

St. Patrick' Shamrock

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A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

LEARNING HOW TO FORGIVE

As a chaplain for the Victim Assistance Program in Akron, Ohio, I listened to the horror stories of family members who had lost loved ones during violent crimes. Always, at the end, there would be harsh words about how the criminal justice system was not working and that justice demands retribution, restitution and remorse from the criminals. My natural response, of course, was, "Exactly!" But then two thoughts would intercede. First, as normal as these responses were, the victims seemed to be giving away their freedom; that is, they were *allowing* the perpetrators of these violent crimes to have a large measure of psychic control over their lives.

The second thought was actually more of a question: "*How, under these circumstances, can people do what Jesus commanded them to do — to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, to bless those who curse them, and to pray for those who abuse them?*" Most people don't know where to start, so listening to C.S. Lewis might help. [*Mere Christianity*] Here's his advice:

- (1) You have to practice forgiving your enemies, but don't *start* with those who commit egregious crimes (in his era, that would have been the Gestapo); rather, start with your spouse or partner or parents or children for something they did or said last week.
- (2) Don't think that you have to make your enemy into someone who is not so bad after all (in other words, don't excuse their bad behavior — call it what it is). Only when you 're genuinely hurt do you have the power to forgive.
- (3) Remember that we've been forgiving our own bad behavior our whole lives. And even if you harbor bad feelings about your enemy, pray for his or her healing. In Lewis' words, "*That is what is meant in the Bible by loving him: wishing his good, NOT feeling fond of him nor saying he is nice when he is not.*"

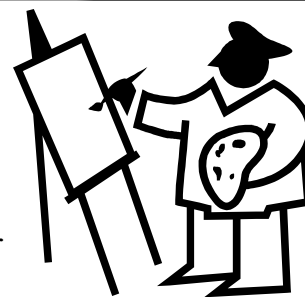
Pray, in other words, "against the grain."

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We are Seeking Artists !!!



Have you noticed the bright clean walls at St. Patrick's when you walk towards Jim Beebe's office or the Library? Look up and you will see attractive track lighting. These lights will shine upon your, our artwork! God has blessed us with gifts, which we can share with each other. We can adorn the halls with art and we can celebrate together.

The next step is for us to step forward and share our art. Our Call To Artists is open to the community. We are starting with Photography and Literary art, which we propose to hang the months of June and July. August/September we celebrate Quilts and Gardens. October/November we hang Oils and Watercolor, December/January we show Children's Art, February/March the Knitters and Weaver's are celebrated. April/ May we view mixed media.

We propose a reception with our musicians participating to bring friends and all of us at St. Patrick's together to honor God's gifts. There will be a reception from 4:00p.m. until 5:30p.m. on Saturday, June 23, and on the following day 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. on Sunday, June 24.

Please contact me, Deb Beebe, or Lainie and share your gifts. We are accepting all volunteers to assist us with this project of love. We can be beginning or accomplished artists and we ask for the art to please be framed.

Caroline Cutler
775-832-8170



THE YOUTH OF ST. PATRICK'S

We are exposed to a larger picture of Episcopalian Youth thanks to Deb Beebe. Her participation and influence has educated our young teens on the broader aspects of what our young people have available as Episcopalians.

The Provincial Young Event, TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) and the Diocesan Youth Council are opportunities for our young people. The PYE is held this summer at Salt Lake City, July 17-22. If you have completed Grade 9, you are invited to attend. The Youth Council voted to grant full scholarships for the summer PYE for the first 15 young people who register. What a great experience for any young person to be surrounded with energy, love, other Episcopal young people going through the same fears, cares, and emotions. Please see Deb Beebe or me regarding this opportunity.

We have explored many readings in the last few months which require the youth to use The Bible. To familiarize ourselves with the books of The Bible, the young people take turns researching and reading the word of the Lord. They are quite amused at the names of the people in the Bible.

With summer fun in the horizon, I encourage the youth to attend Camp Galilee. "Walking on the Water at Galilee" is the theme for this year. Register on line at www.GalileeTahoe.org.

