



The Journey:

Yesterday, Today and Forever

The Journey: Yesterday, Today and Forever --- A Great Success!

by The Rev. Kent S. McNair

Our recent one-year capital campaign to help us continue to pay our mortgage, and to keep our church healthy and alive, was very successful! We received in pledges for one year..... **\$250,000!!** Along with these pledges, several members said they would continue their pledges for another year, thus making the total just over **\$300,000!** These pledges reveal a commitment, not just to the life of this church, but more importantly a commitment to Jesus and the extension of the kingdom of God through this community. We have a great church!

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!

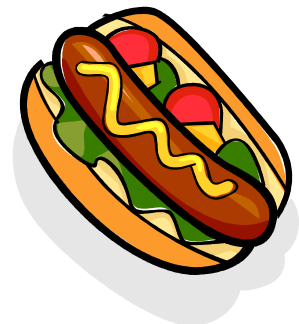
This could not have happened without the work of our campaign leadership team. They did a superb job. So thank you to: Susan Dorsey and Lee Gustafson, Campaign leaders; Angelo Urbani, Advanced Giving; Steve and Betty Potter, Print Media; Mary Higbee, Prayer Team; Sue Colvin and Sarah Goodness, Contact Team; Cami Day and Karen Reid, Special Event; Pat Hill, Video; and Kim Kreth, Coordinator.

We are excited about the future!

Celebrate the End of Summer

Summer Social at Faith Church

When: Sunday, August 23 at 6:00p.m.
Where: On the Patio
Dress: Casual
Food: Hotdogs and drinks provided
Your part: Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share



As the summer draws to a close (at least for the school-going set), join us for an evening on the patio. Over 100 people gathered for the July gathering. The vestry is hosting the evening.



Page Turners

The Effects of Outsiders in a Close Community

by Renee Panec

The Page Turners group will meet on the last Tuesday of August, the 25th at 7:00 at Café Santoro's, 2531 Merrychase Dr. in Cameron Park.

We will be reading Homestead by Rosina Lippi. The Publisher's Weekly synopsis of the book says: "Each of the 12 keenly observed, interconnected stories in this absorbing debut collection focuses on an epochal moment in the life of one of three generations of women in the tiny Austrian town of Rosenau and the surrounding homesteads. ... (T)he cumulative effect of the stories themselves envelops the reader in a time and place that is at once strange and universal."

All women interested in reading new books or meeting new friends and enjoying coffee and companionship are welcome!

Education for Ministry

"But I Am Not Going To Seminary....."

by Sharon Morrison

It is surprising how often the above statement is made when someone first hears about the opportunity to join "Education for Ministry" small group at Faith on Monday evenings.

However, ministry simply means 'the act of serving'. So we are all at one time or another ministers. Moms and Dads serve children, daughters and sons serve (take care of) parents or grandparents, teachers serve students, friends serve friends, business employees serve customers, etc. And in truth, God serves (takes care of, nurtures, loves) us and we are each called to serve Him and His creation.

However, this process of serving-ministering, because it is so daily, gets sometimes tedious or seemingly without purpose or fulfillment. Education for Ministry is a 34-week small group study that takes the next step into understanding those purposes from Scripture, Church History and tradition. It also provides us the chance to explore the Christian maturity process of others who have traveled this road before us. Questions explored include: 'Why do we do 'such and such' tradition in our denomination and others do it differently or not at all?' 'What was the cultural context of some of the scripture or tradi-

tions handed to us from centuries ago?' 'How do these sacred texts and beliefs affect our worship and journey towards and with God?'

Set in a safe setting of confidentiality and non-judgment, this small group gives a time to explore and hear others thoughts and insights as well as share your own growth and struggles.

Then as you live your daily life of ministry (remember we are all serving somehow!) you have additional resources and community to walk with you on your personal and spiritual journey.



Faith's Education for Ministry (EFM) small group meets on Monday evenings starting in September through June with weeks off during Holiday seasons. We also have great potlucks to begin and end the 9 month session.

There is a cost for materials, but we have several scholarships available for those with the need. We currently have openings for new and returning members (those who began EFM and were unable to complete the four year series), and welcome all inquiries. Any questions or interest please contact Carrie Douglas (916-933-1817). You will be glad you did!

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!

Food for the Poor	50
Youth Program Scholarships	250
Sierra Service Project	25
SHARE	100
John Ramey	100

TOTAL GIVEN to date in 2009 \$30,309

Senior Lunch Bunch

All who consider themselves to be seniors are invited to meet the third Tuesday of each month from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at the church for a sack lunch, fellowship and a program. Beverages will be provided.



Our next meeting is **August 18**. After lunch Brad Nystrom will lead a discussion of Gnosticism. Gnosticism can be traced through early Christian and pagan beliefs. Traces are still alive and well.

