Dear ones,

I have served as a chaplain for 21 years at the Fallen Leaf Chapel. I got the chapel ready to open for the first time since the pandemic. We had an 8:00 am Holy Eucharist service inside the chapel and a 10:00 am Morning Prayer service outside. There were the usual difficulties with the sound system and interference, but it was wonderful to be able to worship outside among the aspen trees. I went on hikes every day and especially enjoyed the amazing Lupine bloom on a trail near Camp Richardson.

I was delighted that my two older grandchildren could spent a couple of days with me. They decided that this was the year they would catch a fish (after trying each year for 10 years). They left the cabin at 5:00 am and came back with a 20” trout, which, I am told, is quite large for Fallen Leaf. They also prepared it for dinner that evening! I am going to take some continuing education time in July to work with a writing group I belong to and finish a writing project I have been working on for some time. I hope to have the narrative arc of a book finished before August and will complete it during my sabbatical that begins in September. In August I plan on resuming the video interviews that I began during the pandemic. Each person has such an interesting story to tell. Everyone enjoyed listening to and watching the interviews that were done last year and I look forward to resuming those. Your stories. I am grateful to Pastor Christine who will be with you for most Sunday’s, and for the Rev Mary Hauck and Michael Kerrick, who will be with you as well.

Blessings to you all and I will see you in August!

Rev Deb
Parish News and Events

Rev Deb’s Vacation and Sabbatical

Rev Deb will be taking her vacation and continuing education for most of July. She will be back for all of August and will leave for sabbatical on September 5th. The sabbatical continues the remainder of September and through November. She will be back with us on December 5th. Pastor Christine, the Rev Mike Kerrick, and the Rev Mary Hauck will be with us on the Sunday's that Rev. Deb is away.

The “Bishop’s Special Contest”

(Deadline July 15th)

Bishop Megan has announced a “Max the Vax” contest to encourage all congregations in the diocese to get a Covid-19 vaccination. The parish/congregation with the highest percentage of congregants vaccinated will be treated to a BBQ dinner prepared and served by the bishop and staff at the Office of the Bishop. All you need to do is go to the diocesan website (www.norcalepiscopal.org). The announcement is displayed on the right side of the home page. Click on that, and then click on “submit your entry.” No proof of vaccination is required, just congregation name, household name, number of adults vaccinated, and number of children under 18 who will be vaccinated (if 0, enter 0 children in the household). Many congregations are eagerly encouraging their people to enter. Small congregations are probably at an advantage over larger ones, but the number of entries will be compared to the Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) of that congregation from the most recent Parochial Report. Let's be good sports and report our excellent results!

See the “News from the Diocese” section below.

Hand Painted Stones

Pastor Christine has “planted” a number of unique flat stones painted with special words to use for praying, reflecting or keeping close. They are in the ground in front of the church sign. Stop by and see if your special word is there and take your stone home. If you have a special word that is not there contact Pastor Christine christineleightaylor@gmail.com or 621-2297 and she will make sure you get just the right one.

Church Diet Group

Get some encouragement and on-going support to lose those unwanted pounds. Learn more than the clinical facts of following a diet. Discover some motivational tips and techniques to help you to stick 'with it.’ (No weigh in's.) Several have requested the meetings to be on Mondays at around 5:45 pm or 6:00 pm. Let us know the time that would be most convenient for you. Call Cherie at (530) 626-8020 for more information. Meetings will start some time in August.
Holy Cross Day Commemoration

Walking the Stations of the Cross was not one of the rites of the early church but became a people’s observation that was eventually adopted by the church. It is not limited to the Lenten Season. Churches and monasteries around the world have such paths available year round. Tom and Lee Weikert also have a path with stations that follow Jesus from his condemnation to his death on the cross and on to the empty tomb. There are 14 stops along this journey, “stations”, with 14 plaques depicting the events, similar to the painted Stations of the Cross in our church sanctuary.

