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FROM OUR VICAR

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There is a street near our home that is beautiful! I will deliberately drive that street home just to see the changing colors! A deliberate action. I purposefully change the pattern of my driving to see the fall colors.

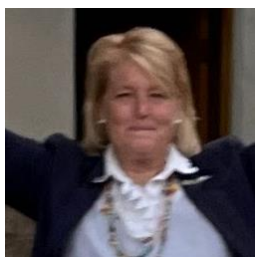
I wonder to myself, if I'm willing to change my habits and patterns to see the Fall colors, what other areas in my life are inviting me to deliberate action?

One area I think of immediately is Gratitude. Here we are in the month of Thanksgiving. I wonder if I can put some deliberate action into practice this month. One idea would be at the end of the day, I review the day and give deliberate gratitude for every hour of the day. Even those moments that are difficult, trying, a little confusing, overwhelming and just obnoxious! What if I made deliberate action especially for those moments to give gratitude to God, to others, for that time?

Deliberate action needs to be practiced. It is conscious choices to make priorities and decide what is important to us. Deliberate action not only is practiced but is prayed. We seek God for a renewed pattern of choices, actions and habits in our life that God is inviting for us. This may be an extended commitment to family, to friends, to those in need, to giving money, to giving time, and to offer our talents again to God. It may be a little uncomfortable as we earnestly pray about "who needs my time?", "who needs my money?", "who needs a listening ear, a prayer, a compassionate understanding?"

Gratitude is returning to God our thanks for all that God has given us. We give ourselves to others as an expression of Gratitude and loving God.

Is there a deliberate action that God is inviting in your life this season?



Sarah

“There is a French Marian legend about a storyteller who gives up his fickle life and enters a monastery. But the life of the monks remains strange to him; he knows neither how to recite nor chant a prayer. He pours out his lament to the Virgin Mary and she tells him to serve God with what he can do, namely, to dance and leap. From that moment on, he skips the divine offices and dances during those times. He is called to the abbot and believes that he is about to be expelled. But the abbot only says, "With your dancing you have glorified God with body and soul. but may God forgive us all those lofty words that pass our lips without coming from the heart."

Dorothee Soelle The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance

My friends, I write with a deep sense of Gratitude for your blessings during this Clergy Appreciation month. I think I may be skipping the divine offices and dancing the Grace and love of God. As a community we are showered with blessings with one another, and through one another. That is why we are a community. We stand with one another, we hold one another in joy and sorrow, we bless one another, and we pray for one another. So we celebrate God’s goodness together in all that God is doing, has done, and will be as we have breath. Thank you again for your gracious appreciation, prayers, and blessing. I am very grateful.





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*Creativity
Offers each of us a chance
To be outstanding
-Haiku by Diantha Ain*



Line Dancing Wednesdays on the patio at earlier time of 4:30 PM

BABY CLOSET

Healing Service Continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.
All are welcome to attend this casual mid-week service with Eucharist at ***10:00 am on Wednesdays.***

Don't forget the needs of the Baby Closet -
The Baby Closet is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-11am.

They are collecting
DIAPERS SIZE 4,5,6
and have a continual Need for **BABY WIPES** and helping hands.

**SAVE THE DATE:
TAIZE ADVENT SERVICES**

Beginning November 30th
In the Sanctuary

Details to follow soon...

Please connect with Gerri H. if you are able to help with these needs or Volunteer - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

November 2022 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Kerri-Jo H.	Eden S.	Bernadette	Susan S	
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Reuben A.	Suzanne L.	Peggy S.	Tony F.	
LEM	Lisa N.	Chrissy B.	Rob. W. Kristin W.	Tracy H.	
Usher / Greeter	Reuben A.	Rebecca S.	Tony F.	Joe Z.	
Altar Guild	Cathy G.	Chrissy B.	Chris M.	Bernadette	
Preaching	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah	

December 2022 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 24	Dec 25
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Kerri-Jo H.	Eden S.	Bernadette	TBD	TBD
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Reuben A.	Suzanne L.	Susan S.	TBD	TBD
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Please let the Church Office know if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day. Thank you for Serving!

November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Baby Closet 10-11 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women AA	2 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 5pm Line Dancing 7:30 pm AA PH	3 Baby Closet 10-11 7 pm NA Clare Rm	4 8 pm AA PH	5
6 ALL SAINTS DAY David Kitch Preaching Eucharist with Music Memorial Blessing Daylight Savings 6:30 Men's AA PH	7 4:00-5:00PM Samaritan Dinner 8 pm Men's AA	8 Baby Closet 10-11 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women AA	9 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 4:30p Line Dancing 7:30 pm AA PH	10 Baby Closet 10-11 7 pm NA Clare Rm	11 8 pm AA PH	12 Samaritan Food Drive
13 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	14 8 pm Men's AA	15 Baby Closet 10-11 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women AA	16 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 5pm Private Event 4:30p Line Dancing 7:30 pm AA PH	17 Baby Closet 10-11 7 pm NA Clare Rm 6 pm H.H. HOA	18 Private Event 8 pm AA PH	19 Private Event
20 David Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	21 8 pm Men's AA	22 Baby Closet 10-11 7 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women AA	23 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service No Class Line Dancing 6 pm W.R. HOA 7:30 pm AA PH	24 THANKSGIVING DAY  Baby Closet CLOSED 7 pm NA Clare Rm	25 8 pm AA PH	26 Megan Conte Memorial Service 11:00am
27 ADVENT Rev Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music Bishop's Committee Meeting 6:30 Men's AA PH	28 8 pm Men's AA	29 GIVING TUESDAY Baby Closet 10-11 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women AA	30 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service ADVENT TAIZE SERVICES BEGIN 4:30p Line Dancing 7:30 pm AA PH			

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TO:



Sunday Service:
10:15 am

Wednesday Service:
10:00 am Healing
Interfaith Thanksgiving:
7:00 pm B'nai Emet
9 West Bonita, SV 93065