



St. Patrick' Shamrock

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ST. PATRICK'S SET FOR CONSECRATION!

"Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the building of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, we are now gathered to dedicate and consecrate it in God's name." (BCP, p. 567)

With these words, The Right Reverend Dan Edwards will consecrate St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, August 2, 2009, 10 a.m. service. (reception following.) In the earliest Christian traditions, a building was considered consecrated upon the celebration of the first Holy Eucharist in it. According to commentator Marion Hatchett, the most influential of the early Anglican traditions was written by Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester in the 17th century.

In 19th century America, churches were often financed by the selling of pews to parishioners. Eventually, mortgages were drawn and, to protect the property, a canon was enacted in 1868 that required the buildings and grounds to be fully paid for and free of all encumbrances at the time of consecration. Hence, consecration came to mark the liquidation of debts rather than the first use of the building.

In addition to setting a church aside for worship, the 1979 Book of Common Prayer's consecration service recognizes that the building may also be used for educational, humanitarian or social purposes. At the beginning of the service, the congregation circles the building, carrying sacred vessels, ornaments and decorations and the deed and blueprint for the property, all the while singing hymns. The bishop will then make the sign of the cross on the church's threshold. Once inside, the bishop dedicates the baptismal font, the pulpit and lectern, the altar, and the organ and piano.

Heartfelt thanks go to the many faithful parishioners of St. Patrick's Church who have made this historic event possible, especially Bruce and Barbara Purdy, Clark and Ginny Hestmark, Bill Platt, and John Sells. Thanks also for the perseverance of the "Banks or Babies?" team under the leadership of Chuck and Laurean Meyer!



Working with Challenges

a message from
Bishop Dan

I have spent most of this past year asking questions. The most important one has been: How can the Diocese help each parish do its mission better and help each church member do his or her mission better? I expect to keep asking that for years to come. So far I have learned a few things, but I have a lot more to learn. There are three needs that I have heard just about everywhere I go.

Ministry Development: I have heard about this need in various ways. Often people tell me how much they miss the Regional Vicars or the School of Theology. Others say they need help starting an adult education program, a children's Sunday School, or a youth group. I hear about the need for Vestry Training, Treasurer Training, Acolyte Training, and Preacher Training. The list goes on. Parishes are hungry for training to support them in their local ministries – theological education, Bible study, preaching classes, and more. I do not have a silver bullet answer to this challenge. I do not know the best way to do so much with so little money. But rather than do nothing, we are going to do the best we can with what we've got to work with.

I do not have a complete response to this very real need. But we have a few first steps: In January, the Ministry Development Commission was born. Chaired by Fr. Jim Beebe, they are meeting and setting priorities. The new Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation is at the top of their list. My workshop on Eucharistic Theology is an introductory offering from the Frensdorff School. The MDC will offer classes through the Frensdorff School, serve as a clearinghouse for on-line courses from seminaries, and offer training in multiple ways as yet unnamed. The most important steps we can take in ministry development is to hire a staff person for the MDC to recruit, train, and coordinate a cadre of non-stipendiary lay ministry developers around the diocese. I hope for about seven of them.

The money voluntarily donated by some parishes over and above their asking funds the budget for ministry development. (This used to be called the "revitalization and renewal.") This year, Diocesan Council has taken two major steps toward securing the funding for ministry development. First, they made the money already budgeted for this purpose, and the money which will be paid in for ministry development in the future, a restricted fund. This guarantees parishes that the money they give will go for the purpose they intend, and it allows the MDC to carry over unspent funds from one year to the next. Second, the Diocesan Council has reallocated about \$10,000 from budget categories where it was not really needed. This money has been moved to the restricted fund for ministry development. This matches the contributions from parishes with a serious commitment by the diocese. We hope to triple that diocesan investment in ministry development next year. Even this will not adequately fund the project; so we have a team of folks working on grants to supplement our contribution. And we remain hopeful that more parishes will lend their support in 2010.

Evangelism: Churches, large and small, have expressed their hope to welcome more people into the family. In some cases, this is been about needing more people to sustain their missions. In others, it has been about realizing that there is a spiritual famine outside our doors. Our friends and neighbors need the kind of faith that can best be shared in a faith community.

