



St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church in Cupertino

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*This issue of **the View** is dedicated to celebrating the abundance of our campus, our buildings and grounds.*

We hope you appreciate the special features: "Welcoming Abundance on Our Campus" (p. 2), "Invisible by Design: The Stories We Tell Through Architecture" (p. 3), and "Placemaking with St. Jude's Places in a Placeless World?" (p. 4), as well as "Literary Celebrations of Buildings and Grounds" (p. 5).



In addition to the activities noted in our weekly announcements, we celebrate the abundance of our campus:

- June 3, we will honor high school and college graduates. (Ask the youth or mentors about their experiences on with the ladders, photos on p. 7)

- June 10, we will share worship services

in the spirit of Rogation, with the 10:30 am service being outside in our beautiful center courtyard; the 8:00 am service will be held in the church as usual.

- June 13, we begin our patio potlucks under the arbor at 6:30 pm.

Additional articles include a Welcome Back from Jani+ (p. 2), a Goodbye from Linda and Michael (p. 6), an introduction to "Slow July" (p. 3), a Social Justice/Outreach (p. 5), Vestry Highlights from May (p. 7), and our Gratitudes (p. 6). Enjoy!



Welcoming Abundance on our Campus

Jean Chandler & Donna Araiza

St. Jude's has a tradition of opening our doors to many different tenant groups. We work hard to find non-profit tenants who operate in accordance with our mission and are compatible with our campus. There are many more requests than we can handle.

Live Oak Adult Day Services has been our tenant for 35 years and enjoys a robust relationship with many volunteers from St. Jude's along with financial support through Social Justice/Outreach. Directors Ann and Gayle create a safe place for the elderly and frail during the day with emphasis on active learning and entertaining. This includes gardening, therapy dogs, luaus, a Santa visit, BBQs, costumed preschoolers on Halloween, and singing around the piano or accordion. Peek in the door and you will see engaged seniors enjoying the bonds of friendship. Live Oak hosts an Alzheimer's support group the third Thursday of the month in our Fireside Room.

A year ago we welcomed the Post-Secondary Lyncs group from De Anza/Fremont Unified High School District made up of 18-22 year olds with special needs. Directors Alla and Elizabeth teach life skills, empowering the students to live independently. They love working in the church garden.

One Stop Learning Center is an after school program for children in grades 1-5. Lillian and her coterie of teachers help the children with their homework as well as entertain them. One of their favorite



From the top left: Elizabeth, (PS Group), Ann, Larisa, Gayle, Silvia, (Live Oak), Lillian, Julia, Trixie, (One Stop).

activities is ping pong Fridays when they are taught by a renowned ping pong champion. We are currently working on a summer lease. Hearing the laughter of young children playing is uplifting to those who work in the office.

We are home to Full Gospel Mission Church who uses our sanctuary and classrooms on Sundays. Early weekday mornings you will find parishioners of Full Gospel, along with our neighbors, in the sanctuary praying as they welcome the day.

The Boy Scouts have been here longer than we can remember. Food Addicts Anonymous meets twice a week, plus a weekly classical guitar class and an outside men's group. Less frequently we host the US-China People's Friendship Association, Cupertino Rotary and many recitals. Newer tenants include the Lyric Theatre and the Cupertino Choraliers.

We accommodate many one-time events such as quinceaneras or recently, the Assistance League of Los Gatos. Historically we've found when a group or person comes once, they usually return. Our neighbors drop by often to sit by the Labyrinth, or the Trinity Fountain and enjoy the roses, lizards, squirrels and birds. Does anyone still miss the inner parking lot? St. Jude's is a hidden oasis in the midst of a busy valley.

Wonderful to Be Back!

Jani Wild, #IBIY

I am so happy to be back during Wilma's sabbatical. I have been on a long path to priesthood and my time as a Seminarian here was invaluable. You helped raise me up and were integral in my formation as I studied to become a deacon and now a priest.



Our time together is an opportunity to explore, wonder, and engage differently. It is a time to refresh and renew ourselves by moving into the slower, relaxed pace of summer. A time to expand our gratitude for this parish family, both here and

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apart from each other, and a time to explore what God is calling each of us to do individually and collectively. I am blessed to have the opportunity to tag along with you, sharing in the wondering and growing as a priest.

