



# The Good News

## New Wine in New Wineskins

At this year’s Diocesan Convention one of the keynote speakers said something like, “churches are in trouble that focus more on memories rather than on dreams.” I think we can do both. The past reveals our identity, and character and a richness that is passed on to the next generation. And we need also to be looking ahead – to dream and work toward those dreams.

One of the images I love from the Gospels is from Matthew 9:1-17, “Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.” Jesus brought a new message to the world and particu-

larly to the religious establishment. Although that was 2000 years ago it still rings true and new. That’s because Jesus Christ is still alive and still speaking to and through the Church. The Gospel of Jesus gives each new generation a fresh application of the Holy Spirit. That has been true throughout history.

On a regular basis we need to take a spiritual inventory and take a constructive look at any outdated wineskins. In our individual faith journeys this amounts to noticing and reflecting on what is drying up in our devotional disciplines. Where is the

Holy Spirit coming alive for us? We may need a different approach to Bible study, a new prayer group or a prayer practice that enlivens our sense of the presence of God in our lives.

Churches do the same thing. Now in the life of the Church of the Transfiguration you are not only in a search process, you are actively and intentionally reflecting upon your ministry, your identity, your uniqueness in the community. It is sad but true that if some churches closed their doors the community might not even notice.

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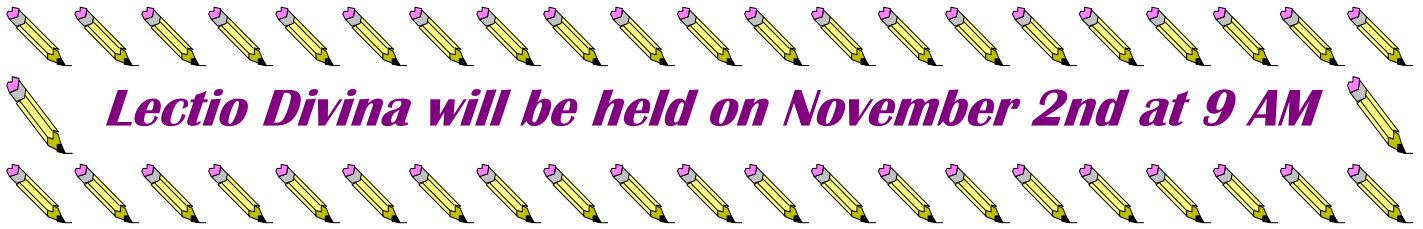
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### Special points of interest:

- *Just Jazz featuring Mattie Eades*
- *Bishop’s Visit Potluck*
- *Annual Meeting*
- *Stephanie’s open house*

Check This Out!!!



*Lectio Divina will be held on November 2nd at 9 AM*

Greening of the Church  
December 1st  
Please bring a soup  
to share



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2013 Vestry

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Black & Randy Reznik  
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Michael Coriden  
Mary Hatfield  
Treasurer—NEEDED  
Vestry Clerk—Sara Gadeken  
Members—NEEDED

## New Wine in New Wineskins, continued

People would ask, "Can you remember what used to be on that corner?" Not so at Transfiguration. My impression is you are vital to the community of Evergreen. You are a key to the rich tapestry of history and your ministries and hospitality give the area "heart." This will be of great interest to a prospective priest.

And now a *new wine* will be discovered followed by the challenge to find the new wineskins. Where is the faith renewal taking place and what structures are needed to support its growth?

T.S. Eliot wrote a line of prose that echoes the same theme as the Gospel, "For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice."

I invite each of you to pray daily for the work of the search committee and for a collective reflection upon the renewal that is bound to come as the fruit of your faithfulness.

The Reverend Sarah Berlin

### The Bell Tower Legacy Society

*Vera Hanson showed her gratitude for Transfiguration by remembering the church in her will. Following her example, members of the legacy society honor our heritage and secure our future.*



