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Autumn , October 2016 Lantern

UP COMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER:

- ♦ CHRISTOPHER SINGERS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 11:30AM
SUN VALLEY LODGE, 12415 N 103RD AVE, SUN CITY
- ♦ BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, BOTH SERVICES
- ♦ CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX VIDEO AND POTLUCK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 4:00PM
- ♦ CHRISTOPHER SINGERS- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 10:15 GOOD SHEPHERD
10323 W. Olive Ave. on the corner of Olive and 103rd.
- ♦ WEST VALLEY WIND ENSEMBLE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 ,3:00PM
- ♦ TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 10:45AM-11:15AM
CHURCH PARKING LOT
- ♦

NOVEMBER:

- ♦ ST. CHRISTOPHER'S FOLLIES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 3:00PM-4:30
- ♦ WELCOME MINISTRY DOOR BELL RINGING SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12 THRU
MONDAY NOVEMBER 14
- ♦ PARISH COOK OUT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18 4:00PM-7:00PM
- ♦ MEN'S RETREAT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18-SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20
- ♦ SONORAN SOUNDS WOMEN'S CHORALE OF THE WEST VALLEY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 3:00PM

DECEMBER:

- ♦ ECW CRAFT AND BAKE SALE, SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 8:AM
- ♦ LA DANZA SUNDAY ,DECEMBER 11, 1:00PM
- ♦ LAS POSADAS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S MONDAY DECEMBER 19, 6:30PM

KEEP CHECKING THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN YOUR BULLETINS AND ON THE WEB



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A project of Samaritan's Purse, builds shoeboxes that become Gospel opportunities to children all around the world. We will not only be filling shoeboxes here at St. Christopher's but our church will serve as a Relay Center for the surrounding community. The week of November 14-23 is when the boxes are collected and there will be sign up sheets in the church if you would like to spend a few hours checking in the boxes.

It is an incredible privilege to be a part of leading children and their families and friends to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Together we are reaching the nations and we are having fun while doing it.

Please watch the church bulletins for further details.

*If you have any questions or would like a shoebox to fill, please contact Jane Meyers
Or call church office: 623-972-1100*



Happy Anniversary!!

This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of your bookstore. The years have gone by very fast and the bookstore has grown and been very successful.

We are going to have a party the first Saturday in November (Nov 5) and everyone is invited. It will be during our regular hours 8 – 12 noon. Come and have some cake & coffee with us and meet all our regular and generous friends from the community.

We have expanded from one bookcase to space on 3 walls in Harte hall. The bookstore continues to do well.

We also celebrate our new chief bookie – Jane Meyers. She has a lot of energy and will grow the bookstore.

Charlotte Powley and Barbara Welsh



BARGAINS

GALORE

This past month we had many hands on deck to change out our merchandise from summer to fall.

We appreciate all the donations we have received and encourage you to continue sharing your usable items. Stop by any Saturday and view all we offer.

Countless thanks to all Bargains Galore team members. You, along with God's blessings, make our ministry successful!

Bonnie Franco

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

We are most appreciative to Jacinto, Ivon And Antonio Neico for spreading four tons of granite throughout our campus. That is really hard work and they stepped up graciously to honor God. We recently had a limited trimming done which should carry us through until spring time. Now we will continue fighting the weeds while being thankful for the spurts of rain.

Bonnie Franco





Thoughts from your Senior Warden

I want to tell you how wonderful it was to see the enthusiasm shown by you all at the Parish Forum in September. The Forum announced the new **Welcome Ministry** being formed at St. Christopher's. This is an exciting new ministry to grow our parish and to bring people to Jesus, to St. Christopher's, and to our community of faith and fun.

As explained by several members of the parish, we are going to invite people to join us, welcome them when they come, and connect them to people, activities, and the ministries we perform in service to God. Everyone can be involved in this ministry with their time and talents as much as they prefer.

The first activity we will invite our neighbors to is the parish Cookout planned for November 18. For more information on what you can do in the Welcome Ministry see me or Judy Schneider, Mona Guarino, Killy Balabanis or Frank Schlichting.

Diane Plein

TAI CHI:

Balance in

Movement

Would you like to

improve your balance, increase energy and stamina, improve muscle strength, reduce stress, lower your blood pressure and increase your feeling of well-being? Tai Chi, when practiced regularly, may help you obtain these benefits.



Tai Chi combines slow, gentle movements and stretches with deep breathing and relaxation in a low-impact form of exercise. No special equipment is necessary; just wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes.

