

St. Patrick's Shamrock

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A MESSAGE FROM JIM BEEBE

"INTO THE WIND"

Ever hear the story about the golfer who was having lots of trouble on the windswept course? After one particularly awful shot, he turned to his caddie and said, *"You're about the worst caddie I've ever seen."*

Without missing a beat, the caddie replied, *"Oh, I doubt that, sir."*

"Well, what makes you doubt it?" the man snapped back.

And the caddie responded, *"It would be just too much of a coincidence."*

As all of you golfers know, wind creates all kinds of problems. Wind calls for compensation. When you hit *into* the wind, you have to keep a nice, slow tempo and concentrate on hitting the ball squarely instead of harder. That's because a headwind tends to accentuate any erroneous spin you put on the ball. Slices, especially, tend to go WAY right instead of just right. And, when you're hitting *with* the wind, you have to avoid trying to hit the ball too hard. A bad swing usually results in a bad shot, no matter *where* the wind is blowing.

So on the course, wind is not necessarily your friend. Unlike Holy Scripture, where wind is ALWAYS your friend. In the Old Testament, it's *ruah* – *"the breath of life," "the Spirit of God"* – *"And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils ruah – the breath of life – and man became a living being."* *Ruah* was perceived to be a type of life-force, if you will, which animated all of creation.

In the New Testament, writers used the word PNEU-ma, from which we get words like *pneumonia* and *pneumatic*. They used it, interchangeably, to mean both *"wind"* and *"spirit."* So when Luke records what happened on Pentecost, it's no mistake or coincidence that he uses the metaphor of a strong wind. He uses the image of God quite literally *"breathing life"* into the frightened apostles.

Unfortunately, the wind blows where it will. It cannot be reduced to a formula. It is not captive to esoteric techniques. But it does have this remarkable capacity for showing up most often when the word on our hearts is...

"...Yes."



A LOVING REMEMBRANCE

We have been saddened by the death of Katherine Gill and feel she left a significant legacy for St. Pat's to remember. She and her husband, Jerry, were vital parts of the life of our church through all of the years of struggle and decision making as the little congregation took the leap of faith to purchase land and build a new facility.

While we were still in the A-Frame church, Kathy was always there to help wherever needed. She served on the Vestry, acting as secretary. She also served on the Altar Guild and was yard-sale chairman. She sent cards to the sick and out of town parishioners and took charge of the "greening" of the church. She worked to keep the yard clean and distributed food for the sick or new mothers. Jerry and Kathy were always on hand for whatever tasks needed to be done.

When it was decided to have a marionette show, Bruce and I were only part of the show. Kathy almost single-handedly beautifully costumed the puppets; engineered the curtaining of the stage at the little church; helped plan an after the show party for the puppeteers.

There is evidence of her dedicated service in the time and care she put into the selection of the furnishings for the new building; researching manufacturers of church pews etc., visiting their factory and then working closely with them to make certain that they followed the themes of the architect. Kathy poured through ecclesiastical supply catalogs for the fabrics and vessels and went to their establishments. She was chairman of the Memorial Committee for many years. Jerry built the ambry, the hymn board, the little racks behind each pew and installed them.

At the first service at the new building — Christmas 1990 — Kathy was there with the vacuum to be certain the church was ready. Nothing was too much trouble. She painstakingly chose the brass plaques in the church and on the pews and double checked each one for correct wording. She was Flower Chairman and the first Altar Guild Director, always taking responsibility for the altar linens, the wine, the candles. The plans for the new kitchen received much attention, shopping, and study. And, she probably did more cooking than most—countless times—it was Kathy who did the work, planning and preparing. At the Barbara Schelomn healing mission, Kathy was in the kitchen preparing a lunch for those who attended, giving up her chance to be upstairs, because she felt St. Pat's should have a lunch for those who attended.

I know I am missing many many other deeds of kindness and quiet unsung service Kathy willingly gave because of her faith and her belief that God brought together the people of various skills to build His church. There are more areas of her activities that should be recorded in order to do justice to a truly thoughtful and active Christian lady who lived her belief and was appreciated and much loved by everyone.

