

THE PIPER

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The Season of Pentecost

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Message from our Senior Warden

THE CHURCH IN TRANSITION

From Zorba the Greek.

“I remember one morning when I discovered a cocoon in the back of a tree just as a butterfly was making a hole in its case and preparing to come out. I waited awhile, but it was too long appearing and I was impatient. I bent over it and breathed on it to warm it. I warmed it as quickly as I could and the miracle began to happen before my eyes, faster than life. The case opened; the butterfly started slowly crawling out, and I shall never forget my horror when I saw how its wings were folded back and crumpled; the wretched butterfly tried with its whole trembling body to unfold them. Bending over it, I tried to help it with my breath, in vain.

It needed to be hatched out patiently and the unfolding of the wings should be a gradual process in the sun. Now it was too late. My breath had forced the butterfly to appear all crumpled, before its time. It struggled desperately and, a few seconds later, died in the palm of my hand.

That little body is, I do believe, the greatest weight I have on my conscience. For I realize today that it is a mortal sin to violate the great laws of nature. We should not hurry, we should not be impatient, but we should confidently obey the eternal rhythm.” This quote from Zorba the Greek is a perfect analogy to what I am about to say.

The church, the world, and we are in transition. Whether we realize it or not, our lives have changed and will continue to change. One movie line I remember from an old movie All About Eve with Bette Davis, was “fasten your seatbelts, it’s going to be a bumpy ride.” Indeed it has been and we all pray that it gets smoother down the road. What exactly does “a church in transition” mean? The church, like peoples lives, are so very different than in the past. Last night, I happened on a computer file which contained



pictures of my family. There I was as a little skinny boy in front of our home in Chandler Arizona; then, there I was with my UCLA jacket and my brother in his football gear with our Mom in Los Angeles. Another picture was a newspaper article about our great grandfather's 100th birthday describing his move from Arkansas to Arizona with family and living in a tent at the edge of a farm with other migrant farmers and ending up foreman of that ranch where he worked until retirement at age 93. He was quoted saying he wanted to live another 10 years, but died at 103. There were not any pictures there of my life past college, but on the walls of my hallway is a collage of projects I completed at work and one of the 1984 Olympics signed by a friend who won a gold medal there. I have had a rich life. It has been bumpy with some years more bumpy than others. However, here I am. I have survived. But I can look back and see how my life and other lives have been a transition shaped by life's experiences. I also look back at the small Spanish style Episcopal church I grew up in. It was beautiful inside. I sang in choir and we had a small choir loft. Amusingly, one of the organ pipes had a cipher which happened sometimes, and the organist ran into the pipe chamber to stop the sound. It's funny the things you end up remembering about life growing up. Unfortunately, St. Mary's decided not to be a church in transition and left the diocese of Los Angeles over the issue of the ordination of women. St. Mary's still exists, while the beauty of the church remains the same, the people who continued on ceased to represent God's love in this world. I was very sad to see this church where I was baptized become a gathering for people of prejudice.

Each place I worked had people with eccentricities. Some of them amusing, and some of them annoying. As I moved to different places, I heaved a sigh of relief that the eccentric people were in my rear view mirror. Arriving at a new place, I was wrong. There were the same people there, just with different faces. However, each time I felt I was better prepared to deal with those different personalities. I gave them different names and when I arrived at a new location, I could identify them. Here is George, here is Sally, and I would smile. We change. The church changes. Many of the personalities stay the same. Pope John XXII called the Second Vatican Council in the 60's. The mass was changed to English, the altar was moved out from the back wall, a call for Christian unity was proclaimed and many other issues resolved. The church modernized. It was trying

