



This Week's Service Schedule

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

The altar flowers are given by Dr. June Scopinich in loving memory of Dr. Nan E. Haugen and by Margie and Paul Polishuk in celebration of their daughter Natalie's wedding to James Crawford

Saturday, October 26 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition in the Chapel

> Sunday, October 27 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Sanctuary *livestreamed*

Morning Prayer Services

8:40-9 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in the Chapel

Thursday, October 31 12 p.m. Midday Healing Eucharist in the Chapel Paul Shinji Sasaki & Philip Lindel Tsen



Prayer Cycle

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The clergy and people of St. Paul's, Yuma; migrants and all who minister to them.

In our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: USS Chafee (DDG 90).

In the Cycle of Prayer for the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for: The Scottish Episcopal Church; the Diocese of North Karamoja – the Church of the Province of Uganda; the Diocese of Karimnagar – the Church of South India (United); the Diocese of Karnataka Central – the Church of South India (United); the Diocese of Karnataka North – the Church of South India (United); the Diocese of Karnataka South – the Church of South India (United); the Diocese of Karnataka South – the Church of South India (United); the Diocese of Karnataka South – the Church of South India (United); the Diocese of Karongi – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.ch of the Province of Uganda.

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Be Prepared ... for Grace The Rev. Mother Nina Bacas

Just yesterday I was in contact with my friend in Asheville, NC. Although they sustained some fallen trees and a flooded basement during Hurricane Helene, everyone is okay. But the whole region was without power for two weeks, and the roads were unpassable. Any of us could hunker down for a couple of days, but what about after that? When everything falls apart, the natural instinct for people is to walk to the nearest church for help.

My friend is a retired Episcopal bishop. He walked to a Pentecostal church and stood in line for bottled water and food. Neighbors then walked to check in on each other, and shared what they could. When everything falls apart, we turn to God and we turn to each other. My friend experienced tremendous grace.

The photo above is from the basement of the Music & Education building. In case of a local disaster, St. Bart's is prepared to be a point of grace. We have blankets, MREs, water, first aid kits, and more. We keep our stock up to date, even though, God willing, we pray we will never need it. But if something does happen, we are prepared to be that church that people walk to when everything falls apart.

It's hard to imagine needing these supplies, but not hard to imagine the grace that would flow from our church in a crisis.

Mother Nina+

Announcements

Want to add to the eNewsletter? Send your submission to communications@stbartschurch.org.



Adult Forum St. Bart's Finances—Where We Stand Sunday, October 27, 9 a.m., Sanctuary

This Sunday our treasurer, Bill Angus, will present the financial status of our church. For 2024, we increased pledging by 15%—many members increased their pledge or pledged for the first time, and many newcomers pledged as well

—but St. Bart's is still not where it needs to be for financial sustainability. We can only provide programs and staffing and maintain our campus if everyone pledges.

As we plan for 2025 programs and staffing, we need your commitment to support St. Bart's. If you call this church home, you are on the campaign team. All pledges are important to support our mission to make Christ more present in our lives and our world.

Bring your questions and suggestions to this important gathering.Note that we will meet in the sanctuary right after the 8 a.m. service.



"Walk in Love" Annual Giving Campaign

By now each household should have picked up a stewardship packet, which includes a letter from Mother Nina Bacas, a campaign and expense budget summary, and a pledge card.

You are invited to Walk in Love by increasing your pledge for 2025 or making an annual pledge for the first time. You can easily promise to support St. Bart's 2025 goals and mission online at <u>stbartschurch.org/give</u>, or by completing a pledge card and returning it to the church office or placing it in the collection plate.

If you have questions, check the details on our<u>website</u> or contact St. Bart's treasurer, <u>Bill Angus</u>.

2025 Giving Campaign Committee: Bill Angus, Anne Hand, Judy Macemon,

Terry McCune, Joe Snodgrass, Jerry Gray, and Mtr. Nina Bacas

Over the past couple of weeks, we published letters from our, senior warden, Jerry Gray, and treasurer, Bill Angus, asking you to prayerfully consider your pledge. If you missed their letters, you can find them below.

Senior Warden's Stewardship Letter

Treasurer's Stewardship Letter



Beware of Phishing Attempts

A scammer has recently been sending phishing emails impersonating St. Bart's clergy or staff members, in an attempt to trick parishioners into sharing personal or financial data. This is a perennial problem with churches. Know that we will never ask for sensitive information or solicit favors, gift cards, or payments of any kind via email. **If you receive one of these messages, please**

do not respond.

