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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Not to be morbid, but death has been on my mind a lot lately. On the 15th of October we hosted the second of three memorials within a month's time. Many of us recently witnessed the pomp and circumstance of Queen Elizabeth II's own burial rite. I view death as the great equalizer, for we are all mortal. As our Ash Wednesday liturgy reminds us, "from dust we came and to dust we shall return."

We all were created by our God out of the earth and one day we shall return to it. Or as the astrophysicist Neil Degrasse Tyson reminds us, "The spectacular truth is—and this is something that your DNA has known all along—the very atoms of your body—the iron, calcium, phosphorus, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and on and on—were initially forged in long-dead stars. This is why, when you stand outside under a moonless, country sky, you feel some ineffable tugging at your innards. We are star stuff."

Although the reality of our mortality can be scary at times, causing an existential crisis or two, of late I have found it rather comforting. To confront our mortality allows us to begin to see some of life's problems and anxieties as mere inconveniences on our earthly pilgrimage. Or as St. Julian of Norwich is famed to have said, "All shall be well." I am not negating that life can be difficult, but if we can simply shift our perspective away from the scarcity of the moment, to the abundant gift of the present moment, perhaps we can leave a lasting legacy upon those around us. As human beings, as disciples, as saints of the Holy One, we are hardwired to leave a legacy. For some that is the birth of children, for others that is the founding of a non-profit, for others it has been the gift of this very church building. Those who have gone before us have helped to lay a sure foundation. So my friends, as we discern where the fertile soil might be, what legacy do we want to leave? What do we want to be known for? As for me, I pray this day and always I and this congregation might always choose love.

For some of us that love is expressed in leaving a financial gift to this beloved community that continues to create ministry opportunities for years to come. For some of us that means continuing to redirect our attention to the needs of our neighbors, especially those struggling with homelessness and housing insecurity. For some of us that will be working tirelessly to improve our infrastructure and institutional organization so we can really dig deep and do the work God has given us to do. How will we each throw our seeds on this fertile soil in this short growing season we have been granted, and leave a lasting legacy of love?

God's peace and love,



the Rev. Sarah A. Dunn+



Letter from the Vestry

Over the past two years, it's been customary to devote part of the Shamrock to Notes from the Vestry. We will do that in a bit, but first, we wanted to depart a bit from what you have come to expect and ask that you read the Rector's report first -- and maybe twice!

We, in the vestry, have been privileged to hear Rev. Sarah's words and lessons at the beginning of each meeting. These words, sometimes in prose, sometimes in prayer, are intended to guide our thoughts as we conduct our meetings. Because we are in small group (the Vestry is 12 members), her words can have special impact. Even so, we thought that her last two reports had enhanced impact. In fact, we thought, "why limit her thoughts to the vestry?". So, again we commend the Rector's report to you.



Over the past two months, the vestry has begun looking at the 2023 budget both in terms of possible expenditures and potential income streams. The discussions are honest and open - which we think reflects our views on service, stewardship, and leadership. This can take on increased meaning because for many on the vestry, the opportunity for service to a parish or a not-for-profit is our first opportunity to serve in a capacity that has elements of leadership and service. For the vestry at St. Patrick's, we feel that stewardship season, while focusing on future resources, is also a time to consider what we can offer in terms of time and talent. So, while you're thinking about stewardship and possible pledging in 2023, also think about serving on the vestry or on the many groups that you might find interesting.

In terms of progress in 2022 the Vestry allocated proceeds from the Hammel Endowment to various church-designated funds, supported development of enhanced revenue streams including rental of defined parking slots, rental of classrooms, and most importantly enhanced income from events such as weddings and events including. Income from these and other streams, such as sales of niches in the columbarium, collectively support the work of the church and its various ministries and staff. Have questions? Ask Sarah or any of the vestry and they will assist you

Happy Fall!

Warden's Report

As we go into Fall, we thought it wise to review what was accomplished this summer. The church was able to successfully update our boiler/hot water heating with a heat pump that provides both heating and air conditioning to the church. As before, areas within the church are controlled by their own local thermostat. Because we have 7 Heat/AC units, 8 thermostats and 9 air handlers, we (and all those who use church gathering places) are learning the ins and outs of modern systems. We were able to install everything on budget and on-time.

Another project involved removal of the old and heavily stained carpet in the office with new self-adhesive carpet squares. The replacement allowed us an opportunity to remove old and unused equipment and improve the appearance of the office. The success of this project encouraged us to do a similar improvement in the Bride's room. We hope to have that work completed this Fall.

Yes, we have tables! The Church was the recipient of 4 new picnic tables generously donated by the Incline Village Hyatt Regency. The picnic table and benches are located behind the church and adjacent to the IVNS playground. They are designed for all-weather use so when weather permits, the benches can be a fun place to meet. Its easy to envision church picnics out back next year!

