



A Can a Week!

As we go into the Lenten season, please remember that not all are as fortunate as we are. Please bring a can or box every Sunday to help those in need.

The Food Basket is brought up to the altar with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

We are so blessed to have Bob and Sharon Neller who faithfully bag up the cans and boxes every week and bring them into Interfaith Ministry.

We appreciate your support with this important ministry!

+ Christian Symbols +



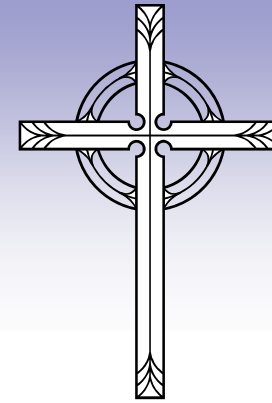
Hen

The hen represents Jesus' deep care and compassion even for those who killed prophets God had sent to them. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," mourned Jesus shortly before his death. "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37, ESV).

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Answer to Bible Quiz: A, B and D (See John 4:4-7ff.)

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Station of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Come join us for Stations of the Cross every Wednesday beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by a delicious Soup Supper.

Don't miss this important penitential time to reflect and grow in scripture during the Lenten season!

"Faith is permitting ourselves to be seized by the things we do not see."

—Martin Luther

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Don't Miss the Potluck on Palm Sunday!



We will be holding a potluck on Palm Sunday to kick off our start into Holy Week. Come join us in fellowship as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter!



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Adam & Eve & Evolution Bible Study Offered

St. Matthias Anglican Church is offering a 5 week survey of the spectrum of Christian perspectives on scientific findings and interpreting Genesis 1-3.

Classes are held beginning March 8 through April 8 on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. or Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Registration is requested by calling 847-2012 or saintmatthiasoakdale.com/aee. Join some of your fellow parishioners as they attend the Saturday sessions.



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The Bishop's Committee meets the second Sunday of every month following the Sunday service.

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

 **Altar Guild Co-Directresses**
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Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

*"Let go, Let God"
I release, accept and receive.*

At times, I may need to repeat an affirmation several times before it takes hold in mind and heart. For instance, I may have been carrying a heavy burden for days or weeks and finally I understand: I've been trying to do this all on my own. I stop struggling and affirm: I let go and let God. I repeat this affirmation until I release all to God.

The one Power and Presence never lets me down. I release any worry or struggle and accept the comfort, inspiration and abundance of God. I receive all that I need and more.

I release, accept and receive. With ease and grace, the gifts of God flow to me and through me to accomplish good.

"Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life." Psalm 54:4

*with blessings and love,
Beverly Burke
Welcoming Committee*

**Come join us for Bible Study
every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.!**



 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 20th of every month.

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2nd Chance Computer

The monthly Computer Give-Away will be held Saturday, March 11 at the church. Approximately, 45 junior high students are scheduled to pick up a desktop computer. In addition, each high school in Modesto will receive 50 chromebooks for their seniors. Some high schools picked the option of giving out the chromebooks at their school site and the remainder will pick up their chromebook at the church.

Terry has been picking up the chromebooks in sets and scrubbing them and still has quite a few to go. The Chromebook is a laptop computer that is web-based with no hard drive. All the access is through WiFi or on the cloud.

The Chromebook will be easier for the student as they can get the information packet online and save some paper. We continue to request that recipients "pay it forward" by volunteering 6 hours of their time for community service.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this wonderful ministry. To donate, call Terry at 402-8586 or the church at 551-5279. Thanks for all your help!

Dates to remember

- Ash Wednesday March 1
- World Day of Prayer March 3
- First Sunday in Lent March 5
- Second Sunday in Lent March 12
- Daylight-Saving Time begins March 12
- Girl Scout Sunday March 12
- Third Sunday in Lent March 19
- First day of Spring March 20
- Fourth Sunday in Lent March 26

Bible Quiz

In John 4, Jesus talks with a woman about living water. Where does that conversation take place?

- A. Sychar
- B. Samaria
- C. Galilee
- D. Jacob's well

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| Tom D. | Margie M. |
| Maxine M. | Corrie |
| Shirley E. | Tatum |
| Art E. | Myles P. |
| Ruby & family | Sandra B. |
| JoAnne & Neal M. | Mary Lee |
| Jean & Velmer R. | Jude |
| Janet M. | Tom K. |
| Genie B. | Rita |
| Eva B. | Isaac S. |
| Faye B. | Lois |
| Isha | Fr. Tom |
| Richard & Margaret | Cayden |
| Bunny & Mark | Alexzander |
| Margaret M. | Preston |
| Claude K. | Joan C. |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request card, located at the entrance table and also on the parish hall table and give to Fr. Jack.

Answers to Kid's Page

"When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me."
Psalm 86:7 NIV



- ◆ Nicky Beyers March 1
- ◆ Joan Faucett March 4
- ◆ Suzana Pine March 4
- ◆ Angelina Pine March 16
- ◆ Thomas Carrillo March 28

✚ Tom & Genevieve Dimperio March 18 71 yrs

If you are not on the Birthday & Anniversary chart located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, please let Mary Scott know.

The Kid's Page

PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

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The Vicar's Voice

What is Lent?

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ. His suffering and his sacrifice, his life and death, burial and resurrection.

During the six weeks of self examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast or give up something. A habit such as smoking, watching t.v., swearing or certain foods.

Some Christians also take up a Lenten discipline, such as reading and more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

Strict observers do not eat meat on Fridays, The goal is to strengthen the Faith and spiritual disciplines of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God.

Blessings Fr. Jack+

Words of Wisdom submitted by Linda York

"We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude." *Cynthia Ozick*

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"Real life isn't always going to be perfect or go our way, but the recurring acknowledgement of what is working in our lives can help us not only to survive but surmount our difficulties." *Sarah Ban Breathnach*

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"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

Epicetus

Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in Guideposts magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).

