

THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

Dear Friends-

What a season it's been for the people of St. Paul's!

We have just returned to worshipping on our home campus after having been guests of our brothers and sisters in Christ at Nativity church. Meanwhile, many of you have also visited other churches like Redeemer, St. Francis and St. Andrew's Presbyterian. We have been guests and ambassadors.

Now, we're back home to a steadily improving campus. Thanks to the careful, good humored and persistent leadership of Pat Curtis and Larry Santucci, there are many layers of thoughtful decisions that increase the beauty and usability of the new Hardin Courtyard. We're over the biggest hump, but there's much more to come.

The biggest event of June is Saturday, June 10th. If you've ever done any work serving the poor, the lonely, the sick or the outcast--whether through one of the St. Paul's Outreach Ministries or otherwise--you are encouraged to come to this two-hour conversation, from 9am to 11am in Duncan Hall. Where have we encountered Jesus through your service? Jesus says when we do it to the least, we do it to him, and I believe him. I want to hear your stories and explore with you.

Welcome home!

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Hardin Coutyard Update by Pat Curtis

The Hardin Courtyard is on schedule and on budget! Santos and his Paver Crew did an outstanding job and really put their hearts into their work. Jose, the Concrete person, is finishing the small wall for the ramp to Duncan Hall. Most of the railings are supposed to be installed 6/2. The landscaping is scheduled to start on 6/1. You will notice that there is a step up from the parking lot entrance onto the walkway. This will disappear when the parking lot is repaired and repaved in August. They will level the ADA parking stall and it will be at the same level as the entrance pavers.
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For more information please visit our website at StPaulsSanRafael.org.
Join the community on Facebook and Twitter. Church Office Phone: 415-456-4842.



Sunday, June 4
4-7pm
Duncan Hall

Join us as we raise our voices and our glasses

to celebrate our return to our campus and give thanks to our friends at Nativity who have so warmly welcomed and graciously hosted us during the month of May. All ages welcome. Food and beverages will be

Outreach Conversation

Saturday, June 10
9-11am Duncan Hall

At St. Paul's we follow Jesus in worship, prayer and service. How, if at all, have you encountered Jesus in service to the poor, the sick, the needy? Jesus said surely as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me. Has this been true for you? Come join in conversation whether you're in a Discipleship group or not.

Bring in your Used Books

The St. Anne's Guild Book Sale will be on October 14 & 15, with wonderful prices of \$1.00 and \$.50. We hope everyone will clean out their book shelves and bring the books to the parish hall. And then, of course, refill the shelves from the sale. All kinds of books welcome!



St. Paul's Book Club

St. Paul's Book Club meets the third Friday of the month at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall.

The following is our summer reading list:

- ❖ **June 19** "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles
- ❖ **July 20** "The Tsar of Love and Technology" by Anthony Marra. ** This is the "One Book, One Marin" selection
- ❖ **August 17** "The Inheritance" by Charles Finch

St. Paul's Book Club welcomes new members. 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. Bring your sandwich and we'll have tea and cookies. We have good conversation and enjoy one another.

How can I serve the least of these?

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Ginny Horton at 415.785.7011 or hornlocker@comcast.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. Contact Richard (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

What is Your Next Spiritual Step?

- **Morning Prayer:** every Tuesday at 7:30am in the church.
- **Bible Studies:** Wednesdays 10-11am: Hebrews
- **Spiritual Forum:** Sundays 9-9:40am. Duncan Hall.
- **Christian meditation:** 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm in the Upper Room.
- **Discipleship Groups:** small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor. Talk to Christopher about joining a group.

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

St. Paul's History Corner by Joy Moss

The following article was found in **"The Pacific Churchman" for November, 1924.**

I thought it was appropriate because it parallels St. Paul's recent renovation.

THE NEW ST. PAUL'S SAN RAFAEL

St. Paul's Church in San Rafael has been moved, renovated and a new rectory built. The idea has been in the mind of the rector and the vestry for some time, on account of the local school board wanting the corner on which the old church stood for fifty-six years. Finally the deal was consummated, a new location was acquired- known as the Wilkins property on De Heiry street just back of the court house and very centrally located.

