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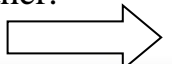
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My friends, I celebrate this time of the year when Fall is in the air and indeed the seasons are changing! For many of us who come originally from the East Coast, we are glad that the nights are getting a little cooler, there is no snow, and we are watching the Oak Trees changing color. For those of us who have lived all our life in California, the cooler nights (and days) are a welcome relief, and certainly the changing of the seasons is a celebration, even if not as dramatic!

With the changing of the seasons the church, too, has its change. We are beginning to turn into the quieter time of the church, when we spend time reflecting on the coming of our Lord, and the birth of our Savior. It is an opportunity in the busyness of the Holiday Festivities to come away for a quiet day here at St. Francis. It is a chance to give yourself time to sit in the Rose Garden with a wonderful book, walk the Labyrinth slowly, calming down some of the frenetic pace, and it's a time to enter into worship with the community in anticipation of Divine Love coming down to meet us face to face.

Please make time during this season of Thanksgiving and Grace to share in the blessing of a worship space that is given freely to restore, nourish, replenish and provide for our soul space. It is a wonderful time of the year and one that offers to us many delights and joys. May you find the Grace of God in everything you do and how you move through this time with family and friends. May St. Francis offer to you a place of coming home and welcome through the joys and sorrows of our life experience. May we offer one another comfort and solace as we meet together in worship, communion and fellowship with one another.



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This season of change, this season of anticipation, this season of thanksgiving and Grace, may we feel a new sense of the love of God and God's saving Grace to all who would say "yes" to the invitation of the dance. May you feel the Spirit extend loving arms to you, and hold you, like a dance partner, in the celebration of Life. See you in the dance!!!!



Sarah



Here is a great big thank you to all who helped make Bishop Azariah's visit such a success! Everyone pitched in during the Worship time and the luncheon was a huge success. Thank you to everyone and God's blessings as we continue to minister together.

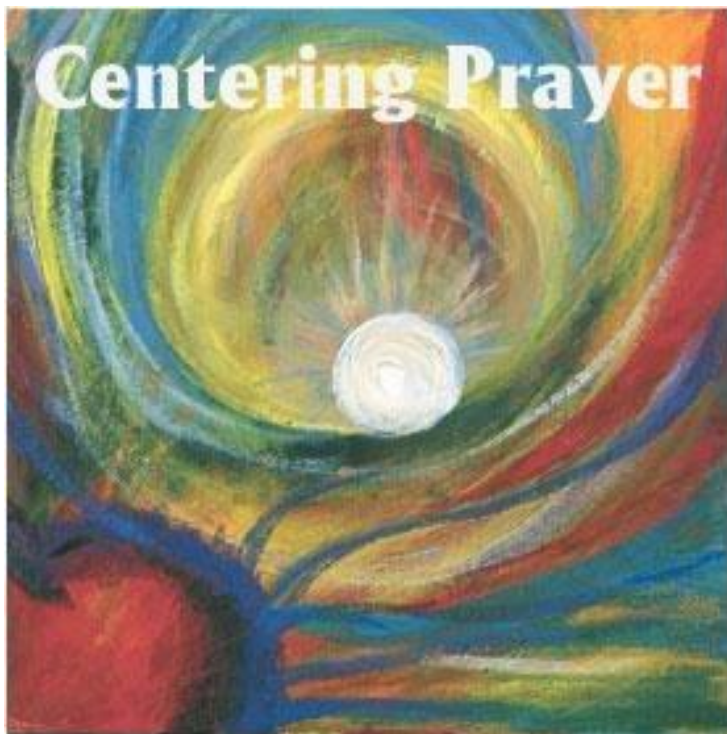


DECEMBER 17

Our own Derek Silbermann and Scott Eben are planning another wonderful festival of music for us for Christmas. The Country Christmas Concert will be December 17 here at St. Francis at 5:00. It is a night filled with warmth, friendship, hot cocoa and more, plus your favorite Christmas songs of all time. It will feature acoustic guitars and instruments, singers and bells!!! It is a family event for all generations, featuring special raffle of country singers autographs and paparazzi jazz stuff. Young and old come out and join us in a good old-fashioned Christmas Carol sing-along and Christmas Cheer. Special requests are invited!!!!

Tickets \$15 and go to support St. Francis Music Ministry.





Join Centering Prayer the second Tuesday each month at 7 pm at Brainerd and Esther Dharmaraj's home. 1540 Rose Arbor, Simi Valley, (805)583-5342 and the fourth Tuesday each month at the church in the Library at 7 pm.



