

St. Patrick's Shamrock



News for May 2020

Be sure to join us online via ZOOM for Sunday Services at 8am and 10am, followed by Sunday School at 11:15am!

St. Patrick's Campus is CLOSED until further notice. All meetings and events have been cancelled or postponed, and many are now available online. Please contact your group leader or St. Patrick's Office for further details.

Check your email or our Facebook page for information on how to connect

-or- if you haven't already, please contact the office to be included in our weekly email announcements!

**A Newsletter of
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
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Over the course of the last couple of months, our worship most definitely has changed. This time of social distancing has called for creativity in finding fellowship together on-line. I am so grateful to all of those who have helped to make this happen—our Zoom co-hosts, cameramen, music ministers, wardens, administrator, lectors, bulletin artists, and so many more. Thank you, one and all.

As we continue to worship together, you may be wondering why our worship has changed. Why are we gathering with Morning Prayer and Compline? Why not the Eucharist every Sunday? Why not do what we do every Sunday, just on-line?

First, services like Morning Prayer and Compline are ancient services of the Body of Christ. They are a part of the daily office, or the daily cycle of prayers recited by Christians around the world. You can use both services in everyday life. I personally love praying Compline, or night prayers, to settle my soul before an evening of rest. Also, Morning Prayer has been used for Sunday worship for a great length within our Anglican tradition. Until the publishing of the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, many churches would use Morning Prayer as their main form of Sunday services. The Eucharist was always significant to those saints who have come before us; however, its special and sacred nature meant it was celebrated only occasional (perhaps once a month, once a quarter, or only on high holy days like Christmas and Easter).

In recent years we as Episcopalians have discerned that the Eucharist is central to our weekly worship. It is a time when we come together in community, reconciling ourselves with one another across all of our many differences. Seeing the Body of Christ present, not only in the bread and the wine, but in the face of each individual who comes forward to the altar rail. This sacrament is central to our identity. Yet, we find ourselves abstaining from it at this time. We do this not to denigrate the sacrament's importance, but to elevate it. To reaffirm that sharing in *one* bread and *one* cup unites us as *one* Body in Christ. It will make our celebration when we can come together again around the Lord's Table, that much more powerful and profound.

I hope that you find these different forms of worship both refreshing and life-giving. May the words of our Scripture wash over you and empower you for the work ahead. May our prayers on behalf of the suffering and oppressed, the sick and the dying, and all of the afflicted, be met with God's mercy and compassion. May our thanksgivings encourage us to see God's miraculous love in our daily lives. May our communal gathering, even if remote, reaffirm the health and vitality of this beloved congregation, the holy people of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

"God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall."

— Julian of Norwich

***when we are able to meet again**

Sunday Services:

**Holy Eucharist Rite I, 8am
Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10am**

"Seeking Light and Sharing Love"

Welcome Fr. Bob Swope!



Here I am with other Cathedral clergy at a 2019 rally in Reno. Yes, that's real wolverine fur from the Arctic in Alaska, my home diocese (it doesn't freeze in sub-zero weather). We love the mountains, wilderness areas and wide-open spaces, from desert to tundra. In a "normal" year we would be planning to camp near state and national parks this summer, perhaps fly back to Alaska or overseas, rent a large house for a family gathering for the 9 of us (adult children, spouses and grandchildren). The Incline and Tahoe area offer some of the things we love to be in. Living in south Reno, near Galena, up and over Mt Rose highway is less than an hour away.

My wife Sharon (PhD, Arizona State) and I were married for 45 years. She died at home with us in Fairbanks in January 2015 after a 10-month pancreatic cancer journey. Daughter Jill and I, both experienced nurses, were privileged to offer comfort care. Sharon was a brilliant, compassionate woman with the gift of intuitive knowing what you were feeling before you did. Professor, psychologist, rural superintendent and school principal, special ed expert, and very down-to-earth -- she kept us all emotionally healthy and honest. I still talk to her daily and miss our fascinating life together. My beloved lived her motto fiercely: "live well, laugh much, and love extravagantly!"

I've been in Nevada since early 2017, living with my youngest daughter and my grandson. She is an experienced flight nurse (helo and fixed wing), mentor and researcher, annually presenting at regional and national conferences (this year online only). After finishing DNP doctoral work at UNR for two more years, she will enter a PhD program at Arizona State. She loves her Dad and assertively keeps me in line.

I've been an Episcopal priest for 46 years. I'm also a "Lutherpalian": studied in both Lutheran and Episcopal seminaries and supplied ELCA and TEC parishes. A worker-priest since 1991, I've been a RN for 21 years. Retired since 2011, I was board-certified in hospice and palliative care and managed hospital-based community programs. I also traveled by bush planes to remote Alaska villages where I took holistic (body, soul and spiritual) care of Native elders and others. I still do occasional palliative consulting and priest supply here in Nevada. I am active both at the Cathedral and St. Catherine of Sienna.

