

# Parish Announcements

## Fr. Kirk on Vacation

Fr. Kirk will be out of the office August 2-18.

If you have any need during this time, please call the office between the hours of 10:00 and 1:00, 775-358-4474 after 1:00 p.m. call Margaret Bouzek, our Sr. Warden, 775-232-4712.

They will reach out to Rev. Rick.

## Blessing of the “Backpacks”

School will be starting soon. We would like to start the year off with special blessings. If you are student of any age or any level of education, or if you are a member of a faculty or staff of an educational/formational institution, we invite you to bring your backpack, school bag, satchel, computer bag, lunchbox, etc. Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing during the 10:00 a.m. service!

## UNITED THANK OFFERING 2024

**May 5 – November 3, 2024**

The United Thank Offering (UTO) was founded in 1883 to raise funds to support mission and ministry sites of The Episcopal Church that were without funding. The women of the church began by asking the assembled groups to make a thank offering for all the blessings of their past year. 100% of these offerings are then given away the following year to support innovative mission and ministry projects around the globe. Currently all grants awarded in the next three years are within the focus of Mathew 25, welcoming the stranger.

St. Paul's United Thank Offering Campaign will begin May 5 and May 12 with UTO BOXES

featured in the Narthex and culminating on Ingathering Sunday November 3. The UTO Blue Boxes offers St. Paul's parishioners a chance to express Gratitude for Blessings large or small.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathie Dixon, 774-747-4485.

## Scholarship to Men's Retreat

Don't let \$\$ keep you from attending the St. Paul's Men's Retreat.

If you would like a partial or full scholarship to cover the expense, please email Fr. Kirk at [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

All scholarships are confidential.

## St. Paul's Men's Retreat

**When: August 23 – 25**

Camp Galilee, Lake Tahoe

Cost: \$217.00

This includes dinner Friday night all meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday

Contact: Dick Stufflebeam [Realstuff775@charter.net](mailto:Realstuff775@charter.net)

## **Northern Nevada Pride Parade & Festival**

**Save the date September 7<sup>th</sup>!**

If you would like to help fund our participation, please write PRIDE on your donation. If you would like to join the PRIDE Committee, please email [Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org](mailto:Kirk@StPaulsSparks.org).

### **St. Paul's Potluck Picnic**

**(Optional Camping)**

**Saturday September 14, 2024**

Davis Creek Regional Park (RV Group Site) by Washoe Lake

Arrival Time: 2:00 pm

Potluck: 3:00 pm

Signup sheet in Narthex

Camping: Friday and Saturday Nights – 1- or 2-nights RV or tent

Questions: contact Jon Mittelstadt at 775-7223469 or [jon.mittel@gmail.com](mailto:jon.mittel@gmail.com)

### **Mass on the Grass**

**SAVE THE DATE: September 22nd**

Please join us in attending the Northwest Mission District's "Mass on the Grass" worship and picnic, Sunday, September 22nd, at 10:00 am, at the Comstock Picnic Pavilion at Bower's Mansion, 4005 Bowers Mansion Rd, New Washoe City, NV 89704.

**This will be our only worship service on this day, September 22.**

### **NO Friday Bible Study in August**

Friday Bible Study is on vacation through the entire month of August.

It will return in September.

### **Do You Have A Church Key?**

If you have a key to the church, please consider parking in the back/west side of the church. For security reasons, those glass doors by the trash cans remain locked at all times. If you are able to park on that side Sunday mornings, this will keep others from having to walk all the way around the building to get into the church. Thank you.

### **Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free**

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified. All chalices continue to be intinction only.

### **Donate Your Old Computers**

The Lion's Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken trash computer equipment. Working computers will be repurposed for those in need and the broken ones will be recycled.

You can bring these computers to the church for pickup by Dick Schori. If you have questions, contact him at [richard.schori@gmail.com](mailto:richard.schori@gmail.com).