



# June

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### WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, you belong here. Our understanding of belonging extends to those who are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered. Belonging here has no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we. You are worthy, so come as you are.

## Update on Bishop Search

May 22, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Nevada, I thank all of you for your support and patience as we dealt with the pain and disappointment of our failed search for a new bishop last year. It was a hard decision, and we apologize for the frustration and distress it caused so many of you and the candidates themselves. We truly believe had we not taken this step, we would have faced even greater pain in the future.

Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10, the clergy - both priests and deacons - met at Camp Galilee. Most of our time was spent discussing what happened and our way forward.

**- So, what happened?** - In the time since the first search ended, we have analyzed what went wrong. The main error we made as the Standing Committee was to assume a new bishop had to be in place immediately when our current bishop, Dan, retired. That caused us to compress the timeline for the search to the point, that although the Search Committee worked diligently, we had insufficient time for training and gathering complete information. Now we understand there are a number of ways to handle the time between bishops.

**- Where do we go from here?** - By the end of our time at Galilee, the consensus was the clergy now have greater faith in the work of the Standing Committee. We Episcopalians have always believed we find God in conversation, and the clergy affirmed the need for our regular annual clergy meetings.

As part of the healing process, we hope to meet soon with the previous Search Committee to answer questions they might

have and listen to their concerns and suggestions for the future.

We are excited we are currently developing criteria for a new Bishop Search Committee. It will be formed during the coming months and introduced at our Diocesan Convention in October 2019.

**- How will this time be different?** - The main difference is this next process will not be rushed. It is probable the election of our new bishop will not occur in 2020, but rather in a special electing convention in 2021.

Last time, many other dioceses in our region were electing bishops, creating pressure on us to make our selection quickly and limiting the pool of available consultants and our time working with them. This will not be the case this time.

Whereas Dan, as our current bishop, could not be involved in our search process, we are grateful we now have the gift of Bishop Waggoner's wisdom to help guide us. As Assisting Bishop, Bp. Waggoner has the freedom to advise while canonical authority still rests with the Standing Committee.

**- When will you hear from us again?** - We plan to keep you updated as we take our next steps through our regular communications, special letters, and possibly even video. Feel free at any time you have questions or concerns to contact us through the Diocesan Office or speak to your local Standing Committee members who come from all corners of this great state.

Bless you and thank you!

Bonnie Polley, President

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of NV

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## From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



Tricia and I are looking into refinancing our mortgage in order to use some equity to make improvements on our home. What I have learned is that rules and/or policies pertaining to locked rates and "best deals" mean nothing. I have learned that when someone tells me they are giving me their best (offer) that this is most likely not the truth.

What does it mean to offer someone our best when we know it's not? Is pretending that we are offering our best when it is only to sell the world a false perception an okay thing to do?

When it comes to living into what Jesus teaches us in the Gospels, where do we stand? Do we pretend to do our best or are we actually trying to do the best we can? (Keep in mind that our best is not and will never be perfect, whatever perfect means.)

What does trying to do our best look like?

It's worth a ponder.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Kirk" with a small cross symbol above the end of the word.

## 11th Annual BIBBY-Q

This year's **Bibby-Q** will be held on Sunday June 9th after the 10 AM Pentecost Service.

**Featuring Deep Pit Style Beef, Bob's Beans, Salads, Rolls, Drinks.**

**100%** of the proceeds go to St. Paul's Building Project for roof & parking lot repairs.

**Presale Tickets** Adults \$15.00 Children \$ 5.00  
**At the Door** Adults \$20.00 Children \$10.00  
Tickets available after Services May 19 & May 26, June 2 or in the Parish Office.

**Get your tickets early so we know how much food to prepare.**

## Annual Joint Episcopal Picnic

The Annual Joint Episcopal Church Picnic is Sunday, **June 16th** at 1:00 p.m. at Idlewild Park. Please bring picnic side dishes and desserts. Let's have a good showing from St. Paul's this year!

## St. Paul's Blood Drive: June 2nd

Sunday, June 2nd, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
To get a timeslot, look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Sarah Lightfoot at 775-830-8964.

## Worship Time Change Pentecost Sunday, June 9th 10:00 a.m.

This will be a combined service held outside in The Garden (weather permitting). **We invite everyone to wear the colors of fire, (red/orange)** as a sign of the Holy Spirit.

This will be the only worship service offered on this day. No 5:00 service on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Paul's Picnic and Camping Davis Creek Park June 28-30

Our 2nd annual potluck picnic will be at **12:30 pm on Saturday June 29, 2019** at the group site at Davis Creek Park (Washoe County). Burgers will be provided and please bring a salad, side-dish, or dessert to share. Please fill out the sign-up sheet on the announcement bulletin board (in the narthex) so we have a head count.

For those who wish to camp, the group site is available both nights (Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29, 2019). There is no charge but bring your own tent or RV. There will be a brief prayer service Sunday morning. For any questions, please contact Jon Mittelstadt or the church office.

