

Sunday, Jan. 25 – 6:00 p.m.

## Make Your Voice Heard!

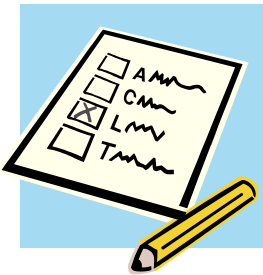
Join us for the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner. At the annual meeting, we will celebrate all that God has done for us and through us in the past year. In addition, we will elect new members of the Vestry (the governing board of the church) and delegates for the Diocesan Convention, which is in November 2009. Our treasurer will provide some information and our Drama Team will provide some entertainment.

## Annual Meeting



For the Potluck Dinner, you are asked to bring a salad, main course or dessert for 8. Beverages will be provided. Social occasions are a great opportunity to meet people you don't already know and to catch up with friends you haven't seen in a while! Children's activities will be provided during the brief business meeting.

We will be electing our Diocesan delegates. Delegates attend the Diocesan Convention, casting votes on behalf of Faith Church for the business which comes before the convention, held in Redding. This year the convention will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13 and 14, to accommodate the schedule of the key note speaker, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Shori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the USA. Delegates pay their own way: driving expenses, 2 night's lodging and meals.



Calling all interested candidates!

Faith Church is allowed 7 lay delegates. Our clergy are also delegates. To be a delegate you must: 1) Attend worship services regularly (weekly) 2) Be active in ministry 3) Support the church financially.

If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact the church office or Susan Dorsey, Senior Warden, at 530-647-9349 for a nomination form. Forms must be returned by January 18, 2009.

## Begin 2009 with a Small Group!



One of the best ways to get to know other people in the church is by being a part of a small group. Some of the small groups listed here are strictly social in nature, most have a defined duration, several are educational and designed to enrich your spiritual life. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in at least one small group during the course of the year. Sign up forms are in the Sunday bulletin, or send an e-mail to [faithec@faithec.org](mailto:faithec@faithec.org).

### Magdalene Journey

A group for women. We will explore the women who followed Christ throughout his ministry. Format includes simple prayer, meditation, sharing our faith stories, and learning about the women of the bible. No preparation required or book to purchase.

Meets: Sundays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. January 11 through April 5, and Sat. April 11

Mentors: Michele Rose, Michelle Katzakian

January 25, 2009

## Lutheran Bishop, Mark Holmerud to Visit Faith Church

The Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Lutheran Church, The Rev. Mark Holmerud, will visit Faith Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 25, presiding and preaching at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. He was installed as the Bishop of the Synod in July, 2008. He has pastoral responsibilities for and travels to Lutheran congregations in 48 counties in Northern California and 13 counties in Northern Nevada.

We look forward to welcoming him here. Prior to his election as Bishop, the Rev. Holmerud was active in social justice and community organizing and in ecumenical and interfaith endeavors. He attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN has served as a pastor to congregations in Stockton and Davis.



## Flower Sponsors for 2009

You are invited to sponsor flowers at the altar for any of the Sunday's in 2009 (except during Lent). The flowers are yours if you wish to take them after the last Sunday service. Your check for \$35.00 should be received on or before the Sunday you sponsor. Our flower team will handle all the details; no additional effort is required on your part. You can sign up by sending an e-mail to [faithec@faithec.org](mailto:faithec@faithec.org), indicating the date you wish to sponsor.



[www.faithec.org](http://www.faithec.org)

## New Design on Web

The Faith Church web-site has been redesigned! At our web-site you can find announcements of upcoming events, podcasts and written versions of recent sermons, newsletters, information on ministry opportunities and much more. Direct any comments or questions to [webmaster@faithec.org](mailto:webmaster@faithec.org).

Saturday, January 3, 2009

## Landscape Beautification Day

All are invited to join us for a morning of coffee, doughnuts and some gardening. The soil has been softened by the rains, so it's a good time to get those weeds and prepare the plants for the warm weather that is coming. We'll work from 9:00 to noon. If you have questions, please call Steve Long at 530-677-1422.

## Faith Church Women's Retreat "Seasons of Faith"

Saturday, March 21st, 2009

Faith Episcopal Church

For more information, contact Sheryl Trainor at 530-622-0858.

## California Women's Retreat "Embracing New Possibilities"

Friday, Feb. 27 - Sunday Mar. 1  
San Ramon, CA

For more information, contact Janet Gustafson or visit [www.cawr.org](http://www.cawr.org).

## Small Group Leader Workshop

Saturday, January 24, 2009

8:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served.

