

News and Notes

**Where all are
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SPECIAL EDITION: GIVING THANKS

Some things to watch for in the coming weeks:

- ↻ **Thanksgiving** is upon us!
- ↻ You are invited to bring Thanksgiving leftovers for Coffee Hour this Sunday.
- ↻ On Sunday, November 26, we will celebrate the Festival of **Christ the King**. This is the last Sunday in Pentecost Season!
- ↻ **Advent begins** next Sunday, December 2!

Mother Evelyn will be on an irregular schedule over the next few weeks, as she makes up her comp days before the end of the year. Those wishing home visits or private communion, please call the office to arrange a visit. (812-265-2158)

The funeral for Bob Claghorn will be held in the church on Saturday, November 24, at 2:30 PM, followed by the Committal at the Indiana Veterans Cemetery.

As you know, Bob Claghorn is the most recent of four members lost to our community in a very short span of time: This year we have commended Winnie Smith, Barb Kiffmeyer, Doug Grahn, and, now, Bob Claghorn to God. We also marked the death of Joan Choate's son, Stephen Choate, with a committal at the Columbarium.

Mother Evelyn is considering offering a special liturgy for us as a community and church family to come together to remember, tell stories, share hugs and prayers, as a way to help us begin to come to terms with the impact of these changes. If you would like to help plan such an event, let's gather briefly during coffee hour this Sunday, the 26th, and see what we can design!

The fires in California have never been as bad as they are now. Should you feel moved to want to help out, donations may be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (write "EDNC" on the "Pay to" line.) Checks may be sent to EDNC, 350 University Ave., Suite 280, Sacramento, CA 95825. OR Checks may be sent to St John's Episcopal Church, c/o the Very Rev. Richard Yale, 2341 Floral Avenue, Chico CA, 95926-7311, and designate on the memo line: Fire relief. Thank you.

It seems that nearly everyone I know is under an incredible burden of stress and anxiety. Whether it's the weather, politics, spiritual, impending holidays, whatever, I urge you, nay, I *beg* you, to be **KIND** to yourselves, to each other, and to those you meet, know, love, or encounter. Seek peace. Look for God in the world around you. Take time to breathe. Take time to give thanks. God is with you.