

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Update from Kate

Dear friends,

The time has come for me to give you my final 'Update from Kate'. As I write this the future is still uncertain – both in terms of who St. Patrick's next Rector will be and what my next position will be!

But life moves on; God makes sure of that. By the time the August/September issue of The Shamrock comes out, it is very likely that your new Rector will have been appointed. Whoever that person may be, they will be as different from me as I was from my predecessor; and as he was from his predecessor. There is no blueprint for the ideal St. Patrick's Rector, just as there is no blueprint for the ideal member of St. Patrick's church! But I know that God will make full use of all the gifts the new priest brings to this parish, and that this small corner of the world-wide church will continue to thrive and flourish.

At the same time possibilities will be unfolding for Michael and me in our new home, as we discover how God chooses to use the gifts he has given us. It is indeed an exciting time as we all step forward – with expectancy, curiosity, and no doubt some natural trepidation – into the next phase of our life of faith.

It was very clear that God had guided us to St. Patrick's, when we first started talking to the Vestry about coming here. In this beautiful place we have experienced the unique challenges and delights of 'mountain ministry'; we have shared in the joyful discovery of other people's gifts and ministries; we have been privileged to be involved in some of the momentous events – both happy and sad – which mark the lives of our parishioners; and we have made friends who will always be a special part of our life.

It is never easy to leave a place of joy and fulfillment, even when it is clear that God has other plans for us. But God rarely calls us to serve him by standing still! As my family and I

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ST. PATRICK'S UPDATES...



MANY THANKS TO JOY STROTZ for her fabulous photography and generous contribution in launching our new photo church directory and donating all her profits to St. Patrick's. Also thank you to all of our members who have posed so beautifully for the new church member directory. If you missed out on the photo sessions at church, you can still have your photo taken by Joy and she will ensure that we receive a copy for the directory. Joy will be charging her normal rates for these sittings and will donate 25% of proceeds to St. Patrick's. You can call Joy at 831-3321. If you would like to provide your own snapshot (head and shoulders please), you are welcome to leave a print in the church office or email a digital photo to Katkinson@tahoepiscopal.org Please put your name, address and telephone number on the back of the photo. It will be returned to you after the directory is published. The deadline for providing photographs is July 1st and the new directory will be produced by August 1st.

ST. PATRICK'S SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our search is beginning to come to a close after all these months. We are very excited about the candidates which made the "cut", and hope that soon you'll be able to meet our new Rector. We have had teams of three people already visit the candidates, and we will soon be hosting final candidates as they visit St. Patrick's. We have had numerous meetings with Rev. Mike Link, the Diocesan Deployment Officer, who is in constant touch with Bishop Katharine. We thank them for their prayerful guidance and help on many occasions. We wish to thank again all of our prayer partners and others who have remembered the Search Committee in your prayers.

Your Search Committee
Judy Morrison reporting





FUNDRAISING

A fundraising committee was formed in April to plan events that will generate income for St. Patrick's Church. We are on a roll and want to keep this fundraising effort going in a big way.

Our first fundraiser was an estate sale at the request of the Haver family, with a percentage of the proceeds going to St. Patrick's Church. The event took place over Memorial Day weekend, and earned \$646.82. I commend all on a job well done. My thanks to the Havers for the opportunity they afforded us, and to volunteers Karen Barney, Jim & Patti Clark, Caroline Cutler, Barbara Edwards, Ed & Emy Gurowitz, Peggy Harrison, Merdene Hess, Patti Houtz, Ruth Jervey, Lora Kelly, Bunni Kneller, Rem Paul and Viki Welling. I never mean to miss anyone when calling out names, and if I did, thank you too!!! We had a great time organizing this project.

Our second fundraiser was our first in a series of Rumble and Zing concerts held Sunday, June 5. World renowned concert organist and recording artist, Roger Nyquist, played the inaugural concert on our newly installed Allen Q385 organ. Works played included; J.S. Bach, Antonio Vivaldi, Leo Sowerby, Olivier Messiaen, Charles Mane Widor, Louis Vierne and more. All who attended this concert were treated to the sounds and God-given talents of a master organist. THANK YOU, ROGER NYQUIST!!! This fundraiser earned \$770.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming concerts at the church:

Saturday, June 25, 7:30 pm featuring Donna Axton and others;

Saturday, July 2, 7:30 pm featuring Joseph Simms, organ, and Suzanne Duffy, flute, plus audience sing-along. Wear red, white and blue!

