

# The stream

January 10, 2021

## Vestry Candidate Spotlight

In the weeks leading up to our Annual Meeting we will be spotlighting members of our congregation who are candidates for Vestry.

Meet Phil Beck!

I've agreed to be considered for the Vestry at Wellspring. I am Phillip H. Beck M.D. Colonel M.C. U.S.A.R.(Ret) and retired surgeon. Call me Phil, please.

I was Baptized in the Episcopal Church as a child and confirmed at Trinity Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV. at age 12. I have been an active Christian all my life.

I was leader of the Canterbury Club at the University of Redlands, CA. When we came to Modesto, our family attended St. Paul's then St. Dunstan where I was on the Bishop's Committee and Senior Warden. Back to St. Paul's, I have been on the Vestry twice and led Faith Alive. I have been through Cursillo and did two years of Education for Ministry. Moving to Wellspring with the original congregation I have been on the building and search committees. My spiritual gifts are administration, Faith, healing and discernment. I would be pleased to be able to serve Wellspring and God on the Vestry.



Our Annual meeting may look a little different this year! We are working on the details for the meeting, currently scheduled to be held after service on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Once the plan is in place we will be sending information out via email as well as the Stream.

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## Depths of Love By: Elisa Morgan

*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*  
*1 John 3:1*

Three-year-old Dylan McCoy had just learned to swim when he fell through a rotted plywood covering into a forty-foot deep, stone-walled well in his grandfather's backyard. Dylan managed to stay afloat in ten feet of water until his father went down to rescue him. Firefighters brought ropes to raise the boy, but the father was so worried about his son that he'd already climbed down the slippery rocks to make sure he was safe.

Oh, the love of a parent! Oh, the lengths (and depths) we will go for our children!

When the apostle John writes to believers in the early church who were struggling to find footing for their faith as false teaching swirled about them, he extends these words like a life-preserver: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1). Naming believers in Jesus as "children" of God was an intimate and legal labeling that brought validity to all who trust in Him.

Oh, the lengths and depths God will go for His children!

There are actions a parent will take only for their child—like Dylan's dad descending into a well to save his son. And like the ultimate act of our heavenly Father, who sent His only Son to gather us close to His heart and restore us to life with Him (vv. 5–6).

**When has God rescued you from a dark well of need? How have you seen Him bring you to a place of hope?**

*Oh, heavenly Father, thank You for reaching into the well of my need to rescue me and bring me back to You!*



## Please Pray

For the church, the clergy, especially **Fr Nathan, Fr Michael, Fr Tom, Fr Mark,** and **Bishop Ken.**

That we may each recognize God's presence in our lives and overflow with grace, patience and love for ourselves and for those we encounter each day.

For the people of Wellspring and the mission of the church, that we may witness the love of Christ to the world, and especially for Fr. Jason and his wife Heather, and the leaders of Kingsfield Anglican Church in Maui, Hawaii.

For our nation and our state and all those in authority, that they may act with wisdom and fairness, as they work through information and communicate to the public during this season.

For the people of this world, especially for those working hard to understand and combat the COVID-19 virus, for small business owners and churches that are now trying to keep their businesses operating, for medical professionals and hospital staff, as well as police and fire staff, during this busy and stressful time, and for workers who are considered essential, pray for their health and safety.

For those who suffer, are in need, or any sort of trouble, especially for our church family members experiencing physical troubles.

For **Wyatt Wisuri**, who is preparing for his baptism this weekend.

For **Jan Wysong**, pray for relief from pain and a quick diagnosis.

For **John Bree**, and the Bree family, as they mourn the loss of Debbie.

For **Nancy Petterson** and her daughter **Marilyn**, pray for complete healing from Marilyn's fall.

For **Tom Wright**, continued prayers as he awaits test results, relief from pain, guidance for his medical team.

For **Alita Roberts**, for strength, peace, and relief from all pain.

For **Rachel Bradley**, who is dealing with health issues.

For **Helen Rotherham**, for smooth transition and peace in her new care facility.

For the **Harris** family.

For our **parishioners** living in care facilities as they are under quarantine and not receiving visitors.

For healing and relief for members of our church family including **George Bishop, Donna Hoegh, Rebe Holmes, Cora MacDonald, Bev McKinney, Jane Mills, Alice Ngunjiri, Sally Kennedy, Gail Sanders, Sandy Sanders, Jo and LaMonte Thornburg,** and **Mary Lou York.**

For other family members and friends who are suffering from illness and stress of any kind, including **Terry Beck, Alexis, Bob, Elijah, Emily, Steve John, Kathy, Caroline Kramer, Laura Marie, Lupe, Marcie, Elaine McClenaghan, Piper Sousa, Vern,** and **Ryan Owens.**

For the friends and family who grieve the loss of their loved ones, especially for **The Bree family on the loss of Debbie.**

In Thanksgiving for the safe delivery of **Rose Torres**, baby girl born to **Amber McLenson.** Congratulations to Amber and the Poth family.

