



# ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE RED CHURCH



## NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2019



### RECTOR'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

#### "The Light on The Hill"

Every now and then it pays to look in the mirror and ask the questions: "Who are you? What kind of person are you? Do you like what you see?"

The same is true of St. James and its members. The following is a short answer to some of those questions:

We are "the Light on the hill" where the Gospel is preached, disciples of Christ are made, and lives transformed: a "Welcoming Church" where all are welcomed and which serves Sonora and the surrounding communities. Great things are happening at St. James' as we continue to move forward.

We have a **Vision**: "To be an open and inclusive community, impacting lives through the sharing of Christ's Gospel of love." I believe that this year we are called to discover anew what our **Vision** is.

We have a **Mission**: "To build a Christian community where we live by faith, exhibit Christ's unconditional love, and voice a message of hope to all." I believe that this year we are called to discover anew what our **Mission** is.

We have a **Calling**: "to be the Light on the hill," the hope that shines in the darkness. I believe that this year we are called to discover anew what our **Calling** is.

#### There are four steps to remember.

1. Make every stranger we meet glad to have met us.
2. Bring peace to everyone we meet.
3. Say only nice things about people.
4. Look for the image of Christ in all of Creation.

If we are successful in practicing these four steps, then people will want to join us because they feel loved and accepted and because, they too, want to share that love and acceptance with the world.

Jesus challenges us to see our primary vocation as kingdom people who are fully invested in proclaiming the Good News, THE ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, who are fully invested – body, mind, spirit, wallet and time – in that venture!

*In His Love,*

*Fr. Verne L. Walter*

### WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Sunday 9AM

Choir Practice in Parish Hall.

#### Sunday 9:45AM

You are invited to join Fr. Verne for Morning Prayer in The Red Church Chapel.

#### Sunday 10AM

Worship Service in The Red Church followed by a light brunch.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

#### Wednesday 11AM

Worship Service with Gospel reflection and sharing followed by a Healing Service in The Red Church.

A potluck lunch following the Worship Service in the Parish Social Hall.

## Greetings from The Desk of Ruth Walter

St. James now has a Sunday School following the 10:00 AM Sunday Service. While parents attend our coffee hour children can enjoy Sunday School. For parents who attend Adult Bible Study at 12:00 noon, led by Fr. Walter, Ruth Walter will continue to teach Sunday School until the Adult Bible Study is ended around 1:00 PM.

Sunday School is a fun time for children to learn basic Christian values based on the Ten Commandments.

All children are welcome. Bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors.

Our church member Dianne Bowcutt has offered to teach a Greeting Card Craft Class at St. James. There will be a \$20.00 charge for the supply packet. Dianne will offer a jewelry making class along with the card making class. There will be a small charge for jewelry supplies as well. Everyone is welcome. She is willing to start the class right away, so call her as soon as you can so a time and date can be set up. This would be a good time to make your personalized Christmas cards and gifts for your family and friends.

Please contact Dianne for further information at (209) 770-4925. Thank you, Dianne, for offering your time and sharing your talents with us.

The Thank You Dinner for our new roof was lovely and most meaningful. Many members worked extremely hard to make this event possible. The new roof is beautiful. Bless all of you who made the roof possible.

Some church members may not be aware that St. James, our Red Church is on Facebook. Thanks to Juli Fountain who creates presentations of our church that are outstanding. Juli also created the new format for our newsletter. Thanks to all members who continue to work so hard to make St. James such a loving church community.

