St. Augustine Episcopal Church A Safe Place for People Seeking God

The Canterbury Tales October & November 2024

FROM YOUR PASTOR



Baptism is a Way of Life

At baptism we take vows that are the foundation for ministry. The Baptismal Covenant is far more than a series of questions and answers. It is a way of life. It is a binding agreement between us, our community, and God. In our baptism we commit to follow God and work for God's purpose in life. Baptism empowers us and commissions us for ministry. We take vows to (1) follow the apostles' example, (2) resist evil, (3) proclaim Christ's good news, (4) love all people and work for justice and (5) and respect the dignity of every human being.

When a person decides to follow Jesus and decides to follow Jesus's way of life, the *Way of Love*, it is life changing. The baptismal vow shapes our lives. It shapes our habits, practices, and behaviors day to day. These principles begin to guide my decisions, actions, and relationships. For example, because I am loving and respecting the dignity of my spouse, I may not yell and curse at them anymore. I may decide to control my temper and speak about my anger in a calm manner. I may choose to look at my action in the conflict and apologize for any wrong I have done. Or another example, it may change how I spend money. I now commit money to my

church, so I do not spend that money at a fancy restaurant anymore. I now chose to give that money to my church. I go without something so I can contribute to the cause that I now value.

These baptismal vows begin to shape who I am and how I operate in the world. They become my core beliefs. These guiding principles define my sense of purpose in the world. I now spend more time, energy, and resources to work towards God's mission.

The Baptismal Covenant in the Book of Common Prayer is one of the most empowering writings in the world. These promises give me a sense of purpose, they give me guiding principles, and they give me other people to work beside. They begin to shape who I am. When I speak the words of this promise, I commit to the tasks of mediating God's grace, reconciling people to God, and restoring Creation. It becomes a way of life. A life that then shapes and influences the world around me for God.

May you allow your baptismal vows to shape your life, Pastor Anny+

SAVE THE DATE October



Please sign up at church for this outreach activity to our local community. Two hour slots during the day and/or set up and take down.



Bring pets for a blessing Bring pet picture for a blessing

Invite a pet lover and pet



THE PRINCE OF PEACE CHAPTER AND THE MARANATHA CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING® CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DIOCESAN
FALL ASSEMBLY
Lunch, Program, and Eucharist
October 5, 2024
8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Trinity Church
801 Figueroa Street, Folsom
(Church Hall located on Wool Street)



will lead us in exploring: "Faith and Spiritual Friendships: What Mary and Elizabeth Can Teach Us."

Mary Higbee, Guest Presenter,









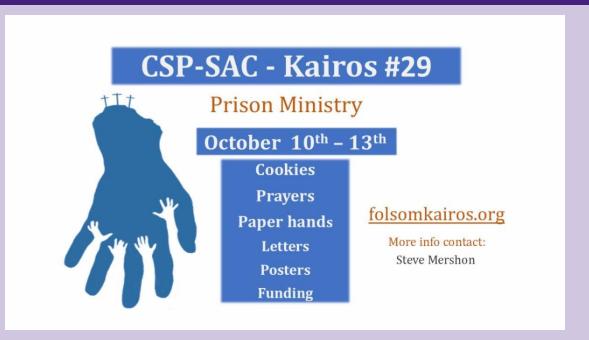


Donations of canned goods to benefit the Twin Lakes Food Bank are requested in lieu of entrance fee.

Plate offering will be donated to support the Powerhouse Ministries. Please RSVP no later than September 14, 2024 to

Kathy Sheehan: email Katesheehan@comcast.net or

text 916.501.8853.



"The mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen." The next Kairos 4 - day weekend is scheduled for October 10th through the 13th. You can help in one or all of the following three ways, all of which are called "AGAPE" - an expression of love to another with no expectation of anything in return.

- · Homemade cookies recipes are located on the Welcome Counter
- · Paper hands with brief messages instructions on the Welcome Counter
- Kairos 29 Prayer Vigil Click on the link below

Prayer Vigil

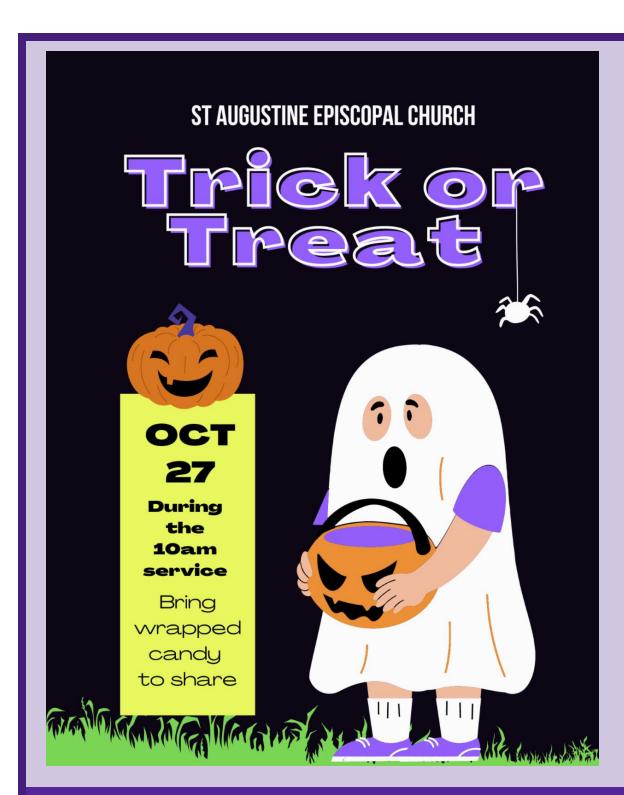
For questions or more information, please contact Steve Mershon at 916-768-6933 or steve.mershon@icloud.com.