Caroline Cutler, and Kathy Vomund



NEWS FROM CAMP GALILEE



The Rev. Dr. Jane Foraker-Thompson

For the third year in a row, the Episcopal Church of Nevada will be sponsoring a summer camp for Children of Inmates. This year it is called "Camp Spirit." It will occur from August 12-19, at Camp Galilee, which is on the eastern shores of Lake Tahoe. This is an ecumenical effort, as other churches help us sponsor the children who will attend the camp. Other organizations that engage in prison ministries of any sort may also be able to refer families to us who have a member in prison, whose children are between the ages of 8-12 years old. We are aiming at between 30-40 children between the ages of 8-12. We had wider age ranges before and found it too unwieldy.

The camp experience is free to the families. (Actual costs of the camp per child run about \$450/child, which includes room and board, a lifeguard, nurse, arts & craft materials, water equipment like rafts and paddle boards, afternoon snacks, etc. Registration fees for children at the other summer camps at Camp Galilee are \$300/child). We provide each child with a backpack with a Bible (courtesy of Angel Tree), flashlight, notebook of blank paper, pencil, pen, sun block, bug repellent, etc., and they are provided a snack every afternoon in between lunch and dinner. Staff includes three priests and one deacon; one Hispanic and one African-American person. All the adult staff are volunteers. We will be paying four young people--two young women and two young men in their late teens or early 20's, to be camp counselors to work more directly with the children, sleep in their cabins, etc.

The schedule begins with chapel first thing every morning, followed by breakfast. Then clean-up in cabins, meeting as a group, discussion times, small group time, play time, lunch, beach time, nap, snack time, arts & crafts, dinner. Group time, small group discussions, songs & games, singing and shared prayers at Point Prayer (gather around a rustic wood cross at an overlook of the beach and water), back to cabin and lights out. There will be one hike, a star gazing night, nature walks, and various fun surprises for the children. It is a wonderful, safe, fun time for the children and hopefully will have a positive effect on the rest of their lives.

We would greatly appreciate any help you can give us in fund raising and transportation of children. Below are lists of needs we are still working on. Your referrals would be appreciated. Mike & Donna Margerum are the couple in charge of the camp this year. Mike is the head program person and Donna is the business manager.

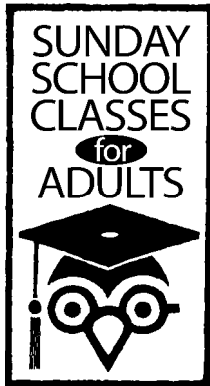
REMEMBER, 70% OF CHILDREN OF INMATES WILL BECOME INMATES THEMSELVES UNLESS WE BREAK THE CYCLE. IT IS THE HUMANE, COMPASSIONATE, AND SMART THING FOR SOCIETY TO INVEST IN THE YOUTH WHILE THEY CAN STILL BE GUIDED IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD.

Mike & Donna Margerum's number is: 972-5148, email is: mdmargerum@sbcglobal.net

My numbers are: home: 782-5005; work 887-9287; emails: jforakerthompson@doc.nv.gov for work and jforakert@verizon.net for home

Donations can be made out to: **Galilee Episcopal Camp & Conference Center, Inc.**, PO Box 6472, Reno, NV 89513-6472. Please mark the check for "Camp Spirit."