This year we will be walking the Stations at the Weikerts’ on Saturday, September 25th, at 11:00 am. We stop for a reading and a prayer at each tree where a plaque is hung. We will be using the very personal “Everyone’s Stations of the Cross” instead of the more familiar Holy Week “The Way of the Cross”. Our path is a moderate climb, eased by a zigzag pattern, up the hill behind our home. Sturdy shoes are a must.

This event is suitable for all ages. Please join us and bring a bag lunch. It’s lovely on the back deck in the fall. The Weikerts will provide beverages. If you have any questions, please call Tom or Lee at 644-0382 or email Lee at eklktcwe@earthlink.net. The address is 4110 Sierra Springs Drive, Pollock Pines. Directions are available in the Parish Hall or you can request them by email. If the weather turns rainy we will move indoors.

News from the Diocese

Max the Vax!

To encourage all members of our diocese to become vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus, the Office of the Bishop is sponsoring the Max the Vax Campaign. The parish with the highest percentage of congregants vaccinated will be treated to a BBQ dinner prepared and served by Bishop Megan Traquair and the staff of the Office of the Bishop.

Submit Your Entry Here!

oursaviourplacerville.org
Here’s How it Works

Beginning June 15, and ending July 15, congregants are invited to visit the Max the Vax campaign page on the diocesan website.

Participants will need to enter the following information to qualify:

- Parish name and location
- Household name
- Number of adults in the household who have received at least one shot of the two-part vaccines, or received the single-dose vaccine
- Number of children under age 18 who will be vaccinated (if applicable)

- No proof of vaccination is required
- At the close of the campaign, the parish with the highest percentage of Average Sunday Attendance* vaccinated will be declared the winner.
- In the event of a tie, there will be a drawing to decide the winner.
- Data will only be used by the Office of the Bishop to determine the winner.
- The Office of the Bishop will determine the date of the BBQ with the winning parish.

Revisiting the Vision of Our Diocese

About Us

We are the Episcopal Church in Northern California; we are members of the Anglican Communion and members of Christ’s one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Our Vision

Our Identity

A family of congregations in Northern California following Jesus Christ in the Anglican way as part of The Episcopal Church; we are partners with God in God’s mission here and throughout the world.
Our Mission
The Mission of The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California is to make disciples, raise up saints and transform communities for Christ in Northern California.

Our Purpose

**We are called to follow, trust and obey Jesus Christ.**

Living the Baptismal Covenant, we are to welcome, equip, empower, teach, and train all our members for ministry in the service of God’s mission. Each person in our diocese is called to live out their lifelong engagement as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, living a life of love of God and love of our neighbor for God’s sake in Christ.

Such living is based upon, but not limited to, the following principles:

• the Church, the body of Christ, exists to carry out God’s mission

• ministry happens in all of life’s endeavors

• learning in ministry begins with preparation for baptism and continues until death; it is experiential and lifelong

• the Gospel must be engaged afresh in every context, every time, and every place

• every person has a unique configuration of gifts; no one is omnicompetent

• no person is indispensable; every person is irreplaceable

• the Spirit equips every congregation with what it needs to do what God is calling it to do

• congregations are not problems to be solved; like individuals, each has a unique pattern of gifts and opportunities which shape its ministry; ministries are not slots to be filled

• the local congregation or community of faith calls people to offices and specific ministries

Our Strategy

**Create, develop and support healthy congregations**

Healthy congregations will be well-led and well-fed. They will be worship-centered, mission-minded, intentionally diverse, compassionate communities where people are formed in the faith, educated in Scripture and tradition, and helped to develop and utilize their ministry gifts. They will encourage ever-deepening fellowship, and will attend to the pastoral needs of their members. They will be bases for outreach, with special regard for the poor.

Healthy congregations will be well-organized, well-administered, adequately resourced, and appropriately housed. They will communicate effectively and will know how to handle change and conflict. They will be active in the life of The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, collaborating in mission with other congregations and with ecumenical partners. They will actively seek to transform the communities they serve, doing Christ’s work of reconciliation, and witnessing
to his justice, mercy, and peace. They will model good environmental stewardship and regard for sustainability.