Faithfully,

Barbara and Bruce Purdy



TREASURERS REPORT

1st Quarter 2006 Income Statement (\$)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Pledge	70,396	52,250
Plate	2,027	7,375
Fund Raising	0	8,750
Rentals & Other	10,785	7,250
 Total Income	 <u>83,208</u>	 <u>75,625</u>
Expenses		
Rectors	24,392	26,700
Music	5,981	7,475
Building	19,101	22,190
Giving/Programs	18,661	14,348
Operations	5,463	8,400
 Total Expenses	 <u>73,598</u>	 <u>79,111</u>
 Net Surplus/(Loss)	 <u>9,610</u>	 <u>(3,485)</u>

Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2006 (\$)

Assets

Cash	72,783
Investments	165,748
Building and Land	2,004,294
 Total Assets	 <u>2,242,825</u>

Liabilities & Equity

Accounts Payable	9,267
Designated Funds	47,063
Building Loan	422,383
Equity	1,764,112
 Total Liabilities & Equity	 <u>2,242,825</u>

Respectfully submitted, Jim McFarlin



Camp Galilee!



Camp Galilee 2006

Dave Mussatti, Priest

The summer program at Camp Galilee begins on June 25 and will continue through August 19. Jim Tousignant ("Too-sin-yo"), the new summer program director, will be in charge of the six youth camps, which run from June 25 to August 5. Our own Jim Beebe will be the chaplain and in charge of the program "Get Away—Get Together", scheduled for August 6-12, which replaces the traditional "Family Camp". The following session, "Camp We Care", for families of prison inmates, is scheduled for August 13-19. Rev. Mike Annis, a retired Episcopal Priest who is an Associate at St. Timothy's in Henderson and at Church of the Epiphany in Las Vegas, will be the chaplain.

The schedule for this summer is outlined below. Each camp begins on Sunday in the mid-afternoon and closes in mid-morning the next Saturday. The fee for the camps is \$260.

Elementary I (Grades 2-4) June 25 to July 1
 High School I (Grades 9-12) July 2 to 8
 Elementary II (Grades 4-6) July 9 to 15
 Middle School I (Grades 6-8) July 16 to 22
 Middle School II (Grades 7-9) July 23 to 29
 High School II (Grades 9-12) July 30 to August 5
 "Get Away—Get Together" (Families) August 6 to 12
 "Camp We Care" August 13 to 19

Registration on line can be done at www.GalileeTahoe.org. For more information contact Jim Beebe or Dave Mussatti.



Camp "Get Away- Get Together"

At Galilee, Lake Tahoe
 August 6—12, 2006

A camp for one generation, multi-generational, extended families and singles. With the theme, "This is Not Your Parent's Church", The Reverend Jim Beebe will lead this exciting week at Camp Galilee.

During the weeks' camp, Jim Beebe will propose questions like, "Where Can I find God in my life?", "How do the 'five generations' approach Christianity?", "What does it mean to live in a post modern culture?", and, "What is the shocking prophecy about a catastrophic event in the not too distant future?". Besides discussions, there will be lots of laughter and enjoyable activities. Campers will have time to ponder Jim's questions as they relax on the beach and rest among the pine trees on glorious Lake Tahoe.

For camp information, contact 777/747-2260 and leave a message.



“PRESENCE”

(Practicing the Presence of God)

One thing that draws Christians to Lake Tahoe is the connectedness they feel with God in this beautiful place. In fact, it is common currency these days to define one's spirituality in terms of physical adventure, from extreme sports to skiing and hiking and kayaking. What they seem to sense is a unique “*at-One-ness*” with God and His created world.

This is not new. From the earliest days of our Judaeo-Christian tradition have lived men and women who experienced God with silence and contemplation. They believed that knowing *about* God (doctrine and creed) was not the same as *knowing* God. Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection (17th century) said it best: “*God alone is capable of making Himself known as He really is; we search in reasoning and in the sciences, as in a poor copy, for what we neglect to see is an excellent original. God paints Himself in the depths of our soul.*”

With the advent of the Enlightenment (the “*Age of Reason,*” or “*Modern Era*”), however, the contemplative tradition became cloistered. Science and reason became the courts of final appeal for virtually any truth. Now, however, it is clear that we are transitioning out of the Modern Era into a postmodern world. Now people value intuition, imagination, and passion as well as reason.