to be the church of the people. Vatican II was its method of transition. The Episcopal Church has also had periods of transition. The altar was moved away from the back wall, women were allowed to be ordained, same sex marriage was approved by the general convention, the hymnal was revised and an additional one written, and the Book of Common Prayer is in the process of having some revisions. The Church is in transition. Many churches have replaced the stately organ with bands, and popular Christian music has replaced the old standards. All this is in an attempt to attract a younger crowd. The message remains the same, there is just a different vehicle for delivering it. The pandemic put the brakes on a lot of things, and for some that is frightening. For a few it has been a time of reflection. It is however, an opportunity for transition if we let it be. As I looked at the pictures of me and my family, I saw me getting older and thinking differently and having different needs each step of the way. I think the church is much the same. Survival of anything requires a transition to help adapt to meet people's needs. Without transition we become stuck in the quick sand of complacency. Without change, the church will cease to be relevant to a future generation whose needs are so very different than ours of the past. Remember! We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. The same is with the church, we return it to our children, and we should do so providing them with a renewed, meaningful, and spiritual message which will help them to survive the ride into the future. Otherwise, we failed to learn the 2000 year old message of Christ who came to change the world and fulfill the law. He didn't go from Gethsemane to Calvary so people could remain the same. The church is in transition. It is like the butterfly in a cocoon. It will eventually hatch and become a beautiful creation of God. It will arrive at the right time. It needs to be nurtured not rushed. We need to be prepared to change and ready with open hearts and open minds. The past is behind us. It taught us many lessons. Taking those lessons and learning from them will help us move into the future with fewer bumps in the road. One thing I do know is that the Church must keep time with

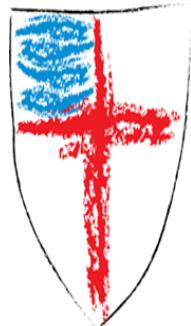
God's pace and be ready for transition in order to survive. God's love and purpose are far more important than our earthly preferences. The Jesus movement is just that – a movement. And movements inherently go forward into the world -- ready or not. The church is in transition. Join the movement. Don't get stuck in the past or you will be left behind.

A Monthly Meditation

~At Bethlehem He became
God with us.
At Calvary He became
God for us.
At Pentecost He became
God in us.

Author Unkn.

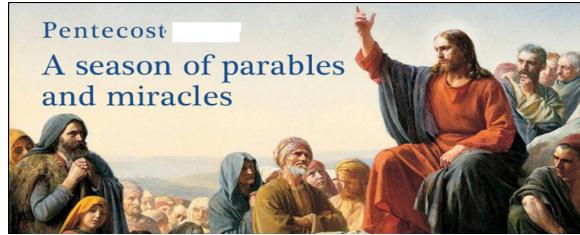
101 Reasons to be Episcopalian



Reason 92

**Many whom we know well are
starved for the
Spiritual food we receive daily.**

Louie Crew
Diocese of Newark



Calendar June and July

Trinity Sunday to Advent is known as the season of Pentecost. The color is green until Advent in November, which makes it easier for the Altar Guild. I am not sure that was the reason, however. Pente-cost was celebrated by the Rev. Mary Blessing and was an enjoyable and meaningful service. She will be spending time with family and taking some courses in preparation for what she is called to do next. Just before Pentecost, Rev. John Buentz was with us and will return June 6. This past Sunday, Rev. Bruce Bramlett celebrated with us and shared a meaningful and informative sermon about the Trinity. He will also be with us again on July 25. Rev. Mary Lou McKenney is traveling and currently in Utah. Rev. Richard Leslie is going to be with us for several Sundays in June and July. Now I can begin to schedule August. Rev. Leslie is past Rector of St. James in Fre-mont. He was recommended by the diocese to help us as in our quest to schedule supply priests. **SPECIAL NOTE: On June 27, Bishop Lucinda Ashby will be worshipping with us.** This is her annual visit to St. Andrew's. We encourage people to make reservations as we most likely will be at full capacity. We also have been advised that the diocese will soon be making an an-nouncement concerning Covid restrictions. While the State of Cali-fornia may decide a change in restrictions, the diocese will continue to make policy which errs on the side of safety for our parishioners.

