



# By George!

Growing with You in God's Love and Service

July 2017

## Rule of Life

### for St George's

*Based on our spiritual values and practices, this is our commitment to each other.*

We:

- Nurture ourselves with the Bible and spiritual books
- Care deeply about each other, including in prayer.
- Fellowship together and have fun.
- Are grateful, glad and giving stewards of God's creation.
- Reach out to the world, living and spreading the Word.

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# Thoughts From Our PIC

*(Priest in Charge)*

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!**

This year our celebration of Independence Day has special meaning. We are in a time of continued divisions and stress for our nation. Our own congregation has a variety of political viewpoints within it. How can we give a united witness as followers of Jesus Christ? How can we find spiritual support in a time of anxiety?

Independence Day is a good time to focus on some basic principles from the Bible. The first is that God is Lord of all the nations, as creator of the world and all peoples. As followers of God, our commitment is to share God's love and justice for everyone.

Every nation is accountable to God for how we treat others. Second, God has a special heart for the vulnerable and powerless. In the scripture, this is expressed by saying that God cares for the alien, the orphan, and the widow – those who have no one to care for them. God calls us as his followers to work to support those who are vulnerable in our to show God's love and to suffer with us. God is not “out there” somewhere, but lives with us.

As followers of God and citizens of the United States, we give witness to these principles. In word and action, we proclaim that God loves all people around the world. We call on our leaders to do all possible to care for those who are downtrodden and vulnerable in our nation and in other parts of the world. As members of St. George's, we work to help those in need in our own community. We also give witness to the love of God incarnate in Jesus, that God is present with us and with all people. We find support for ourselves in this love. No matter what our race, culture, or political background, we are noticed and loved by God in Jesus.

These principles may sound very basic, but they make all the difference in the way to see our nation and the world. We have a wonderful tradition of freedom and democracy in our nation. We celebrate this gift that our nation brings to the world, and we give thanks for God's love for us and for all peoples of our world.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe Independence Day!

*In Jesus' love,*

† Father Ray

## Senior Warden

We are going to have so much fun! So please mark your calendars for **Saturday, July 22 from 10 am - 2 pm.** On that day, St. George's Parish will host a Community Barbecue and bring a Pop-Up Adventure Playground for young kids to play creatively.

Men and Child Care (MaCC) will bring this Pop-Up Adventure with funding through First Five Sacramento. Adventure Playgrounds started in Europe after WWII when children were observed having great fun playing in the rubble. So that became the idea behind Adventure Playgrounds. Pop-Up Adventure Playgrounds is now less permanent and only exists for the day. Men and Child Care will set-up, take down, provide some adult safety monitors, and provide advertising all for free!

This event is part of our Outreach Ministry and the Vestry strongly encourages all parishioners, their families, friends, and neighbors to join us. So come one, come all for some free food, drinks, and fun on **Saturday, July 22 from 10 am - 2 pm.**

Yours in Christ,

*Sandra Crenshaw, Senior Warden*



July 22  
10-2 p.m.

## WOMENS GUILD

No meetings are scheduled for July or August however a few of us are attempting to do some purging in the church kitchen. Overtime we have accumulated extra plates, bowls, platters, serving utensils, knives, etc. We intend to display these 'extras' for two or three Sundays so that members have the opportunity to claim any item they may have left behind in the past and forgotten about. If anyone happens to see an item they could use at home, they are welcome to take it. In that case, a monetary donation to the Guild would be appreciated [think garage or yard sale find]. Any remaining items will be donated to Goodwill.

The Guild continues to keep the kitchen supplied with coffee hour supplies and all members of the congregation are encouraged to take a turn providing the snack goodies and cleaning up on Sundays. Rinsing coffee pots and serving dishes does not take much time. Please ask if you are not sure what is involved. If everyone takes a turn, it is not much of a chore. A sign-up sheet for providing 'goodies' is on the bulletin board to the right of the kitchen window.

*Carol Adkins, Women's Guild President*



Young at Heart

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5—Bill Kaler
- 6—Andrew Jeske '07
- 11—Richard Roy
- 12—Pauline Delander
- 12—Robert Olsen
- 26—Randall Abbott

*(If your name was not included, please let Sandy know so she can add your name.)*

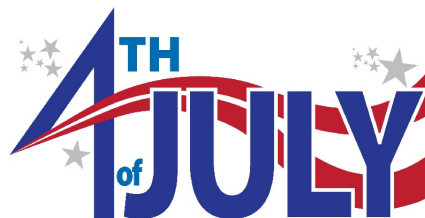
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### **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7—Roger & Janet Jenkins
- 9—Darren & Rose Clark
- 25—Dave & Joy Allmuth ('54)
- 26—Fr. John & Anne Mangels (')
- 26—Jim & Genie Schavey

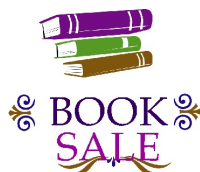


Women's Guild  
Hospitality Sunday  
will be the 1st  
Sunday of each  
month, special  
offering envelopes



are included in the bulletin. These are used by the Women's Guild to provide weekly coffee hours, special receptions and other events for parish members. Please make checks payable to St. George's Church with a memo note in the left corner for HOSPITALITY.

