



Hello, St. Christopher's Community!

Happy September! Guess what? Yes, you guessed it, road construction on Highway 36 is BACK! Highway 36 Eastbound will be closed this weekend (Friday evening until Monday morning). Please plan your route to church carefully!



Dream...Dream, Dream, Dream... *by Fr. Randy+*

*When I want you in my arms,
When I want you and all your charms,
Whenever I want you, all I have to do is
Dream...Dream, Dream, Dream.*
The Everly Brothers (1958)

Dreams. Don't you love them? Especially as captured in the classic song by The Everly Brothers. Sweet. Romantic. Vulnerable. Kind-hearted.

We all need dreams to sustain us, provide us with goals, and help us to make our current life more meaningful and exciting, rather than simply be content with a life that seems meaningless and dull—a life about which we will have nothing to tell our grandchildren when we are old and weary. Our dreams may not be fulfilled, but they do have an impact on the form and flavor of who we are and what we do with our life.

And, there is of course, always the option that our dreams may come to pass.

There seems to be another option, as sung by Nancy Sinatra for a James Bond 007 film;

*“You only live twice or so it seems,
One life for yourself and one for your dreams.
You drift through the years and life seems tame,
Till one dream appears and love is its name.
And love is a stranger who’ll beckon you on.
Don’t think of the danger of the stranger is gone.
This dream is for you, so pay the price.
Make one dream come true, you only live twice.”*

Pursuing our dreams in order to fulfill them may be dangerous as reality can shatter our dreams, but ignoring our dreams may lead us not merely into a tame and dull life, but to a life full of regret for the road not taken, the road of love.

Dreams play a huge role in Holy Scriptures.

“And he said, ‘Hear my words: When there are prophets among you, I the Lord make myself known to them in visions; I speak to them in dreams.’”

(Numbers 12:6)

“When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.”

(Psalm 126:1)

“Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”

(Joel 2:28)

Joseph, husband of Mary, experienced deep dreams in the Book of Matthew, dreams of the coming birth of the Christ Child, fleeing to Egypt with the Holy Child, and receiving a dream to once more return to Israel when it was safe.

An interesting truth about dreams is that they are just that—Dreams. Unless... Unless one chooses to respond to the dream itself. All persons who are recipient of dreams must decide—am I going to respond to the dream and make it happen. If not, the dream is only that—just a dream. In Bible times, as it is today, dreams must be acted upon—a conscious decision made to follow through with what it take to make the dream known and to make it happen!

It is up to me...it is up to you...to determine the outcome of receiving a dream.

Disney’s slogan since Disneyland opened in 1955, and in Walt Disney World until 2020 was, *“Where Dreams Come True.”* Disneyland and Disney World didn’t *“just happen.”* It took an intentional application of a dream—of vision and innovation and spirit and hard work to make it happen.

Walt Disney is quoted; *“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.”*

This has always been a true statement. From Biblical times to today. Dreams are just that—dreams. Until we choose to act in response to the dreams we are gifted.

John Lennon’s 1971 song, *Imagine*, contains lyrics we should all pay attention to regarding dreams;

*“Imagine all the people
Livin’ life in peace
You.
You may say I’m a dreamer
But I’m not the only one
I hope someday you’ll join us
And the world will live as one.”*

Dream on—and work to make it happen. *Randy+*

Music Notes

Would you like to do a little singing, but not make a big commitment? The choir is inviting you to join them for the 75th anniversary service at 10am on October 6th. The music is really lovely, you'll get to sing with a chamber orchestra, and enjoy the service just that much more. Curious? Email me.

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The balcony is full of chairs and the bell choir is resuming rehearsals. If anyone could help me take down the chairs and put the bell tables back up between now and next Wednesday, I would be so very grateful. Thank you for considering!

-Karla

Fall Schedule Changes

This week, September 8, is **Start Up Sunday**, and our LAST Together at 9:30 service.

Beginning September 15, we are back to two services, at 8:00 and 10:30 AM!

September Adult Forum

Beginning on Sunday, September 15, and for the two following weeks, we will open our Fall Adult Formation with “Anglican 101: What It Means To Be Anglican/Episcopalian.” It will be informal, over coffee, and questions are welcomed. Note that we’ll start at **9 am** in the Parish Hall for this series. Everyone is welcome.

Book Group

Greetings and Blessings, Beloved Community,
We started the book group here at St. Christopher's. We met in the parish hall on 24-Jul-24 to discuss the [The Book of Longings](#) by [Sue Monk Kidd](#).

The discussion followed the Book Group guide provided by the author. As we discussed the title of the novel, and Ana's character being defined by her longings and aspirations, we also talked about how passionate she is about the power of writing, of narratives, and of having a voice, as well as lifting up the voices of other women. We went on to talk about how the novel's theme of

finding and expressing one's authentic voice unfolded in the story. We got lively around, "What forces work to silence contemporary women, and what emboldens them? We also explored Ana's aunt, Yaltha, and how she most profoundly influenced Ana. The discussion did wander, but we did manage to allow the guide questions to shape and frame our conversation.

We would like to try a **hybrid meeting at the Roseville Library in the Board Room on Tuesday, 08-Oct -24 at 5:30.**

Are you interested in joining us? You will need to contact Angela Robinson, angela.robinson.elohim@gmail.com, or Rev. Marilyn, so we can send the details of the book we are reading and the meeting information for those who wish to join online.

Also, we look forward to hearing from you about any suggestions you may have as to specific books or genres.

--Angela

Prayer List Requests

Have you noticed a "Prayer Requests" button on our website? This is a very short form to add a name to our prayer list! Requests will be monitored Monday through Friday and added to the list published on Fridays. You may, of course, still call the office to add or remove a name from the list. AND, you can use this QR Code to go right to the website!



Upcoming Lectionary Readings

September 8: 16th Pentecost, Proper 18
START UP SUNDAY!

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

September 15: 17th Pentecost, Proper 19

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.

Sunday Ministries September 8

9:30 AM

Nursery - Ann D, Connie H

Lectors - Millie W, Erin B

Intercessor - Joan M

LEM - Chris B, Marion H

Ushers - Scott & Jean C

Altar Guild - Julie S, Robert W, Jean H

Crucifer - Madisen C

Acolytes - Marion H, Ellery B

Jr. Acolyte - Charlotte B

Brunch / Coffee Hosts: Leslie & Joel & Vestry

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