



SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May, 2019

**A Beloved Community
Caring with all those
we meet along the
Way
God driven
Community focused
Come grow with us**

Life at SEA

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? (from our Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p. 304)

So few dots, so many options. That was the dilemma faced by members of the Renewal Works Team at one of their meetings. The task was to take 5 red dots and place them next to 5 Christian doctrines or practices that were close to their heart – what do you give your heart to? – and then place 5 green dots next to 5 doctrines or practices they would like to learn more about. The problem was, well, how do you choose?!!!! The result was a consensus among those in those in the room as to where the group would like to see more focus in the congregation. Holding 'Guided Eucharists' now and then were one of the suggestions. The real result was a lot of fabulous conversation about things of faith that matter. As one person said, the Renewal Works exercises are a way of helping us find something we can give our lives to. This was part of the work and the joy of the Renewal Works Team.

During announcement time on May 12 and May 19 Caroline Williams will be providing a short overview of the findings of the Renewal Works survey you all took earlier this year. The results are interesting and have everything to do with our relationship with Jesus. The "Dot Exercise" will be posted so everyone can have an opportunity to add where their hearts and curiosities abide and directions for the congregation's on-going life in the Spirit can be discerned. I wouldn't be surprised if a few fabulous coffee hour conversations don't arise, as well. There will be plenty of opportunities to talk in depth about the results for those who are interested.

Searching for something we can give our lives to, finding what Jesus is calling us to 'come and see' is our primary task as Christians. It is how we continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the

prayers. I am excited to hear of the Renewal Works results for our congregation and to discover where Jesus is calling us to follow in the months ahead.

May God bless you all,
Debbie+

Safe Harbour:

"Do I believe in the resurrection? Of course I do. And I believe in it by frying bacon and refusing to give up." -- Cannon Giles Fraser
Or in this case...making sandwiches.

Sign up to organize a month of our Safe Harbour Sandwich project!

The coordinator, or co-coordinators if you want to team up, will be in charge with gathering the supplies. Need an idea of where to start? Talk to Rebekah for a list or recipe book.

We will all pitch in to make 100 sandwiches on the first Sunday of each month for the coordinator to deliver to Safe Harbour.

Scrip:

Scrip is any easy way to support the church. Buy gift cards for just about anything you need and the church gets a small percentage. So keep this in mind as you start planning summer adventures, weddings, birthdays, etc.

Talk to Rebekah or Ellen for more details.

(See the attached order form on page 6)

Welcome Blanket:

We are making a Welcome Blanket to extend literal and symbolic cheer and warmth to recently immigrated families. And this time, we have a jump start on the project with a extra knits from our last blanket.

Anyone can contribute a square, or a triangle, or a rectangle of knit or crochet. It always seems to come together to make a full blanket.

If you would like to participate, please complete your knits by June 2nd, when we will combine them altogether.

Talk to Rebekah for more info or visit <https://www.welcomeblanket.org/>

Many Thanks

- To Uini Vaka for watching the children during the BC meeting on April 28.
- To the Renewal Works Team: Caroline Williams (facilitator), Carol Driscoll (administrator), Sue Mazique, Mich Barry, Rebekah Estera, Laura Todd Hare, and Dar Masamori for their dedicated work on discerning spiritual direction for the congregation.
- To our preschool staff for flexibility in adjusting to varying scheduling needs.
- The April Trike-A-Thon was a great success and raised several thousand dollars for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Thank you to all who sponsored a child for this worthwhile event

Talking Points from Diocesan Executive Council:

- Bp. Marc will be on sabbatical during July and August this year to finish the first draft of his dissertation which he hopes to turn in at the end of August.
- Alameda Deanery has instituted a Deanery-wide Google Calendar, which other deaneries may wish to institute.
- Bp. Marc has finished his first podcast! An interview with Casie Nelson, choreographer for ODC Dance Group on "the body, and what it means" for use by parishes for discussion.
- St. George's and St. Alban's have merged their 2 congregations and will begin services on Sunday March 31 as St. Anna's, after Deaconess Anna Alexander, winner of last year's Lent Madness Golden Halo!

Work party:

Be sure to join others in the congregation from 9 to noon on May 18 for a cleanup party at North SEA. Much of the

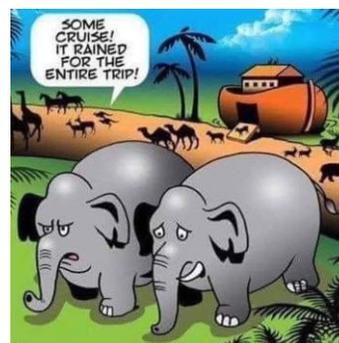
work will be in the garden but there will be inside chores, as well. All are needed to keep all the facilities of SEA Episcopal in good shape for use to the glory of God. See you there. (a pizza lunch or some such is likely to follow)



Inspiration

If the mountain seems too big today
then climb a hill instead
if the morning brings you sadness
it's ok to stay in bed
if the day ahead weighs heavy
and your plans feel like a curse
there's no shame in rearranging
don't make yourself feel worse
if a shower stings like needles
and a bath feels like you'll drown
if you haven't washed your hair for days
don't throw away your crown
a day is not a lifetime
a rest is not defeat
don't think of it as failure
just a quiet, kind retreat
it's ok to take a moment
from an anxious, fractured mind
the world will not stop turning
while you get realigned
the mountain will still be there
when you want to try again
you can climb it in your own time
just love yourself til then

