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ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

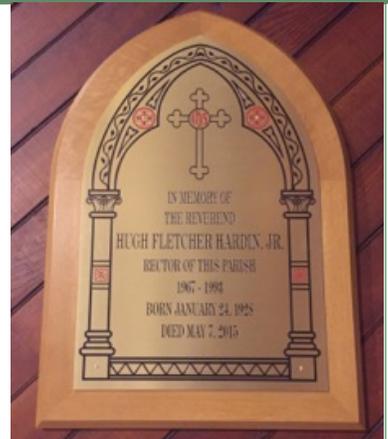
Dear Friends,

In July we had the honor of installing a large brass plaque in honor of the Rev. Hugh F. Hardin in the sanctuary. Hugh's plaque joins plaques in honor of two of his predecessors, the Rev. Ernest Hartmann and the Rev. Ernest Bradley. Hugh was Rector of St. Paul's from 1967 to 1993 and was once again a member of St. Paul's when he died unexpectedly last year. We hope to bless the plaque soon.

We are also hard at work preparing for our next push to create the Hardin Courtyard, a courtyard for St. Paul's that is safe, accessible and beautiful. On Sunday, August 21st, after the 10am service, we are having the first of several community meetings in our newly re-floored Duncan Hall (see picture on Page 3) to share with you all the work that has happened so far and the current thinking of the Vestry and other lay leaders, and to gather your reactions and ideas. It will also include a tour of the courtyard so you can picture the proposed changes in our latest design.

Below please find a schedule for the events of early fall. The schedule doesn't include the ongoing work of our six Discipleship Groups and our five Outreach projects. We are becoming, more and more, a vibrant and rigorous church, all for the glory of God!

Faithfully,
Christopher (cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org)



Early Fall Schedule

- September 6-8 *Bible Studies resume: Tues. 12:30pm, Wed. 10am, Thursdays 6:15pm.
- September 11 *Sunday School for Children resumes during part of the 10am service.
- *Death Café, an open discussion about death and life hosted by Chloe Martin. 4-6pm.
- *Weekly shared Eucharist, Forum and Youth Group begins. 5-7pm at Nativity. A shared ministry of Northern Marin Episcopal Churches. Stay tuned for more on this.
- September 17 *Discipleship Group Workshop in Duncan Hall from 9am to 11am.
- October 8-9 *St. Anne's Book Sale- please keep bringing in those used books!

For more information please visit our website at StPaulsSanRafael.org.
Join the community on Facebook and Twitter. Church Office Phone: 415-456-4843.

St. Paul's Prayer Ministry

by Nancy Skinner

When you put someone on the Prayer List, your responsibility does not end there. You are responsible for tracking your friend's/family's progress in their healing journey. You and the Intercessory Prayer Group work together - you to monitor your friend's/family's progress and the Intercessory Prayer Group to pray for their healing. Please call us regarding their progress or give us a report when we contact you. We will appreciate your help.

To add someone to the Prayer List, you may call the St. Paul's Office or call Nancy Skinner directly at (415)-457-9491 or email at nancyskinner@comncast.net.

What is Your Next Spiritual Step?

- **Morning Prayer** every Tuesday at 7:30am in the church.
- **Bible Studies:** Summer schedule until Sept. 6: Wed. 10am.
- **Spiritual Forum** Sundays 9-9:40am-Exploring the soul.
- **Christian meditation** on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 7pm.
- **Discipleship Groups**, which are small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor. Talk to Christopher about joining a group, and plan to come to the Workshop on Sept. 17 to learn more.

St. Paul's offers many opportunities for you to learn, pray and grow spiritually.

How can I serve the least of these?

