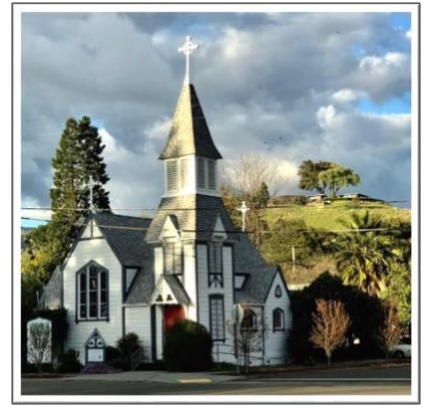


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NOVEMBER REFLECTION

By Deacon Bob

As I write this reflection, we are enjoying the day after the storm....yes, that wonderful 7.5 inches of rain sent by God. It is a hopeful sign of things to come but we must continue to use the resources God gives us wisely.

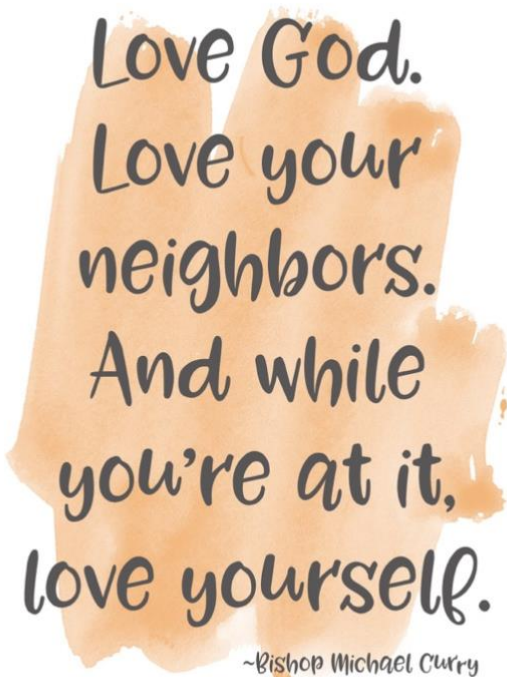
Last year at this time we were tiring of COVID and didn't yet know that vaccines would be available in winter to start fighting the epidemic. And despite the initial promise that the vaccines brought, subsequent surges have shown that this is a battle that won't be easily won. It has been an exhausting time for us all.

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons, we anticipate the family gatherings to come. And this can be a fraught time given that some people have chosen to get vaccinated and others not. This complicates the planning for such gatherings and how to have them safely. And, of course, there is always politics—each side on any issue may see the others' views as naive or misguided or even wrong. But in these hyper-polarized times, it is vital that we remember the promises we make in our baptismal covenant: that we will “seek and serve Christ in all persons..., respect the dignity of every human being” and “love our neighbors as ourselves.” (BCP p. 304).

This year, the first Sunday in Advent falls on November 28th; just a few days after Thanksgiving. And as this day marks the start of a new church year and a new beginning as we await Christ's birth, we all may want to consider if we are doing our best to fulfill our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of every human being and love our neighbors as ourselves. Give it some thought; I know I will.

Blessings....Deacon Bob

"God loves each as if that person was the only one that ever lived, and God loves all, as he loves each." - St. Augustine



Love God.
Love your
neighbors.
And while
you're at it,
love yourself.

~Bishop Michael Curry

REMEMBERING IN NOVEMBER

St. Andrew the Apostle

November 30th

The patron saint of Scotland, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, is lesser known, but important in his own right. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. He followed Jesus with another disciple after John had pointed him out, with the words: "Behold the lamb of God." Andrew and the other disciple stayed with Jesus, and Andrew went to find his brother to bring him to Jesus. Some say that this makes Andrew the first missionary of the disciples. He was also the disciple who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes for feeding the multitude. He always seems to be in the shadow of his brother Peter, but he is believed to have been a missionary to Scythia, a region now part of southern Russia around the Black and Caspian Seas.

Tradition has it that he was fastened to an X-shaped cross and suffered death at the hands of pagans. The cross of St. Andrew is an X-shape and is the cross of Scotland. He is also the patron saint of the Russian navy, and their hats have this cross on them.

On the Episcopal Church flag, the cross of St. Andrew is in the upper left corner symbolizing the ordination of the first American bishop by the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give unto us who are called by your Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

--Jane Snibbe+ Source: *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, 2018

OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP MEETING

WHAT: The Healdsburg Community Band honors our Veterans

WHERE: Veteran's Hall Auditorium, 205 W. First St.

