

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

Rich in history, a visible & living church welcoming everyone to the family of Christ.



Dear friends in Christ,

We had a good Annual Meeting on Jan 19, 2020. Leslyn Shortes was nominated to replace vestry member Marybea Varvel and voted in by acclamation. Randall Douglas and Sabrina Greiten were nominated to the vestry for two vacant three year terms and were voted in by acclamation. Congratulations to our newest vestry members! The delegates for convention are: Leta Parks, Randy Douglas and Gigi Nordquist. Alternates are Becky Leighton and Franky Smith.

Our small church has a lot coming up in February. We will be doing some visioning, dancing, eating, partying before we enter into Lent. David Lopez will be leading a visioning session On February 5th from 2-4. Please consider coming to this meeting if you would like to be part of a conversation that looks to the future of our church. David has given homework for those who want to attend:

- 1) Choose no more than 8 values that you think answer the question “What does Our Saviour stand for – above all else?”
 - 2) Jot out a one sentence description of how each of the values you chose should be lived at Our Saviour.
 - 3) Reflecting on the values you chose, begin thinking of a concise, short, one sentence description of why Our Saviour Church exists...because this is going to become the church’s purpose.
- Please spend some time doing this homework assignment and come to the meeting if you are able.



We are going to do something different this year on Shrove Tuesday also known as Fat Tuesday also known as Mardi Gras. We are going to celebrate New Orleans style and have a Mardi Gras party! In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras. We will celebrate Mardi Gras on Feb 25th from 4:30 - 7 pm. Dinner will be served until 6:30. A local band called “Colton Mountain” is going to play from 5-7. Come and dance and/ or eat!!

Blessings,

Rev Deb

Forum Jan 26th at 9:30

Join us for a second forum on "What will be the hardest thing to leave behind?" Based on the book 'The Great Divorce' by C.S. Lewis. Led by Leta Parks



**WE'RE CELEBRATING
MARDI GRAS!**

Tuesday, February 25th
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
(Dinner served until 6:30 pm)

Join us as we gather on Shrove Tuesday for fun, food, music, and dancing before the fasting and reflection of Lent begin.

We'll dine on gumbo, Étouffée, dirty rice, green and red jello, and scrumptious desserts as we listen and dance to the lively music of the Colton Mountain Band! ***Bring a friend!***

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Lent

The 2020 Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, for Latin-rite Catholics with Easter Sunday on April 12. Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast. The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. All Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265).

Our Ash Wednesday services will be at noon and 6 pm February 26th.

Lent Forums

This year we are going to enter into a visual prayer experience this Lent with Arts & Faith. Each week we'll provide a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures. We will use these videos to take a new look at this season of spiritual renewal through the lens of sacred art.

Commentary is by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, assistant professor of liturgy, catechesis, and evangelization at Loyola University New Orleans. She holds a bachelor's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree in liturgy from St. John's University in Collegeville, a master's degree in religion and the arts from Yale Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in theology and education from Boston College. Her unique background in faith and art brings to life a new way of observing Lent and understanding the season on a more personal level.

March 1: Ivan Kramskoi, "Christ in the Desert," 1872

March 8: Raphael, "Transfiguration," 1518–1520

March 15: Orthodox Icon, "St. Photini"

March 22: El Greco, "Christ Healing the Blind," circa 1567

March 29: János Vaszary, "Resuscitation of Lazarus," 1912

Hospitality team members needed after 8 and 10:30 services

Please consider joining a Hospitality Team for either the 8:00 or 10:30 service! Substitutes are also needed. Team members are willing to trade dates so don't worry about committing in advance! This year's schedules are posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen so you can see which people are on the existing teams and when they serve. For more information and/or to sign up for this ministry you can talk with Elsie (644-3636) or LeAnn (644-4789).

New art exhibit

Kathy Fritschi is going to install a new art show on Monday, February 3 at 2pm. Richard Batho, a retired art teacher from Ponderosa, will be showing ceramics, drawings and paintings.

Foster Care Date Night Out

We set up at 5:30, and we clean up at 9:00. We met four evenings in 2019. It would be terrific if we could do this more often. We would need another set of volunteers. It is important to have many volunteers—one to one or one to two is ideal, for safety, and, because the personal attention and interaction is what is needed.

Pizza, fruits and veggies, juice and water are served, and, we have popcorn to go with a short movie at the end of the evening. (The crafts were so popular in December, we didn't have time for the movie.) There are a variety of games, bingo (with prizes), play dough, and wonderful crafts. We try to respond to the interests and abilities of the children who range in age from six months to thirteen years. The funds we receive from our church budget go toward the food, crafts, and prizes.



This year we had between four and twelve children attend each time. Often there are last minute issues, so, we cannot accurately predict how many will show up.

Our volunteers this year, to whom we owe much gratitude were Kathy Fritschi, Le Ann Bettancourt, Steve and Leslyn Shortes, Marcia Goodrich, Marybea Varvel, Linda Tarby, Juline Aguilar, and Karin Aguilar

Emmanuel Church news

One of the premier history sites is Coloma where gold was discovered in 1849. When you go there, and my family takes visitors there often, one of the relics of the early bustling community that grew up in that spot is an Episcopal Church – Emmanuel Church. It was built in 1855 – the first Episcopal church in California. And it was served, from 1861 to 1903 by the Rev. Caleb Peirce, the very same priest who founded Church of Our Saviour. It is not clear that it ever served as a parish center, but it was certainly coveted as a special place for weddings and funerals.

