

The Franciscan



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From our Vicar...October 2017



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I asked Brainerd for an excerpt from his sermon a couple of Sundays ago. He shared about community and the importance and interaction of what a community is and does. Community was very important in the early church, as it was the opportunity for the support, and growth of the followers of Jesus and this new movement called Christianity. Brainerd writes: *In Greek, it is called the ekklesia. In the translation that we heard read this morning, this word was translated as the church. A more apt word for ekklesia would be assembly – an assembled body.*

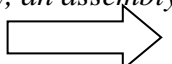
Now, when we say assembly, it does not mean just a gathering of people. It is not merely a gathering of individuals in a particular place and time; rather, it is an assembly which gathers together for a common purpose. And when this assembly gathers, it results in the emergence of something that makes a difference and becomes an agent of radical transformation. There is something special and powerful that happens when we, the church, the ekklesia, gather together in community as one body to worship – when we come together for corporate worship on Sunday mornings. It is not the same as our individual worship times during the week.

When this assembly, this group of individuals comes together for worship, a new entity, a complex system emerges which is the collective, one body of Christ. And this complex system is powerful, it is active, the presence of God is experienced here, lives are touched, people are ministered to.

Whenever we share in worship together we are in the midst of something emerging in a radical transformation. We are part of that transformation together. Brainerd concludes;

So, here we are my friends gathered together as members of this wonderfully complex entity – the Church of God. It is a gift and a blessing. And when we come together for a common purpose – to worship in community, something incredible happens:

A new and powerful entity emerges that is greater than the sum of our individual selves. This is not fifty or sixty or hundred individuals worshipping in one physical location. This is a corporate body, an assembly, the ekklesia, that is in worship.



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When we raise our voices together to sing, when we join hands with those around us and pray, and when we come up and partake of the same bread and cup, we are more than a group of individuals gathered together. We are a singular entity, gathered to worship the almighty God as one body. And this body is strong, filled with the power of God, with a love for God and one another. And it is this love that will keep us united, help us live with our differences, overcome our difficulties and allay our concerns.

That is what we seek every Sunday as St. Francis worships together. It is holding the mystery of Christ together as we share in Eucharist, prayers, and passing of the peace. As the season now turns into the routines of Fall schedules, school, Halloween, and then onto the busy Festival Seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, consider making worship a part of the lived rhythm of your life. It is the shared collective community which comes together to experience the presence of God and the emergence of transformation. Hope to see you Sunday and worship together.



Sarah

Welcome a New Member to Bishop's Committee

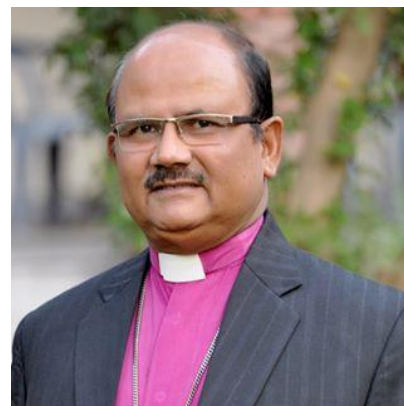
Sam Anusiem will be taking the place of Craig McQuire as the head of Finance for St. Francis Church.

We send a BIG Thank you to Craig for all of his support and help. And send him with God's blessings as he starts a new journey.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL SUNDAY IN OCTOBER –

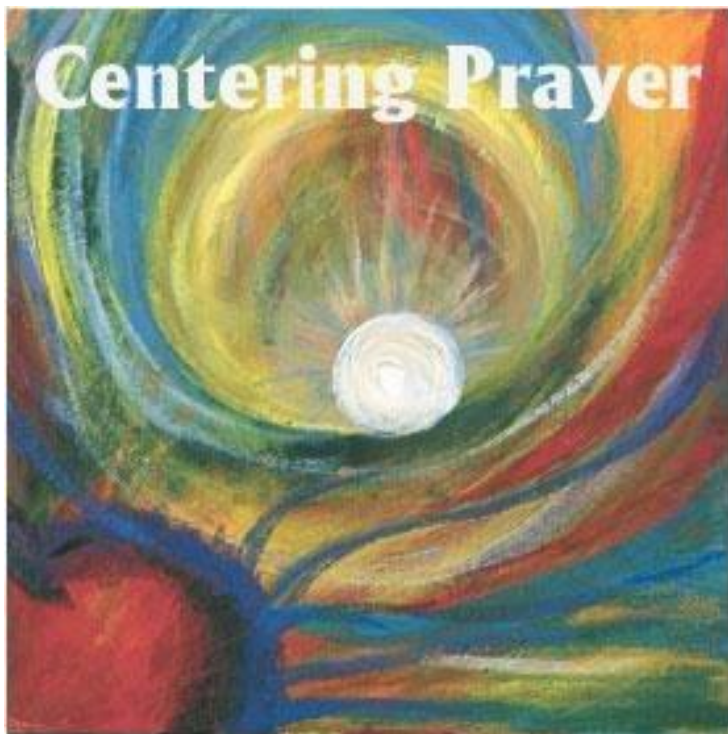


We celebrate our patronal feast of St. Francis at the beginning of the month, October 1.