Some of you may have noticed that I often wear a button that says: #IBIY, I Believe In You, something used at St. Andrew's this year. I adopted this for my ordination and truly believe that each one of us is called to live as Jesus' hands and feet in the world. It is a call to do whatever it is that God wants us to be, which makes you the unique, best you. This is my prayer, my affirmation for each one of us that I hold as we journey together. I look forward to seeing you and I am available if you would like to talk.

July as a "Slow Church" Month

Kathy Yates, Sr Warden

How many of you enjoy being part of the Slow Food movement? For those not familiar with the term, "Slow Food" means eating food that is locally sourced and good for our selves, our communities, and our world. While "fast food" emphasizes quantity and speed, Slow Food emphasizes health, local tradition, and community spirit.



Vestry and clergy have decided to try "Slow Church" during July. We have several parish traditions this month: July 4th celebration and talent show, July 15th Service Worship Sunday, Vacation Bible Camp July 23-27, and the Wednesday evening social suppers. Adding those activities to our normal pace can feel like too much.

Several ministries will already be on break in July, including Taizé Prayers, weekday morning prayer, and Wednesday book group. Vestry asks that ministry leaders cancel non-critical meetings during July. Also, after discussions with Bishop Mary, vestry and clergy decided to lean into "Slow Church" by shifting to a single, "all ages," Sunday worship service at 9:30 am for the whole month of July. We want to deliberately change the pace of activity to make room for July's extraordinary activities, while

also ensuring that worship services are rich, fulsome and inclusive of all ages. Doing fewer "regular" activities makes room for us to layer in special activities without overloading clergy and lay leaders.

We hope "Slow Church July" will create a sense of summer relaxation, even as we continue traditions that help sustain us on our journeys of faith. Come join us and tell us what you think!

Invisible by Design: The Stories We Tell Through Architecture

Lizzy Hood

Typically, church buildings are designed to communicate a theological tradition, whether in tranquil bareness or exultant ornateness. Conveying a sense of the sacred or transcendent is usually the primary intent.



Intent is central to "hostile architecture"; designing public spaces to discourage activities deemed undesirable, primarily associated with aggression against the homeless. Examples vary from spiked surfaces to strategically-placed armrests on benches, designed to make sleeping rough and uncomfortable. Other examples include placing bicycle racks and potted plants in alcoves that could be used as shelter by street-dwellers.

Critics point out that none of these designs reduce homelessness; rather, they attempt to eradicate its visibility, inflict alienation on the most vulnerable of our society, and enforce social divisions. This, too, reflects theology, as Dr. Tom Baker, lecturer at the University of Auckland, told ABC Australia: "You could go back to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century where homelessness — the state of being without shelter — became viewed as a sin, as caused by the moral weakness of the homeless themselves," Dr. Baker says. "That sinful understanding of homelessness is something that has carried through to the present day," he argues.

Lately when I'm in a public space I find myself trying to determine for whom the space was designed, and

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who is noticeably absent. I try to notice the feelings the space evokes, and think about what it must be like to move through a world intended to repel me. I ask the built landscape: are all welcome here? Read more: Popular Science, *When Design Is Hostile On Purpose*, <https://www.popsoci.com/unpleasant-design>. See more: view an archive of examples of “designs against humanity” at HostileDesign.org

Placemaking with St. Jude’s: Places in a Placeless World?

Sarah+

PhD courses in seminary introduced me to what is called *Theology of Place*, exploring questions about how locations and spaces reflect God’s presence and our values. For example, what might a visitor guess about our values by looking around the sanctuary? Or, how does your home reflect a relationship with the Divine?



Throughout the Bible, places were important. The Garden of Eden, the wilderness, the Red Sea, Jerusalem, Lydia’s house, and more! These places were where people met the Divine, received their calling, were nurtured and loved. John Inge, in *Christian Theology of Place*, describes place as “the seat of relations and of meeting and activity between God and the world.”

Yet, many contemporary theologians are concerned about a loss of intentional, shared ‘places,’ including the following:

- Walsh, *Beyond Homelessness* – loyalty to place is commonly undermined by a desire for wealth, and the pursuit of independence and autonomy... the problem is not just urbanization; technological advances allow people to be in many places vicariously, which gives them a false sense of connectedness while disregarding the importance of face-to-face human interaction. A sense of rootedness, whether acquired organically or deliberately, is critical to human flourishing.

- McClay, *Why Place Matters: Geography, Identity, and Civic Life in Modern America* – in a frenetically mobile and ever more porous and inexorably globalizing world, we stand powerfully in need of such stable and coherent places in our lives—to ground us and orient us, and mark off a finite arena, rich with memory, for our activity as parents and children, as friends and neighbors, and as free and productive citizens.

