

## Holy Week...What's it all About?

You are encouraged to participate in as many of the services of Holy Week as possible. As Father McNair said on the 4th Sunday of Lent, "Without the cross, the Resurrection has no meaning." Child care is offered at all evening services during Holy Week. To assist you in choosing the services to attend, here is a brief description of the services of Holy Week:

### Evensong

*What is it?* The traditional evening prayer liturgy, the canticle choir chants ancient texts. Incense will be used.

*When is it?* Monday, April 6, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

*What's it like?* Quiet, meditative, beautiful sacred music.

### Taize-style Service

*What is it?* Taize worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, silence and soft music.

*When is it?* Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

*What's it like?* A simple, yet profound service drawing from the strength of the Psalms, with times of silence, allowing you to center on the Lord.

### Stations of the Cross and Eucharist

*What is it?* This is our modern interpretation of the traditional devotional practice begun by Franciscan brothers in the middle ages.

*When is it?* Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

*What's like?* The 14 stations which mark the path of Jesus to the cross are depicted in traditional and modern ways, accompanied by readings, prayers and simple song.

### Maundy Thursday



*What is it?* Maundy Thursday originates from the Latin *mandatum*, which refers to Jesus' command "Love one another as I have loved you," and commemorates Jesus' last supper with his followers. The evening begins with a potluck supper (bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share), followed by a dramatic depiction of the Last Supper and Communion.

*When is it?* Thursday, April 9, potluck 6:30, service 7:15

*What's it like?* Very moving, humbling and powerful.

### Good Friday Ecumenical Service

*What is it?* The Good Friday Liturgy found in the prayer book, welcoming clergy and members from Holy Trinity Catholic Church and Foothill United Methodist Church, remembering Christ's crucifixion and death.



*When is it?* Friday, 10 April, noon - 1:00 p.m.

*What is it like?* The service includes the reading of the Passion narrative, simple hymns and Veneration of the Cross.

### Good Friday Family Service

*What is it?* A service led by youth and children featuring our Children's Choir and a moving Veneration of the Cross.

*When is it?* Friday, 10 April, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

*What is it like?* An opportunity for families to worship together. Veneration of the cross as a family can be a powerful experience.

### Good Friday Traditional Service

*What is it?* A traditional Good Friday liturgy, recounting the Passion story, incorporating the Veneration of the Cross and 4 homilies.

*When is it?* Friday, 10 April, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

*What is it like?* Simple, somber and stark, can move you to your core.

### Easter Vigil



*What is it?* The Vigil is the Service of Light that ends Holy Week. It begins in darkness with the entry of the Easter candle and chanting. It continues with Easter readings and Psalms, Proclamation of Christ's Resurrection and the first Eucharist of Easter. We follow the service with a party in the Big Room.

*When is it?* Saturday, April 11, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

*What's it like?* The service on which every Sunday Eucharist is based; filled with powerful symbols, gloriously welcoming the Easter miracle.

### Easter Day

*What is it?* Festive celebration of Christ's resurrection.

*When is it?* Sunday, April 12; 9am and 11am.

*What's it like?* Triumphant music, festivity, and the choir singing all-out. Egg hunt for our younger children after the 9:00 and 11:00 services. (7:30 service will be as on all other Sundays.)

Friday, April 24

## You are Invited to the Candle Award Ceremony

by Barbara Gillespy



Please join the Drama Ministry in our Candle Award Ceremony, Friday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00pm. We will be literally rolling out a red carpet and honoring those who have participated in the Drama team ministry by being a light in the world to all they serve.

Enjoy reminiscing with us over past sketches and some bloopers, as well as poignant moments of insight. The hard work and dedication of each member of this team will be honored with a Candle Award as we say thank you and celebrate our ministry.

Come dressed to the "nines"....prom dresses, suites & ties (or tux if you have), or fun evening dress is requested (not required).

Bring a dessert to share afterwards as you congratulate your friends in the Drama team. Childcare will be available. Looking forward to seeing everyone for this fun evening of celebration. Please contact Sharon Morrison at 530-672-1985 or Barbara Gillespy 530-672.8919 if you did not receive an "e-vite" via the list serve with your email address so we can include you on the e-vite.

***"There are two ways of spreading light; to either be the candle or the mirror that reflects it"***

April 19, 5:00 p.m.

## SSP Fundraising Dinner



For one evening each year, Faith Church is transformed into an intimate bistro by our talented youth and their adult mentors. A catered dinner is skillfully served by these young people, earning funds to cover the group expenses of this summer's Sierra Service Project teams.