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The
Bishop



That is why we hosted the Magnetic Church Workshops. The turnout was phenomenal, North and South. The energy level was high. We learned so many things we can do to attract new members. I came away from the workshops hopeful but unsure. I didn't know whether we would actually follow through.

But my parish visits since the workshops have assured me we mean business. Our parishes are walking the walk. St. Thomas has appointed a parish evangelist who is promoting little by little the methods we learned for growing our churches. A vestry member at St. Matthew's is promoting similar steps. Churches in Reno-Sparks and Metro-Vegas are sharing advertising expenses. The wheels are already beginning to turn.

To help keep wheels turning, we have formed a new Mission Support Team led by Darrell Spencer of Epiphany, Henderson. This is an eclectic collection of people, with diverse gifts and talents, but a shared passion for sharing the gospel with those outside the fold. They are coming together to help parishes in our number one mission priority: announcing the good news of God's love to a world that needs to hear it.

Making Connections: Another message people keep sending me is that the parishes want to know each other better. They want to feel connected to the larger Church. This was not my experience elsewhere, so I was slow to get it. Although parishes want to feel connected, they cannot spend the time or money on travel to actually be together often enough. Bringing us together as family may be the hardest of our goals.

The Regional Vicars did two things: they taught ministry skills and they knit the parishes together with their visits. Of course, traveling from parish to parish to help us feel more connected is the main thing I do. But there are not enough weeks in the year for me to do this nearly well enough. The new model of ministry developers will provide more frequent contact than even the Regional Vicars offered, but it will not knit the diocese together. So I am still working on this one. I have a few very rough ideas but I am wide open for input. We are already surprisingly well connected given our geographical challenges. But we want to know each other better.

I am not satisfied with the steps we are taking on any of these fronts and I do not expect you to be satisfied. They are just a beginning. They are the best response we have come up with so far. But they are certainly not final answers. We will keep working with these challenges and with the new priorities that the people of the diocese identify in the future. Please keep telling me what you think. We will all have to contribute ideas as well as time and energy to develop ministry, share the gospel, and build relationships. The Church is always a work in progress. So let me hear from you.

+Dan



St. Patrick's Stewardship

Celebrating our individual blessings and our joyful mission of doing God's work together



Gifts of Thanks

Has something wonderful happened in your life? A birthday, anniversary, graduation, reunion, reconciliation, healing, happy memory? We encourage you to share your gladness with us all and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Please take blessing card from the stand in the narthex: this is yours to remember this happy event. Each one has a photo of a beautiful part of St. Patrick's, a keepsake coin, and a prayer of thanksgiving.

Then if you wish, you may make a special gift offering in the envelope provided. This could represent any amount significant to you: a number of years, a portion of a gift you have received, or an extra month of your pledge, for example.

Write your words of thanks or reason for celebration on the sealed envelope with your gift, and leave it next to the card stand. Our reader at the next service will lift up your message in Prayers of the People. This way, you can both share your joy and help carry forward our mission at St. Patrick's.

Green Ministries

Our St. Patrick's EcoPalians invite you to look for ways each day to love the earth: **respect, rethink, reduce, reuse, recycle, and restore**. To easily participate in Incline Village's recycling program, you may purchase its blue collection bags here at St. Patrick's. Also, please bring your empty laser and inkjet cartridges, used cell phones, iPods, and laptops to church. We are starting a new collection project through the eScrip Recycling program, which will both help the environment and support our ministries.

Please also come with your friends to join our new nature walks. You'll find companionship, exercise, and the green, majestic beauty of Tahoe all around you!

Sunday, July 5, 2:00 pm: Wildflower Walk with Steve Barney, to see Tahoe's spectacular July display of flowers [meet at church parking lot]

Tuesday, July 7, 9:30 am: Moderate Hike with David Brown, south along Tahoe Rim Trail west of Tahoe Meadows for great views of the lake [meet at church parking lot].

Please email David at brown72@sbcglobal.net or call (530) 562-1720.



Like to lead or join other nature walks? Please contact Judy Morrison at twosoinclined@earthlink.net

Pot of Gold Programs: Amazon.com

Our "Pot of Gold" programs put extra coins in the St. Patrick's treasury as you shop—at no extra cost to you! Our latest is a fantastic way to help the church through your online shopping at amazon.com. Whenever you shop there, go first to our Web site (www.tahoeepiscopal.org) and click the Shop Amazon.com link at the top of our home page. Then click the amazon banner to take you to its site. A portion of *any* purchase you make this way (from 4% to 15%) will then come back to St. Patrick's.