### **The Red Church Thrift Store**

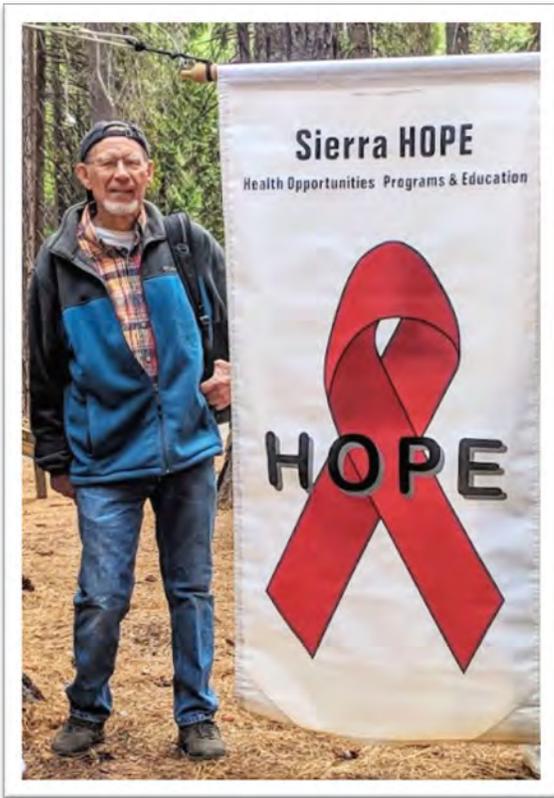
The Red Church Thrift Store staff is working hard to make it more successful. Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to visit the store to see what treasures can be found there.

<https://www.facebook.com/RedChurchThrift/>

Open Monday – Saturday, 10AM - 5PM

**Donations accepted** Wednesday – Saturday, 10AM – 2PM

## DO YOU KNOW ... LLOYD SCHNEIDER?



Lloyd was born in San Fernando, California, where his father was a Los Angeles County fireman. Later, his father moved the family to the Malibu mountains where he was the fire chief. Lloyd had one sister. He took piano lessons and enjoyed running. His running ability earned him college scholarships.

Lloyd's college background is quite varied. He earned an AA in Engineering at Pierce College in Los Angeles in 1958. Next came a BS in Sociology at Whittier College in 1960. At this time, a book entitled "Tangled World" changed his life and, in 1964, he received a Master of Divinity degree from the American Baptist Seminary in Berkeley. On September 30, 1964, he was ordained as the Reverend Lloyd

Schneider, UCC Minister. That makes this the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lloyd's Ordination! In 1974, he received an MA in counseling from Chapman College and, in 1998, a graduate certificate in educational therapy.

Over the years he worked in various youth organizations. From 1968 – 1981 he worked in probation groups.

In 1981, he and his wife, Lynn, moved to Tuolumne City where they bought a lovely piece of property with a rundown house which Lloyd has rebuilt over the last several years.

Locally, Lloyd has worked with immigrants, prisoners, AIDS, youth, and Hospice of the Sierras. From 2007- 2014, he was the minister at Union Congregational Church in Angels Camp. Currently, he is Chairman of ATCAA's Board of Directors on which he has served since 2012. He is now an active communicant at St. James'. It is not unusual to see him with a hammer in hand or pouring cement.

# BISHOP'S WARDEN NEWS



## After a long period

of planning, documenting and finally approvals by the City of Sonora, the badly needed roof replacement has been completed. The roofing contractor chosen (JMK Roofing) donated labor & material so that the roof over the chapel area would match the remainder, thus the completed roof uses the same metal shingles throughout. The chapel roof was not part of the original scope of work (it was installed c. 2002). It appears that the roof now meets or exceeds every expectation we had for the repair bringing a new appearance standard to St. James Episcopal Church Sonora.

During the project, substantial

structural repair/replacement work was completed on related items including the North gable wall over the altar and the siding next to the roof along the steeple. We have contracted to have this repair work continue along the gable wall at the front of the Church, replacing the gothic arch trim at the top of the battens, and the battens themselves as necessary, prior to painting of the entire Church building during October. Painting work is scheduled to begin during the week of October 14th and hopefully will be complete around the 1st of November, subject to weather delays.

A successful "Thank You" dinner was held on September 14 in the Parish hall honoring the contractor personnel for their workmanship & dedication along with all of the donors, large & small, for their foresight & the resulting inspiration to the many contributors to successful completion. The largest single donor was identified as Flo Griggs and she spoke about the background of hers, & her late husband's most remarkable gift. More than 50 people attended.

Work on the roof sections around the steeple are being considered as those shingle sections will now look distinctly "weathered" compared to the adjacent new roof. JMK Roofing has been requested to provide an estimate to replace those sections with new shingles and to refurbish supporting structure as required to meet standards set by installation of the new main roof. This is work which we should expect to fund and schedule during 2020.