Sunday, September 11, St. Patrick's 2nd Annual Musical Feast (more information to follow).

Thank you to David Brock, our music director and organist, for all that you do and for your dedication to St. Patrick's.



I also want to thank all of our friends and members who support these fundraising efforts, which are very important sources of income for St. Patrick's Church.

Your fundraising committee members are Emy Gurowitz, Jim Clark, Jim McFarlin, Barbara Edwards, and Viki Welling. We can always use more people in this area of ministry. COME JOIN US!!!

Barbara Edwards



Sharing the love of Christ
40 Days of Purpose
Summer Campaign—July 16 to August 28, 2005

St. Patrick's took the first major step in implementing its vision, *Sharing the love of Christ*, with the successful completion of the *40 Days of Purpose* campaign during Lent 2005. More than 100 copies of Pastor Rick Warren's best-selling (more than thirty million copies sold) book, "*The Purpose Driven Life*" were distributed, while 90 people participated in nine weekly home discussion groups, including 14 who were new to St. Patrick's. Some of the small groups are continuing to meet.

One of the more dramatic events associated with the book occurred as we were finishing the Lenten *40 Days of Purpose* campaign. As reported in *The New York Times* on March 15, 2005:

"*The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren, a California pastor, has sold more than 22 million copies around the world, none more important, perhaps, than the one owned by Ashley Smith, the Duluth, Ga., woman who was held hostage in her apartment by Brian Nichols, the man accused in the courthouse killings last week in Atlanta.

"Ms. Smith said on Sunday that while she was being held, she retrieved a copy of *The Purpose Driven Life* from her bedroom, read parts of it to Mr. Nichols and discussed with him the book's themes of finding God's purpose for oneself. These discussions, she said, led her captor to release her unharmed and to his later surrender to police."

The reviews of St. Patrick's Lenten program were no less enthusiastic about the program's transforming experience, albeit under less spectacular circumstances.

The *Purpose Driven Life* contains more than 1200 Bible passages, but the heart of the message is derived from the two greatest commandments Jesus proclaimed in Matthew chapter 22, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." The six weekly Biblically-based themes for *40 Days of Purpose* are:

1. What on earth are we here for?
2. Worship – We were planned for God's pleasure
3. Fellowship – We were formed for God's family
4. Discipleship – We were created to become like Christ
5. Ministry – We were shaped for serving God
6. Evangelism – We were made for a mission

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**Presbyterian Women's Thrift Shop needs volunteers 2 hours a week.**

What a wonderful opportunity for reaching out in our community to help local charities, churches (including St. Patrick's!), youth groups, and missions. The thrift shop, located at the corner of Southwood and Mays Boulevards, in the upper Village Shopping Center, is open 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m., Monday through Saturday. Contact Sherry Gray at 832-0424 or Pat Collins at 831-7232 if you would like to be a volunteer.

**Welcome to the new Co-Editors of the Shamrock,
Lainie McFarlin and Susan Deatherage!**

We are delighted that Susan and Lainie have taken on this very important job of keeping St. Patrick's members and friends up to date with news, information and special occasions. Of course the content of our newsletter comes from many different sources, not least of which is YOU, our readers. If there is an event you would like to report on, or another church-related topic you would like to address, please email your article to office@tahoeepiscopal.org (as a word document attachment or in the body of an email) by the 15th of July, September, November, January, March or May. Alternatively, you can drop a floppy disc into the office (making sure, at our editors' request, that there is nothing else on the disc).

I am sure you will join me in offering grateful thanks to Lainie and Susan for their generous gift of time and expertise. I hope you will be equally generous with the material they need to make the Shamrock a publication rich in content and interest.

— Kate



THERE'S A FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY at the Brown Bag Company, located in the Village shopping Center, next to the Post Office Annex. Purchase any item from June 15th to July 15th and receive a 10% discount. Just let the clerk know you are from St. Patrick's. The company will match your discount amount in a donation back to the Church. Great Gifts, Great Savings, and Great Fundraising!

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BOOK AVAILABLE

Elizabeth Robertson Campbell will be in our area from July 21 until August 5 to show her art and talk about her book, "The Choice." This is a story about a woman who dared to believe God. It's a love story, a political story, and a true story. Part of the proceeds will benefit Camp Galilee or St. Patrick's. Ask in the office for further information regarding this interesting book or call Dorothy Ramsdell at 749-5514.