If you are not sure if an email is legitimate, check the sender's email address. Clergy and staff will contact you only with email addresses ending in @stbartschurch.org. The scammer is using a Gmail address that presents with the name of a clergy or staff member. If you click on the name, you will see the Gmail address. Block this sender, if possible.



Newcomers' Dinner Wednesday, November 13, 6:30-8 p.m., Sanctuary All newcomers to St. Bart's (since June 2023) are invited to the newcomers' dinner on Wednesday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a meal, and learn more about St. Bart's and the Episcopal tradition. We can't wait to see you! RSVP to welcome@stbartschurch.org.

RSVP to the Newcomers' Dinner



Submit Names for the Necrology

Our *Lux Aeterna* concerts on All Souls' weekend, November 2-3, will include a reading of the necrology. If you would like to submit any names of those who have passed away in the past year, please send them to <u>John-Luke Addison</u> by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 27.



Book Cart

Come and browse our selection of books for children and adults!

Look for the cart in the sanctuary near the children's play area on Sundays and in the MPR on Saturdays.

QUESTIONS? Pat Blair patshome@sbcglobal.net Maureen Burbidge maureenburbidge@gmail.com

Browse the New Book Cart

We have a brand new Book Cart at St. Bart's! There is a whole shelf full of children's books, including Bible stories, saints, and seasonal. There are also books for adults on faith, spirituality, prayer, and more.

The cart will be in the narthex (near the children's play area) on Sundays, and in the MPR (by the bookshelves) on Saturdays and during the week. The books shelved in the MPR are also available to check out. Stop by and take a look!

If you would like to borrow a book, please sign it out on the clipboard on the side of the cart or on the bookshelves. Please return books promptly so that others may enjoy them.

If you have any questions, contact Pat Blair or Maureen Burbidge.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Are you looking to connect with other parishioners on a deeper level while enjoying fun activities? Join one of our St. Bart's Fellowship groups! Small groups are made up of people who share a passion for fellowship & fun. We meet regularly for activities like: Dinners, Outings & Activities It's a great opportunity to make new friends, laugh, and get to know each other.



St. Bart's Fellowship: Where Faith Meets Fun!

Are you looking to connect with other parishioners on a deeper level while enjoying fun activities? Join one of our St. Bart's Fellowship groups—it's a great way to make new friends, laugh, and learn more about each other!

Our groups are made up of 8-12 people who share a passion for fellowship and fun. We meet regularly for activities like:

- Outings: movies, theater, ball games, and hikes
- Game nights
- Potlucks, dinners out, and picnics

We currently have 9 active groups and are looking for new members to join. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to build lasting relationships and have a blast!

To learn more, please contact <u>Betsy or David Goff</u> or click the button below to sign up.

Join a Fellowship Group



St. Bart's Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 27, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Upper Parking Lot

Join us this Sunday, October 27, for our annual Trunk or Treat! If you are decorating your car, facilitating a game, and/or passing out candy, please arrive between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. in the upper parking lot to prepare for the event. Let us know if you are hosting a trunk!

Those who just want to attend, please park in the lower lot.



Watch Breakfast Investiture of Our 28th Presiding Bishop Saturday, November 2, 8 a.m., Church Office

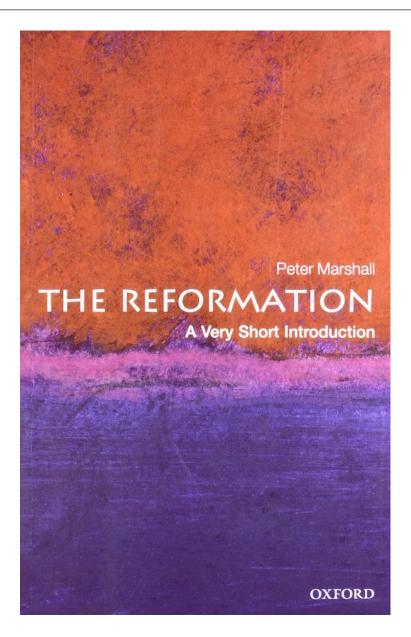
The investiture service of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe will take place on November 2 at 11 a.m. ET (8 a.m. PT) at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City, with a prelude beginning at 10 a.m. ET (7 a.m. PT). As <u>announced at the close of the 81st General Convention</u>, the investiture will be a simpler, scaled-down event with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement.

