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A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

"IN DEED AND IN TRUTH"

New Testament love – *agape* love – means wishing others well and acting in what occurs to you as their best interest. It is not a feeling. It is not even much of a thought, for the seat of love is neither the head nor the heart, but the *will*. The author of 1st John adjures us not to love one another in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. So love is conscious, it doesn't just *happen*. Love is effortful and requires decisions.

Maybe the best example of what John means by "*loving in deed and in truth*" comes from a scene in playwright Sholom Aleichem's *Fiddler on the Roof*, in which Tevye is seeking to know how his wife, Golda, feels about him. Let's listen in:

"Golda, do you love me?"

"Do I LOVE you? With our daughters getting married and this trouble in the town, you're upset. You're worn out. Go inside. Go lie down. Maybe it's indigestion."

"Golda, I'm asking you a question. Do you love me?"

"You're a fool."

"I know, but do you love me?"

"Do I love you? 25 years I've washed your clothes, cooked your meals, cleaned your house, given you children, milked the cows. After 25 years, why talk about love?"

"Golda, the first time I met you was on our wedding day. My father and mother said we'd learn to love each other. So I'm now asking, Golda: do you love me?"

"I'm your wife."

"I know, but do you love me?"

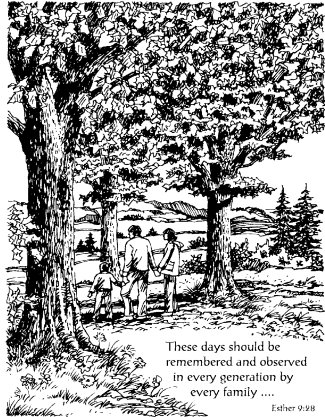
"Do I love him? For 25 years I've lived with him, fought with him, starved with him. 25 years my bed is his. If that's not love, what is?"

"Then do you love me?"

"I suppose I do."

"And I suppose I love you, too."

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THIS FRAGILE EARTH OUR ISLAND HOME

An issue which has become more and more important to all of us is the protection and preservation of the environment. The Episcopal Church has made statements regarding our endangered planet earth. In Eucharistic Prayer "C", it says "at your command all things come to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home". In the Litany of Thanksgiving we give thanks "for the beauty and wonder of your creation on earth," and in the Litany of Penitence we ask God to forgive us for "our waste and lack of concern for those who come after us".

Everything I read and hear indicates that things are getting worse. It is interesting that 2000 years ago Paul was also concerned: "the whole creation groaneth in travail" (Romans 8). The question is how did we ever get into such an awful predicament? Many experts suggest there are three major reasons: first, a wrong and harmful attitude towards the natural order itself; second, old fashioned ignorance; and third, the sins of greed and selfishness. Let us reflect in the three reasons for a few moments.

The first reason is a wrong attitude towards the natural order. For centuries there has been a common attitude that the natural order has value only insofar as it satisfies human needs. The earth has not been seen as a community to which we belong. God has made us stewards of his bounty. In one of our prayers at communion we beseech God to "give us all a reverence of the earth as your creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others". As a representative to the North Carolina General Assembly said, "we are accountable to God for the way in which we exercise our domination over his creation."

The second reason is pure ignorance. Some years ago when I read a pamphlet called "*101 Ways You Can Help Preserve Planet Earth*", I realized how ignorant I was about the issue and about what I could do to help preserve our planet earth. We are taking steps to recycle newspapers, magazines, cans, glass, and plastic cartons which will help. Recycling only the Sunday newspapers would save more than 500,000 trees weekly! Buying reusable products rather than disposable products will also help a great deal. Avoiding the use of non-biodegradable products such as Styrofoam cups is another way we can all take a step in the right direction. The point is that ignorance and denial on environmental issues even amongst intelligent people is a big problem.

The third reason for the ecological mess we are in is the sins of greed and selfishness. Nowhere is greed and selfishness of the human race more obvious than in events we still see today. Thousands of factories pollute the air and water ways. Millions of Americans throw trash onto the roadways or waste precious energy only because it pleases them. Millions of other episodes of selfish, socially uncooperative behavior have led to this frightening exploitation of the natural order. One theologian put it this way, "we do not need a theology of heaven and hell to realize that violation of God's commands to honor his creation carries built-in penalties." We as Christians must correct these sins before it is too late.