In response to these concerns, there is a growing call – particularly to churches – to engage in “Placemaking,” which...

- ... is essential to a Christian understanding of identity and home, where a person belongs... transformed by memory-shaped meaning into a place of identity, connectedness, order, and care.
- ... attributes include attentiveness, familiarity, silence, slowness, stability, repetition, particularity, hope, respect, and love, as well as engagement with God, ourselves, and others.
- ... leads to healing. Our sense of wholeness is not just the sense of completeness in ourselves, but also is the sense of belonging to others and to our place...When [churches] implement these [characteristics of placemaking], places will begin to heal souls as refuges of solitude and stability for the weary world around them.

A *Theology of Place* understands that ‘places’ inherently reflect values and understandings of the Divine.

“Placemaking” invites us to create ‘places’ that intentionally cultivate a sense of belonging, refuge, and healing.

Next time you’re at St. Jude’s, look around at the abundance of our campus: Would you say we are committed to “Placemaking”? How might our shared ‘places’ more strongly reflect our values and understandings of God? For you, how do our campus/buildings create a sense of belonging or a place of healing refuge that nurtures your relationship with the Divine?



Update: Social Justice Outreach

Peter Troop

Because of St. Jude's, feeding has begun at St. Patrick's

Social Justice Outreach and Vestry support for a feeding program at Saint Patrick School enabled the start of food purchases beginning this January. Our parish has provided \$7,000, which for 36 cents per meal, times 160+ students and teachers enables feeding January through June of this year. Volunteers at the school are cooking lunch. Students bring their own bowls to school and are served what for many is their first food of the day.

SJ Visit by Fr. Noé Bernier

In late April Father Noé Bernier and his wife Sheryly visited St. Jude's to talk about the Episcopal Church in Haiti, its emphasis on education and the role of partners such as St. Jude's in helping fulfill the Diocese's commitment to education. Bernier is Archdeacon of the Central Plateau and a candidate for Bishop of Haiti.



Over an informal dinner in the Parish Hall, with 28 attending, we had an opportunity to learn more about the role of partners and St. Jude's work with Saint Patrick School. Saint Patrick is within the deanery that Noé oversees. Also at the dinner was George Lockwood, with St. Dunstan's, who told the story of how their partnership in Haiti has strengthened their parish community over the last 35 years. Various Episcopal missions and schools near Saint Patrick's were mentioned over dinner and are identified on this map: <http://bit.ly/Thomonde>

Literary Celebrations of Buildings and Grounds

Lianne Card

St. Jude's enjoys a unique identity as a suburban church surrounded by an apricot orchard, with an office in the original farmhouse, and a garden behind the parish hall. In *Grounded: Finding God in the World A Spiritual Revolution*, Diana Butler Bass notes that more than 250 Episcopal churches and related groups host gardens and farms on their lands. Each congregation is inspired by a sense of stewardship and connection to a particular place. (Find this title in our collection.)

A labyrinth also anchors our site. Dr. Laura Artress, former Canon Pastor at Grace Cathedral, pioneered efforts to build the now renowned labyrinths at Grace and likely influenced the design of our labyrinth.

The library features two classic works by Dr. Artress. The first is *The Sacred Path Companion: A Guide to Walking the Labyrinth to Heal and Transform*, 2005. Dr. Artress writes, "There are many reasons to walk a labyrinth – solace, strength, clarity, celebration, insight, to quiet the mind, to solve a problem...and to ignite a seer's latent potential and find an avenue for its expression in the world."

The second is *Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool*, 1995. The author describes how she discovered the long history of labyrinths that serve as destinations for pilgrims at Chartres and other European sites, and brought that spiritual tool to San Francisco.





Gratitudes: We give special thanks for...