The women's Guild is happy to provide the book corner for your enjoyment. We appreciate the books you all donate. However, I would like to remind you to bring fiction, non-fiction, historical or humorous books. Please NO self-help or study books. Thanks for your attention to this matter.



CDs...\$1  
BOOKS...\$1  
PAPERBACKS...50¢

Happy reading!  
*Janet Jenkins*

 **Vestry Meeting** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
@ 6:45 pm

**Wednesdays**  
@ 10:45



**Ron & Bob's Birthday Bash,**  
July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

The Olsen's - 8070 Glen Creek Way, CH  
Join us in celebrating our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**No presents please.**

RSVP – Bob (916)729-1019

## July/August

### JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 22: 1-14* *Psalm 13*  
*Romans 6: 12-23* *Matthew 10: 40-42*

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Sophia Saunders & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Angela Saunders

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

### JULY 9<sup>th</sup>

#### 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67* *Psalm 45: 11-18*  
*Romans 7: 15-25a* *Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30*

CELEBRANT: † Fr. Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & JoAnn Cookman

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Wendy

Nelson

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

### JULY 16<sup>th</sup>

#### 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 25:19-34* *Psalm 119: 105-112*  
*Romans 8: 1-11* *Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & JoAnn Cookman

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Vicki Karsten

USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

### JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> — MORNING PRAYER

#### 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 28:10–19a* *Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23*  
*Romans 8:12–25* *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

WORSHIP LEADER 9: Mel Rose

WORSHIP LEADER 10:30: Becky Freie

PREACHER: Bob Olsen

WORSHIP HELPER: Diana Perparos

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Randall Abbott

ALTAR GUILD: JoAnn Cookman & Wendy  
Nelson

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

### JULY 30<sup>th</sup>

#### 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Genesis 29:15-28* *Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b*  
*Romans 8:26–39* *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTORS: Becky Freie & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Vicki Karsten

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

### AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>

#### THE TRANSFIGURATION

*Exodus 34: 29-35* *Psalm 99*  
*2Peter 1: 13-21* *Luke 9: 28-36*

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess

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## FOURTH OF JULY



My article's tend to stay away from secular topics, but a few weeks ago when going through our books, many I haven't opened since shortly after purchasing and reading them 20-30-40-50 years ago. I ran across a small volume containing a Fourth of July Oration. Given the current state of politics I thought the speaker's words still hold a message for us today. As Sandy would not appreciate a 10-12 page article, I will only quote excerpts from the text.

“Mr. Mayor, Fellow-citizens: We meet to-day on the common ground of American citizenship. In the celebration of the national anniversary we forget all sectional divisions, all diversities of political opinion, all prejudices of race or creed. We remember only our common sympathies and interests in the present, our common homes and desires for the future. It is no time for the expression of narrow views, cynical criticism, or gloomy prognostications...We are reminded by recent public utterances that some of our fellow-citizens, of eminent virtues and not wanting in patriotism, seem to find our times hopelessly out of joint. They read in every passing event the signs of apprehension for the future...I believe that we may look at the present and the future with tranquil eyes. Our government is not going to destruction; our institutions are not falling into decay. There are some evils which affect all society and all government, and from these we cannot hope to be exempt...which call for attention and remedy...The stream will not always run clear, but its source in the heart and conscience of the people will not be corrupted...The people can be trusted...Let us, then, look forward with hope and confidence, trusting in the God-fearing, law-abiding character of the American people, “rich in saving common-sense,” grounded in love of justice and order, and vital with public spirit, to keep secure the great trust committed to their hands.”

This speech/Oration was given by the Hon. Albert E. Pillsbury, in the city of Boston on July 4, 1890. No that isn't a typo – 1890. The style of oratory may have given away the era, but I believe the message to the folks in 1890 could serve us as well today. The decade leading up to this speech was part of what is referred to as the “gilded age.” This was a time of rapid industrialization and increasing wages, however as the book by Mark Twain *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today*, portrayed it as an era of serious social problems covered with a thin gold gilding of economic expansion.

What Mr. Pillsbury said about remembering only our common interests and desires for the future, rather than those who speak to divide us one from another. It seems clear to me that our country has had its problems, just as it was in 1890, we are called to work together for the good of all.

During this month when we celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our nation on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I ask you to prayer for the United States of America, the President, the Supreme Court and the Congress. God Bless America.

*Amen. Deacon Bob*

### BOUNTY BAG

We're collecting dry goods, canned goods, dried cereals, soaps, toothpaste tooth brushes or any non-perishables,

We collect Bags ANYTIME!!  
**NO TIME TO SHOP** a check to St. Georges with memo to River city Food Bank (everything is welcome).



### SUNDAY SERVICES

Family Service                      9 a.m.  
Traditional Service      10:30 a.m.

Articles are always welcome...**BUT KEEP it short!** The best way to submit an article is via my new e-mail [sandyolsen8070@gmail.com](mailto:sandyolsen8070@gmail.com) ...July issue deadline will be July 26!!