Christian Theology in Everyday Language

Summer 2007 Adult Education

It has been said that until you can explain a theological concept in everyday language, you don't really grasp it. This daunting task will be our goal during the adult educational forums this summer. We'll include *"the problem of evil"* (the foundational dilemma for the world's religions), the nature of Christ, the Trinity, what Jesus meant by *"the Kingdom of God,"* and concepts such as *"salvation," "faith, hope and love,"* and *"holiness."* Here's the plan:

- June 3: *"Is there such a thing as 'human nature'?"*
- June 10: *"Evil is sneakier than you think"*
- June 17: *"Why would you want to escape from freedom?"*
- June 24: *"Naming the Whirlwind"*
- July 1: *"The Kingdom of God, Part I"*
- July 8: *"The Kingdom of God, Part II"*
- July 15: *"The Kingdom of God, Part III"*
- July 22: *"How Jesus thought the world would end"*
- July 29: *"Superman Vs. Jesus"*
- August 5: *"Invisible things"*
- August 12: *"Are you saved, brother?"*
- August 19: *"Paths of ultimate liberation"*
- August 26: *"Some strange, new theologies"*
- September 2: *"Karl Barth says..."*
- September 9: *"Process theology? Say again?"*
- September 16: *"Faith, hope and love, these three"*
- September 23: *"Angels?"*
- September 30: *"Are you 'holy'?"*

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC

The Incline Chamber Music Society
(A Parasol Community Collaborator)

2007 Concert Schedule

- July 8—Ariel Ensemble (Strong Quartet)
- July 15—Marc Teicholz (Classical Guitar)
- July 22—Reno Vocal Arts Ensemble (SATB—Piano)
- July 29—Axton & Marion (Piano—four hands)
- August 5—Stern & Nagano (Violin—Piano)
- August 12—Zeigler & Riley (Cello—Piano)

Sundays—3:00p.m., Free Admission

948 Incline Way, at the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Non-Profits
(775) 831-2298





CALL FOR CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Meeting for children & parents, Sunday, July 8th at 5pm.
St. Patrick's**

All children in the community are welcome to participate!



Toccata

The Orchestra and Community Choral Artists of the Tahoe Area
Toccata Chamber Singers James Rawie, Artistic Director and Conductor

RED WHITE & TOCCATA-TAHOE BLUE-- A Concert of All American Composers

July 8 Sunday 5:30pm St. Patricks Church-Incline Village
Gershwin/Copeland/Ives songs Katharine DeBoer, Anna Helwing, soprano
Stars and Stripes - 4-hand organ-J.P.Sousa • Star Spangled Banner-D. Buck
Bernstein Sonata for Clarinet and Piano D Brock/D Moore Flute/piano- John Cage
Spirituals: Elijah Rock-Deep River/Alleluia-R.Thompson • Battle Hymn of the Republic

RECITAL Josue Casillas, Flute and Piano

July 11 Wednesday 7:30pm St. Patrick's Church
Mozart Var. Ah! Vous dirai-je, maman -soprano, flute/piano J. Strotz/Casillas

“TUTTI FLUTIE” FLUTE, VIOLIN AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

July 14 Saturday 7:30pm St. Patrick's Church Incline Village
Handel Concerto for organ, strings and two flutes, Op4, #6 David Brock, organist
Mozart Coronation Mass Selections Kyrie • Benedictus • Agnus Dei • Dona Nobis
Vivaldi Concerto for two flutes and strings
Mozart Concerto for violin and orchestra in G major KV Misha Raffree
Mozart Concerto for flute and orchestra in G major KV 313 Casillas
Mozart Var. on Ah! Vous dirai-je, maman -soprano, flute and orch Strotz/Casillas

VIVA VIVALDI Chorus & Orchestra Vivaldi-Bach-Händel 4 sopranos & 2 trumpets

July 28 Saturday 7:30pm St Patrick's Church-Incline Village
Handel Concerto for Organ and strings Op. 4 #1 David Brock, organ
Vivaldi Concerto for two trumpets in C major-Mark Lord, William VanMeter, trumpets
Bach Cantata #51 Jauchzet Gott • M Arrigotti, J.Strotz soprano • Mark Lord, trumpet
Vivaldi Gloria -Katharine DeBoer, Olivia Anderson, soprano • Stuart Duke, baritone

**ST. MATTHEW PASSION J.S.Bach (Part II) in English • K. DeBoer, Evangelist • D.Brock, continuo
O. Anderson, M.Arrigotti, J. Strotz, soprano • K.Rea, tenor • S. Duke, baritone •**