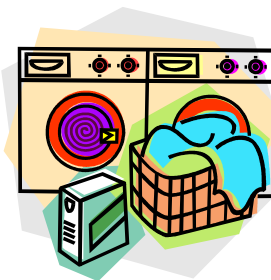
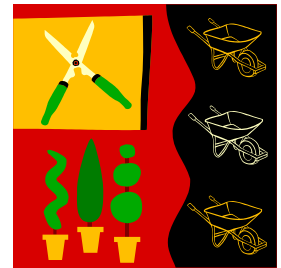
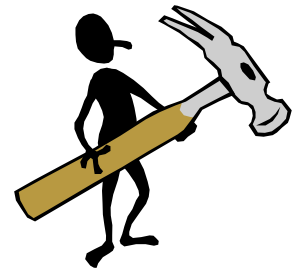
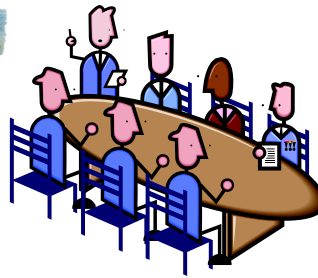
In preparation for our annual meeting, the Parish Vision is included in this newsletter.

## **Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, November 17th  
between services**

Thank You's

*Thank you to all who help to keep Transfiguration wonderful!*



## Parish Vision

Dear Parish Family,

During the annual meeting in January, a Parish Vision Statement was provided for all members of the church. As part of the discernment process for Father Mark, we vowed to take all congregants' survey results, comments, questions, desires and needs into account in order to form an updated Parish Vision Statement.

Attached you will find this updated Parish Vision Statement, which was provided to Father Mark for his own discernment.

The Vestry is continuing their discernment using this vision statement

Please contact a Vestry member with any questions or comments.

### **Church of the Transfiguration Parish Vision**

The Church of the Transfiguration is keeping alive the ever changing nature of the congregation. Yet, in the midst of these changes, core traditions and values remain. It is with enthusiasm and excitement that we document our vision for the future and plot a path for the discernment of our congregation and Priest in Charge in pursuit of that vision.

### **Vibrant Programs**

Transfiguration is blessed with many willing congregants that participate in a number of vibrant programs. Many of these have transcended multiple church administrations and rectors. Further, some like Lessons and Carols have transcended our congregational bounds and has become a community tradition. Further, we have parishioners who due to personal passions, create a mission of their own who we are able to support and add resources. Transfiguration also hosts a day school that is the class program in the area. At times, up to 75 families not associated with Transfiguration trust their kids with us during the week. The following is a summary of our most vibrant programs currently:

Traditional Worship Services weekly 8:00 & 10:15

Christmas Eve

Easter and full Lenten services

Episcopal Day School of Evergreen

Music Program including

Lessons and Carols

Choir Program

Music Concerts for the community

EChO on our Property

Support for the Colorado Haiti Project

Altar Guild

Bell Tower Legacy Society

Daughters of the King

Active Property Committee

Low cost rental properties

Support for Alternative Gift Fair

Feast and Fellowship

Book Club

Godly Play Sunday School and Adult classes

Support of AA on our campus

Prayer Chain

Support of Friendship Bridge

Start Talking Stop Suicide Program

Community Haunted House

Community Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Love and Logic classes for EDSE Parents

## Areas of Focus for Improvement

While we are very blessed with our vibrant programs, we are not satisfied that we have optimized our relationship with the community as a whole and there are areas that need work to build. We have lost many young families over the years because of migrations to non-traditional worship styles, decisions made by our Episcopal Church Leadership, and frankly negativity around changes within the church. We haven't been able to reach out on a religious level and provide that for our Day School families and we need to work on that.

Further, there are other areas that our current Vestry has targeted for improvement in the coming year:

- Relationship with EDSE families
- Sunday School ( need more kids)
- Additional fellowship opportunities
- A better performing wedding business
- Continue to upgrade and maintain our extensive property
- Added community exposure
- Analyze Outreach Missions
  - Do we have enough?
  - Are we supporting the ones we do have enough?
- Stabilizing and growing the congregation
- Building interest in Vestry participation
- Refine our Vestry structure
- Have regular and more predictable office hours

## Vision

Transfiguration will be a community fixture for the next 100 years building on its first 100 years. We will continue to provide traditional Episcopalian worship opportunities along with strong community service. We will have to nurture both human and capital resources in order to achieve this. The Vestry will be the entity to provide this ongoing vision and to employ the Leadership that is commensurate with our vision.

This Vestry will be structured in such manner as to promote oversight and involvement. Each member will have operational oversight responsibilities to make sure programs and groups are supporting the higher mission. Further, the Vestry will employ sound financial oversight of the income and expenses. We will certainly comply with Federal, State and local laws as well as Diocesan guidelines. We will operate in an open and transparent manner with multiple channels of communication to reach the widest audience.

