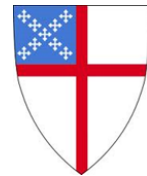


ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HISTORIC RED CHURCH NEWSLETTER



June 2019

Hello St. James Family,

Spring is finally here.



Where did the month of May go? Other than (Another Rainy Day is Here Again). As usual, St. James keeps very busy. On Sunday, May 5th, Fr. Verne's birthday was celebrated during the coffee hour. Sunday, May 12th, Mother's Day was celebrated with Fr. Walter presenting all women and our young lady Sophie with a pink carnation and a special prayer and blessing. Saturday, May 18th, the Old West Fest celebration was held on church grounds by selling ice cream cones and raffling off two beautiful handmade quilts. Free church tours were also offered. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Sunday, May 26th, in honor of Memorial Day, Dak Champeaux, our professional music director, performed a beautiful solo at the 10:00 a.m. service. Thank you, Dak, for your gift of music. Thanks to Susan Reid for accompanying Dak and for your beautiful music at Sunday services. Flo continues to provide her lovely music as she is able.

On Sunday May 26th, we were blessed at the 3:00 p.m. St. James Concert Series by the uplifting performance by the Music With Strings Attached trio. It was the last performance of the year for the concert series.

Once again, the month of June will be busy at St. James. Father's Day will be celebrated with a red carnation boutonniere, special blessing and prayers for all the men at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service on June 16. Be sure to bring your fathers, friends or mentors to this very special day and service.

The last Sunday of June is our ingathering of food and supplies for our backpack program. Please donate to this helpful and meaningful program in order to help our homeless.

The month of July is just around the corner. Because the 4th of July falls midweek, we will celebrate Independence Day with patriotic hymns on June 30th at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

St. James is a very special historical icon in Sonora. Church members are working extremely hard to preserve this beautiful landmark for many years to come. During this summer a contractor has been hired to replace the roof of the church thanks to a generous gift from an anonymous donor.

Do You Know Flo Duncan?



Florence Anderson Craig Duncan was born in South Dakota on St. Patrick's Day. She learned to read music before she could read words. Her early childhood love of music prompted her mother to give her piano lessons. Flo became a church organist as a teenager. Later she studied with distinguished pianists at Morningside Conservatory of Music near New York City.

Flo's concert career took her around the world with many tours in Great Britain including performances in Hever Castle, home of Anne Boleyn, and at Bethersden, near London, the home of her ancestors, Sir William Lovelace and Sir Frances Lovelace. Flo also had concert engagements at the White House, in Hong Kong, at the British Embassy in Athens Greece, and at a kibbutz in Israel.

Many years ago, Flo moved to Tuolumne County with her husband Gene, a Methodist Chaplain at the Sierra Conservation Center, and their young son, Gene. They built a house in Twain Harte and Flo trained many young pianists and continued her concert career.

Initially, Flo played at the evening service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Sunday mornings at St. James. She continues to play at St. James on alternate Sundays.

Flo and Gene divorced and eventually she married Bill Craig who served as Priest at St. James. She kept her house in Twain Harte because her piano did not fit in Bill's house and they lived in both homes.

After Bill died, she moved back to her home in Twain Harte. A few years ago, health problems prompted her to move to Skyline Place where she met her current husband, James Duncan. James was a widower and retired corrections officer with two grown sons. They were wed at St. James on the 4th of July in 2018.

Thank You

Thanks to all who donate to the Backpack Program. This is a much needed ministry and thanks to all who work for the needs of the homeless.

Thanks to all of our members who work so hard to help keep St. James a beacon to our community.

Lenten Bible Study Program continues

The last session of our Lenten Program led by our Deacon Amy will be held on June 9, 2019: at 12:00 noon in the Parish Library. Parishioners who have attended have been blessed to study the **Life Transformed: THE WAY OF LOVE** by which we are called to **Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest.**

Ministry Opportunities

Altar Guild members are 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.



Director Dak Champeaux, chorus members Abi Degner, Ruth Walter, Grace Darrin, Ashley Champeaux and Larry Marum and accompanist Susan Reid--a choral presentation at St. James Church--6 January 2019

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.

