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## IN THE INTERIM. . . .



If we were to take a flight from Fresno International airport to Dallas/Fort Worth, the pilots of our plane would communicate with the ground staff, air traffic controllers and ground personnel in English. But what if we continued our journey to a foreign country say Madrid, Spain or Frankfurt, Germany, how would the pilots communicate then? As many of you are probably aware, since 1944, the common language of commercial aviation has been English and all pilots, air traffic controllers and ground staff must pass an English proficiency test in order for there to be good verbal communication between the various parties.

Having a son who is a commercial pilot, Patsy and I are well aware that commercial pilots have a language of their own when talking to each other. We have become used to and very conversant with the somewhat curious terms that they use in their daily lives. One expression that I particularly like is “deadhead”, and in the summer Patsy will go into the garden and “deadhead” flowers, whereas my son will frequently “deadhead” on a flight, and on that flight he will often sit in a “jumpseat.” What ever terms they use they understand each other through good communication.

Commercial aviation has advanced in many ways. When our son started flying thirty years ago he used to carry a very large briefcase that contained maps of airports all over the world. Today, when he is flying, instead of all those paper maps he just uses his iPad to “pull up” detailed maps of airports as needed, Whether it is hardcopy or the internet the pilots rely on good communication.

Modern technology is not just limited to air travel but is available to all of us on our travels. Paper road maps are still readily available and many of us still rely on them, whereas our children rely heavily on the satellite navigation systems in their cars. I must confess that even I find myself using my sat/nav more frequently these days. It still amazes me how that woman giving me the directions knows when I have gone past my turn and starts giving me another set of directions. It is a case of BIG SISTER watching me! So just like the pilots we, on our travels, rely on good communication to save us getting lost.

There have been so many advances in communication in the last few years and today we have so many ways to communicate with each other. Using the power of the internet we have email, text, Facebook, Facetime, WhatsApp and Instagram to name a few. We can use hardcopy for letters or the dissemination of information and finally good old-fashioned face to face verbal communication. Here at Christ Church we use all of these different methods to hopefully ensure that each of you receive the information about what is happening at your church.

This year, I feel, will be a special year for us as we continue to do God’s work in this place and look forward to the arrival of a new priest and the renovation of our church. It is therefore very important that we have good communication with all of you to keep you updated with any developments. In the coming weeks we will be asking each of you to provide us with details of yourselves, mailing and email addresses so that we can update our records to ensure that everything that we have is correct. I do hope that you will take the time to provide us with this information.

Blessings, **John**

## Vestry Report – Friday, January 26, 2024

- Frank Simonis was elected as Junior Warden.
- Laura Ashley-Spencer was elected as Clerk to the vestry.
- Patsy Minney was elected as Treasurer.
- The Defibrillator will be installed and training in its use will start shortly.
- Bishop Eric will be making his “official” visitation on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Work on the acquisition of new chairs and podium/s is continuing.
- Father Carlos Raines will be celebrating and preaching on the fourth Sunday of each month.
- Vestry ministry leadership positions were agreed upon.

## GIVE THANKS.....

To Candy Gilb for the production of the annual report.

To Dee Carr and Nanette Beaumont for the past three years service on the Vestry.

To Heather Nocket and Frank Gilb for agreeing to serve on the Vestry.

## Getting to know you....

Pat Eby



Sally Simpson was born and raised in Lindsey Ca., Her Dad owned an 125-acre orange ranch. “I helped with driving the tractor as we sprayed weeds, along with working on my suntan.” she smiles, “I also worked with him late nights as he had the wind machines and smudge pots going to warm and protect the oranges when it got too cold”.

When asked if there were highlights of her high school years she states “I attended Lindsey High School all four years and did all the small town fun things, including being a cheerleader.” They attended St. James Episcopal church in Lindsay. Sally continued to Fresno State, earning her teaching credential.

She met Richard during her third year at Fresno State when she moved out of dorms and into apartments. Richard also lived in the apartments. They waited to marry until finishing school. Richard was in the Navy Seabees and was assigned to Rhode Island where they moved. “My first job was in Rhode Island teaching first grade after interviewing over the phone. I loved living in Rhode Island and had fun skiing and traveling around.”

After the military, Richard joined his father's Architectural firm of Simpson and Associates, and took over the family business until he retired. Sally taught kindergarten at Coarsegold Elementary School and then at Rivergold

Christ Church Financial Report		
January 1st - December 31st 2023		
	Budgeted	Actual
Income	\$82,440	\$82,586
Expenses	\$111,591	\$48,004
Net	-\$29,151	\$34,582

## Celebrations of Life

### Birthdays:

- 2/02 Clarisse Beaumont
- 2/07 Ethan Burton  
James Burton
- 2/09 Lynne Noone
- 2/20 Dee Carr
- 2/22 Fr. Gordon
- 2/24 Heather Prescott

### Anniversaries

- 2/22 Frank and Candy Gilb



School, a facility designed by Richard's firm. After five years of marriage, they started their family and daughter Sara was born. They had heard about Yosemite Lakes Park so they built a home, which Richard designed, and moved there. Then Paul was born and last Michael. After the children were older Sally went back to teaching – working again at Rivergold Elementary.

Circumstances made them decide to move out of YLP and into their second home, also designed by Richard, not far outside of Yosemite Lakes Park. They wanted to move higher into the mountains so decided to move to Oakhurst where they presently live. Richard designed this home, too and both Sally and he retired about the same time.

Sally started attending St. Rafael's Episcopal Church near Sky Ranch (now Christ Church) and the three children and Richard were baptized there. Loving the friendly congregation, when the churches split, Sally stayed with Christ Church Anglican. The change has taken many journeys with the church meeting at the Masonic Temple and then renting the Christian Science Building, through its purchase by Christ Church as their permanent building.

Daughter Sara lives in Clovis and is a kindergarten teacher and has two sons, Jonah 13, and Jax 11, Sally and Richard's two grandchildren. Son Paul lives in San Luis Obispo, Ca., and is a graphic designer. Michael lives in Fountain Valley, Ca., and is in food services.

Richard and Sally stay busy with family, travel and church family.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

