

The newsletter of the **Episcopal Church of Our Saviour**
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COS Needs You!

*Bill Thomas,
 Volunteer Coordinator*

Just as each one of us has one body comprised of many parts, and each of these parts have different functions, and all parts are needed to function in order to live, in Christ, each and every one of us form one body, and each member not only belongs to all the others but also needs all the others. Each one of us has a unique gift, according to the grace given to us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously;

if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:4-8

Have you ever wondered how our church prepares for each Sunday service? Have you wondered how much time is needed to prepare and share in Godly Play... Middle Saints...Youth Group...Wednesday Bible Study...Sunday Bible Study... Thursday Evening Prayer... Choir?

Have you considered giving some of your time to help the entire parish move forward in its mission?

The Vestry has asked me to take on the leadership for

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Perspective

In May at COS

On May 7, we will be treated to a special musical event when the Serendipity Choir joins us for the 10a.m. service. This "traveling" choir visits churches in the Diocese every other Sunday and fills in for the parish

choir. The Serendipity Choir will provide all the music at the service.

On May 14th we will celebrate Heather Chase's ministry with us at a festive coffee hour. Everyone is invited to contrib-

ute a favorite goodie for the table.

The Vestry will meet on May 18 at 7:00p.m. in the Leppo Room.

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Friends,

Alleluia. Christ is risen. Truly, he is risen. Alleluia.

This is the ancient liturgical affirmation of Easter. The season of Easter continues all this month until the feast of Pentecost, which is June 4 this year. Easter lasts for a week of weeks, or 49 days, and Pentecost is day 50 (counting Easter Day as day one). Pentecost is the Greek word for fifty.

The season of Easter is a time of rejoicing for the victory that Jesus Christ has won over death and the grave, over sin and bondage of every kind and variety.



Mother Andrea Felsovanyi

In the early church during Easter the newly baptized were instructed in the “mystagogical theology,” including the sacraments, the meaning of the creeds, theology, Christology and ecclesiology.

The most important of these “mysteries” is the Paschal Mystery. Not a teaser for Sherlock Holmes to unravel, this is the central mystical truth of our faith. When the one human, the Son of Man, dies on the cross and then is raised from death into new life by God, we are given new lives of freedom, love and glory. As God participated and took part in our humanity, so too we humans take part and participate in Jesus’ divinity. The Easter story is not just what happened to Jesus of Nazareth roughly 1977 years ago. The Easter story is about us. About the kinds of lives we, who claim to be disciples and followers of Jesus, have and live. Here are some distinguishing marks of that

life:

1. We value life because we know its cost. We value life because God can and has made it, and we cannot. We are aware of the world around us and we relate to that world in love. We value our role as God’s chosen stewards of the creation.
2. We have purpose. We are not aimless wanderers serving a sentence of meaningless time on an absurd planet. We are sent by God to be effective here and now. We are God’s partners in establishing the Kingdom of God here and now. We work at establishing God’s reign within ourselves as individual souls, among ourselves as God’s People, and in the world as agents of God’s blessing upon all.
3. We are fundamentally thankful. We thank God for all we have been given and all God has done for us. We worship God because we acknowledge God’s worthiness. We are thankful for our lives and all that is in

them, even the pain, because we trust in God’s power to transform all loss into blessing.

4. We are disciples, followers and students of a master who is Jesus. We imitate him. We strive to conform ourselves and our lives to his image, to have the mind of Christ and do the deeds of Christ in the loving, compassionate heart of Christ. We make progress in the journey toward holiness.

If we are and we do these things, there is no threat or fear or evil that can overcome us. We will be known as Christians, by our love. And we will transform our community, our town and the lives of all around us. Let us live as the Easter People we are made to be!

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In Jesus Christ,
Mother Andrea †



“Please take a look at the opportunities for ministry (volunteering your time) at our church, and say ‘yes’ when you are called.”

