



# The In Touch

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*Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation*

## Ramblings from the Deacon.....

### God's Work Outside of the Walls of the Church Sanctuary

Wildfires broke out earlier this month in both Northern and Southern California, scorching over 248,000 acres, destroying almost 14,000 structures and killing over 80 people to date, a number which is expected to rise. Over 900 people remain missing as of Tuesday (11/20) morning.

Virtually the entire town of Paradise, CA was destroyed by the Camp Fire, leaving thousands without homes to return to. Episcopalians of St. Nicholas's Episcopal Parish in Paradise are reeling from the deadliest wildfires in the state's history and are gathering strength and resilience through community connections and an outpouring of love and concern from across the Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Ann Sullivan's northern California home was destroyed in the [Camp Fire](#) but on Nov. 14, she was making plans to retrieve computers and sacred items from the relatively untouched St. Nicholas Church in Paradise.

"The parish administrator and I will have office space at St. John's Church in Chico" as recovery efforts continue, Sullivan told Episcopal News Service in a telephone interview. She was also trying to connect displaced parishioners with St. John's members who had opened their homes to fire victims. "Everyone I know who lived in Paradise lost their home," Sullivan said.

Meanwhile, St. John's, some 14 miles away in Chico, has become a hub for recovery activity and is ready to shelter the displaced, if necessary, according to the Rev. Richard Yale, rector. Yale said he was amazed that St. Nicholas' Church in Paradise sustained only superficial damage. "It was right there, in the heart of what was burning, and it's still here." As for the rest of the city of 26,000: "Paradise is gone. There's no infrastructure left.

"Most lost their homes. Those who didn't lose their homes now have homes in an uninhabitable city, so there are all levels of needs here, pastoral needs, financial needs, ongoing needs," he said.

Episcopalians are partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California to provide emergency support for those impacted by deadly wildfires in California. The assistance includes food, gasoline, masks and other critical supplies, as well as emergency housing and the storage of belongings.

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California has established a core disaster response team in Chico, CA, west of Paradise, to assess and respond to emergency needs of people who have been impacted by the fires. The team is also arranging for storage of recovered belongings in short-term storage units.

“The diocesan leaders have worked to create relationships that allowed them to take action swiftly in this crisis,” said Lura Steele, Program Officer, Resilience, US Disaster Programs at Episcopal Relief & Development.

What can you do to help? At this time monetary donations and gift cards are the most helpful. They give personal agency to those in critical need, at a time where they do not have control of the disaster around them. Some types of gift cards needed are: Walmart, Target and Amazon. You can mail the gift cards directly to St. John's Episcopal Church in Chico, who will coordinate distribution.

St. John's Episcopal Church  
c/o The Very Rev. Richard Yale  
2341 Floral Avenue  
Chico, CA 95926

*To donate to the diocesan disaster fund:* 100% of your donation will go directly to assist victims in the first stage of the disaster and later during long term recovery. Donate here: [norcalepiscopal.org/disaster-relief](https://norcalepiscopal.org/disaster-relief).

**Want to send a check?** Make checks out to EDNC, with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line.

**We at Holy Trinity are encouraged to pray for people who are scared and hurting in California.** Together, we can pray for:

- **the families and friends of those who tragically lost their lives.** Pray that they will find comfort and healing in God's Word.
- **those who were evacuated from their homes.** Ask God to give them peace as they are left wondering if they will come home to a pile of ashes.
- **those who lost their crops and vineyards in the fires.** Pray that they find hope amidst loss.
- **firefighters and rescuers as they work to save lives and halt the fires' destruction.** Ask God to keep them safe as they put their lives on the line.
- **the wildfires to stop.** Pray that the wind will calm and the rain will come.

Pray collectively this prayer adapted from Xavier University's "Prayers in Time of Natural Disasters."

Compassionate Lord, We pray for those who have been devastated by these wildfires. We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayer for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead. We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security, and their hope. Bless the work of relief agencies and those providing emergency assistance. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from you alone. Help us respond with generosity in prayer, in assistance, in aid to the best of our abilities. Keep our hearts focused on the needs of those affected, even after the crisis is over. We ask this in Jesus's name.

Deacon Reverend Leland H. Grim



***Service @ 4 pm***



# Christmas Kid's Shop!

Kids - join us at Holy Trinity (820 4<sup>th</sup> St)

**Wednesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 pm Sat. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30 - 5 pm**

**Thursday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 pm Sat. Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 5 pm**

Shop for gifts for your Moms and Dads! No money needed – payment will be a promise to do a good deed for someone else!

**Coffee and cookies will be available for moms and dads.**





12/2 ~ Brent Schlieff

12/7 ~ Charlie Klatt (son of Brittany & Joe,  
grandson of Bill & Jeanne Corrin)

12/13 ~ Alex Kennedy (son of Sara & Dale,  
grandson of George Schlieff)

12/15 ~ Bill Bertram

12/15 ~ Jim Davison (son of Carolyn)

12/19 ~ Alan Wright (son of Andy &  
Georgeann)

12/20 ~ Nora Karlstad

12/20 ~ Byrne Johnson

12/28 ~ Sara Kennedy (son of George  
Schlieff)

12/31 ~ Ladd Corrin

12/31 ~ Flossie Knutson



12/14 ~ Dixie Juel (Day)

12/30 ~ Mark Grim

## *Notice*

*We need a Lay Delegate from Holy Trinity For  
The Mission Area Meetings (3-4 a year)  
& For Convention (once a year)*

## *Also*

*We Need volunteers  
Readers & Greeters for Sunday's  
& Altar Guild Members*

# December '18 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Erik Strand Lee Grim	Carolyn Davison
<b>9</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Carolyn Mount Lee Grim	Flossie Knutson
<b>16</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Jeannie Corrin Lee Grim	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>23</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Michael & Tricia Brennard	Michael & Tricia Brennard
<b>24</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> <b>Nativity of our Lord</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	?	?
<b>30</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacons: Lee Grim Melanie Mattsen	Lee Grim	Andy & Georgeann Wright	Andy & Georgeann Wright





# December 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Altar Guild Carolyn
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Altar Guild Carolyn Kids Christmas shop 12:30 - 5 pm
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.			Kids Christmas shop 4 - 6 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Altar Guild Tricia Kids Christmas shop 12:30 - 5 pm
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30	9:30 am Coffee Landing Vestry meeting 4:45 pm		Kids Christmas shop 4 - 6 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Altar Guild Tricia
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.				Newsletter Deadline (Mel)		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Altar Guild Georgeann & Donna
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	CHRISTMAS EVE Service 4:00	Merry Christmas!				
30	31					
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						