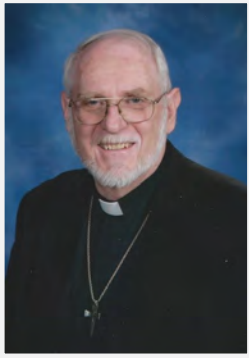
Two classes will be offered in the parish hall on Wednesdays starting September 14th and continuing through November.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. will be Tai Chi Essentials, based on five of the postures from the Yang style form using the tai chi techniques in gentle, flowing exercises. You may want to try this if you have never taken tai chi before.

At 11:00 a.m. if you want to try a more advanced exercise, the Tai Chi Yang Style Form, will be held consisting of the first 15 postures of the form.

There will be a \$5 fee per class, pay as you come. For more information, see

Diane Plein, or contact the church office at 623-972-1100.



Message from Fr. Peter

Where **Do You Live? Where Do You Want to Live?**

Scarcity or Abundance?

One of my mentor priests often lamented that we live in a “Kingdom of Stuff” that binds us to material things and isolates us from one another. He’d go on to rail against the evils of living in gated or age-restricted communities, and I sometimes thought that I should feel guilty about living in a community that was both gated and age-restricted. I’ve since come to the realization that why and how we do things is every bit as important as what we do. Our ability to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our lives, and with those we encounter in those lives, is not dictated by the street on which we live, our income, or our age. It is much more about our attitudes, the way we set our priorities, and what drives our choices.

When it comes right down to it, we can choose to live in one of two places: **The Kingdom of Scarcity**, or **The Kingdom of Abundance**. And we can move from one kingdom to the other – without even changing our street address!

The material world in which we live – the “Kingdom of Stuff” as my mentor would say – is one that constantly bombards us with messages that tell us there is “not enough to go around”, that the next calamity is around the corner, and we’d better gather up as much as we can now so we don’t run out. It also tells us that more is better and we somehow are entitled to the best of everything, without regarding the needs of others. It is a “Me First” kingdom that reminds me of the bumper sticker that reads: “HE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS WINS.” It is based on fear and insufficiency.

There is another kingdom, God’s Kingdom, that is one of Abundance. Scripture reminds us time and time again in both the Old and New Testaments, that God provides for our needs, and that His love is abundant. In Jesus’s death and resurrection, we are promised life – and not just ordinary life, but abundant life. This is not the carefree life that some preachers of the “Prosperity Gospel” proclaim, nor does it mean that all we have to do is pray in earnest and our wishes will be granted. It’s not that easy. God’s economy is very different than the economy of the world.

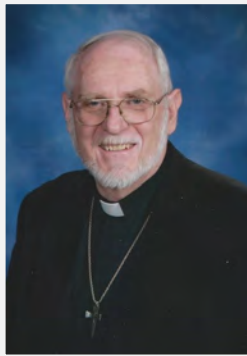
So What?

We’ve spent a good deal of time since Pentecost hearing from the Gospel according to Luke. If there is a central theme that should resonate with us as members of the Body of Christ, it is to have faith, be transformed by that faith, and put it into practice.

When we live in a mindset of scarcity, we respond to challenges reactively –patching things as they break, and covering them up with Band-Aids, fearing the next crisis. When we live in a mindset of abundance, we respond proactively – strengthening things before they break and looking for long-term solutions. Scarcity drives us to look inwardly and focus on what we can’t (or dare not) do. It’s an inward and downward spiral. Abundance encourages us to look upward and outward beyond ourselves, see opportunities to share the Good News, and trust that God will help us make it possible.

I am convinced that it takes just as much effort to live one’s life from the perspective of scarcity as it does from that of abundance. The difference in the outcome, however, is enormous! There are possibilities to explore, and great hope for the future of our parish, if we are willing to shift our paradigm from scarcity to abundance. I invite you to dare to dream, seek God’s guidance, and step out in faith. As we are reminded in Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. Peter+



¿Dónde Vives? ¿Dónde Quieres Vivir? ¿Escasez o Abundancia?

Uno de mis mentores a menudo se lamentaba de que vivimos en un "Reino de Cosas" que nos une a las cosas materiales y nos aísla unos a los otros. Denunció los males de vivir en comunidades cerradas o comunidades con restricción de edad, y a veces pensé que debería sentirme culpable por vivir en una comunidad que fue a la vez cerrada y con restricciones de edad. Desde entonces he llegado a la conclusión de que por qué y cómo hacemos las cosas es tan importante como lo que hacemos. Nuestra capacidad de compartir las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo en nuestras vidas, y con los que nos encontramos en esas vidas, no está dictada por la calle donde vivimos, nuestros ingresos, o nuestra edad. Se trata mucho más acerca de nuestras actitudes, la forma en que establecemos nuestras prioridades, y lo que impulsa nuestras decisiones.