• Pray for the "little things," coming before God in child-like trust and feeling peace.

• Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.

• Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

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Bishop's Note
March 2, 2017
A Holy Lent



Yesterday was Ash Wednesday – a Holy Day in the Church calendar when we are reminded of our mortality with the words: “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Ash Wednesday also marks the first day of the Season of Lent, when the faithful are invited to prepare spiritually to receive the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

During the season of Lent, all Christians are encouraged to journey both inward and outward. Inwardly, Christians are invited to be even more intentional about setting time aside for prayer. Of course, we are to do this daily - all of our lives - but during the season of Lent, that prayer is done with particular attention to the inward examination of our lives and honest self-appraisal. Just as stated in the Collect for Ash Wednesday, God has created all things and hates nothing that He has made. Therefore, as creatures of God, we are not hated by Him or kept at arm's length. However, our self-indulgent appetites - our selfishness - separates us from God, and therefore from the experience of His Grace in its fullness. Self-examination is never easy, but it is always necessary if we hope to bridge that gulf that exists as a result of our sinful lives.

During the Season of Lent, Christians are encouraged to partake of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we meet with our priest, confess our sins, seek counsel, and receive absolution. Of course, sacramental reconciliation is in addition to private acts of reconciliation. The promise of Christ is that forgiveness of sin is ours if we ask with a sincere and contrite heart, and intend to amend our lives.

The inward journey of Lent is also marked by acts of self-denial. Self-denial is intended to help us remove distractions from our lives,

and to instead concentrate on our relationship with God. I want to encourage all members of the diocese to take sincerely that call to self-denial. Too often, we take the easy path saying, “No meat on Friday,” for example, and fail to remove the major obstacle. Perhaps gambling has become important in our lives; or perhaps we sit in front of a TV or computer for hours - time that could have been spent in prayer and study are spent in self-indulgent isolation and separation. Of course, the list could go on, and on, and on. One traditional form of self-denial is that which Jesus himself demonstrated: Fasting. I invite the diocese to fast one day a week, and to take the money that would have gone toward food to be put toward some form of outreach to the poor and hungry, who go without food not as an act of self-denial, but rather of necessity. When you fast, dedicate your fast to a loved one who doesn't yet know the Lord, or to someone whom you would like to receive a special blessing.

The outward journey of Lent is marked by acts of self-sacrifice and service to others. I want to encourage the diocese to volunteer their time and talent to different ministries, both inside and outside of the church. The opportunities are endless for service, but if you would like specifics please see one of your clergy, who will be more than happy to set you up.

I pray you all a very Holy Lent!
Bishop Menees

Diocesan Calendar

- † **March 14** - Rural Deans
- † **March 18** - Diocesan Council
- † **April 9** - Palm Sunday
- † **April 14** - Good Friday
- † **April 16** - Easter Sunday

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The Latest News from Shared Blessings

Dear Friends,

Before we zoom too far into 2017, I want to let you know how abundantly we were blessed in 2016. We were able to send more than \$235,000 to our five partner projects in Uganda, India and Myanmar. The money supplied the basics of food, clothing, shelter, education and medicine for many orphaned and poverty-stricken children. As you know, we don't have any paid staff or a budget for advertising. Word of mouth brings new donors and God touches many hearts to share their money as people hear about the ways we can help. Your prayers are so powerful. Keep them up!

This week I was very touched by an email from Moses, director of Children Safe Uganda (CSU). He wrote that the drought in Uganda is affecting our Makukuba village people and many of the crops of this farming community have failed. Food is scarce so the price has doubled. Many of the people are starving. A ray of light is our Shared Blessings school; the children, about 200 of them, continue to get a hot lunch of gruel and a light breakfast Monday through Friday. "They are happy when they can come to school." Moses writes "On the weekend, they may have one meal." Moses asks us to "Please pray as there is a lot of hunger all over the country."

I hope Shared Blessings can increase our funding of the school program so that we can enroll more children. We are feeding their bodies along with their minds and spirits--and that is such a good thing.

A Shared Blessings donor has given a generous grant to begin a trade school, for which Moses has put together an excellent plan. It will be an extension of Shared Blessings Junior School at CSU and there will be classes in:

- 1) shoemaking
- 2) tailoring
- 3) tie dye (designing and coloring material for supply)
- 4) making school bags and purses
- 5) printing books.

The products of the Trade School will increase the supply of uniforms, shoes, school bags and books for the children at Shared Blessings Junior School. Since the govern-

ment does not supply any scholastic material, the books will be especially welcome. Any surplus products of the Trade School will be easily sold on the market. Moses promises a quarterly report, plus external monitoring and a yearly financial audit. This school should have a major impact on the youth and families of Makukuba village, not only boosting the economy, but giving the hope of future employment to many young people.

While there are many things yet to be done at Makukuba, it is a joy to see the vast improvements that have taken place thanks to Shared Blessings donors and Moses' team of workers. God bless you all!

Warmly, Audrey Foster



Children at Makukuba Village

Shared Blessings, a faith-based ministry, currently oversees five programs: Keziya Children's Home in Gulu, Uganda; Emmanuel Children's Home in Kalaymyo, Myanmar; Children Safe Uganda in Kampala, Uganda; Dorcas, in Sironko, Uganda; and Odisha in India.

Only \$30 per month will sponsor an orphan and ensure they receive proper nutrition and clothing. In addition, you can also donate to a specific project; such as goats, HIV aid, school supplies, solar panels and many other needs.

If you are interested in sponsoring or a one-time donation, please contact Shared Blessings at 524-8844 or www.SharedBlessingsicm.org. Brochures are also available at the church.