Rev. David Mussatti



Standing Committee News – Episcopal Diocese of Nevada

The Rev. Jim Kelly

The Diocesan Standing Committee (SC) business for 2006 gets underway in late January with a three day meeting at the new Presbyterian Conference Center at Zephyr Cove. (Camp Galilee had no open dates available, but we will attend worship services at St. John's.) On the agenda is a continuing dialog about the role of the Galilee Foundation now that it has been folded into the SC. A consultant from the Diocese of Northern California is presenting examples of what other Episcopal Dioceses who have foundations are doing.

SC recommended to Bishop Katharine that candidates for Holy Orders Laurie Chappelle and Rick Millsap be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Both are candidates for the priesthood, so they will be ordained Transitional Deacons.

NORTHWEST MISSION DISTRICT MEETING

On Saturday, February 4, 2006

At ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH in Sparks

From 9:30 A.M. - 12 Noon

Group discussions will focus on various ministries in our parishes and the Diocese. Please contact Connie Skidmore at 831-6289 if interested in attending.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES



We are pleased to announce that Connie Skidmore, Jim Jervey and Deborah Beebe were elected at our 2006 Annual Meeting and will represent St. Patrick's Church as delegates to the 36th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Nevada in October. They will be voting on resolutions, amendments to the diocesan canons, and other key issues.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)

Purpose: "Every baptized person is called to ministry. The EFM program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry."

A program for lay people, EFM is a theological education by extension from the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. It is a four-year curriculum containing studies of the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, ethics, liturgics and theology. In addition to study, the class is supported by a life of prayer, worship and theological reflection.

EFM has been a vital part of Christian education programs in numerous parishes in the U.S., as well as in Canada, Australia and the U.K. There are over 5,000 graduates of this program worldwide.

Connie Skidmore and Jim Kelly are interested in beginning an EFM class at St. Patrick's. To learn more about the EFM program and view study materials, see them after the 10:00 a.m. service on February 12th and 26th.

Connie Skidmore, EFM Mentor 831-6289



NEWS FROM THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF NEVADA, The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

[Editor's note: this letter was published on the Diocese of Nevada website on January 26th.]

To the people of Nevada:

The Nominating Committee for the next Presiding Bishop has today published their list of nominees and my name is among them. The last months leading to this day have been ones of discernment, and that discernment will continue until the election at General Convention in June.

I entered this process only reluctantly, and only because I felt the Spirit calling me to be vulnerable to this time of discernment. I am not anxious to leave Nevada. I love you and all the people of this remarkable place, and there is great and challenging work to do here. Know that I will continue to challenge us all to wrestle with the opportunities God has set before us in the desert. I ask your prayers for this diocese. I crave your prayers as well for the other bishops who will accompany me in this discernment process, and for their dioceses: Neil Alexander (Atlanta), Ted Gulick (Kentucky), and Henry Parsley (Alabama). I am honored and humbled to be counted among them.

May we all know God's abiding presence in this season, and always hold close to mind the words Julian heard of God, "all will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Shalom,

Katharine

[Editor's note: the following biographical information was extracted from the official biographies of the candidates published on the Episcopal Church's website, www.episcopalchurch.org.]

Katharine Jefferts Schori, 51, was consecrated the ninth Bishop of Nevada on February 24, 2001. She serves a diocese of some 6,000 members in 35 congregations. Jefferts Schori is the first woman selected as a nominee for Presiding Bishop. Her service to the wider church includes current membership on the Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion; the Board of Trustees, Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California; the CREDO Advisory Board; the House of Bishops peer coaching program; the General Board of Examining Chaplains; the Board for Church Deployment; the House of Bishops' Pastoral Development, Racism, and Planning Committees; the Court for Review of a Trial of a Bishop; the Episcopal visitor team for the Community of the Holy Spirit; and the Bishops of Small Dioceses group. From 2001-2003 she was a member of the 20/20 Strategy Group, and served as secretary of the House of Bishops Ministry Committee at the 2003 General Convention.

[She is widely published and] is an active, instrument-rated pilot with more than 500 hours logged. At the time of her election as bishop of Nevada, Jefferts Schori was assistant rector at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan in Corvallis, Oregon, where she also served as pastoral associate, dean of the Good Samaritan School of Theology, and priest-in-charge, El Buen Samaritano, Corvallis. She was ordained deacon and priest in 1994. Prior to ordination, she was a visiting assistant professor at Oregon State University's Department of Religious Studies, a visiting scientist at Oregon State University's Department of Oceanography, and an oceanographer with the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle. She received a B.S. in biology from Stanford University, 1974; an M.S. in oceanography from Oregon State University, 1977; a Ph.D. from Oregon State University, 1983; an M.Div. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 1994; and a D.D. from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2001. Jefferts Schori was born March 26, 1954, in Pensacola, Florida. She has been married to Richard Miles Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician (topologist), since 1979. They have one child, Katharine Johanna, 24, who is a second lieutenant and pilot in the US Air Force.



