

The SPIRE

The Newsletter of the
Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Sierra Madre, California

November, 2011

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

It came as a surprise to me to learn that a party has been planned to celebrate the twenty-five years that I've been the rector of the Church of the Ascension. The photos I've been shown certainly illustrate some of the changes in these years, and I'm not just referring to my girth. Debbie and I arrived as young people, and now we're solidly middle-aged. Our babies have grown into young adults. The grounds, the interior of the church, and the parish hall all look new and different. Other parts of the pictures are more subtle. About a hundred and twenty people have been buried in our Memorial Garden, including both of my parents. There are some families here that I have been privileged to have known for five of their generations. The house at 45 East Laurel Avenue, which has been a rectory, then a convent, then a school building, then a rectory again where our boys grew up, has now become the Parish House. It reflects our transition in growth towards becoming a program sized parish.

In my mind, there are other pictures as well that mark the years. I think of the wardens who have stood with me—Richard Lottridge, Paul Clifton, John Russell, Tom Hawkins, Lynne Holl, Sam Mooradian, Hal Barber, Chris Brunwin, Rob Stockly, Roger Keith, Ted Bosley, Susan Clifton, Jim Larew, Mark Dickson, Ted Calleton, Jean Rowe, and now Gary Griffiths and Ross Kellock. I have been blessed with some wonderful clergy colleagues—Roger Wood, John Larson, Fernando Gomez, Stuart Ruth, Kirby Smith, Jennifer Beal, Barrett VanBuren, Robert Moon, Bob Delgado, Spencer Edwards, and Bob Woodfield—and interns who have gone on to become colleagues and friends—Dan Martins, Bill Hardwick, Marilyn Omernick, Jon Anderson, Tom McAlpine, and Allison English to name a few.

I am grateful for these years that we have spent growing Ascension, and I find life and energy in our ministry together.

Yours in Christ, *MAB+*

CELEBRATE

Fr. Bamberger's 25th Anniversary

Invitations have been mailed to all our church members to join in the celebration of Fr Michael's 25th Anniversary on Saturday, November 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Hawks Hall.

We are honoring Fr. Michael for his leadership and devoted pastoral care over the years and for "being there" for us in the happy and sad times of our lives.

This celebration gives us the opportunity to thank him. Please return your RSVP cards so that we can prepare a festive evening for him and his family.

Thank you, *Ross Kellock*,
Junior Warden



The Verger's View

Last month I went to the annual meeting of the Vergers Guild in Cleveland, Ohio. Their cathedral was built in 1901 when there was a lot of money in Cleveland, and the street it is on was "millionaires' row." The highlight of the meeting was a Medieval Dinner served in the nave of the Cathedral. All chairs were moved back, tables brought in, and a meal of several courses, salad, chicken, beef and vegetables, pork roast, and a dessert, was served. The Dean's reception was held in a room whose ceiling looked very much like the ceiling structure of our nave. Over 150 Vergers from all over the country and Canada attend this annual event. Next year it's scheduled to meet in Florida.

The construction is nearing an end. The two new bathrooms are almost ready for use, and dismantling of the old bathrooms for a face lift will start as soon as the new bathrooms are certified as complete by the city. One feature has been added to the original plan—a baby changing shelf in what in legal terms has become a "Family Restroom." Our hope is to have the entire project complete by the second week of November.

Mike Beach, Verger





Christmas Pageant

December 24th, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service
How St. Francis Told the Christmas Story

Rehearsal Dates

December 10 9:30—11:00 a.m.

December 17 9:30—11:00 a.m.

Music rehearsals will be held during Sunday school beginning November 13th
For details, speak to Marianne Zahn or Jobi Harrell.



~ Holiday Shopping Party ~

Want to get a jump on your holiday shopping? Savor the Flavor and Leonora Moss will host a private shopping party just for Ascension. 10% of all the purchases made at our private shopping party will be donated to the Church of Ascension and deposited into the Hospitality account!

