



# St. Patrick's Shamrock

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## A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

### STABILITY

Have you ever noticed that just about everything we do is a "so that?" For instance: we set the alarm clock in the morning *so that* we can wake up *so that* we can brush our teeth and eat breakfast *so that* we can go to work *so that* we can earn money *so that* we can pay the bills and have a roof over our heads *so that* we have a nice warm place to sleep *so that*...See what I mean? It seems that nothing is ever done for its own sake — everything seems to be done *so that* something else will happen.

Anthony de Mello tells the story of a novice who asks his master where to look for Enlightenment. "Here," replies the holy man.

"When will it happen?"

"It is happening right now."

"Then why don't I experience it?"

"Because you do not look."

"But don't I always look?"

"No. To look you must be here. You're mostly somewhere else."

As Simone Weil has written, "*Attentiveness is putting down roots in the here and now.*" That's what Jesus was doing after he finished reading the Isaiah scroll in the temple: "*Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.*" Living in the present. In monastic circles it's called "*stability.*"

Stability is the practice of living in the present — the only place God is present to us. The past is gone and the future hasn't happened, so relationship with God can *only* be found in the present. Stability gives us an appreciation of the world as it is, not as we want it to be. Thomas Merton writes, "*Here is the unspeakable secret: paradise is all around us and we do not understand it.*"

In other words, if Jesus cannot be your Lord and savior *now*, then he cannot be your Lord and Savior at all.



## **...FROM (PRESIDING) BISHOP KATHARINE**

The Episcopal Church adopted a set of mission priorities at its General Convention in June. First among them is justice and peace work, framed by the Millennium Development Goals. We understand this work as a visible sign of the work of building the Reign of God. A vision of the Reign of God lies behind the ancient Hebrew concept of shalom, which means far more than simply peace. Shalom has to do with the restoration of all creation to right relationship with God, so that the hungry are fed, the grieving comforted, the ill are healed, and prisoners set free. The mission of the church, according to our Catechism, is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 855). That work of restoration and reconciliation frames all our ministry as Christians, whether we are students, parents, legislators, or farmers. We cannot be at one with our neighbors if some are starving or living in slums. The work of achieving the Millennium Development Goals is intimately wrapped up in the promises we make in the baptismal covenant to engage in God's mission.

The other priorities adopted by our General Convention include work with young adults and youth, congregational transformation, reconciliation and evangelism, and partnerships within the Anglican Communion and with other faith communities. The first priority has important connections and impacts on the others — for example, partnerships in developing countries, often through Anglican churches, are essential and intrinsic elements of addressing most of the MDGs, and our youth and young adults will experience part of their formation as Christians in service to others.

The Millennium Development Goals seek to end the deep poverty that limits human flourishing. Achieving them would provide concrete examples of the abundant life Jesus insists is the reason he came among us —

*"I came that you might have life, and have it abundantly."* (John 10:10)

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### **The Millennium Development Goals:**

- \* Eradicate the poverty that sends one-third of the world's people to bed hungry.
- \* Ensure universal primary education for girls as well as boys.
- \* Promote gender equality and women's empowerment.
- \* Improve maternal health.
- \* Reduce childhood mortality.
- \* Prevent diseases such as AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis
- \* Ensure environmental sustainability (including clean water and adequate sanitation)
- \* Develop global partnerships for development.

For more information on the MDGs and the Church's response:

- \* The "One Episcopalian" initiative: [www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn)
- \* Episcopal Relief and Development: [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)
- \* Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation: [www.e4gr.org](http://www.e4gr.org)

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*The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Nevada is pleased to announce that the Bishop Search and Transition Committees have been selected:*

**Search Committee:** *The Rev. Red Sims, St. Bartholomew's, Ely; The Rev. Jon Davidson, Incline Village; The Rev. Sandy Oetjen, All Saints, Las Vegas; Pat Seay, Grace-in-the-Desert, Las Vegas, Carolyn McCarroll, Christ Church, Las Vegas.*

**Transition Committee:** *Pamela Radke, St. Matthew's, Las Vegas, Chair; The Rev. Shep Curtis, Coventry Cross, Minden; The Rev. Kay Rohde, St. Christopher's, Boulder City; Karen Weires, St. Timothy's, Henderson; Harry Allen, Christ Church, Las Vegas; George Watson, All Saints, Las Vegas.*



## 2006: A Good Year at Camp Galilee!

It was impressive! At the Diocesan Convention when those who had served at any time on the Galilee Board of Trustees or on a Galilee committee were asked to stand, quite a number of people stood. When the follow-up question was asked requesting everyone who had experienced Galilee at one time or another to also stand, over two-thirds of the assembled body rose.

