

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Riverside, CA

# *The Good News*

September 2022

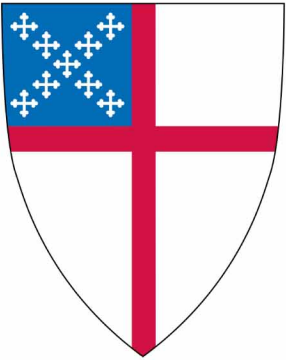


## **VISION**

The vision of All Saints' Episcopal Church is to be a vibrant, loving, welcoming community of faith called to serve Christ and to nurture all persons to be fully alive in God.

## **MISSION**

With God's help we will live our vision as a community that serves all people through ministries of worship, education, fellowship, and aid to those in need.



AMAZON ORIGINAL

My name is

Pauli  
Murray

FROM THE  
DIRECTORS OF 'RBG'



**We will have a movie viewing and discussion night  
Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

## Navigating *the Nave* The Rector's Reflections

**One day . . .** A young pilgrim arrived at a monastery searching for an elderly pilgrim who was known to be the wisest of them all. In spite of his youth, he had already completed the majority of the well known pilgrimages of the world.

He approached the wise man and asked, "Master, what must I do to become a true pilgrim?"

The elderly man looked into his eyes and felt great compassion for him.

"Son, if you truly wish to be an authentic pilgrim, return to your home with your family, your neighbors and your friends and listen to them, serve them, forgive them and love them. Then you will be a true pilgrim."

The young man laid down his walking stick, turned around and left deeply saddened. He was willing to walk thousands of kilometers even carrying a tremendous amount of weight on his shoulders, but he was unwilling to fulfill what the wise man advised him to do.

*Story inspired by the encounter between Jesus and the rich young man.*

A pilgrimage: it's not a vacation, or a sightseeing trip, or a shopping trip. It's not a cruise or excursion. It is a journey. A journey to find where God may be found. A journey to discover the central sacredness, the center of being. A journey for being immersed in sacred stories, sacred time, sacred community. Jews, Muslims, and Christians have been traveling to Holy Lands for over two thousand years. Other faith traditions have their version of holy pilgrimage.

It is a great honor to be a chaplain for 20 pilgrims from All Saints' as we travel to the Holy Land. We'll be joined by 20 pilgrims and Father Peter Browning from Saint Andrew's Irvine. Our guides are Iyad, Rami, and Sami Qumir. They are Palestinian Christians who live in Jerusalem and the surrounding area. I trust Iyad and his sons implicitly. His network of "cousins" throughout Israel/Palestine have seen me through four other pilgrimages and I have no doubt they will provide safe passage yet again. We'll stay at Saint George's in Jerusalem and at the Sisters of Nazareth in Nazareth. Saint George's is on Nablus Road, just a short walk to Damas-

cus Gate which opens into the Old City of Jerusalem, leads down through the Muslim Quarter and over to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Saint George's is the Cathedral, theological school, and retreat center for the Anglican Archdiocese of Jerusalem and all of the Holy Land. The Sisters of Nazareth is across the road from the Latin Basilica of the Annunciation and next to the Anglican Christ Church where we will worship on Sunday, September 11. The service will be in English and Arabic. We'll renew our baptismal vows in the Jordan River and visit the oldest church in Christendom, the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem. Nazareth is a unique city in all the world: it is in Israel proper (not Palestine) but the majority of the residents are Arabic. So, Fr. Nael Abu Rahmoun of Christ Church is an Arab Christian with an Israeli passport. It is a great example of what I have experienced so many times, not only in the Holy Land but in life: historical, political, cultural, geographical, and religious/spiritual hard and fast lines are nearly impossible to draw. More often these categories bump into, spill over, argue, parallel, and even mirror each other. It's in the mix, that sometimes messy, tense mix that the Holy can best be experienced. I pray our pilgrims come closer to the presence of the Holy not just in the world, not just in their lives, but in the living they find when they return home. For a pilgrimage is not over until the pilgrims return to their own front door.