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SAVE THE DATE November

AFTERNOON BINGO

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

2-5PM

ST AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL, 1800 WILDCAT, ROCKLIN

ALL ARE WELCOME

PROCEEDS GO TO ST AUGUSTINE MINISTRIES

\$25 WILL PURCHASE 2 CARDS

PURCHASE EXTRA CARDS FOR \$5 ea (until they sell out)

PURCHASE AT COFFEE HOUR OR AT THE DOOR

- ~ CASH OR CHECK ONLY
- ~ MAKE CHECKS TO ST AUGUSTINE
- ~ MEMO: BINGO

CASH PRIZES. NEW GAMES. RAFFLE

QUESTIONS? DAVE OR DEB HUGHES

openingday52@comcast.net Linda or John Bittman linda.bittman@sbcglobal.net Kathleen or John Quigley kmquigley28@gmail.com

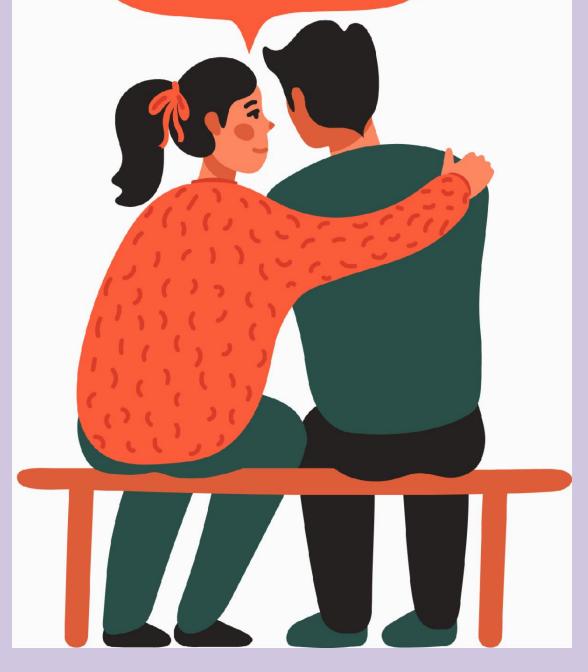
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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

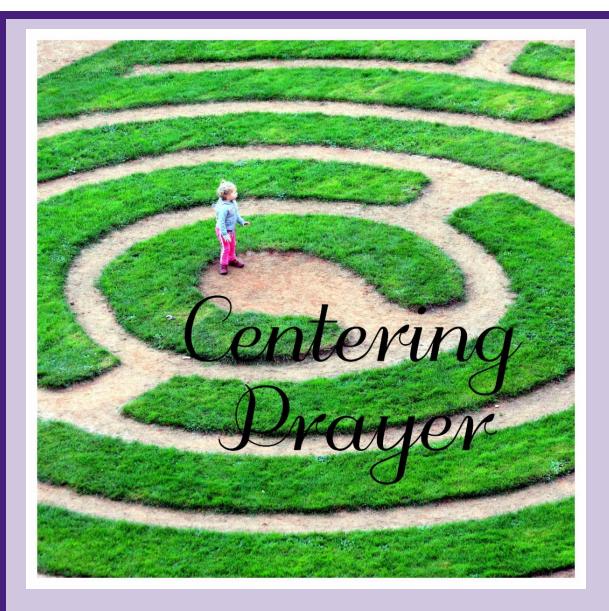
Grief Group

The Grief Group meets on Wednesday at 11:00am. If you need someone to speak with, call Pastor Anny.

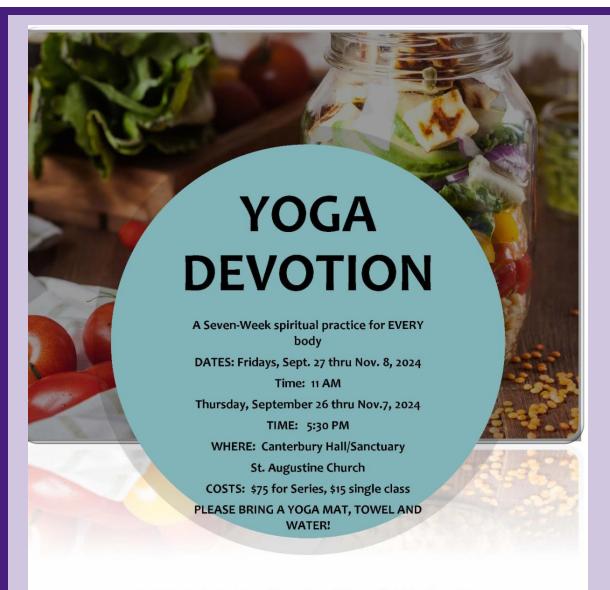


This group is led by Rhonda Wampler. Contact the church office for further info.





Held twice each week in the Sanctuary. Monday: 5:00pm to 6:30pm & Friday: Noon to 1pm. **All Are Welcome**!



FRIDAYS ARE A GENTLE CHAIR/MAT CLASS
THURSDAYS ARE A GENTLE MAT CLASS

Sign Up Sheets in Canterbury Hall OR Call Sandy Burgner @ 916-865-7514

Small Groups 2024



Faith Fellowship
Journey to Jesus
ASKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS
AROUT THE OUDITAGE

Open Table

FOOD, FUN. & FRIENDSHIP

It is never too late to join any one of the small groups. It is an easy way to get to know more parishioners in a relaxed environment. Contact Beth Sulc for complete information.