We will be a comfortable and hospitable place of worship and mission where relationships are built for the long term. We will do this by hiring exceptionally qualified staff given our resources, providing excellent programs, making a spiritual connection with congregants and guests, encouraging servant hood to Church and to fellow man by working with our outreach missions, empowering passionate congregants to create new ministries, providing capital and human support to our missions, and operating in a mode of continuous improvement to consistently meet the needs of our community.

## Parish Vision

### Proposed Qualifications for a Parish Rector

Given our vision for the future and our desire to have excellent leadership over excellent programs, and our statement that an excellent staff goes hand in hand in achieving that vision, we would expect that a Rector with the following traits will be paramount in turning this vision into reality:

A rector who can be an integral member of our family.

One who strives to make our lives and our church closer to what Jesus would have us be.

An excellent preacher who can make the gospel relevant to our lives.

A warm, caring rector who can be a healing force in a somewhat divided parish.

An energetic and enthusiastic person who can eventually restore us to vibrancy and growth.

Someone who will reach out to those in need in our community, the country and the world.

A rector who has a love for the traditions of the evangelical aspects of spiritual life with a continued emphasis on developing diverse aspects of worship with a willingness to minister to small groups.

Be an effective, powerful, compelling preacher.

A rector that supports and guides members of the congregation in our spiritual growth and development, bringing us closer to Christ by example, teaching and preaching.

Articulate a vision in conjunction with the vestry for the church and provide leadership in implementing that vision.

Build and strengthen a sense of community and fellowship among the congregation; bringing about a healing of the past, the divisions between worship styles, the divisions between traditionalists and those more contemporary or evangelical.

Be there for the congregation, be a friend and a shoulder to cry on. Visit the sick, shut-ins and bereaved.

Provide pastoral counseling. Nurture the congregation so that they can grow within a community of faith.

Be a good administrator, organizer, manager. (Good at hiring, managing and delegating.)

Work in cooperation with laity in the planning and leadership of church programs and events. Be a team player, empowering and encouraging lay leadership and ministries.

Love the Episcopal traditions of worship, liturgy and music.

Live life in a continual interactive relationship with God

Support the youth of this congregation and those who have not yet discovered Christ in their everyday lives.

Reach out to the unchurched as a way to bring more people to Christ and make our church a growing, vibrant place of worship, spirituality and community.

Develop and support Christian education programs for children, youth and adults (such as Sunday school, pre-K school, etc.). Be a teacher who can help people of all ages understand and live the Christian faith.

Actively and visibly support the church's stewardship program.

Make pastoral visits to members' homes.

A rector who can lead us where we need to go, communicate effectively why we need to go there, and be patient enough to take us along with small steps.

## Parish Vision

### Outline for the future

The future is bright for Transfiguration. We are at a critical juncture at this moment and just like in past decades, we will move through this phase with improvement and a new, crisp and modernized plan. We are blessed to have many strong vibrant programs run by passionate people. We look to empower these groups and build on their strength. We recognize that we have areas that need attention and we are formulating plans and people to address them. We will also continue to look to our congregation to involve others in our improvement areas. We will continue to look for ways to improve the processes and procedures of our staff. We will solidify our long term strategy for a Priest and we look forward to that stability. These along with strong focus on our long term vision will allow Transfiguration to meet the needs of our community for the next 100 years. We look forward to being there for a significant part of that ride.

### Vestry Elections.....are you interested in serving?!

The Vestry is a productive and prayerful group—and even enjoyable!  
Tell a current Vestry member if you'd like to join: Randy Reznick, David Black, Stephanie Park, Mary Hatfield, Michael Coriden

*Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month*

Elections to be held at annual meeting



# The Bishop is Coming.....

## November 10th

# Please bring a dish to share for lunch





*Just Jazz featuring Mattie Eades!!!*

*Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th*

*Conifer High School*

*Doors 6 pm Show 7 pm*

*Tickets just \$8*

*Desserts provided.*



## ***THE BUTLER DID IT***

*Comedic Murder Mystery featuring Mattie Eades*

*Friday, November 15th at 7 pm*

*Saturday November 16th at 2 pm and 7 pm*

*Limited Seating*

*Tickets—\$8 online, \$10 at door*

*Order tickets online at:*

*<http://www.seatyourself.biz/coniferhs>*

*Mention Martha Eades to give her credit for  
filling the house!*



Come sample new and favorite Mary Kay products! Shop for the holidays! No games, no gimmicks - just open testers and samples.....and homemade cooking!