WHEN: Thursday, November 11

TIME: 7PM

On Veterans Day, November 11, instead of our usual Fellowship meeting, we will have the opportunity to join with others in our community for a 7 pm concert traditionally given in the Veteran's Hall Auditorium by the Healdsburg Community Band to honor all Veterans. The Healdsburg Community band has between 30 and 40 members, including some Cloverdale locals, and they will play a selection of patriotic tunes. The concert will be about an hour and 15 minutes. Masks will be required. For further information, contact Gene Marcinkowski.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER FOR CLOVERDALE FOOD PANTRY

WHERE: Cloverdale Nursery

DATE: Saturday, November 6

TIME: 10AM-1PM

DETAILS:

A multi-faceted fundraiser for our local Cloverdale Food Pantry has been organized by Jude & Christy Anne Latchford. The fundraiser will include raffle prizes and 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the Food Pantry. The goal is to raise money for an organization that helps so many in town and, with the upcoming holidays, can benefit from extra funds. Cash donations will be welcome at the event and some baked goods will also be for sale. Pop-up donation containers with the Cloverdale Food Pantry logo will be distributed at

various places in town. Donations will also be welcome at the event. Further details about the event and donation locations can be found at Bolt, Cloverdale Nursery, in the November Creative Corner and on the Cloverdale Community Facebook Page. Prizes include:

1. Hats knitted by Jude with yarn purchased from Creative Notions. These will be sold for \$5 each. Also, for a \$5 donation, you can sponsor a hat for donation to Wallace House for those in need this winter.
2. A new set of the first 5 books by award-winning Canadian author, Louise Penny donated by Christy Anne. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 per ticket to win the 5-piece set.
3. Debbie Ward who works at Bolt Fabrics has donated a quilt that she made for the raffle.
4. A 5 x7" official signed photo of Giants catcher, Buster Posey donated by a friend of Jude's who works at the ballpark.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Episcopal Church has launched a fundraising campaign to support Episcopal Migration Ministries to welcome and assist thousands of Afghans who fled their home country. An initial goal has been set to raise \$4 million to provide housing, clothing, legal assistance and other support.

"The ministry of offering welcome to those fleeing violence is nothing less than God's work." ~Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

As there is already an Afghan community in the Sacramento area, people in our diocese are mobilizing to meet the needs of refugees. St. Matthew's Center is actively involved.

--Jane Snibbe+ Sources: *The Episcopal Journal, October 2021* and website of *The Diocese of Northern California*

MISSION COMMITTEE MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Worship Committee

Jane said the bishop has not yet approved use of the common cup. The Diocesan Convention is being held online on November 4, 5 and 6. Rev. Tim is running for the Standing Committee for the diocese as well as continuing to serve on the bishop's leadership committee. Bob continues to volunteer in a financial capacity with Wallace House and the Cherry Creek project as well as at La Familia Sana.

Property and Maintenance

Marshall purchased four-inch wide grit tape to apply to the Vicarage front and back porch stairs once dry. Re: improving ventilation in the sanctuary as a means of preventing Covid—Gene says running the heater or air conditioner will bring in external air. A new power line and fan would be needed to replace the exit fan at the back of church.

Outreach/Internal Fellowship

See the articles on pages 4 and 5.

Communications

Elaine Rock will be in charge of the newsletter as of the November issue. Lin Buchman requested the emergency contact booklet be updated. Gene reviewed what handouts ushers can give church visitors and was encouraged to use the church tri-fold.

Old Business

Lynn nominated Francesca Giacalone to serve out the remainder of Candi Bialon's term on the Mission Committee. Candi's term runs through December of 2023.

GOOD SHEPHERD HOSTS ST. PAUL'S, HEALDSBURG, ECW MEETING

Did you know that Good Shepherd hosts the St. Paul's, Healdsburg, Episcopal Church Women (ECW) group meeting and luncheon every October? ECW gives spiritual and financial support to St. Paul's and Episcopal Relief and Development. Our two congregations have had a close relationship that goes back at least fifty or sixty years, and for the past five or six years, Good Shepherd has hosted the ECW meeting in Cloverdale in October.

This year, attendees were eager to see our new stained-glass windows and they enjoyed Elaine Rock's devotion about how light shines through stained glass to remind us that God is the source that enlightens our souls. The meeting, held inside the church, focused on the planning, coordination, and sign-ups for the annual Holiday Boutique sponsored by the ECW the Saturday before Thanksgiving weekend (see flyer below). This year, we enjoyed lunch made by Jane Snibbe and Elaine Rock, served in our lovely patio area behind the vicarage. Teal Johnson's delicious cookie desserts were a huge hit, as always. Meetings are open to all women from St. Paul's and Good Shepherd and usually take place at 11:30 on the 2nd Thursday of the month. We encourage the women of our congregation to attend an ECW meeting and learn more about this fellowship; for more information, please talk to Jane Snibbe or Elaine Rock.



Holiday Boutique

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Hall

209 Matheson St., Healdsburg

Saturday, Nov. 20 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- * Homemade Treats & Crafts: Jams, Chutneys, Curds, Cookies, Candy, Cakes, Soup & Cookie Gift Jars, Hand- crafted items, and more!*
- * Jewelry: Fashion, Sterling & Gold-filled*
- * Collectibles: Ceramics, Seasonal decorations, China, Crystal and much more!*
- * Silent Auction: Themed Baskets and Specialty Items*

Please join us for Holiday fun!





Lin Buchman

Chuck Levine

Ron Longo

Maggie Carlsen