October 15

We will have Bishop Azariah visiting St. Francis. This will be the Bishop's first visit to St Francis. Let's make him feel very welcome with a Potluck lunch following the 10:15 am service. There is a sign up in the church, if your last name is A-F sign up for finger food. G-L sign up for Salads/Vegetables. M-R sign up for a side dish and S-Z sign up for Desserts.



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.

My faith is a kite
that carries me to the heights,
where I talk to God.

Diantha Ain



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



MUNGO!

Van Lingle Mungo
Toes the Mound Again in Simi Valley!

He was a man who once boxed with Ernest Hemingway, struck out Babe Ruth and created an international incident when one of his nighttime "amours" came fully equipped with a jealous husband and a squadron of rifle-wielding Cuban Federales.

He was Van Lingle Mungo—Brooklyn Dodger All-Star pitcher—and one of the most memorable characters in Major League Baseball history.

And now Van is determined to tell his own version of the truth in **MUNGO!**, a one-man show coming to Simi Valley after a sold-out run at the 2017 Hollywood Fringe Festival.

The play transports us back to baseball during the Great Depression, channeling Mungo's rise from the sandlots of South Carolina to the Polo Grounds in New York City, pausing in between to chronicle the personal and professional highs and lows of a world-class character and semi-great pitcher.

Each year Van returns from the Great Beyond to Goob's Bar & Grill in his home town of Pageland, South Carolina to swap a few tall tales, tell some baseball stories, set the record straight about his life and times and to search for Eloise, the one true love of his life. He figures if he tells his story often enough—and truthfully enough—she'll come back to him.

Maybe this will be the year.

One Performance Only
7.00pm Saturday, October 7, 2017.

*Performance followed by a Wine & Cheese,
 Peanuts & Cracker Jacks Reception!*

Tickets: \$10.00.

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**This play is suitable for ages 13 and up.
 Performance runs approximately 1 hour.*



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: 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

DOK is making Pocket Prayer Cloths. 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

Want to be involved with
the Samaritan Center, Joe

Zepf has been part of a Men's
Mentoring Program offering
everything from help in filling
out forms, to a listening ear. Talk
with Joe about the various
opportunities that are available as
we partner our mission and
ministry with the Samaritan
Center.

<http://thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org/> 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.

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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OCTOBER 1
is St Francis Feast Day
where we celebrate

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.

We are excited to once again, offer a Family Fun Day with lunch, bouncy house, animals, games, arts and crafts and more! It is an occasion for us to be grateful for all that St. Francis means to us as a community and as a church. We will be sharing our service with the United Church of Christ next door, and offering this event to the community.

Service will be outside, starting at 10:15 and fun and fellowship will be from 12:00 – 2:00.

Would you consider making a contribution for the blessing of the animals?

Opportunities include contributing to the Pony Rides, the bouncy house, or for the food. If you wish to make a specific donation, just put your check in the offering plate on Sunday with BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS in the Memo.



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.



RALPHS

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!

Coming in November!

**November 4
6:30 pm**



ITALIAN NIGHT



**We will have spaghetti,
meatballs, lasagna, salad,
bread and desserts.**

Plenty of classic music!

Cost is \$10 per person.

November 18

St. Francis Harvest Festival Craft Fair



**Vendors will have their
Homemade Craft items for sale.
Along with a Food Truck,
Pumpkin Crafts, Face Painting
and more!**

**If you know someone who would
like to buy a booth please
contact the church office,
526-5141**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pentecost 17 David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Blessing of the Animals Noon Lunch & Family Fun Day 6:30 Men's AA PH	2 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	3 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	4 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	5 9am-2pm Office Hrs	6 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	7 7 pm Night at the Theater - MUNGO
8 Pentecost 18 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	9 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	10 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Centering Prayer at Dharmarj's Home 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	11 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	12 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	13 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	14
15 Pentecost 19 Rev. Sarah, Preaching Bishop's Visit 10:15 Eucharist with Music Belize Collection 6:30 Men's AA PH	16 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. Franciscan Articles Due 8 pm Men's AA PH	17 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	18 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 12:30 pm Sam Center Brd Mtg 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	19 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	20 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	21 10 am Spiritual Journey Class
22 Pentecost 20 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Noon BC Meeting 6:30 Men's AA PH	23 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	24 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Centering Prayer in Library 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	25 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	26 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	27 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	28
29 Pentecost 21 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycle Sunday 6:30 Men's AA PH	30 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	31 Halloween 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH				

October 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Oct.1 Blessing of the Animals	Oct. 8	Oct. 15 Bishops Visit	Oct. 22	Oct. 29
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)	Ken S.	Jan J.	Grace R.	Kathy B.	Grace R.
LEM (Chalice)	Ken S. 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.	Jan J.	Kathy B.	Eden S.
Home Communion	Jan J.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Eden S.	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.
Vestry Counters			Kathy B. Vicky B.		
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!					

St Francis Coffee Hour Schedule

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

October

	1 Blessing of the Animals	8	15 Bishops Visit	22	29
10am	Cathy Grimes		Potluck	Rasmussen Family	Fox Family

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	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26	Dec. 3
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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**