Visit our Congregational Development page for more information.

Our Core Values

**Our abiding Values are the values of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ, and of our Baptismal Covenant with Him. This is how we mean to live.**

In The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, we are especially committed to:

*Worship:*

Everything we do flows from and returns to our worship of God, which we do as beautifully and meaningfully as we can, in keeping with the best of our Anglican tradition. Visit our Worship Resources page for more information.

*Outreach:*

In the love of Christ, we care constantly for the least, the last, and the lost in body, mind, and spirit. Visit our Ministries page for more information.

*Formation:*

We help people of all ages to grow into spiritual maturity, and to be fully equipped to live the Christian life. Visit our Leadership Formation page for more information. In addition, we are committed to working toward a sustainable and sufficient world where there is enough for all to thrive by supporting the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.

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**News from ECUSA**

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**Advocacy Resources** from the Church Office of Government Relations web page ~

Below are resources focused on advocacy including Episcopal Church policies, tips for communicating with your elected officials, voter engagement, the 2020 Census, and more! For resources on civil discourse and political conversations visit our civil discourse page.
Have you used a resource below? Let us know! Reach out with your stories of educating about the ministry of public policy advocacy by writing eppn@episcopalchurch.org.

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**Improve Your Advocacy**

Whether advocating at the international, federal, state, or local level, some of the same principles of relationship building and advocacy apply. Check out these resources for guidance on becoming an even stronger advocate!

Your stories, perspectives, and commitment are all part of the way we will make change to encourage our government to enact just policies and laws.

The OGR Faith and Citizenship Guide is focused on helping the Church engage the government, emphasizing the work of advocacy in bringing about systemic change that will bring us closer to God’s kingdom.

**OGR Faith and Citizenship Guide**

Additional advocacy resources ~

- Tips for effective communication with your representatives
- How to write an op-ed
The Postcard Project

The Postcard Project is an opportunity to convene people to write physical postcards to their members of Congress (or other government officials), helping to build relationships among parishioners eager to carry out their faith through action. Congregations can bring parishioners together in virtual sessions to build community through personal interactions even during COVID-19. This can also be a fun family activity to organize yourself at home!

EPPN Ambassador Program

Launched June 2020, this program offers a chance for people to get more engaged in amplifying our advocacy efforts. Ambassadors work on a local level helping to promote our action alerts and advocacy resources to improve our reach. To learn more about what’s involved and how to apply, check out this page.

Election Engagement

Getting souls to the polls isn’t just about casting our own vote, but about working together so we all can vote and vote faithfully. We can empower every voice in our congregations in this work.

- 2020 Vote Faithfully Election Engagement Toolkit
- Vote Fielmente 2020

Revisit our EPPN Election Series which explores election integrity, voter access and more:

- EPPN Election Series: Election Process Integrity
- EPPN Election Series: Voter Access
- EPPN Election Series: What to Expect When You’re Electing
From The Pew to the Public Square: This resource booklet provides quick coaching in moral agency, discernment, and decision making for social and community social change.

**Voting and homelessness:** tips for voting while homeless that you may find helpful and that may be useful to share within your community.

Order your #VoteFaithfully stickers and magnets today! Email us: eppn@episcopalchurch.org.

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**Census Engagement**

As an official partner of Census 2020, The Episcopal Church helped make the count as accurate as possible. 132 federal programs plus private businesses, state, and local initiatives depend on Census data for effective distribution of resources, while congressional seats are apportioned according to the Census count.

- 2020 Census Engagement Toolkit
- En Español: Determina tu Futuro

Why is the U.S. Census so important? Learn more with our Census Series:

- Week 1: Why We Count
- Week 2: Healthcare
- Week 3: Education
- Week 4: Social Safety Net Programs
- Week 5: Businesses & Infrastructure
- Week 6: What Happens Next?

