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Nursery, 8:30–11:30 a.m. (Room 1)

**Children's Christian Formation:**

► **SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9:45–10:45 a.m., Level I (The Sheepfold, ages 3–6), Level II (The Vineyard, ages 6–9) and Level III (The Golden Thread, ages 9–11)

► **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**  
8:45 a.m., Grades 6–8

► **SUNDAY SCHOOL EXPLORATION TIME**  
8:45–9:45 a.m., Atriums open to kids

Healing Service  
Third Sunday of the month, 6 p.m.

**WEEKDAYS**

Wednesday Morning Eucharist, 7 a.m.

## CURATE'S CORNER » THE REV. V.R. MARIANNE ZAHN

# A warm welcome from our new associate, who is 'extremely excited' to get to know us

Greetings in the name of Christ to the sacred community of St. Wilfrid's! I have already met some of you and am looking forward to meeting and worshipping with all of you when I join you this fall as your new Associate. I come to you as a newly-ordained transitional deacon (to be ordained to the priesthood this coming January), having served the past five years as an intern at my sponsoring parish, St. John's Pro-Cathedral, in Los Angeles. During that time I created and participated in many ministries, with this past year mostly focused on a new family-friendly/alternative worship service that brought together the beauty of traditional Episcopal worship with a more relaxed, informal atmosphere. Instrumental in brainstorming and supporting this service was Fr. Lee Walker, whom I'm sure most of you remember. He had been telling me for months how wonderful both St. Wilfrid's and Fr. Michael were, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to get to know you all better myself! (And by the way, at St. John's, I have been privileged to work with and learn from another of your former priests, Fr. Mark Kowalewski).

While interning, I completed my Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, where I live with my husband, Dan, and our cat, Phoebe. Dan has a marriage and family therapy practice in South Pasadena, while Phoebe mostly sleeps and poses for really cute pictures on Instagram. Dan and I met in Paris during my junior year at New York University, from which we both have B.F.A.'s in drama. We met



**NEWLY ORDAINED:** The Rev. V.R. Marianne Zahn, pictured with her husband, Dan. Marianne was ordained a deacon this past June, and will be ordained a priest in January. She began her duties as Associate at St. Wilfrid's on Sunday, Sept. 1.

Phoebe when a friend rescued her at two-weeks' old from a tree in Whittier. We bottle-fed her and she survived and we got attached . . . er, *we* got attached . . . she is, after all, a cat.

Please know that I have been praying for your wonderful congregation ever since Fr. Lee first told me he thought it might be a good place for me to begin my ordained ministry, so I'm extremely excited to get to know all of you lovely people I've been praying for. If you have time, please pray for me, too, that the Holy Spirit will guide me and us into this new ministry together. I look forward to serving in ministry with you, and I want to thank all the staff and parishioners I've met so far for the warm welcome I've already received!

# Me+1

**T**he first time you hold a new baby. The first sprout of grass through the snow of winter announcing that spring is at hand... well, in places other than Southern California. The first time you hear a child read aloud a book that was only yesterday being read to them. The sparkle in the eye of a newlywed that tells the world a new life has begun. There are thousands of ways each year that we acknowledge newness, and with that newness our spirits are lifted just a bit higher.

September is certainly not the beginning of the year, but it does mark many new beginnings. School has resumed. In the church, new programs kick off, or programs that have been on hiatus for the summer return with a fresh burst of energy. At St. Wilfrid's, September is one of the most exciting (and busiest) times of the year.

Here are just a few of the exciting opportunities beginning in September:

► **Children's and Youth Programs resume.** The Atruims are up and running, Sunday night Youth Group returns, and St. Wilfrid's Preschool begins offering Kindergarten for the first time!

► **St. Wilfrid's Choir begins its push toward England in 2014.** The amazing opportunity to serve as Choir-in-Residence at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, England in August 2014 will drive our choir to be the best we have ever known at St. Wilfrid's... and our worship experience will be enhanced as they prepare.

► **Monthly Healing Services resume on Sept. 22, with a new feel ... JAZZ.** In addition to the wonderful musicians that we enjoy week in and week out, St. Wilfrid's is also home to some very gifted jazz musicians. A new combo will be introduced at this first Healing Service of the season and with it a fresh move of God's Spirit.

► **Educational opportunities for adults will reach a new level.** Begin-



ning with the Adult Forum on Sept. 15, Dr. Bill Yarchin will teach a series on the Dead Sea Scrolls that will inform and inspire. We are so blessed to have this amazing Hebrew scholar in our parish!