When: Saturday, November 19, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Kersting Court

While you shop, enjoy a glass of champagne or wine and taste some wonderful hors d'oeuvres and decadent desserts. We need a party of at least 15 people. Please RSVP to Lisa Reed at lisareed4@verizon.net or 626.357.3908. There is also a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Enjoy your holidays,

Lisa Reed

Fellowship Ministry Leader

Create an Advent Wreath for Your Advent Journey!

An Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches, the circle representing eternity and the greens symbolizing the promise of life, even in the depth of winter. On the wreath, four candles—three of either white, purple, or blue, and one of pink (rose)—are arranged in a circle. Some wreaths add another white candle, the “Christ Candle,” in the center. During the season of Advent one additional candle is lit each Sunday (the pink candle on the third Sunday, the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve), with each candle representing an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday November 27th after the 10:15 service, join us for a potluck and wreath making party! We will provide oasis for the foundation of your arrangement. We are asking the parish for donations of greenery (*see the “Call for Greens” in Bits & Pieces*) and that each wreath-maker bring:

A sturdy plate or platter, 12” or larger

5 candles (four candles of one color and one contrasting candle)

If you are a purist, you will need 3 white, or blue, or purple candles
 (plus a white candle for the Christ Candle) and 1 rose candle.

Outreach

Baby Supplies

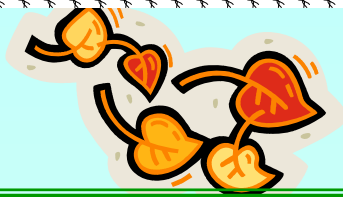
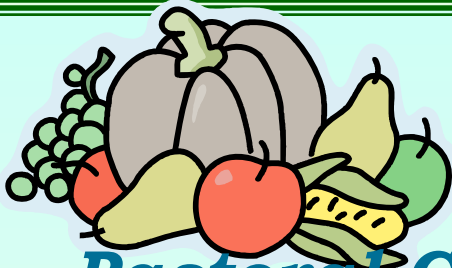


Reminder: we need your gently-used baby supplies! Supplies include anything for babies up to a year old other than toys and baby powder—clothes, strollers, bassinets, bouncers, bottles, socks, jackets, baby hygiene supplies—shampoo, body wash etc.—and disposable diapers, especially size “N.” Please bring your donations to the church **on or before Nov 12th**. On that date we will gather all the supplies and deliver them to Angel Interfaith Network, the agency which will distribute them to poor mothers at local hospitals on an as needed basis.

Gooden School is partnering with us on this project, and together we are hoping we can make a really generous contribution to ensure that the babies born in this city have a good start in life.

CROP Walk: What is it?? How Can YOU Help?

Please help with the CROP walk effort by (a) signing up to walk (b) sponsoring a walker (c) bringing in canned food on the day of the walk, Nov 6th. Local food pantries and charities have been strained by the recession, and we hope to make a big dent in their needs with this walk. For more information or to volunteer, contact Anna Thomas or Jobi Harrell.



CROP Walkers

Hey YOUTH!

Let's walk to fight hunger at the 2011
CROP walk!

NOVEMBER 6th

Meet at Ascension after the 10:15 am service.

Transportation, Hydration, & Energy Bars provided.

Contact Scott & Jobi

at:ascensionsyouth@gmail.com to register.

Pastoral Care & Fellowship

It's Up to All of Us!

Many of us believe that Pastoral Care is up to the Rector and our Assisting Priests. **WRONG!** Pastoral Care is the responsibility of each one of us. When you hear that a parishioner is in the hospital, you need to check to see that the church office has been informed. If you know of someone who is housebound and unable to attend church for several weeks, let the church know so that one of our Lay Eucharistic Ministers can take the Eucharist to this shut in. If you know of someone who needs our prayers, call the office and add the name to our prayer list. If you learn that a parishioner has died, make sure our priests know. You are the conduit if Ascension is to be there for all our folk whenever they are experiencing sickness or distress.