Think you'd like to form a Small Group?  
New to Small Group Leadership?  
Want to Brush-up your Skills?

You are invited to:

- Develop communication skills
- Fine-tune leadership skills
- Learn how to create a supportive group environment

Lots of practical resources will be provided to make you a more effective leader and group member. Please RSVP to the church office - (530) 676-5348 or [faithec@faithec.org](mailto:faithec@faithec.org).

## 2008 Outreach Giving at Faith Church

Below is a report on gifts to do the work of Jesus in the world. Thank you for your generous spirits!

Giving this month total	\$ 8,046
Honduran outreach	150
Food for the Poor	50
Mexican Orphanage	3683
SHARE	1046
John Ramey's Ministry	200
Youth Group Gift Buying	2642
Care Bags for the Homeless	275
<b>TOTAL GIVEN to date, 2008</b>	<b>\$80,210</b>

## Healthy New Years Resolutions

by Cindy Macias

Is one of your New Years Resolutions to maintain a healthy life style? High blood pressure is the major risk factor for heart failure and stroke, which is the 3rd leading cause of death in the United States. Faith Church offers Blood Pressure Screening by qualified volunteers every 2nd Sunday of the month from 10:15am – 11am in the Library for your drop-by convenience. We wish you a very Happy & Healthy New Year.

*Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.—3 John 2*

## Club Faith First Serve Opportunities

Club Faith is the mid-week Bible program for children that starts January 15th. Adult and teen volunteers are needed.

- Opening Celebration Team: Get the kids enthused with music and a skit for the week's Bible story. Music and scripts provided. Serve once per month!
- Faith Guide: Work directly with a group of 4-5 children to encourage them and complete activities. Serving weekly, you will develop a relationship with these children; no expertise is needed!

Contact Monica Ness at (530)677-6948 to schedule a First Serve.



## Happy New Year!

by Angelo Urbani

Every year I start the New Year off with the same list of resolutions. There are all my old favorites. I'm going to lose weight, go to the gym more often. I also have my list of spiritual resolutions. I'm going to spend more time praying by myself and also with my wife, Chris. In general, I want the Lord to gain more of my heart.

I don't have any good advice about the dieting and working out, but I have learned if you want the Holy Spirit more involved in your life, all you have to do is give him the opportunity to be there. A great way to do that is by getting involved with a small group or groups.

I recently heard a new member say that she didn't know why but she just felt she needed to get involved and find a small group or ministry team to join. Old or new, I think we all have that same feeling. I believe the Holy Spirit speaks to us all with the same message. If we want the Lord to gain more of our hearts all we have to do is open our hearts and give Him the opportunity to do so.

*A Prayer of Self-Dedication*

(page 832 in the Book of Common Prayer)

*Almighty and eternal God so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; our lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

If you would like to start getting involved or to increase your involvement why not try a First Serve opportunity in a group that appeals to you? Remember there is no obligation. Try as many different groups as you like until you find the one that fits just right. Descriptions can be found on our web-site, [www.faithec.org](http://www.faithec.org) or in the book at the Information Center in the Rotunda.

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## Small Groups at Faith Church for the New Year

### **Little Lambs Playgroup**

An on-going group for pre-school children and their parent(s) to meet to socialize and share the joys and struggles of parenting young children.

Meets: Mondays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - ongoing Leader: Sarah Goodness

### **Social Bridge - Lessons and Play - Group Formation Meeting**

Looking for a place to play bridge? Want to learn the game? Come to this meeting to work out the details of the first Faith Church Bridge Group! Beginners Lesson weekly, one-half hour to one hour followed by play of 2+ hours - weekly for whomever in the group can attend.

Meets: Tuesday, January 13 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Leader: Bill Taggart

### **Tuesday Men's Group**

A group for men. This group grew in response to the experiences at the October Men's Retreat. The focus is on topics like obstacles men face, family, spiritual life, calling, life management, personal growth, and spiritual community leadership. All men are welcome to attend.

Meets: Tuesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Leader: Eric Stevens

### **Practical Steps for Spiritual Growth**

A group for 20-30-something women. What does it mean to really know Christ? What is the secret to confident living? How do you deal with failures? How can you grow spiritually?

Meets: Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. January 13 through February 24

Leaders: Kathy McNair and Janet Gustafson Resources: Book available at first class. Cost: \$10.

### **Book of Revelation of John**

Are you puzzled by the imagery found in the readings from the Book of Revelation? Join this group to explore the meaning of this apocalyptic writing.