A Note from the Senior Warden

This issue of the *Perspective* focuses on our ministries, and will outline ways in which we can volunteer our time and talent at COS. When I think back on my path to Senior Warden, it clearly started with a phone call from Orville Erringer. Orville and Letty live in our neighborhood, and although we weren't well acquainted when we first started attending COS back in 2000, I knew Orville as a nice guy that jogged the 'Homestead Loop' a lot, and he knew me, somehow (by now I am not surprised about the 'how'). I think it took Orville about 5 minutes (more or less) to call and ask for my help in moving a refrigerator from a storage space at COS to his truck (only Jr. Wardens, our Sexton, and all of our kids know where this space is). At that time, Orville was our Jr. Warden, and that call led to a few projects that turned out to be my apprenticeship to that posi-

tion. But first, I had to wait for a call from Nick Nicholson, which came about a year after I started helping Orville. Nick asked me to serve on the Vestry. This came as a big surprise to me, but after some reflection, and discussions with Nick, I said yes. During the second year of my first Vestry term, I was elected to be the Jr. Warden, and I started calling Orville (and others) to help me. Thankfully, Orville still answers the phone, as do so many others. In between these two events, Michelle Walker offered me the opportunity to organize our EGAD (Episcopalians Gathering at Dinner) groups.

The call from Nick to serve on the Vestry was a surprise, but the call to serve as Senior Warden went beyond that. I have to say that in every respect it has been a rewarding 'beyond that.' As Senior Warden, you readily see how much our church relies on the time and

talent of our members. As is the case in our daily lives, there is only so much time, talent, and treasure to go around. At COS, we need a bit of all of these. This issue of the *Perspective* is dedicated to our collective time and talent. Bill Thomas has been called to organize and coordinate our ministry effort, and has gathered information from our church leaders about our programs and committees—information that is contained in this issue. Please take a look at the opportunities for ministry (volunteering your time) at our church, and say 'yes' when you are called. If you feel called to a particular ministry, please talk to the designated contact, Bill, or a member of the Vestry. With your help, COS can grow, serve the spiritual needs of our community, and do what we can to help those less fortunate than we are. By the way, I am still the EGAD organizer of

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Stewardship Campaign Closes

The 2006 Stewardship Campaign has concluded, and 113 pledging participants have brought us very close to reaching our goal. Our pledge budget for 2006 is \$195,000 and we have pledged \$193,631! When we needed you, you came through!

Many thanks and much appreciation from your Stewardship Committee: Graeme MacDonald, Philip Norris, Bart and Charlene Shackelford, Orville and Letty Erringer, Gillian Mishalko, Rosine Reynolds, and our cruncher-of-numbers, Gay Johnson.



Senior Warden's Note

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record, and I am looking for someone to take this on. I have great records of past EGAD groups, and they are yours for the asking.

I want to take a few extra lines to update you on the search for our long-term interim rector. Many of you already know that Marsha Dugan, Co-Chair of the Long-Term Interim Search Committee, presented the results of the committee search at the most recent Vestry meeting. After a tremendous amount of work, the committee has narrowed the field

of candidates down to two. The search process now moves to the Vestry, as it is our responsibility to select the candidate that will be called to be our long-term interim rector. On behalf of the Vestry, and the COS community, I want to thank each member of the committee for a job well done! The committee consisted of co-chairs Marsha Dugan and Orville Erringer, Bill Ibershof, Cliff Mishalko, Valerie Robin, Silvana Wong, and current Vestry members John MacLeod (our Jr. Warden), Elaine Crepeau, and Mary Washburn. We appreci-

ate your dedication and commitment to the search, and to our church. I want the COS community to know that the Vestry is moving as quickly, and carefully, as possible to select the best candidate. We will complete our interview process by the end of May, and make our decision shortly after that, but I think it is unlikely that our long-term interim rector will join us until sometime in August.

Thanks so much for your help and support.

More next month ...

Steve Quarles

"On behalf of the Vestry, and the COS community, I want to thank each member of the (Interim Search) committee for a job well done!"