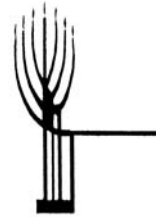
Aug. 25 Saturday 7:30pm St. Patrick's Church Incline Village
Art songs of Mozart, Brahms, Debussy and Ives. Donna Axton, piano TBA, flute

**Mozart-Requiem KV 646 & Symphony #40 in G minor • Händel Organ Concerto Op. 4 #5
O. Anderson, M.Arrigotti, K. DeBoer, J. Strotz, soprano • K.Rea, ten • S. Duke, bar., David Brock, organ**

Sept. 7 Friday 7:30pm 9/11 Memorial Concert- St. Patrick's Church-Incline Village



JEWES AND CHRISTIANS: LIVING IN THE COMMON ERA



A joint program of NTHC and St. Patrick's Church

As you've probably heard by now, Rev. Jim Beebe and I will be offering this six-session program every other Saturday beginning June 16th. The goals of the program are:

- a. Attitude: to move from seeing the other as stranger to seeing them as partner or neighbor.
- b. Belief: to achieve a more sophisticated understanding of the others' tradition as well as a deepened appreciation of our own.
- c. Behavior: to act in such a way as not to demean the other through our worship, our theology, or our traditions.

In the words of Jewish scholar Jean Halperin, "*We not only need to understand one another, we need one another to understand ourselves.*" Understanding how the historical relationship with the other has shaped – or misshaped – the historical development of our traditions enables us to guide the development of our traditions in the future with far greater wisdom and insight.

We need a relationship with the other to know more of what it can mean to have a relationship with God. Learning others' traditions and seeing how our own tradition looks in their eyes makes our apparent how much of our expressions are culture-bound. Dialogue helps us to understand the other on their own terms rather than through our own beliefs and convictions. Dialogue also allows us to see ourselves through the eyes of the other. Long-standing prejudices and stereotypes begin to lose their power.

The method for this program will be dialogue; the primary purpose of dialogue is to learn – that is to change and grow in the perception and understanding of reality, and then to act accordingly. The aim is conversing, not convincing.

We will use two books by Thomas Cahill as starting points: *Gifts of the Jews* and *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*, and will read these against the background of the Bible to try to understand the origins of Christianity in Judaism, to look at the world in which Christianity grew from Judaism, and to examine the actual teachings of both Testaments as distinct from the teachings that have grown over the years as a reaction to each side's being threatened by or adversarial toward the other.

We ask that participants make two commitments – to read the books and to attend at least five of the six sessions of the program. There is no cost to participate and sessions will run from 10 am to 1 pm at the Community Room of the Incline Village Library. Please call the NTHC office to register so that we can know how many people to expect. Registrations from St. Patrick's are coming in and I hope that we will have a significant showing from NTHC as well.

Ed Gurowitz



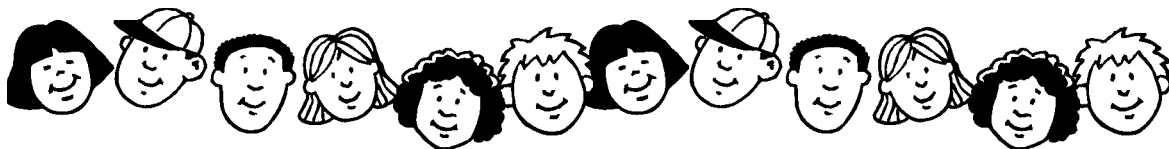
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM) COMPLETES FIRST YEAR

After thirty-six weeks of study, worship, reflection and prayer, the first year for the EFM seminar group at St. Patrick's has come to a close triumphantly! The group, mentored by Connie Skidmore and Jim Kelly, included Karen Barney, Deb Beebe, David Brown, Linda Brown, Nancy Joslin, Judy Morrison and Gary Thomsen. We met Monday evenings from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. in the church library to discuss our weekly lessons in the Old Testament and Church History, worship together, and share our experiences and walk as people of God.