Welcome to our new Parish Administrator!



We are happy to welcome Monica Gruendel as our new Parish Administrator. Monica comes to us with a full and exciting background. Originally from Southern CA, Monica lived in the central valley on an Almond Orchard with her family when she was a teenager. She then moved to the bay area in 1989 and relocated to Lake Tahoe in 1996. She has a diversified administrative background and worked as a Kelly Girl during college. Monica has many interests. Her hobbies include; reading, sewing, crafting, making pine needle baskets, camping, hiking, rock hounding and hot air ballooning. She attends Christ Life Church in Kings Beach. Monica's working hours are 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you can help Monica with folding bulletins, preparing the Newsletter for mailing, assembling mailings, and other similar tasks, please let her know.

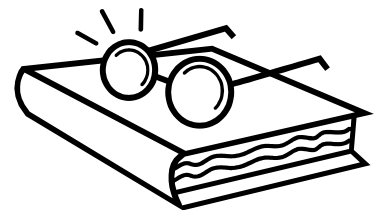
COME VISIT OUR CHURCH LIBRARY!

Are you looking for a good book to read? Our church library houses a variety of interesting books on assorted subject matters. Bibles, Bible studies, prayers and meditations, family life, church life, grief, healing, faith, fiction titles, and children's books, are some of the topics you will find available to us. Come and browse through the books and see what our church library offers.

The library books are easy to borrow and return. There is a clipboard with a check-out sheet for you to fill in your name, book title and author, and the date you are checking the book out. When you return the book, mark the check-out sheet "returned". Then place the book in the "Book Return" basket and it will be re-shelved for you.

Our wonderful church library continues to grow! We even have a computer available for word processing that parishioners can use.

Many thanks to Rev. Dave Mussatti, Rev. Kate Atkinson, Nancy Joslin, and June Suzuki for all their work in organizing the library materials. It is a big project, and their hard work is greatly appreciated!





40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

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In response to requests by some who were unable to participate during Lent, and some who have requested that we repeat it, and to accommodate our many summer residents, we shall do another *40 Days of Purpose* campaign beginning July 16 through August 28, 2005. Once again we will encourage members to invite neighbors, friends and family in the spirit of *Sharing the love of Christ*. To sign up and to volunteer to help with this summer campaign, please stop by the *40 Days of Purpose* table. You can also get more information on St. Patrick's website.

Our immediate needs are for:

- volunteer host homes
- sign-up to participate in small groups
- sign-up to assist with communications and other activities
- begin to invite neighbors, friends and family to share in this transforming experience. Let's strive to invite 50 non-members this time, in the true spirit of our vision, *Sharing the Love of Christ*.

Jim Kelly, Deacon

Please complete the Host Home Sign-up Card, which will be in the Sunday bulletin, and either place it in the offering or take it to the 40 Days table in the Narthex after the service.

Jim Kelly's ordination to the priesthood

will take place on Monday, July 25th (St. James' Day), at 6:00 pm.

Bishop Katharine will be at St. Patrick's for this momentous occasion, as will many of Jim's friends and relatives from near and far.

Jim would also love to welcome members of his St. Patrick's family to this very special service. Please join the congregation as we celebrate this new phase of Jim's ministry, and pray that God will continue to bless Jim and Lora for many years to come.





Update from Kate

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take on the next task he has for us, I know that God is calling the person he wants to take our place in Incline Village. I am sure that you will welcome that person as warmly as you welcomed us, and that God will continue to do great things through *all* his ministers in this parish.

July 17th is our final Sunday at St. Patrick's. I hope you will be able to join us that day and I pray for God's richest blessing on you, now and for many years to come.

Yours faithfully,

Rejoice!

KATE and FAMILY DEPARTURE

The time has come to plan the Atkinson family departure!!! What a whirlwind of activity has taken place over these many months under the superb and fantastic leadership of Kate. We will be forever grateful for the love, guidance, and wisdom Kate has shared with us. Thank you also, Michael, for all you have shared at St. Pat's. Kate, Michael and Georgia will be missed!!!

***Save the date: Saturday, July 16th, 6:30 p.m.,
for a Celebration Potluck in the Parish Hall!***

A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the foyer. If you wish, you may contribute money for a farewell gift (or purse as it is called). Please send checks payable to St. Patrick's with memo notation, "Kate", or deliver them to me or to Monica in the church office.