St. Bart's will be hosting a watch breakfast in the church office so we can participate together in the investiture of our new Presiding Bishop. Please join us!



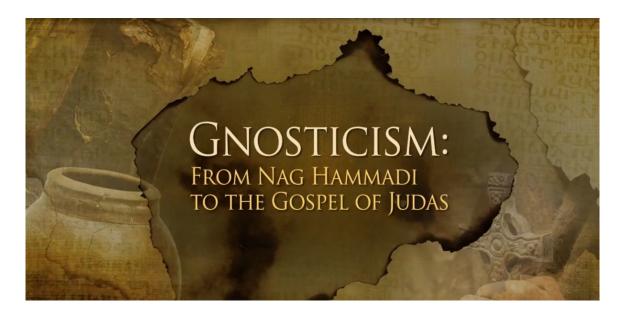
Saints Alive! Luncheon Honoring Our Veterans, Celebrating Our Seniors Tuesday, November 5, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sanctuary

For a welcome distraction on election day, come to the Saints Alive! luncheon to acknowledge the wisdom of our older members and the service of our military members and their spouses. RSVP to <u>Nancy Peterson</u>, (858) 705-3889.



Tuesday Morning Book Review Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. Starbucks (12469 Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92128)

The Tuesday Morning Book Review meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., at Starbucks on the corner of Rancho Bernardo Rd. and Pomerado Rd. We are currently discussing Peter Marshall's <u>*The Reformation: A Very Short</u>* <u>*Introduction*</u>, which illuminates the causes and consequences of this pivotal</u> movement in western Christianity. Contact <u>Jerry Blanton</u> with questions.



Bible Study: Gnosticism: From Nag Hammadi to the Gospel of Judas Wednesdays, September 11–November 27, 10 a.m.-noon, Zoom

Join Bill Zettinger and Bob Capettini as they conduct a weekly Zoom Bible study based on a DVD series on Gnosticism. Notes will be provided each week.

In the first three centuries after Jesus, there existed various forms of Christianity that were very different from what would later become the Christian orthodoxy that we practice today. Gnostics had a differing view of Christianity. They were seeking direct knowledge of God. They offered salvation from ignorance and fate through knowledge of a higher God, who was greater than the one who created our universe. This higher God sent Jesus, and they claimed that people could have mystical personal contact with that God right now.

For more information or to be added to the Bible study distribution list, please email <u>Bob Capettini</u>.

Behold & Believe

A Bible Study on the I Am Statements of Jesus COURTNEY DOCTOR & JOANNA KIMBREL



Wednesday Women's Bible Study September 18–November 20, 6 p.m. Church office & Zoom

The fall session of the Wednesday Women's Bible Study began on September 18 and runs through November 20. Participants can meet in the church office or join in via Zoom.

We are currently reading <u>Behold and Believe: A Bible Study on the "I Am"</u> <u>Statements of Jesus</u>, by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel. This Bible study will help readers understand who Jesus is and why he is important to our lives by exploring the question "Who is Jesus?" through the "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. Jesus describes himself as the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, and more. His bold words invite us to behold him—and then to trust him.

If you have questions, please contact Anne Snyder, (858) 485-0562.

Purchase the Book



Coffee Hour Hosts for this Month

If your last name begins with:

Please bring in a sweet or savory nibble to share!

Questions? Contact Widney at coffeehour@stbartschurch.org

October Coffee Hour Hosts Last Names M-P

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Coffee hour at St. Bart's is about more than just a kind treat—it's a way for us to embody our hospitality. This month, if your last name starts with M-P, it's your turn to host! Please bring a sweet or savory nibble to share. (Note: You can borrow a plate or platter from the MPR kitchen so you don't have to worry about retrieving your own plate later.) Questions? Contact <u>Widney Hawthorne</u>.



Sign Up to Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Would you like to sponsor the altar flowers for a weekend in memory of, in thanks for, or in celebration of a special occasion or person? You can find the sign-up sheet and donation envelopes in the narthex (the back of the church). The envelopes have a space for you to write in your dedications. Suggested donation is \$75. If you have questions or need further information, please contact <u>Sharon Ross</u> or <u>Bobbie Davis</u>.

Worship & Music



Lux Aeterna Requiem Concerts

Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m., Sanctuary Sunday, November 3, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

Enjoy a candlelit presentation of Morten Lauridsen's requiem choral masterwork, *Lux Aeterna*, featuring the St. Bart's Community Choir in collaboration with the Poway Symphonette. Performances on Saturday, November 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 3, at 4 p.m.; tickets are \$25 (\$10 for students), available at the <u>St. Bart's Music website</u>.