Parish Care

The Prayer Chain: For prayer requests contact Liz Bartnek, or Ruth Walter. When you inform the office of any prayer needs, please also call Liz or Ruth so the prayer chain can pass on the prayers.

Know of a church member who is ill or in any other need? Please contact Sylvia Ward. She is our greeting card lady.

In need of help with care taking needs? Debi Esque has volunteered to help with caretaking needs in the parish. Contact Debi Esque: (Cell) .

General Information

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

Please join us for our uplifting Wednesday service at 11:00 a.m. followed by healing prayers and a potluck. It is a most enjoyable gathering.

We are now sending out the newsletter by E-mail. Please give us your current E-mail address so that we send you the newsletter and check your E-mail address for accuracy.

Articles for the 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, or call (209) 532-1580 by the last Tuesday of each month.

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".

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

Please make note of Gun Violence Awareness Month in June:

Bishops United Against Gun Violence

Wear Orange 2019 and Orange Stoles

Everytown for Gun Safety's [Wear Orange Weekend](#) with Gun Violence Awareness Day was kicked off the weekend on June 7 throughout the San Joaquin Diocese.

On Sunday, June 23, 2019: 10:00 a.m., at the Worship Service we will celebrate Gun Violence Awareness Month in June by **wearing orange.**

STEWARDSHIP

What is a tithe? Is it different from a pledge? A tithe means ten percent. Making a pledge of a tithe means committing ten percent of one's income or resources for God's work. It brings great joy, freedom, and satisfaction. While some people begin tithing right away, others begin with proportional giving, designating a certain percentage of their resources and then try to increase that percentage every year.

Pledging helps our parish set a budget for ministry for the coming year, so it is a very practical undertaking. Pledging is also a deeply spiritual discipline, or can be if you let it, that helps us grow in our relationship with God and our understanding of ourselves as made in God's image, made to reflect and exercise the holy attribute of generosity. I am available to talk with you about making your pledge and the spirituality of generosity.

Fr. Verne L. Walter

TREASURER'S REPORT April 30, 2019

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE: 04-01-2019:		\$ 1,266.39
Total Operating Income:	\$ 10,670.69	
Less Total Disbursements:	<u>\$ 9,941.18</u>	
Total Operating Fund Balance:	\$ 729.51	<u>\$ 729.51</u>
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE: 04-30-2019:		\$ 1,995.90
Unpaid Bills: Diocese of San Joaquin: January – 2019		\$ 2,381.39
Diocese of San Joaquin: February – 2019		\$ 2,364.15
Diocese of San Joaquin: March, 2019		\$ 2,400.00
Diocese of San Joaquin: April, 2019		<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 9,545.54</u>

The debt to the Diocese for January 2019, February 2019, March 2019, and April 2019 payrolls total \$9,545.54. This will continue to accumulate at \$2,300 - \$2,400 each month during 2019.

Difference between the checking account balance and designated funds	\$23,104.10
Money owed to the Diocese for payroll	\$9,545.54
The amount we "borrowed" from designated funds in 2018	<u>\$9,675.86</u>
Total amount we are short	\$42,325.50

Regular Worship Service Schedule

Sunday 9:00 a.m., Choir Practice in Parish Hall.

Sunday 9:45 a.m., You are invited to join Fr. Verne for Morning Prayer in The Red Church Chapel.

Sunday 10:00 a.m., Worship Service in The Red Church followed by a light brunch. All are welcome.

Wednesday 11:00 a.m., 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, June 8, 2019: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., tour of the Historic Red Church

Wednesday, June 12, 2019: 1:00 p.m., Outreach Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 16, 2019: HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Sunday, June 23, 2019: 10:00 a.m., at the Worship Service we will celebrate Gun Violence Awareness Month in June by wearing orange.

Sunday, June 23, 2019: 12:00 noon, Bishop's Committee Meeting in the library.

God's Blessings,

Fr. Verne, staff and your St. James Family

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The Rev. Amy Larsen, Deacon
The Rev. Michael Backlund, Associate Priest
The Rev. Andy Anderson, Supply Priest
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