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Matthew 5:1-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit...those who mourn...the meek...those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...the merciful...the pure in heart...the peacemakers...the persecuted...for... they shall see God...theirs is the kingdom of heaven (among other things)”.

I love the beatitudes. They are so uniquely Christian. But they are confusing. Why would anyone seek to be poor in spirit or persecuted or mourn? The answer came to me recently. God is an advocate for the weak and the vulnerable and where God is an advocate, people are blessed by God. This wisdom certainly was expressed through the life of Jesus over and over.

We have a tremendous opportunity to be like Jesus. We have an opportunity to feed over 400 poor families in Santee every month. All we have to do is become the home for the Santee Food Bank.

Maybe you saw the portable building units on our property the past several months. We agreed as a congregation to allow the Food Bank to locate on our property at that location. The cost would be about 6 parking spots and one of two basketball courts.

But there is a problem for both the Food Bank and our church at that location.

For the Food Bank it means an added expense of about \$70,000. That location is over 300 feet from the nearest electrical transformer and the Food Bank would have to construct a new transformer to obtain the electricity they need at an estimated cost of \$70,000. That's money the Food Bank does not have at this time.

For Carlton Hills the problem is that we have a complaint with the city registered by a neighbor that we have radically blocked their view of the valley and now all they see is the back of the portable buildings. We may win a fight with the neighbor or we may lose that fight. I would rather not fight.

I have been in consultation with our Counsel President, Laura Vaughan to call a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, July 10th at 10:15am to discuss alternatives.

The Food Bank architect Vic Bermudes is proposing drawings to bring the Food Bank closer to the present electrical transformer and save the Food Bank the \$70,000 expense of needing another transformer. The architect is also going to include possible locations for a future preschool in his proposals. The Food Bank has agreed to allow the church shared access to the office/meeting space building in one of three portable units. This means an added space for a restroom, our youth, our Sunday School, meetings and possible even a church office. The Food Bank is in full operation just 2 times a week, for 3 hours each day and it may be that the church uses that extra space more than the Food Bank will use the space.

The new proposed location will make our neighbor happy and even if we need to move the proposed Food Bank along another fence it will not have the same effect of blocking or spoiling a view.

The Food Bank was considering asking the church to pay for the shared use of the building, but with these proposals, the Food Bank will consider the savings in not needing to construct a transformer as a payment toward the shared building.

It is a win/win proposal. But I really hate to think only in terms of what the church will get in return to have the Food Bank move to our property. For the sake of the poor and the vulnerable we need to do whatever we can to make this community ministry a ministry supported and encouraged by our church.

In keeping with the beatitudes we will live our faith and know the promise of God to bless our church as we care for those whom God cares for.

Jesus set the example and we are called to follow.

Please plan to attend the May 10th meeting of the congregation.

Pastor Rick

Attendance For May

	9:00a.m.	Tue	Total
4/3	100	11	111
4/10	68	10	78
4/17	97	12	109
4/24	78	12	90

May Finances

Income	\$11,075
Expenses	\$13,174

Church E-mail Mailings

Would you like to be included on the church e-mail list? Do you want some bit of news e-mailed to the congregation? An e-mail list is being compiled by the church office and you can add yourself to the group list by just dropping a note into the offering plate or calling the church office at 448-1888. If you would like to e-mail something please submit the request in writing after checking with Pastor Rick. All e-mails sent will be sent without listing the e-mail addresses of the others who are receiving the information. This is called a "blind" e-mailing and is meant to protect these addresses from reaching someone who is not authorized to send e-mail to our church members without permission.

Bible Studies for the Summer 2nd and 4th Saturdays in June

These Bible studies will take place at Pamela and David Blyth's at 221 Brookview Court in Santee. We will study Isaiah. Everyone is welcome. Come Saturday, July 9th and 23rd.

Feed the Homeless

We will not be needed this month. Our next opportunity to feed the homeless will be August 1st.

Daily Devotions

Would you like to be a part of our church's daily devotions? Just let Pastor Rick or the Church Office know your e-mail address and you can receive the daily devotions via e-mail or stop by the table in the back of the church and pick up last week's list of daily devotions. Most of the devotions are written by Pastor Rick but some are shared by members on the list. If you want to submit a devotion to the list that has now grown to over 120 participants just write to Pastor Rick at SYMCN1@aol.com. What a great way to have Bible study a part of your everyday life a little Scripture at a time.

Senior Lunch

The second Tuesday of the month when you are invited to the Senior Lunch at a local restaurant beginning at 11:30am on July 12th at Weevil Burger at 9104 Fletcher Pkwy in La Mesa.

Flowers Each Sunday

Would you like to recognize a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, or honor a loved one by having flowers placed on the altar of the church on Sundays? There is a sign-up calendar in the back of the church. Pick the Sunday or Sundays on which you would like flowers placed and print your name and phone number on the calendar. Call Jean Setzer at 619-449-0785 and tell her if you would like to have an arrangement for \$20.00 or if you will bring your own arrangement. The bulletin will indicate that you have provided flowers for the occasion.

Grief Support Group

The grief support group will meet the third Saturday of each month from now on. There has been a conflict with the Dorcas meeting the second Saturday and this is to accommodate that conflict. The group will meet Saturday July 16th at 10:00am at Norma Borgeson's at 2149 Hillslake Drive in El Cajon.

Children/Youth & Family Ministry

Tuesday Night Events:

4:30 God's Gifts Group- Bible Study and Activities

6:00 Confirmation

7:00 One Salvation

Joyful Noise 2016:

Camp runs July 5-July 29 Monday through Friday 9 am to 3 pm for pre-k to 8th graders. Only \$100 for the first week and \$25 for each week after! Applications are available on the church website.