-Author unknown



100 Years Young
Glade Beresford's Celebration
March, 2019



Mayor's proclamation



Glade's son, John celebrates with Mom

HAPPY *Mother's Day* 

Remembering
Our Nation's
Armed Forces 

PRAYER LIST

Our prayers have been asked for:

Val (with a tumor) for healing (by Dar 4/12)

Craig for healing (Dar 4/12)

Grace (Karen 4/12)

Anne, Mike for guidance and protection (by the vicar 4/9)

Laura and Jeff and their family. For Naomi and her son. For protection (by the vicar 4/9))

John, Pat for healing (Sue M. 3/31)

Dana (by Alicia 3/31)

Shinmin, Kiril, Mila, Melissa for healing (Melissa 3/24)

Armando (by Kathy D 3/17)

Carl (by Laura 3/10/19)

Charlene with cancer (by Don 4/3)

Annette (by Kathie 4/3)

Tim for healing (by Jeff 4/7)

Larry and Barb (by Sue M 3/23/18)

Julie for healing (by the vicar 4/2)

Lee for comfort and healing (by Ellen 4/12)

For protection and strength for people of all faiths throughout the world.

For all victims of hatred and violence. For those who must flee for their lives. For those battling addictions. For those living on the streets.

For the repose of the soul of Audrey Barrett and Meg Henniman.

The prayer list is updated monthly. Add or renew names and concerns by writing them in the binder at the back of the church, calling the church office (650-583-6678) or emailing seaepiscopal@gmail.com

NO May MUNCH BUNCH

It will resume in June on Saturday,
June 29, 2019
RSVP to Joyce Sandvick
(650-873-0182)

CALENDAR

EVERY WEEK

Sunday - 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I, North SEA;
10am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Sunday school
for children, South SEA

Tuesday - 7pm choir practice, South SEA

Wednesday - 7:30am Morning Prayer, Vicar's
office, South SEA

Wednesday - 10:15am Lectionary Bible Study,
South SEA.

Thursday evening group starts May 16 7 PM North
Campus Topic: The Gospel according to Mathew

May

Sunday May 5

3rd Easter

May 7 (Tues)

San Mateo County Faith
Based Child Care Workshop,
11am-1pm; St. Andrew's
Preschool

Sunday May 12

4th Easter, Mother's Day

May 15 (Wed)

Preschool Chapel 10:30-noon

May 16 (Thurs)

Preschool Chapel 10:30-noon

May 18 (Sat.)

**Work Party, North SEA, 9-
noon**

Guitar concert, Mobius trio,
7pm, South SEA

Sunday May 19

*5th Easter, BC meeting 11:30,
North SEA*

Sunday May 26

*6th Easter, Last day of Sunday
School*

June

Sunday June 2

*7th Easter (baptism this
Sunday)*

Sunday June 9

Pentecost

June 13 (Thurs)

Preschool Graduation

Sunday June 16

Trinity Sunday, Father's Day

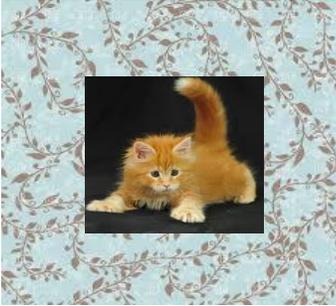
Sunday June 23

*2nd after Pentecost (proper 7),
BC meeting 11:30, South SEA*

Sunday June 30

3rd after Pentecost (proper 8)

Would you be willing to share your baby picture with the SEA newsletter?



I'd like to do a "Look and Match" game using baby photos to see if you can match them to the adult name of our parishioners for Mothers' Day. Please bring your photo in an envelope with your name on the back. I will need at least 10 pictures and I promise to return the photos to you. NCR

If you need Scrip, here is an order form for you to use.

Scrip Order Form

Submitted by _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Address _____

	Value	Quantity	Total

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to SEA Episcopal Church
Submit form and check to Rebekah or Ellen

For full list of retailers, visit: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/shopwithscrip-retailers>

Things I've noticed:

- The same people are ushering every week. You can help! Please volunteer one Sunday a month to be an usher. It especially becomes critical during the summer with vacation schedules. There are printed guidelines to follow. Please contact Carol Driscoll who is very happy to assist you with any questions you may have.
- The Flower Calendar in the narthex! Do you have someone who is having a birthday, an anniversary, celebrating the birth of a child or a special remembrance? Donations for flowers is \$20. Mother's Day is May 12th. Please sign the Flower Calendar and make a donation.
- There is a basket just outside of Debbie's office for clean, **wide-mouth jars** for Joyce Sandvik. She takes them to the soup kitchen at St. Martin's de Poeres once a month. Plastic juice jars are also welcome, but no milk cartons, please



Now that the weather is turning warmer, many are gathering in the front of the church during Coffee Hour. It is a great time for fellowship. Please sign-up to provide some goodies, coffee and tea. Take your turn at setting up and cleaning up. It is not hard. Carol Driscoll is happy to show you what needs to be done.



Our benches at both sites are woefully deficient. We need about eight benches to cover both churches. I'm hopeful that we can think of a fund raiser that would help to fund the needed benches. If there is some assembly required for the benches, maybe the Boy Scouts can lend a hand.

It not only takes a village to raise a child, but it takes a whole congregation to build and maintain a church.

Mother's Day Roses at SEA this Sunday May 12, 2019.