From time to time, people have other life crisis issues that affect their well being and keep them from worshipping with us. Because of all the demands on their time, clergy sometimes need lay assistance in order to meet the needs of parishioners in crisis. There is a national ministry that offers lay members the chance to help pastors share in some of the extended care of the flock. The Stephen Ministry program trains church members to step in and help with those who express a desire for care for longer periods of time than a pastor can provide; those suffering through grief, divorce, illness, loneliness, job loss, and so much more. Caring relationships typically last for six months or until the individual and Stephen Minister no longer feel that there is a need for weekly visits.

Stephen Ministry (stephenministries.org) is currently serving over 10,000 congregations in all 50 states, nine Canadian provinces, and 21 other countries. Begun 32 years ago, it encompasses all mainline denominations.

Ascension is currently evaluating this particular program/ministry; we welcome your comments, concerns, requests for more information, etc. regarding Stephen Ministry.

SENIOR WARDEN'S BLOG

As we conclude our Stewardship campaign, I would like to thank everyone who filled out a pledge card. As a result, we will be able to establish an operating budget for the coming year.

For those who have yet to turn in your card, we would still appreciate a response. As we have stated before, if you commit to a weekly, monthly, or annual contribution and find yourself unable to fulfill that commitment, simply notify the Church. Remember, we are here for you. Let us know if we can be of help to you.

If these economic times have prevented you from making a pledge, there are other forms of Stewardship. Many have found ways of using their time and talent to provide a ministry to the Church and/or the community. It is surprising how many of us volunteer to help others without recognizing what we do on a daily basis. Return your pledge card identifying some of the ways you use your time and talent. For example, do you take care of a family member or neighbor? Do you volunteer time at a school or at Church? Do you baby sit for your grandchildren so their parents can work? I would challenge you to think of the many ways you show your Stewardship throughout the year.

Again, I thank you all for your Stewardship, whether it is in the form of treasure, time, and/or talent. The Church appreciates all that you have contributed.

Gary

VESTRY NOMINATIONS DUE NOW

Each January at our annual meeting, we elect three new members of the Vestry, the body within the congregation that, with the Rector, leads the parish. Vestry members are elected for three year terms. The Vestry meets once a month throughout the year. Additional meetings (and committee meetings) are held as needed. A Vestry member must be willing to accept the responsibility of regular attendance and be willing to serve on one or more committees.

Now is the time for the parish to nominate next year's Vestry candidates. According to the Diocesan guidelines, a Vestry nominee must be 16 years of age or older and be a confirmed communicant in good standing in the Episcopal Church. He or she must also attend church services at Ascension regularly and be a pledging contributor to the parish. A member of the Vestry may not be a member of any other church.

Names of nominees should be submitted to Father Michael or any Vestry member by December 1st.

Where Does My Money Go?

This question must come to mind as we conclude our month of Stewardship.

Each month we have indicated the funds that are allocated in our Operating Budget which allow the Church to function. We have also stressed the importance of volunteerism which is so necessary to keep expenses down.

This month, we are looking at Administration. From a financial output, we designate \$31,250 to this program. Monies are used for the following: Parish Administrator compensation, bookkeeping and printing, telephone and pager use, advertising and postage.

The Parish Administrator position, currently held by Jackie O'Sullivan, is vital in helping the Church run smoothly. This part time position has an enormous job description. It includes everything from answering the phones, understanding computer complexities, keeping account of our financial records, etc.

We are also blessed with numerous volunteers who provide much needed support. This year Father Michael asked and Jean Rowe accepted the position of Administrative Coordinator. Jean is the "go to person" for all of the committees and volunteers that fall under this category.