Joyful Noise Staff:

Training will be June 21-23 at Belinda's cabin. CPR & First Aid training is June 30 and is open to any church member, with camp training and set up after. July 3rd is camp staff blessing during church followed by camp training and set up.

Interfaith Ministry with St. Columba's Episcopal Church

At 9720 Cuyamaca Street south of Mast on Cuyamaca

Over the year Pastor Rick has been preaching weekly at St. Columba's Episcopal Church at 11:00am Sunday mornings. St. Columba's lost their priest to retirement and the ELCA is a "full communion" partner with the Episcopal church, which means among many things that they can share pastors.

During the next year both churches are going to experiment with sharing the same pastor and a cooperative ministry. This would be a cooperation of ministry and not a merger. There would be two separate churches and one pastor. Both churches would remain separate, but they would also benefit from a close cooperation with the other.

This could be a great new direction for our church and we have a year to explore the possibilities of sharing ministry and buildings with each other.

4th of July Brunch

Both Carlton Hills and St. Columba's are invited to celebrate the 4th of July at Pastor Rick's and Deby's home at 1630 Whitsett Drive in El Cajon. Come any time between 8:30am and 10:30am and enjoy brunch with Deby's delicious home cooking. What a great chance to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the 4th of July.

Picnic Worship at Santee Lakes

Carlton Hills is joining an annual event at St. Columba's.

Each year St. Columba's celebrates an outdoor worship and Carlton Hills is asked to join them on Sunday, August 21st. Come and experience an Episcopal worship service and bring something to share for the picnic following. For that Sunday, worship will begin at 10:00am to accommodate the picnic. Sounds like great fun!!

Stephen Minister Request

Prayer is such an important part of Christian life. Jesus prayed often, and He gave His followers the perfect prayer. We say or sing "The Lord's Prayer" in our services, meetings, and in our personal life. As Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered, I am there also". We know Our Lord hears every prayer. What blessed assurance for each of us.

Stephen Ministers are available each Sunday during communion, and after church, for private and personal prayer. For several years, we have used a pew in the prayer loft. We understand that it might be inconvenient, too open, or disrupting for some. We would like to move our prayer area to a more secluded area of the church.

A request is being made for a small couch, loveseat, or a couple of comfortable chairs to be used for prayer. We are also in need of some type of appropriate screen to insure privacy. If you have an item to donate, or would like to contribute, please contact the church or any Stephen Minister. Please do not contact Pastor Rick for this during his time of needed rest and recuperation following his foot surgery.

Thank you for your continued love and support. Each of you are a blessing!

Crochet at Church

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 9am (on the 2nd Sat, this is right before Dorcas Circle). Come to learn, from scratch or help with a new stitch, skill, or pattern, or bring whatever project you're working on and come for the fellowship! (If you want to come just for the fellowship and leave off the needlework, we'd love to have you!) Kids are very welcome to learn or to play.

July Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick,

Lector: 3,10- Darrel Timan

17,24,31- Kathleen Darland

Greeters: Jack & Marie Youngblood

Communion Assist.: 3,10- Darrel & Jeanna Timan

17,24,31- Kathleen Darland & Sara Paulson

Communion Care: Marie Youngblood

Acolyte: 3- Lauren 10- Open 17- Open

24- Austin 31- CJ

Ushers: TBA

Stephen Minister of the Week:

S. M., Communion

Prayer Loft

3- Diedra, Heather

Katie

10- Ellie, Jackie

Steve

17- Carol, Jeanna

Diedra

24- Nathan, Steve

Ellie

31- Katie

Heather

July Anniversaries

1 June & Robert Webb

2 David & Debra Hustad

2 Lyn & Charlotte Arthurton

9 Peter & Deborah Callaway

22 Laura & Cliff Vaughan

25 Susanne & Scott Rettig

29 Steve & Joanne Salaz

July Birthdays

2 Debra Hustad

6 Fenix Capps

7 Austin Rones

8 Ryan Myers

9 Grethel Avendano

11 Braxton Wageman

12 Adam Hyles

12 Chad Altringer

12 Michelle Gomes

12 Desiree Dinsdale

13 Jean Setzer

14 Steven Schmidtke

15 Mary Thomas

15 Stephen Gomory

16 Stephanie Myers

16 Kimberly Taylor

19 Daniel Luft

20 Samuel Hernandez

20 Nicole Sevcik

22 Thomas Halloran

22 Sabrina White

23 Tovia Owens

24 Amanda Vaughan

25 Marie Weber

25 Rebecca Byrd

27 Richard Setzer

28 Mykal Gomes

28 William Gomes

If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888

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For Pastoral Emergencies:
Call Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 or 258-8775

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Pr. Rick M-Th 9 to noon
Pr. Rick Schowalter 249-3352 (cell) or 258-8775 (home)

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9a Worship & S.S. 10:15 Meeting of the Congregation 11a St Columba's Worship	4 8:30-10:30 4th of July Brunch at the Schowalters	5 1st Day Joyful Noise Camp 10:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr Lunch 6p Steph Min @St. Col 5:30p Dinner	6 10:30 SA Bingo 12p SA Sr. Lunch 7p Choir Practice	7 10:30a Feeling Fit Exercise 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick - PM Off	8 12p SA Sr. Lunch Pastor Rick's day off	9 9a Crochet at Church 10a Dorcas Circle
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