# Mary Kay Open House<sup>□</sup>

Saturday, November 16, 4-7 pm

Stephanie's Home  
4881 South Amaro Drive  
Evergreen, CO 80439

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**Soup Ministry**

Homemade soups in the freezer are available for parishioners and friends that are sick, shut-in or need some TLC. Feel free to give soup to someone you see at church that is hurting, or take soup to someone you are going to visit. The soups are in the freezer on the east wall of the kitchen.

Help make lunch for the community.....COT par-  
ticipates with other churches in the community to pro-  
vide lunch meals for EChO. The program, called  
“Stone Soup”, provides a warm lunch to clients that  
come to EChO throughout the week. Our next soup  
making day will be on November 17th.  
We need volunteers to help in the preparation and  
purchase of ingredients (see next page) or to donate for  
costs for this worthy cause.  
Please contact Stephanie if you would like to stay after  
church on November 17th to prepare the soup.  
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- X 1 Pound Turkey Breast, cooked and shredded with fingers
- X 10 Ounces Fresh Cranberries, rinsed and picked through
- X 1 Can Great Northern Beans (15 Ounces), rinsed
- X 1/2 Sweet Yellow Onion, sliced thin
- X 1 Cup Corn
- X 4 Ounces Mushroom, sliced
- X 4 Cups Chicken or Turkey Stock
- X 1 Cup Dry White Wine
- X 1 Tablespoon Fresh Thyme
- X 2 Tablespoons Honey
- X 2 Tablespoons Butter, unsalted
- X Salt and Pepper, to taste

## Turkey Cranberry Stew Recipe

### X Preparation:

X Melt the butter in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add the onions and sauté until soft (about 5 minutes). Add the mushrooms and corn and cook for another 10 minutes.

X Add the white wine. Scrape the bottom of the pan with a spoon to loosen any caramelized bits. Add the stock, turkey, cranberries, honey, and thyme. Bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, and cook for 15 minutes. Most of the cranberries will burst. Add the beans and cook an additional 10 minutes.

X **REMEMBER TO MULTIPLY BY 8 FOR ECHO INGREDIENTS!!!**



***Transfiguration Movie Night***

***"Mouse Hunt"***

***Tuesday, November 5th—7:00 PM***

***Open to the community! BYOB***



# The Transfiguration Book Club

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Monday, November 25th from 6:30—9:30 PM in the Church

Please contact Kit or Shelley for book club information.

All are invited to join in on this fun and interesting group—ladies AND gentlemen!

Even if you have never come to any of the meetings before, please come.....and bring friends!

Please bring a snack and drink to share

If you have question or concerns, email  
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Bring your friends! -- we would like to grow our attendance to include others in the Evergreen community.