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since we met to choose to go forward with our Rector Search, and to choose what and how each of us would participate and contribute both spiritually and financially to the seemingly monumental effort in front of us.

Through the skillful and dedicated work of the Profile and Search Committees we were exceedingly fortunate to connect with Rev. Jim Beebe and his wife, Deborah, and have them accept the call to come to St. Patrick's. None of this would have been possible without the very generous financial support of Brent and Viki Welling for the Rector Search.

In his "State of the Church Address", Jim Beebe mentions the many accomplishments of the past three months, which are truly exciting, but before that happened, we accomplished a lot of other work as a congregation. Members of the congregation have become closer as group, and even better friends with their fellow parishioners. People have taken on being committee chairs, and started programs that we haven't even had in the past. It is truly heart warming and inspiring to participate with all of you. Everyone has unique gifts to share, and all have been so generous in doing so with their time, talents and financial support. Isn't it wonderful to have your church be a place where you come not only to worship, but where you share with your friends?

A good friend of mine from Colorado called me recently he was considering whether or not he should accept his Rector's invitation to be the Senior Warden; he wanted to know how much time would be involved, and other practical questions. By the time we had finished talking, he said he was going to accept the position, and I asked him why. He said that from what I had told him, it didn't sound like it was too difficult and that he could see that it wasn't about him being the perfect leader, but rather having a great group of people to work with who were committed to making their parish the best it could possibly be. He also said that he really liked the part where I told him that while I was surprised and somewhat nervous about being Senior Warden, it was one of the best things I had ever done, and that although I had been really busy, I truly felt fortunate to have the opportunity to serve and to get to know the people in my congregation at this level. Thank you all for your gift!

I know I speak for Rem Paul as well as myself when I say that we are more than proud to represent everyone from St. Patrick's, and we are looking forward to 2006 being a spectacular year with many new adventures that will be built upon the accomplishments and sound groundwork established during this past year. I especially want to thank retiring members of the Vestry: Barbara Edwards, Joanelen Slocumb, and Ron Wright for their hard work and dedication for the past three years. So many of you have put in so much time and energy to make it possible to get where we are; thank you doesn't say it all, so what we all will say is THANK GOD!

Wishing us all a blessed 2006,
Emy Gorowitz, Senior Warden

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our congregation has stepped up to the plate. We are so pleased to report that the pledges received as of January 3, 2006 total \$210,240. This total far exceeds any pledges received for any previous years in the history of St. Patrick's. Your pledges have allowed us to nearly balance the 2006 budget. (We now have a projected deficit of less than \$20,000). Keep your pledges coming, if you have not pledged yet.

We are thrilled with the results. With your amazing financial support, we can now begin to make a real difference in this community. We have turned the page!

Sharon Kirby and Steve Barney
Stewardship Chairpersons



WELCOME TO NEW VESTRY MEMBERS!

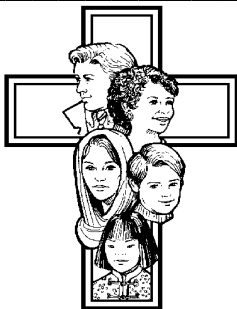
At your annual meeting on January 29th, three new Vestry members were elected to replace retiring members Ron Wright, Joanelle Slocumb, and Barbara Edwards:

Caroline Cutler. As a member of St. Patrick's since 1981, Caroline has been active as an usher/greeter, Sunday School teacher, as a youth director at Camp Galilee, and most recently coordinated Operation Christmas Child 2005. She serves as Saturday Night Alive Presider and Presenter of the homily and was a delegate from St. Patrick's to the Diocesan Convention in 2005. Caroline is also an accomplished artist who participated in our Art Show last fall.

Gary Thomsen. Gary actively participates in St. Patrick's, serving as Lector, usher/greeter, and as one of our valuable church maintenance persons. He is a member of the Military Officers' Assn. of America and the University of California alumni association, Bears in the Woods.

Mindy Young. As a professional landscape designer, Mindy was responsible for the design and planting of the landscaped grounds at St. Patrick's, and actively works to maintain our garden to look its best. Mindy ran the second largest children's camp in California for twelve years, is a Pet Network volunteer, and has served as AAUW vice president and Program Planner.