Cuando se trata, a fin de cuentas, podemos elegir vivir en uno de dos lugares: El Reino de Escasez, o El Reino de la Abundancia. Y podemos pasar de un reino a otro - ¡sin ni siquiera cambiar nuestra dirección de la calle!

El mundo material en el que vivimos - el "Reino de las Cosas", como diría mi maestro - es uno que nos bombardea constantemente con mensajes que nos dicen "no hay suficiente para todos", que la próxima calamidad es a la vuelta de la esquina, y será mejor que recogemos tanto como podemos ahora para que no nos falte. También nos dice que más es mejor y que de alguna manera tenemos derecho a lo mejor de todo, sin tener en cuenta las necesidades de los demás. Es un reino de "yo primero" que me recuerda a la pegatina de parachoques que dice lo siguiente: "ÉL QUE MUERE CON LOS MÁS JUGUETES GANA". Se basa en el miedo y la insuficiencia.

Hay otro reino, el Reino de Dios, que es uno de Abundancia. La Escritura nos recuerda una y otra vez tanto en el Antiguo como el Nuevo Testamento, que Dios provee para nuestras necesidades, y que su amor es abundante. En la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, se nos promete la vida - y no sólo la vida ordinaria, pero la vida abundante. Esta no es la vida sin preocupaciones de que algunos predicadores del "evangelio de la prosperidad" proclaman, ni tampoco significa que todo lo que tenemos que hacer es rezar en serio y se otorgarán nuestros deseos. No es tan fácil. La economía de Dios es muy diferente de la economía del mundo.

¿Y Qué Importa?

Hemos pasado una buena cantidad de tiempo desde el Día de Pentecostés escuchando lecturas del Evangelio según San Lucas. Si hay un tema central que debe resonar con nosotros como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, es que debemos tener fe, ser transformados por esa fe, y ponerla en práctica.

Cuando vivimos en una mentalidad de escasez, respondemos a los retos de forma reactiva - reparando cosas que se rompen, y cubriéndolos con curitas, temiendo la próxima crisis. Cuando vivimos en una mentalidad de abundancia, respondemos de manera proactiva - fortaleciendo las cosas antes de romper y en busca de soluciones a largo plazo. La escasez nos impulsa a mirar hacia dentro y nos centramos en lo que no podemos (o no nos atrevemos a) hacer. Es una espiral hacia adentro y hacia abajo. Abundancia nos anima a mirar hacia arriba y hacia fuera más allá de nosotros mismos, ver las oportunidades de compartir las Buenas Nuevas, y confiar en que Dios nos ayudará a hacer esto posible.

Estoy convencido de que se necesita la misma cantidad de esfuerzo para vivir la vida desde el punto de vista de la escasez como desde la perspectiva de la abundancia. La diferencia en el resultado, sin embargo, ¡es enorme! Hay posibilidades para explorar y una gran esperanza para el futuro de nuestra parroquia, si estamos dispuestos a cambiar nuestro paradigma desde la escasez a la abundancia. Los invito a que se atreven a soñar, buscar la guía Dios, y tomar un paso adelante en fe. Como se nos recuerda en Filipenses 4:13: "Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece."

*En la Paz de Cristo,
Padre Pedro+*

**Prepare your heart and life for
the celebration of God's
presence in this season of
waiting with,**

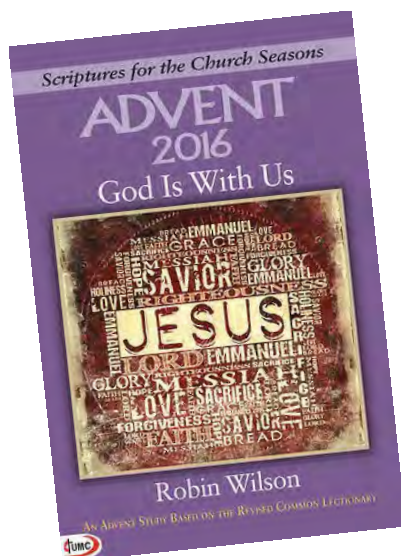
God Is With Us, a 5-week study of the lectionary readings for Advent and Christmas.

By following the lectionary, our bible study and prayers will be in tune with our Sunday sermons.