- A wonderful visit with the Bishop; Confirmation of Doug, Gabe, Jackie, Stephanie, Tony, and William; and Reception of Mark.
- Jani joining our clergy team during Wilma's sabbatical.
- Leo Adams, who has been cleaning the Fire side Room for many years!
- Christine Stark's ongoing ministry as our "photographer in residence" and nice reorganization of our [Flickr account](#)
- A well-attended and appreciated lunch for De Anza College student veterans, organized by Mike Landis, Vance Nau, Mason Razavi, Bob Hebson, and Syd Jacobsen.
- Our Safe Park program that hosted over a dozen guests and the volunteers who created welcoming, hospitable space for them, especially the volunteers: Barbara Pollek, Becca Friedman and her mother, Connie Erickson, Don and Kathy Disney, Jean and Peter Lin, Jeffrey Pugh, Jim Leehan and KC, Judy and Doug Bailey, Jan Panell, Kathy Yates and Peter Troop, Linda Morris, Marcia and Mike Landis, Nona Klippen and Tito Torres, Noriko Kunimi, Pat Johnson, Vance Nau, Wilma Jakobsen, Michael and Andy DeBaets, and Ken Foot. Beth Leonard, Peter Leonard and 9 members and parents of Boy Scout Troop 479, six members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Stelling Road, two members of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Saratoga, Ailsa Cornell, Liz Mulford, Susan Witherspoon, Mair Dundon and Becky Smith. Apologies if we forgot someone!
- The many gifts Diane and Frank Snow have shared with us and our Diocese over the years. Please continue to hold them in your prayers as they prepare to move this summer.

Wrapping up 50 years at St. Jude's

Linda Morris

When I was a sophomore at Homestead High School 50 years ago, a classmate that I had just seen perform in a production put on by Valley Church Youth



Group told me about a retreat she had attended with her Youth Group. She said, "You could just feel the love of Christ move around the room." At that moment I could *feel* the Holy Spirit jump out of her and jump into me. I then said to myself, "I want that!" I shared this encounter with a close school friend and she said, "Come with me to St. Jude's."

She took me with her to the EYC (Youth Group) at St. Jude's in the Spring of 1968 and this has been my parish home ever since. Parishioners would provide me rides, Betty Harrah mentored me in the Children's Chapel and teaching Sunday School, and I was soon confirmed.

Fast-forward years later, through college, marriage to Michael by Fr. John Buenz, many moves, and births of Brian and Sara, we all would return again and again to our St. Jude's family. I discovered my spiritual gift of Administration here, went to Cursillo, have been in a Covenant Group for years, and have experienced the love of Christ many times.

Being involved in many areas at St. Jude's through the years has brought me much joy, including being Communications Coordinator, a Senior Warden, and singing in choir. But being part of the Delegation (I have served as an Alternate or Delegate continuously since the Diocese of El Camino Real began in 1980) and being Co-Coordinator of the Sunday School Program (currently Godly Play) for over 20 years will be the most difficult to give up.

Michael and I will be moving to Medford, Oregon. Michael, who was St. Jude's first paid Music Director, will move at the end of July to begin a new job there. I will retire in October after 35 years in Urology at PAMF and then will join Michael in our new house. We both will miss St. Jude's and the many friends we have here, and of course Sara & Mason. We'll come visit, as we hope you will, too.



Vestry Notes

Laura Todd

Vestry began with an opening prayer/devotional led by Sarah on the various translations of John 15:26-27 reflecting on the practice and preparation of saying goodbye. Sarah and Sr. Warden Kathy Yates provided opening remarks on pastoral care, liturgy, and transition of the staff with Wilma on sabbatical. Old business was reviewed with approval of minutes for the April Vestry meeting.

Ken provided an Ops committee update on classroom tenants. He also updated the progress from the city of Cupertino on the permit for the construction. Ken reported that Ops continues to manage safety in our parking lot, which is used by vehicles during the week as a quick cut-through to bypass corner traffic. Lastly, Verizon will be putting in a new pole with a cell tower.

Scott presented on the finance committee that things are proceeding as planned with finances. Overall, all the big items are tracking, as they should. The focus of the committee was on clarifying/documenting approval of spending to have a clear understanding among all those involved with finances within the church. There was a small

adjustment to the purchase of the new vestments and a new resolution was provided and approved by the Vestry.

Kathy provided an update from St. Jude's Social Justice Outreach around Safe Park which was extended to June 1st and will transition to Prince of Peace. There were a total of 21 guests (singles and couples) in total this year. A relationship developed with the YMCA to provide showering and a once weekly dinner from St. Jude's. SJO requested of the vestry to provide a donation to the Winter Faith Collaborative to help provide more services towards the clients, which was brought as a resolution and approved.

Sarah then presented on a year round stewardship project and reflected on how it has been going so far. Sarah reviewed the focus for each month and how it has been implemented through various communications in the church. Overall, there has not been much notice in difference within these topics unless people were expressly aware of the change, but it has been seen as helpful. It was discussed that it may need to be presented in a more overt manner. Sarah will be starting a working task force to focus on this project. Laura Todd led the vestry in a closing prayer.

