

# THE MESSENGER

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THE MISSION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANGLICAN CHURCH IS TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH SERIOUS DISCIPLESHIP, SACRED WORSHIP AND SELFLESS SERVICE

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## From Your Bishop's Warden

First of all, I would like to thank those who supported my bicycle rides the past few weeks both through prayer and donations to "Without Permission". The first ride was the one I was training for when I was hit last summer in the Tahoe area. All went well this year and I made it home without incident. The second ride was a learning experience for me. It involved 40+ riders from many different churches riding a course of 360 miles down the coast of California to raise money for "Without Permission" which was formed to aid the victims of Human Trafficking. The founder of the non-profit and her husband actually participated in the ride with us. We heard each night the campfire, the horrors of human trafficking, many of the victims being children. Victims' first names were read off and we prayed for them and their families. It was a very emotional experience for me to hear of this horrific crime taking place right here in the central valley. I came home with many new friends and a new understanding of some of the things that you don't even realize are happening right in your neighborhoods.

July was a very busy month for the Bishop's Committee and the Transition Team. If you were able to attend the two meetings we held after church in June, you are aware of the arrangements that are being made to move to a new location on the Northwest corner of Venetian and Pershing (5405 N. Pershing Ave). The property is split into three buildings and we have agreed in principle to the terms of a lease for Building A and are working on permitting with the City of Stockton to make sure we will be allowed to worship in the space before the lease is finalized. At this time, we do not have a date that the property will be ready to occupy but more news will be coming soon. I am preparing to give our 90-day notice to St. Paul's that we will be terminating our lease.

There has been a great deal of excitement about the new property which we will have sole use of, at least our part of the building. We have ideas for the altar area, offices, coffee hour space, meeting rooms, etc. The wish list committee will be reaching out to parishioners who are interested in donating furnishings and other fixtures for

the property such as pews with kneelers, tables and chairs for the coffee hour area, etc.

This move exciting, but with some degree of uncertainty. We are taking a leap of faith that we will grow and be able to handle the increased monthly lease. This is not to say that we shouldn't be doing this. When Bishop Menees met with us at his last visit he agreed that if we are to survive we need to move from where we are and get have our own place. I have gone over the location, cost, specifics of the space, and rough terms of the lease and we have his full support. The new location will be closer to the demographic that we would be most likely to draw from. We have ideas for monthly Evensong services at U.O.P., Book Studies on site, and might even draw from Delta College. There is also a Senior living facility directly to the South on Pershing. I am very confident that this move will be a step in the right direction for St. Francis and hope to see us grow so we need to hold multiple services and eventually be able to find a permanent place of our own.

We will, however, need to work at growth. We are not comfortable doing this but if we are to survive we must grow. Growth is actually what we are commissioned by the Lord to do by spreading his Gospel to the ends of the earth. It will take all of us participating in Worship, Outreach and Education.

Financially, this year's budget will take care of the new property should we move in before the end of the year but this Fall's Stewardship Campaign will be important in shaping our future. We heard in the meetings that the Parish would be willing to step up and make it work so this will be our chance. We do have a savings cushion for St. Francis's Future but we hope not to have to use it. We have also set up a line item in the Budget for St. Francis's Future for those of you who have inquired about giving separate gifts to St. Francis.

I would like to ask each of you to pray about our future. If each of us pledged and gave the biblical 10% Tithe we would easily be able to fund this new location as well as start saving for a permanent location. Since our family made the decision to tithe we have been blessed in more ways than I can number and I know that if our Parish were to work toward a biblical tithe, we too would be blessed.

If you have any concerns you would like to discuss, you can e-mail me at any time at [mikecombs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mikecombs@sbcglobal.net) or feel free to call me at (209) 642-3129.

Sincerely,

Mike Combs  
Bishop's Warden

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Shalom,

Here we are in August all ready and summer is almost over. Well we hope it is anyway? During the summer church attendance usually

declines with summer vacations and such. Then picks up when school starts back. I hope some have tried to find some place to worship while away from St. Francis. This leads me into what I would like to talk about.

There are some that seem to think that there is no need to go to church, all you have to do is believe in Jesus. That Jesus didn't establish any church. Even that Jesus doesn't care for churches, HUH? They choose parts of the bible that suits them and forget about the ones they do not like. Or perhaps not even know that Jesus did mention church building. So this is what I am going to address in the next few articles of the messenger.

Jesus in fact did mention building a church! During Peter's declaration about who Jesus was, Jesus talks about how Peter, whose name Jesus changed, was his rock, and upon this rock Jesus would build his church Matt 16: 18.

Furthermore if Jesus didn't intend to build a church why did he give Peter the keys to the kingdom? It is also understood that Jesus is the bridegroom and the church is his bride.

The point of the church is for the followers of Jesus to gather. If they can't gather they will be left to the influences of the world and possibly be deceived to leave the teachings of Jesus, or be misled in that belief. As Paul tells us that we are the body of Christ! Though we are many we must attend church, coming together as one for the worship of God. The church is the place to take refuge from the persecuting world. The devil tries to deceive the world that the church is bad and not need, we are in a war; and the easiest way to be pick-off in a war is to think that we are not in one. Also if we are alone the enemy can surround you leaving you very little help against the attacks of the evil!