In Thanksgiving for **Mark Gilkey** and his wife **Marina** as they are expecting their first child, a boy due in March, , and **Matt and Deborah Heinrich** who are expecting a baby girl.

*Please call the office and let the clergy know if you are having health challenges. For prayer chain requests, please contact  
Teddy Ellison at 248-7926 or [teddy-ellison@comcast.net](mailto:teddy-ellison@comcast.net)*

## The Wellspring Family Calendar

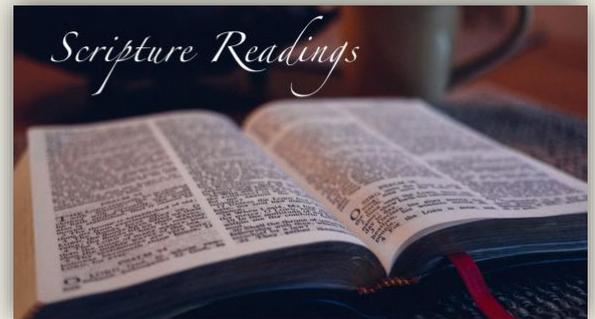
### January

- 10 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 16 Women's Book-Club meeting
- 17 Live-Stream service, 10:15am
- 17 Annual Meeting
- 18 Office Closed
- 20 Vestry Meeting, 4:30 via Zoom
- 24 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 31 LiveStream service, 10:15am

### February

- 1-2 Diocesan Synod in Colorado Springs
- 1-2 Office closed, staff at Synod
- 7 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 14 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 21 LiveStream service, 10:15am
- 28 LiveStream service, 10:15am

Send calendar items to [admin@wellspringmodesto.com](mailto:admin@wellspringmodesto.com)  
or drop a note in the office.



### January 10, the First Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 89:20-29  
Acts 10:34-38  
Mark 1:7-11

### January 17, the Second Sunday of Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20  
Psalm 63:1-9  
1 Corinthians 6:9-20  
John 1:43-51

*All scripture readings are NIV We use the 2019 BCP Lectionary.*

### The Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### All the links in one place!

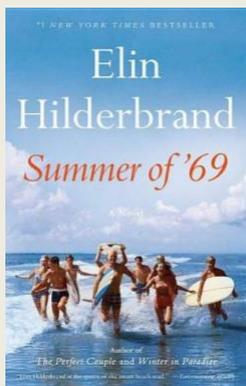
- ◇ We have an online giving option! If you would like to check it out, click [here](#)
- ◇ Our website is staying up to date, check it out [here](#)
- ◇ Sermons are loaded on the website, and will be available immediately following our live service on Sundays, click [here](#)
- ◇ We are now offering a LiveStream of our Sunday services on our Facebook page. Click [here](#) to view the service as it happens. You can also check out our YouTube channel later in the day for the service on that platform.
- ◇ Though we aren't using very many volunteers on Sunday mornings just yet, the master calendar can be found [here](#)



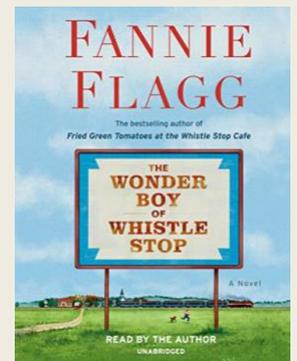
### Calling all Cookie bakers!

Wellspring will be providing a meal for the residents at the Salvation Army Shelter this Sunday and we need cookies. If you are interested in providing some, please contact Sally Kennedy at 209.524.4588.

Leave a message letting her know what you're able to provide if she doesn't answer.



The next Book Club meeting will be on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the home of Margaret Beck in Manteca. Her address is 1350 Laurel Drive. If you want directions, check with Peggy Cline. She has them. We are reading 2 books since we have extra time. They are Summer of 69 by Elin Hilderbrand and The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flagg. We are also asking each lady who comes to bring a favorite recipe to share with the group. Bring copies to hand out so people don't have to write it down. Happy Reading!



### What are you reading?

Recently I asked folks to share devotions and reading plans they enjoy. Please continue to share with us what you are reading!

**Dan and Lynette Stime** went through The Songs of Jesus by Tim and Kathy Keller last year and are repeating it again this year. Lynette adds that her favorites are Daily Light, which is a compilation of scriptures to read in the morning and in the evening, as well as My Utmost for His Highest.

Thanks for sharing what you're reading! And it's not too late if you haven't shared yet! Send along your readings to [admin@wellspringmodesto.com](mailto:admin@wellspringmodesto.com) and we will include them in upcoming issues of The Stream!