My doctoral dissertation research and practical app focuses on "Renewing the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Church: Weaving Good News into Spiritual Formation." For several decades I've described myself as an Evangelist-Teacher. Not just talking about the Biblical Jesus or to love like him but learning to love him. Not a monastic by any means, I practice a Benedictine rule of life. I share how to pray and be transformed from several traditions: Benedictine, Eastern Orthodox, Celtic and "practicing the Presence." This you may hear in my sermons and adult groups. I've had a long history of youth ministry as a parish priest for 19 years, including training others in clown ministry (PSR, Berkeley). I love children of all ages/stages; dogs, cats and wild animals (bears, caribou, eagles, whales, etc)... *and* most adults who can laugh at themselves (which leaves out a few politicians). I ain't perfect by any means: made a lot of mistakes over the years, not the sharpest crayon in the box. But God seems to use me anyway. Worship should be meaningful, full of praise, and enjoyable. I really want to listen to your story and insights. Each of you has a gift. Everyone *is* a gift from God!

My first priority is family. My ministry focus is on loving the Lord, and all others who are seeking the way, the truth and an abundant life. I pretty much hang loose on everything else. Please do ask me questions. I will always listen to you wherever you are in life, in pain or in joy. Silence is just waiting on the Lord, sometimes the answer.

-- Father Bob [I've been called everything from Preacher to Mister. The Rev Doc is usually only for academic or professional address. I'm just Bob or Fr Bob]



Holy Week April 2020:
Palm Sunday car procession
and display of greens



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our Facebook Page:
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Lake Tahoe

www.facebook.com/tahoeepiscopal



Easter Sunday
and Spring 2020



God on Broadway: Musicals & Theology

Wednesdays, May 6th-27th, 9am

Join us for fun conversations of some of your favorite musicals. We will begin this four week series on Wednesday, May 6th, discussing *Fiddler on the Roof*. You can view the movie with an [Amazon Prime](#) account for free. This is a joint small group with All Saints' Episcopal Church in South Hadley, MA (Rev. Sarah's sponsoring parish). Please email Rev. Sarah if you would like to be included in the group mailings (sdunn@tahoepiscopal.org). Here is the link for our meeting:

WEDNESDAY ZOOM MEDITATION CIRCLES

- **Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, via Zoom** (online and phone options).
- **Drop in** whenever you're able; no meditation experience necessary.
- **Invite friends** who might enjoy a calming meditation practice with you.
- **Voice recordings** available on request for your personal practice.
- **Please email Clare** for Zoom meeting links, recordings, or borrowing copies of *Anam Cara*: clarecnovak@gmail.com

May 6 through May 20

Centering, grounding, and stabilizing meditations for this uncertain time.

May 27 through July 1

6-week book/meditation study based on *Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom* by John O'Donohue (231 pp; available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle formats)

Written by a warm and wise poet, this book's six chapters offer profound insights into themes well-suited to inner work and meditation: friendship, the senses, solitude, work, aging, and death. Each stand-alone, hour-long session will give you a short teaching from that week's chapter, and then a related guided meditation. *Anam Cara* (Gaelic for *soul friend*), will not be required reading, but will be a great companion as the source material for our series.

Financial News

Please know that your financial support is greatly appreciated, as we continue to serve this beloved community. Our Treasurer, David Vomund reminds everyone to consider fulfilling their regular giving.

There are several ways to help facilitate your giving:

- Bank Check: log into your bank account and have them mail a check or make a direct deposit.
- Stock Transfer
- Mail your donations to: St. Patrick's Church, 341 Village Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451
- Click on this link for secure online giving: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=78569U3GJ82P6&source=url
- Scan the following QR code using your smart device:



Feel free to call David Vomund with questions or concerns (775-832-8555)

Outreach Committee:

**Leaders: Connie Skidmore
and
Cherry Barney (summer)**

**Karen Barney,
Rev. Sarah Dunn
Lenty Hagen, Ginnie Jed,
Marilyn Johnston,
Lucille Wang, Sally White**

**For information on
current projects,
donations, or if you'd like
to join us,
please contact
Connie Skidmore:
cwskid@att.net**

Outreach: COVID-19 Community Fund

We continue to accept donations for Tahoe Family Solutions and Sierra Community House, as we as a congregation *match our Outreach Committee's endeavor of \$3000*. You can give via a check sent into St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Blvd, Incline Village, NV 89451 with "Covid-19 relief" in the memo line.

-or-click on the link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=R3FXJDMLYBMXA&source=url

-or- scan the following QR code using your smart device:



Also, a thank you to all of those who give directly to the mission and ministry of our beloved community. THANK YOU for all of your generosity.

Seekers' Circle Book Group via Zoom!