**Misinformation, Disinformation, Fake News: Why Do We Care?**

As Christians, we are not called to a life of half-truths and deception. We are called to follow a God who is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6). The Prayer Book also teaches that among our duties to our neighbors is “to be honest and fair in our dealings” and to “speak truth, and not mislead others by our silence.” (pg. 848) Let us therefore examine our own conduct to limit the spread of deceitful information and call upon our leaders to work towards the same.

Learn more and equip yourself to recognize and overcome misinformation in this critical resource.

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Before you share, ask yourself:

1) Where’s it from? Look for the source and be careful of fake copycat websites.

2) What’s missing? Do the headline and article match? Are other news organizations talking about it?

3) How do you feel? If a headline or article parks an intense emotion like fear, anger, or vindication, be watchful. That’s a common tactic from someone trying to manipulate you, not from someone trying to spread reputable news.

Episcopal Church Policies

All work of the Office of Government Relations is grounded in the resolutions of The Episcopal Church General Convention and Executive Council, the legislative and governing bodies of the church. Explore these resources for summaries, history, and exact text of these resolutions.

- Policy for Action 2018

Note: Policy for Action 2018 does not include resolutions from General Convention 79 in Austin, TX. We are working with Archives to create a new resource that will include those resolutions. Advocacy Research Reports

- Search the Resolutions of General Convention
- Search the Resolves of Executive Council

See below for four exciting pilot advocacy research reports created by the Archives of the Episcopal Church. We hope to continue collaborating with Archives to create similar reports on other topics in the future.

- Criminal Justice Advocacy (Download)
- Immigration and Refugees Advocacy (Download)
- Immigration and Youth Advocacy (Download)
- Middle East Advocacy (Download)
**Showing up at the Holy Borders**  
*By Ellen and Kurt Huber*

The Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission in South Dakota is made up of eleven congregations in the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation (just south of our neighbor, Standing Rock Reservation). Cheyenne River is about the size of the state of Connecticut. We arrived at the mission on September 1, 2020, and are assisted by Deacon Iva Traversie, a local tribal member. Our church membership includes four bands of the Lakota (Minnicoujou, Itazipco, Siha Sapa and Oohenumpa) spread throughout the reservation.

The challenges of arriving during this pandemic are manifold, especially as our churches follow the careful COVID-19 guidelines of the Tribal Council, which until just recently, prohibited in-person services or outreach, such as providing food or other necessities, with the exception of Christmas gifts for the children. Additionally, some of the donations normally directed here have come to a halt as churches outside of the reservations struggle in their own ways.

So where does that leave the new clergy? How do we get to know the people we have come here to serve?

**Meeting the community in times of sorrow**

We met them primarily through funerals. And there are endless funerals, many of which, including our very first, have been COVID-related. We have also buried murder victims, accident victims, suicides, death due to the elements (freezing) and of course, natural causes. Funerals are also pandemic-regulated and have gone from two-day overnight events on average to one-day events and some to grave-side only. The funerals are posted by COVID regulation as restricted to family, but here the word family is understood beautifully to encompass a wide range of connections. We would like to share one of these funerals with you as a way for you to learn more about the people here and to see how God is intimately present in their lives.

Ellen: The call came at ten on a Monday morning, less than two months after our arrival. It was late October and minus eight degrees with a foot of snow on the ground. It was Charlie Rook, the director of Rook’s Funeral Home, calling. I hadn’t yet met him, but I had done funerals there already. He said they had a funeral planned but the family couldn’t reach the minister. Could I come and say a few prayers?

“Of course,” I said. “Okay, it’s at 10:30 – you want me there in half an hour?”

“Yes.” He said, and he began giving me two names.
“Wait,” I said, “there are two?”

“No,” he said, “these are the parents. It’s a miscarriage.”

I flew into the shower. Kurt was on a Zoom call, but he grabbed the prayer book for me along with a funeral service for a child. And of course, my coffee.