The Friday evening dinner small group met in late August. There were nine of us including the hosts of Deb and Dave Hughes. The Hughes provided the main dish and everyone brought something to share. The guests included Rich Wampler (sorry to miss Rhonda), Patti and John Carroz, Joan Buckmaster, Margaret Ratay and Carol and Ron Yelton. We had a lively discussion and learned much about each other. Next time we hope to have others in our group join us.





Bible Study Book of Mark Sundays 9 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. May 19th

The Book of Mark will be studied through the remainder of this year. Pastor Anny will lead this group with in depth explanations. This book study goes along with our sermon series. The study will be held in the classroom. There is plenty of room and time to ask questions and learn. Contact: Mark Sally for further info.



Ministry Moment



Harvesting Hope Dinner

Hosted by your Vestry



Highlighting three Ministries:

St Augustine Choir St James Pantry Victory High School



St Augustine Choir













I started on my own faith journey earlier in the year as I was looking for a place to go for Sunday worship. I had the thought come to me that maybe I could find a church to go to and help with the music for them. Within 24 hours, I received a text message from the owner of the Rocklin Music Academy that there was a position at St. Augustine Episcopal Church. I went to the Sunday service on Mothers' Day and loved how it felt like a safe place to worship God. After a few weeks of attending, Pastor Anny reached out to me and I accepted the music director position.

I want to invite people to come and sing with us in the community and keep the worship service warm and welcoming. I am mindful of people of all walks of life and want to have something for everyone in our Sunday Services when it comes to music. I am adding in more contemporary pieces, but also want to honor and keep many of the beautiful traditions and hymns that are sung in the Episcopal service.

I would also like to invite more children and youth to participate in our services so that we can all be uplifted together. I'm looking forward to building and strengthening our choir and bringing worshipful music to our community.

Victory High School Skit Actors: Joanie Cahill, Erin Cahill and Don Lonsbrough











Harvesting Hope Speakers









Pastor Anny and the Vestry hosted the annual stewardship dinner on Saturday, September 14, 2024. The theme this year was "Harvesting Hope"; a way to share the good news of Jesus Christ, welcome multi-generations to meet God and for us to be an agent of reconciliation to God and each other while providing service to the community.

The night began with fellowship time for parishioners to meet and greet each other. This was followed by dinner consisting of a variety of salads and dessert catered by Julie Dalli of Edible Events. One member of the vestry sat at each table to discuss stewardship.

After dinner, several examples of stewardship were presented. Kristi Scoubes, the choir director, informed the audience of her musical background and her plans for the future of music ministry at St. Augustine. She then led the choir "flash mob" dancing and singing "The Future's so Bright, We Gotta Wear Shades."

John Redmond spoke about St. James Food Pantry, assisted by a video narrated by one of the volunteers. All members of the parish are encouraged to place donated food and dry good items in the shopping cart located near the main entrance to the church. Each week the items

donated are taken to St. James Food Pantry. To conclude this ministry, Kristi Scoubes led the choir and congregation in a rendition of "Food, Glorious Food."

Ray Genato entertained the crowd with the topic of his ministry, children. He teaches Sunday school every Sunday. He also hosts Kid's Play Days on the fourth Sunday in each month. He reviewed some of the kid's day events, including Hide and Go Sheep, where he trained the kids to use a compass to locate lost sheep, and Sling Shot Goliath, where he trained the kids to use a sling shot to defend against an attacking Goliath. Ray is following the curriculum called, "Godly Play." Ray said that if he offers more of these activities for the kids, more will come. Ray wrapped up his presentation with a song about Christian Pirates, sung to the tune of "American Pie."

Deacon-in-training Joanie Cahill and her daughter Erin did a skit on teenagers and the different English language used when they speak. Joanie discussed her ministry with Victory High School, an alternative high school in Rocklin. The staff at Victory High School was delighted to receive our mountain of snacks to get their school year off to a great start. Thank you to all who donated!

She is working on getting to know the student and building relationships. As we move into the school year, you may see Victory students helping with some of our outreach projects. I know you will welcome them warmly. As we establish a relationship with the school, we hope to find a way that we can share our acquired wisdom with students through a life skills class or other mentoring program.

Joanie and Erin capped off their presentation by calling on Don Lonsbrough to sing a modified version of the Bye Bye Birdie classic, "What's the Matter With Kids Today."

Pastor Anny closed the dinner event reminding those in attendance that the theme for the stewardship season is "Harvesting Hope" and its role in continued growth of St. Augustine.





















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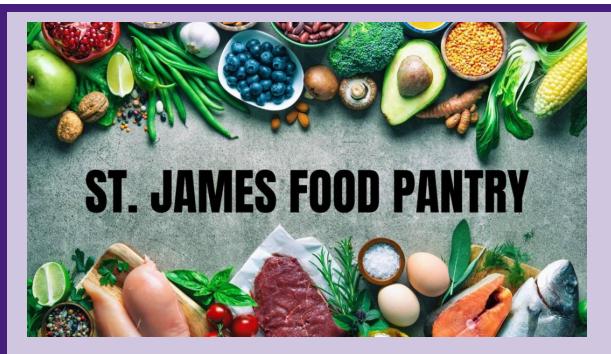












St. James Episcopal Church Alley House Pantry

479 L Street, Lincoln September 2024

Oh, how, we would love to see this bountiful supply of food coming to the pantry each week!

Unfortunately, this is not the case. Multiple families are served every Friday.