Thanks, Barbara Edwards

Staff & Ministry Group Chairs

*The Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori,
Bishop of Nevada*

*The Rev. Kate B. Atkinson
Priest-in-Charge*

*The Rev. David J. Mussatti
Priest Associate*

*The Rev. Jim Kelly
Deacon*

*Michael Atkinson
Licensed Lay Reader and Preacher*

*David H. Brock
Director of Music and Organist*

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*Suzanne Gollery
Minute Secretary*

****Vestry Member**



ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Sunday, August 14, 2005

Come one, come all to the church patio from 11:00AM until 6:00 PM for a wonderful day of browsing and buying. Liquid refreshments will be available for \$1.00 donation.

Help is wanted for cashiers and salespersons for consignment art. If you are an artist in any field of arts and crafts, please pass this information along. \$35 table fee and 15% commission goes to St. Patrick's.

Please call the church at 831-1418 for table space. The deadline is August 1st.

If you have art you wish to put on consignment, please call the church or Joanelen Slocumb at 831-4984.





Easy, Painless Fund Raising with No Time Involved!!

Sound too easy? It is! But we are not taking full advantage of two programs that are available to anyone who shops. You do shop! I know you do. So why not sign up to benefit St. Patrick's while you shop?? What's stopping you? We have two programs in place from which we are getting extremely anemic returns. **We can do better! Much better!** No money out of your pocket, but money into St. Patrick's pocket – how can you resist?

First, Raley's Quality of Life Card program

If you haven't gotten a card yet, just call the office and ask for one. Then, each time you shop at Raley's, or down the hill at Belair or Nob Hill Foods stores, just hand the cashier your card. That's it! You just handed St. Patrick's some much-needed cash at no expense to you. What could be better? The cards are free, the registration is free of charge, and the cash is a percentage of what we as a congregation already spend when we shop.

Then, eScrip

This is an even easier way to help us raise money and has greater potential, because it's any store or online site or airline or whatever where you use your credit card. You register your cards with eScrip, and you're done! Any store or business that is an eScrip partner sends us money! Again – at no cost to you.

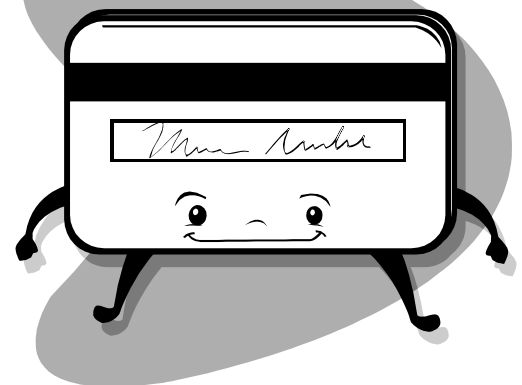
Just go online at <http://www.escrip.com>, Click on "sign-up," and follow the instructions. Every time you use your card at any participating retailer, we get 3-10% of the purchase amount donated to the church. Our group name is St. Patrick's Church Incline Village and our group ID is 155036115.

Or go to our Web site at <http://www.tahoeepiscopal.com>, and click **Current Topics -> Our scrip programs are enabled**, and follow the instructions and links. Don't have a computer? I'll meet you at the church office, and we'll do it together. Worried about security, identify? Don't be: eScrip has been around for a long time and is a very trusted group.

Why not?

If you still have questions, concerns, hesitations, call me (833-9156) or email to website@tahoeepiscopal.com. I truly want to know why everyone, and I mean everyone, isn't participating in both these programs. I'm embarrassed to say how little we are getting back from them.

Karen Barney





CAMP GALILEE REGISTRATION STARTS

Camp Galilee's summer program schedule has been released – dates will be June 19 to August 13 with six youth camps. A counselor “get acquainted/training” session will kick off the summer on June 19-21. Then a four-day session for grades 1 through 4 will be held on June 21st to June 25th. This is an opportunity for first-time campers and younger children to get used to camp in a shorter session. The rest of the summer program is as follows:

June 26 – July 2	Elementary II (grades 4-6)
July 3 – 9	High School I (grades 9-12)
July 10 – 16	Middle School I (grades 6-9)
July 17 – 23	Middle School II (grades 7-9)
July 24 – 30	Special Family Camp I, for families of inmates in Nevada prisons (See below)
July 31 – Aug. 6	Family Camp II (The Rt. Rev. Charles Farmer Duvall)
Aug. 7 – 13	High School II (grades 9-12)

Adam Dawkins and his group of highly qualified counselors will again direct the youth program. Mitchell Tufts will be back in the kitchen serving outstanding meals. The Rev. Kay Rohde of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Boulder City will be coordinating chaplains for the camps.