Questions about this or our Raley's and eScrip programs? Please contact Clare Novak at novakcc@aol.com.



Yours for a Song

Sunday, August 23, 5:00 pm
The Chateau, Incline Village



What is it?

The Stewardship Committee has planned this event for St. Patrick's to
?? give our parish a delightful, elegant evening together;
?? entertain our community; and
?? add financial support for our mission and growth .

It will include a delicious sit-down dinner and wine, musical favorites from Broadway, and a live and silent auction.

The evening's live musical entertainment will feature prominent vocalists and performers from our church and from several Lake Tahoe musical groups. Leading the group will be our beloved music director, Donna Axton. We're very excited about offering such quality entertainment to the whole community in this dinner-theater setting at the Chateau.

Our auction will be run by Purple Wave, which will also post live and silent items for bidding online at www.purplewave.com. So if your friends can't come that evening, they can still join in!

What's it all about?

Our goal for this auction fundraiser—our big event of the year—is to advance St. Patrick's mission to be "The Church for Others." Locally, we serve as a spiritual home for North Shore residents and visitors—but also as a venue for performing and visual artists; a safe haven for those in recovery programs; and a place to grow and learn for youth and families. We also reach far beyond our village to support initiatives that lift up people in need around the world, and we want to do even more through our many worthwhile outreach programs.

What are you invited to do?

Come, bring your friends, and enjoy the evening!

Tickets will be on sale soon for \$80, to include a lovely sit-down dinner and 2 bottles of wine per table. Please invite your friends, or consider sponsoring a table of ten. We'll make it easy for you to spread the word with email invitations you can forward and share. This is your one night on the town that really makes a difference!

Help us gather auction donations.

We've made it easy for you to fill our auction with great items and experiences. In the church lobby, look for forms with suggested ideas about what you might contribute—and for asking for donations from local businesses. When you've come up with something, there are also forms to let our organizers know. We're aiming for all contributions by July 15—but won't say No to latecomers!

Take home some great items "for a song."

You'll be happy to see all we have to offer. Stay tuned, and be ready to bid and enjoy! Questions? Please contact Sharon Kirby (skirby@pyramid.net).

See you there!



YOURS FOR A SONG

Live Broadway Music under the direction of Donna Axton



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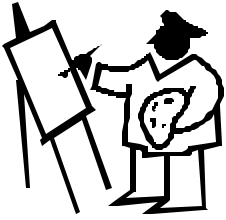
www.tahoepiscopal.org

Village Square Family Store | 831.3301

Proceeds benefit St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

Cocktail Attire

THE CHATEAU | 5:00–9:00PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD



"Honoring God's Gift of Art" 2009 Gallery Schedule

June—August

Paintings, Photography

(deadline for artwork to church office is Tuesday, May 26, 2009)

September—November

Quilts, Fabric

(deadline for artwork to church office is Tuesday, August 25, 2009)

December—February

Youth & Children's Art

(deadline for artwork to church office is Monday, November 23, 2009)

Thank you,
Lainie, Deb, Caroline
Art Committee

Senior Warden Report for the January – March Quarter

I am optimistic and I want to tell you why. Some say the vestry members are only worried about money - not so, but our charter is to handle the temporal affairs of the congregation so we naturally worry when we can't pay the bills. Well, we have been paying the bills, and we are not as bad off as we expected. Our budget had forecast a 2009 deficit of \$32,000 at this point in the year, but because of your generosity, the deficit is only half of the forecast value. Thanks also go to our Rector and staff who have been keeping expenses down. If you ever wonder how we are doing financially, the Sunday bulletin has our year to date income and expense figures on the inside back page.

Now, why am I optimistic? Well, yes, our lack of serious red ink helps, and our planned fund raising activities for July and August may put us into the black - but equally important are our outreach programs. One example of your outreach is the Hoste Hainse program. You contributed over \$4,000 to fund their educational efforts. Over sixty of you came to our "Time & Talent Fair" to see how you could share your talents with others. With this sort of interest and enthusiasm, St. Patrick's will make a difference in the world.