2018 Women's Retreat

The 2018 annual women's' retreat will be held at Casa de Maria, in Montecito California. If you have never gone and are interested in learning more about Casa de Maria or the retreat itself, please ask me or Kathy Butler. Many of the women in the congregation have gone in the past so you could very well find someone sitting right next you that you can ask! The grounds at Casa de Maria offer a beautiful, restful location to find peace and tranquility. There are many activities where fellowship is a part of the retreat and everyone is welcome to join, unless you just want to relax, sleep or go for a walk. Mark your calendars for the weekend of April 20 -22nd, the retreat starts with dinner on Friday evening and ends on Sunday after lunch. The cost for the 2 night stay and 6 meals will be \$280.00. There will be a signup sheet or you can contact Pat Udell at [\(805\)358-4438](tel:8053584438) or by email at: patriciaudell@sbcglobal.net

Words of gratitude
complete a circle of joy
begun by a gift.

Diantha Ain

Parish Prayer Needs:

Music Program: Thanksgiving for all the singers!!

Healing: Michael, Megan, Jean, Braydon, Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Rich, Yvonne, VanNessa, Dee, Jeff, Jim, Bill & Leslie L., Jan, David, Lee, Trish, Sue, Tony, Mark, Michele, Eric, Louise, Bob & family, Edith,

Rana, Howard, Mary, Donna, J.D. Frances B., Patrick, Margaret, Beverly.

For Comfort: The Heckler family. Deb Wollum, George and the Schneider family. The Nilles family. Conti Family. Janet, Patricia and family. Barbara Haryn. Donna Shiver. Julie Christian.

Members and News

ECW

Episcopal Church Women



The ECW meets on the 1st Friday of every month in the church at 6:30. We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and service. Please contact Sylvia Moya, 522-2897.



Tired Treasures in your Trunk

November 4, 10 am – 2 pm

The ECW will be sponsoring a Fundraiser for St. Francis and the community. Sign up and bring your car, SUV or truck filled with “Treasures you are Tired” of and sell them here at St. Francis in the Parking Lot. Easy way to clean out your garage, attic, basement or spare room! You bring them, price them and sale them! We provide the space and advertising. All of the money collected will go to the Episcopal Church Women to support their ministry. If items are not sold you drive them away!



Prayer Shawls:

Please remember that St. Francis has Prayer Shawls in the Narthex at church. These Prayers Shawls are to give to people who are in need of comfort. If you know someone who needs comforting and covered in prayer please help yourself.



DOK

Daughter of the King

These are another way to access prayer and comfort. They are small enough to fit into a pocket or purse, and can be taken to the hospital or carried for constant comfort. These can be found in a basket in the Narthex.



NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH ST. FRANCIS

Our church members
have asked what useful
items **The Samaritan Center** can
use the most.

All shelf-stable goods are helpful, as well
as cleaning products and trash bags. In
particular, the Kitchen is always in need
for the following for daily lunches given
to clients: Juice or any Beverages in
Pouches, Peanut Butter, Jelly (grape,
strawberry, any kind for sandwiches)
Lunch Bags, Back Packs. Men's Jeans
and larger men's tennis shoes. Eggs,
Milk, Trash bags: tall kitchen size and 45
gallon; napkins, aluminum foil,
Styrofoam soup bowls, ammonia, bleach
and tube socks for men and toilet paper.
Your donations go directly to feed the needs
of our community. Donations can be
brought to church or left at the Sam Center
kitchen door. Thank you so much.

Salaam and Peace,

This year The Islamic Society of Simi Valley are excited
to announce that we will be organizing an Interfaith
Thanksgiving Event and Dinner! Given the successful
event we had last year we have decided to do it again
this year. This year it will be held at the facility of our
generous interfaith neighbor: The Church of Jesus Christ
of LDS in Simi Valley (5028 E. Cochran St.).
We cordially invite people of all faiths to join us
on **Saturday November 18th at 5:30pm**. We will be
honored to have you attend the interfaith program and
dinner afterwards.

A panel of religious leaders will talk about:

- What their faith tradition says on the topic of **"Grateful
for what we have, compassionate for those in need"**
- We will include a true/false trivia that each speaker will
prepare about their faith
- Conclude with educational roundtable discussions on
appropriate topics of interest
- Enjoy dining on a delicious meal

We look forward to seeing you there!

-Amal

Islamic Society of Simi Valley, 661-917-1983

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY



St. Francis will be putting together a
Business Directory of businesses that are
recommended or owned by the members of
St. Francis. We all are always looking for
good reliable businesses to call such as a
handyman, plumber, electrician, etc.

If you have a business or know of a good
reputable business please bring the business
card to church. We would love to work on
this during the summer.

Thank you for considering how you can help
with this project.