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JUNE LOCATIONS

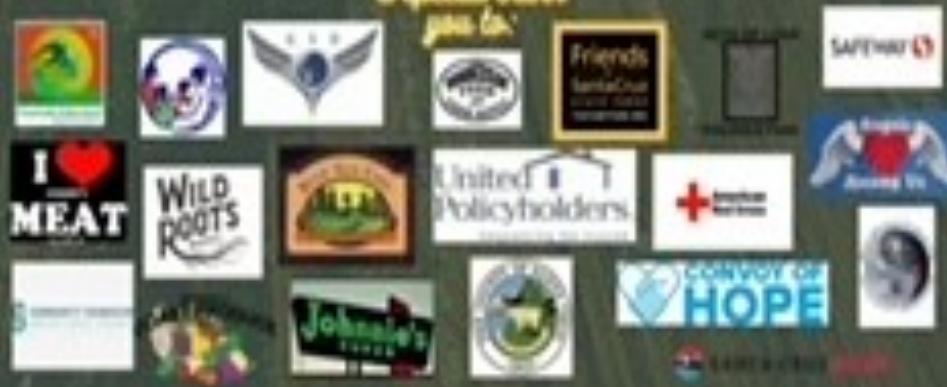
June 5 Davenport: Pacific Elementary
Pacific Elementary 50 Ocean Ave.
Davenport

June 12 Boulder Creek: Bear Creek
15685 Forest Hill Drive, Boulder Creek

June 19 Bonny Doon Elementary
1492 Pine Flat Road Bonny Doon

June 26 Boulder Creek: Bear Creek

a special thank you to:





Angel in the Kitchen
*Feel'n good when cook'n
Sharing the love of God through your
love of cooking*



Doughnut Muffins

Batter

1/4 cup Butter (unsalted)
1/4 cup Vegetable Oil

Topping

3 tablespoons Butter-melted
3 tablespoons Cinnamon/
Sugar Mixture

1/2 cup Sugar

1/3 cup Brown Sugar (packed)

2 large Eggs

1-1/2 teaspoons Baking Powder

1/4 teaspoon Baking Soda

1 - 1-1/4 teaspoon Ground Nutmeg

3/4 teaspoon Salt

1 teaspoon Vanilla

2 - 2-2/3 cups Unbleached White Flour

1 cup Milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Lightly grease a standard muffin tin, or line with paper or silicone muffin cups and spray with non-stick spray so they peel nicely.

Cream together the butter, vegetable oil, and sugars until smooth.

Add eggs, beating to combine.

Stir in baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg, salt and vanilla.

Stir in the flour, alternating with the milk - beginning and ending with the flour and making sure it is all combined thoroughly.

Spoon the batter into 12 muffin cups, filling the cups nearly full.

Bake for 15 - 17 minutes, or until they are light golden brown and a cake tester comes out clean from the middle of a muffin.

Let them cool for a couple of minutes (or until you can handle them). While they are cooling, melt the butter for the topping.

Steve cooks spinach. . .

Before and after cooking spinach..



Coffee, Coffee, We Adore Thee

Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain. Rev. 3:2a

The Church Curmudgeon

L. van Beethoven

Cof-fee, cof-fee, we a-dore thee; Pour us up a mug there-of!

Eye-lids rise like blinds be-fore thee, Wak-ing to the sun a-bove.

Melt-ing clouds of men-tal drab-ness, Driv-ing dark of night a-way;

Bev'-rage of our mor-ning glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!

HYMN TO JOY
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Time to settle the most important summer debate. Which one is correct?



June and July Birthdays

June

2	Corinna	Stevenson
5	Mario	Landeros
4	Laura	Lewandowski
8	Franceska	Lewandowski
9	Karen	VanGroningen
10	Jamie	Mello
11	Sarah	Townsend
14	Bonnie	Wolfe
17	Sandi	Templeman
18	Joe	Mello
21	Roxanne	Spring
25	Duquan	Ruff



July

8	Sue	Roe
13	Deidre	Guindon
18	Miles	Redman
30	Peggy	Dwyer
31	Doreen	Anderson
31	Erin	Newfield

Did we miss your birthday? Please send a message with the day and month of your or your family member's birthday.



Journal of a Convention
of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the States of
New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware,
Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina
OCTOBER 5, 1785

(the following is the record of the first general convention of the episcopal church in the united states of America - 1785)

Ordered, That the transcribed copy of the "Alterations in [120] "the Liturgy, to render it consistent with the American revolution and the Constitutions of the respective States." be read and considered by paragraphs; which being done.

Resolved, That the Liturgy shall be used in this Church as accommodated to the revolution. agreeably to the alterations now approved of and ratified by this Convention."

On motion, Resolrcd, **That the fourth of July shall be observed by this Church forever as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the inestimable blessings of religious and civil liberty vouchsafed to the United States of America.**

Signed, by Order of the Convention, WILLIAM WHITE, President,