Our children are starting school and this is where we can use your assistance. This month, we are looking for supplies to make sandwiches....tuna, chicken, peanut butter, jelly/jam, mustard, mayonnaise, and juice boxes. We want our children to have healthy lunches.

In addition to these sandwich items, we always need personal hygiene products, body washes, soap, and toothbrushes/toothpaste!

Please put your donations into the shopping cart at the church entrance. As always, cash donations are greatly appreciated, too.

In August, we were able to buy fresh milk from Walmart with our cash gifts.

Thank you, St. Augustine!

Introducing our new seminarian, Rosemary MacLaughlin





My husband's name is Bill MacLaughlin. He owns his family commercial real estate business along with his two brothers. "MacLaughlin and Company."

We have 4 kids. Our childrens' names are: Makayla (21), a Senior at the University of Oregon; Alice (17), a Senior at St. Francis High School; Olivia (16), a Junior at Rio Americano High School; and Will (15), a Freshman at Jesuit High School.

I graduated from CSUS with a Bachelor degree in Social Work (BSW) in 2002. I then earned a Master's in Social Work (MSW) in 2005. Following this I pursued a Clinical License in Social Work and have been practicing psychotherapy since 2009.

As an LCSW, I have had the opportunity to work with many different populations. I have a strong background and expertise with End of Life and Grief and have worked in Hospice, Palliative Care, Hospital ICU and ER. Likewise, I have a strong background in children and family therapy and individual therapy. A focused piece of my psychotherapy practice was blessed with working with very sick teens and adults struggling with eating disorders. This blossomed into a strong expertise in working with Eating Disorders. Currently, my practice focuses on individual therapy with adults with a variety of presenting issues such as anxiety, depression, relationships issues, eating disorders, living with medical issues, end of life, and grief. I would like to get back to working with teens one day, but it does not currently fit with my schedule.

I currently attend the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. I started seminary in the Fall 2022 and plan to graduate Spring 2026. It is a 4 year program. However, in our Diocese, I will be ordained a deacon first following graduation for six months and then, God willing, a priest.

Pastor Anny has been great at balancing my internship expectations with the church's needs and my hopes in learning. I have taken over the Young Adult group and Ministry as I have a keen interest in this time of life. I will be assisting with Evangelism at Sierra College. I will be learning "all things priest" with Pastor Anny, particular to sacramental ministry, liturgy, preaching, and

administration. I will provide pastoral care to anyone within the congregation at any time. This is a strength of mine, so we do not need to focus on it as much as the other goals. However, I will enjoy this!

I would like to learn "all things priest" and what this looks like within a parish setting. I do not necessarily see myself as a rector of a parish, perhaps an associate somewhere, but would like to know what it is like to be a rector with Pastor Anny nevertheless.

I have an interest in the Episcopal Churches ideas of third spaces bringing the church to everyday life. I especially like a book by Michael Moynagh called *Being Church, Doing Life* that emphasizes the importance of recognizing our modern reality of being "gathered for worship, but scattered for life." I have hopes that we can shift this narrative to be gathered for worship and gathered for life.

In my spare time, I like to spend time with friends and family, read, workout, do yoga and meditation.

August Ray's Kids Sunday

August 25, 2024

Ray getting ready for another fun filled learning experience! All children are welcome. Every fourth Sunday

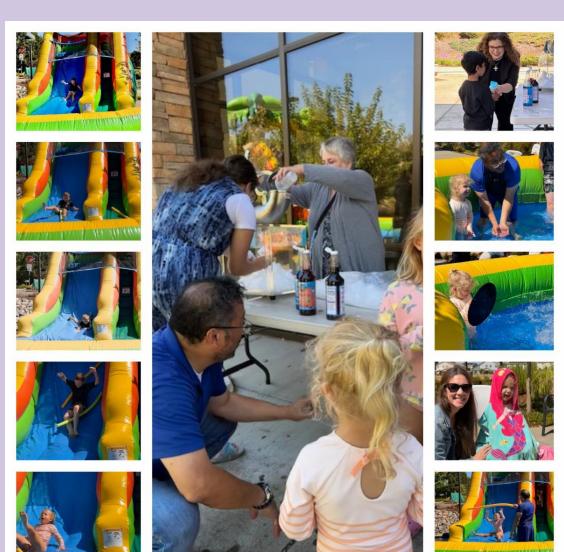






On Sunday, August 25th, Ray organized to have an inflatable water slide on the church patio. With the water flowing, the children had a wonderful sliding and getting wet and wild.

It takes a village to make snow cones! So much help. So much fun for all. I especially love Raymond teaching Sophia self defense and offense! Notice her hands shaped as Raymond's! And who couldn't love a mermaid? And see how brave our boys are. Awesome. by Ginger Freer





Water slide and snow cones were not the only fun had that day. Deacon Joanie joined the adult youth of the parish at lunch. Getting to know one another, food and laughter. What could be better?

Out in the Community

A few pictures from our presence at the Park Fire Chico Local Assistance Center on Friday, August 9. The first picture is Sherry Wallmark from St John's Episcopal Church, Chico, Br. Simeon and The Rev. Richard Yale, retired priest from St John's, Chico.



This next picture is a glimpse of Br. Simeon, the Rev. Mark Dibelka, Disaster Recovery Officer for the Diocese of Northern California, Bishop Megan Traquair our Bishop Visitor and Fr. Richard.



The final picture has Fr. Dibelka, Bishop Megan and Fr. Yale.



It was a full day of assisting survivors of the Park Fire near and around the Chico area. At this location, we assisted with gift cards for food and transportation. The average number helped was around 100 per day. The diocese has been raising funds for this effort with all donations going to the assistance of the survivors.

