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Beautiful flowers courtesy of Cherry Barney,
Bob Skidmore, and friends!

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,



Summer is a spectacular season to be in Tahoe, is it not? We have been blessed thus far with blooming wildflowers, beautiful beach time, and glorious hiking weather. However, for me personally, it has taken some intentionality to live into this summer—between planning a wedding and the wildfires in our basin, I did not feel like I enjoyed this particular season's sacred space this time last year.

So this summer I have recommitted myself to creation. My spiritual disciplines have included taking more regular hikes, enjoying the change in vegetation and wildlife, and even planting a small garden on the rectory deck. We have one juicy looking tomato thus far, some pollinator flowers poking their heads up through the soil, and a few herb seedlings almost ready for transplanting to larger pots. Reconnecting with creation has taught me several important practices of late:

1. Practice presence: we live in a world that encourages us to constantly be focused on the future. What is coming next? Yet, the only time we can encounter our God is in the present moment. We can't commune with the Divine in the past ruminations or in future planning, but only in the here and now. If we allow ourselves to be present, we will experience God at work in the world around us, whether it is the growth of the lupine or fresh springs on the pines, or adolescent stellar jays and black bears growing in maturity, or in the conversation between friends within this congregation, witnessing one another's struggles. If we slow down, can we witness how God is calling us to be in the world?
2. Practice patience: waiting for tiny seedlings to sprout has taught me an immense amount of patience. Growing things takes time and awareness. I have become more attune to slight changes in my garden, noticing when the leaves are wilting and in need of more water, seeing how too much sun is scarring the plants, and moving them to a shadier location. I have come to realize yet again, that creation is not on my timeline, but God's. Change is slow, but we can tune our attention to the slight transformations happening before our eyes, and see the hope in the small and sacred forward movements.
3. Practice rest: we are a part of a cultural context that is extremely focused on productivity, and I find myself falling into this trap time and time again. Yet, in order to keep the work of the kingdom moving, we also have to take time to rest, my friends. Jesus himself practiced rest throughout the Gospels! We hear of him stepping away from his preaching and teaching to spend time in prayer, to relax with his friends, and to enjoy a good meal with those whom he loves. Rest is itself a spiritual discipline, modeled in God's rest on the seventh day of our creation myth. Are you taking sabbath rest? Taking time to slow down so you can practice presence and patience?

My dear friends, I pray this summer may bring renewal and refreshment to your souls as we all work on practicing presence, patience, and rest together.

God's peace and love,
the Rev. Sarah A. Dunn+

Letter from the Vestry

Over the past two months, your vestry has spent a good amount of time discussing some key campus improvement projects that are, or could be, capital intensive. The first issue we discussed was the potential replacement of the boiler system. While the heater system has functioned well over the past 30 years, over the past 3 winters, the system has failed – sometimes for a lengthy period of time.

These failures have been addressed but finding candidate service companies has become increasingly difficult. The vestry looked at two major options: i) replacement of the current boiler system with two smaller units that would provide similar heating capacity plus provide some redundancy in case of failure., or ii) installation of a heat pump/AC system that would provide both heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. While the heat pump option was more costly, the added benefit of air conditioning with redundancy associated with new electronic controls was attractive. After extensive discussions, a majority of the vestry supported

installation of the heat pump/AC option. Work has started on this effort and installation should be completed by about August 1. A side benefit will be that we expect to be able to control large sections of the church with programmable thermostats.



The second issue, that of installing a lift mechanism to provide access for our friends who would benefit with help moving from floor to floor in the church was also discussed. As many of you know, the church was constructed with an elevator shaft. However, over the years, elevator and lift technology has changed, both in dimensions and in utility requirements – which makes use of the shaft problematic without significant retrofit. The vestry began investigation into 3 lift options: i) conventional elevator; ii) limited use\limited availability (LULA) lift or iii) conventional wheelchair lift – to fit within the already existing elevator shaft[1]. Given the location and construction of the elevator shaft, limitations of access through the parish hall, and ancillary electrical costs, no cost-effective lift options were identified. We need to stress that the vestry recognizes the need for a lift and its importance as a demonstration of our commitment to all who wish to attend our activities. This issue will be resolved! We will find a way to provide mobility help – we just need to think about how to do it! If you have ideas, feel free to talk to Mike or Gary.