New Zealand English Tea Saturday, November 16, 1 p.m., Sanctuary

Come and join us on Saturday, November 16, for a traditional English tea with a New Zealand twist, featuring live musical entertainment! Proceeds will support the choir's 2025 tour to New Zealand. Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$20 for children, and can be purchased <u>online</u> or via cash or check dropped off at the church office.

Get Your Tickets

Service & Outreach



Support Hurricane Relief Efforts

Hurricanes Helene and Milton killed more than 200 people and caused catastrophic devastation throughout the southern US Please pray for the people affected by the hurricanes, and consider contributing to the Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) Hurricane Relief Fund. Your gift will help ERD's partners on the ground to supply critical supplies such as food and water, offer pastoral care, and assist with other urgent needs, as well as support long-term efforts to rebuild and heal.



Tijuana House Build #5 Saturday, October 26

On October 26, we will return to Tijuana to build a house for the Viera Esquivel family, a mother and father currently living in a single room with their three teenage sons. This will be our fifth build with Incarnation Lutheran and Project Mercy Baja, a Poway-based organization that has built more than 1,600 homes for families in Tijuana since 1991.

Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

This fall and winter, parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in several outreach initiatives that have become holiday traditions at St. Bart's. Here's a preview of what's ahead—keep an eye out for more details in the next few weeks.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Starting November 16-17, take a shopping list and laundry basket and fill it with groceries to make a traditional Thanksgiving dinner—a great project for the whole family! Return the basket on Sunday, November 24. Baskets will be loaded into a caravan of SUVs and trucks and delivered to Interfaith Community Services families in transitional housing. For many families, this will be their first Thanksgiving dinner!



"Joy to the World" Christmas Lunch

On Saturday, December 21, volunteer to cook food, greet the guests (people without housing), and serve lunch at St. Mark's City Heights "Joy to the World" Christmas lunch. Bishop Susan will celebrate Holy Eucharist before the meal. This annual tradition brings Christmas cheer to everyone in attendance!

For more information on these outreach opportunities, contact.Jim Grandinetti.



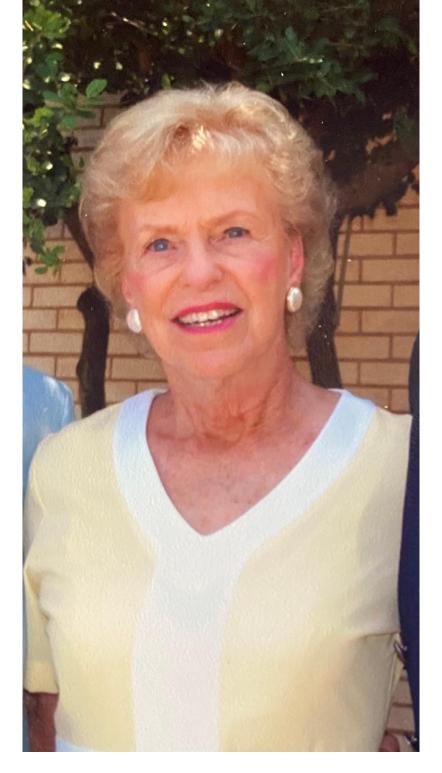
Our first batch of St. Bart's baby blankets blessed and ready for delivery!

Homemade Knitted Blankets Needed

Do you like to knit? The Budget 4 Baby Program at the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at MCAS Miramar needs donations of homemade knitted blankets. Yarn will be provided. Please email <u>Patty Fuqua</u> for more information or to volunteer.

St. Bart's is a designated Military Veteran-Friendly Congregation. In fact, the base thrift store is now using our old thrift store's glass display shelving!

