

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

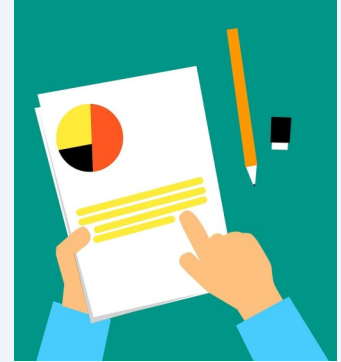
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January 16, 2025



## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be **January 26th**. If you have not already turned in your reports please do so ASAP! Thank you! The Annual Meeting will take place immediately after the 11:00 am service and will feature a pot luck luncheon. A 10 pound ham and chile con carne is being offered as part of the meal. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table ware. Thank YOU>



## We're Invited!

### Family Fun Night

The next game night is **TOMORROW** night, January 17th from 6 - 8 p.m. in the South Wing of St. John. Come and enjoy one of many games or bring one of your favorites. We all need some fun and laughter . Hoping everyone puts it on their calendar for a fun time and joins us (bring your friends along with you; they may thank you later).

In lieu of “Coffee Time” this Sunday, we will instead share a potluck at our annual meeting on the 26th. Please bring a dish to share. Please make every effort to attend the Annual Meeting. Thank you!





# Responding to the Wildfires in Southern California

## WHAT YOU CAN DO



Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected dioceses as they assess needs in their communities in response to the Southern California wildfires. We are currently providing technical, psycho-social and liturgical assistance to congregations directly affected.

This is an ongoing disaster that these communities are continuing to face. It will be some time until the full extent of the damage is known, but Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with local diocesan and congregational leaders as they work to mobilize local assets and ministries to respond to those in need.

Please pray for the people affected by the wildfires. Supporting the Wildfire Response Fund will help communities respond to the impact of fires. We have also created resources available in English and Spanish, including blurbs, announcements, and inserts for your bulletin, website, and other communication outlets. Please use these resources to help inform your congregation about Episcopal Relief & Development's response and ways to support those affected by these devastating and fast-growing wildfires.

Contact [engagement@episcopalrelief.org](mailto:engagement@episcopalrelief.org) with any questions. We are here to help.

ACCESS RESOURCES

*(If this link is not clickable, simply right click on it and select open hyperlink.)*

## Readings for January 18 & 19th

Lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

### Scripture Reflection

#### Reflection for January 18 & 19

The Holy Spirit enlivens each of us with unique gifts that nurture faith and serve the common good. To identify those gifts we can ask ourselves such questions as: When do I feel most alive? What do I love to do? What things, tasks or actions fill me with a sense of purpose? What am I doing when time seems to stand still? These questions help us discern the Spirit's movement in our lives. Created in the image of God, each of us is uniquely gifted to reveal divine likeness. When our deep joy is united with meaning and purpose, vocation is birthed. How or where is God calling you?



### Serving in Worship at Redeemer

#### Jan. 19

**Readers:** Amy Murrelle

**Usher:** Glenn Murrelle

**Greeter:** Linda Murrelle

**Acolyte:** Kayla Marshall

#### Jan. 26

Glenda Hinsman

Rick Rhodes

Mary Rhodes



### Community Supper

Our free community supper takes place on January 30th from 4-6 p.m. Come out and enjoy some warm delicious beef stew with tomato cucumber salad, rolls and mini-whoopie pies donated by Kurt's Making Whoopie.

**Belated Birthday Wishes to:**

Phoebe Marshall 1/12  
Heather Romano 1/12  
Richard Marshall 1/18  
Dawn McCutcheon 1/18

**Happy Birthday to:**

Ian Watson 1/25  
Terri House 1/25  
Betty Nobles 1/26

**Belated anniversary wishes to:**

Charles & Kay Lattimer 1/11

**Happy Anniversary**

Robert & Laurie Davies 1/20

**Food Pantry Item of the Month**

"We hope you had a holiday full of all the things that are special to you. While the holidays are over, **the need for food for those less fortunate in our community remains** and maybe even more so in the cold winter months. Please consider helping both the Valley Food Pantry and Feed My Sheep ministries by donating CEREAL this month. Items can be placed in the cart in the church or on the table in the atrium. Also, you can always bring ANY food items (not just the item designated for the month) as any foods will help! Bless you!