From the Godly Play Rooms



Godly Play News

*Heather Chase
Youth Minister*

Happy Easter!! We made it through Lent and now it is time to celebrate. Hope you had fun with the Easter Egg Hunt! We are in the season of Easter for six weeks, then we celebrate Pentecost. Pentecost is a mystery, just like the Holy Eucharist. This month we will learn about both.

To help us understand these mysteries a little better we will have a field trip after church on May 7th to the Sacristy. The Altar Guild will teach about some of the mysterious stuff up on the altar. We will also learn about the mystery of the Holy Spirit through our Godly Play story of Pentecost. I wonder where you will be in these stories? I wonder what will be the most important part to you? I wonder how you will come close to these mysteries?

“We will...learn about the mystery of the Holy Spirit through our Godly Play story of Pentecost.”

*Faith in the Home:
Art Project for the New
Bishop of California*

I hope you have been receiving “take home” sheets from your Godly Play children recently. They provide families with ideas for doing worship at home through prayer and play. The hope is that through this worship young people will want to respond creatively and make original art that will be shown during our new bishop’s consecration. For more information, talk with Sally Thomas .

**Teaching schedule
for May:**

Near Room

May 7th Symbols of the Holy Eucharist
Toni/Martha

May 14th Circle of Holy Eucharist
Ann/Rosalie

May 21st All Saints
Object Box
Mary S/Charlotte

May 28th Pentecost
Mary S/Sally

Far Room

May 7th Circle of Holy Eucharist
Marsha/Mary W

May 14th Synagogue & Upper Room
Mary W/Rosine

May 21st Trinity
Synthesis
Sally/Toni

May 28th Pentecost
Ann/Rosalie

The next Godly Play workshop will be held on May 11th. We begin with evening prayer in the church at 7:15pm and then go to our Godly Play classrooms for the workshop. Anyone interested in Godly Play is welcome to join us as we learn new techniques and stories. There might even be some wine and cheese for the feast!

Thanks to Ann Fricker Sandberg and Sally Thomas for last month’s workshop on using watercolor painting to Deepen the Work Time.

Thank You, COS!

Dear Members of Church of Our Saviour,

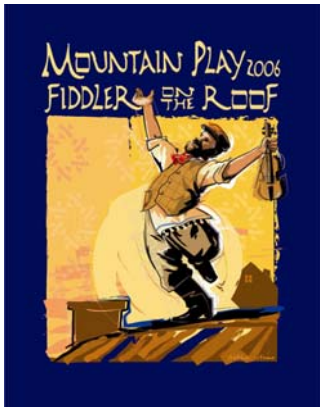


I am writing to thank you for your very generous gift to Ohlhoff Recovery Programs. Ohlhoff has been bringing the miracle of recovery to men and women in the Bay Area for almost 50 years. Without support of individuals, churches and foundations, our work would not be possible.

Ohlhoff has a deep connection with this parish. I am on the Board with Bill Ibershof and Muriel Hammond, the wife of our rector emeritus, and was preceded as chair of the Board many years ago by Bill Cullen. We at Ohlhoff are grateful for the time and talent this parish has provided, as well as the treasure that I am writing to thank you for today.

*Sincerely,
Kathleen Piraino
Chair, Board of Governors
Ohlhoff Recovery Programs*

Fiddler on the Roof!



In our own little "Tradition! Tradition!," COS is buying a block of tickets to the Mountain Play for Sunday, May 28th. Come to church in your "Mountain Play duds" and we can head

straight to the buses from church! For those who hike down the mountain afterwards, there will be a refueling and hospitality stop at the Thomases.

Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$19 for children under 17. Sign up in the Fireside Room today.

Bible Buddies are Back!

Practice evangelism and gift giving in your own church! How? Endow a Bible for one of our COS Middle Saints. It's easy and gratifying.

With your \$20 dona-

tion, a child will receive their own copy of the NRSV Bible with a bookplate naming you as the benefactor.

The child's covenant is to come meet you, and

have you personalize their Bible. The children who received Bibles 2 years ago are now using them in Middle Saints, Youth Group and Confirmation!