People experience postmodernism as relativism, as loss of faith, as a loss of grounding. But the postmodern age is also a time of incredible opportunity for the Judaeo-Christian tradition because the critical question being asked is not, “*Does God exist?*” but “*WHERE can I find God in my life?*” and “*How can I practice the presence of God?*”

Beginning on Wednesday, July 5th, Jim Beebe will facilitate a group that will explore the Christian contemplative tradition, a tradition that goes back to Jesus himself and extends through Paul, Dionysius, the Beguines, Rhineland Mystics like Meister Eckhart, Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, Julian of Norwich, George Fox, and Thomas Merton. Participants will practice Centering Prayer techniques to encounter God-In-Himself rather than the God-Talked-About. Many Wednesdays the group will meet at the Lake or on a secluded mountain trail.



WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S NEWS

The Women of St. Patrick's met for a delicious potluck luncheon in the church library on Monday, April 24. After a time of fellowship during lunch, the program began. Pam Rasmussen, Incline Village Library Manager, gave everyone a "goodie bag" filled with information about our library. She then presented information about upcoming events at the library and special features available there, such as wireless computer access and a community meeting room.



Women's Fellowship

We renewed discussion about a "Twin Village" relationship with Highcliffe-on-Sea in England, an idea McAvoy Lane has suggested to the community. Judy Morrison spoke about her experience while living in Ohio, with a "sister city" near Paris. She shared photos of the activities that took place during exchanges between the students and organizations of the two cities.

The following meeting, on May 22, was a potluck luncheon in the church library attended by 12 women who enjoyed some delicious food and lots of fellowship with each other. Don Morrison presented a timely program about boating safety, which everyone found to be full of valuable information.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 30. We are excited to have McAvoy Layne as our guest speaker. Some of you may have seen his amazing impersonation of Mark Twain. McAvoy has come up with the idea of developing contacts for Incline Village with a "Twin Village", called Highcliffe-on-Sea, in southern England. The Women of St. Patrick's invite any members of the congregation who would like to hear more about this idea, to be guests for a potluck luncheon at 11:30a.m. in the church library. (Yes, that means men and teenagers too!) There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the church entrance. We look forward to having a great turnout for this meeting! Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 if you have any questions.



JUNE 15 DEADLINE FOR CONGREGATION OUTREACH SURVEY

Thank you to all the men and women of the congregation who have participated in the survey being conducted by the Women of St. Patrick's to learn how the members of St. Patrick's are involved in community outreach activities. There are forms on the table by the church entrance to be filled in by anyone wishing to be included in the survey. Please put the completed forms in the basket provided. The information will be compiled after the June 15 deadline. It is heartening to see how many people are contributing their time and talents to this community!