That was impressive! Those two questions were posed by the Vice President of the Galilee Board Betty Ihfe at the beginning of the Power Point presentation she and the 2006 Summer Youth Camp Director Jim Tousignant made to the approximately 192 clergy and lay delegates attending the Fallon convention. After introducing the current Board, Ihfe announced that in addition to continuing to work on achieving the mission and goals of Galilee, this Board has carried-on its financial legacy by maintaining a positive financial position. She said that Galilee's budget is over \$200,000 and noted it is one of the largest budgets in the Diocese. Giving credit to the former Resident Director, Resident Chefs and Camp Registrar for assisting in this accomplishment, she affirmed that Galilee has been in the black for nine consecutive years since re-opening in 1997. That drew enthusiastic and appreciative applause from the audience.

Tousignant, known to campers as Mr. T., then clicked off a series of photos from the six-weeks of youth summer camps. How he feels about Galilee was expressed in the theme he chose for the six-week, "Galilee-Where Heaven meets Earth". He spoke about the value of counselor training that is conducted at Galilee the week before the campers arrive. He explained some of the team building activities they use with the campers and described a-day-in-the-life of a camper. He also made an extemporaneous plea for the Diocese to support the youth by committing money to Diocesan-wide youth programs in the 2007 budget. In the next section of the presentation, Ihfe highlighted the remaining two weeks of 2006 summer camps. She noted what a terrific opportunity it is for families throughout the Diocese to enjoy this Family Camp week at Lake Tahoe entitled "Get Away-Get Together" and invited families to try it next year. She acknowledged the dozen volunteers that made weeks seven and eight possible and noted that next year the camp for children of inmates will be getting a new name because there already is an established camp in the area with a similar name. The dates for Winterfest 2007 and Summer Camp 2007 were announced. (See Page Two) In bringing the presentation to a close, Ihfe updated the delegates that the Board is currently engaged in setting goals to the year 2010. In addition to hiring an Executive Director in early 2007, other goals being considered are continuing to increase utilization, completing Frensdorff House, developing more accommodations for youngsters and creating housing that is more comfortable for adults. With slides of the sun setting across Lake Tahoe, the assemblage rose, held hands and joined in the traditional hymn sung each evening at Point Prayer.



## St. Patrick's – Incline's Emerging "Center for the Performing Arts!"

- \*December 1st (Friday) — Sierra Nevada College Choir Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m.
- \*December 10th (Sunday) at 3:00p.m.— "Music for a Winter's Eve", featuring organist Joe Simms to include gospel favorites, sing-alongs, and musical gems!
- \*January 6th (Saturday) — Tocata presents the second annual Celebracion de Tres Reyes (Messiah) at 7:30 p.m.
- \*January 21st (Sunday) — Tocata presents "Basically Barocco Concert" at 5 p.m.



As we continue to be known in the musical community as a genuinely hospitable Church, performers and audiences alike will be exposed to a style of Christianity that is authentic and open (the Episcopal Church at its best).



## St. Patrick's Offers Unique Thursday Advent Program



St. Patrick's Church has invented a new liturgical genre! It all began last year when David Brock and I were talking about possible Advent programs. It occurred to us that we hadn't been using the Compline service in the *Book of Common Prayer* to supplement our worship and we thought that a quiet, candlelit evening service would be just the ticket. (By the way, Compline is one of the Daily Offices — it's a brief worship service that is done just prior to lights out.) We settled on Thursdays so that the choir would have a chance to participate in the service.