Ministry Volunteers Needed



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building up the volunteer base for Church of Our Saviour. As with any family, all members are needed to assist us in accomplishing our Parish's mission and to meet the needs of our community.

In my 3 years on the vestry, 2 of which I served as Senior Warden, I became very aware of the importance and value of our parish's volunteers as they help out each week. It also became quite clear that we have to broaden the volunteer base to relieve some of those who have served for many years, as well as accomplishing the many goals we

have as a parish family.

On the last page of the *Perspective* is a form that I would like to ask each family to prayerfully review as you consider joining our efforts to expand the ministries in our church. I have also asked each ministry leader to submit a brief description of the ministry, the skills needed and time commitment for each opportunity. This information begins on the next page, and I plan to have the information posted on our website in the near future.

The goal here is simple: expand our volunteer base so we can really hit the ground running

when the Fall begins. And by doing the "recruiting" now, our ministry leaders can better plan for each of their respective groups. Therefore, I ask you and your family to review the list of volunteer opportunities and prayerfully consider what might call to you as a potential ministry. Then fill out and submit the form on the last page of the *Perspective* to the office as soon as you can. I plan to reach everyone who has not submitted a form by mid-May and to ask for their support in becoming part of a growing parish at Our Saviour.

Prayerfully,
Bill Thomas

A Little Community News

COS Denim Shirts will be available again this Spring. The shirts are only \$20 and must be ordered and paid for in advance. And since the denims don't come in kid's sizes, we'll also be ordering red shirts

for the kids. Order sheets are in the Fire-side Room.

2006 Graduates are invited to send your joyous news to perspective@oursaviourmv.org so that we can celebrate

with you. All announcements will be printed in the June *Perspective*.

Evening Prayer will now be said each Monday except the second one at 5p.m. Peter Menkin will lead.

Ministry Opportunities at COS



Healing Team

Rewards from this Ministry: To see beloved friends heal, or adjust to severe circumstances, brings deep joy to members. The occasional miracle—they do occur—is mind blowing.

Responsibilities:

- To pray at each Sunday service for those who request help
- To pray daily for those who ask to be put on the confidential prayer team list

Time Commitment: A few minutes daily (depending on the

length of the prayer list). Five minutes or more on Sunday.

Skills Necessary: Strictly speaking, none. Members should be willing to pray aloud and extemporaneously for those who request healing prayer. Members must also be able to keep confidences.

Lector

Rewards from this Ministry: reading is very rewarding for anyone who loves the Bible.

Responsibilities:

- Read one of the Lessons at either of the Sunday services

Time Commitment: A few minutes before the service to review the reading (and maybe

even read it aloud at home). Five minutes or less to do the reading on Sunday.

Skills Necessary: Good strong voice and clear crisp diction.

Outreach Committee

Rewards from this Ministry: The Outreach Committee makes recommendations to the Vestry and coordinates efforts by the Parish regarding time, labor and talents for community service. Rewards from this ministry are in assisting those in need in our community and creating and sus-

taining new relationships and friendships.

Responsibilities:

- Prioritizing the many appeals to the church for funding and providing recommendations for financial assistance
- Coordinating community service projects

Time Commitment: Varies depending on involvement. Projects will be suggested on a quarterly basis and parishioners can participate as they are able.

Skills Necessary: Parishioners are encouraged to become involved in any and all projects; no specific skills necessary beyond enthusiasm.



Ministry Opportunities at COS



Pastoral Care Team

Rewards from this Ministry: The Pastoral Care Team springs into action when parishioners are in need of prayer, support or any type of care.

Responsibilities:

- Offer rides, visits, casseroles on an as-needed basis when

requested by the Coordinator

- Be a part of the Prayer Chain and pray for those in need; and call the next person on the list so they can pray, too
- Agree to keep all information confidential

Time Commitment: Varies depending on the needs of the Parish at any given time, may be as much as a few hours a month or as little as time spent praying

Skills Necessary: Drivers, bakers, warm hands, cooks, prayer partners

Parish Life Committee

Rewards from this Ministry: The Parish Life Committee is a party all the time. That's actually what our ministry is—to facilitate those times when we get together just for the fun of being together.