Judy Layton and Marsha Tejada will be serving as alternate vestry members should an opening occur.



Looking to serve Christ in your own unique way, doing the things you love to do?

I invite you to explore what God has called you to do and be in the St. Patrick's community. I will help you with this discernment process and offer any guidance and logistical support you will need to make your ministry a reality.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Beebe

WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S MEET

The Women of St. Patrick's held our first meeting of the year on Friday, January 13. A delicious potluck luncheon was enjoyed by the 21 women who attended. The meeting was led by Connie Skidmore and Peggy Harrison and results of the recent survey were announced. Everyone was delighted to know of the great interest in forming a women's group!

Jim Beebe spoke to us about the rewards of a ministry of "reaching out". Kellie Cutler, Manager of the Parasol Community Collaboration here in Incline Village, told us about the work of the non-profit organizations who are members of the collaboration. Arts/Culture, Education, Environment and Social Services are the four areas in which these organizations are involved; the members of each focus group meet monthly to assess the needs of our community and to make plans to meet those needs. Our group was invited to send a representative to the meetings that are of special interest.

The Women of St. Patrick's will continue to explore areas in which we might decide to participate. Volunteerism is important to our group, and we are open to ideas. Ruth Jervey (thanks, Ruth!) took notes of the meeting, and they are available upon request.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 16th at 5:30p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the church library.

As follow-up to our well-attended January meeting, Barbara Richard, Children's Cabinet Outreach Director, and Rosie Strifer, Volunteer Chairman, will tell us about SPECIFIC areas where there are volunteer opportunities. A sign-up sheet for women to bring appetizers and beverages is on the table by the church entry. All women are encouraged to attend this important meeting for fellowship and discussion!



Musical Musings...

From time to time I am asked, "When will we sing my cherished hymn or hymns, and the one's "I remember from when I was growing up?"

With all of our wonderful congregational musical resources available to us in our "Hymnal 1982" as well as in our "Spirit and Song" book, try as we might, some worthy selections are omitted every year. If you have a particular hymn that you would like to have included during the year, please let me know, and we'll plan an appropriate week to include it in our music!

Our congregational music selection is guided by two influences: church seasons (of which there are 6), and the lectionary, which often suggests especially appropriate texts for a given service. For example Hymn 111, "Stille Nacht", or "Silent Night", is most appropriate for the Christmas Eve, rather than the Christmas Day service. Likewise, Hymn 661, Georgetown, "They Cast Their Nets In Galilee", is most fitting for Epiphany 3, when we read about Jesus' calling of Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

We have been rotating our service music since Advent of 2003 so that this, our 3rd year, our selections should be both fresh and familiar.

Soli Deo Gloria!

David H. Brock, Director of Music

Rumble and Zing Concert

Saturday, February 11, 2006
7:30p.m.
St. Patrick's Church



Our next concert will feature organist Erik William Suter, from Washington National Cathedral. In addition to his duties at Washington Cathedral, Mr. Suter maintains an active solo recital schedule. He has performed extensively in the United States and Canada, in addition to appearing in several Asian and European Countries. He has won numerous first prizes for his playing, including a 1993 Chicago American Guild of Organists Young Performer's competition, and in 1997 the Yale Biennial Organ Competition.

Bring your friends and family to hear this exciting and talented artist. The concert is free to all. A donation of \$20 per person is encouraged to help sustain our Rumble and Zing concerts in the community.

MURIEL ANDERSON
ACOUSTIC GUITAR CONCERT



Sunday, February 12th, 3:00p.m.
St. Patrick's Church

Ms. Anderson is widely respected as the premier woman fingerstyle guitarist in the world. She has released seven CD's in the U.S. and three in Japan. The concert will be on Sunday, February 12th at 3:00 p.m. Purchase advance tickets at Art Attack for \$15, general admission, and \$20 for preferred seating. Call 775-338-1671 for further information.



CHILDREN'S GODLY PLAY CLASSES

We'd like all of our parents and parishioners to know about the new and exciting St. Patrick's *Godly Play* program for children ages 12 years and under, which meets in Classroom 2, following the *Saturday Night Alive* church service and dinner.

Godly Play was founded by Jerome Berryman, Director of the Center for the Theology of Childhood in Houston, TX. He is an Episcopal priest who has written sacred stories with accompanying presentations based on the Montessori-method of teaching. The children, along with a storyteller, meet in a small group to worship and share these stories.