Please pray for us pilgrims. Know too, we are praying for you. We will light candles for All Saints' and all the saints at All Saints' wherever we go.

You can follow our travels by visiting my Facebook page or the All Saints' Facebook group.

KGK+

The human soul doesn't want to be advised or fixed or saved. It simply wants to be witnessed —  
to be seen, heard and companioned exactly as it is.

Parker Palmer

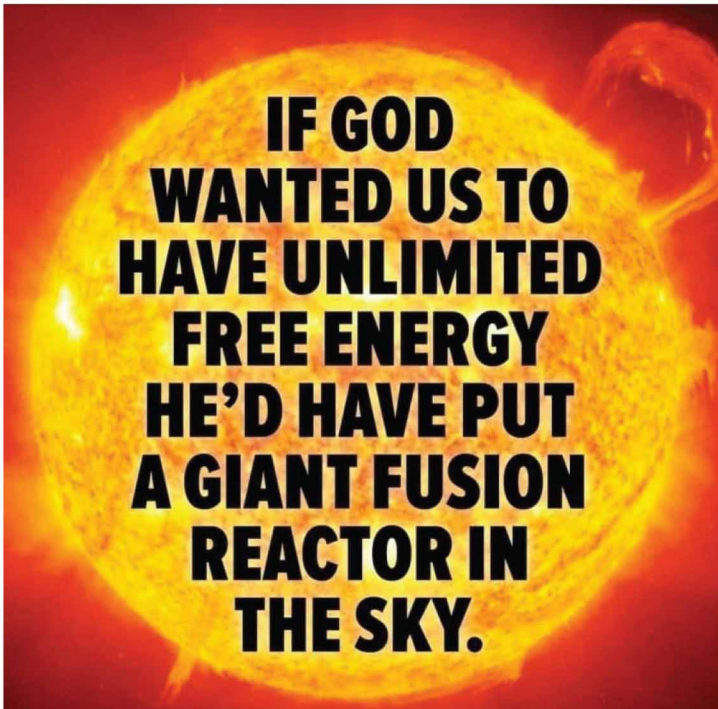
## Note From the Senior Warden

*Dear All Saints' parishioners:*

In just a few days, Eric, his 85-year-old mother, and I leave for our pilgrimage to Jerusalem with 16 All Saints' parishioners and Mother Kelli Grace. We will walk the paths and through the doorways that Christ and his followers traveled. Very real and a bit surreal. Many previous pilgrims have commented the Holy Land looks a lot like our Mediterranean SoCal, but I imagine the mix of peoples, the calls to prayer, the crowds, the smells and the tastes will tell us we are far from home.

We are re-reading history and paying close attention to current events. Certainly a complex and extraordinary saga. I look forward to recounting our experience in the next Good News. I only hope my recall will do justice to what I know will be a profound experience.

*Sincerely,  
Francie Johnson*



## Community Engagement ~ Upcoming Events And Opportunities



*Andrea Briggs, Minister for Community Engagement*

**Monday, September 12, 7-8 pm, Taizé Meditative Worship** is an ecumenical style of worship that uses silence, candlelight, repetitive chanting and thought-provoking readings to encourage a deep reflective experience of the presence of God. Several Riverside churches have joined together to provide this worship opportunity to the community on the second Monday of every month. As we continue to struggle with many personal, national and global challenges, Taizé is a place of peace and restoration.

The hosts this month are Trinity Lutheran Church and Eden Lutheran Church, and the service will take place at Eden. The service will also be available via Zoom using this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86276582949>.



**Sunday, September 18, 4pm, "Days of Awe" Concert** celebrating Jewish American composers, Fox Performance Arts Center, 3801 Mission Inn Avenue. The program includes the world premiere of Symphony No. 1: Judaica (Days of Awe) by LA-based composer Steve Rothstein. Tickets (\$24-84) are on sale now at Live Nation

<https://www.livenation.com/venue/KovZpZAEA61A/fox-performing-arts-center-events>

**SAVE THE DATE, Sunday afternoon, October 16,** Riverside Interfaith Council presents the annual **Faith Walk for Peace**. Look for information forthcoming about the faith communities we will be visiting.