- It's a great time to be reading! Please join our lively discussions.
- Books available on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and audio formats.
- For borrowing copies and Zoom meeting links, please email Clare: clarecnovak@gmail.com

Mon May 18, 3-4 pm: "Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone", by Brené Brown (163 pp)

Mon June 22, 3-4pm: "Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love", by Dani Shapiro (249 pp)

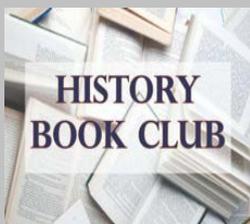
SUMMER READING: "The Nightingale: A Novel", by Kristin Hannah (608 pp) #1 *New York Times* bestseller, *Wall Street Journal* Best Book of the Year, and soon to be a major motion picture, this unforgettable novel of love and strength in the face of war has enthralled a generation.



2 Monday's each month

**3-4:30pm
Library**

History Book Club



2nd Tuesday of each month

**3-4pm
Library**

Tuesday, May 12 "Sapiens: A Brief History of Mankind" by Yuval Noah Harari

Tuesday, June 9 "Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage" by Alfred Lansing.

***** Please contact Wayne Glass for information on the May meeting location: wglass@usc.edu**

**Easter Season Bulletin Covers
from our younger parishioners**



Leaders:



Judy Morrison



Viki Welling

***when we are able to meet
again**

Godly Play:

**Classroom 2, downstairs
10:00 am each Sunday**



(Parker H, age 8; Annabelle B., age 7; Caleb Carsman, age 8; Charlotte G., age 7;
and Madison H., age 5)

Keep your eyes peeled for more artwork in the coming season!

Birthdays

May:

Lucy Bogh 5/2
Jon Davidson 5/3
Ruth Glass 5/4
Fletcher Hardie 5/5
Caleb Carsman 5/16
Isabella Rotter 5/24
Len Thomsen 5/26
Bob Balfrey 5/28
Lans Levitt 5/29
Kevin Wegener 5/30
Michael Wegener 5/30
Evan Carsman 5/30

June:

Bob Brust 6/3
Ginny Hestmark 6/6
Jessica Rotter 6/6
Jack Strotz 6/11
Madison Hrindo 6/20
Viki Welling 6/28
Laura Hagen 6/29

July:

Mike Wang 7/11
Molly Franklin 7/17
Gwen Paul 7/17
Mady Paul 7/17
Lucille Wang 7/18
Glen Rossman 7/30



Anniversaries

June:

Bill & Beth Drewes 6/16
Bob & Judy Brust 6/20
Rev. Jon & Beth Davidson 6/27

July:

Joe & Marilyn Gareffa 7/18
Brian & Jan Hrindo 7/19
Jim & Patti Clark 7/19
Dave & Stephanie Mussatti 7/25
James & Nora Beauchamp 7/28

- Please let the office know if you or someone that you know would like a remembrance in the Shamrock. Please email your special dates, (month/day/year) including baptisms and confirmations to: office@tahoeepiscopal.org.
- We apologize if there's been an error or omission. Corrections may be submitted to the office at anytime!

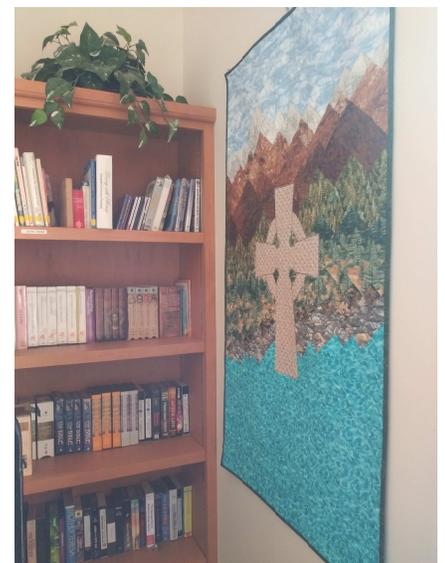
Little Free Library!

Don't forget that we have a Little Free Library (public book exchange) next to our front door, providing reading material to our English and Spanish speaking friends. Take a book to read or leave one for someone else to find!



St. Patrick's Library!

We also have our main library here at St. Pat's Church, offering everything from theology and spiritual growth, to the Seeker's Circle Book Group Reads and Children's books. Feel free to take a look, borrow at leisure, and return when you are able! Our library is also used for meetings and gatherings for those in our community. During this time, please contact the office for an appointment for book-borrowing: 775-831-1418





Welcome to Realm!

St. Patrick's utilizes a cloud based online directory called Realm. The online directory is where you can update your personal information, upload a personal and/or family photo, and view the contact information for your fellow parishioners! Your information is stored securely and is only accessible to our members with a login and password.

All we need from you is the following form filled out and returned to the office, along with a photo of your family (office@tahoepiscopal.org)!

Family Name(s), Birthdate, Anniversary (MM/DD/YY):

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

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WHAT'S THE PROCESS?

1. Fill out the form (contact the office, or see previous page)
2. After your form has been entered into the system, you will get an EMAIL invitation from Realm to join our online community. Be sure to check your spam folder!
3. Create an online account with Realm (login and password)
4. Click the Realm link on our website to access your account and our online directory! (www.tahoeepiscopal.org)

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