Each particular story-of-the-day is shared by a "**Storyteller**", who has studied, contemplated and integrated its contents. Usually the lesson focuses on a Bible story. The storyteller uses small figurines, which are placed and moved around on sand or felt while the story is being told. Each story ends with "**Wondering time**", when the storyteller wonders out loud about the story. The children may be asked at this time, what they felt was the most important part of the story, or; what part of the story could have been left out, or; what part of the story they felt closest to. Children are encouraged to participate voluntarily, and to respect all thoughts and opinions shared by the others. "**Response time**" follows, when the children respond to the story by using art materials or, perhaps by telling the story themselves and using the small figurines. The children are allowed the time to explore their thoughts and express what they feel. Their "**Work**" is an expression of prayer and study. "**The Feast**" follows, occurring after all the work has been returned to the shelves. Prayers are said and a simple snack makes up our feast. There is also time for the children to share in conversation with each other. At "**The Dismissal**" each child is excused individually, each receiving a blessing by the storyteller.

Deb and I thank God for this opportunity to work and "play" with our group of creative, enthusiastic children. Before coming to St. Patrick's, Deb Beebe taught *Godly Play* at St. Paul's, Akron, Ohio. Her excitement about the program has inspired me, a former Montessori teacher, to join in the fun. Together we have studied the curriculum, found materials and recently attended an excellent *Godly Play* training session in Mill Valley, CA.

There are many people to thank for helping to make the *Godly Play* program possible: all the parents who share with us the joy of being with their children; Jim Beebe's sister and her husband, Linda & Brad Rich, Connie Skidmore and Ruth Jervy who helped us to purchase much-needed materials; Deborah Beebe, Caroline Cutler, Kalie Ceglia (the Gurowitz's daughter who attends culinary school!), Chris Swick, Kathy Vomund and Judy Morrison who provide food.

We welcome your help with preparing materials for our *Godly Play* classes, and/or donating a simple meal or dessert for our Saturday Night Alive attendees, etc. We also welcome your enthusiasm for our program!

Many Thanks,
Judy Morrison and Deborah Beebe

YOUTH CLASSES

Saturday Nite Alive Youth Group is alive and well! With the participation in the Saturday Night Service at St. Patrick's, our young people are learning the word of the Lord. They are learning to be a part of this community and are giving their theatrical talents and smiles, to us.

After a delicious dinner in the library, we meet downstairs to dig a little deeper into "Pictures of God". We have taken on this curriculum written for Middle School Age children which allows us to explore how God pictures himself as a good listener, a gift, a comedian. Bible passages, skits, games, and creative questions are a part of our Saturday Nite Alive.

All Middle School aged youth are invited to join in our learning and fun!

With thanks,
Caroline Cutler and Kathy Vomund

ANNOUNCING WINTERFEST 2006



Galilee's third annual High School *Winterfest* session for grades nine through twelve will be held over President's Weekend, February 18-20, 2006. The fun will begin with lunch at noon on Saturday, February 18, and conclude after lunch on February 20. The Program Leader will be Suzy Sheldon from St. Paul's, Sparks. Suzy is a long-time Galilean, a teacher at Swope Middle School and she is already planning the weekend activities. The Rev. Chip Arnold will be the *Winterfest* Chaplain. The fee for *Winterfest* is \$125. Registration forms and details were mailed to all high school youth on the Galilee mailing list in early January. *Winterfest* is open to all teens, so if you or your friends did not receive a form and wish to attend, call the Camp Registrar, Joanna Morris, at (775) 747-2260, or e-mail her at Registrar@GalileeTahoe.org.



All-Parish Lenten Programs Begin March 9th!

In a revival of an old St. Patrick's tradition, we'll mark Lent with Thursday Lenten programs. They'll start on March 9th and meet on Thursdays through April 6th. The programs will begin with a meal, which will be served from 5:30p.m. -6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The theme of Lent 2006 is, "What is distinctive about the Episcopal Church," and, we'll cover such diverse topics as: the *Book of Common Prayer*; how the Church of England came to be; the history of the American Episcopal Church and its diversity. Clergy will lead discussions on these topics from 6:15p.m. – 6:45 p.m., after which the evening will come to a close by 7:00 p.m. with a quiet, candle-lit Compline service in the church. So, if you'd like to know more about the Episcopal Church and why we do what we do, plan to come for an evening of learning and fellowship.