Special Galilee Family Camp I (at Lake Tahoe) – Sunday, July 24 to Saturday, July 30, 2005. A special week at Galilee, offering a specialized camp for children of inmates, was inspired by a communication from the Diocese's Social Justice Coordinator The Rev. Jane Foraker-Thompson. Jane wrote “Something like 70% of children of a parent who is in prison or who has done prison time, become offenders themselves and serve time in prison. This cycle can be broken with good mentoring and experiences for these children. We have Camp Galilee. It seems ideal for us to use this for a week or two for children of inmates.”

The board of Trustees of the Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center is responding to this need. This timely suggestion fulfills one of the Board's goals to arrange and promote specialized camps. The children are to be accompanied by the parent with whom they live or by another adult caregiver such as a mentor or foster parent.

The family Camp leader Rev. Dr. Philip H. Whitehead will use his notable talents with film to encourage dialog and discussions with the adults and older youth attending the camp. Younger children will participate in activities supervised by Galilee Summer Camp counselors. There will be opportunities for small peer group discussions as well.

Galilee is seeking funding to initiate this program since the camp fees are beyond most of the family's ability to pay them. A \$435 donation will support one adult and one child for their week at Lake Tahoe. If you, your parish, neighboring churches and/or community service organizations could sponsor at least one family unit, please contact the Camp Registrar Joanna Morris at 775/747-2260 or Galilee Board Vice President Betty Ihfe at 775/882-1481. The more donations that are received, the more children of inmates will be able to experience the “specialness” that is Galilee. St. Patrick's has donated \$435 from the designated Camp Galilee Scholarship Fund to pay for one adult and one child.

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CAMP GALILEE*(continued from page 11)*

Galilee Family Camp II (at Lake Tahoe) – Sunday, July 31 to Saturday, August 6, 2005

A unique opportunity... The Right Reverend Charles Farmer Duvall, is a story teller and teller of “The Story”. He is noted for his interpretations of the stories in the Bible for the modern ear. Bishop Duvall will bring his unique abilities to Family Camp II. For those who participate in this session, it promises to be an inspiring experience as he shares his gifts with Galilee’s family campers. Bishop Duvall was consecrated in 1981 as the second Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Central Gulf Coast, which is composed of Southern Alabama and Northwest Florida. While his parish work was primarily in the Carolinas, his teaching and preaching expertise have garnered him recognition and distinction on the congregational, diocesan and national levels. Bishop Duvall has a special interest in Episcopal camps having served on the Board of Directors for six years at Kanuga, a camp and conference center in North Carolina. He served as Kanuga’s chair in 1992 and 1993. Bishop Duvall’s sessions are appropriate for youth and adults alike. Younger children may participate in a wide variety of activities conducted by a Galilee Camp Counselor.

All young people in the Diocese, their friends or family members in or out of the Diocese are welcome to attend camp. If you have not received the registration materials, please contact Joanna Morris, the Camp Registrar, at 775/747-2260 (voice mail) or info@CampGalilee.com.

St. Patrick’s has a fund to provide scholarships for those who cannot afford the registration fee. Contributions to this fund are always appreciated. Dave Mussatti will be coordinating this fund. Please feel free to contact him.

Thank you to Rev. Jay Pierce of Food for the Poor, an interdenominational Christian organization serving the destitute of the Caribbean, Central and South America, and the U.S.A., for his fascinating presentations at the services on June 18th and 19th. Please consider donating to this worthwhile organization if you have not already done so.

Sunday Morning Training Sessions for Parish Ministries

All new and existing members of the following teams are requested to attend these sessions. Anyone interested in exploring these ministries is invited to join us. The sessions take place in the church between the morning services from 9:00 until 9:50 a.m. on the following dates:

- * **June 26th Lectors:** Reading the Bible and leading prayers in the church.
- * **July 3rd Greeters and Ushers:** Welcoming friends and strangers to our church.
- * **July 10 Altar Guild:** Preparing the altar and sanctuary for services.

We look forward to seeing you!