Questions: Call Gene Jewell 530-626-3882.

Upcoming meetings:

Sept. 15	Brad Nystrom will lead a discussion of Hinduism.
Oct. 20	Star Walker of the El Dorado County Department of Human Services will be our special guest.



Who is First Serve For?

by Angelo Urbani

You might be interested in a First Serve if you are:

- A first time volunteer. Someone who wishes to try their hand at serving for the first time without making a long-term commitment.
- Thinking of migrating to a new serving opportunity. If someone has been serving in the same capacity for a while, it might be time for a change. Perhaps their newly discovered gift or skills would be more useful in a new or different serving.
- Listening to the Holy Spirit talking to you about a need that isn't currently being met by the service opportunities available. It might be time to talk to the clergy about starting a new ministry.

First Serve is for all of us so that we might be built together in the Holy Spirit. So why not try a no-risk First Serve. It's time to taste and see!

See the article on page 5 about a First Serve opportunity for families.

Information about our ministries is available on our web-site, www.faithec.org, click on "Ministries" tab.

If you aren't currently involved in a ministry at Faith Church, be thinking and praying about where you might like to serve and be filled. Ministry Fair Sunday is coming September 20. We encourage all who consider themselves to be members of the church to take an active role in the life of our community.

Little Lambs Playgroup is for All Ages this Summer!

We've been having a great time this summer! Com join us! Little Lambs Playgroup will be meeting at local parks and play areas this summer, so children of all ages and their caretakers are welcome to come play! We meet Mondays, 9:30am-11:30am (unless otherwise indicated on the schedule). Bring a snack and in some cases water play wear. Please contact Sarah Goodness at (530) 626-6150 or sarah@goodnessfamily.com if you have any questions. Directions will be emailed to those who wish to be added to our email list.

August 3 – Kemp Park, Folsom (water feature)	Sept. 7 – NO PLAY-GROUP (holiday)
August 10 – Cameron Park Lake, 10am-12pm (entrance fee)	Sept. 14 – back to Faith Church; infants, toddlers and Pre-K kids only
August 17 – Bertelsen Park, EDH (water feature)	
August 24 – Promentory Park in El Dorado Hills	
August 31 – Kalithea Park, EDH	

SSP Photos - Indian Valley



Sanding new deck rails.



Learning to drum with the tribe members.

Children's Ministries

Sunday School Kick-Off Gatherings (for parents)!

by Adriana Findlay

Come together for a brief time of meeting teachers, other parents, and learning about the age-specific Sunday School program your child attends at Faith Church. There will be childcare for the youngest children, and a supervised movie for older children. Gatherings will be offered after both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Please come to the meeting following the service time your family usually attends, so that you can meet the teachers your child will have.

SENIOR PRESCHOOL (age4-Kindergarten):

August 23rd, 10:15-10:45 OR 12:15-12:45, in Big Room B/C

JR. HIGH CLASS (grades 6-7-8):

August 30, 10:15-10:45 OR 12:45-12:45 in Big Room B/C

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL GRADES 1-5:

To be held in Sept., after Labor Day. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins.

Contact Adriana Findlay, Director of Children's Ministries, 530-676-5348 or adriana@faithec.org with questions.



Youth Group

And the Beat Goes On...

by Pastor Liz Armstrong

Youth Group will start up with a fantastic beat with the Church of Rock kick-off event on Sunday, August 30...all are welcome to come and bring their musical instruments and voices to see what kind of a joyful noise we can make together...our Beginning-of-the-Year party will be on September 13th and then we will be off and running...we will have a project underway this fall to construct a portable, prayer labyrinth for use by the Youth Group and others...there looks to be a Blessing of the Animals event this year, too! All 7th through 12th graders are welcome...

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16	SSP presentations at 9 and 11AM services
August 30	Church of Rock...12:30 to 2:30 pm (with pizza!)
September 6	No Meeting...Labor Day weekend
September 13	Party...5 to 7 PM

Contact Pastor Liz at liz@faithec.org or (530) 676-5348 if you have questions...

Youth News



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Looking for a Way You and Your Children Can Help Others Together? Do They Like Cookies?

How about volunteering as a family for the hospitality ministry at Faith Church? About once a month, Mom, Dad, and children can all serve side-by-side to make coffee and juice, set the pre-delivered cookies on serving trays and push the carts out to the serving area for the social time following either to 9:00 or 11:00 service - your choice! This is a simple way to do something helpful together, and at the same time, create fellowship opportunities for our members and welcome guests.

Give it a try by arranging a "First Serve," a one-time trial without obligation to continue! Contact Linda or Jim Williams at ljwill1@sbcglobal.net, or the church office at 530-676-5348. If you decide to continue after your "First Serve", you will be scheduled in advance, and you can specify unavailable Sundays.