► **The Rev. V.R. Marianne Zahn joins our ministry team and will focus on expanding the interaction between St. Wilfrid's church and school.** Her focus on ministry to families and her continuing investment in the lay youth staff that have taken hold of our youth program will be exceptional. Look for amazing things to happen with these important programs!

► **Beach Cities Interfaith Services begins a new chapter.** You can read elsewhere in this Clarion about the transition of BCIS to a new site. With that new beginning is the opportunity to expand our reach into the greater Huntington Beach area ever further. Watch for ways in which you can help this vital ministry reach new heights.

All of these programs and initiatives are wonderful in an of themselves. However, there are opportunities for growth in each of our lives when we are open to being used by God's Spirit in our world. Growth most often happens when we are willing to face our own insecurities and fears, taking a

step into uncharted territory spiritually.

Holding little Cole Nita recently on his very first visit to St. Wilfrid's reminded me of how great it feels to welcome new life. We all have friends and acquaintances who are searching for the kind of spiritual life that we have come to take for granted at St. Wilfrid's. What would happen if each of us could face down our hesitations and invite just one friend to share the experience of God's Spirit that we enjoy so freely here? What would happen if each of us were to decide to explore just one new area of ministry in the months ahead. What would be possible for future ministry if each of us took the step of faith and increased our financial commitment to the church we love by just 1% in the new year ahead.

I have decided to make the remaining months of 2013 "Me +1" months. I am committed to bringing one friend to St. Wilfrid's, explore one new area of ministry, and increase my giving as a percentage of my income by 1% for these next 4 months. Would you consider joining me in this challenge? God blesses our endeavors for the Kingdom in ways we cannot imagine when we face our fears and take steps of faith.

Who knows ... the next new life you celebrate could be your own!

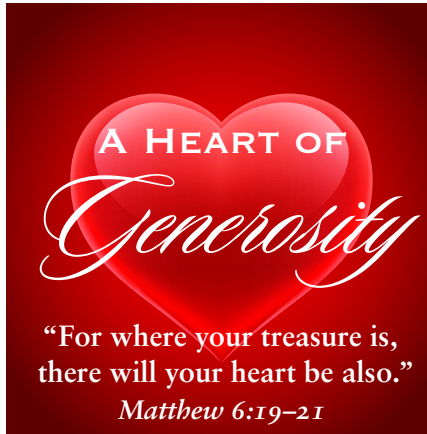
# Annual pledge campaign launches in September

**A**t the “heart” of our 2013 Pledge Campaign are Jesus’ words from the Sermon on the Mount:

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19–21)

In the modern vernacular we might say, “You’ve gotta have heart!” It isn’t as eloquent as the Sermon on the Mount, but Richard Adler got it right in his great Broadway hit “Damn Yankees:”

*You've gotta have heart  
All you really need is heart  
When the odds are sayin' you'll  
never win*



*That's when the grin should start...  
Miles and miles and miles of heart.  
Oh, it's fine to be a genius, of  
course—*

*But keep that old horse  
Before the cart!*

*First, you've gotta have heart!*  
The truth is that St. Wilfrid's is  
a “heartly” congregation in so many  
ways!—in the way that we care for

one another, our children and teens, the community around us, strangers in far off lands, and the gorgeous planet on which we live. This year in our annual pledge campaign we are going to celebrate the “heart of generosity” that lies behind all this and fills us all with joy.

We invite you to be part of our fall pledge campaign. When you make your pledge of support for the ministries of St. Wilfrid's, it is one small way in which you are demonstrating that your “heart” is in the right place; that you’ve given yourself “heart and soul” to the work of the Gospel.

Please give serious and thoughtful consideration to what you can do with your pledge to continue to expand the ministries at St. Wilfrid's. We encourage you to join us on Celebration Sunday, Oct. 20, when we will come together to celebrate our blessings and bless our giving.

## BCIS gains county, city approval for new office site

**A**t a meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 20, the county approved an agreement that will enable the county to enter into a license agreement with the city of Huntington Beach for a period of five years covering the Gothard St. property where it is anticipated that a facility will be constructed to house the activities of BCIS.

BCIS anticipates entering into a sub-license agreement with the city that will allow BCIS to operate under a temporary use permit for

five years that is potentially renewable. This sub-license should be signed by the end of August, subject to negotiation of insurance and other details. Once the sub-license is signed, plans will be submitted to the city's Building Department for their approval, and when this is complete, further required approvals will be sought from the county. These approval processes are anticipated to be completed by the end of October 2013, at which time construction should begin.