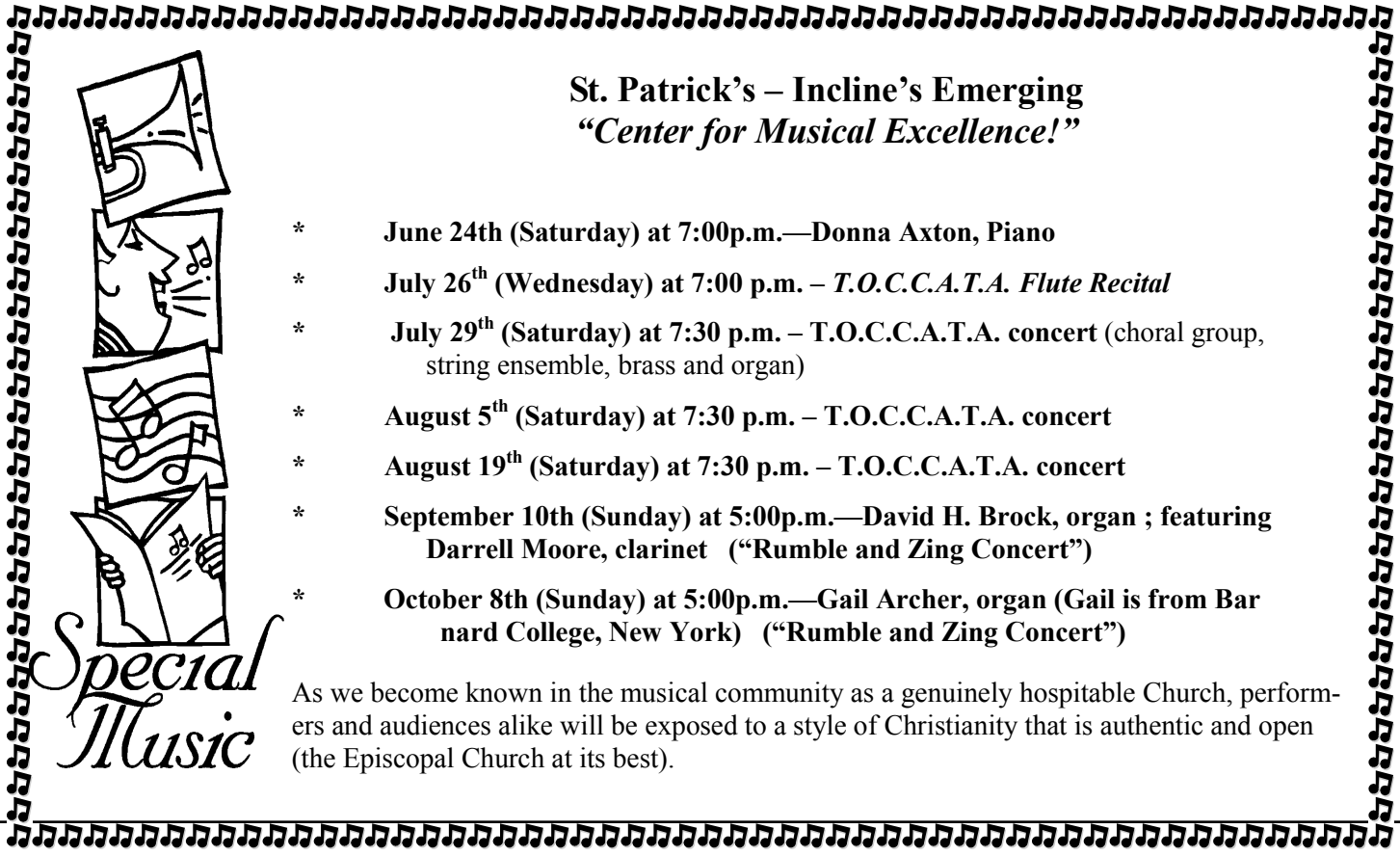


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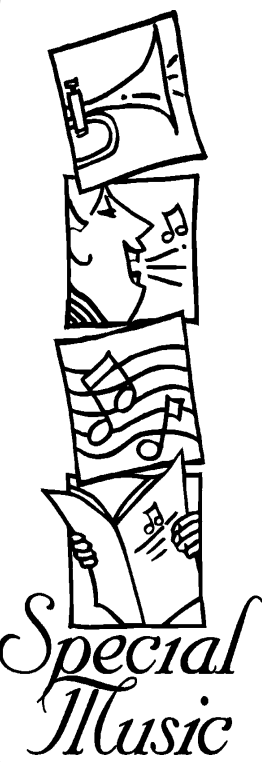
- **Education for Ministry (EFM)** will begin this fall at St. Patrick's. Mentored by the Rev. Jim Kelly and Connie Skidmore, EFM is a four-year program developed by the University of the South (home of Sewanee Seminary). The curriculum covers the Old and New Testaments, Christian theology, church history and theological reflection. The goal of EFM is to enable participants to integrate their faith into their daily lives and to help them live out their baptismal vows. EFM also is an outstanding way of developing a close community (in fact, every EFM graduate we've come across didn't want EFM to ever end). Tuition is required (about \$340 per year), but participants commit only to an 8-month "year" at a time). For more information, contact the church office at 831-1418.

- The introduction of a **new telephone system** at St. Patrick's has brought us kicking and screaming into the next millennium. We even have *voice mail* for clergy, staff and vestry! This new purchase was made possible by a designated fund established for "*Parish Communications.*" The monies were not part of our operating budget and could only be used to enhance our advertising and communications (both internal and external). One of the advantages of our new system is preventing the miscommunication of messages through a third-party answering service. We also have intercom, conference call and call forwarding capability.

- **Jean Guay was a local artist** who died in October 2005. He is well known in the area for his Tahoe landscapes. Because he did not receive a funeral last fall, we've volunteered to conduct a memorial service at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, June 3rd at 11 a.m. As we celebrate the life of Jean Guay, our theme will be "*The Sacredness of Nature.*" Some of Guay's paintings will be on display at the church during the day. Please join the Tahoe community in remembering a gifted man who glorified God by interpreting His creation.