You'll have a better understanding of the flow of the Scripture readings chosen for the season. *God Is With Us* is based on the *Revised Common Lectionary* (RCL). The study includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Epistles, and the Gospels. It offers the opportunity to explore these Bible readings in a five-session study.

Amy Schultz will lead this study. If you are interested in joining, please contact her or the office. You can purchase the book from Amy who has ordered several books or through Amazon (remember if you set it up, St. Christopher's will receive .5% of the purchase price as a contribution!).

The Advent bible study will meet in Middleton Hall and will be followed by a light soup supper. Dates are Tue, Nov 22 at 4:30pm because of Thanksgiving and then Wednesdays Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, and 21; all sessions are at 4:30pm.



Outreach is again writing Christmas cards for the 340 kids in foster homes run by Sunshine, Inc.

We need your help in writing the cards; please let **Ann Gay** know if you would like a packet of 12 cards to write a Christmas greeting.

I will need all the cards back by Oct. 23rd.

THANKS!! Ann!



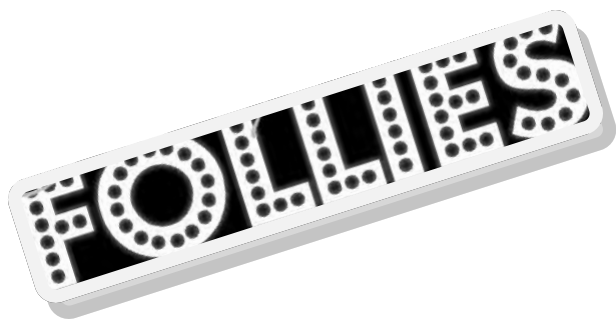
A HANDMADE
HOLIDAY

ECW: BAKE AND CRAFT SALE!

Saturday December 3, 2016.

Start getting your crafts ready and thinking about what you can make for the baked goods table!

This is a money maker for your
ECW!!!



The Fabulous Fall Follies

Saturday November 5th 3:00 PM

Presented by the talented people of
St. Christopher's

Sign-up now (in the Narthex) **to share your talent** (of any kind) **with your church family**. Your talent can be musical, theatrical, dancing, magic, lip-sinking, a comedy routine or animal tricks. You can share your talent as a solo, duo, trio or with a whole group (as long as they fit on the stage).

Try to keep your "talent" portion under 5 minutes so everyone can have a chance to perform (and we won't have to serve dinner)!

The follies will be on Saturday November 5th in our parish hall at 3:00 PM. Bring your neighbors or better yet...ask them to perform!

COME ONE AND COME ALL FOR A FABULOUS FALL FOLLIES FULL OF FUN!!

Growing Our Faith



Egypt (VBS) has been packed away after 4 weeks of great fun. To help things run smoothly we had 6 talented adult staffers and 7 teenage CITS. It seems that every year VBS gets better and better!

Now Sunday School classes have started and I'm pleased to say that we have several new faces. I'm also delighted that the EYC Sunday School classes have started too. Our numbers are up in both classes!

This month we are reviving **Trunk or Treat** between services on Sunday October 30th. The children will be wearing their costumes to church which is always a delight. What we need from the congregation is treats for the children. Open your trunks share your treats and watch the children's eyes light up! This is our way to see that the kids have a SAFE Halloween experience!!

Research is being done to button-up our Christmas project for this year. We are hoping to have yet another dessert Christmas Potluck for the whole congregation in mid December.

Both Sunday School classes are held upstairs over the Narthex on Sundays at 10:30 (between services). All children from the ages of 4 years old through 18 years of age are welcome!

Many blessing of all sizes,



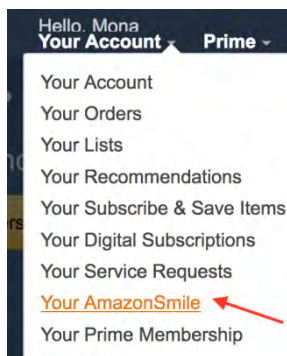
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Do you give your contributions electronically?

If so you can use one of these cards

Put in the basket on Sunday

They are on the small altar in the Narthex



St. Christopher's

Electronic Giving Card

Lucerna pedibus meis.

Part of worship is giving back to God – with joy and gratitude – from all that we have received.

THE BABY BLANKET MINISTRY met 9/29/16 and made 21 baby blankets for Project Linus



that provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or other-

wise in need through the gifts of new, hand-made blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

The ministry meets at least four times a year making small quilts for children through Project Linus, Eve's Place or Sunshine Residential Homes. Pictured above:

Gracias a Eva Quiles, Ana Martínez, Ivón Millán, Isabel Guerrero, María del Toro, María Salgado, Jo Hansen, Anna Van Scoter y Laura Marinelli



THE WELCOME MINISTRY:

PARISH COOKOUT Friday ,Nov .18 @ 4pm.