**LOVING**  
**LIBERATING**  
**LIFE GIVING**  
*the Jesus Movement*

**with God** evangelism  
**with Each Other** reconciliation  
**with Creation** care of creation

**Autumnal Equinox Evening Prayer  
Thursday, September 22 6:30 p.m.  
In the church building and online**



Equinox is Latin for “equal night.” The equinox happens twice a year with the vernal or spring equinox on or near March 20 and the autumnal or fall equinox on or near September 22. The day and night are equal in length on these two days. In between the two equinoxes is the winter solstice and the summer solstice- the shortest and longest days of the year, respectively.

The story is told that the architect who designed the All Saints church building had in his imagining of the building where and when the sun sets. He placed the church footprint in such a way that the vesper light would come through the red doors of the church and the rose window above the red doors, down the center isle and hit the altar and the cross as the sun sets at the summer solstice. But this time of year the light coming through all the stained glass windows is just as vibrant; the light dances throughout the building, giving depth and breadth to experiencing the Holy in this place. Whether or not the story is apocryphal, the truth is, being in the church building at sunset this time of year is a sacred experience. It clears the mind, fills the lungs, and moves the soul. This time of year we also highlight creation and our response to all the Creator has given to us, here on earth, our fragile island home. Evening Prayer on the autumnal equinox has become a tradition with unique prayers, sacred stories and song that highlight how creative and imaginative our good and gracious God is and how amazingly wonderful all of creation is, and how profound our role as stewards of creation is.

Please join the All Saints' community on Thursday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. in experiencing the light show that is the autumnal equinox inside our church building.

~K GK+

All Saints Episcopal Church

## September Birthdays

Chuck Stowe  
Penny Ellien  
Andrea Briggs  
David Harlow  
Kristin Varner

Grisel Alfaro  
Steve Slaten  
Patricia Korzec  
Jim Scribner  
Amy Castle  
Phil Bruckler  
Emily Fiemer  
Sue Mitchell  
Lindy Colaluca-Polling  
Mohammed Najimi



## From the Music Director

Notes for Singers!

**Saturday, September 3rd** is the All Saints' Choir Retreat!

We will begin with Morning Prayer with Fr. Ryan at 9am. We will start our singing soon after and should be finished by 11am. All are invited to come sing with the choir!

**Wednesday, September 7th** is the first weekday choir rehearsal from 7pm to 8:30pm

**Sunday, September 11th** is the first Sunday back for the Choir!

I'm looking forward to hearing our beautiful voices again!

Blessings,  
Abe

## Outreach Ministries

*Patricia Korzec*

### St. Michael's Food Share

It may be the hottest summer on record but even the extreme heat does not keep people from lining up on Thursday mornings at St. Michael's for the Food Share. The numbers of families fed in August were approximately 265. These numbers are just an estimate because we have several people who take food to distribute to other families in their neighborhood and we also have one woman who distributes food to ten senior citizens on a weekly basis.

The Reverend Canon Mary Crist recently started each Food Share day with a ***Communion Service*** prior to the food distribution. The service is in English and Spanish and occurs at 8am. One of the photos (below) shows her at the homemade altar with the looming construction of the new Homeless/Low Income project in the background. This is the project that many of you spoke in favor of before City Council last year. This is a miracle in progress! Those Thursdays when Mother Mary is not able to be at Saint Michael's, the Reverend Deacon Ryan Macias has stepped in to lead a Deacon's Mass.

Gloria, the cook for St. Michael's, also prepares a ***freshly made breakfast*** of burritos and hot coffee for all those in

attendance. Our own Diane Askren stepped in to perform the cooking duty one week when Gloria was absent. Yum! Yum! Thank you, Diane! In the past month this food share has evolved into nourishment of the soul as well as of the body.