St. Patrick's – Incline's Emerging "Center for Musical Excellence!"



- * June 24th (Saturday) at 7:00p.m.—Donna Axton, Piano
- * July 26th (Wednesday) at 7:00 p.m. – T.O.C.C.A.T.A. Flute Recital
- * July 29th (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. – T.O.C.C.A.T.A. concert (choral group, string ensemble, brass and organ)
- * August 5th (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. – T.O.C.C.A.T.A. concert
- * August 19th (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. – T.O.C.C.A.T.A. concert
- * September 10th (Sunday) at 5:00p.m.—David H. Brock, organ ; featuring Darrell Moore, clarinet ("Rumble and Zing Concert")
- * October 8th (Sunday) at 5:00p.m.—Gail Archer, organ (Gail is from Barnard College, New York) ("Rumble and Zing Concert")

As we become known in the musical community as a genuinely hospitable Church, performers and audiences alike will be exposed to a style of Christianity that is authentic and open (the Episcopal Church at its best).



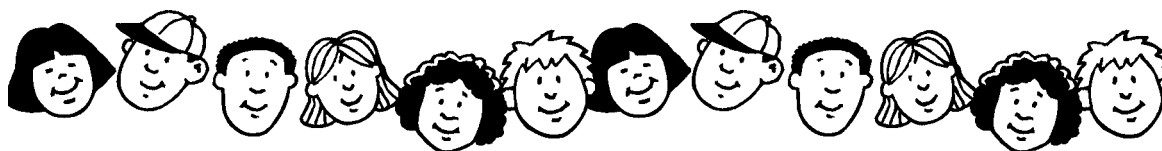
ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

The Saturday Night Alive service has used the talented Youth Group in several Saturday night productions. These thespians are learning the message of the Lord and entertaining us through the fine directorship of David Vomund. Thank you to David and the young people.

We have had discussions in our Youth Group on how God is a Rescue Worker. We present scenarios of current events and discuss how God would want us to rescue this person. We have a bright group of youth at St. Patrick's.

I encourage a week at Camp Galilee this summer for fun and fulfillment.

With Joy,
Caroline Cutler
Kathy Vomund



CHILDREN'S GODLY PLAY CLASSES

Godly Play continues to grow, both in the fascinating number of stories told AND in the numbers of children who are listening to these stories. We had 15 children a couple of weeks ago., making for an active and happy gathering.

Deb and I plan to continue the stories this summer. We plan to start our next exciting stories on Saturday, June 10th. Stories scheduled are: "Jesus and the 12 Apostles", the "I AM" stories, the Creation Story, and more. We also plan hikes, scavenger hunts and picnics. It seemed best to keep our same Saturday night schedule. The children know the routine, so let's keep the "good stuff" on a roll.

Something else exciting — a somewhat abbreviated version of the stories will be offered to our 2 and 3 year-old children. We'll gear the stories more to their age group, and include lots of manipulative figurines and "props" for those special ages. Deb and I will take turns, with one of us working with the 2-3 year-olds in the nursery; while the other tells a longer more sophisticated version of the same story to our 4-11 year-old children. After the story-time, the two groups will gather together for art and craft activities, our "feast" and our prayers.

More good news! We are receiving requests from members of other churches in our community to learn more about our Godly Play classes. Some churches would like to learn more about the curriculum, and some members of other churches would like to have their children join our classes. PLEASE, send your children's friends along with your children to our Godly Play group. We welcome all ages and stages.

Any questions? Call Deb Beebe (831-4143), or email: Bamaw330@aol.com, or call Judy Morrison (831-1564), or email: twosoinclined@earthlink.net.

Judy Morrison and Deb Beebe



EVEN MORE PARISH NOTES!



Let's beautify St. Patrick's!

* On Sunday, June 4th, from 12 - 2 p.m. we organized work teams to support Incline Village's "X-treme Clean" project. We joined other groups from around town to pick up trash along Village Boulevard adjacent to and on our property. Then, after an hour of blitzkrieg cleaning, we were invited to a **free barbeque at the Middle School from 2-4 p.m.** And the day didn't end there! Following the barbeque we were entertained with a **band and dance from 4-6 p.m.**

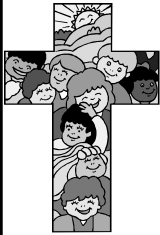
* On Saturday, June 24th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the parish of St. Patrick's is invited to help clear out manzanitas and other brush and pinecones from around the building and trees. In the past, without human habitation, God has provided a way to keep the forests healthy through periodic fires. This left fewer, but healthier, trees and virtually no brush. Because we now live here, we must take up this mantle and do God's job (without burning our houses down). So put on your work clothes and bring your saws and let's make our 3 acres a safe place!