Each member of the seminar group has prayed for and supported one another during the year and plans throughout the summer to continue to pray for St. Patrick's ministries, congregation and those individuals on our prayer list. In September we will come together again rested and refreshed for our weekly seminars.

We are looking for a few new students to join us in our second year at St. Patrick's. Please contact Connie Skidmore or Jim Kelly - or any of the present group members - to ask us about EFM. It is a wonderful opportunity to expand your Biblical knowledge and to join others in a very special learning experience in our Church.

Connie Skidmore 831-6289



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION DIVERSIFIES

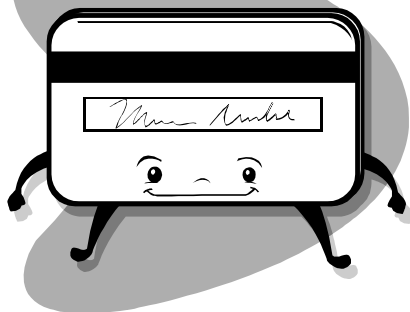
Godly Play continues with Deb and Judy on Saturday nights. We have a smaller class due to the start of another class taught by Nancy Joslin. Nancy has agreed to teach the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Her classroom is at the south end of the Parish Hall. She has already taken her students to visit the No. Tahoe Hebrew Congregation, and has even taught them the old custom of washing feet. The children have had only a few classes, but they have learned a lot and they are enjoying their small, but enthusiastic group. Thanks, Nancy, for your time and dedication.

Godly Play now has children from age 4-8. Even though the group is young, they continue to enjoy hearing the fascinating Bible stories. We miss Evan, Gus and Mariposa who "moved up" to the older group. Saturday Night Alive will continue through the summer. Nancy's class, Caroline and Kathy's class and Deb and Judy's class will take a summer break and continue when the children go back to school.

Judy Morrison



Lazy Fundraising



You shop, right? Groceries. Clothes. Trips. Sundries. Online. Eating out. How would you like to turn that shopping into fund raising at no cost to you other than five minutes of your time? OK, maybe fifteen minutes. That's all it takes to get enrolled in our two scrip programs. And getting enrolled is all that it takes to have contributions sent to St. Patrick's. No more time or effort on your part!

St. Patrick's is enrolled in two different scrip programs:

- eScrip Register your credit cards one time. That's all you need to do. Then each time you use one of these cards at a participating merchant, St. Patrick's gets bucks. How cool is that? Totally safe and secure, and you don't even have to remember which merchants participate or use a special card. You can even register your Safeway card and give St. Patrick's a boost while you're saving money. For all of 2006, fourteen of us raised \$218.22. Think how this would swell if everyone helped out. Some groups are getting thousands of dollars thru this program.

The Raley's Quality of Life cards. Get a Raley's card and hand it to the clerk each time you buy your groceries there. Doesn't cost you a dime, but St. Patrick's gets dollars. We did better with this program in 2006 with \$610.41 coming to St. Patrick's. If you don't have a card yet, get one; if you do, be sure to use it.

How to get started?

- eScrip Go to our Web site, <http://www.tahoeepiscopal.com/>, and click **Our Scrip Programs** in the left pane and follow the instructions. These folks having been running this program for a long time and do not use your credit-card information for any other purpose. Need help? I'll be glad to sit at the office computer with you after the 10:00a.m. service.

Raley's Stop at the church office and pick up a card. It has to be registered for us to get the benefit, but Jessica will be glad to do that for you. Or see me on Sunday after the 10:00a.m. service.

Current card users: Please verify that your card is still active and associated with St. Patrick's. 1) Go to our Web site, <http://www.tahoeepiscopal.com/> 2) Click **Our Scrip Programs** in the left pane and scroll to the bottom. 3) Click **More information and activation**. 4) Click **Click here to edit your account**. 5) Type your card number and password, and click **Enter**. Unless you've changed it, your password should be your seven-digit phone number, e.g. 8339156.