These include the following:

Financial Guidance

Church Treasurer: Lavette Teague

Audit Committee: Hal Ryerson, Sandra Dickey, and Ross Kellock

Vestry Administrative Representatives: Cameron Cox and Carol George

Spire Contributors

Regular Contributors: Father Michael, Gary Griffiths, Dr. Deb, and Marianne Zahn

Frequent Contributors: PMC Ministry Leaders: Mike Beach, Lisa Reed, Anna Thomas, Maggie Byrne-Outhouse

Occasional Contributors: Joy Barry, Diane Rhodus, Altar Guild

Office Volunteers

Weekly Volunteers: Ann Shirvanian and Gloria Griffiths

Constant Volunteer: Mike Beach

Bank Deposit Volunteer: Bob Burnett

Pledge and Plate Offering Counters: Beverly Clifton, Ross Kellock, Betty Parnell, Jean Rowe, and Kathy Calleton.

Once again, we can see how the Stewardship of so many in our Parish has allowed us to keep expenses down. How grateful we are that these individuals have chosen to donate their time and talent to our Church.

Thank you all, *Gary*

Financial Snapshot Jan.—Nov. 2011

Amount Pledged	166,666.70
Amount Received	169,891.14
Difference	3,224.44

ONGOING STEWARDSHIP: Treasure -Time - Talent

A thank you to all parishioners who have already turned in their 2012 Stewardship Pledge cards and made a treasure/time/talent pledge.

Stewardship packets have been mailed out; but, unfortunately, there seems to have been a mystery mailing issue and not all packets were received. If you did not receive your packet in the mail, please pick one up at Church or contact the Church office. We apologize for the inconvenience!

If you haven't returned your pledge card, it's not too late! Our goal is 100% return of pledge cards. Monetary pledges enable our Vestry to establish a realistic budget for the coming year. Remember that if your economic situation changes, you may contact the church office to revise your pledge at any time during the year. Contacting the office helps ensure the church budget remains accurate and up to date throughout the year.

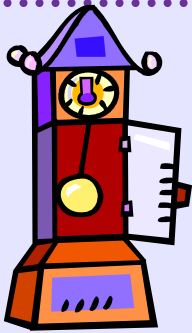
Does your employer have a corporate matching fund program for donations? Many companies do. A match to your pledged amount is a great way to double revenue to the Church. If you need assistance completing any company match paperwork, please contact the Church office.

Thank you to all parishioners who are stewards of Ascension through your time and talents. This month we'd like to acknowledge the following people for what they DO for our Church and DEMONSTRATE within the community.

- **Tim Hayden** for rebuilding our Lych Gate to the Memorial Garden.
- **Alan Stauffer** for mentoring our young Servers at the 8:00 services.
- **John Buchanan**, Mayor of Sierra Madre, for his leadership of our community.

Thank you all for your commitment to the Stewardship of the Church of the Ascension.

If you know of someone who should be acknowledged in this column, please contact Stewardship Committee Chairman Gary Griffiths.



Daylight Savings Time

Don't Forget!

Daylight Savings time
ends Sunday, November 6th.
Turn your clocks back one hour
before going to bed Saturday night.



From Our Ministry Intern

Most of us probably know that Advent is the name for the season before the Feast of the Nativity, aka, Christmas. But what most of us don't know (or seem to forget every year) is that Advent is not best celebrated by spending as much money as possible on as many gifts as your credit card can handle while simultaneously offering to host holiday dinners and over-committing yourself until you collapse into a burnt-out heap reminiscent of the ashes of last year's Yule log. No matter what messages you get from the culture to spend *spend spend*, recovering the season of Advent (which begins this year on Sunday, November 27) can help you recover some sanity about Christmas and enjoy the season with your loved ones rather than making yourself and everyone around you miserable from stress and obligations.

During Advent, we are invited to enter into a time of quiet hope and expectation as we anticipate the mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming one of us. One Advent tradition is to count down the days before Christmas with an Advent calendar or to mark the Sundays of Advent by lighting candles which are often set into a wreath. We will be making Advent wreaths after Mass November 27, the First Sunday in Advent. This year, why not start a new tradition by gathering together to light an Advent candle and reading aloud a traditional Christmas poem or story such as "A Visit From St. Nicholas" or even "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas"?