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**Amazon donates to St. Francis of Assisi
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Sign up to Serve at Coffee Hour

Our coffee hour is a tradition of spending a few minutes together after our worship to connect and say hello to each other. All are invited because the “*feeling of belonging*” is for everyone to enjoy! It’s a blessing to host this time to refresh ourselves before we return to the “*busyness*” of the world. Call Jennifer Anusiem, 805-990-4102 if you cannot make it to serve for coffee hour.



Community Contributions Program

This quarter St. Francis will receive \$106.12 total donation from Ralphs Community contributions. It was only 6 households that helped with this donation. Can you imagine how much St. Francis would get if more people registered their Ralph’s cards and specified St. Francis for their donation! It doesn’t cost you anything, you just shop as usual and give your card or phone number. It is that easy to help your church! You get food and St. Francis gets money! Go on line at community.programs@ralphs.com or visit the website www.ralphs.com to register your card. Thank you!

Comments from Sam Anueism:

This is good: As of 9/30/2017:

Our pledges are \$637.00 more than budgeted

Income is \$19,274 more than budgeted

Expenses are \$5,897.00 less than budgeted

Net income is \$12,497 instead of budgeted loss of (\$879)

The total pledge for 2017 is \$166,096, so we have three months to collect \$40,886 in pledges. That is very possible.

Financial Update as of September 30, 2017

	Actual	Budget	
	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2017	Variance
Pledge and regular Contribution	\$125,210.00	\$124,573.00	\$637.00
	Actual	Budget	
	Jan-Sep 2017	Jan-Sep 2017	Variance
Income	183,072.00	163,798.00	19,274.00
Expense	170,574.00	164,677.00	(5,897.00)
Net Income	12,498.00	(879.00)	13,377.00

ITALIAN NIGHT



November 4, 6:30 pm



We will have Spaghetti,
meatballs, lasagna, salad, bread
and
dessert, all for only
\$10 per person!
Served with plenty of music!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9am-2pm Office Hr 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	2 9am-2pm Office Hrs	3 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW Mtg 8 pm AA PH	4 10 am – 2 pm Tired Treasures Sale 11 am Harry Wolfe Memorial 6:30 pm Italian Night
5 All Saints Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	6 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study Rev. Sarah at Credo Conference until 11/15 8 pm Men's AA PH	7 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	8 9am-2pm Office Hrs NO Healing & Eucharist Service 12:30 pm Sam Center Brd Mtg 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	9 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	10 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	11
12 Pentecost 23 Pulpit Supply, Rev. Norm Hull, preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	13 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study Franciscan Articles Due 8 pm Men's AA PH	14 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Centering Prayer at Dharmarj's Home 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	15 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	16 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	17 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	18 10 am Spiritual Journey Class 10 am – 4 pm Harvest Festival and Craft Fair 5:30 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving
19 Pentecost 24 David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Belize Collection Noon BC Meeting 6:30 Men's AA PH	20 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH	21 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	22 Church Offices Closed No Healing Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	25
26 Christ the King Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycle Sunday 6:30 Men's AA PH	27 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH	28 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Centering Prayer in Library 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	29 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	30 9am-2pm Office Hrs.		

November 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Susan S.	Dan J.	Esther D.	Tom B.	Joy C.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)		Jan J.	Grace R.	Kathy B.	Grace R.
LEM (Chalice)	Jan J.	Bernadette S. David S.	Rob & Kristen W.	Tom & Kathy B.	Esther & Brainerd D.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Andrew Brenda	Grace	Esther	Brenda	Grace Esther
Usher / Greeters	Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Rebecca S. Tony F.	David S. Jr. Tony F.
Altar Guild	Joy C.	Teri M.	Megan A.	Kathy B.	Eden
Home Communion	Jan J.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Eden S.	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.
Vestry Counters	Bernadette Scott E.	Cathy G. Tom B.	Kathy B. Joe Z.	Susan S. Amy R.	Susan S. Joy C.
<u>If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled – please make arrangements with someone else to substitute for you. Please contact the church office to inform them of the changes. Thank you!</u>					

St Francis Coffee Hour Schedule

Please call Jennifer @805.990.4102 to sign up for Coffee Hour.

November

	5	12	19	26	
10am	DOK	Gerri H Jan J.			

December 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
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RECYCLING AT ST FRANCIS

Please bring in your Recycling on the **last Sunday of the month** and we'll put those cans and bottles to good use! Our efforts will help support the needs of a family in our community and will be appreciated. See what glass and metal can do? So mark your calendars now with a big "R" for recycling at the end of the month. Thank you ahead of time for all your contributions!

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Sunday Service:

- **Eucharist with Music**
10:15 am

Wednesdays

- **10 am Healing Service**