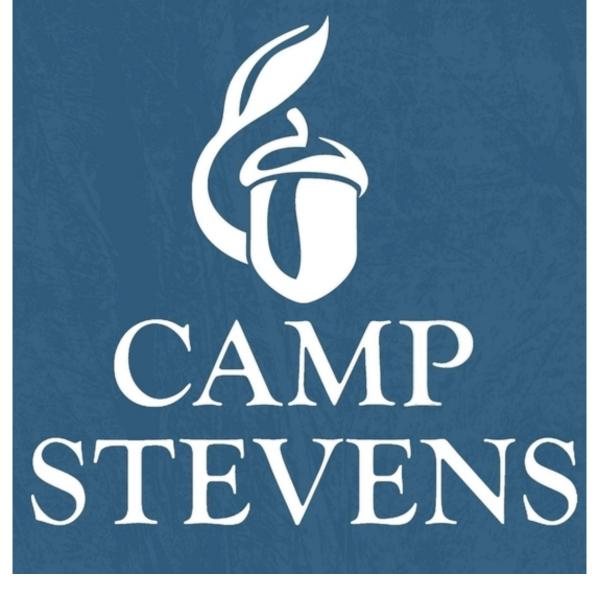
Parishioner News



Mim Josephs Funeral Service Saturday, October 26, Noon, Sanctuary

A memorial service for Mim Josephs will be held at noon this Saturday, October 26, in the St. Bart's sanctuary. Please lift up prayers to Mim's family.

Diocesan News



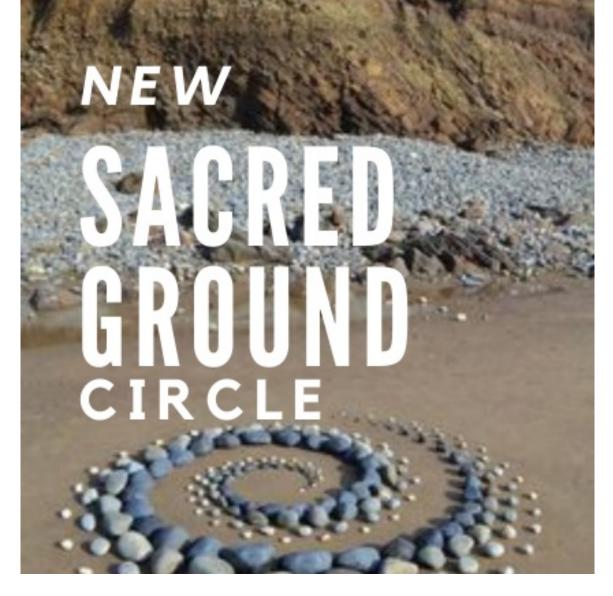
Camp Stevens Acorns to Oaks Auction

You still have time to participate in the annual Camp Stevens Acorns to Oaks Auction! All proceeds from the auction go straight to the most important and urgent needs at Camp Stevens, from facilities repairs to program supplies.

Bidding closes on Thursday, October 31, at 10 p.m. Go to the auction portal to bid today, and share the auction link with friends and family on social media!

Questions? Contact Gabby or call the Camp Stevens office at (760) 765-0028.

Bid on Auction Items



New Sacred Ground Circle Forming 12 sessions starting Wednesday, November 20, 3-5 p.m., Zoom Information session on Wednesday, November 6, 3-4 p.m., Zoom

Sacred Ground is The Episcopal Church's free dialogue series on race, racism, and faith, built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino/Latina, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. The series provides an opportunity to have difficult but respectful and transformative conversations.

A new EDSD-wide Sacred Ground circle (discussion group) will be starting on Wednesday, November 20. The circle will be limited to 8-12 individuals and will meet for 12 sessions roughly every two weeks—same day and time.

Want to know more about the series? Attend the information session on Zoom on Wednesday, November 6. If you have questions or need further information, contact <u>Jill Henderson</u>.

Around The Episcopal Church



How to Be a Well-Informed Voter

As Christians, we are called to "speak the truth, and to not mislead others by our silence" (*The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 848). It's crucial, therefore, that we know how to recognize <u>deceitful or misleading information</u> and prevent its spread. Here are some tips on becoming a well-informed voter:

- Diversify your information sources: Relying on a single source of information can create echo chambers and reinforce biases. <u>Diversify</u> your media consumption by choosing a mix of international, left-leaning, right-leaning, and centrist news sources.
- Verify information: Verify information using reliable fact-checking websites like <u>FactCheck.org</u> and <u>PolitiFact</u>, which specialize in debunking

false claims. *This is especially inportant given the increasing use of AIgenerated content, which makes it easier than ever to generate and spread misinformation.*

 Engage with primary sources: Whenever possible, go directly to the source of the information. Watch campaign speeches and interviews in full, rather than relying on snippets or summaries, which may be biased. Also rely on contextual coverage to help you determine whether something you saw or heard is misinformation.

Visit the Office of Government Relations website to<u>learn more about election</u> engagement.



Election Night Virtual Prayers Tuesday, November 5, 5-7 p.m.