[1] An outside lift which could be cheaper to install was considered and rejected due to the snow and wet weather conditions that would severely limit use of this option.

Warden's Report

Seems that summer is busy for us as well with other construction projects! The lattice in the outdoor chapel has been expanded and repaired after some winter damage. Three extra panels were installed to complete the “wrap-around” the altar area and we greatly reinforced the foundation. We are hopeful that these improvements will keep our outdoor chapel looking good for years to come! The Flannel team is also working on installing custom solid wood entry tables, two additional pews, and “tech tables” to facilitate outdoor activities.

With the increase in activities including weddings, meetings and events, we have identified trash handling as an area that needed to be addressed. A new shed is being built to help handle a modest increase in trash that we’ve begun to regularly encounter. And yes it’s true, this type of work would have been completed by the Flannel Team but we’re getting too old to handle projects like this. We expect that more work will be done by paid help as the need arises.

We aren’t done though! We are planning to completely replace the carpet in the office – after 30 years – it’s time! This should happen this summer or fall – stay tuned for more information.



Outreach Committee

LEADERS: CONNIE SKIDMORE AND CHERRY BARNEY

KAREN BARNEY, REV. SARAH DUNN, LENTY HAGEN, GINNIE JED, MARILYN JOHNSTON, LUCILLE WANG, SALLY WHITE

Financials: St. Patrick's has pledged \$150 per month to Tahoe Family Solutions and \$250 per month to Sierra Community House.

Camp Care Nevada: CCN is a weeklong camp for people with disabilities. Connie attended their recent board meeting. The camp had a very successful week at Zephyr Point this summer after two years impacted by Covid. This is their 51st year.

Sierra Community House Food Distribution: Lenty reports that 230 bags of food were packed at the St. Patrick's distribution last Thursday. Seventy four went to Incline Village families and 156 to Kings Beach families. SCH has hired a new volunteer coordinator, Rachel.

Café Conversacion: St. Patrick's will continue hosting the Café for another session Thursdays at 6pm. This session runs until Sept 8th.

Galilee Camperships: Twelve parish families contributed to camperships for 6 of our children. The children have written thank-you notes and a packet of their notes has been sent each family. A total of \$5200 was sent to Galilee. Thank you very much to everyone who donated!!

Knitter's Guild: Karen reports that there were 6 knitters at their meeting this week.

Episcopal Women of Nevada (EWNV) will hold a fundraising tea and silent auction at St. Paul's, Sparks, from 1 to 3 pm on September 24. Tickets may be purchased for \$20 per person.



Happenings at St. Pat's



Cafe Conversacion is Back!

See flyer on the next
page for more info



Wellness Wednesdays Were Fun and the Smoothies Were Flowing



Twain at Tahoe – Our friend McAvoy Layne is doing his very popular Evening with Mark Twain series again this summer in the St. Patrick's Outdoor Chapel! Upcoming dates are August 26th and September 23rd at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20. Bring a picnic basket – wine and cookies will be available for purchase.

St. Patrick's receives a portion of the proceeds from these events and in exchange, we provide the space and hosts. We are in need of hosts to volunteer for the next 2 performances! Please contact Nora in the St. Pat's office if you are available to help. Thank you!





Classes on Wednesdays 8 - 10 pm July 13th – September 7th at Tahoe Family Solutions: 774 Mays Blvd. #13, Incline Village, 89451 (at the Village Center)

\$50 per 8-week session for ESL course which includes weekly complimentary Conversation Cafés, FREE of charge!

