

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

September 24, 2020



Youth Group Meets

Pastor Melinda is looking forward to our youth joining her and Pastor Rich Hanlon along with members of Athens United Methodist Church Youth Group on Sunday, September 27th from 3-5 pm (rain date October 4) for a river walk at River Front Park in Sayre. Together we will explore God in creation—looking at God’s artistry through time. Gather at the parking lot nearest the Boat Launch (and boat parking.)



Episcopal Relief & Development and the Western Wildfires.



Episcopal Relief & Development continues to support Episcopal dioceses in western states as they assess needs created by the record-breaking wildfires. These fires have destroyed millions of acres of land, homes and property, causing evacuations in many areas and creating unhealthy air quality throughout several states.

Since mid-August the organization's US Disaster Program team has been in close contact with the Episcopal dioceses of El Camino Real, California, Los Angeles, Northern California, San Diego and San Joaquin, holding regular communication calls to assist partners in assessing needs and in deploying their disaster response plans. The team also reached out to dioceses beyond California as wildfires spread in other western states. Diocesan leaders have adapted existing disaster response plans to incorporate additional safety precautions to reduce the potential spread of the novel coronavirus. The economic and physical effects of the pandemic have already disproportionately affected marginalized communities, making the wildfires even more challenging. "Our partners are continuing to monitor the fires and the air quality in their areas, and are reaching out to vulnerable groups to determine needs," said Tamara Plummer, Program Officer, Episcopal Relief & Development. "Right now, we need to let the first responders make it safe before dioceses can begin to provide relief."

There are three phases to a [disaster](#) – rescue, relief and recovery. Learn more about Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program and how the team responds to disasters, such as the wildfires, [here](#). Contributions to the [US Disaster Response Fund](#) will help provide support to disasters such as these wildfires.

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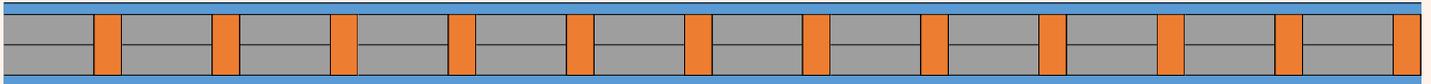


JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS!

This Christmas themed quilt, made by Terri House will soon be on display in the Nave (near the baptismal font). We're in the process of creating tickets so that we can offer it in a raffle as our next fundraising project.

This particular fundraiser will go toward our Stained Glass Windows restoration project. You'll be hearing more about how the Vestry plans to maintain our windows in the next several weeks.

Our thanks to Terri for her generous donation of her time and her talents!



Stacia Sullivan	9/25
Fran Bentley	9/26
Brittany Watson	9/26
Amy Murrelle	9/27
Janice Besecker	9/29