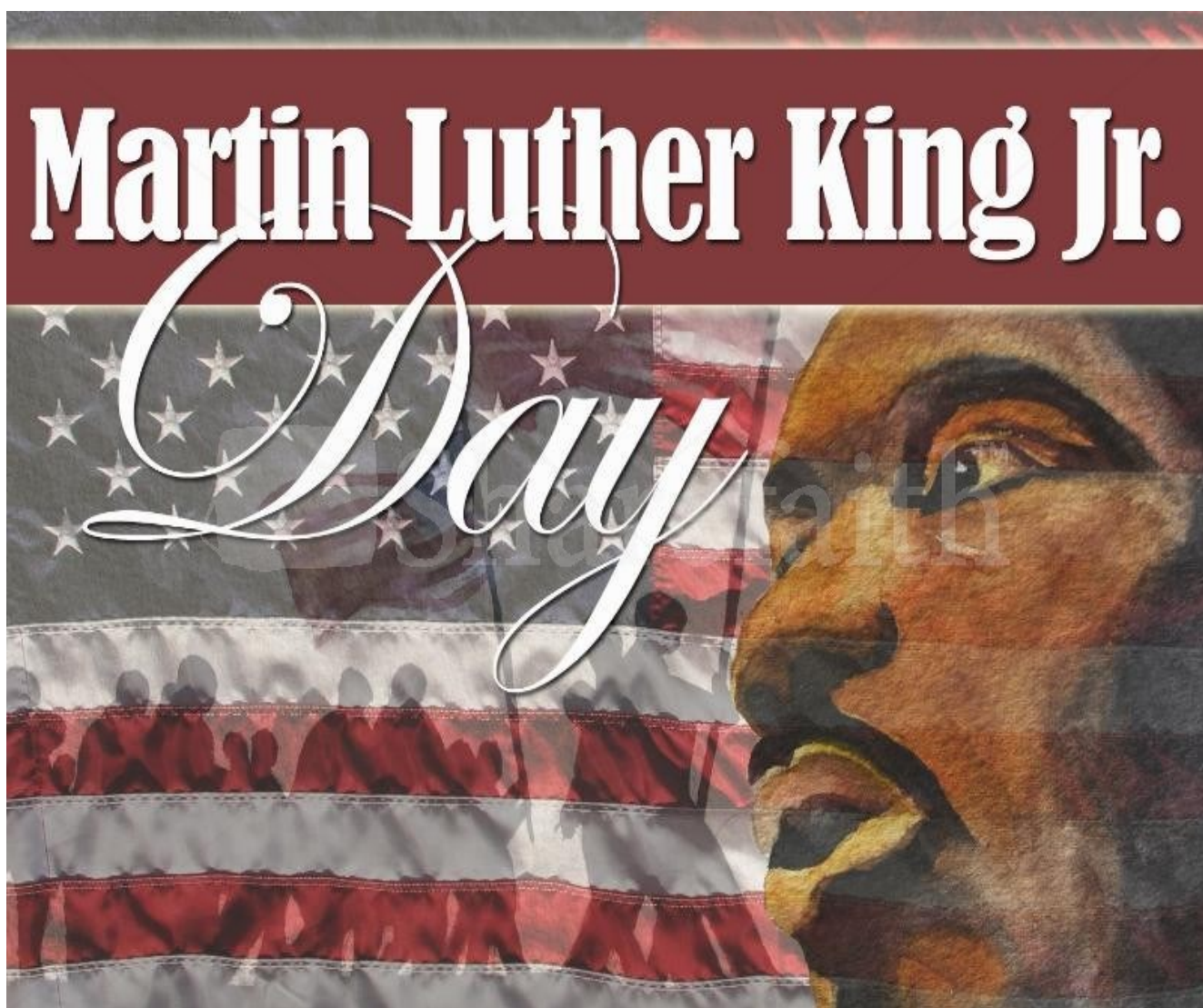
"The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium . Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.

The next Blood drive being hosted by St. John will be on Friday, Jan. 24th in the South Wing from 12 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## **January 20 (A few stray thoughts from Canon Melinda)**

Monday is a national holiday and as such, I get to have the day off. As a country we will commemorate the impact Martin Luther King, Jr. had on our culture. We will also observe the inauguration of the President. As the two events coincide I started wondering what President Trump and MLK might have in common, and what if any, attributes they might share with our Lord. I realized that all three men were disruptors of the status quo in their time. All three were political. All were controversial such that two were cut down in the prime of life and the third was subject to an assassination attempt. It may be that all were/are catalysts bringing necessary change. As we approach our Annual Meeting, we have much to celebrate. Something to ponder: Are there changes we need to make as a congregation and can we do them without the catalyst of a disruptor?





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"What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him..." (John 2:1-12)

# Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



1. \_\_\_\_\_ One who is employed to perform services for someone else
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H<sub>2</sub>O
3. \_\_\_\_\_ A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
4. \_\_\_\_\_ An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
5. \_\_\_\_\_ A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
6. \_\_\_\_\_ To eat or drink a small amount
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others

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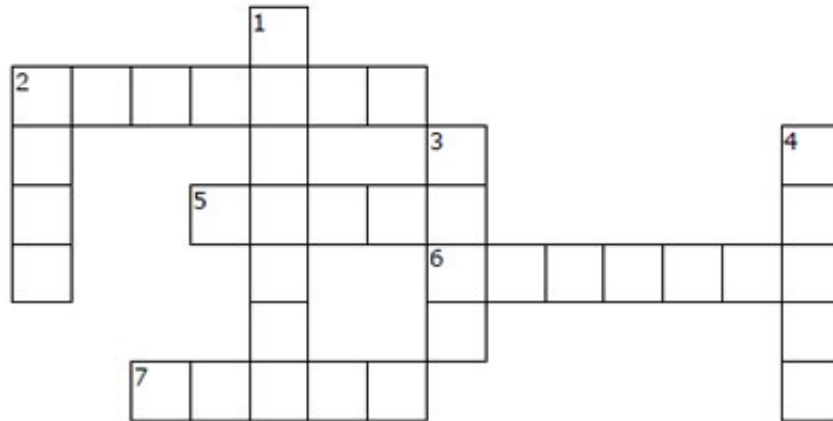
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