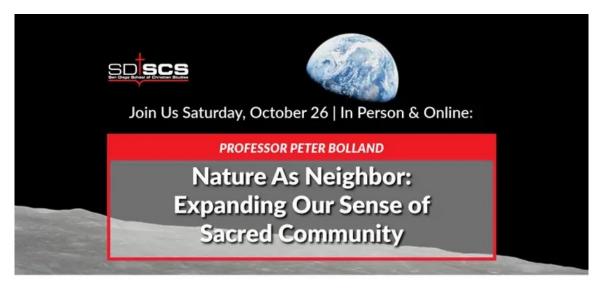
Join Election Night Virtual Prayers hosted by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations on November 5. Bishop-elect Sean Rowe will offer an opening reflection and prayer, and Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers together for peace, the nation, and all people and countries.

You can join the event via Zoom (please register in advance) or watch a livestream on the Episcopal Public Policy Network's Facebook page. (Note: If you would like simultaneous Spanish interpretation, please register on Zoom.)

Join via Zoom

Join via Facebook

Community News



Event info and tickets online: fumcsd.org/sdscs

Nature as Neighbor: Expanding Our Sense of Sacred Community Saturday, October 26, 9:30 a.m.-noon Online & in-person at First United Methodist Church of San Diego(2111 Camino del Rio South, San Diego, CA 92108)

San Diego School of Christian Studies invites you to come and hear Professor Peter Bolland, Philosophy and Humanities Department Chair at Southwestern College, speak on "Nature as Neighbor: Expanding Our Sense of Sacred Community." If the core Christian message is radical care for all who suffer, and not merely personal salvation, then what happens when we expand the meaning of "neighbor" to include all creation—the plants and animals, and the biosphere that supports them? In the face of our current climate crisis, we are challenged more urgently than ever—what good is caring for others if we do not also care for the world that sustains all of our lives? How might Christianity contribute to the crucial work of natural restoration?

The lecture runs from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by 30 minutes of Q&A and then a light lunch. Registration is \$10 per person; please sign up in advance.

Learn More & Register

Mondays

- 6 p.m. Scouts Sanctuary Contact Mike Jewett
- 6-8 p.m. CAT (Cats, Art & Tea) First Monday of the month is Family Night; last Monday of the month is cat-free - MPR - Contact <u>Gaby</u> <u>Waldorf</u>
- 7 p.m. Handbell Ensemble Ed Building, Music Room Contact<u>Anna</u> Lettang

Tuesdays

- 7:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Book Review Starbucks (12469 Rancho Bernardo Rd., San Diego, CA 92128) - Contact <u>Jerry Blanton</u>
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Chair Yoga & Meditation MPR First class free -Contact Lisa Oakes for pricing
- Noon. Wisdom Circle on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month MPR -Contact <u>Shirley Bunch</u>
- Wisdom Circle Makes Lunches for Interfaith 3rd Tuesday of the month -MPR from approximately 12:15-1 p.m. - Contact <u>Marsha Bryan</u>
- 1-3 p.m. Quilting Ministry on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month Ed Building, Quilt Room - Contact <u>Holly Gray</u>
- 5 p.m. Centering Prayer Zoom ContactParth Domke

Wednesdays

- 10 a.m.-noon Bible Study Zoom Contact Bob Capettini
- 5 p.m. Schola Cantorum Ed Building, Music Room Contact<u>John-Luke</u> Addison
- 6-8 p.m. Youth Crew, 6th-12th grade Youth Room or MPR Contact Mother Nina Bacas
- 6-7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study Church Office & Zoom Contact Anne Snyder

Thursdays

- 8-10 a.m. Food Bank Delivery to St. Luke's ContactJerry Blanton
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Children's Choir School Ed Building, Music Room -Contact <u>Tim McLellan</u>
- 7-9 p.m. Parish Choir for Adults and Teens Ed Building, Music Room -Contact <u>John-Luke Addison</u>

Fridays

 7:45-9 a.m. Men's Ministry - Location TBA each week - ContactAndrew Horne or Mike Jewett 12:30-2:30 p.m. Daughters of the King on 2nd and 4th Fridays - MPR -Contact <u>Sandy Morrison</u>

Sundays

- 9-9:45 a.m. Adult Forum MPR Led by various ministries and guests
- 1 p.m. Eucharist Service on the 1st Sunday of the month Casa de las Campanas, Assisted Living Activities Room - Contact <u>Nancy Peterson</u>

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