Responsibilities:

- The Committee chair talks other people into baking, cooking, setting up chairs, throwing a party!
- The Committee members (and we think of this as a committee of the Parish as a whole) let themselves be

talked into doing those things.

- The named committee members make sure that they actually happen. We coordinate volunteer cooks; shop for plates, napkins, and decorations, arrange to set up and tear down whatever space we are in, and arrange for publicity.
- We currently plan two big events: Mardi Gras and the Greenswinding soup lunch. In the past we have also planned picnics and festive coffee hours for special occasions.

- This committee is also responsible for coordinating volunteers to host coffee hour and tracking/ordering coffee hour supplies.

Time Commitment: 1 or 2 hours every 2 or 3 months for some; as little as an hour a year for others

Skills Necessary:

A freakish ability to talk people into things (chair).

Baking, cooking, shopping skills (bringing wine counts!).

A festive heart and excitement about our parish family.

“...we think of this [Parish Life] as a committee of the Parish as a whole...”

Ministry Opportunities at COS



Altar Guild

Rewards from this Ministry: Altar Guild members make the worship space a place of beauty and order, and help make the worship life of the parish run smoothly.

Responsibilities:

- For every service, prepare and set out all items necessary, such as Eucharistic vessels, linens, bread and wine,

candles, vestments, books, etc

- Afterwards, clean and put it all away
- Arrange flowers (although you can do this without joining the Guild)
- Launder linens, polish brass, care for vestments
- Decorate for Easter and Christmas

Time Commitment: Members are on duty

about 6 times a year for a two week period. The two week period might require 8-10 hours of time.

Skills Necessary: All the skills needed to be a Guild member can be learned on the job:

- Attention to detail
- “Domestic” skills
- Ability to follow formal procedures according to the liturgical practice

St. Anne’s Sewing Circle

Rewards from this Ministry: St. Anne’s Circle is a “branch” of Outreach and provides a creative outlet for its members to “do” outreach.

Responsibilities: Primarily sewing (but not exclusively) products which can be used directly or indirectly through sales for the benefit of those in need. Members have made baby quilts, teddy bears, walker bags and

note cards.

Time Commitment: the Circle meets once a month

Skills Necessary: Sewing, cutting, gluing, knitting, and any other creative craft skills.



Middle Saints Teachers & Coordinator

Rewards from this Ministry: Opportunity to get to know and help teach our 6th-8th graders.

Responsibilities:

- Teach from a pre-selected curriculum
- Help plan and coordinate social events and field trips

Time Commitment: 2

to 4 Sundays a quarter

Skills Necessary: Ability to work with and enjoy teens and preteens; interest in teaching and curriculum planning; able to make and keep commitments.

Ministry Opportunities at COS

ECW

Rewards of this Ministry: Opportunity to meet with other women of the church for fellowship and study.

Responsibilities: ECW

meets once a month. In addition to regular lunches, members often hear a speaker. The members of ECW also do outreach projects, most notably their annual baby shower for St. Luke's and the UTO

Thank Offering.

Time Commitment: 2 to 3 hours a month

Skills Necessary: None—all women of the Parish are automatically members.

Acolytes

Rewards of this Ministry: Participating in the worship service in a very tangible way.

Responsibilities:

- Acolytes light the

candles, ring the bells and carry the tapers

- The Crucifer carries the cross
- The Server receives the gifts and assists

the priest in preparing for communion

Time Commitment: Varies

Skills Necessary: Must be at least 4th grade; able to follow direction.

Ushers

Rewards from this Ministry: Ushers project a welcoming presence to all comers and enjoy meeting friends and newcomers.

Responsibilities:

- Assist in providing

a reverent and smooth-running service

- Hand out bulletins
- Count attendance
- Take up offering
- Direct Communion traffic

Time Commitment: 15 minutes before church once or twice a month and being present during the service

Skills Necessary: Friendly, positive attitude and desire to make people feel "at home."