- Teen Success Breakfast:** Serve breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.
- San Rafael Health Care:** Help lead a simple worship service with prayers and songs for the residents at the 5th Ave. Health Care center. 11:00 – 11:25 on 1st and 3rd Sunday. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.
- Prison Ministry:** Members of our congregation have committed themselves to a range of service associated with St. Paul's Death Row Ministry, including correspondence and visitation with inmates and hosting family members of inmates coming from out of town for visits. There is a particular need to lend support to the mother of one inmate who drives each weekend to San Quentin from Bakersfield. She routinely arrives on Saturday morning after a drive of nearly six hours and stays overnight on Saturday in order to see her son again on Sunday. If you would consider hosting her, even occasionally, contact Richard (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

Fellowship Opportunities in August

St. Paul's Book Club

Friday, August 19th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. We will be discussing "The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy". This is the sequel to a book we read last year, "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry." We all enjoyed that book and now we will be reading about Queenie Hennessy whom Harold Fry was walking to visit inspired by a letter announcing her eminent demise. For information contact Joy Moss (415)479-6930.

St. Anne's Guild weekly lunch

St. Anne's would be delighted to have anyone who would be interested in our group. Join us on Thursdays. We start at 11:00 in Duncan Hall and some of us knit. We're working on scarves and children's sweaters which we'll offer the parish for sale, and the rest will go to Ritter. We're also sorting books donated for our October Book Sale. Bring your sandwich and we'll have tea and cookies. We have good conversation and enjoy one another.

**St. Paul's
History Corner**
By Joy Moss

Leading up to St. Paul's 150th anniversary, let's take a look at some of the former church members who are memorialized with their gifts to the glory of God and in remembrance of loved ones.



The silver communion set pictured here is often used at the 10 o'clock service at St. Paul's. The set was donated by Emilie Chapman Ashe in memory of her son Robert Packer Rathbun. Not only did Emilie donate the beautiful communion set but also the processional cross as well as the two stained glass windows at the front of the church on the right side. All these memorials were donated by a grieving mother who wanted her only son to be remembered.

Emilie Chapman was born in Pennsylvania in 1868. She married Robert Packer Rathbun in 1887. She became a widow when he died in 1899. She married Richard Porter Ashe in 1905. He was a divorced lawyer and man-about-town in San Francisco.

Emilie Chapman had only one child named after his father, Robert Packer Rathbun. He was born in 1893. In 1910 he was living with his mother and step-father in San Rafael at 320 Fifth Ave. He went to Yale University. He joined the Navy and became an officer in WWI. He continued his service in the Naval reserve. In 1924 he married Charlotte Zeil in St. Paul's Church. Unfortunately, she passed away and he married again to Jane Williams. He worked as an engineer for the state highway commission and was living in Chico when he died of influenza at age 35 in 1928. He was buried in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. But he will always be remembered here at St. Paul's for the beautiful memorials donated by his mother.



A fresh new look for Duncan Hall

Thanks to the leadership and vision of Steve Avanzino, the gift of a carpet from Kathleen Minor, the labor of Larry Santucci, Larry Van Note, Walter Tanner, Tom Witt and Christopher Martin, Duncan Hall has a beautiful new floor. Special thanks to Ron Leach, a Cursillo friend, who installed it.

Children and Youth at St. Paul's

Nursery care is available on Sundays during the 10 am service. Other programs resume September 11. Please contact Kati Dombrosky 415.846.1700 or kdombrosky@gmail.com with any questions about our children and youth programs.

Happy Summer!



Congratulations to our beloved Youth Group Leader and sometimes guest priest, Daniel London, who married Ashley Bacchi on May 20, on the labyrinth at Grace Cathedral. We wish him well as he prepares to defend his Ph.D. dissertation this fall.



Altar Flower Dedications by Alex Elliot

*"All things come of Thee, O Lord,
and of Thine own have we given Thee"*

This verse is one of two from First Chronicles that guide my hands when placing the flowers at the Altar. The other:

"...worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"

Both serve to remind us that what we bring into this Holy House--our offerings of body, soul, heart and bounty--already belong to the Lord. The Altar flowers display the glory of His creation and provide the opportunity for parishioners to raise up in prayer a departed loved one or just to offer thanks.

To make a dedication simply call Alex Elliott at 415-488-7930.

Bring in your Books!

Are your bookshelves overflowing? Have your children outgrown their books? Are there some cookbooks on your shelf that despite your best intentions, you have never cracked? The St. Anne's Guild will be delighted to take these off your hands, and to offer them up at their Annual Book Sale on October 8-9. Please bring your donations to church on Sundays or Thursdays. Proceeds support the ministries of St. Paul's.



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