Still have question or need help? Call me. (That's my phone number in step #5.)

Karen Barney



WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S NEWS

Women's Fellowship

On Friday, April 27, a happy gathering of men (yes, Jim Beebe and Dave Musatti were there!) and women took place in the church library to have a baby shower for Jessica Rotter, our wonderful Office Administrator. 14 people brought delicious dishes for the pot-luck luncheon and lovely gifts for the baby due to appear in early June. Jessica was sincerely appreciative of the support and good wishes she received and offered heartfelt thanks for the beautiful baby gifts she and Mark, her husband, were given. Mark stopped by to join the festivities and was warmly welcomed by those in attendance.

Colorful balloons and a lovely decorated cake added gala touches to the table décor. Thanks to Peggy Harrison, Marilyn Gareffa, Nancy Joslin and Deborah Beebe, who set everything up, and to Ruth Jervey, who took some wonderful pictures for Jessica and Mark's memory book!

The next meeting of the Women of St. Patrick's will be a pot-luck picnic luncheon at Burnt Cedar Beach on Monday, July 16, at 11:45 a.m. Millie Clarke, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Incline Village, will bring us news of two upcoming fundraisers. Millie is the Chairman of the Board of Sisters in Service, an organization that supports women and children, worldwide, who are in need. A Pancake Breakfast for Sudan will be held at St. Patrick's on Saturday, August 25, and a Walk to the Water for Sudan is planned for Saturday, September 15. Millie will answer questions about both events; it is hoped lots of volunteers will step forward to offer their support.

Be sure to save the date of Monday, July 16, for another opportunity to join the women of our church in a warm and friendly gathering. A sign-up sheet will be on the hall table by the church entrance.

Peggy Harrison



CONGRATULATIONS, JESSICA! Isabella was born on May 24th at Truckee Forest Hospital. Parents & baby (6lbs., 15oz.) are doing great!

Thank you so much to the Women of St. Patrick's for hosting the baby shower in April!



My husband and I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the women who coordinated this exciting event, as it was appreciated and very thoughtful to be included here at St. Pat's. We are so thankful to realize how many people are supportive and excited about the upcoming birth in June! I will be leaving in June and should return sometime this summer for continuing duties as Parish Administrator. During this time there will be irregular office hours, please call ahead to schedule any appointments with Jim Beebe or Dave Mussatti, 831-1418.

Thank you for your support and blessings—Jessica Rotter



KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS

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

Since January, several members of the Knitters Guild have given weekly knitting lessons to 4th and 5th grade students at Incline Elementary School. The interest level was high among the boys and girls who participated, and it seemed as though each week 2 or 3 more students joined the class. 25 children were being taught basic knitting skills at the final lesson of the school year on May 9! A lot of progress was made, and the novice knitters made small scarves and shawls for their stuffed toy animals as a way to learn knitting basics. Some students created potholders and small purses for their mothers for Mothers Day gifts. The volunteer instructors were feted at the final knitting lesson. The students had all signed a thank-you card, and some of the mothers brought in ice cream and a beautifully decorated cake for everyone to enjoy. The volunteers really appreciated this "Thank You" party!

Some new members have recently joined the Knitters Guild; the women who have been gone for the winter are now back in town and are, once again, coming regularly to our gatherings. Happy voices and laughter emanate from the church library every Wednesday afternoon! Donations of yarn, even small amounts, are welcome; we can always use more supplies!

If you know of anyone undergoing chemotherapy who might like one or more of the very soft chemo caps we make, please contact us. The caps are available at no charge.

We are continuing to make the sweaters, hats, booties and blankets for baby layettes that we donate to the Incline Village Children's Cabinet Clinic, as well as the hats, scarves, sweaters and other warm garments that we give to the Kings Beach Family Resource Center. Tahoe Forest Hospice gratefully accepts the chemo caps, lap robes and afghans that we make for their patients.

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site for the group is www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/.

Please contact Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 if you would like further information.



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