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"If you would be wise, ask him who is wisdom? When it is too dark for you to see, seek Christ, for he is the light. Are you sick? Have recourse to him who is both doctor and health. Have no fear whatever of death, for Christ is the life of those who believe. Would you know by whom the world was made and all things are sustained? Believe in him, for his is the arm and right hand. Are you afraid of this or that? Remember that on all occasions he will stand by your side like an angel. If you are afraid that your body is failing and have a dread of death, remember that he is the Resurrection, and can raise up what has fallen."-Niceta, 1155-c1217

The Names and Titles of Our Saviour Quoted from Gail Ramshaw's Treasures Old and New: Images in the Lectionary

As we turn into September, we herald again the change of the church's calendar. It is a time of beginnings and renewals. Our Brown Bag Bible Study will be starting up again. The new Formation Classes will be offered. We will be blessing Sunday school and those who faithfully attend to our children's faith formation. All this awaits us as we lean into the church calendar. We even begin to eagerly anticipate our Patronal Feast Day October 2, St. Francis and the Blessings of the Animals, with our family fun day and entertainment. There is also a flurry of new activity that is happening at St. Francis as two new groups will be using the grounds for Home Schooling Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We welcome these children and all the energy they bring.

What a joy to live into the power of Resurrection and to participate as cocreators with God in Kingdom Living. Paul writes in Ephesians, "By Grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

In the book, <u>Practice Resurrection</u>, by Eugene Peterson, he writes of Paul's words, saying we are containers of Grace. We are the ones who are filled and holding Grace by God's great gift through Jesus Christ. Therefore, everything we do as to participating in good works, is how we are giving this Grace away every day.



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Are you pounding away at a computer? You are spreading Grace from yourself in the work you are doing. Are you teaching? Are you a scientist? Are you retired? Where ever you find yourself, you can't help but display Grace Abounding, because you are the container in which Grace is held! St. Francis holds Grace for all who come, and wants to be overflowing with Grace as it attends each person who finds God's peace and presence on the grounds, in the Sanctuary, in the Sunday School Building and even in my office! (Here's to Grace!) How magnificent it is to know as baptized, Resurrection people, we receive this overflowing Grace every day.





Worship

At worship, we are often at our most vulnerable, and most open to an encounter with God. But worship can be dulled by repetition. I think one of the most important ways of revitalizing our experience of worship, is through anticipation – coming to worship full of expectancy that we are about to encounter God.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram Society of Saint John the Evangelist

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!.

Why Do We Change The Liturgy?

At St. Francis it is our custom to change parts of the liturgy every so often to continue to keep our worship fresh and alive. The prayers of the people often are rotated through a selection of liturgies. The sung response will also often be changed. These changes offer us thoughtful reflection as we sing our Mass, and a way that we can be engaged in the meaning of what we are saying, and our intention before God. We find our comfort in words that we are familiar with and can say by heart. These are good words and like dear old friends that we have known and that know us. We are also seeking to continue to grow our discipleship and faith walk in deepening our relationship with God and our neighbor. Through the changes of the liturgy we are awakened anew to another way of saying something, or singing a different response that catches our attention. These changes will soon be like friends that we have known and loved along the journey. Welcome these new friends, as they have something to teach us and offer to us as a gift.



We regret that Ginny Morgan is no longer able to serve as our beloved Event's Coordinator. We will miss her but wish her well in her next adventure.



OCTOBER 2

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 food, bouncy house, animals, petting zoo, 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 Petting Zoo and 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.

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases
- \$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease
- Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes

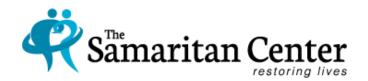
The 6 for Life Health

Assessment measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment.

St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Simi Valley Hospital

Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call <u>1-888-653-6441</u> or visitwww.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.



We have a mission before us as we share in God's redemptive ministry! It is the work of the Samaritan Center as the director, Betty Eskey and her staff seek to minister to the needs of the transient community through social services, their food pantry, daily meals, transportation, medical needs and much, much more. Our representative, Amy Rasmussen, on the Bishop's Committee, is our liaison with the Samaritan Center as to the focus events the center is doing, and how we can participate with them.



Our first event that we will be supporting is the Seriously Awesome Parking Lot Boutique of donated NEW clothing and items that the Samaritan Center will be selling! Saturday September 3 –SAVE THE DATE!!!! Here's an opportunity for us to truly support and bless the Samaritan Center.

Are you available to volunteer for part of the day to give them a hand? Would you like to come and shop? It's sure to be a wonderful chance to love on our mission at hand!!!! Please keep the weekly food donations coming. Keep track of the current needs of the Samaritan Center through the Franciscan as well as St Francis Weekly email. Every part of our contribution is a blessing! Please contact Amy Rasmussen if you are available to help with the Seriously Awesome Boutique. You can email her at amyr@amgen.com.