And here's the bonus feature: anyone attending this Lenten series will be eligible for confirmation at the next regional confirmation service (April 30th at St. John's-in-the-Wilderness)! Right now, anyone can be a member of St. Patrick's Church by virtue of their baptism. Our ranks are filled with Roman Catholics, United Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Orthodox and those with other denominational affiliations, but you'll need to be confirmed if you wish to serve on the Vestry or to be identified as "Episcopalian."

Getting Older? How's Your Spiritual Health?

Are you over 50? Have you taken time to think about how to prepare spiritually for your retirement years? Jane Rohrer, Ph.D., former St. Patrick's member and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Sierra Nevada College who recently graduated (M.T.S.) from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, has developed a six-week course to explore the relationship between aging and Christian spirituality. The course is based on the assumption that as we enter our fifties and sixties we need to monitor our spiritual habits as closely as our diet and exercise to maintain a meaningful, healthy life. It includes research about the facts and myths of aging in America, explores values that give our lives meaning—such as work, relationships, and favorite pastimes—and demonstrates how Christian spiritual practices can provide a consistently meaningful framework for changes that occur during aging. The Episcopal Educational Evangelical Society (EEES) has funded a grant proposal to cover the costs of books and instructional materials for the class for fifteen participants aged fifty or older. The class will be held at St. Patrick's from 4p.m. – 6 p.m. on six Fridays during the Lenten season: March 3, 10, 24, 31, April 7, and 21.

Please call the office at St. Patrick's (831-1418) and leave your name, address, phone number, and e-mail if you are interested in taking this class in the spring. Brochures with registration forms are also available at the church. Enrollment is limited to 15. Persons enrolling should be available to attend all six classes.

New for Sunday Adult Education!

"Bible 101"

Studying the Scriptures can be a very confusing experience. Many people look at the Bible as a unified whole – something that was written in chronological order and makes perfect sense from start to finish. Nothing could be further from the truth! The Bible is more like a library than a single book. It contains many different kinds of writings, in many styles and in several different languages, compiled over thousands of years from both oral and written traditions.

So how do we make sense of it?

Well, the first thing we need to know is the *context* of the Scriptures. They didn't just come out of thin air. They were written at specific times and for specific purposes. In Bible 101 we'll explore the history of Israel and how the various books of the Old Testament fit into that history. Then we'll see how and why Judaism was the seedbed for Christianity. By the end of our study, you'll have an excellent working knowledge of the Bible and will know *what* was written and *why*. Bible 101 will meet in the Library at 9:10 a.m. on Sundays, will start on January 8th and will finish at the end of June.



Hello! I would just like to thank all of the parishioners here at St. Patrick's for welcoming me into the position of Parish Administrator. Please feel free to stop by or call with any questions or concerns. The office is open 9-1, Monday- Friday. If you wish to email, please direct your subject line to "St. Patrick's Office": office@tahoeepiscopal.org.

Jessica Rotter
Parish Administrator

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX TO BETTER ASSIST YOU IN HEARING THE CHURCH SERVICE.

COMMUNITY KNITTERS
GUILD NEWS



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

The Knitters Guild is off to a great start this year! More warm garments, layettes and afghans have been given to the Children's Cabinet Clinic in Incline Village, the Family Resource Center in Kings Beach, and Tahoe Forest Hospice. Several helmet liners have been mailed to the soldiers in Iraq. And, some members have started giving weekly knitting lessons, as part of the Parasol Collaboration's After-School program, to several Incline Village Middle School students.

We welcome new members and can help you if you would like to learn to knit, or if you need some updating of your skills. Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 for further information.

LIBRARY UPDATE!



Our church library use is on the increase, with our new subject labels making it easy to browse for topics of interest. Feel free to browse and check out any books you are interested in. The check-out sheet is attached to the library bulletin board. And, when you return the book, please mark the check-out sheet "Returned", and re-shelve the book to its color-coded section. (Each book has a color coded dot on the book spine). Or, you may place books in the basket book return on the library desk.

We welcome book donations too! They can be placed on the library desk, with a note attached saying they are donations from you (include your name so that we may say Thank You!)

Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm!
Lainie McFarlin

Staff & Ministry Group Chairs

The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bishop of Nevada

*The Rev. Dr. James R. Beebe
Rector*

*The Rev. Dr. David J. Mussatti
Priest*

*The Rev. Jim Kelly
Priest*

*David H. Brock
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*Emy Gurowitz**
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Junior Warden, Buildings and Grounds Chair*

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*Nancy Joslin
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