Planned Giving

Giving After You are Gone

Early in the church's history, Christians began including the church when planning who would inherit their worldly goods. Throughout the centuries, this has been a means of building and strengthening Christ's church and ministering to those in need. A planned gift enables an individual to make a gift from accumulated resources. It is a great way to provide for family members and for the church; it can reduce income and estate taxes. Planned gifts are either outright gifts or deferred gifts. Below are some ways of giving:

1. A Bequest in a Will

Perhaps the easiest and most common way of making planned gift is through your will. Some 50 to 70 percent of us die without a will. If you die without a will, the state will divide your assets and appoint guardians, may not be who you would have chosen, for minor children. Through a will you can appoint your own administrator; name the guardian of your children; control applicable taxes; create a family or charitable trust; and share your resources with your family, your church, and others as you choose.

2. Life Income Gift

Life income gifts may take the form of a Pooled Income Fund and a Charitable Remainder Trust. The donor benefits in the following ways: 1) an income for life; 2) a partial income-tax deduction, since the gift is irrevocable; 3) avoidance of capital gains taxes on gifts of appreciated securities; 4) a reduction in estate taxes; 5) at the death of the last beneficiary, the property goes to the church.

3. Life Estate

Another way of making a planned gift is by deeding your home, vacation home, farm, or ranch to the church. Through a charitable life estate, you retain the right to live on the property and/or receive any income from it as long as you or your beneficiary lives. You receive an income tax deduction when the property is deeded to the church, avoid any capital gains taxes when making the transfer, and your estate taxes may be reduced at the time of your death.

4. Gifts of Appreciated Property

Securities or real estate can be an excellent means of making a gift to the church. There are no capital gains taxes charged to the donor, plus the deduction for a gift of assets is normally the fair market value, not the original purchase price. It is important that the donor transfer the stock or real estate to the church prior to selling it. Because the church is tax exempt, it can sell the asset, and neither the church nor the donor will pay capital gains tax.

5. Gifts of Life Insurance

Life insurance is a convenient way to make a gift to the church. You can:

- Purchase a new policy and make the church both owner and beneficiary. Premiums are deductible.
- Make the church the owner and beneficiary of an existing policy. The deduction is normally equal to the cost basis in the policy plus any future premiums are deductible.
- Make the church a contingent beneficiary of an existing policy, i.e., name the church to receive the proceeds if the primary beneficiaries predecease the insured.

6. Retirement Plan Assets

An easy way to make a gift is to name the church as beneficiary of a retirement plan such as an IRA. When retirement plan assets are paid out to anyone except a surviving spouse, the distribution is subject to income taxes (and estate taxes, if applicable). The church, as a tax-exempt entity, does not have to pay these taxes.

More detailed information on planned giving is available through the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California. On the web: www.dncweb.org, under "Ministries", click on "Foundation". For advice in specific areas, you should consult your own advisors.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Landscape Team 9—noon
2 Worship 7:30, 9, 11	3 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Little Lambs 9:30 - 11:30 Kemp Park (water feature), Folsom	4 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3	5 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Women's Study of the Lessons 9:30 a Drama Team 7p Divorce Care 6:30p	6 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Choir Rehearsal 6p	7 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Bulletins 10a Young Adult Praise Music 6:45 p	8 Eagle Scout Ceremony 3:00 p
9 Worship 7:30, 9, 11 Blood Pressure 10:15a	10 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Little Lambs 10:00 - 12:00 Cameron Park Lake (entrance fee).	11 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3	12 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Japanese Exchange Program Farewell 6:30—8:30p Drama Team 7p Divorce Care 6:30p	13 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Choir Rehearsal 6p	14 Japanese Exchange Program 9 - 3 Bulletins 10a	15 SEARCH meeting 10-12
16 Worship 7:30, 9, 11	17 Little Lambs 9:30—11:30 Bertelsen Park (water feature), EDH	18 Quilting for Africa 9—noon Senior Lunch Bunch noon Vestry Meeting 7p	19 Drama Team 7p	20 Choir Rehearsal 6p	21 Bulletins 10a	22 SEARCH core team meeting 12—3p
23 Worship 7:30, 9, 11 Sr Preschool Kick-off for Parents 10:15 - 10:45 OR 12:15 - 12:45 Summer Social – potluck 6p	24 Little Lambs 9:30—11:30 Promontory Community Park in EDH Scout Leaders 6:30p	25	26 Drama Team 7p	27 Choir Rehearsal 6p	28 Bulletins 10a	29
30 Worship 7:30, 9, 11 Junior High Kick-off for Parents 10:15 - 10:45 OR 12:15 - 12:45 Church of Rock 12:30—2:30p	31 Little Lambs 9:30—11:30 Kalithea Park, El Dorado Hills					

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Sunday Services 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.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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