Even at the grave, we make our song

When I arrived at 10:30, I could hear the drums from inside the funeral home. I walked in, and Charlie greeted me with a hearty, “Welcome to South Dakota Mother Ellen!” In the large spacious room was a sweet family – Mom, Dad, kids, babies, some relatives and the drum circle in the back corner. I went up to the parents and introduced myself. Mom and Dad were crying, and the children were silent. I introduced myself to the kids, too, then went and sat down to quickly prepare the prayers and readings I would use. Suddenly the drumming stopped, so I knew I had to start, ready or not. I stood up and looked at this beautiful family and began:

I just got word a half hour ago, so I haven’t had time to get to know you, but when I am at a loss for words, I look outside at the created world.

The world that God has made is full of answers for us, full of lessons, full of healing. When we look outside we see a world covered in snow. And we might think to ourselves – everything looks dead. The trees are dead, the flowers, everything. It is cold and nothing is alive. But we know that isn’t true, not really. Underneath the snow the seeds are waiting to grow in the spring, the animals are hibernating all snug in their dens. There is a lot of life under there, we just can’t see it.

Even though you can’t hold him, see him and run and play with him, this child will always be with you. His love is still here. When he was in Mommy’s tummy, he could hear you laughing and playing and all the loving things you said to him. He is a part of you and always will be. When you go sledding or playing or running, he will be with you. It’s okay to be sad or mad – you might even want to stomp your feet in anger. But that will not take away his love for you and your love for him.

Do not try to bury your sadness. It will visit you often, even days, weeks and years from now. Pay attention to it, and when you are sad, turn to each other, hug each other. St. Paul tells us that faith, hope and love abide, and the greatest of these is love. His love for you will never die, and neither will your love for him. He will always be a part of your family.

We sang “Amazing Grace” together and took our places at the tiny casket. We walked him out, some carrying his casket, others carrying little stuffed animals or children on hips. The drums and Lakota singing supported our steps as we made our way to the cars and headed out to the cemetery.
Under all the snow we couldn’t find the grave at first, but the Dad knew. He drove his truck in circles in the snow making a spot for everyone. We got out and we watched as he jumped into the empty little grave and started shoveling out the snow. The drummers stood with their drum at the ready. We pulled out the little pine wooden box that the casket goes into, placing it near the grave, and then brought out his tiny casket. The children ran and played as the mothers chided them for getting all covered in snow. I fished out a kid’s hat from my car and plunked it on a hatless child. They pulled out a fleece blanket with a beautiful Native print from the hearse, and the Mom placed it around the casket, tearfully wrapping her baby up for the first and last time.

I took my place by the grave for the committal. Making the sign of the cross on the warm fleece with loose dirt from the grave, the words “earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust” never felt more raw. Following the prayer, the funeral director carefully handed the tiny casket, wrapped in the fleece blanket, to the Dad as the drummers took up their beautiful chorus. The director then helped the parents place the casket into the pine box and settle the lid on top, handing the nails and hammer to the Dad. As he knelt down in the snow, the Dad’s frozen tattooed hands struggled to carefully nail the lid on top as his tears fell onto the pine box.

Standing there in the freezing cold, watching this young father nail the lid on his infant son’s coffin, we all stood on the holy border between life and death and bore silent witness to the greatest pain a parent can endure. Dad then carefully lowered himself back into the grave, as the director handed his little one to him. And then the father and family began to shovel dirt into the grave. When it was complete, two of the older siblings placed stuffed animals on top of the grave as Mom slid his marker into the soft dirt. The little one was in his resting place, surrounded by the love of his family, the winter snow and the beat of the drums of his ancestors, into whose arms he has been received.

_The Rev. Ellen B. Huber and the Rev. Kurt J. Huber are co-priests-in-charge of the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission in the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Reservation._

**ECF Educational Events**

ECF offers a wide range of online webinars, workshops, and in-person customized trainings for leaders across the Episcopal Church to develop the strategic, leadership, and financial capabilities that they need to pursue their mission and ministry. View ECF’s [events calendar](https://www.episcopalfoundation.org/programs/educational-events) for details and to register for upcoming free webinars as well as conferences and events at which ECF will be offering workshops and training.
She’s a priest. You’ll never guess her other job.