Parish Archives and History

Rewards from this Ministry: Documenting the rich historical past and present of COS from 1892 on.

Responsibilities: Preserve the history and records of the church.

Time Commitment: a couple of hours a week as we organize our old files and then as needed

to keep up our biographical and other binders and current history.

Skills Necessary: Love of history, scrapbook making skills; follow Diocesan guidelines.



Ministry Opportunities at COS



Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors

Rewards from this Ministry: EMs and EVs find their role of service at the altar to be a particularly spiritual ministry, both humbling and enhancing worship.

Responsibilities:

- Administer the chalice of consecrated wine
- EMs may lead the Psalm and point in

the Altar Book for the priest

- EVs take consecrated elements to those members unable to be physically present at the service
- EVs lead a regular service at 9a.m. each Sunday at the Redwoods

Time Commitment: Varies. On average EMs serve about once a month and EVs up to

twice a month. EVs may spend up to an hour and a half visiting parishioners in their homes or elsewhere.

Skills Necessary: EMs and EVs must be trained and licensed by the Diocese. The training is about 8 hours. People drawn to be EVs usually have strong pastoral skills and enter into a special relationship with those to whom they minister.

Stewardship Committee

Rewards from this Ministry: The chair of this committee and its members are responsible for helping keep COS solvent.

Responsibilities:

- Direct annual stew-

ardship campaign

- Interface with newcomer's to develop new pledges
- Make personal calls and write thank you notes

Time Commitment: a few hours a week right before, during and just

after the campaign.

Skills Necessary: A working knowledge of fund-raising is helpful, but much training and support is available through the diocese. Good communication and organization skills.

Evening Prayer Reader

Rewards from this Ministry: A chance to develop oral reading skills and become familiar with the service that is

a great support for the parish.

Responsibilities: Attend Evening Prayer on Thursday and lead the service about every six weeks.

Time Commitment: about 30 minutes to say Evening Prayer.

Skills Necessary: Oral reading, or at least the interest in developing that skill.

Who's In The Pews (or At the Organ)?



Dr. Dan Hoggatt

Splendid Sounds from Dr. Dan

Dr. Dan Hoggatt (pron. Ho-git) is a recent and treasured addition to the music program at Church of Our Saviour. A professor at the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, Dan was recruited by the Rev. Jim Croom to fill in here as organist and choir director. The professor said yes—remarkable, considering his present schedule.

When he came here, our organist and choir-master was already fully employed at the Seminary; he teaches four classes in sacred music, hymnody and liturgy. He also plans and plays for four weekly services there, he conducts the choir at the Seminary, and takes part in its Praise Band. This is a schedule that would send ordinary people into therapy, but Dan Hoggatt is far from ordinary.

First, he really knows his stuff. He started

with a Bachelor's in organ and sacred music from Lewis and Clark University in Portland. After that, Dan Hoggatt went on to get a Master's in voice and conducting from San Jose State, and then a Doctorate from Boulder, Colorado.

He also has a wide ecumenical perspective. Originally a Baptist, Dan's first three church jobs turned out to be in the Episcopal Church. He then served eighteen years at a "huge" Presbyterian Church, where he was choir master only, and not the organist. However, except for one year off to complete his doctorate, "I've had church jobs since 1970." (Dan's San Jose church job was supplemented with work in the San Jose Symphony Chorus and the Midsummer Mozart Festival.)

So, is COS small potatoes for this world class musician? Happily, he doesn't see it that way. Our church is "perfectly right-sized," he says. And Dan's devotion to

his craft extends into a personal sense of ministry. He guides the choir in prayer before singing, as "a reminder that we're there to serve God."

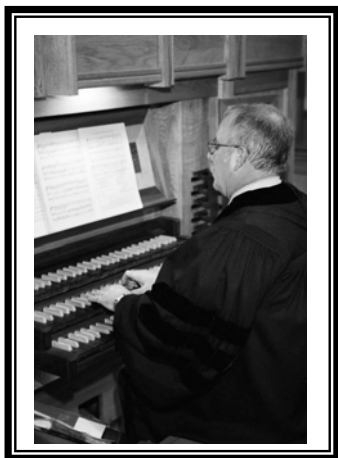
Says Dr. Hoggatt, "I didn't expect to bond with another church choir, but these are terrific. God is smart enough to call the people He wants."