We welcome all contributions of plastic bags (thank you Hannigan Family for the donation of 700 red cloth bags), clothing, and toiletries. You can leave the donations in the kitchen or catch me after the 10am Sunday service at the Advocacy Table. New volunteers for our All Saints' Support Team are always welcome. (Thursdays from 8-10am; no heavy lifting)

### Advocacy Table

Check us out after the 10 am Sunday service. In recent weeks we posted info on a ***potential new tax for solar installations***, locations of ***warm and cool centers*** in Riverside County, and a fundraiser for the people of ***Ukraine*** (monies donated to the Episcopalian fund). Christine Miller created hand-crocheted yellow sunflower pins as a thank you for donors to the relief effort. To date her grassroots efforts have totaled \$1.800 + in donations!



## Backyard Birding

Contributed by David Glidden

*"Yellow"*

by Mary Oliver, 2009

*There is the heaven we enter  
Through institutional grace*

*And there are the yellow finches bathing and singing  
In the lowly puddle.*

In our backyard we have several bird feeders: two large hanging tubes with multiple perches containing wild bird seed, one mesh Niger feeder designed for lesser goldfinches, one hanging dish carrying jelly for hooded orioles, a round mesh container for Sunflower seeds, and a feeder for hummingbirds. We also scatter seed below the feeders for mourning doves, towhees, the occasional piggy pigeons, not to mention regular visits by neighborhood squirrels, and the nightly skunks and possums. All these feeding stations are just a few feet from our large backyard windows, under the shelter of a towering Chinese elm.

Shortly before dawn every morning our two younger indoor cats are always perched by the windows to see the morning show, while the two older cats and humans are still sleeping. The show continues lackadaisically throughout the day, revives vigorously toward sunset, and is then followed by our nighttime visitors, once the birds have left the scene. While we do have occasional exotic birds and migratory birds in transit (including mallard ducks in the swimming pool), the vast majority are finches. When they are in their morning or evening feeding frenzies, there often are over a dozen or more finches going back and forth from station to station, hanging upside down on the sunflower feeder, while orioles peck slowly from their jelly dish as hummingbirds sip at theirs.

Whatever else may be happening in our lives, it is a contemplative gift to watch the birds flitting from feeder to feeder, some impatiently waiting for a space to land. The display continues day after day, month after month, in the seasons when male birds are flamboyantly colored to attract their mates and later on when fledges with

furiously flitting wings learn the art of flying and feeding for themselves. During afternoons, when I refill the rapidly emptying seed containers, the birds sit on the wires or on tree branches, chatting loudly among themselves until I have finally left the scene to them, though sometimes I sit perfectly still on a nearby bench to watch. Why is nature so beautiful?

There is also suffering. Occasionally our local Cooper's hawk or red-shouldered hawk will dive down from a hiding place in a larger tree nearby to pluck a dove or take a smaller snack. The birds scatter hither and yon in an instant, but occasionally a small finch is taken. And even when capture fails, a finch might be slammed against the window and fall stunned to the ground. Usually they recover to fly away.

Sometimes a stunned goldfinch will die. As I pick one up, I find he weighs almost nothing, but the details of his delicate feathering and range of coloring hold me in awe at his creation. That very goldfinch had a family, was raised with unfailing care, taught to fly and feed, to sing joyously at dawn with his community of friends. These little yellow birds have each known the presence of God without ever needing to name it.

~DG 22 August 2022





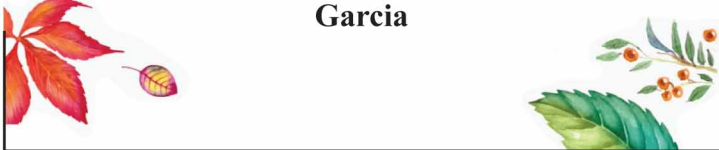
# Flowers

August 7 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God by the **Lennox/Feimer** family in thanksgiving for **Michelle Feimer's** 15th birthday

August 14 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God anonymously and dedicated to world peace.