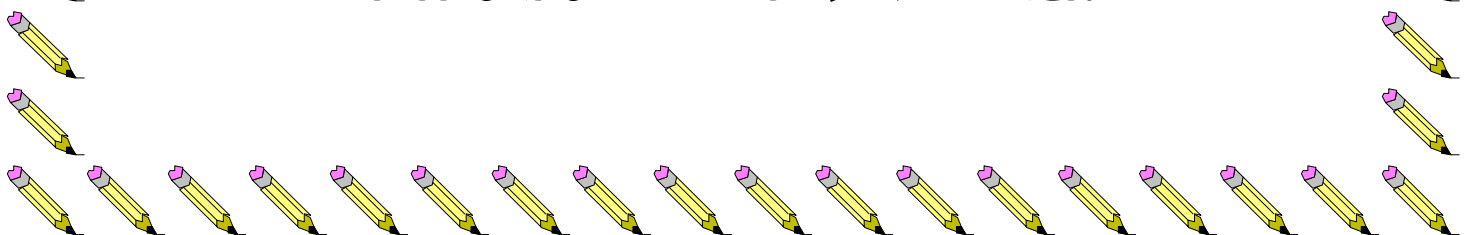


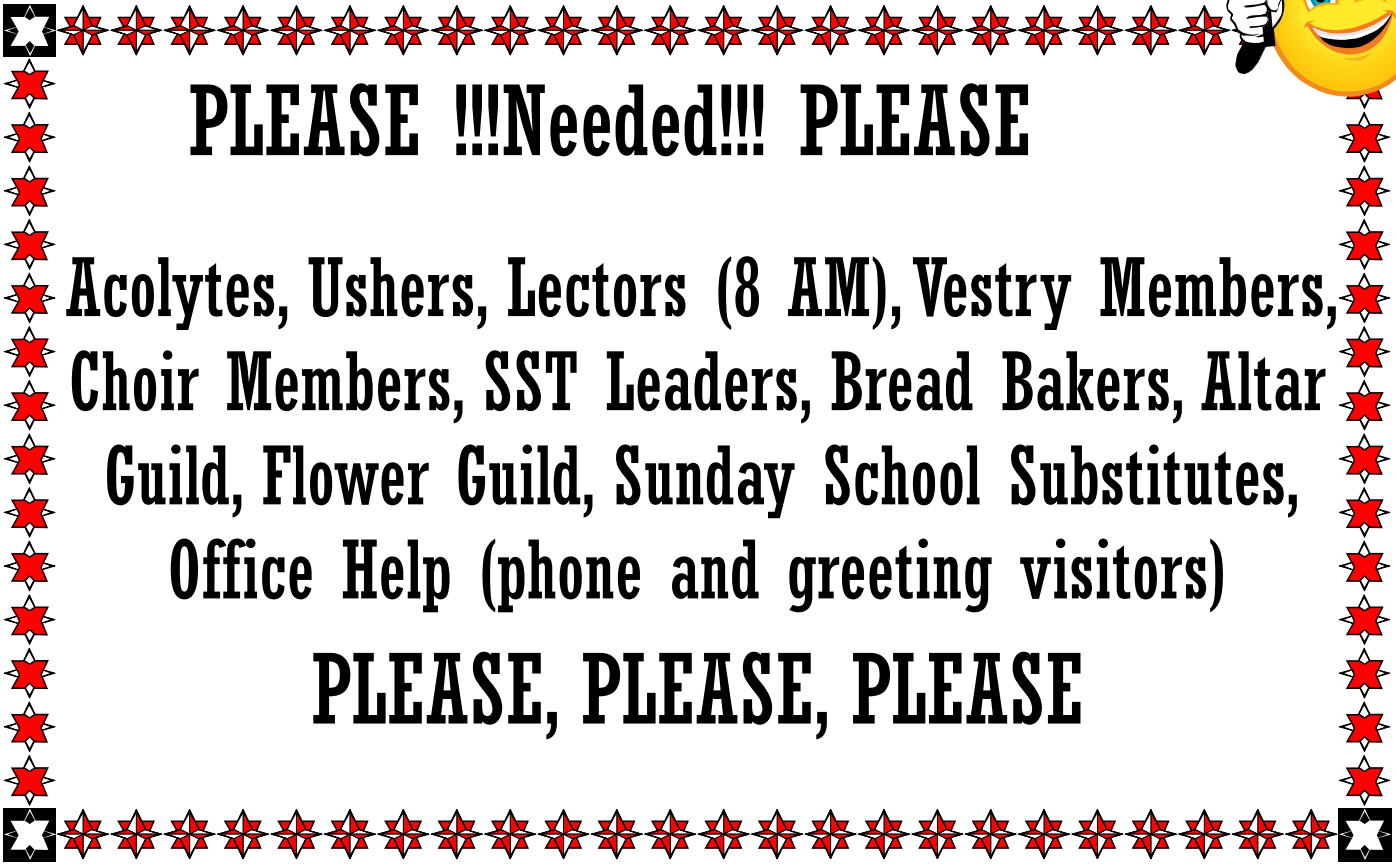
*October 21, 2013*

- *Meeting with JP Total about lease extension plans*
- *JP Total donation from Transfiguration and Diocese*
- *Discussed Annual Meeting and election of new vestry members*



***ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN ON THE OPEN SESSIONS OF THE VESTRY MEETINGS.***





**PLEASE !!!Needed!!! PLEASE**

**Acolytes, Ushers, Lectors (8 AM), Vestry Members,  
Choir Members, SST Leaders, Bread Bakers, Altar  
Guild, Flower Guild, Sunday School Substitutes,  
Office Help (phone and greeting visitors)**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**

Prayers

**Anointing and Healing Prayers**

Anointing and healing prayers are offered by Father Mark and the Daughters of the King during the 10:15 service on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to come to the front of the church after communion for this special offering. This month the prayers will be on **November 24th.**

**Morning Prayer Service**

sponsored by the Daughters of the King and in fellowship with EDSE is offered every Thursday morning from 9:30—10:00 in the church.