By Gregory McNamee, CNN

When Rev. Pamela Conrad looks into the heavens, she really looks into the heavens.

By night, and at odd moments during the day, Conrad moonlights as a research scientist at the Carnegie Institution of Science in Washington, DC. A member of the tactical operations team for the Mars Perseverance rover mission, she is a co-investigator for two scientific instrument suites, acquiring and analyzing data, and collaborating in team planning, with colleagues at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, and other scientific institutions around the country.

By day, the 68-year-old is an Episcopal priest, leading a congregation at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

It has long been received wisdom that science and the humanities, to say nothing of science and religion, are mutually incomprehensible domains that look at entirely different problems. That idea has been crumbling in recent years, when academic specializations have given way to interdisciplinary approaches.

Trained as a geologist, among other disciplines, Conrad has different ideas.

"There's no clash between science and religion," she said. "Both investigate the wonder of the world and our place in it.”

Of rocks and people

This crossing of disciplinary lines hasn't been easy, at least not for the pioneers, who had to overcome lots of institutional resistance.
“The academic system forces students to be either scientists or humanists. It doesn't recognize that the same spirit and some of the same techniques underlie both art and science,” graphic designer and computer scientist John Maeda, a former MIT Media Lab professor, once told me.

“Our goal should be to produce Renaissance people who take a cross-disciplinary approach to problems, da Vincian people who are interested in everything and can do everything.”

“I studied everything,” Conrad said. A quick look at her credentials reveals just that da Vincian person of whom Maeda spoke.

She earned all her degrees at George Washington University in the US capital, starting as a music major who, along the way, discovered geology and was smitten. She took lots of science courses her first year and a half before closing in on a bachelor's degree in music in 1974, then added a master's degree in music composition — she was contemplating a career as an opera singer — in 1987. She returned to science to complete a doctorate in geology in 1998.

Underlying that “terminal” degree was an interest in how life formed in unpromising situations, such as thermal vents deep down on the ocean floor. Thanks to one of those right-place, right-time moments, as she recounts, she chanced to meet the renowned director James Cameron, who had taken the proceeds from films such as “Titanic” and built a submersible research vessel. Thanks to deep-sea footage Cameron shot for a 3D IMAX film, footage that he later put to work in the science-fiction feature “Avatar,” Conrad was able to study thermal vents in more detail than any researcher had seen to date.

The year after she earned her doctorate, NASA — looking for scientists to work on geobiological aspects of the Curiosity rover — hired her as a contractor at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, managed by the California Institute of Technology.

“We are trying to understand if the processes that allowed life to develop and flourish on Earth ever occurred on Mars. If they did, we want to know if life appeared — and, if not, then why not?” she told
an interviewer from her alumni magazine recently. It's a question whose answer she pursues as actively today as she did on first being hired in 1999.

The first experiments she helped design weren't selected — as she explains it, there is a stiff but collegial rivalry among NASA researchers to get their equipment on what is, after all, a pretty small craft. Still, she kept at it. Conrad transitioned from her role at JPL in 2010 and served as a full-time civil servant scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, until 2017. As the deputy principal investigator for sample analysis at Mars, she worked on the Curiosity rover mission and other projects while refining the questions she would later explore.

![Conrad explored Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta, Canada.](image)

**Turning to the spirit – and returning to Mars**

It wasn't until much later in her life that Conrad turned to the study of religion. After experiencing an epiphany on a wind-blasted day during a work trip to Antarctica, she rejoined the Episcopal Church of her youth, then entered the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She completed a master's degree in divinity in 2017, just as the school became affiliated with Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Soon afterward, she assumed leadership of her Maryland congregation.

When NASA turned up the heat on the Mars Perseverance Rover mission at about the same time, one of her experiments was selected for inclusion. This one is a suite of instruments called SHERLOC (Scanning Habitable Environments with Raman & Luminescence for Organics & Chemicals), which, she said, “was not mature enough” to find a place on earlier missions.

It's meant to look for microbial life, with tools that include a vibrational spectrometer that can identify minerals and organic molecules found on the Martian surface — such as hydrogen and carbon, the building blocks of life on Earth. It also includes two high-resolution cameras.