Meets: Wednesdays, 9 - 10:30 a.m. January 14 through March 4

Leader: Sue Colvin Resources: Revelation of John by William Barclay. Cost: \$20.

### **Divorce Care**

You don't have to go through it alone. Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. This program combines a video series with group support.

Meets: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. January 14 through April 8

Leader: Carolyn Flood Resources: Divorce Care workbook. Cost: \$20. Child care is available.

### **Experiencing God**

Using the science-based video series, The Case for a Creator, we explore where we come from, how we can have meaning in God's Kingdom, why salvation is so difficult to understand and more.

Meets: Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. January 14 through February 11

Leader: Bob Clements Resources: optional book, The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel. Child care available.

### **Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart - How to Relate to Those Who are Suffering**

Do you have the heart to reach out to someone in pain, but you are unsure of what to say after hello? Have you attempted to help a suffering soul but unintentionally added to his or her burdens?

Meets: Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. January 7 - February 18

Leader: Jeanette Bessent Resources: book by Kenneth C. Haugk. Cost \$17. Child care is available.

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## Youth Group

## And a New Year Begins...

by Pastor Liz Armstrong

The kids are going back to school after that great vacation break and will be in full swing with their studies and activities...our prayer is that Youth Group will be on their calendars as a time to build face-to-face relationships and to make discoveries about their faith journey...our Youth Group is intended to be a safe place for our kids...a place where questions are welcomed, where they don't have to be "fine", where they can talk about what it means to think and live as a Christian even if it seems fuzzy and unclear and a struggle... Youth Group is not just one more thing to do...it's a time for Sabbath and rest with a group of people who care...come and be a part!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4	Youth Group Gathers 5 to 7 PM
January 11	Youth Group Gathers 5 to 7 PM
January 18	Youth Group Gathers 5 to 7 PM
January 23-24	Lock-in
January 25	No Gathering....Annual Meeting at 6 PM

Interested in Confirmation? All 9<sup>th</sup> graders and older are invited to a Confirmation retreat to prepare for the Bishop's visit and confirmations on April 19, 2009. Please contact Pastor Liz.

## Youth News



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Your Children's Ministries Sunday School Teaching Team!

by Adriana Findlay

Faith Church is fortunate to have a large group of adults and teens involved in the spiritual education of our church children. Sunday school is offered at both services, nearly every Sunday of the year. Unlike the traditional model, our classes continue to meet even during the summer months. When you next see them, please take a moment to thank the people below who devote time and energy to sharing the Good News with our youngest members of Faith Church. Thanks to all of you, too, for supporting me in my role as your Director of Children's Ministries. I look forward to 2009!

**Senior Preschool**

Liz Gates, Scheduler  
Sarah Eldridge  
Roger Royal  
Debbie Torpey  
Carrie Grip  
Pam Eccles  
Kelly Findlay  
Kathleen Ober  
Will Findlay

Zach Ober  
Andrea Grip  
Shelby Morrow  
Janet Hensley  
Sidney Morrow  
Jennifer Scott

**Children's Chapel, 1/2**

Debby Gross, Scheduler  
Karen Cole

Mary Maaga  
Becky Hudak  
John Maaga  
Zola Maaga  
Lisa Shonkwiler  
Pat Hudak

**Children's Chapel, 3-5**

Kirsten Mattos  
Kristen West

Stephan Olson  
Adriana Findlay  
Kristi Mathews

**Junior High, 6-8**

Carl Bessent, Leader  
Chris Urbani  
Cheryl Kaufman  
Tim Armstrong  
Sue Colvin  
Eric Stevens



# MISSIONS CORNER



Super Bowl Sunday, February 1

## Bring Food by the Wagon-load to Feed the Hungry Locally

**February 1** (Super Bowl Sunday) Faith Church will again hold a church-wide food drive to benefit the **El Dorado County Food Bank**. This is an opportunity for us to help feed the needy of our own county. Our Youth Group will assist in unloading your food donations in the parking lot between services. Especially needed are boxed cereals and pastas, canned soups, fruits, vegetables and meats. "Pop-top" cans which don't require a can opener are particularly appreciated.

The Food Bank of El Dorado County's Emergency Food Assistance Network is a collaborative partnership made up of multiple charities throughout El Dorado County, including emergency food closets, soup kitchens, maternity homes, abused women & children's shelters, drug and alcohol transitional houses, homeless shelters, children's programs, service clubs, school programs, emergency lodging programs and more. These charities provide a year-round safety net for less fortunate children, senior citizens, individuals and families throughout El Dorado County.

The goal is to fill the truck to the brim, so please be generous in your giving!