Two teams, a total of 17 youth and 4 adults, are participating in week-long projects this summer, one in Los Angeles, the other in Indian Valley. Each youth pays his/her own way. The fundraising dinner is held to raise the funds for van rental expenses and chaperone fees.

When you are approached by a youth during the coffee hour, please consider saying "Yes!" to an evening of fun and fellowship! Tickets are \$25 per person. There will also be an auction featuring the talents and services of our youth.

## FaithWorks Goes Digital



The May issue of FaithWorks is the last issue that will be mailed via the US Postal Service. For some time, the newsletter has been available through our web-site - and it looks better in color, too! If you "subscribe" to the newsletter (at no cost), you will be notified by e-mail that a new issue has been posted. To subscribe: from the Faith Church web-site, [www.faithec.org](http://www.faithec.org), click on "Info & News", choose "Join Our Mailing List!" and follow the directions under the Newsletter header. Printed newsletters will be available each month at the Information Center for those who don't use the computer.

**Take Note: Only 1 service on Sunday, May 31: 10:00 a.m.**

## 2009 Outreach Giving

Below is a report on contributions given to Faith Church to do the work of Jesus in the world. Thank you for your generous spirit!

Honduran scholarships	110
Honduras project	250
Food for the Poor	50
SHARE	25
Sister Maricarmen	640
John Ramey	50
Diocese of Jerusalem	960
Faith Church Benevolence Fund	100

**TOTAL GIVEN to date in 2009 \$10396**

## You can be a General Convention Volunteer!

General Convention, the triennial national convention of the Episcopal Church, is in Anaheim this year from July 8-17. The days set aside for volunteers from the Diocese of Northern California are Sunday, July 12th and Monday, July 13th. Tuesday, July 14th is an optional additional day. Go to <http://www.gc2009.org/volunteers> to register. For more information regarding hotel space, group transportation, etc, contact Anne Pierson, at [eurekamariah-jane@suddenlink.net](mailto:eurekamariah-jane@suddenlink.net).

## The Ultimate Gift

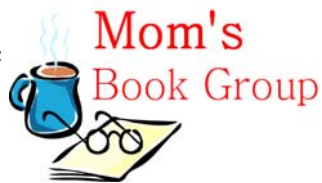
by Renee Panec

The mom's book group will be reading The Ultimate Gift by Jim

Stovall. This book explores the idea that giving everything might not be the gift you think it is.

We meet at Caffé Santoro, 2531 Merrychase Drive in Cameron Park at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 28.

All are welcome to join us for a cup of coffee and a great discussion.



## Give It A Try

by Cathy Daust

When our family first came to Faith Church, we were a little overwhelmed. For one thing it's larger than the church we came from and for another there is a lot going on here. We had been members of a very small Episcopal church in Whittier. You know the kind. Once you agree to be part of a ministry it's yours for life. Some of these ministries are wonderful and leave you feeling fulfilled and blessed to serve, and others...not so much.

*First Serve* is truly a gift. I have used First Serve to try out 4 different ministries. Three of these ministries felt right to me and I continue to serve in these ministries. The First Serve process let me say "No thank you" to a ministry I really wasn't feeling connected to. And best of all, there were no feelings of letting anyone down because I chose not to continue.

By serving in a couple of ministries I am able to experience my church family in different ways. There is the contemplative behind-the-scenes service of the Altar Guild, where I serve with a dedicated group of ladies. Then there are the goofy and creative Foodies, where we team up to feed the teens of the Youth Group. And there is the joy of sharing cookies on a Sunday morning by being a Cookie Buddy. Each of these ministries brings me fulfillment in a different way.

Give a ministry a try with *First Serve*. I think you will be pleased with the experience. I have been.

Vacation Bible School - June 22 - 26

### Fearless Singers Wanted!

We are looking for kids to help lead the singing for Vacation Bible School and on VBS Sunday (June 28). Rehearsals will be Sundays, 12:30 - 1:30, in the sanctuary, on April 19, 26, May 17, 24, June 7, 14, 21, with a special rehearsal on Thursday, June 25 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. for VBS Sunday. If you have questions, call MC Abajian 530-409-5626.



### Small Groups Starting After Easter

One of the best ways to get to know other people in the church is by being a part of a small group. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in at least one small group during the course of the year.

#### **Opening the Prayer Book**

Using the book Opening the Prayer Book this group will look at the history, liturgies, and practical use of our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). This group will help deepen understanding of our Anglican traditions.

Meets: Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. April 15 through June 3 (not meeting 5/6)

Leader: Bob Clements Resource: Opening the Prayer Book. Cost: \$13. Child care is available.