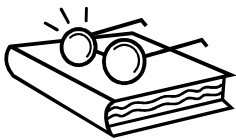
Then we worked backwards, offering a brief presentation before the Compline service and a simple soup supper before the presentation. So here's what Thursdays (**beginning November 30th**) look like:

**5:30 p.m.** — *Dinner is served until 6:15 p.m.*

**6:15 p.m.** — *Presentation (this Advent we'll be talking about the Millennial Development Goals and how St. Patrick's can help)*

**6:45 p.m.** — *Compline in the Church*

Many think that Advent is a penitential season and often confuse Advent with Lent. Actually, Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation as we await the incarnation of God into the world (Christmas). Our liturgical color for Advent is blue to differentiate it from Lent's purple.



## **OUR LIBRARY CONTINUES TO GROW!**

Many thanks to Dave and Stephanie Mussatti for their generous donation of numerous and assorted books to our library! A wide variety of book subjects such as: Seasonal fiction, pastoral care topics, theology, Bible Study aids, and assorted research volumes .have been added to our ever growing book selection. Thanks to the many parishioners who donate to our lovely library our shelves continue to be filled with more and more books. Come browse the library shelves and see what we have at St. Patrick's!

## ST. PATRICK'S BOOK CLUB NEWS!

St. Patrick's Book Club met in Jim Beebe's office on Thursday, November 30th to discuss Annie Dillard's *Teaching a Stone to Talk*. Dillard's approach to spirituality is to find the extraordinary in the ordinary. Her chronicles of rural church life and descriptions of nature are inspired.





## WHAT IS YOUR "VOCATION?"

It's not at all surprising that most people equate "vocation" with what they do for a living. But it hasn't always been that way because the term has evolved. To the Greeks, work was considered demeaning; time was supposed to have been spent contemplating life and developing philosophy and morals. For the Jews, work was taken for granted as part of God's creation. For the early Christian patriarchs, a combination of Greek and Jewish thinking was the answer: "*Work if you must, but the contemplative life is better.*"

In the 16th century Martin Luther recovered a healthy new definition: "*we are all saved purely by the grace of God; hence, all stations in life are equal and everyone is a priest.*" In other words, your vocation is your role in the Body of Christ. But a lot has happened in the last five hundred years. First we had an Industrial Revolution, which effectively separated us from nature. Then we had an Organizational Revolution, which alienated us from our neighbors.

It's no wonder that we equate vocation with career. Our adult forums (Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:10 a.m.) in Advent are in the process of recovering a more useful definition. We're talking about the "*will of God.*" We're discussing meaningful work, the job market and Christian vocation. And, on December 16-17 we're taking a "*Spiritual Gifts Inventory*" to help you identify your specific role in the Kingdom of God.

## ST. PATRICK'S FINANCIAL RESULTS, JANUARY-OCTOBER 2006

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Pledge	\$162,000	\$183,000
Plate	\$14,500	\$24,600
Other	\$45,600	\$44,400
Total	\$222,100	\$252,000
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Staff	\$125,700	\$126,500
Facilities	\$75,200	\$74,000
Programs/Giving	\$34,000	\$47,800
Operations	\$15,300	\$14,400
Total	\$250,200	\$262,700



## ***ST. PATRICK'S SOUNDS IN GLAD ADORATION!***

By David Brock

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, Psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.**



Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from Erneuernten Gesangbuch, 1665

This simple text, written 350 years ago, and set to a tremendously stirring melody, has been our offertory presentation setting throughout Pentecost (for the last 25 weeks). It is summation of our music ministry program at St. Patrick's. And so, as we complete another church year I thought it would be interesting to highlight some of the underlying elements of our musical liturgy, and how it has grown over the last 6 years.

**Hymns** – If you had been able to attend every Sunday 10AM service, and our special services at Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and during Holy Week, you would have sung or heard sung by the choir 179 different hymns. (That compares with approximately 60-70 congregational settings in 2000). Of these, 6 are used on a rotating basis, one per church season, as a congregational offertory presentation acclamation. (Advent #59, Christmas #100, Epiphany #119, Lent #372, Easter #174, Pentecost #390). The number of seasonal specific hymns for the Incarnation Seasons and Paschal Seasons: Advent 13, Christmas 18, Epiphany 7, Lent and Holy Week 11, Easter to Ascension 13.