**Evening Prayer Service**

also sponsored by the Daughters of the King is offered on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 5:30 pm in the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Joseph. The next Evening Prayer services will be **November 11th and 25th.**



## FOOD BANK



## Evergreen Christian Outreach

### Needs List-November 2013

Small Peanut Butter

Toothpaste

Hearty Soups

Canned Yams

Mac & Cheese

Toilet Paper

Chili

Cold Cereal

Instant Potatoes

Canned fruit

Laundry Detergent

Canned Cranberries

Dish Liquid Soap

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Turkeys

Stuffing Mix

Whole Grain Pasta

Pies

Canned Green Beans

Canned Ravioli and Spaghetios



### Other Items for St. Raphael's House\*

Rugs, Lamps

Home Decor

Pots & Pans

Arts & Crafts Supplies

Adult Clothing Accessories

King & Queen Bedding

Children's Shoes

Blenders, Toasters, Microwaves

Tarps

Summer Clothing for All

Umbrellas

Small Kitchen Appliances

**Note:** *No after hours donations accepted due to fire and safety requirements. Thank you for your cooperation and your donations.*

**Volunteers Always Needed!**

Call: 303-670-1796

Open Mondays 10-6

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10-4

*Celebrate!!!*

## November Birthdays

*Ed Work 11/5*

*Marcia Younger 11/6*

*Karen Strong 11/9*

*Dixie Kilborn 11/16*

*Patsy Langworthy 11/19*

*Samuel Keen 11/20*

*Jackie Eschenlohr 11/21*

*Mychelle Mowry 11/22*

*Shelby Cusack 11/25*



## November Anniversaries

*Willis & Terry Bennett*

*November 22nd*


*Bill & Joella Borchelt*

*November 29th*



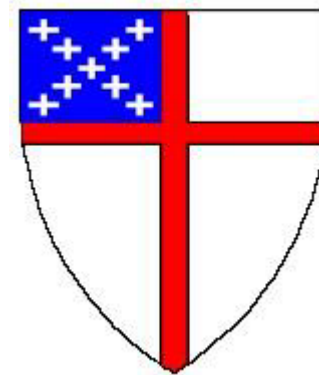


# November 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Church Douglas Hall St. Mark's	Meadow Chapel Stewart Lounge				1 3 Art Sale set up	2 8 am AA 9 am Lectio Divina 10-4 Art Sale
3 8 am Holy Eucharist Holy Eucha- rist w/ music	4 9-3 EDSE 6:30 EDSE Board Meet- ing	5 9-3 EDSE 7 pm MOVIE NIGHT	6 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	7 9-3 EDSE 9:30-10 Morn- ing Prayer 7-9 Choir	8	9 8 am AA 3:30-5:30 Recit- al
10 8 am Holy Eucharist 9-10—Bishop's Meeting 10:15 am Holy Eucharist w/music	11 9-3 EDSE 5:30 Evening Prayer 6-8 EChO Budget Group	12 9-11 Foothills Rotary (EChO) 9-3 EDSE 7-9 EChO Board Mtg 6-7 Property Committee	13 7-2 Private Book Club 9-3 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	14 8-4 EChO Workshop 9-3 EDSE 9:30-10 Morn- ing Prayer 7-9 Choir	15	16 8 am AA 5-8 Recital
17 8 am Holy Eu- charist 9 -10 Annual Meeting 10:15 am Holy Eucharist w/music	18 9-12 EDSE 5:30 Vestry	19 9-12 EDSE 5:30-9 Friendship Bridge	20 9-12 EDSE 7:30 pm AA	21 9-12 EDSE 9-11 EChO 9:30-10 Morn- ing Prayer 7-9 Choir	22	23 8 am AA
24 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist w/ music	25 5:30 Evening Prayer 6:30 Book Club	26	27 7:30 pm AA	28 	29	30 8 am AA

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## Newsletter Submissions

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**Have something to add to the newsletter?!?!  
Please contact Stephanie—  
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**Upcoming ideas for pages: recipe exchange,  
community coupons, trivia and games**

**ALL IDEAS WELCOME AND  
ENCOURAGED!!!**