“Putting all this together involved a big team of people,” she said, “and I'm just one person on that team.”
Searching for life on Mars isn’t her top priority anymore, though.

“I want to make this very clear,” Conrad said. “My first job, and my first responsibility, is now as the pastor of a church. What you see on Sunday is just a part of it. I have duties to my parishioners and their needs, and in the end, people have to come first. People are a lot more tender than rocks.”

Even so, she logs plenty of hours in her now part-time role in matters Martian, working from her home office since the Covid-19 pandemic hit. The schedule is breakneck and, to be sure, holding down two jobs can be more than a little exhausting.

Tired or not, there are lessons she wishes to impart while acting as a priest. Foremost, Conrad insisted, is the sacredness of all things.

“Understanding that is just one of the tools that people need to live a good life, to live in community and to treat each other well. My other lesson, I suppose, is the virtue of going gently, of living quieter and more thoughtful lives.”

The pandemic, she adds, made for the perfect opportunity to reflect on that, and to deepen her mission with those lessons in mind.

If Conrad has any regrets, they center on her early life — for when John Glenn’s Mercury craft went skyward in 1962, she was just 9 and wanted more than anything else to become an astronaut. That path was denied women for decades, and she has had to make do with the distinguished, variety-packed trajectory that followed. Though studded with honors and intellectual excitement, it has kept her earthbound.

Her inquiry has broadened with the addition of a clerical role to her scientific one: the question of whether life can exist on other planets is reshaped to something more like, “If God can create life here, can God create — and has God created — life elsewhere?” The answer to that question, Conrad said, is simple: “Of course.”
That life, she added, is likely to be microbial and simple, and not the ETs of our imagination. But it will be life, and that’s a quest that keeps Conrad motivated and nonstop busy.

But will she ever venture into space? Don't rule it out.

Gregory McNamee writes about books, science, food, geography and many other topics from his home in Arizona.

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**Vestry News**

**Vestry Notes ~ June 27, 2021, Meeting:**

Treasurer Ed Mathews reported from lovely McBean Park on the way to McCloud via Zoom. Income was less than anticipated in May. There are funds available in restricted accounts and the maintenance part of the budget to fund the immediate building repairs identified.

Leslyn Shortes has resigned from the Vestry. We are looking for a volunteer to complete her term until the January, 2022, annual meeting elections. Lyman Dennis resigned from his position as Junior Warden due to work pressures but will remain on the Vestry. Lee Weikert was appointed Junior Warden while Debbie Lightfoot took on the Clerk position.

Mark Leighton is planning participation in an event at the fairgrounds in October. Watch for more details to come.

Parishioners will be invited to attend a series of three sessions after services introducing the Invite ~ Welcome ~ Connect program. Dona Adams will be the presenter. Dates will be announced soon. Our grant application was submitted and we will know August 1st if our grant has been approved. Cherie Raffety is also working on starting a diet group to support and motivate those looking to lose the pounds gained during the pandemic shutdown.

The Fixes and Flourishes Committee met and toured both buildings inside and out looking for and evaluating repairs, fixes, and improvements needed. They then ranked our needs using a scale of from #1, “Urgent Do ASAP,” to #5, “Back Burner for Now,” with some things moved to long term possibilities. Top priorities for health, safety and to avoid further damage are in the kitchen where the cabinet next to the dishwasher needs replacing due to serious dry rot, re-grouting of the brick steps and platform leading from the street to the church, and replacing the cracked library windows. The library windows should be under warrantee so the only cost would be any changes to the windows, such as tinting, that we would want.
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Ministry and Hospitality Schedules

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**July Calendar**

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July Birthdays

Birthdays:

Brenda Hill  1st  Allen Wyly  8th
Mike Muetz  3rd  Kathy Fritschi  10th
Ian Roberts  5th  Stacy McCormack  26th
Charles Griffin  6th
TIME DATE MATERIAL. PLEASE EXPEDITE