#### **Christian Believers - Segment 2**

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. April 15 - May 20

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

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Develop a better understanding of our Sunday worship scripture readings in a small group setting. Meets: Wednesdays, 9 - 10:15 a.m. April 15 - May 6

Leader: Adriana Findlay Resource: Revised Common Lectionary Bible Study Cost: \$11.

#### **Three Cups of Tea**

An opportunity to explore the impact one person can have on the world. The book gives very personal identities to people of a different country, religion and culture. Mortenson delivers his message without sounding preachy; he encourages readers to put aside prejudice and politics, and to remember that the majority of people are good. Please read the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson, before the first session.

Meets: Wednesdays, 7- 8:30 p.m. April 22, 29 and May 6

Leader: Dot Mangnall Resource: Three Cups of Tea. available from Dot Mangnall, along with some additional information for the class.

*Continuing group, open to new members*

#### **Success That Matters Men's Group**

A group for men. We will be using a chapter from 6 Rules Every Man Must Break for the first meeting, then decide as a group how to structure the remaining weeks. The focus of the group 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. through April 29 (not meeting 4/8)

Leader: Neil Edwards Child care is available.

Sign up for any of these groups on the flyer in the Sunday bulletin or send an e-mail to [faithec@faithec.org](mailto:faithec@faithec.org).

## Youth Group

## He is Risen!

by Pastor Liz Armstrong

We are almost, but not quite, celebrating Easter...in March we've been focusing on how we make our choices as followers of Christ and on the influences that we want in our lives...and now April is a month of special events and special meetings...we're also welcoming the Bishop for Confirmations and raising money for our Sierra Service Project Teams...don't miss out!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5	Laser Tag Outing 12:30 to 4:30 pm
April 12	No Meeting...Easter!!!
April 19	Confirmations in morning
April 19	Sierra Service Project Fundraiser Dinner
	All Youth Group and Families Invited to Join in!
April 25	A Saturday Outreach Work Day for Youth Group
April 26	No Regular Youth Group Meeting
May 3	Early Meeting 12:30 to 2:30 pm

Questions? Contact Pastor Liz at 530-676-5348 or [liz@faithec.org](mailto:liz@faithec.org)

## Youth News

CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRIESEaster Egg Hunt on  
Easter Sunday!

We will have an Egg Hunt after both the 9:00 and 11:00 services on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for children of walking age through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We hope to see you there! Contact Adriana Findlay at the church office (530) 676-5348, or [adriana@faithec.org](mailto:adriana@faithec.org) if you can help on Easter Day with this event.

Children's Lenten Giving Project  
Are Your Children Participating...

by Adriana Findlay

in our Faith Church Children's Lenten Giving Project? Through both Sunday school classes and Club Faith, our children have been given cardboard "Hope Chests" to save or collect donations to help people in impoverished parts of the world, through ERD, Episcopal Relief and Development. This year, our collections will go towards the purchase of drought resistant seeds to grow crops and provide food for a hungry community. Through this program, cultivation and marketing training are also provided.

Please encourage your child to give generously to support this outreach, and help your child to find ways to earn money to contribute to this need! Those of you without children can also contribute...just label your check "Children's Lenten Outreach." The Hope Boxes will be collected on Easter Sunday, or they may be given to Adriana Findlay, Director of Children's Ministries. ([adriana@faithec.org](mailto:adriana@faithec.org))



# MISSIONS CORNER

CASA El Dorado

## Walk and Rock for Kids

Join your friends from Faith Church on Saturday, May 23, at 7:00 a.m. at Raley Field, West Sacramento. It cost nothing to walk, proceeds are raised through walker sponsorship – friends, co-workers and family are great sources of pledges be they \$25, \$50 or more. The morning will be filled with music at Raley Field and along the route. After the walk, you may enjoy entertainment, interactive booths, kids activities, food and fun! 100% of proceeds from Faith Church walkers and sponsors will go directly to CASA!

That evening, Hope Productions and corporate partners will host a benefit concert with the band Journey which is open to the general public. Proceeds from the concert will be divided among all seven participating children's charities. For more information on the concert and ticket purchase, please check out the Hope Website at [www.hopeproductions.org](http://www.hopeproductions.org).

To register, go to the Faith Website and click on the link on the front page. If you have questions contact Chris Crowe. Thank you for your community support of abused and neglected children and thank you for walking for CASA El Dorado. You will make a difference in the life of a child!