*Ron Sneddon*



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM,  
**St. James' annual Blessing of The Animals**  
will be held outside of The Chapel door. It is a fun time.  
Please come and bring your animals for a special blessing.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Altar Guild members needed:

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please contact the church office (209) 532-1580.

### Make a Joyful Noise:

Consider joining the choir under Dak Champeaux's leadership and training. Choir practice is now held in the social hall at 9:00 a. m. on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to join. A big thank you to Flo Duncan and Susan Reid for our beautiful piano accompaniment at choir practice and all of our worship services.

**Be a witness** for our Lord by inviting your friends and neighbors to our famous St. James historical Red Church services. All are welcome to this friendly and inclusive landmark church. We are a loving congregation and church family. It is exceedingly important that we do all we can to grow and to share how much we love our church.

## COMMUNICATIONS

### NEWSLETTER

If you have an article for the newsletter, please make sure to submit the article via e-mail it to [stjamessonora.staff@gmail.com](mailto:stjamessonora.staff@gmail.com) or call (209) 532-1580 by the last Tuesday of each month.

### We are now sending out the newsletter by E-mail.

Please give us your current Email address so that we send you the newsletter and check your Email address for accuracy.

### FRIDAY REFLECTION

To have the "Friday Reflection", the Diocese of San Joaquin newsletter sent to your email address weekly, use the website: <https://diosanjoaquin.org/> and go to the home page and click on the Subscribe Here button for the "Friday Reflections".

### FACEBOOK

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## DO YOU KNOW....SUSAN REID?



Susan was born at Walter Reed Army Hospital the day that World War II started. Later, two sisters and various dogs joined the family.

Susan's father, a career Army officer, was a graduate of West Point Military Academy and the family was often on the move. Susan attended six first grades and wished she could stay in one school for four years.

An early love of music led Susan to piano lessons. The first of which were at the Presidio in San Francisco. Later, she studied in Nuremberg where her teacher spoke no English and Susan spoke no German. However, they both spoke music and the experience was a success. Again on the move, she studied at a conservatory in Baltimore.

She attended North Western University as an undergraduate, studying English literature and composition and then transferred to Berkeley with her husband who enrolled in the English literature PhD program. Susan obtained a Master's Degree in Social Welfare in 1966. After college, Susan worked as a psychotherapist.

A son, Jason, was born in Portland where her husband had accepted a teaching position. Jason now lives in LA working as a musician and realtor/broker.

Susan lived in the Bay Area for forty years, then moved to Tuolumne County and worked as a psychologist and PTSD specialist with the VA Vet Center Program. She worked with combat veterans with PTSD for 25 years in Modesto, Stockton, and Sonora. She partially retired in 2018 but still sees veterans and has a small family practice.

Susan loves living in our small town. She and Ron Sneddon met around 5 years ago at a local Bach festival. She started taking piano lessons again and has enjoyed performing at local Bach concerts as well as playing at St. James' Church. She hopes to become more proficient on our Baroque Flentrop organ. Currently, she is Chairman of the Board for the St. James' Concert Series which is now entering its 40<sup>th</sup> year. *Keep listening!*

# SIERRA HOPE AIDS WALK

Thank you to those who donated to the Sierra AIDS Walk. We were so happy to sponsor and participate again this year as the Saint James Strollers!

Sierra HOPE provides support to those living with HIV, AIDS and Hepatitis C in Tuolumne, Amador, and Calaveras Counties. Participating was a wonderful experience in one of God's many gorgeous creations, Calaveras Big Trees.

For more information about Sierra HOPE, please visit <https://sierrahope.org/>.

# PARISH CARE

**The Prayer Chain:  
For prayer requests,  
contact**

Ruth Walter (209) 288-9699.