## Sponsor Northern Nevada PRIDE

Last year, St. Paul's became the first church to be an official sponsor for the Northern Nevada PRIDE event and parade. I want St. Paul's to sponsor again this year. If you would like to donate to help pay for our sponsorship, please make that donation in the offering plate on a Sunday and put "Pride" or "Pride Sponsor" in the subject line of your check. If your donation is cash, put it in one of the pew envelopes and write "Pride" or "Pride Sponsor" on it. You can also donate through our online giving account. Make sure to put "Pride" or "Pride Sponsor" on the memo line.

If you don't wish to donate to our sponsorship, that is okay. Maybe you would like to walk with St. Paul's in the PRIDE parade on July 27th. You'll hear more about this later....Blessings, Kirk+

## June in the Food Pantry

### "Oodles of Noodles!"

Spaghetti, pasta & sauces.



## Hike Around Spooner Lake

Research shows getting outdoors relieves stress, increases creativity and inspires feelings of awe. So, why not join St. Paul's Gratitude Committee for a 2.4-mile hike around Spooner Lake on Saturday, **July 20**? Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leash. We'll meet at St. Paul's north parking lot at 9 am and then carpool up to Spooner Lake. Bring a lunch, water, trash bags (we will leave it cleaner than we found it) and sturdy shoes. For more information, contact Deacon Mike Margerum.

## Meditation Training Opportunities

This past April, several St. Paul's members attended a meditation training at the Buddhist temple near St. Paul's (across the street from the library). It was a valuable experience to

learn some centering techniques, get to know our neighbors, and learn a little about their culture and practices. (Meditation has a long tradition in Christianity and is not reserved for any particular religious tradition). Did you miss the date in April but would like to attend a basic training? Or did you attend the training in April and would like to return for another session? Either way, if you are interested in attending a meditation training at the Buddhist temple this summer, contact Jon Mittelstadt at [jon.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mittel@gmail.com) to coordinate a date for another visit(s) to the Buddhist temple.

## Prayers of the People

Please help us keep our Prayer Chain List up to date. Let someone in the Prayer Chain Group or Robin in the office know each month if we are to continue to pray for your special people. Thank you.

Diane, Pat, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Ernesto, Preston, Jameson Walker, Ella, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Steve, Ruthie, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Vickie, Matthew, Alex, Ken, Pattie, Susan, Ann, Sue, Ruth, Baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Al, Ted, Sharon, Stan, Bonnie, Jaemie, Rae, Debby, Jeff, Mike, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael, Christy, Gerry, Mady, Katheryn, Dave, Beth Ann, Ben, Marlys, Cathy, Ashley, Bob, Mary, Jerry, Sarah, Kathy, Rita, Lance, Ana, Jeanette, the Worthington family, Bengt, Jim, Joy, Pattsy, Julie, Donna, Smitty, Patricia, Randy, Leon, Catie, Maryanne, Pinkie, Cate, Taylor, Leslie, Esther, Rev. Ira, Rev. Loren.

**Military:** Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Evanne, Alex, Suzanne, Mason, David, Paul, Roger, Shylo, Alberto, Tristan.

## Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in grades 7-12 are invited to come and participate. The focus will be different each week, but you can count on whatever the EYC is doing, it will stimulate our growth with God and with each other, and our growth in serving Christ in the world. We invite you to come join us for food, fellowship and fun! If you are new to St. Paul's, we welcome you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Woodliff at [triciawoodliff@hotmail.com](mailto:triciawoodliff@hotmail.com) or Tia Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 or by email at [tia.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:tia.mittel@gmail.com).

### Summer Schedule:

EYC will take a break during the summer. We will meet for a fun event. Watch for details in your email, in the Epistle and on Facebook.

### Painting Bowls at Playful Potter

In August we will get together after church to go to lunch and then to Playful Potter to paint bowls for the "Empty Bowls" fundraiser for the Community Food Pantry at St. Paul's. The date will be announced in the Epistle, by email and on Facebook.

### September 8: Regular Meetings Begin

EYC will meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room. Watch for more details later.

### Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers & Squares meets in the Parish Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month, where quilts are cut out, sewed, and prayer threads inserted. Knowing how to sew is not necessary as there are many other tasks involved in making the quilts. When the quilts

are completed, they are placed in the new Quilt Cabinet in the Narthex. Anyone can view and select a quilt for someone in need.

To request a quilt, contact Margaret Bouzek at [margaret.bouzek@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.bouzek@gmail.com), Peg Bibby at [ragladypeg@att.net](mailto:ragladypeg@att.net), the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

### Laundry Love

This once a month ministry helps people do their laundry so they can use their limited funds on medicine, rent, etc. Doing a load of laundry is expensive, so we continually collect quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters). Monetary donations can either be handed to Linda Devon or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

If you have any questions or interest in helping with ministry, contact Linda Devon at [LSD4764@hotmail.com](mailto:LSD4764@hotmail.com).

### Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mon, Tues, Fri: Spanish Ala-non @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Gam-anon Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

### KENYA GOLF TOURNEY

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS  
AND SORT-OF GOLFERS**



### **ANNOUNCING THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KENYA GOLF TOURNEY**

PROCEEDS SUPPORT *INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS*, PROMOTING HEALTH CARE, CLEAN WATER AND EDUCATION FOR THOSE IN NEED

**WHEN:** SATURDAY, JUNE 15

**WHERE:** The Beautiful SOMERSETT CANYON 9 EXECUTIVE COURSE

**COST: \$30 PER GOLFER**  
(INCLUDES LUNCH)

**CHECK-IN BY 8:30 A.M.**  
WITH SHOTGUN TEE-OFF AT 9 A.M.

The Event Will Also Include GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

Don't Play Golf? Hole Sponsors are Welcome  
(Minimum \$30 for sponsorship)

The Tournament is a Scramble – No Individual Scores Count!

Golfers of all abilities can participate and help fund IDM Projects in Kenya

Single, doubles, 3-somes and 4-some and 5-somes are Welcome

(Note: No Riding Carts are Available on this Par 3 Course – Pull Carts are Available)

**CONTACT DEB STIVER for INFO or SIGN UP**  
**STIVER@UNR.EDU or 356-6474**

### **Kevin Jones Scholarships Awarded**

Congratulations to Chelsea Herdt and Cooper Woodliff – the 2019 recipients of the Kevin Jones Memorial Scholarship! Both graduated in May from Truckee Meadows Community College High School with honors and with associate degrees. Both will continue their college education this fall at the University of Nevada Reno.

We here at St. Paul's have seen them cooking pancakes for the Pancake Suppers, carrying the flag in the Pride Parade, and helping with parish workdays. We have watched them grow as acolytes, lay readers and recently, we had the privilege of hearing each of them preach their senior sermon. Each has represented St. Paul's at the Episcopal Youth Event and were recently selected as youth delegates to our last Diocesan Convention.

Cooper has attended and worked as a counselor at Camp Galilee and helped both at the food bank and in various homeless projects.

During her younger years Chelsea was always willing to help when needed – sometimes as a singer in the Christmas Pageant or as an aide in a Sunday School class.

Both of these outstanding young people have amazing goals and plans for their individual futures. Cooper will be double majoring in History and Philosophy, with a specialization in law and ethics. Chelsea loves children and will be pursuing a Bachelors degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She hopes to become a Certified Child Life Specialist and help infants, children, youth and families cope with the stress and uncertainty of acute and chronic illness, injury, trauma, disability, and loss.

Blessings and love to each as they head off to UNR!!

St. Paul's "Kevin Jones Memorial Scholarship" Committee



## Coming Events



### June 2019

Saturday	June 01, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	June 02, 2019	<b>Blood Drive</b> (starts @ 9:00 a.m.)	9:00 am
Sunday	June 02, 2019	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	June 03, 2019	Church Building Program Meeting	1:30 pm
Thursday	June 06, 2019	Bible Study <u>each Thursday thru June</u>	12:00 pm
Sunday	June 09, 2019	<b>Pentecost Day (wear red!)</b>	
Sunday	June 09, 2019	Combined Pentecost Service ( <u>no 5:00 p.m.</u> )	<b>10:00 am</b>
Sunday	June 09, 2019	Bibby-Q	11:00 am
Monday	June 10, 2019	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Saturday	June 15, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Sunday	June 16, 2019	<b>Father's Day</b>	
Sunday	June 16, 2019	Joint Episcopal Church Picnic ( <i>Idlewild Park</i> )	1:00 pm
Saturday	June 22, 2019	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Tuesday	June 25, 2019	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Tuesday	June 25, 2019	Empty Bowls Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	June 27, 2019	Laundry Love ( <i>Oddie Blvd. Laundromat</i> )	6:00 pm
Friday	June 28, 2019	St. Paul's Campout thru Sunday ( <i>Davis Creek</i> )	8:00 pm
Sunday	June 30, 2019	Bishop Jim's Annual Visit 9:00 & 11:00 services	
Sunday	June 30, 2019	<u>No 5:00 p.m. service this Sunday</u>	

### Recurring Events

**Worship times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**Mid-Week Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 12:15 p.m.**

EYC is taking a break for the Summer! See you in August to paint Empty Bowls!

**Rector's Sabbath is every Tuesday**

**Bible Study every Thursday @ 12:00 p.m.**

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

AA (Women's group) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Spanish Alanon group meets, Mon. Tues. & Fri. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Alanon meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

**Last Thursday of the Month, Laundry Love Ministry – Laundromat on Oddie Blvd. 6:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry is open Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Unless otherwise noted**

**NEW\*\*\*Food Pantry Mobile Unit, Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

\***Fourth** Wednesday of the month in the morning the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck are here

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Place Label Here



*Sun., 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Praise*  
*Sun., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Traditional*  
*Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music*  
*Wed., 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Holy Eucharist*