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Two Events at Capitola Church

On June 24, Sunday, the feast day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Episcopal Church of that name in Capitola will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church building.

Organized 10 years earlier, the congregation had grown and by the end of the century had built the present church at the corner of Escalona Dr. (then called Railway Ave.) and Oakland Ave., on Depot Hill.

Bishop William Ford Nichols came down from San Francisco and formally received the church, June 24, 1899.

The once open fields of the Capitola area gave way through the years, first to summer cottages, then to year 'round resi-

dences. The contemporary congregation comes from an area that reaches down to Corralitos, up to Scotts Valley and Natural Bridges, and may appear in anything from bib-overalls to pin-stripe suits.

The church building itself shows the least sign of change. About 20 years ago some of the chancel furniture was removed to allow more openness and flexibility, and in the mid-1960s the color of the church was changed from brown-red to a more natural green.

Three new stained glass windows were added in the past 10 years and are the work of Terry Evans and the Bursey Studio of Sequel.

To mark the 80th anniversary, several events are

planned. On Sunday the folk mass choir from Resurrection Church in Aptos will join the congregation for a lively contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Soloist Dorothy Peterson will sing and longtime parish member and former organist Peg Feagin will play at the 11

o'clock service.

The parish rector, the Rev. Lawrence Mikkelsen, will preach at all services assisted by other clergy. A reception will follow the service.

A garden party is planned for Sunday afternoon at the home of Jack and Wendy Stevens.

Ordination to Mark Worldwide Milestone

A world premiere will take place Monday evening at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in Capitola, according to the rector, the Rev. Lawrence Mikkelsen.

Connie Cory Hartquist, now a novice in the Community of St. Francis, will become the first woman Franciscan to be ordained in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

She will be ordained a Deacon, one of three sacramental orders of ministry in Catholic Christianity, at 7:30 p.m.

Presenting Sister Connie on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of California, will be Mary Mosby, former senior warden of St. John's; Sister Cecilia, guardian of the Community of St. Francis in the United States; Katherine Dahl Whitten, a co-worker from St.

Luke's Hospital in San Francisco, and the Rev. Mikkelsen.

Ordaining Bishop will be the Rt. Rev. George Barrett, retired Bishop of Rochester, N.Y., who will act on behalf of the Bishop of California, The Rt. Rev. C. Kilmer Myers, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Bishop Myers will be represented personally by his chaplain, the Rev. Lloyd E. Prator.

Sister Connie taught in Santa Cruz for a number of years while a member of St. John's Parish. Her interest in theology

grew along with her interest in working with the terminally ill. When she moved to San Francisco to continue her studies she became an assistant chaplain at St. Luke's. Out of her experience there she has chosen the Rev. Ronald W. McBride, hospital chaplain, to preach the ordination sermon.

Brother Robert SSF, Guardian of San Damiano Friary in San Francisco, will lead the singing of the Litany for Ordinations. The Rev. Teresa Ebel will read the Gospel and Alison Winterle will read the Old Testament Lesson.

Assisting with communion will be the Rev. John L. Duncan, the Rev. David G. Jones and other local clergy. The organist and musical director Cathy Lind will be joined by trumpeter Tim Wilson in festival music.

Sister Connie will be vested in a stole designed by Joanne Cannon of Capitola and made by Karen Greenleaf. Sister Connie also will be vested in an old and rich gold Dalmatic being brought from the chapel of the Bishop's Ranch at Healdsburg for this occasion.

Theme of the ordination is "Not to be served, but to serve," according to the Rev. Mikkelsen.

A reception will follow the service with the following in charge: Rita Young of Corralitos, Dorothy Kenny, Roberta Armenta, Miriam Rasmussen, Lorraine Sohm and Betty Powell.



Mrs. Martha Jane Reed who was the
Patty Reed of the ill-fated Donner Party.

She was active church member

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The Capitola Church as it looked in 1922