So three thing happen when you come to church; 1. You come in from an exhausting week of attacks and world deceptions. 2. You get fed spiritually by both word and the Eucharist. 3. You are strengthened and refreshed to head back out into the world to spread the Gospel making disciples. Overlying all of this is the worship of God; by attending church relying on and trusting in Him. I will talk about each of these things in the next few messenger articles.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



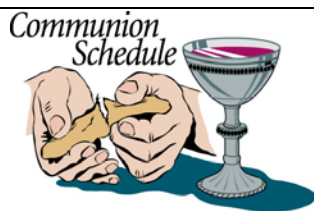
Our Bishop's Committee has created a dedicated fund "St Francis Future Home" for those who would like to give separate gifts for our future.

Please mark your giving "St Francis Future Home"

You will also see our Wish List Committee at work with a list of things we will need for our new location.

We pray you will be called to help in some way during this transition.

## Sacred Worship



### Sundays

9:30am St Francis of Assisi  
Fellowship Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month

2pm O'Connor Woods Chapel  
3400 Wagner Heights Rd, Stockton

### Daily Office Resource

<http://legereme.com/office>



*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

[www.stocktonanglican.org](http://www.stocktonanglican.org)



<http://stocktonanglican.org/sermons/>

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Child Care is Available each  
Sunday from 8:30am.

Please see an Usher for  
location.

Childcare Available



St Francis uses Flocknote to send emails to our parishioners with notices and information. If you do not receive these notices, we do not have your email. Please put it

in the offering plate with your name, or call the church office 565-0648

**Then watch your emails!!!**

Our Diocese of San Joaquin Website:  
<http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/>

Diocesan Newsletter:

<http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/san-joaquin-anglican.html>



## Serious Discipleship



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:  
August 6<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar  
behind food table

Altar Guild:  
No Meeting in August

Daughters: No Meeting in August

Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sun, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

### Other Ministry Opportunities

Acolyte  
Lector  
Prayer Team  
Collection Counter  
Hospitality  
Usher  
Flowers  
Homebound Ministry  
Senior Ministry

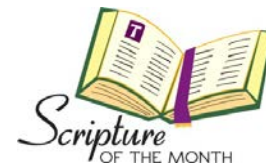


Don't forget to sign the cards on the back  
table for our homebound and sick



We do have some reading  
material to borrow, read  
and return in the church  
office.

Honor system is in place.  
Bookshelves in Fr Gubuan's Office.



August 6<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:13-21

Luke 9:28-36

August 13<sup>th</sup>

Jonah 2:1-10

Psalm 29

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 56:1-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:13-24

Matthew 15:21-28

August 27<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138

Romans 11:25-36

Matthew 16:13-20



Lorraine Hitchcock is offering a Women's  
Bible Study to begin in September.  
The study is of Jesus "I AM" Statements from  
the book of John.  
Book – "Finding I AM" by Lysa TerKeurst -  
\$14.99 on Amazon  
More Info to follow!!!

# Selfless Service



## August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Steve Olmsted
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Wilson Melchor
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Claude Smart
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Jim Thompson
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Terry Beth
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Gary Crowder



## August

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gracy Emmatty
- 4<sup>th</sup> Joe Dietrich
- 14<sup>th</sup> Denis Ceballos
- 16<sup>th</sup> Lee Atwater
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mike Finney
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Gigi Kemalyan
- 24<sup>th</sup> David Lind
- 26<sup>th</sup> Barbara Moeckel
- 31<sup>st</sup> Serina Bogen



## August

- 10<sup>th</sup> Lydia Tobias, Mom of Peggy
- 11<sup>th</sup> Cindy Dunn, Wife of Rick



## July

Mike & Fresca Finney in loving memory of their parents Fred and Margaret Finney and Isabel and Godofredo Pallones

Peggy Tobias in memory of her mother, Lydia and thanksgiving for her sister, Carol and friend, Val

Liz Haines & family in loving memory of Dick Haines; and Remy Balagey in thanksgiving for her Birthday

Jerry & Samantha Towne in celebration for their wedding anniversary

Steve & Agnes Olmsted in celebration of their wedding anniversary



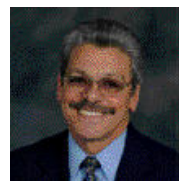
### **Under the Freeway Ministry the First Saturday of Every Month**

Our ladies are always in need of ladies toiletries, such as small shampoos, deodorants, lotions, lip balms, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc, underwear as such. See Samantha Towne for

more info. This is an awesome ministry to the homeless women of Stockton.

This ministry piggy backs on the Downtown Feeding of the Homeless on the First Saturday of the Month.

See Deacon Jeff for more details.



**ERICH A AULWURM**  
MAY 19, 1952 – JULY 6, 2017

May His Soul, and the souls of all the  
Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest on  
Peace. **Amen**

August 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Transfiguration</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	7	8	9 2pm O'Connor Woods Mass	10	11	12
<b>13 Pentecost X</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>20 Pentecost XI</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	21	22	23 2pm O'Connor Woods Mass	24	25	26
<b>27 Pentecost XII</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist Bishop's Committee Meeting	28	29	30	31		

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Let us pray for all our students and teachers returning to school

Thank you for being with us  
Fr Franklin Mmor!





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