I felt honored to offer my support to this needed effort.

Br. Simeon, CG











St. Augustine Parishioners Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Roseville

Many of you may not know, but Rob Shonk and John Redmond have been volunteering their time to cook and serve lunch on the third Thursday of each month to needy people in the downtown Roseville area. The St. Vincent de Paul kitchen is located on the corner of Riverside and Bonita. John Mayne has been the kitchen supervisor for St. Vincent for 20 years.

Approximately 48 persons came to the kitchen on September 19, 2024, for a lunch consisting of a pasta casserole and salad. Quite a few requested second and third helpings. John Redmond, Don Lonsbrough and Dave Hughes prepared the food and served the people. The people are polite and clean their own tables. Credit goes to Mr. Mayne for a well-organized operation.

If anyone is thinking about volunteering to help serve food on behalf of St. Augustine on the third Thursday of the month from approximately 9:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., please contact Rob Shonk or John Redmond.

For details about upcoming special events and our regularly scheduled Parish events, read the Weekly E-Bulletin or **click the button below** and **scroll down** to the online Church calendar.

St Augustine Church Calendar

St Augustine Past Services

Months in Review August 2024

Prayer Shawl Ministry

On August 4, 2024, Pastor Anny blessed prayer shawls that were knitted or crocheted by Greer Nave, Deb Hughes, Deidre Shonk, Sharon Taylor, and Karen Hardage.

These shawls go to family, friends and anyone who requests one. They are sources of comfort as well as warmth.

We proudly knit and crochet these shawls/blankets, pray over them and Pastor Anny blesses them. Please contact Greer or Pastor Anny if you know someone who would benefit from one.













Daughter's of the King Guest Speaker: Pierce Leavell

Pierce started out by saying he was glad to be able to speak to the DOK and share information on his experiences as a healthcare administrator. He then said that he has had a blessed life. He has been a political campaign advisor, book editor, and volunteer chaplain. As a minister he has conducted weddings and performed funerals. In addition to all these things Pierce has had an exciting 40-year career has a healthcare administrator.

Pierce started college at the University of Cincinnati at the age of 16 with his twin brother Pierre (he shared a funny story about when he moved back to Cincinnati a few years ago, while in a grocery store near his brother's church, people would come up to him and give him a hug thinking it was his brother only to be told he was his twin!). His dad was a Physician and Vice Dean at the college. Pierce graduated with a BA degree in Political Science and, when asked by his dad what he was going to do next, he replied "I haven't got a clue." He decided to stay at the University and completed the first year towards a graduate degree in Public Administration. A

unique opportunity occurred that resulted in him going to law school for a year. He said the Socratic Method was torture for him but he enjoyed Mock Trial competition. At that point he used a decision tree to help him decide whether to continue in the legal field or become a Healthcare Administrator.

When Pierce entered the field of Healthcare Administration, it was the #2 Most Trusted Profession in America (the first was being a Minister). Pierce stated that healthcare was currently the #2 employer in the country. He attended Xavier University in Cincinnati which was one of the top programs in the nation. Leading the program at Xavier was a very strict Lt. Colonel who made them "dress for success." He had to wear a shirt and tie while on campus. The Colonel told them one student did not wear a tie and was kicked out of the program (which led him having to do military duty and go to Vietnam during the war). So, upon hearing this, the students complied with the dress code. (In an interesting coincidence, Pierce met this former student who was by then a healthcare administrator who confirmed the story).

Healthcare Administration-MBA programs are only a year-long with just a six-week internship. Pierce's program at Xavier was a 2-year MHA program. The first year was focused on the management classes while the second year was a residency. Pierce's residency was at Good Samaritan Hospital, the 800-bed flagship of Sister of Charity hospital system in Cincinnati. While doing his residency, Pierce was exposed to various department, nursing homes and other health facilities. When he graduated, there were no openings at Good Samaritan so Pierce went to work at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio (Riverside was a 1000-bed hospital). He was hired as an Evening Administrator working from 7 p.m. – 7 a.m.

While at Riverside Hospital, Pierce learned a lot. He learned to interact with the Press and soon found the Press can be your friend or not! Pierce was invited to be on the hospital VP's Council and participated in creating the strategic plan. He also had several unusual experiences with people with weapons (both at this hospital and another). One time he had a guy threaten him and put a knife to his stomach. Another time a man, after being admitted to the hospital through the Emergency Department, was found to have a knife. It took Pierce, a Police Officer, and some volunteers to take the knife from the gentleman. A third time happened much later when Pierce faced a patient with a weapon at Kaiser Roseville Hospital when a psychiatric patient was running around on a medical unit and Pierce cornered him in an elevator. Pierce was there as a volunteer chaplain. He told the patient to look at Pierce's left hand—which had a Bible. Pierce told the guy he was a chaplain who was there to help him. The guy asked Pierce why he had taken a step back with his right foot. Pierce responded, "I know Karate and I won't let you hurt others." After agreeing to come out peacefully, the gentleman bolted. He finally saw someone who he recognized and was finally able to calm him down.

Pierces' experiences in various hospitals have included creating strategic plans, administering budgets, and managing up to 200 people. He also learned hospitals are a place of FUN. He was called to a floor one night because the medical residents were having gurney races. At Christmas time people would come into the hospital playing their guitars (sometimes without permission!).