In the last issue of the Shamrock, in the article about paying off our mortgage, I said, "Well done members of St. Patrick's." I'd like to say that again. **Well done, members of St. Patrick's – Keep it up.**



As of June 30, 2009 at St. Patrick's:

Total Income: \$127,085
Total Expenses: \$148,597



TOCCATA* Summer Schedule

* The Orchestra and Community Choral Artists of the Tahoe Area

4th TOCCATA "BIG BLUE" SUMMER MUSICFEST July 2 • Sept. 13, 2009

RED WHITE & TOCCATA-TAHOE BLUE *A celebration of All-American Composers*
Spirituals • Broadway • Folk Tunes, Pop & Modern compositions for Chorus, Soloists, Three
Trumpets, Piano & Organ

Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m., St. Patricks Episcopal Church • Incline Village

TUTTI FLUTTI *Josue Casillas, flute • Misha Raffiee, violin • Joy Strotz, soprano • Marina*
Roznitovsky, harp Bach • Organ Prelude in C, David Brock, organ • Vivaldi Op.3 #11
for Flute, violin & cello Variations for flute & Soprano Ah! Vous derai je maman • CPE Bach
*Concerto for Flute in D minor * Harp Solo • Pilotius by Night for violin, flute, harp &*
orchestra

Saturday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m., St. Patricks Episcopal Church • Incline Village

MOUNTAIN OF MENDELSSOHN *Happy 200th Birthday Felix Mendelsohn • Tahoe Sym-*
phony Orchestra Elijah • selections • Stuart Duke, baritone • Symphony #4 "Italian" • Organ
music

Sunday, July 26 at 5:00 p.m., St. Patricks Episcopal Church • Incline village

HOT AUGUST PIPES BRASS & MASS--- *Handel Organ Concerto- D Brock • Bach B minor*
Mass (Gloria)-Brandenburg #2

Sunday, August 23 at 3:30 p.m., St Patrick's Episcopal Church • Incline Village

9/11 REQUIEM MEMORIAL CONCERT *Faure: Requiem • Bach Brandenburg Concerto #3*
** Mendelssohn String Symphony • Händel Organ Concerto Op. 4 #2 D. Brock, organ*

Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Episcopal Church • Incline Village



The Tahoe Chamber Music Society

(A Parasol Community Collaborator)



PRESENTS

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC

St. Francis of Assisi Church
Highway 431 & Kelly Drive
Incline Village, Nevada

2009 Concert Schedule

(Sundays at 3:00 p.m.)

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| July 12 | Ariel Ensemble (String Quartet–Horn–Piano) |
| July 19 | Deboer & Meadors (Soprano–Guitar) |
| July 26 | Stern & Nagano (Violin–Piano) |
| August 2 | Corathea Trio (Flute–Cello–Piano) |
| August 9 | Joyce Yang (Piano) |
| August 16 | Edelmann -Rust Ensemble (Bassoon–Cello–Piano) |

FREE ADMISSION!

775.831.2298



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!



The members of the Knitters Guild are busy making more warm blankets and clothing for families in the North Tahoe and Truckee areas. This is the time of year, when warmer weather is here, that supplies of these much-needed items are replenished. Guild members are very proud of the large number of donations they were able to make last year. In all, 601 lovely blankets, hats, sweaters, scarves, booties and mittens were created and given away!

Recently, someone brought a large bag filled with yarn and small knitted squares into the guild's meeting. One of the members assembled the squares into a pretty lap robe that will be given to Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee for one of their Hospice or Long Term Care patients. The odd amounts of yarn will be incorporated into garments or squares for blankets. It's amazing how creative the ladies are in using even small amounts of yarn. Donations of all sizes are welcome; nothing goes to waste!

Recently, 20 chemo caps were delivered to the American Cancer Society in Reno. The staff was delighted with this gift and expressed their great appreciation along with "oohs" and "aahs" over the caps. Men and women who are undergoing chemotherapy benefit from being able to wear these caps made of very soft yarn. If you know of anyone who might need a cap, please let us know.

A cute "doggie coat" was given to the Pet Network for its Fur Ball fundraiser and two layettes were given to Tahoe Children's Foundation for its late June fundraiser. The guild is always happy to support other local charitable groups in their worthwhile efforts.

The Knitting Club at Incline Elementary School has completed another year! It's been so rewarding to see the enthusiasm of these 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, 15 in all, at the weekly meetings. They've made wrist bands, scarves, mini-purses and other projects. Several guild members are always on hand after the regular guild meeting to teach the students and give them encouragement.