August 21 ~ The altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all His blessings by **Mary Ellen Gruendyke**

Aug 28- The altar flowers were given to the glory of God and in thanksgivings for all His blessings by **Kathy Woodbury** and in celebration of their third wedding anniversary by **Rebecca Kurtz-Garcia and Jacob Garcia**



## Prayer List

**For those going on pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Grisel, Andrea, John, Kim, Shelby, Victoria+, Eric, Francie, Sara Jane, Patricia, Kelli Grace+, Miroslava, Laura, Christina, Kathryn, Sandy, Jim+, Liz, Mary Anne, Kathy, the pilgrims from Saint Andrew's, Irvine, and for our guides and driver Iyad, Sami, Rami, and Omar

**For those killed in gun violence and their families.**

**For healing, comfort and strength -- long-term list:** The Nze family, Chuck & Yvonne Stowe, Enor & Roy Harris, Jan & Dwane Mickelson, Jennifer, Beverly, Beth, Micaela, Fritz & Ethel, Beverly N., Polly G., Rickye & Ralph Galliher, Richard, Cathy Porter, Crys-

tal, JoEllen, Winnie & Julie Williamson, Blair Gilbert, Sally, Aric, Sandra, Marlene Coverdale, Dean Bradley, Del, Robin, Cheryl Bartel, Tim & Suzy Hanigan, Jose Hernandez, Michelle, Scott C., Annette Weight, Jim & family, Catherine P, Elaine, Bill, Carolyn & Ed Bartel, Ralph Wilkins, Peggy Rose Stewart

**For healing, comfort and strength—short-term list:** Jeremy, Carrie, Diane, Carol U., Con, Diana & her husband, Amanda, Logan C., Claudia M., Lexi, Mary Ellen, Cathy, Don, Margie, Claire, Richard K., Mike, Lizzy, Annabelle, Claudia, Tracy, Betsy, Radek, Pat, Barb and Ed

**For our unhoused neighbors, especially:** Anthony, Marc, Thomas, Gary

**For those working on being clean and sober:** Johnny, Frank, Gary

**For those unemployed or underemployed:** Matt

**For those preparing for marriage:** Dominique Pietro and Matt Marsh

**In thanksgiving for the life and witness of** long time member Jackie Tavaglione

**For the comfort of those who mourn:** Joe Tavaglione and family

**For our ministry partners:** Path of Life, Laundry Love Riverside, Inspire Life Skills, Saint Michael's, Research and Development Early Childhood Center, the Riverside Taize community, our Friends the Quakers, Believe Center, Family Promise, Rebirth Homes, PFLAG.

**We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:** praying especially for Joseph our president, Kamala, our vice president, members of Congress, Gavin our governor, and Patricia our mayor.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Jonathan O'Connell, Stephen Jenkins, Alex and James, Thomas Lopez, Justin Garcia, and Shelby Przyk

**For peace in:** Israel/Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, North Korea, Ukraine, our own communities

**For immigrants, refugees, the oppressed, and the homeless** throughout the world

**For those in need of comfort:** the people of Ukraine, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Russia, and their leaders

If you have an addition to the PRAYER LIST, please e-mail: [ASRprayers@gmail.com](mailto:ASRprayers@gmail.com)



### LAY MINISTERS AND USHERS

	Lay Minister	Lector	Intercessor	Crucifer	Torch Bearers	Ushers
<b>4 September</b>	8A Scott Burton	Brian Draper	Brian Draper			Sue Liddle Burton
	10A Craig Riemer Mary Ellen Gruendyke	Mary Gabe	Nerni Miller	Oliver	Carrie Lucas	Charles Dailey, AJ Jetti Francie Johnson, Roy Harris, Cathy Welborn, G
<b>11 September</b>	8A Corbin Young	David Glidden	David Glidden			Scott Burton
	10A Cathy Welborn Mary Ellen Gruendyke	Kurt Mareks	Piotr Gorecki	Michelle	Andrew Shelby	John Schlueter, Jim Boyer Robert Miller, Roy Harris Leslie Sunderland, G
<b>18 September</b>	8A David Glidden	Brian Draper	Brian Draper			Sue Stevens
	10A Stephanie McMorris Diane Askren	John Paul Wolf	Debora Huffman	Jordan	Sam Ryan	Francie Johnson, Ian McCausland Leslie Sunderland, Robert Miller Kristin Urbaniak, G
<b>25 September</b>	8A Susan Tedesco	Scott Burton	Scott Burton			Scott Burton
	10A Laura McMorris Craig Riemer	Christina Miller	John Briggs	Jack	Shelby Lucas	Charles Dailey, Roy Harris Rebecca Kurtz-Garcia, Jacob Garcia John Schlueter, G