St. Patrick's Youth Raise Funds on the 4th of July

St. Patrick's Church will be well represented on July 4th at Incline Beach when we sponsor two booths to raise funds for our missions. This is also a great opportunity to provide visibility for our growing Saturday Night Alive! services and programs. The youth of St. Patrick's will staff the booths, both of which will have games and do-dads for children. We still need volunteers (both middle school and adult) so that we can keep the shifts short and the enjoyment long. Please call the church office (831-1418) if you're interested in helping out.

New Book and Movie Discussion Group!

Why is there so much consternation over The Da Vinci Code? Why are people picketing movie theaters and why are churches mobilizing to refute Dan Brown's novel? Some interested parishioners are putting together a new group to talk about such books and movies and will hold the first organizational meeting on **Monday, June 5th at 7 p.m. in the Library.** At this meeting, participants will negotiate subsequent days and times according to mutual availability. The rules are simple: all views are welcome, all theologies invited, and mutual respect is essential. St. Patrick's continues to be a safe place to explore what it means to be a human being in relationship with God.



Thank you to those who contributed to Santa's "Bless the Children Tour" in May! If you would still like to offer assistance, please make your checks payable to St. Patrick's and note on your check that it is for "Santa"!

CHURCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Folding Church Bulletins: Thursday mornings
(Call the church office for details, 831-1418)

Refreshments for Church Social Hour:
(Sign-up sheet in front entry)

Saturday evenings, 5:30p.m.
Sunday mornings, 8:00a.m.
Sunday mornings, 10:00a.m.



Staff & Ministry Group Chairs

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

The Rev. Dr. James R. Beebe Rector

The Rev. Dr. David J. Mussatti Priest

The Rev. Jim Kelly Priest

David H. Brock Director of Music and Organist

*Emy Gurowitz** Senior Warden*

*Rem Paul** Junior Warden, Buildings and Grounds Chair*

*Gary Thomsen** Buildings and Grounds Co-Chair*

*Jim McFarlin** Treasurer*

Jim Clark Finance Committee Chair

Sharon Kirby, Steve Barney Stewardship Co-Chairs

Lainie McFarlin Shamrock

Lora Kelly Memorial Committee

*Caroline Cutler** Clerk of the Vestry*

Jackie Kilcoyne Social Committee Chair

Karen Barney Web Master

*Eric Strotz** Folk Mass Group*

Joanellen Slocumb, Cherry Barney Good Samaritans Coordinators

Judy Morrison Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator

Nancy Joslin Columbarium

Peggy Harrison Knitters Guild of Incline Village

Jack Barney Ushers/Greeters Coordinator

Mindy Young Landscaping Chair

Lainie McFarlin, Nancy Joslin Library

Suzanne Gollery Minute Secretary

****Vestry Member**

KNITTERS GUILD OF INCLINE VILLAGE NEWS

Do you love to knit, or want to learn? Come join the Knitters Guild, which meets every Wednesday from 1-3p.m. in the church library.



The members of the Knitters Guild are busily making warm garments, layettes and afghans for families who need these items. They are donated through the Children's Cabinet in Incline Village, the Family Resource Center in Kings Beach and Tahoe Forest Hospice.

The guild was recently asked by Tahoe Forest Hospice to create a special afghan for an area in the Incline Village Library called "Renee's Place". This is a section set aside for children, teens and families that have experienced a loss and are going through a grieving process. The theme of "Renee's Place" is Sunflowers. If you visit the library, be sure to look for the beautiful afghan created by members of the Knitters Guild!

Some members have completed a series of knitting classes for Incline Village Middle School students. The classes were given through the Parasol Collaboration's After-School Program. The students learned a lot and can't wait for more classes to begin!

We welcome anyone who loves to knit or crochet, and we can help you if your skills need refreshing. The web site address for the group is www.geocities.com/inclineknitters/. Please call Peggy Harrison at 831-9402 for further information.