Contact Bill Masters or Gina Rocha if you want to help.

You can also sign up on the sign-up sheet on board near coffee.

The church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, and buns. Plan to bring a side or dessert to share potluck style. More than anything,

PLAN TO COME and visit with our St. Christopher's family and those accepting the invitation of our Callers who will have rung doorbells to invite our neighbors



Prayer Shawl Group:
Wednesday, October 19, 10:00am-11:30am.

West Valley Wind Ensemble

Saturday, October 29, 3:00pm at St. Christopher's. Cost of Admission two non-perishable items for the Food Bank

West Valley Wind Ensemble, a community band of about 50 volunteer members, is under the accomplished and expert direction of Clark Chaffee. The Ensemble includes both amateur and retired music professionals who join us from diverse professions and experience. All share a common bond; the desire to perform and share great music for listeners of all ages. We look forward to having you attend one of our performances during the 2016/2017 concert season!

The Band was founded over thirty years ago and its musicians assembled to read and play music in Sun City West. West Valley Wind Ensemble now rehearses on Monday evenings at Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church at 13658 W. Meeker Boulevard in Sun City West.

West Valley Wind Ensemble has established a strong relationship and commitment to Valley View Food Bank. We give concerts in the West Valley area, seeking donations of non-perishable food items. Donated funds are used to cover costs of the Band's operation and shared with the Food Bank. Check out our Facebook page at West Valley Wind Ensemble or website at www.westvalleywindensemble.org for concert schedules and further updates. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming concert!



**Prior Performance at
St. Christopher's!**



PRAYER CHAIN:

Do you know that St. Christopher's has a group of dedicated Prayer Warriors who lift up members, their families, their friends who are experiencing a concern or crisis of any kind? The Prayer Warriors pray regularly for the concerns on the list, and keep confidentiality of the concerns for which they are praying.

If or when you have a concern you would like to have raised in prayer, there are a number of ways you can let us know:

- 1) Email prayers@stchristophers-az.org
- 2) Let Fr. Peter, Judy Schneider (schneider.judy@gmail.com), or Barbara Fabre (bffabre@cox.net) know. Please be as specific as possible, so that the Prayer Warriors can be specific in their requests.

CAN RECYCLE:

Please put your recycle cans in the **RED** can in the Parish Hall or if not available please put in breezeway. Or close to gate. Leaving out by the paper recycle doesn't work, they disappear. Thanks to Bill Master for taking the cans for recycle. The amount was \$52.75 for about 5 months' worth of can collections.



Living With Loss Group–

Mondays

At 9:30 AM, All are welcome



SONORAN SOUNDS SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 20 3:00PM

Enjoy the SONORAN SOUNDS WOMEN'S CHORALE concert performance at St. Christopher's on Sunday afternoon, **NOVEMBER 20 3:00PM**

Our very own members, Judy Schneider, Judy Couvillion and Diane Plein will be singing with the group in a mix of classical, sacred, folk, pop and Broadway selections. There is no admission charge, just a free will offering, so bring your friends, family and neighbors for a delightful afternoon of music.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

BIRTHDAYS!

OCTOBER

Barbara Welsh	October 3
Carolyn Bellerive	October 4
Collin Chorak	October 5
Marinell Eron	October 9
Mary Duvall	October 30
John Liversidge	October 30

DECEMBER

Angelo Cardella	December 4
Anna Van Scoter	December 6
Chamaka Anako	December 7
Diane Neverman	December 8
Bill Duvall	December 12
Janice Crane	December 16
Shelly Chorak	December 17
Lisa Wolford	December 17
James Benson	December 18
Chris Anako	December 20
Gary Welsch	December 20

NOVEMBER

Bryan Dickey	November 5
Wynn Lawry	November 6
Caol Kaerney	November 9
Jane Cooley	November 12
Diane Plein	November 16
Beth Mayhew	November 17
Al Franco	November 18
Katherine Craine	November 22
Tatum Peterson	November 22
Tad Daughters	November 23
Ruth Ellis	November 27

ANNIVERSARIES!

OCTOBER

Jane and George Meyers	October 18
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NOVEMBER

Mary and Bill Duvall	November 22
Charlyn and Killy Balabanis	November 23

DECEMBER NO ANNIVERSARIES