Parish Prayer Needs:

Please keep the Perry Family in prayer. Music Program: Pray for more regular singers.

Healing: Jean, Braydon (baby born with half a heart), Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Rich, Yvonne, VanNessa, Dee, Jeff, Jim, Jan, David, Margie, Jan, Lee, Trish, Sue, the wife of Wayne, Tony, Mark, Michele,

Eric, Louise, Jean, Tony, Bob & family, Edith, Rana, Howard, Mary, Donna, J.D.

For Comfort: George and the Schneider family. Suzanne Mudge and family. Conti Family. Janet.

Members and News

ECW Episcopal Church Women



The ECW will be going on a tour of the Hillside Orphanage in Pasadena in the fall, September or October. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia Moya, 522-2897.

We meet the 1st Friday of every month in the church at 6:30 and would love to have you join us.

Sylvia Moya



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.

Library News

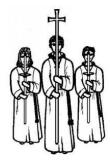


Library: Book of the Month

Home By Another Way

by Barbara Brown Taylor is the book of the month for September. It is a collection of sermons, each complete with a Bible verse from which the sermon was drawn. It begins with Advent and ends with Pentecost. It is perfect for those of us who like to dip into books. I sometimes read a whole section and other times read just one section. It was often a perfect "end of day" reading.

Wishing you great reading!



Please welcome Andrew Schaible as our newest Acolyte!

Andrew is going into the 10th grade this year and is a delightful asset to the Acolyte Ministry. We are so pleased he may share in ministry at St. Francis in such a way. When you see him on Sunday, please give him a hug and bless him.



Ralphs Community Contribution Program

Have you heard of the Ralphs Grocery Store Community Contribution Program? It is a way for Ralphs to give back to the community through donations to your church, St. Francis. It is simple! Just enroll at www.ralphs.com click on community, click on community Contributions, click on 'Enroll Now'. If you don't have access to a computer call at 1-800-443-4438 for assistance. This is so simple, every time you shop at Ralphs, money comes back to St. Francis! Isn't that a great way to help your church while you are just doing something you need to do anyway, shop for food! NPO #80992

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

Come one Come all – Back to Bible Study as we reflect on the Lectionary Readings for Sunday and learn more about the Scriptures with David Kitch. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy a couple of hours, from 12:00 – 2:00 in the Clare Room, enriching our understanding of the teachings of the life of Jesus.

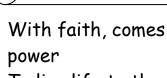


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FORMATION CLASSES BEGINNING WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 AND SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH WITH LUNCH

We have had a great response from our survey for formation classes and will be offering two choices of times to share about what is our response as Christians to the needs of the world, how the practice of mindfulness can change our understanding of stress and it's positive action in our lives, and looking at the questions you always wanted to ask about the Bible and some of the layers of meaning in the Scriptures. Come Wednesday night from 6:30 – 8:00 with your dinner or join us for a light lunch provided after church. We will meet in the Clare Room, every other Wednesday. Starting Wednesday, September 28 and Sunday, September 25. See you there!



Dear St. Francis Families, Sunday school is getting ready to start! Registration forms will be available beginning August 28th; located on the round table in a basket that says "Sunday School". Our first day of Sunday school is September 11th, at the10:15 service. Read on for information about each age group.

- **Nursery** is available for infants and children through age 6. The Nursery is located in the Sunday School Building and open from 10:00-11:45 AM.
- Sunday School is presented for children ages 7-13. The children begin their day in church at 10:15, then dismissed with the teachers following the processional. After class, the children will return to church for Communion. We will have a kick-off breakfast for the Sunday School Class on the first Sunday, September 11. We look forward to seeing you!

• High School and College Christian Education

- We will now meet twice a month only (the 1st and 3rd Sunday) for 1 hour following the 10:15 service. This will work best if the youth come up first for communion on Sunday School days and head down to the Sunday School room. The basic time for the class will be 11:15-12:15. We will have snacks so no one will miss out on coffee hour!

The reasoning behind the time change is to allow the youth to participate in their different roles (Acolyte, worship band etc.) without it conflicting with Sunday School and the chance for them to hang out with their peers. We are looking forward to seeing what will happen this year and what God will do through the youth of St, Francis. See you all on September 18th!

We are all excited about the new year and the opportunity to meet or reunite with our students.