At some point ownership of the church passed into State of California hands and its use was administered by the Parks Department until 2015, when Senior Park Ranger Barry Smith reluctantly declared it unsafe and closed the church to the public. Three years later one of four spires was ripped off during a violent storm and landed, pointy end down, in a neighbor's yard. It was past time to do something! Ranger Smith had a passion for preserving Emmanuel's part in California history, because it broke the social norms of its time. It was where African Americans and Japanese Americans and Caucasian Americans got married and buried. Here are a few examples.

In 1885 funeral services for James Marshall, the discoverer of that gold at Sutter's Mill, were held at Emmanuel. I've also read that famous poet Charles Edwin Markham married Annie Cox at Emmanuel Church, but I can't reconcile dates with his on-line biography, which does state that he taught literature in El Dorado Co in the 1870's. (In 1922 his poem "Lincoln, the Man of the People" was read -by the author - at the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial.) In 1893 an African American couple - Rufus Morgan Burgess and Josephine Burris – married at Emmanuel church. Rufus owned and operated the first blacksmith shop and was a prominent fruit farmer in the area, amassing large amounts of property. He was a Mason and respected member of the community. Services for Matsunosuke Sakurai, a member of the first Japanese colony in the U.S. that was settled just outside Coloma, were held at Emmanuel Church, too. Even artist Thomas Kinkade was married in the church in 1982, among 1300 other couples who tied their knots there.

Ranger Smith has secured around \$2.5 million in State funds to restore the church. Priceless artifacts, including a zinc glass altar window, have been removed for safe-keeping.

I live just five miles from Coloma and will be following the restoration progress. Because this is an Episcopal Church and because our own founder, the Rev. Caleb Peirce, sustained Emmanuel Church as he grew Church of Our Saviour, it feels both local and personal.

That is why I introduced a resolution to the 2019 Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (Resolution R3-19) which asked the Bishop of our Diocese to express in writing our enthusiastic support of the restoration efforts. It was an easy resolution to love - no financial or organizational obligations - and it passed unanimously. But I felt it was important for The Episcopal Church, in its local jurisdiction to both acknowledge and thank the California State Parks Department for their efforts to restore this significant structure. I have drafted the letter for Bishop Megan to sign. There is a local group that is supposed to pass on information. I haven't heard from them lately, and tried to get an update on start dates to work on the foundation. I will keep you posted. It is the hope of

many people that Emmanuel Church may once again become available for events that want to be consecrated in an important religious presence.

Pastor Christine

Abundance !



I was visiting a parishioner and they had their latest harvest from their garden on the counter. It was so beautiful I had to take a picture. The word abundance came to mind. We are the harvesters of something that can yield an abundance of God's love. That love is evident in this community, of the caring we show for each other and the caring we show to others in the wider community. The harvest is plentiful and we need to keep letting God tend our own hearts and souls in order to be the gardeners.

Prophets of a future not our own

by Oscar Romero

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.



Bishop Megan invites you to [make a gift to the Bishop's Partnership Appeal](#), a year-end process that is designed to directly support the congregations and institutions of our diocese.

Special emphasis was put on campership this year, and we ask that you consider giving to that area of the appeal as registrations are about to open for our camps.

Your generous, service mindset will fuel new ways to invite folks into what God is doing here in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

If you would like to give to a specific ministry of the Appeal, please indicate your chosen ministry(s) in the note/memo line when you give.

Days of Discernment



"Have you ever had a sense that God might be calling you to ordained ministry as a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church?" asks the Rev. Margaret Grayden, Chair of the Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California. "If so, you and your rector/vicar/priest-in-charge should attend the diocesan Day of Discernment." This is a great opportunity to hear what it's really like to be a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church today, and to learn how the ordination process works in our diocese."

During the Day of Discernment, presentations on the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious orders active in our diocese will be provided. There will also be an overview of the ordination process (including handing out an application packet and a copy of The Manual and Guide for Ordination). Spouses are welcome to attend the Day of Discernment. Attendance is mandatory as the first step in the formal discernment process. Space is limited, so be sure to register ASAP!

There will be two Days of Discernment in 2020:

- Saturday, Mar. 28, 2020 at the Office of the Bishop in Sacramento
- Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020 at a location TBD.



The Next Bunco Night is Feb 4th from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Don't forget to bring \$5.00, a canned good to donate, some food to share and your good luck!

Be prepared to laugh!



February Birthdays:

Wendi Roberts	Feb 7th
Kris Fagnani	Feb 26th

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2	Groundhog Day Rite I - Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Fellowship - Coffee Hour 9:00 AM Adult Forum 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Rite II - Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Fellowship - Coffee Hour 11:30 AM	3 New Morning Anne Roos Rehearsal 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Kathy Fritschi 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	4 Harp Lessons 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM BUNCO 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	5 Qi Gong 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Women's Bible Study 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Contemplative Prayer 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	6 Daughters of the King 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Placerville Arts Council 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sheryl 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	7 All Rooms Unavailable 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Foster Parents / Caregivers Night Out 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Welcome Home Group NA 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	8 Prayer Blanket Group 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM		
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February Ministry Schedule 8 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
2	T.Weikert	L. Weikert	N.Lawson
9	T.Weikert	C.Persse	J. .Schoener
16	D.Zelinsky	T.Wilson	S.Bert
23	D.Zelinsky	J.Griffin	C. Griffin

February Ministry Schedule 10:30 am

Date	EM	Reader	Usher
2	M.Muetz	B. Roberts	R.Douglas/E.Cannon
9	L. Parks	L.Parks	T.Berkery/M.Berkery
16	Y. Giordano	T.Fritschi	D.Lightfoot/D.Decker
23	G. Nordquist	G. Nordquist	E.Cannon/D.Decker

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