The singers have some things to say about the choir-master, too. One purely classic tenor says, "Dan has brought highly professional and motivated direction to the choir. He maintains discipline—not easily done with our choir—with a smile."

A professional basso profundo describes Dan Hoggatt as a "fine musician, superb teacher, and an inspiring spiritual presence."

A golden-voiced alto claims, "We are learning so much and having a wonderful time doing so. On top of his musical knowledge, Dan brings a deep spiritual-

"I didn't expect to bond with another church choir, but these are terrific. God is smart enough to call the people He wants."



Happy May Birthdays!



<u>May 4</u>	<u>Barbara Stevenson</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Kathleen Piraino</u>
<u>May 5</u>	<u>Justin Wilkinson</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>John MacLeod</u>
<u>May 7</u>	<u>Madison MacLeod</u>		<u>Valerie Robin</u>
<u>May 8</u>	<u>Eleanor Barber</u>		<u>Flo Smith</u>
	<u>Bill Thomas</u>		<u>Emily Burke</u>
<u>May 10</u>	<u>Zilpha Snyder</u>	<u>May 23</u>	<u>Jan Heglund</u>
<u>May 11</u>	<u>Dylan Lang</u>	<u>May 28</u>	<u>Carlisle Huson</u>
<u>May 14</u>	<u>Charlotte Leane</u>		<u>Lu Pearson</u>
<u>May 17</u>	<u>Lucy Gibbs</u>	<u>May 30</u>	<u>Helen Nassikas</u>

Who's In The Pews?

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ity to his role as leader.”

Another lyrical alto states, “He has raised our musicianship to a whole new level.”

And a bell-like soprano sums it up: “I think he’s the best we ever had.”

So how do we in the congregation show our appreciation for these splendid musical offerings from our dedicated choir and excellent

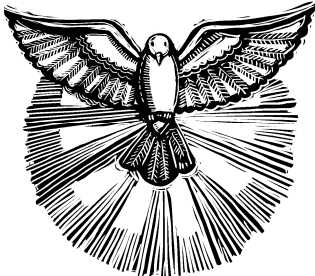
choirmaster? Dan says that when the people in the pews get involved in the hymns, “That just makes me incredibly happy.”

So, all together now: Sing out!

—Rosine Reynolds

Confirmation Class Update

Confirmation Class



Kathleen Piraino
Confirmation Coord.

The Confirmation Class of 14 teens and 14 mentors will meet monthly through May when we will break for the summer. So far we have learned about the meaning and purpose of confirmation, used various Bible study

methods to study an Old Testament passage (the calling of Abraham and Sarah to be God’s people) and read New Testament passages that introduced us to a Jesus who surprised some of us. The April session focused on the Sermon on the Mount and our final session in May will be an intro-

duction to different types of prayer.

Every confirmation class begins with a delicious dinner provided by two of the confirmand families. During dinner we have a chance to enjoy being together before the work of the classes be-

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Youth Group News

*Heather Chase
Youth Minister*

April was a month of helping for our youth, both in the church and in their community. This month the youth participated in the Palm Sunday processional with their beautiful crosses. They also hid all the Easter eggs for our younger kids to hunt and worked on repairing a home in Marin County with Rebuilding Together.

We also participated in the outdoor youth service with all the children and youth of the church. It is a good

thing Summer is coming, so these youth can take a break!

Thanks to **Elizabeth Mooney** for her help with the Easter Egg Hunt! She washed and hand filled 60-70 Easter eggs with treats for our young ones to find. Thanks to **Michelle Walker** for her leadership of the Youth Easter Scavenger Hunt.