**Service Music** – We now use 17 settings, rotating seasonally, and matching our 4 Eucharistic Prayers though the church year. At least one setting each week is a plainsong setting, sung only in unison, with handbells. This allows our congregation to be linked to our ancient church's past, and for us to be secure that our own voices, alone, are sufficient to make praise and prayer to God. (In 2000 we had just two groupings of music, one for Lent rite 1, and the other for the rest of the church year)

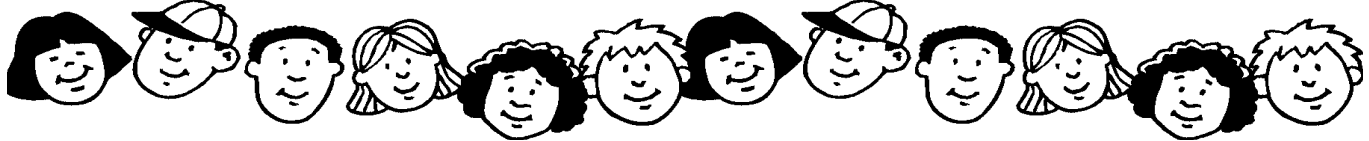
In 2000 we had a single service with music (Sunday 10AM), in 2006 we now have two complete services with music each week (Saturday evening and Sunday 10AM). This tremendous increase could not have happened without the development of a group of contributing instrumentalists who give weekly to make the Saturday night service music happen. This has also allowed the choir program to expand the number of available opportunities to sing, to choral settings weekly. (offertory and communion)

**New works** – We have three individuals who have given their creative gifts in composing music for our worship. Marty Gollery has given us a Lord's Prayer setting for use on our Saturday evening worship. Aaron Paxson has contributed a very special setting of "The Reproaches" for use on our Good Friday service, and a hymn for baptism, and an anthem we have used for communion. Your Director of Music has written a 4-part lower voice close harmonization arrangement of the hymn tune Carlisle (Hymn 592), a 2-part and handbells arrangement of the ancient chant "Alleluia! Song of gladness" for the last Sunday of Epiphany, and the handbell parts for numerous chant settings. Our inclusion of appropriate and thoughtful new compositions likewise links us with our church's future, as a symbol of hope and renewal in a broken world, and as a contribution for those generations yet to be born.

**Compline**: the final service of the day in the "daily offices" cycle of services, we now use at St. Patrick's during a portion of the church year on Thursday evenings. This observation of the service of the night, by candlelight and completely sung by chant and hymnody, allows us a glimpse of the monastic tradition of the Christian church, and to allow us to separate for a brief time from the busyness and distractions of the secular world's influences during December and again during Lent. Our Compline service is drawn from early chant, and with handbell parts written for our use last year. We celebrated Compline on 9 occasions during liturgical year 2006. (There were no sung services in 2000).

All of these elements could not have happened without our instrumentalists, our choir, and our contributing composers. To all of you, thank you! From the final sentence from the *Lobe den Herren*:

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again;  
Gladly for ever adore him.**



## GODLY PLAY

Godly Play is continuing on Saturday nights after the Saturday Night Alive service. Children ages 3-11 are welcome. We have many new stories to tell the children, and new materials too. Bob Skidmore has built a lovely, child-sized lectern for our Bibles. He also made a beautiful wooden cross for us to carry as we process into the classroom and again when we go upstairs to meet parents.

Deb and Judy attended a Godly Play workshop at the Lafayette/Orinda Presbyterian Church. We listened to some interesting presenters tell several of the new stories which were recently published. We learned a lot at the workshop and we're anxiously awaiting the chance to tell our children the new stories. Come and visit our classroom anytime. It's beautiful environment and invites our children and adults to come play with us.

Judy Morrison

## "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD" A BIG SUCCESS

Operation Christmas Child was a success at St. Patrick's. On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> the youth of St. Patrick's and their friends were like Santa's elves as they boxed and wrapped shoeboxes with gifts for the children who would otherwise never receive a Christmas gift. It is fun to sort through the items and make that package a perfect mix of toiletries, tee shirts, school supplies, and toys. I saw notes of love and cards being written by the children to add a special touch to each box and each child. Prayer is an important gift for the child who receives the surprise.

We appreciate the generous support of all adults and young people who participated in this outreach. Thank you, Kathy Vomund, for always feeding us. What would we do without you?