At this point in time, Pierces' dad had become the president of a Medical University in Los Angeles. Pierce asked his dad if he could live with him and his mom and finish work towards a Master's degree in Political Science. Pierce ended up writing a 300-page thesis paper on US and Saudi Relations during the Reagan Administration. Pierce finished his thesis and saw a job opportunity in Ventura County—some 70 miles away from where they lived. The position was to administer 6 clinics. Pierce interviewed and was hired. His boss was a woman he didn't know previously but who would eventually become his wife (after giving him an excellent job review at work!).

Some days Pierce would enjoy driving to all six of his clinics while listening to music as he drove the 300-mile roundtrip. At one of the clinics, he found some Dobermans guarding a fenced in area that turned out to be a marijuana grow. During his time there, the Board of Supervisors gave him an award for a new program he implemented. Pierce ended up speaking before a city council to get a conditional use permit to upgrade medical clinic trailers located in the city. In the 1990's he also implemented a new computer system in a pediatric clinic.

Pierce left the county hospital and went to work for another hospital system called UniHealth. There he learned about the importance of being vulnerable. Pierce shared that there were three men who were role models in Pierce's life.

- 1- His dad
- 2- Eire Chapman (CEO of OhioHealth and a future Baptist Minister)
- 3- Terry Hartshorn (CEO of UniHealth)

Terry Hartshorn was the head of UniHealth. Pierce saw Terry stand in front of 300 healthcare executives and describe what it was like to work in healthcare and lose one of his children. Terry passed out roses saying we are in the healthcare business and need to have empathy. These are skills they don't teach you in business school. He stressed the need for a good work life balance.

While at UniHealth, Pierce got to eat at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Pasadena. The very first Malcom Baldrige Award was being given out to the Ritz Carlton for excellent quality. UniHealth had 300 executives there to learn how they did it.

One of the things Pierce learned from the presentation was the value of "scripting." For example, a standardized customer service script might be "Glad you are here. How can I help you?"

While working at a UniHealth hospital a funny thing happened at the psychiatric unit. A female patient went flying out the door dressed only in her open hospital gown. She was running down the street with Pierce and a security guard chasing (all the while with her butt exposed!) and all Pierce could think of as he gave chase was "I hope the gown doesn't come off."

On another occasion there was a project to upgrade the boilers on the floor above the hospital's Neonatal Unit. Pierce learned during the project they did not plan to have a night boiler man on site. Pierce checked the laws and learned it was not legal to do that. Pierce advised his boss who was not happy but ultimately relented. Not long after this Pierce was one of four people to be laid off from the hospital in a management downsizing.

Pierce's next job was with a Kaiser Permanente hospital in Los Angeles. Only one catch: he had a 105-mile commute each way from home. Pierce was promoted to VP/Service Line Manager

which meant he now had hospital security working for him. He ended up having a few unique experiences with this group. One day there was a problem with the cameras at one of the hospital's facilities. One camera went offline and the staff never investigated. Suddenly, all the cameras went off line one after another. It turned out thieves had stolen the cameras while the security team was online. Another strange experience occurred when \$11,000 dollars that a patient had brought with him to the hospital went missing from a safe which only the director and assistant director (a former highway patrol officer) had the combination to. The hospital never found out where the money had gone.

One day Kaiser announced they had decided to consolidate certain executive positions. Instead of one administrator per hospital, they decided to have one administrator over three hospitals. Pierce then found a job in Oklahoma after he helped his (now ex-) wife, a nursing administrator, become a Vice President at the same hospital. Shortly after he arrived, the Security Director told Pierce he was going to introduce him to being an "OKIE." As they walked outside Pierce viewed a saw horse with a plastic cattle head on it. The Director told Pierce he was going to teach him how to rope cattle. At this hospital Pierce gained construction management experience. He led the effort to turn a floor of the hospital into a long-term acute care facility. Pierce also did a comparative analysis discovering that if they turned over another floor of the hospital to a psychiatric contractor, they could gain an additional \$1 million dollars in revenue and save inpatient psychiatric care for a five-county region.

Pierce says Healthcare Administration is about working in different environments, in different communities and having a positive impact.

When Pierce and his family move back to California, he became a healthcare consultant. He worked on a hospital turnaround project where the staff did not want him to succeed because they feared losing their jobs. For Stanislaus County, Pierce worked on a clinic system turn around project that ended up saving the county \$12 million dollars. His efforts saved 500 jobs but cost 100 jobs associated with legacy costs from continuing to operate some departments in a closed county hospital.

One also encounters ethical issues in hospital administration. Pierce told the Board Chairperson of an Indian Health Clinic System that he had just joined as Executive Director that he had found out they were breaking the labor code and possibly the law, by not paying people correctly. The Board Chairperson did not want to fix what Pierce had shared and worked to remove him and another manager. In a strange twist it was eventually discovered that the Board Chairperson and several family members had stolen nearly \$5 million from her tribe's casino. She ended up facing nearly five years of federal jail time.

Pierce's sense of ethics was tested again when he was hired to be Senior Associate Hospital Administrator of a county hospital. In one situation, he was told by his boss to use "estimated numbers" versus the "actual numbers" in his budget calculations for a new clinic project. When asked by the CFO about the numbers, Pierce shared that he had both the estimated and actual numbers. The CFO thanked him for his truthfulness, used the actual numbers and changed the whole scope of the project to prevent setting the hospital up for a massive loss.

In another situation, Pierce's honesty and ethical sense was severely tested. The hospital got maintenance services from the County's General Services Department. The hospital had an ICU with old heating and air conditioning units which were labor intensive to clean. It took nearly a day to clean each unit. Cleaning them was not a priority for the General Services Department. Because they didn't clean the units as required, vulnerable ICU patient lives were put at risk. Pierce found a way to force the county to take corrective actions and protect patient lives. He explained that when you are called on to make a difficult decision, one has to stand-up for what is right.