During Advent, when we sing, "O Come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel," we are praying in hope that God will free us from whatever forces hold us captive, both as individuals and as people. This Advent, rather than being captive to the corporate Christmas-machine, let us pray together for peace and for all of our expectant hopes for the future.

Faithfully, *Marianne*

Notes From the Loft



Moving toward the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of another, November brings with it an abundance of spiritual significance and musical treasures. From the beginning of the month, when we observe All Saints' Day, through Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving, and the first Sunday of Advent, this period of time gives us pause for both remembrance and celebration.

The music of All Saints' Day, November 6, includes "O Thou, the Central Orb" by British composer Charles Wood—a choral work of massive proportions: *Thy saints with holy luster round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel*. This work is complemented by Stanley Marchant's setting of "The Souls of the Righteous"; also an English composer, Marchant gives us aural affirmation that the souls of the righteous are at peace in the hand of God.

The following week the choir will present works by two contemporary composers: "Salvation Has Come to Us" by American Robert Powell and the beloved "A Gaelic Blessing" by the equally-beloved Brit John Rutter.

Christ the King Sunday will be celebrated on the 20th and will feature our traditional introit, "Choral Fanfare on Christ the King" by H. Hamilton Smith, followed by Mendelssohn's "Above All Praise" and "King of All Ages, Throned on High" by twentieth-century composer Paul Isom.

Selections from Handel's Messiah will be featured during Advent, the first of which will be "And the Glory of the Lord," on November 27. During communion the choir will present "O Come Divine Messiah" arranged by Godfrey Ridout.

Have you recently noticed a new singer in the choir? She's Sierra Madre resident Loida "Ida" Gonzales, mezzo-soprano originally from the Philippines. Ida holds degrees in church music from her home country and previously has served as a choir conductor. You may remember her as the pianist who filled in for me during my vacation hiatus. We're delighted that she's chosen to join us and look forward to a long choral association!

May the music of November stir your hearts through remembrance, rejoicing, and anticipation.

Truly to sing, that is a different breath.

~Rainer Maria Rilke~

Debora Huffman, Director of Music & Organist



The Men of Ascension and The Books They are Reading

Fr. Michael frequents the local library and likes to read a novel a week, most recently *Three Stations: An Arkady Renko Novel*. This book is the seventh in the series by Martin Cruz Smith which features Russian police detective Arkady Renko, this time in the thick of a serial murder case. For non-fiction, Fr. Mike is reading Damon Linker's *The Religious Test: Why We Must Question the Beliefs of Our Leaders*, and *Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy*.

Fr. John Larson is reading *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, by Jared Diamond. Next in Fr. Larson's stack is *Children of the Manse*, by Lewis Richard Luchs; Fr. Larson has a special connection with this book! He just finished Stieg Larsson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

Fr. Roger Wood is on his fourth reading of *Cloud of Unknowing*, author unknown. One of Fr. Wood's favorite writers is Cynthia Bourgeault (Episcopal priest, author, and retreat leader), author of *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*.

Ted Colleton recommends Ed Viestur's *No Shortcuts to the Top: Climbing the World's 14 Highest Peaks*; Levitt & Dubner's *Super Freakonomics: Global Cooling, Why Suicide bombers Should Buy Life Insurance*; John Philip Jenkins' *The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church of the Middle East, Africa and Asia—and How it Died*; Mark Schweizer's *The Countertenor Wore Garlic: The Liturgical Mysteries*, (our choir has enjoyed this series about the fictional choir director of the Episcopal Church of St. Germaine, NC.) Ted is currently reading Deborah Fallow's *Dreaming in Chinese, Mandarin Lessons in Life, Love and Language*, a memoir of her time in China and her struggle to speak Mandarin (Putonghua) as spoken by the Chinese.