May will be a time of transition. I will be leaving Church of Our Saviour on May14th, but the church has formed a search committee to find someone to take over this position, we hope by mid-

Summer or early Fall. We will still have Sunday school until June 4th and, I hope, there will be a mid-Summer event to reconnect with friends before school starts again.

It has been a joy to work with the youth of this church. It is an exciting time for youth ministries at Church of Our Saviour. Keep these youth and their leadership in your prayers during the next few months.

Confirmation Update

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gins. We also had a wonderful visit to Sherith Israel in San Francisco, where we were warmly welcomed and invited to participate in their beautiful service. We talked over the similarities and dif-

ferences between their service and ours at lunch afterwards.

We have been supported in our journey by Deacon Jan, Nancy Watson, Sally Thomas and Heather Chase, who have helped us with bible study, and

we will be drawing on the expertise of other community members when we look at prayer practices. We ask the whole parish to continue to pray for our confirmands, their mentors and the rest of the confirmation team.

Sunday Lay Ministries

Ministry	May 7 4 Easter	May 14 th 5 Easter	May 21 st 6 Easter	May 28 th 7 Easter
EM 8:00 am	Bill Cullen	Ros Patterson	Michelle Walker	Sally Thomas
Lector 8:00 am	Letty Erringer	Orville Erringer	Joan Martin	Gayle Partmann
9:00 am Redwoods	The Rev. Jan Heglund	Ros Patterson	Michelle Walker	Sally Thomas
Home Care Redwoods	The Rev. Jan Heglund		Toni van Kriedt	
Crucifer 10:00 am	Carlisle Huson	Sally Thomas	Jasper Goldberg	Martha Higgins
Server	Gay Johnson	Sally Thomas	Valerie Robin	Carlisle Huson
EM 10:00 am	Fred Cone Ros Patterson	Bill Cullen Toni van Kriedt	Peter Menkin Fred Cone	Bill Cullen Toni van Kreidt
Lector 1	Jennifer MacCready	Fred Cone	Joan Dedo	Michelle Walker
Lector 2	Bill Cullen	Charlaine Shackelford	Peter Menkin	Bill Cullen
EM on call	Nancy Cone	Toni van Kriedt	Sally Thomas	Nancy Cone
Ushers	Graeme MacDonald Mary Wilson	Charles Redfield Philip Norris	Winnifred & John MacLeod	Bill Thomas Steve Quarles
Coffee Host	Liz Light	Youth Group		The Mishalko Family
Near Room	Toni van Kriedt & Martha Higgins	Ann Fricker Sandberg & Rosalie Gearhart	Mary Stervinou & Charlotte Thomas	Mary Stervinou & Sally Thomas
Far Room	Marsha Dugan & Mary Washburn	Mary Washburn & Rosine Reynolds	Sally Thomas & Toni van Kriedt	Ann Fricker Sandberg & Rosalie Gearhart

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The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour strives to be a welcoming community for those seeking to deepen their relationship with God, and to journey in faith with God's people through the breaking of bread and in service to others, in Christ's name.

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Summer is Coming!

While our dedicated and loyal Sunday school teachers take a much deserved break during the summer, there are still young people who need Sunday school.

It is time to begin planning for our 2006 Summer Sunday school program. For our Godly Play children, we have a new curriculum this year with a global mission focus from the Heifer Program called "Read to Feed." We are working on a media based program (maybe around "the Simpsons" TV show) for our older participants.

I am looking for leaders (we will often be reading stories from books), artists (to help decorate our classroom with a global village feel, help with projects in the classroom), people who can donate

snack items (goldfish crackers, apple juice, etc.) and adults who can help lead the older ones in discussion. There will be an informational packet given to each leader, so you will know what you will be doing in the curriculum. My hope is to get adults to do two-three sessions in a row, but if you can only do one week we'll still be happy to have you volunteer.

There are sign-ups in the Fireside Room and information for leaders will be distributed in early May. **COME JOIN THE ADVENTURE!!**

INTERESTED? Talk with Heather Chase, Phone: 388-1907 or email: youthlady@sbcglobal.net