Pierce ended his presentation by saying that Healthcare is a good source of jobs in the country. There are lots of different healthcare jobs that don't require you to become a nurse or doctor. In healthcare there are lots of good things to do and you will find both opportunities and challenges. Remember, when facing challenges, use your faith to guide you.

A question was asked about Pierce's path to volunteer hospital chaplaincy and ministry. Twenty-four years ago, Pierce was asked to be a volunteer chaplain. He couldn't do it at the time but in in 2009, the same Episcopal Priest was now with Kaiser South Sacramento Hospital and asked Pierce again if he would like to become a volunteer chaplain. Pierce said yes and found that in this role you are showing/giving love, listening, showing empathy, and praying. He fell in love with the work.

Nine years ago, while he was in Susanville to start a new job as Executive Director/CEO of a clinic system, a real estate agent kept scratching a surgical scare on her throat. Pierce approached her, volunteered to pray for her, and got her an appointment at the clinic. Another time he heard some kids crying in the clinic parking lot. Their parents were out of town and their brother was having emergency surgery. He told them this surgery usually has a good outcome, to have faith and prayed with them. Later, at the Post Office, a voice said "hey you." It was the kids and they thanked him as the surgery had indeed worked out.

Another time while eating dinner at a steakhouse in the casino in town, a lady approached him saying "you have a trusting face." Can I charge my phone here? He said yes. The next day he's at a line dance class in the casino. As he was leaving, he looked over a frozen fountain and saw a woman sitting in the freezing cold without a coat. It turned out to be the same lady he had seen in the casino the day before. She told him she was going to kill herself. She was distraught that the sheriff would not prosecute her husband, a probation officer, who was beating her. Pierce talked with her, prayer over her and helped her find alternative solutions to her problem. All of these experiences led Pierce to seek ordination in order to continue to minister to people outside of the hospital.

Pierce was able to be ordained as a Christian minister based on his years of chaplaincy work. In his service as a minister, he has had various experiences. He was one of four ministers to lead 20,000 people twice at successive Sacramento Martin Luther King Jr. Day Marches. At his first protest rally, he was asked to lead the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) March of several thousand people from Sacramento City Hall past the State Capital to the Federal Building. He believes it's because he was wearing his "black and white" (i.e. priest apparel) that he was put in front to lead the march. He also shared that he became involved in Prison Ministry when asked by a fellow parishioner because "they needed a minister to join the team." He sees

many of his chaplaincy and ministry adventures as happening because he has been open to the Holy Spirit working in his life.

Pierce closed by saying that he's been at St. Augustine for 17 years. "There is so much love in this church. I love all my church family."

Lily Leavell-Mora













Lily is an active 12-year old swimmer, soccer star, dancer and wonderful person who will talk about her trip to the Bordeaux region of France.

Where – Bordeaux. This is in the Alsace region in northeastern France close to the German border. Lilly visited the very first shop to make Madeleine cookies and Europa-Park in Germany. Europa-Park is like Disneyland but it has areas named for different countries and tall roller coasters.

Why – to visit French family including Thibaud, Papi, Margaux, Magalie, Mamie, Renaud, Claire and Clara. Also, to attend her cousin Clara's baptism.

What – practiced speaking French, ate great French food like gratin de pates. Her grandmother is a good cook. They biked ("velo") throughout her grandfather (Papi)'s farm. She played ("jouer au football") and watched soccer. She helped her Papi pick fruits and vegetables in the garden ("jardin"). She fed farm ("ferme") animals. Some French phrases and words... Je m'appelle My name is ----- Comment ca va? Je suis bien, merci. Je suis tres bien. How are you? I'm good thank you. I'm fine.

Favorite Foods: Tarte flambee' – a French "pie" made with crème fraiche', meat, onions & cheese; Petit pain au chocolat – chocolate filled pastry; Other foods she ate included white asparagus, leeks, and black peaches.

Allez les bleus - Go Blue! A French team. Lilly was fortunate to go to the European Cup to see France play Belgium.

Cultural similarities and differences:

Similarities: Importance of family.

Differences: Less food & people are active - bike, hike, swim. They

have square pillows. They eat three big meals a day. They go home for lunch. They have more community gatherings. There is more smoking. They love sports. The school starts later in the day and there is no school on Wednesday. There is more access to local and farm produce. The bread is incredible. There are more little specialty shops- i.e. boulangeries (bread), patisserie (pastry).

Favorite Parts: Stayed in an Airbnb which has a community room with a ping-pong table which she could play. Held bunnies at her grandfather's farm. In France they eat the bunnies. Hanging out with baby Clara. This is the baby that got baptized.

This was the third time Lilly has gone to France. Lilly passed around Madeleine cookies for everyone to enjoy.

Conclusion: Carol Ann presented Lilly with a certificate as the 1st Honorary Junior Daughter of the Mother Teresa Chapter of Daughters of the King.

Lily is Pierce Leavell's granddaughter.

Trivia Fundraiser

For the not-so-sure about Trivia... we had a great time. So easy to learn but is all about luck.

On Saturday, August 24, St. Augustine hosted a luncheon and trivia contest. Peggy Doyle arranged the contest. Carol Yelton assembled the questions. Ron Yelton was the MC. There were 28 contestants, divided into seven-four person teams. There were two sessions of 30 questions apiece. The first session covered events from the 1960's and the 1970's. Raffle prizes were awarded after the first session. The second session covered events from the 1980's and the 1990's. The Armadillos (Beth Sulc, Christine Hohmann, Linda Bittman, and Dave Hughes) won the contest by submitting 53 correct answers out of 60 questions. The Chipmunks (Ray Genato, Juan Crespo, Peter Eakland, and Susan Lukin) finished in second place with 50 correct answers. The event was catered by Edible Express.