**Know of a church  
member who is ill or in  
any other need?**

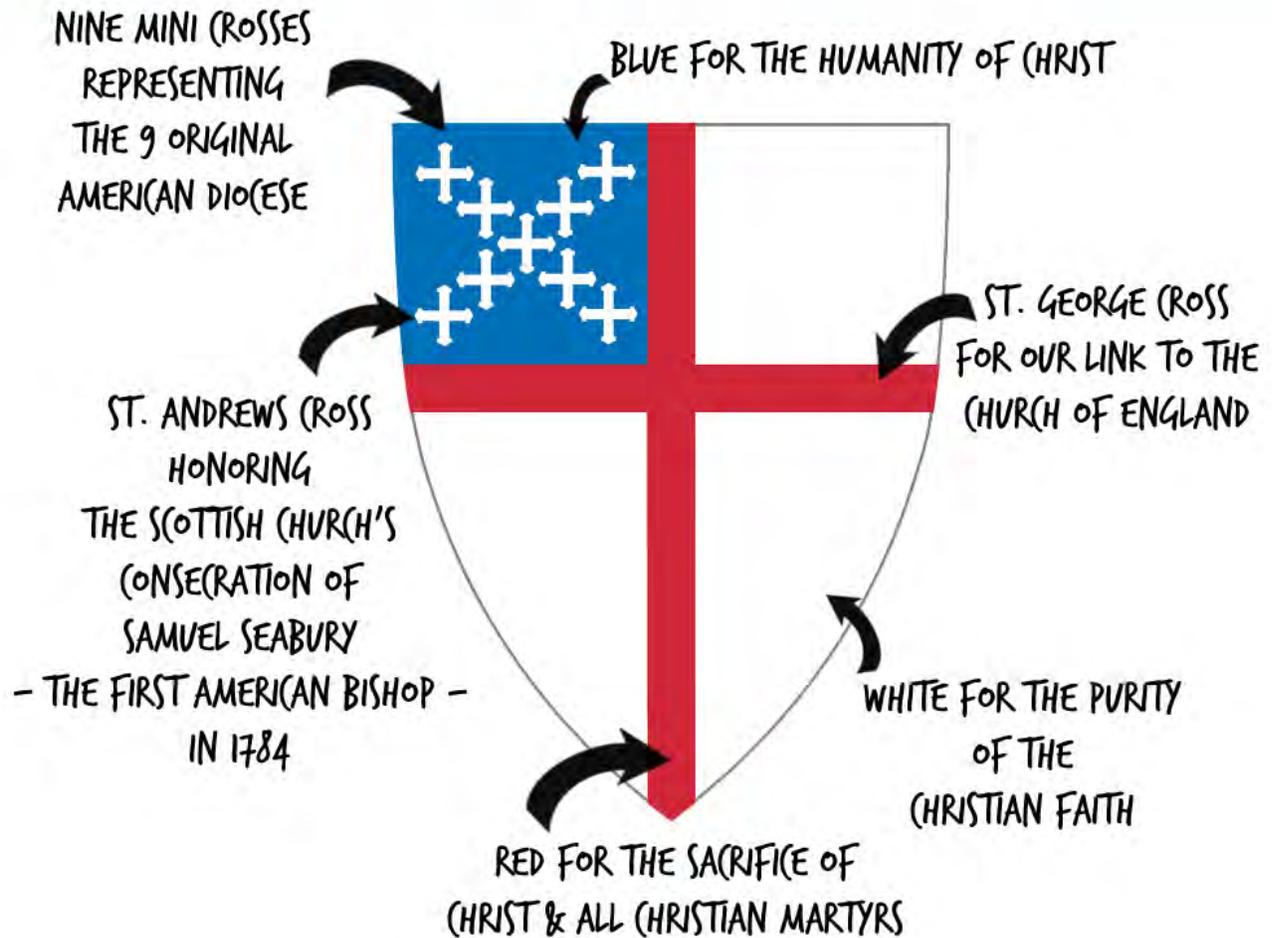
Please contact Sylvia Ward.  
She is our greeting card lady.  
(209) 928-4606.

**In need of help with  
CareGiving needs?**

Debi Esque has volunteered  
to help with caretaking  
needs in the parish.  
Contact Debi Esque:  
Cell (209) 743-8666.



# Have you ever wondered why the Episcopal Shield looks the way it does? Each element has a meaning:



## God's Blessings,

Fr. Verne, Staff and your St. James Family  
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The Right Rev. David Rice, Bishop  
The Rev. Cn. Anna Carmichael, Canon to The Ordinary  
The Rev. Verne L. Walter, Priest-in-Charge  
The Rev. Amy Larsen, Deacon  
The Rev. Michael Backlund, Associate Priest  
The Rev. Andy Anderson, Supply Priest  
Ron Sneddon, Bishop's Warden