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*Photographers for this newsletter include: Liz Atkinson and Sherri Bradley for Laundry Love; Patricia Korzek for St. Michael's Food Share; Lindy Colaluca Poling, Lisa Lennox Feimer and others for the Ministry Fair photos.*

We are always happy to have photos in our newsletter. If you have photos of any of our events, please send them to me at: [kjkendrick1499@gmail.com](mailto:kjkendrick1499@gmail.com)

### “Days of Awe”

**Sunday, September 18, 2022, 4PM**

**Fox Performance Arts Center, 3801 Mission Inn Ave.**

A concert celebrating Jewish American composers

- Piano Concerto in F by George Gershwin with guest soloist.
- Bernard Herrmann - Concert Suite from Hitchcock's Vertigo
- World premiere of Symphony No. 1: Judaica (Days of Awe) by LA-based composer Steve Rothstein. Commissioned by the Judaica Sacred Music Foundation, the Days of Awe symphony features some of the most well-known melodies of the Jewish musical tradition and prayers from the High Holy Days.
- Pre-concert talk 3:20p-3:40p. Doors open at 2:30pm

Tickets \$24-84 from Live Nation

<https://www.livenation.com/venue/KovZpZAEA6IA/fox-performing-arts-center-events>

Celebrate our Jewish neighbors, and anticipate the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



What a night at the Sparklean Laundromat! We began the night with \$471 loaded on the cards and ended with a balance of \$137. We served 29 families to complete approximately 200 loads of laundry and had 12 returning volunteers.



We had several returning customers waiting for us to start at 6:00 PM. Nearly all of the washing machines were available at the start of the evening. By 6:30 all machines were running!

All Saints' generously donated an abundance of new school supplies, including backpacks. **THANK YOU** for your generous donations! Children and families were allowed to choose the items that they needed. Such happy faces!!

Clean clothing was collected by Peyton Varner for "Pea's Blessings" and given to LLR to distribute. Clients were very thankful to be able to choose nearly new items. After our event, leftover clothing was taken to our neighbors at St. Michael's who distribute food and other necessities to their community.

Our next event will be held on Wednesday September 21, 2022. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact Liz Atkinson or Sherri Bradley.

Love never ends... neither does laundry!  
*Liz Atkinson*



## A preview of how All Saints' will be engaging the Riverside community in the coming year

### How would you like to be involved?

#### What difference does it make to the Riverside community that All Saints' Episcopal Church exists?

We engage our neighbors by sharing with them from our rich array of ministries, by inviting our neighbors in to learn and grow with us, and by taking what we have out to where they are.\*\*

**Worship** – Taize services quarterly; other services open to the community such as the All Soul's Lantern Festival, Thanksgiving Eucharist, Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine, New Year's Eve Evening Prayer, Election Day Vigil.

**Music**—vocal and instrumental performances, making our space available for other musical groups to use, such as the annual Villa Lobos concert, participating in music

elsewhere such as the Dickens Festival Evensong.

**Education** such as Vacation Bible School, and the Care of Creation ministry which is developing and sharing eco-friendly information and techniques with the community.

**Service** to those in need through the Path of Life Guest Chef Program, Laundry Love Riverside, St. Michael's Food Share, and others.