Completion of the facility

will require digging a sewer connection, some grading and leveling of the site and the location of two mobile units with associated utility hookups, relocation of gates to the property and the interior finishing of the building. It is hoped that the new facility will be in operation at some time in December.

In the meantime, limited non-food services are being provided at First Christian Church, and Huntington Beach Baptist Church is continuing to provide canned goods to clients.

## Dead Sea Scrolls explored at Adult Forum

**N**oted scholar Dr. Bill Yarchin will be at St. Wilfrid's in September for a three-part Adult Forum series, “Everything you ever wanted to know about the Dead Sea Scrolls.” It will take place on three successive Sundays (Sept. 15, 22, and 29). Dr. Yarchin will discuss the scrolls' discovery, preservation, and study (Session 1); how they pertain to our understanding of the Bible (Session 2); and the self-understanding of an ancient Jewish “scripture community” as the earliest Christian one was forming (Session 3).

# Outreach at St. Wilfrid's takes on many forms, and you can play a part!

By Elaine Meigs, Outreach & Evangelism Chair

**W**hat is outreach? Some would say it's the essence of all we do and all we are as Christians—caring for others, welcoming the stranger, sharing what we have, and acting as God's hands and feet in the world. As chair of the Outreach and Evangelism Commission of the Vestry, I've been asked to share with you a few of the ways St. Wilfrid's has put these foundations of our faith into practice over the last few years, and how we hope to grow these ministries in the future.

Most recently, the focus of our outreach efforts has been in our local community. Of course the ministry that has been most faithful at St. Wilfrid's over many years is **Beach Cities Interfaith Services**, which is making steady progress toward a new permanent location. During this period in which BCIS has been without a headquarters, the Outreach and Evangelism Commission has offered a **Kitchen Cupboard Ministry** by stocking shelves in the church office with baby supplies, small food

packs, medical supplies and hygiene items (A big *thank you* to all who donated hotel-sized soaps and shampoos!).

Your annual pledges provide Outreach and Evangelism with an annual budget that is thoughtfully and faithfully considered and allocated. We have **donated to nonprofit organizations** that are well established and have a history of serving the most vulnerable among us effectively and compassionately. These include nonprofits that help military families with housing and food, feeding programs for the homeless, transitional teen programs, after school programs for children who live with their families in motels, programs that help pay medical bills for those in need, our own SHIP, Laundry Love, Men's Cursillo and BCIS programs, and MOMS Orange County, where extra baby-supply donations are given to low income moms. A portion of our budget was given to our **youth** to carve out an outreach ministry of their own. The Youth Vestry decided to fund a field trip to the Centennial Farm in Costa Mesa for the students at Project Hope School for

homeless children. We have supported **Holy Family Services**, an adoption and foster care organization within the Diocese of Los Angeles, and the **Canterbury Club at UC Irvine** which provides a place of spiritual renewal for college students there. We even hosted the **Fuller Bicycle Ministry** with food and a place to sleep and shower as they traveled down the West Coast raising money for their evangelism efforts.

This month, **Wednesday September 11**, we all have the opportunity to serve God and our community in a wonderful new way, by taking part in an evening with our **Laundry Love Ministry here in Huntington Beach**. This outreach to the homeless and financially vulnerable provides facilities for clients to do their laundry, share a meal with us and enjoy support and fellowship. Clients are even offered a bag of groceries to take with them at the end of the evening. More than 50 people line the sidewalk the second Wednesday of each month as they wait their turn to do something the rest of us take for granted—to wash their family's clothes. A minimum of six to twelve vol-

unteers are needed, and all are welcome. We will serve dinner, bag groceries and help where needed. Please join us! Contact Elaine Meigs at 714.968.5925 or [elainemeigs@socal.rr.com](mailto:elainemeigs@socal.rr.com) for more information, time and location.

Of course St. Wilfrid's also reaches out, serves, includes and welcomes via our **EFLAGS** program, through our **Ushers** and **Greeters**, our **SHIP** program and most recently through our new and growing **Social Justice Ministry** (stay tuned for more news in that regard!). In fact, every ministry and every person at St. Wilfrid's is really a part of outreach in some way. Every time you extend a kindness, invite a newcomer, share something of your spiritual journey or act in a way that reflects Christ in you, you are evangelizing. You are showing your love for God and your neighbor.