Some of you may remember Betty Iftiger, who moved to Reno a couple of years ago. She was a member of St. Patrick's and the Knitters Guild. She brought some friends to a guild meeting, so they could see how our group is organized. They are interested in starting a knitting group and doing outreach similar to that which is done by our guild. We gave them lots of tips, patterns and information, so we hope they will have great success in helping others in the Reno area.

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 group is www.geocities.com/incline_knitters/. Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 for further information.



ST. PATRICK'S OUTREACH/MISSION TEAM REPORT

Outreach has become a centerpiece of ministry for St. Patrick's over the last two years. In 2007 the Outreach/Mission Team was established and the Millenium Development Goals(MDGs) of the United Nations adopted as a guide for St. Pat's objectives in this area of ministry. St. Pat's congregation contributed over \$16,000 (not including monies to the Diocese of Nevada) during 2007 in response to this decision. In late 2007 the Vestry voted to have a parish-wide campaign to raise the money to pay off the mortgage on the church. In 2008-early 2009 we accomplished this feat! Thus, the former funds put aside for the mortgage could now be used for other purposes – one of which is outreach projects. In early 2009 a suggestion was made to the Vestry that they establish separate accounts in the chart of accounts for those outreach ministries which several parishioners wanted to support through St. Patrick's. So far there are accounts for:

Hoste Hainse – to fund schools for children in Southern Nepal;

Jericho Road Housing Project – an Episcopal Housing Initiative, which is building affordable housing in the central area of New Orleans;

Sisters-in-Service – a Christian organization established to help women and children in very poor areas of the world get an education, clean water, and food. Ministry in collaboration with the women of the Presbyterian church.

McGregor Ministries – the Rt. Rev. Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor have been missionaries in Madagascar and Kenya since 1991 working to improve the health and education of rural people through support by Episcopal and Anglican ministries.

United Thank Offering – a granting program run by the United Thank Offering Committee (Episcopal) that gives grants throughout the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion for furthering mission and ministry.

Tahoe Children's Foundation (TCF) — an Incline Village non-profit which provides early childhood and parenting training.

"New Life for Old Equipment" — an initiative of the Wodarski family to provide sporting equipment for children in New Orleans and Mexico.

These are a few of the outreach ministries that you may want to support. There will be other opportunities listed in the future months. If you know of a project you would like to propose for St. Pat's Outreach Team to consider, please pick up a Project Application on the tables in the church foyer and fill it out. If you would like to support one of the ministries above please make a check out to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church with the designated fund on the "for" line of the check. Stay tuned for monthly displays in the Narthex.

Questions about our outreach ministries can be directed to Connie Skidmore, Cherry Barney, or Marilyn Johnston.

Connie Skidmore



Education for Ministry News

St. Patrick's Graduates First EFM Student!



Another year of Education for Ministry (EFM) drew to a close in late May. On May 31st at the ten o'clock Sunday service our first graduate, Deb Beebe, received her Certificate of course completion from the Graduate School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. All of us in the seminar group are proud that she has achieved this goal and congratulate her on a job well done.

The EFM seminar group will be starting up again in September with second year students, Stephanie Tall and Santa Claus, who will be studying the New Testament, and fourth year students, Karen Barney, Linda Brown, David Brown, Nancy Joslin, Judy Morrison, and Gary Thomsen, who will be learning more about theologians of the church. We invite you to consider joining our group for first year study in the Old Testament. There is room for two to three new students.

For more information about the EFM seminar program please contact me at 831-6289, Co-mentor Jim Kelly at 832-8420, or any of the above-mentioned students. This seminar program is a wonderful way not only to learn about scripture and church history, but also to participate in a group of people who enjoy worshipping, praying and sharing their Christian life together.

Connie Skidmore

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The Rev. Jim Kelly
Priest

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Library

****Vestry Member**



Thank you dear friends for the opportunity to have been of service to St. Patrick's as part of the *Shamrock* newsletter team for so many years. It has been an honor and a privilege. I am joyously looking forward to this new time in my life, and to seeing you on Sundays as always.

Peace, Lainie

SAVE THE DATE!

When: August 15, 2009
Where: St. Patrick's Church
What: Yummy Pancake Breakfast
Why: Sisters in Service fundraiser for Sudan