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## Small Groups at Faith Church for the New Year

### Christian Believers - Segment 1

The best class we have found which seriously explores the Christian Faith. Our goal is to have every member of the church take this course! This is 6 weeks of the on-going 30 week class which began in September. Additional 6-week segments will be offered in the future.

Meets: Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. January 14 - February 18

Leader: The Rev. Kent McNair Resource: Christian Believer reader and workbook. Cost: \$50. (Book is good for the whole series.) Child care is available.

### Success That Matters Men's Group

A group for men. This group grew in response to the experiences at the October Men's Retreat. The focus is on topics like obstacles men face, family, spiritual life, calling, life management, personal growth, and spiritual community leadership. All men are welcome to attend.

Meets: Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. January 7 through February 11

Leader: Neil Edwards Child care is available.

### Club Faith

A mid-week Bible curriculum for children ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, focusing on friendship with Jesus and one another through large and small group activities such as music, games, crafts and journaling.

Meets: Thursday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. January 15 - April 30

Leaders: Monica Ness and Tracy Stevens Cost: \$30 per child.

### Experiencing God - Men's Group

A group for men. See description on page 4. Meets: Saturdays, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Jan. 3 through Jan. 31.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Bulletins 10a AA 7p GA 7p Music Rehearsal 6:30p	3 Men's Group 7:30 -9a Landscape Workday 9 - noon
4 <b>Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> Youth Group Leaders & Band 4p Youth Group 5p	5 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00a EFM 6:45 - 9p	6 Men's Group 7p	7 Play & Learn 9a Club Faith Potluck 5:30p <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Relate to Suffering 7p Christian Believer I 7p Man in the Mirror 7p	8 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p	9 Bulletins 10a AA 7p GA 7p Music Rehearsal 6:30p	10 Men's Group 7:30 -9a
11 <b>Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> Blood Pressure 10:15a Magdalene Journey 1:30p Youth Group Leaders & Band 4p Youth Group 5p	12 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00 EFM 6:45 - 9p	13 Bridge Mtg. 7p Men's Group 7p Practical Steps 7p	14 Revelation 9 - 10:30a <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Relate to Suffering 7p Christian Believer I 7p Man in the Mirror 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Experiencing God 7p Women's Retreat Plan 7p	15 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p Club Faith 6 - 7:30p	16 Bulletins 10a AA 7p GA 7p Music Rehearsal 6:30p	17 Men's Group 7:30 -9a
18 <b>Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> Magdalene Journey 1:30p Youth Group Leaders & Band 4p Youth Group 5p	19 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00a EFM 6:45 - 9p Cursillo Secretariat mtg 7p	20 Senior Lunch Bunch noon Men's Group 7p Vestry Mtg 7p Practical Steps 7p	21 Play & Learn 9a Revelation 9 - 10:30a <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Relate to Suffering 7p Christian Believer I 7p Man in the Mirror 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Experiencing God 7p Women's Retreat Plan 7p	22 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p Club Faith 6 - 7:30p	23 Bulletins 10a AA 7p GA 7p	24 Men's Group 7:30 -9a Small Group Leader Workshop 8:30 - 2:30p
25 <b>Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> <i>Guest: Lutheran Bishop The Rev. Mark Holmerud</i> Magdalene Journey 1:30p Annual Meeting and Potluck 6:00 p	26 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00a EFM 6:45 - 9p	27 Men's Group 7p Practical Steps 7p	28 Revelation 9 - 10:30a <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Relate to Suffering 7p Christian Believer I 7p Man in the Mirror 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Experiencing God 7p Women's Retreat Plan 7p	29 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p Club Faith 6 - 7:30p	30 Bulletins 10a AA 7p GA 7p	31 Men's Group 7:30 -9a

# FaithWorks

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Deadline for information for the February FaithWorks is January 19.

Mailed from Shingle Springs on December 19.

The newsletter is available at our web-site: [www.faithec.org](http://www.faithec.org), where you can sign up receive issues by e-mail.

Notify the church office ([faithec@faithec.org](mailto:faithec@faithec.org)) if you don't wish to receive the written version of the newsletter.

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**Sunday Services** 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday Service** 6:15 p.m.

Faith Church is to be a place where

- the Christian Faith is taken seriously
- children are welcome and families are supported
- the Episcopal tradition shapes our faith
- we help each other find and live our calling
- we care for others outside the church

We exist to live for Christ and one another.

### Rector

The Rev. Canon Kent S. McNair

### Assistant

The Rev. Elizabeth Armstrong

### Deacon

The Rev. Steve Shortes

### Vestry

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