Hope to see you soon, Cathy Grimes, Kathy Butler, Cheryl Welch, and Amy Brown

Church Admin has New Office Hours

Starting August 25, the church admin office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am -2:00 pm.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				9am-2pm Office Hrs.	Office Closed	8am-2pm
				7 pm Choir	6:30 pm ECW	Seriously
				Rehearsal		Awesome Sale
					Labor Da	y Weekend
					8pm AA Church	
4 Pentecost 16	5	6	7 9am-2pm Office	8	9	10
10:15 am	Labor Day	9am-2pm Office	Hrs	9am-2pm Office Hrs.	Office Closed	
Eucharist with	Office Closed	Hrs.	10 am Healing	7 pm Choir		
Music		6:30 pm Men's	& Eucharist	Rehearsal		
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with Music &	12 pm Brown	Hrs.	10 am Healing	7 pm Choir	Office Closed	
Sunday School	Bag		& Eucharist	Rehearsal		
Belize Collection			Service			
Noon BC Meeting			7-8 pm Lectio			
11:15 am			Divina,			
Hi/College Bible	8 pm Men's AA PH		Dharmaraj			
Class		7 pm AA Clare Rm				
6:30 Men's AA PH		8 pm Women's AA	7:30 pm Men's AA			
		PH	PH		8 pm AA Church	
25 Pentecost 19	26	27	28 9am-2pm	29	30	October 1
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Formation Class	8 pm Men's AA PH		6:30 pm Formation Class			
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10:15 am Blessing		PH	PH			
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NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH ST. FRANCIS



Want to be involved with the Samaritan Center?? Renee McGuire is heading up a Tutoring Program offered to all who need help in computer skills, literacy, and empowering clients to get on their feet. As well, 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 Renee or 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

the center: Refillable water bottles

Peanut Butter

• Jelly (grape, strawberry, any kind for sandwiches)

Lunch Bags

Update of Needs for the Samaritan Center... 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. **Summer comes to Simi Valley**, our homeless population needs our help to stay safe from sunburn and heat-related illness. Please consider donating some of the following to the Samaritan Center for its clients: Hats: baseball-style or sun-hat style; Lip balm with SPF protection; Sunblock: travel-size or large for

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



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!



St. Francis Coffee Hour Schedule

September 2016

	4	11	18	25	
10am	Fox Family	Laurie B.			

October 2016

	2	9	16	23	30
10am	DOK				

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.

September 2016 Schedule for Holy Ministry Sept. 4 Sept. 11 Sept. 18 Sept. 25 Oct. 2 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Lector Tom B. Ginny M. Shantel K. Susan S. Joy C. (O.T./Psalm) Lector Ken S. Grace R. Kathy B. Dan J. Kathy B. (Epistle/P.O.P) Tom & David K. I FM Jan J. Rob & Esther & (Chalice) Kristen W. Brainerd D. David S. Kathy B. David S. Emma Brian Acolyte & Andrew Brenda Grace Wesley Rachel Crucifer Grace Andrew Grace **Esther** Andrew Usher / Tony F. Tony F. Tony F. Tony F. Joe Z. Rebecca S. Rebecca S. Rebecca S. Greeters Altar Guild Kathy B. Kathy B. Megan A. Kathy B. Megan A. Home Tom & **Brainerd & Brainerd &** Tom & Jan J. Communion Kathy B. Esther D. Esther D. Kathy B. Kathy T. Cathy G. Kathy T. Vestry Amy B. Counters Susan S. Tom B. Susan S

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!

Octob	er 2016	Schedu	ule for	Holy Min	istry
	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
	10	:15 a.m. Ho	oly Eucha	rist	
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Joy C.	Tom B.	Ginny M.	Shantel K.	Susan S.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Kathy B.	Kathy B.	Dan J.	Ken S.	Grace R.
LEM (Chalice)	David K. David S.	Tom & Kathy B.	Jan J. David S.	Rob & Kristen W.	Esther & Brainerd D.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Grace Andrew	Emma Rachel Esther	Emma Rachel Esther	Brenda Grace	Brian Wesley Andrew
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Joe Z.
Altar Guild	Kathy B.	Megan A.	Kathy B.	Megan A.	Kathy B.
Home Communion Vestry	Brainerd & Esther D	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.	Tom & Kathy B.
Counters					

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SATURDAY SEPT. 3rd 8am - 2pm 280 ROYAL

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more!!!!

Come join us for our Seriously Awesome Stuff Sale, Saturday September 3, 2016. This is a fundraiser for The Samaritan Center, we would love to have you come and shop to support all the services we provide. We have been blessed this year with donations, we have thousands of items for sale. High end sale! Lots of NWT! Featuring Lucky Brand, Coach, and more. 100 % of the proceeds will benefit our clients by providing needed services "To end and prevent homelessness by supporting those in need in becoming housed and self sustained."

<u>www.thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org</u> 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation #77-0321181

Ask about Our "300 Club"

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Sunday Service:

• Eucharist with Music 10:15 am

Wednesdays

• 10 am Healing Service