 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	4 10a - Noon, Human Trafficking Forum, Coastside Baptist
9 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House	10 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	11 11a NDNU Ntl Coming Out Day luncheon
16 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House	17 Vicar Michael's Sabbath 7p, Diocesan Convention Eucharist	18 Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival Diocesan Convention
23 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	24 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	25 9:45am Produce Distribution, HF
30 7:30p Bible Study, HMB Dave and Gloria's House	31 Vicar Michael's Sabbath	



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Anti-Human Trafficking Shared Ministry Event



On Sunday, August 24th, Good Shepherd hosted a special event to raise awareness about the growing problem of human trafficking in the Bay Area.

The event began with a worship service which included Sister Margaret Hoffman of Notre Dame de Namur University as guest preacher. Sister Margaret has become increasingly involved in helping to educate the community about the prevalence of human trafficking in the bay area, and its effect on both the victims involved and the community as a whole. Following the service, a luncheon was held which featured Judith Hamilton, an Advocate with Freedom House, as guest speaker. Freedom House is an organization dedicated to saving lives by helping victims of human trafficking to escape life on the streets. It is the only organization in the Bay Area providing shelter to victims of trafficking, and its programs include

- 1) Counseling and life skills training,
- 2) Connecting victims with the necessary resources to begin rebuilding their lives
- 3) Providing education and outreach to law enforcement agencies and community organizations.

For more information, please visit their website at www.freedomhouse.org.

Sister Margaret and Judith Hamilton presented a comprehensive overview of the prevalence of trafficking, both on an international scale and here in our local communities. They emphasized that this issue continues to grow at an

staggering and sobering. For more detailed information, see the article in the September issue of the Pacific Church News.

The link is:

<http://www.diocal.org/pcn/news/anti-human-trafficking-awareness-good-shepherd-belmont>.

What role can we play as a faith community to increase awareness and understanding, and to reach out to the victims themselves? We can begin by holding discussions with our congregations and communities, and by collaborating with other faith communities to help increase awareness, understanding and compassion. For information on two more faith-sponsored upcoming events, see the flyer available at church, or Rev. Michael's email dated 9/23/10. And save the date for the anti-human trafficking conference to be held during Super Bowl 2016 at the new Levi Stadium!

Beth

Another opportunity to learn more about what we can do to eradicate human trafficking!

November 1st - human trafficking event Trinity Church, Menlo Park, 10am-12pm

Register here:

<http://www.trinitymenlopark.org>

With the help of our expert panel of presenters who are renowned practitioners as well as social entrepreneurs and authors, we will identify the causes, address the healing needs of survivors and highlight solutions for ending this modern day slavery. We welcome Rev. Becca Stevens the founder of Thistle Farms, Dave Batstone the founder of Not For Sale, and Carissa Phelps the founder of Runaway Girl FPC, as our expert panel. Each foundation works in advocacy, prevention, and rehabilitation for survivors of human trafficking. Along with sharing the work of their organizations, our panel will be sharing their own personal stories, educating our community, and inspire hope and healing.

Our goal in coming together to face this terrible truth about trafficking is to share information, best practices, and stories for inspiration and for a renewed commitment to take loving action to end the violence and free women and girls from the prison of

Photos of the Shared Service September 7th at Good Shepherd



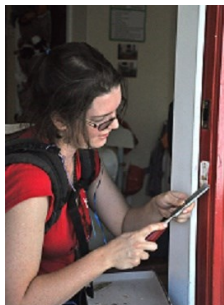
Blessing of the Animals, GS

On a glorious sunny day, we gathered together to give thanks for our beloved pets and for all the animals of the earth.

Holy Family's Blessings of the Animals will be October 12th.



Thanks and Blessings



Sola, Little Hands facilities liaison, and a Little Hands parent, prepares to adjust the strike plate on the doorframe of Rebec House to realign with the latch of the door-knob. Thanks Sola!



Bruce checking out the organ speaker loft above the sacristy in preparation for getting a woofer to make the Good Shepherd organ rock the bass. Thanks Bruce!



Two Bible Study opportunities:

Tuesdays:

The Tuesday day group meets at 10:00am in the home of Jackie

- We are using a video lecture series, "The Old Testament", taught by Amy-Jill Levine, professor of Old Testament at Vanderbilt University. Following the approximately 40 minute lecture, we have healthy conversation about the lecture content and stories of the Tanakh ("Old Testament").

Thursdays:

The Thursday evening group meets at 7:30-9pm in the home of Dave and Gloria

Beginning October, our Thursday evening Bible Study will begin using a curriculum based on the spiritual/scriptural work of [Alexander Shaia](#), who recently facilitated the clergy retreat with Bishop Marc. Shaia has a unique approach to exploring the four gospels in light of four spiritual questions or movements through change, suffering, joy, and service. You can read more about his work at [Quadratos](#).

Save the Date:

October 12th

Blessing of the Animals at Holy Family:

Bring your animal companions, momentos/photos & stuffed/toys animals are welcome!



November 2nd

All Saints Day & Coastside Jewish Community "Learning Day"

Bring an item representing a saint in your life (a photo or other momento) for our All Saints altar.

Let Vicar Michael know by email or in writing the names of any deceased loved ones you would like read during the prayers that day. This will be our November Celebration of Shared Ministry (at Holy Family again), with potluck lunch.

November 9th, 9am, Holy Family

Tentative "Mass on Main"

We will be having our service at Oddysea on Main, with a family friendly service, and exploration time following. More email will be sent

November 15th, 3-6pm

Farewell celebration for Jhos and Julie with the Coastside Jewish Community

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.



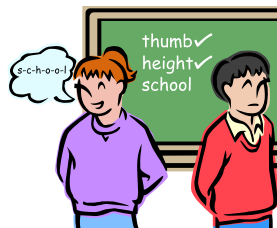
A Note from the Editor:

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the Crook & Crèche newsletter. C&C is published monthly. Articles and photos received by the 23rd of month, will be included in the next monthly issue. The e-mail address is: Newsletter@holyfamilyhmb.org

Blessings, *Vivian*

Trivia Bee - Friday, October 17th

Established in 1987, Project READ is a free, volunteer-based literacy program serving adults, children and families. For 25 years Redwood City Friends of Literacy has supported Project READ Redwood City with its annual Trivia Bee. The Trivia BEE event is designed to promote literacy awareness and raise funds to support Project READ's mission of a literate community.



Good Shepherd participates in this annual event, and encourage all to support a great cause!

6:30pm, Hors d'oeurs

7:30pm, BEE kickoff

Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival, October 18 - 19

Holy Family will participate in the 44th Annual Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival, by operating a Pumpkin Ice Cream Booth. This is a major fundraiser and FUN raiser for Holy Family. Thanks to Darren for coordinating this year's event. Please consider signing up for a shift or two to scoop ice cream. Time to get your scooping arm into shape! Log onto the website to sign up:



<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054ba5a622abfc1-2014>

Holy Family Silent Auction and Talent Show - November 22nd or 23rd

Save the date, for Holy Family's Silent Auction and Talent Show . There will be great items to bid on and the Talent Show is always entertaining. Look for more details in upcoming mission minutes and in the November newsletter.

Good Shepherd Ye Olde Christmas Bazaar - November 15th

Save the date, for 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. Look for more details in upcoming mission minutes and in the November newsletter.



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

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Don

Monica

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Bruce

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