No matter what your gifts, no matter what your interests, there is a place for you in outreach. It is out of our gratitude for all God has meant to us, all the ways he has opened our eyes, that we share with those who need us, and invite into our midst those who need God.

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## THE FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION

# A church event doesn't just happen . . .

It may look seamless, but coordinating weddings, committee meetings, and fellowship events takes planning and preparation. This ministry exists to help us share our 'thoughts, words, and deeds.'

By Marcia Cray and Brian Keith

It is two o'clock p.m. on a Saturday afternoon at St. Wilfrid's Church. A small group of three parishioners consisting of a young couple alongside a tenured member of the church have gathered around a table in one of the atrium meeting rooms to look at menus, seating arrangements, and fabric swatches. They are planning a medium-sized yet modest wedding to take place at St. Wilfrid's Church. St. Wilfrid's was the ideal location for the wedding as there is a warm, intimate feeling in Sacquety Hall, and the church itself was chosen by the couple because it was the very place that strengthened their relationship through their love of God and also a longing for a sense of community.

At another table in Sacquety Hall sit two other parishioners, deep in conversation while comparing fabric swatches for a project which will reupholster 200 pew chairs and kneelers, all paid for by generous donations from members of the congregation. The group is interrupted by a group of Boy Scouts who have gathered at Sacquety Hall to rehearse for an honorary Eagle Scout ceremony to take place at St. Wilfrid's the following week.

The last meeting to take place that afternoon is a gathering by the Daughters of the King. The Daughters of the King is a sister organization to The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, both of which have strong memberships at St. Wilfrid's. This afternoon the group has gathered in prayer along with some light refreshments to plan for next Sunday's service when the Daughters of the King's St. Clare's Chapter will receive three new members.

In reality, all of the above events did not take place all on the same day; however, they represent snapshots of various events that have taken place at St. Wilfrid's and involved planning by members of the Fellowship Commission.

The Fellowship Commission helps to organize dinners, plan receptions, ordinations, and various other church functions. All of these church functions happen on a weekly and sometimes daily basis, and they usually happen seamlessly without the slightest hiccup. But it requires thoughtful and creative planning by the members of the Fellowship Commission, and the work of a tremendously dedicated kitchen staff. The commission has a common interest to help each other out, regardless of the type of event or the group.

The Fellowship Commission chairperson, Marcia Cray, oversees the commission and is also the Events Manager who plans most of the social events that take place at Sacquety Hall. Marcia and the commission embody the true definition of fellowship. The word fellowship is derived from the word fellow which means *a member of a group of learned people who work together as peers in pursuit of mutual practice or knowledge*. In its religious context it means the condition of sharing similar interests, ideas, or experiences as by reason of profession, religion, or nationality. This definition essentially captures the true spirit at St. Wilfrid's Church. We are here with the grace of God to present a loving and safe place for gathering, exchanging greetings, learning about each other—and, most of all, sharing our thoughts, words, and deeds.



## We've got your goat, and so much more

Mark your calendars for the Alternative Christmas Market on Nov. 24, when the gift of a goat or other animal for someone in a developing country, or a toy for a local homeless child can mean so much for them.

Do your Christmas shopping early at our Alternative Christmas Market on Sunday, Nov. 24, following both services.

Instead of choosing material gifts for your friends and family, present them with a beautiful card letting them know that you have given a life-changing gift in their name. Make out your list and decide which friend or family member you will honor with the gift of a pair of baby chicks or a goat for a struggling family somewhere else in the world, some school supplies for a village in need, or a toy for a homeless child in Huntington Beach. Choose from a wide variety—one size fits all. Spend as little or as much as you can.

Let's buy half as much and give twice as much!

# St. Wilfrid's Calendar

## SEPTEMBER

- 8th: **Rally Day for Christian Formation; Faith Photo Exhibit.**  
**Newcomers' Reception:** 11:45 a.m., Room 11
- 10th: **Grief Recovery Meeting:** 10 a.m., Youth Center  
**Vestry Meeting:** 7 p.m., Sacquety Hall
- 14th: **Holey Day Golf IV:** 12 noon,  
 David L. Baker Golf Course, Fountain Valley
- 15th: **Parish Nurses:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., Sacquety Hall  
**Newcomers' Class, part 1 of 3:** 8:45 a.m., Room 11
- 21st: **Celebration of Wisdom Lunch:** 11:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall  
*We welcome SHIP for two weeks.*
- 22nd: **Newcomers' Class, part 2 of 3:** 8:45 a.m., Room 11  
**Stewardship Campaign Launch**  
**Healing Service:** 6 p.m., Church
- 24th: **Grief Recovery Meeting:** 10 a.m., Youth Center
- 29th: **Newcomers' Class, part 3 of 3:** 8:45 a.m., Room 11  
**Blessing of the Animals:** 4 p.m., Church