TFS Conversation Café EVERY Wednesday from 7 - 8 pm at Tahoe Family Solutions before class.

Additional Conversation Café (FREE) on Thursdays from 6 - 7 pm August 4th – September 8th at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (341 Village Blvd., Incline Village, 89451)

*Includes access to digital English Learning Platform



Aim your phone camera at this QR code to register and pay the first day of class!



Please contact Jesi Robbins for more info at (530) 386-2415, jesir@tahoefamily.org



Clases son los miércoles 8 - 10 pm, 13 de julio al 7 de septiembre
en Tahoe Family Solutions: 774 Mays Blvd. #13, Incline Village,
89451 (en el Village Center)

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**Adicional Café de Conversación (GRATIS) los jueves de 6 - 7 pm, 4
de agosto al 8 de septiembre, en St. Patrick's Episcopal Church**
(341 Village Blvd, Incline Village, 89451)



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inscribirse



Para más información, por favor
contacte a Jesi Robbins al (530)
386-2415 o por email a
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Holy Hikes

with St. Patrick's

Let's get out into the mountains with a fun and healthy fellowship opportunity!

Dates: June 12, July 10, Aug 21, Sep 18, Oct 9

Hikes will be Sunday after church, with a BYO lunch on the patio before the hike. Carpool to the hike location and come back to St Pat's to retrieve cars. Plan on Noon to 3 or 4PM for the hike

All hikes are easy, no more than three miles and only easy terrain (no dramatic elevation change and no particularly challenging footing).

Contact office@tahoeepiscopal.org for more info.

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Sarah and Daniel Represented St. Patrick's at General Convention



Fellowship Dinner – The First Supper



In late June, Jim and Patti Clark hosted the first of what will be a continuing series of Fellowship Dinners for Saint Patrick's. The purpose is: to have fun! To meet with fellow Patricians and get to know each other better! We especially hope that people new to our congregation will sign up.

Here is a photograph of the perpetrators:

The co-conspirator, I mean co-chef, of this banquet is holding the camera. From left to right: Sue, Lynne, Steve, Connie, Patti, Cherry, Rich, Kay, Bob.

Last names have been suppressed to protect the innocent.

Two of the perpetrators in following days, in strange fits of passion (apologies to Wordsworth), committed the following doggerel:

Just as we were feeling restive/ Sequent to the Covid blahs/ You put on an evening festive/ Drawing from us this applause. // If our palates were more fine/ We'd appreciate your wine/ Subtler far, but we're thicker/ Savoring each fine pot-sticker.// Joyfully each diner tucks/ In gazpacho Haute Deluxe./ Then we downed with eerie calm/ Hearts of artichoke and palm.// Of the red just one more sip/ As we wolfed that rare tri-tip/ And another serving, please,/ Of that mac and double cheese.// Keep in mind that final good thing,/ Sweetly exquisite bread pudding./ Have I mentioned, as we dined,/ We were thoroughly be-wined?/ To this meal, a symphony,/ Add delightful company/ And the bestest and the mostest/ Gracious Clarks, our host and hostess!

In the spirit of a doggerel-slam, a perpetrator committed this:

You are too kind to laud our meal/ In flowing verse and rhyme;/ Our most important goal was for/ All there to have a good time.// Your ode confirms that all who came/ Enjoyed the meal. An "upper."/ Da Vinci might look down from heav'n/ And paint Saint Pat's First Supper.

The original poetaster, not to be outdone, riposted: Cursed! Out-versed! A terse reverse! Perverse! And in reply: As da Vinci is up there stipling/ Down here you're out-rhyming Kipling! With that, the contestants retired in mutual shame.

Future Fellowship Dinners will not require such feeble attempts at versification, but we hope will inspire equal fun. We are also hoping that other Patricians will volunteer to host further dinners. Please let Steve know.

With apologies all around, Steve Barney

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