But that's not all. Courtesy of the hard work and initiative of Ron Young, the church also has been provided with a new "welcome" table, Tech table and benches for the outdoor chapel. Look for them at your next visit. You may note that woodwork is made for Tahoe weather so, as Rector Sarah has said, they look like picnic benches used by giants!

As for what we plan to do, with the Fall coming up, we will begin "winterizing" the campus. Umbrellas will be stowed and our heaters will be moved to secure areas while still allowing for use when the opportunity permits.



The flannel team was honored at worship as we said goodbye to Bruce and Cindy



Outreach Committee

LEADERS: CONNIE SKIDMORE AND CHERRY BARNEY

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

United for Action: The Winter Warmth and Wellness event will be held at the North Lake Tahoe Event Center on November 5 from 10am-3pm. Collection of items will begin October 3rd at St. Pat's. The event center will be open for delivering and sorting items from about November 2 on. Meera Beser is looking into renting another POD to store items as they are collected. Her new co-chairman is Lorena Herrera (LorenaA@sftahoe.org, 530-412-3683.) Lorena will make a spreadsheet to track volunteers and collection boxes. Needed: A coordinator of volunteers. Clare hopes St. Patrick's might want to be the Incline Village coordinator for the drive. If someone will volunteer to be the captain, that person will have lots of help from the rest of us!

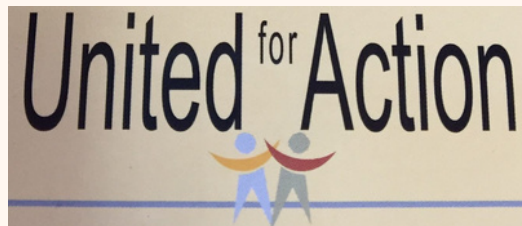
Sierra Community House Food Distribution: Lenty sent us word that 92 bags of food were packed on Thursday, September 1. Fifty-four were delivered by volunteers and 38 were picked up by clients at the church.

Café Conversacion: St. Patrick's will continue hosting the Café for another session Thursdays at 6pm. This session runs from Thursday Oct. 6 to November 17.

Knitter's Guild: Karen and the guild are congratulated on their 20th year serving the community with their beautiful handiwork. A recent article in The Tribune celebrates their accomplishments. They meet on Wednesday afternoons at St. Patrick's.



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Outreach Committee

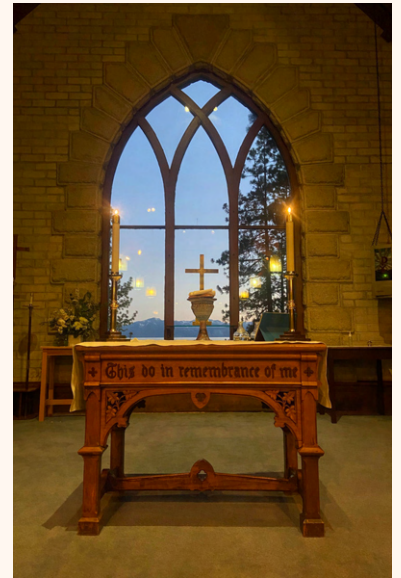
The Tahoe Neighborhood Table: Thanksgiving dinner to the community will be served in person on October 24 at the North Tahoe Event Center. Volunteers are needed for preparations and shopping starting two days prior to the event, and for help with serving and clean-up at the event. Clare, Connie, Karen and Jack Barney, Sally and Lenty have helped in past years. Please consider helping this year. Outreach will donate \$250 in support.

Galilee Women's Retreat: Sarah, Connie and two others from St Patrick's attended the retreat on September 3-5. A motion was made that the Outreach Committee give \$175 to Galilee to cover the fees for a participant from our church. The motion passed.

Emergency Shelter System: UFA is partnering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Francis and North Tahoe-Truckee Homeless Services to reboot the after-hours emergency shelter system (formerly "All for One"). We're surveying faith-based groups and first responders to assess current need and have three motel partners committed: Crown Motel, Stevenson's Holliday Inn, and Tahoe North Shore Lodge. NTTHS will provide volunteer training; we'll use its phone number for the after-hours intake. Funding for the program TBD.

Hurricane Ian Relief for Florida: A motion is passed to donate \$1000 to Samaritan's Purse to help victims of Hurricane Ian in Florida. We hope that parishioners who have loved ones effected by the storm may place them on St. Patrick's prayer list and make available contact information for individual donations to them.

Galilee



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Classes now on TUESDAYS 6:30 - 9 pm September 27th – November 15th at Tahoe Family Solutions: 774 Mays Blvd. #13, Incline Village, 89451 (at the Village Center)

Cost: Only \$40 per 8-week session (that's just \$5/class) for ESL course, which includes weekly complimentary Conversation Cafés on Thursdays, FREE of charge!