## OCTOBER

- 5th: **SHIP departs.**
- 6th: **Flu Clinic:** 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Sacquety Hall  
**Coming Out Service:** 5 p.m., St. Luke's, Long Beach
- 8th: **Grief Recovery Meeting:** 10 a.m., Youth Center  
**Vestry Meeting:** 7 p.m., Sacquety Hall
- 12th: **Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m., Sacquety Hall  
**Social Justice Meeting:** 3 p.m., Sacquety Hall
- 13th: **Feast Day of St. Wilfrid: Brunch,** 8:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall
- 14th: **Columbus Day Holiday:** Church Office Closed
- 19th: **Celebration of Wisdom Lunch:** 11:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall



- 20th: **Celebration Sunday: Ministry Fair,** 8:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall  
**Healing Service:** 6 p.m., Church
- 22nd: **Grief Recovery Meeting:** 10 a.m., Youth Center

## NOVEMBER

- 1st: **Church Potluck:** 6 p.m., Sacquety Hall
- 2nd: **Deanery Meeting,** 9 a.m., St. Clement's in San Clemente
- 3rd: **Daylight Savings Time ends; All Saints' Sunday: Evensong,** 6 p.m., Church
- 9th: **Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m., Sacquety Hall
- 10th: **Parish Nurses:** 8:30 to 10 a.m., Sacquety Hall
- 11th: **Veterans' Day Holiday:** Church Office Closed
- 12th: **Grief Recovery Meeting:** 10 a.m., Youth Center  
**Vestry Meeting:** 7 p.m., Sacquety Hall
- 16th: **Celebration of Wisdom Lunch:** 11:30 a.m., Sacquety Hall
- 17th: **Healing Service:** 6 p.m., Church
- 24th: **Alternative Christmas Market:** 8:45 a.m., Sacquety Hall
- 26th: **Grief Recovery Meeting:** 10 a.m., Youth Center
- 27th: **Thanksgiving Service:** 7 p.m., Church
- 28th & 29th: **Thanksgiving Holiday:** Church Office Closed

## DECEMBER

- 1st: **First Sunday of Advent: Advent Wreath Making,** 12 noon, Sacquety Hall  
**Advent Lessons and Carols:** 6 p.m., Church

## Shining a lens on their faith

See the Faith Photo Exhibit after services on Sept. 8.

God created all of us as individuals with unique perspectives and ways of seeing. Our annual four-week photography sessions, taught by photographer Kurt Weston in August, provided St. Wilfrid's children with an excellent opportunity to explore the use of the camera as an artistic tool and to express their creative visions of our wonderful faith community. You can see the artists' work (and the artists, pictured at right) at the Faith Photo Exhibit on Sunday, Sept. 8 after services.



## Good Shepherd program for young kids begins; if you're a parent, can you help?

Method seeks to draw forth the knowledge a child already has.

The three-to-six year old child has a great capacity to love and be loved. They have an amazing sense of wonder and curiosity about nature. They can concentrate for a long period of time when interested in something. They love to work and repeat activities.

Integrated into our Preschool this year, we are offering children aged four through kindergarten the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, a religious experience rooted in the Montessori method. The Good Shepherd program meets the need of the young child not by "pouring in" knowledge, but by "drawing forth" what the child already has. By providing a beautiful place, and a time to slow down, the children can recognize and experience God's presence which is already within them.

The program was created in 1954 by Sofia Cavaletti and Gianna Gobbi, based on the Montessori principles of "following the child." The child is allowed an opportunity for religious reflection in a prepared environment. The goal of the Good Shepherd program is to foster the child's own relationship with God, through song, art, and individual and communal prayer. The atrium is the prepared environment that contains

beautiful materials based on the Bible and the liturgy.

The children will have access to the atrium each week and a trained staff member will present lessons and supervise the children. Because The Good Shepherd program is a shared experience with adults and children, we will need a parent volunteer each week to help with setup and with assisting the children. Please sign up at least once during the year to observe, and once to assist during your child's session if you have the time.

Please sign up if you have interest in taking a training program (approximately 2 hours long) to be a regular assistant in your child's class in the Good Shepherd program.



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