## Furniture Drive at Faith Church

by Alicia Reidenbach

**Postponed - watch for new date!**

Faith Church is sponsoring a furniture drive on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00-2:00 to help fill the warehouse for "Furniture for Families". "Furniture for Families" (FFF) is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is simple: To provide children and families with beds to sleep on, a table to eat and study at, and perhaps a dresser to put their things in. Since they opened their doors in May 2001, FFF has given away over 13,500 pieces of furniture to more than 1,500 families. The goal of FFF is to redistribute safe, clean, functional furniture, in a professional, dignified manner. All clients must be screened by a local approved agency (they work with over 80 agencies), and be referred by a caseworker who visits each home and is familiar with specific needs. FFF provides the furniture to the client by appointment.

All furniture donations must be in good working condition. Only the following items will be accepted due to storage limitations at the FFF warehouse: dressers, tables and chairs, mattress sets and metal bed frames, sofas, cribs, night stands, upholstered chairs, coffee/end tables, clean sheets, blankets and towels. FFF cannot accept office furniture, appliances, headboards/wood bed frames, sleeper sofas, recliners, sectionals, king-sized anything, waterbeds, or any torn, soiled or broken items. A FFF volunteer will be on hand to make sure donations meet FFF criteria for storage in the warehouse and also to issue tax receipts to donors.

If you don't have furniture to donate at this time, there are other ways to help this organization: Operational expenses add up quickly. Cash donations are always needed and are greatly appreciated. Call FFF to donate a car, truck, RV, or boat. Volunteer to help with furniture pick-ups and office work.

For additional information, call Alicia Reidenbach (530)672-6010 or David Kors (530)676-9262.

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Play &amp; Learn 9a <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Success that Matters 7p</p>	<p>2 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p Club Faith 6 - 7:30p Mission Cmte 7p</p>	<p>3 Bulletins 10a Young Adult Praise Music 6:45 p</p>	<p>4 Men's Group 7:30 -9a Maintenance &amp; Landscape 9-12 Altar Guild 9:30 Palm Sunday Rehearsal 12:30p</p>
<p>5 <b>Palm Sunday Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> Children's Choir 12:30 Magdalene Journey 1:30p Youth Group 12:30 - 4:30p</p>	<p>6 <i>Evensong 7p</i> Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00</p>	<p>7 <i>Taize Service 7p</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Stations of the Cross 7p</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Maundy Thursday Potluck &amp; Service 6:30p</i></p>	<p>10 <i>Good Friday Services noon 5:00 p 7:00 p</i> Bulletins 10a</p>	<p>11 Men's Group 7:30 -9a Magdalene Journey 8:30a Altar Guild 10:30a <i>Easter Vigil 8p</i></p>
<p>12 <b>Easter Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> <b>Egg Hunt after 9 &amp; 11</b> Blood Pressure 10:15a</p>	<p>13 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00a</p>	<p>14 Bridge Group 6:30 p</p>	<p>15 Women's Lessons Study 9:30a <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Opening the PB 7p Success that Matters 7p</p>	<p>16 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p Club Faith 6 - 7:30p</p>	<p>17 Bulletins 10a Young Adult Praise Music 6:45 p</p>	<p>18 Men's Group 7:30 -9a</p>
<p>19 <b>Bishop Beisner Visits</b> <b>Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> Child Safety 12:30p VBS Music Team 12:30 - 1:30p SSP Dinner 5:00p</p>	<p>20 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00a EFM 6:45 - 9p</p>	<p>21 Senior Lunch Bunch noon Vestry Mtg 7p Bridge Group 6:30 p</p>	<p>22 Women's Lessons Study 9:30a <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Opening the PB 7p Success that Matters 7p</p>	<p>23 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p Club Faith 6 - 7:30p</p>	<p>24 Bulletins 10a Candle Awards 6:30p</p>	<p>25 Men's Group 7:30 -9a Youth Group Outreach Day</p>
<p>26 <b>Worship 7:30, 9, 11</b> VBS Music Team 12:30 - 1:30p The Journey Information Meetings after 9 and 11</p>	<p>27 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:00a EFM 6:45 - 9p</p>	<p>28 AARP Safe Driver program 1:30-5:30p Bridge Group 6:30 p</p>	<p>29 Women's Lessons Study 9:30a AARP Safe Driver program 1:30-5:30p <b>Mid-week Eucharist 6:15p</b> Drama Team 7p Christian Believer 7p Divorce Care 6:30p Opening the PB 7p Success that Matters 7p</p>	<p>30 Christian Believer 10a Choir Rehearsal 6p</p>	<p>31 Bulletins 10a Young Adult Praise Music 6:45 p</p>	

Deadline for information for the May FaithWorks is April 20  
 Mailed from Shingle Springs on March 27.  
 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.

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The Rev. Canon Kent S. McNair

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The Rev. Elizabeth Armstrong

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