Mike Beach, Verger, usually has several plus books going at a time. His current array includes David Crystal's *A Little Book of Language*, "...witty, informative, a book to bring out the linguist in us all," *America, Empire of Liberty: A New History of the United States*, by David Reynolds, a history of America from an English perspective, *Einstein: Ideas and Opinions*, essays from "previously published articles, speeches, and letters gathered to create a fascinating collection of meditations," and from "The Great Courses" DVD series, *Great Thinkers, Great Theorems Science & Mathematics*.

Fr. Kirby Smith (Ascension extended family member) is on year 4 of the *Harry Potter* series. (**note:** Lavette Teague has read all of the *Harry Potter* books, and Fr. Michael read about four in the series). Prior to reading the *Potter* series, Kirby read the *Twilight* books. Also on his shelves are *Jerusalem, Jerusalem* by James Carroll and almost anything written by Karen Armstrong. Kirby's interest in the Holy Land and how its history is reflected in the discussions of the Near East today led him to Sandy Tolan's, *The Lemon Tree*. Fr. Kirby also enjoyed Jerome Segal's, *Joseph's Bones: Understanding the Struggle between God and Mankind in the Bible*, which uses the story of Joseph as a departure point. He turns to Anne Lamott's books to help him remain spiritually grounded. Although they are very different people, he always finishes her books with "a better understanding of my relationship to God."

As we enter into the Advent season, let's look at books that have given us "a better understanding of our relationship to God." Send your favorites to Keiko at celebrate2@gmail.com, or call me at 626. 239.6140.

Bits & Pieces

WOMEN'S ROOM

3RD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

This year marks our third year of providing a traditional Thanksgiving meal to the women at the Women's Room of Friends Indeed. The luncheon is on Monday, November 21, 2011. We are once again asking for donations for this wonderful cause: monetary donations, paper products, crafty centerpieces, side dishes, turkey and gravy, desserts, etc. If you can give in any way, please contact either Sandra Dickey or Lisa Reed.

CALL FOR ADVENT GREENS

The greenery on the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life...

For the wreath-making potluck on November 27th, we need **YOUR** help!

Do you have a coniferous tree?



Please collect clippings for our Ascension Advent Wreath making party in a plastic bag (loosely sealed to prevent mildew) with a few teaspoons of water .

Drop off your contribution between November 20th and 27th. Thanks!

The Season of Giving

Most of us have more than enough "stuff." If you are looking for alternative ways to give this Christmas, here are some great ideas:

If you would like to buy a really beautiful quilt, save money, and donate to a worthy cause, go to **Haiti-PeaceQuilts.org**. This is an organization that provides training and supplies to Haitian women on how to make quilts and other decorative objects, thereby helping them support themselves and their extended families.

BooksforSoldiers.com is an organization that matches people with lots of books with soldiers who would like to read them. Register on the site to see which books have been requested by the soldiers, and you may find you can do something nice for a soldier serving far from his homeland.

Speaking of books, for the perfect gift for the bibliophile (s) in your life, be sure to check out Keiko's "What Ascension is Reading" column in this and last month's Spire!

Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts for Life program offers you a chance to give a beehive in your honey's name, a goat in honor of your curmudgeonly uncle, a tree to celebrate a loved one's life, or books to budding scholars. Check out:

<http://www.er-d.org/giftsforlife/>.

Directory Photos

When you look at your directory picture, do you recognize yourself? Your kids? Do your friends recognize you? If not, it is time to update! Send a recent **jpeg** (with a simple background) to: parish@ascension-sierramadre.com, stop by the office, or grab Mike Beach after Mass and say "Cheeeese!"

Our vision is that *The Episcopal Church of the Ascension* serves Christ today for those who will come to know Christ tomorrow.

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November/December 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH THE WEEK



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 Videos of Parish Events, Special Services, and more!