**Partnerships** -- supporting other organizations with space, time, funding and participation, such as the Community Yoga Initiative, the Quakers, the Armenians, Riverside Interfaith Forum, CROP Walk, Believe Center, MLK Walk, A.A., Inspire Life Skills, PFLAG, and Family Promise. Supporting city initiatives such as Housing First, and state and national initiatives like the suicide hotline 988 and Care Court. Advocating for local, state and national policies that would aid those most in need.

\*\* This array of ministries, events and activities is the work of many hands. To be directed to the right person for more information, please contact Lindy Colaluca-Polling, 562-787-4430, [digital@allsaintsriverside.org](mailto:digital@allsaintsriverside.org) or Andrea Briggs, 951-347-8759, [andreabriggs1@yahoo.com](mailto:andreabriggs1@yahoo.com)

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### Community Engagement aspirations:

How to share our labyrinth

How to build our relationships with Riverside Community College and Central Middle School

How to take part in and share the Episcopal work on racial justice, healing and reconciliation

### Community Engagement

»» a collaboration of AS ministries offering who we are and what we have to our Riverside neighbors

~ Andrea Briggs

*You might want to know . . .*

This year Rosh Hashanah is celebrated by our Jewish siblings from Sunday evening, September 25, through Tuesday, September 27. It is the Jewish New Year, and is the first part of Jewish High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah is marked by praying in the synagogue, and the blowing of the shofar, the emblematic ram's horn.



In Scripture, God sets out for Moses a series of festivals and celebrations. Rosh Hashanah is described in Leviticus 23:23-25, “The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the people of Israel, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of complete rest, a holy convocation commemorated with trumpet blasts. You shall not work at your occupations; and you shall present the Lord’s offering by fire.”

Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism, and is observed this year from Tuesday evening, October 4, through Wednesday, October 5. The Day of Atonement is described in Leviticus 23:26-32.

There are ten days, called the Days of Awe, between the beginning of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In Scripture, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai after 40 days with God, carrying the stone tablets on which God had written the Ten Commandments, Moses found the

people worshipping a golden calf. Enraged, he smashed the tablets. God too was enraged at the people; some serious negotiation on Moses’ part was required for God to forgive them, and agree to write a second set of tablets (Exodus 33-34).

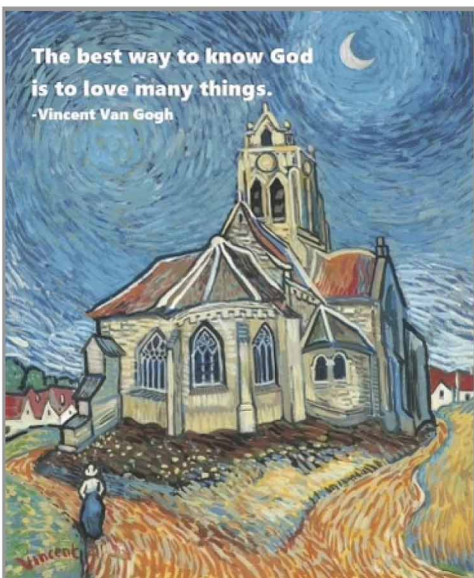
The practice during the Days of Awe is fasting, confession, and prayer. According to Jewish tradition, on Rosh Hashanah God chooses whether to write each person into the Book of Life for the coming year, and then waits until Yom Kippur to confirm that decision. Jews use this time both individually and collectively to atone for their misdeeds, and to make peace with their brothers and sisters, and with God. The day of Yom Kippur is set aside for further public and private prayer and amendment of life, at the end of which Jews hope they have been forgiven.

How do we greet our Jewish friends during the High Holy Days? During Rosh Hashanah, we can say, “Happy New Year.” Yom Kippur is not the same kind of “happy” day. Some say that wishing Jews an easy fast is appreciated, or, “May you be sealed in the Book of Life.” “Holy Day blessings” is also appropriate.



Sources – various Wikipedia sites.

*Contributed by Andrea Briggs*



# Fall Ministry Festival