This was a fun event and we hope that more people will participate in future trivia contests.





































Children's Sermon by Joanie Cahill and Blessing of the Backpacks

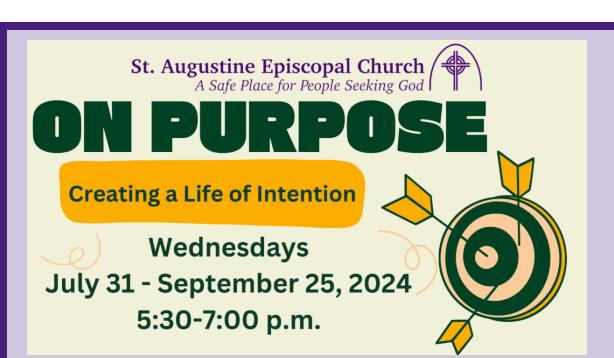






Students with backpacks come in all sizes; from the adorable little boys and girls with their character backpacks to those pursuing studies and their dreams.

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Bake Sale







Guest Soloist





The congregation enjoyed and appreciated the solo by Inaaya Kaur. She is eight years old and one of the voice students of our music director, Kristi Scoubs. We see a bright future for her.

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GET to KNOW... George Eckardt



A BLESSED MAN

When George moved to California recently, discovering St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church was the latest example of a blessed life.

George was born and raised by two hard-working and loving parents on a small farm in historic Bucks County north of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1939. Fortunately, they were part of a small group that founded Good Shepherd Episcopal Mission in a one-room schoolhouse which later (and still is) the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Until moving to college, he was involved in church life most Sunday mornings, making it one of the most important blessings in his young life.

As time rolled on, other major blessings followed, like successfully completing his service time in the U. S. Coast Guard which encouraged his burgeoning love of the sea and boating. Graduating from Boston University was a distinct blessing to his career in marketing and communications which began in 1966 when he commenced working for a 20-year period for Sports Illustrated magazine and later LIFE Magazine.

The work at SI was hard and demanding but his drive was up to the task and he was able to enjoy corporate involvement in major sporting events like the Super Bowl, World Series, Stanley Cup, the Masters, U. S. Open, America's Cup sailing, Summer and Winter Olympics and so on.

In the middle of all this, God blessed him with the arrival of three wonderful children who are blessing him again with incredible children of their own. Life's tragedies were also mixed in, like the loss of family and friends, plus a devastating divorce, but his faith enabled him to stand strong when he needed to.

Now that there were children in his life, he began to contemplate family adventures and God led him to 10-k races, sailing vacations, hikes to the top pf Mt. Whitney, repeated summer

vacations in Tuolumne Meadows in Yosemite, long distance bike rides, horse camp outings and golf at Pebble Beach Golf Club.

Overall, his most impactful adventure/blessing occurred in 1966, four years out of college and single, when he spent five months touring free Europe, putting 12,000 miles on a BMW touring motorcycle. He felt God's support all along the way, especially when HE presented him with an option on getting home to the U. S. He was able to secure a job as one of four crew (plus a professional skipper) on a 57-foot sailboat (winner of the Transatlantic Race in 1966) that pulled out of Gibraltar in September of that year and arrived in St. Thomas (U. S. Virgin Islands) 30 days later. No Stops. How blessed he felt to have had all that time to reflect and thank God for all his blessings.

As Patti Carroz wrote in Canterbury Tales on July 28, 2024, 'a very special memory is to be treasured' and as you can read, he has been blessed to have had many special memories created over his life. Obviously, these memories will continue to be God's blessings for him as he happily continues his association with St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church.

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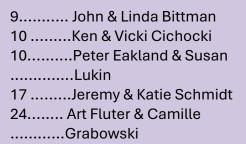
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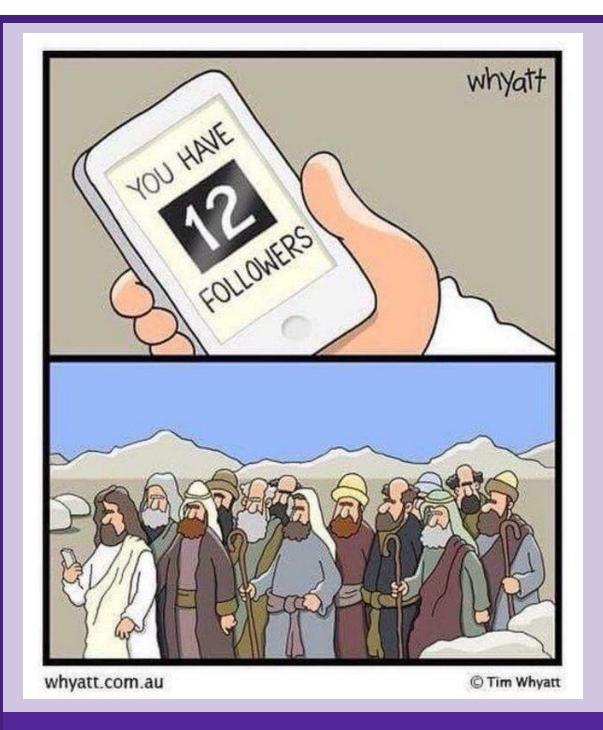




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