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*Includes access to digital English Learning Platform



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



Clases son los MARTES ahora de las 6:30 - 9 pm, el 27 de septiembre al 15 de noviembre en Tahoe Family Solutions: 774 Mays Blvd. #13, Incline Village, 89451 (en el Village Center)

Cuesta: Solo \$40 por la session de 8 semanas de clases (es decir solo \$5/cada clase) que incluye acceso a la plataforma de aprendizaje digital de inglés y unas cafés de conversación semanal los jueves que son GRATIS!

****BECAS del estudio disponibles por la solicitud! Solo hay que contactar y preguntar la maestra Jesi para hacer la aplicacion especial de becas*

Café de Conversación (GRATIS) los JUEVES de 6 - 7 pm, el 6 de octubre al 17 de noviembre, en St. Patrick's Episcopal Church (341 Village Blvd, Incline Village, 89451)



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Para más información, por favor contacte a Jesi Robbins al (530) 386-2415 o jesir@tahoefamily.org



It's Stewardship Season!

Of late I have been praying many prayers of thanksgiving. With my children I refer to this practice as "an attitude of gratitude." I find myself praising God for the gift of the flowing creek, the living water, on the Barbara loop trail, for beautiful early fall evenings eating dinner on the deck with my family, and for the fortitude and resiliency of this beloved community. We, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, have been through much together.

Yet what continues to impress me about our congregation, is that although we are already a reflection of God's beloved community, we know that our work is not yet done. I see this in the insistence of connecting with young families, especially in welcoming and baptizing four little friends in the Lake this summer. I witness this in our discernment around how to put an end to the broken systems of homelessness and housing insecurity in the Basin. I experience this in your continued willingness to learn how we can be a more inclusive community where all truly feel welcomed. Y'all, we are actively becoming beloved community.

I am so glad you have joined this beloved community, making us a fuller representation of the family of God. It takes every member of this congregation, working together, to transform our dreams into reality. It takes time, talent and treasure. It takes our volunteer hours, the use of our special gifts, and also our financial resources. Therefore, I ask that you consider making a pledge on behalf of St. Patrick's for 2023.

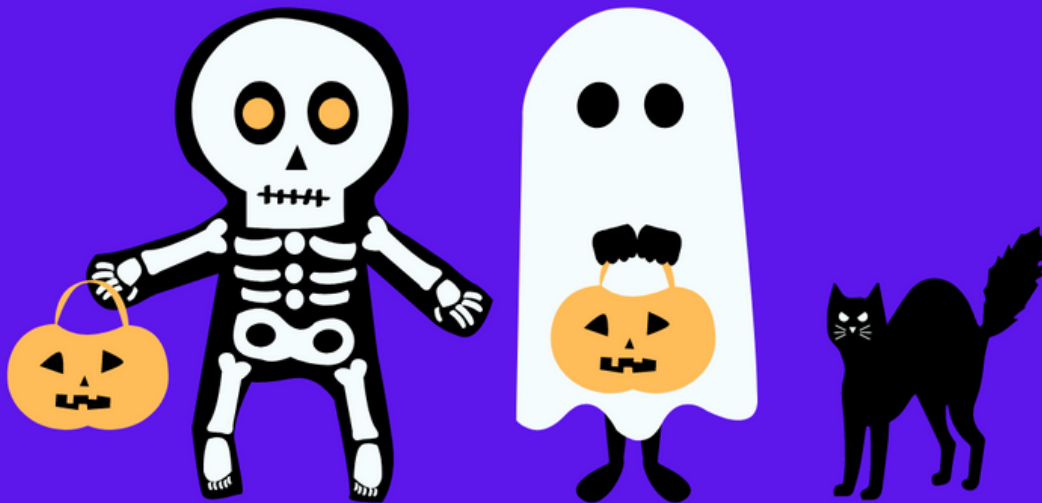
In the Episcopal Church, a pledge is a promise, a goal of what we would like to give financially over the next calendar year. These pledges range from about \$50 a month to over \$20,000 annually— no gift is too big nor too small! Each time we give in the name of the Holy One, we are remembering from whom all of our blessings come. For me personally, the first withdrawal from my account at the beginning of the month is my pledge. This commitment is a constant spiritual reprioritization. So I ask that you prayerfully consider how you might take part in this attitude of gratitude with me and proclaim together: "Thanks be to God!"

God's peace and love,

The Rev. Sarah A. Dunn+, Rector

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
341 Village Blvd, Incline Village

Trunk or Treat



OCTOBER 28, 2022 3-5PM

candy, music, carnival games & more!

**please bring a non-perishable
food item for the food bank at
Sierra Community House**

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