On Thursday evening, I delivered 39 boxes from our parish and 20 more from another Incline Village resource to Barbara Currie in Reno. Barbara was looking forward to working in the Pasadena Good Samaritan's Purse collection center. From there, the boxes will be mailed to children in third world countries.

Thank you! What a great way to begin the season of giving!

Caroline Cutler





## COME TO THE DECEMBER WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER !

We all have busy days ahead preparing for the upcoming holiday season spent with family and friends. It's a time for special party food and drink.



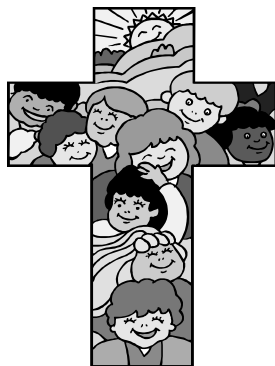
Women's Fellowship

To add some new recipes to your cookbook collection, the Women of St. Patrick's is having its first "Taste and Tell" Party on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 12 Noon in the church library. Bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre, dessert, or any other festive treat that we all can sample and at least 18 copies of the recipe to share. Several choices of beverage will be available.

Please sign up on the sheet on the church entry hall table as soon as possible. Don't miss this opportunity for some delectable goodies, fun and sharing with your St. Pat's sisters. Any questions, contact Connie Skidmore at 831-6289.



## SANTA RETURNS FROM YOUTH CONFERENCE



*This is indeed a busy season for Mr. Claus. St. Patrick's sent Santa to the "Passing on the Faith Conference," an event sponsored by the Youth and Family Institute ([www.tyfi.org](http://www.tyfi.org)) out of Bloomington, Minnesota. The conference was held on November 17 and 18 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Menlo Park, California.*

*Workshops included the baptismal journey, a primer on godparenting, youth ministry needs assessments, family well-being, peer ministry and the Millennium Development Goals.*

*Santa reports that St. Patrick's seems to be on the right track in our children's and youth ministries. Special thanks go to Caroline Cutler and Kathy Vomund!*







### Christmas Services Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd:	5:30 p.m. Family Eucharist
Sunday, December 24th:	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:30p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant 10:30p.m. Musical Prelude 11:00p.m. Christmas Mass
Monday, December 25th:	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### **Healing Ministry Continues at St. Patrick's**

Every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. a small group of parishioners, visitors and clergy meet in the Chapel to pray for those who are ill at home or in the hospital, those who have died and the ones who mourn them, and those with special needs. This faithful ministry, led by Jim Jervey, has continued over the past 14 years. The liturgy is a special one and includes Holy Eucharist and the opportunity for the laying on of hands and healing prayer. Everyone is warmly encouraged to participate.



**CHURCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Altar Flowers for Sundays:** Sign-up board is in the Narthex. (Call the church office for details, 831-1418).

**Choir members needed!** Choir practice Thursdays at 6:30p.m., singing on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Readers, Greeters, Counters needed:** Sundays, 8:00a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Refreshments for Church Social Hour:** (Sign-up sheet in front entry)

Saturday evenings, 5:30p.m.  
 Sunday mornings, 8:00a.m.  
 Sunday mornings, 10:00a.m.



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**KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS**

*Do you love to knit, or crochet? Come Join the Knitters Guild, which meets every Wednesday from 1-3p.m. in the church library.*

Recently, all the finished projects that had not yet been given away by the Knitters Guild were displayed in the church vestibule. Parishioners who attended all three services could see the wonderful sweaters, scarves, booties, hats and blankets that guild members made. There were many oohs and aahs from those who saw these creations!

The Children's Cabinet, through the Holiday Giving Program, and the Kings Beach Family Resource Center are recipients of the projects. In addition, 22 "chemo caps", made of very soft yarn, were given to the American Cancer Society. They plan to make them available to cancer patients through their "Look Good, Feel Better" program. If you know of a cancer patient who might like one or more of these attractive caps, please let us know. They are available at no charge.

We hope you have had a chance to see the beautiful afghan, created by Ruth Jervey and other guild members, that adorns the altar in the chapel. It is truly one-of-a-kind!

Donations of yarn are welcome; we can always use more supplies!

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site address for the Knitters Guild is [www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/](http://www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/). Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 for further information.

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