It is a beautiful spot and the grounds present wonderful possibilities for lawn and gardens. The old church which everyone wanted to retain, with the guild hall was moved some seven blocks early in the year. The guild hall was cut off and upon arriving at the new location was placed at right angles to the church, thus forming with the new rectory a quadrangle. The whole set of buildings is stuccoed and with the retaining wall in front of the quadrangle forms one of the most attractive pieces of church property in the Diocese.

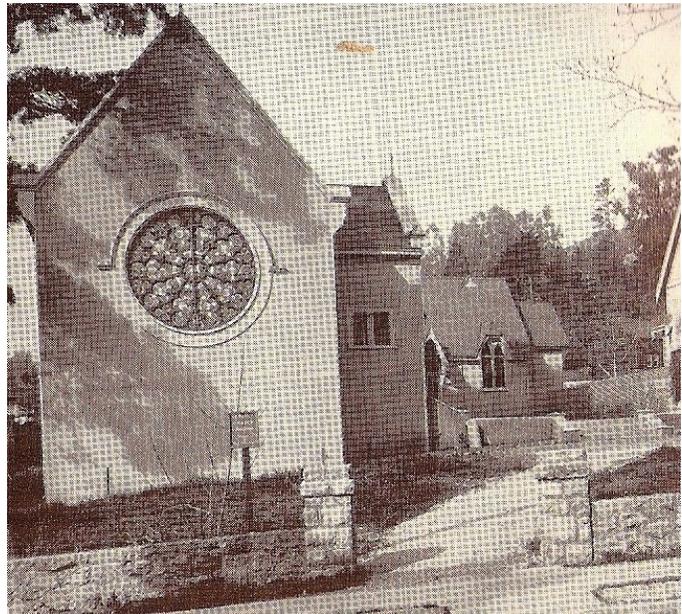
The setting of the new plant called for a new sacristy, kitchen, dressing rooms for the stage and choir room. The Altar Guild finished the sacristy with cupboards and drawers and the Women's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. C.P. Pomeroy finished the kitchen and paid for a hardwood floor in the guild hall. The new rectory matches the general architecture of the church and is a credit to Mr. Frank Howard Allen of San Anselmo, who designed and built it as well as being the general contractor in the moving and renovating the whole plant.

During the moving, the old organ slipped from its moorings and was a total wreck. The accident, however, proved to be a blessing in disguise. The treasurer, Mr. S.L. Abbott, Jr. with the assistance of several generous givers was able to finance the buying of a new organ which has added greatly to the efficiency of the services.

The renovated guild hall affords opportunities for social service work and is being used as such by the rector and Mrs. T. S. Brooke. The whole enterprise has meant a turnover of some \$38,000 and the vestry and committees have been most painstaking in their stewardship sparing neither time, labor nor money in making the move a success.

The Sunday School is in a healthy condition, there is added interest in the services of the church and the rector with his connection with the Hitchcock and Tamalpais military academies, the Scout movement and other social agencies finds his time fully occupied.

All feel there is a bright future ahead for St. Paul's.



Children and Youth at St. Paul's

We are ending the school year, but don't worry we want to end the year right!

- Please join us in this year's last **Family Potluck at coffee hour on Sunday, June 11th!**
- Youth Group will have their last Family Service June 4 from 6-7. Then on hiatus for the summer.
- Our dear nursing students Roxanne and Kristen are moving on to real nursing jobs. Congratulations to them! So, we need babysitters in the nursery for Sunday mornings. I've posted on Craigslist and have only had one bite, but could also use your help via word-of-mouth. Please be in touch.

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Hardin Courtyard Update, cont'd

We've added several projects to be done concurrently with the Courtyard. We moved the perimeter fence to give more room to the parking lot on the side and the garden in front. We are replacing most of the irrigation system to bring it up to code. We're also replacing the railings for the steps to the Education Building and to Duncan Hall to make them safer and bring them up to code. Larry and I are very pleased that the contractors were able to reduce and even out the slope on the pathways. Additionally, the ramp to Duncan Hall is wider and has a better slope. As Thomas Ahrens, the head of the San Rafael Building Department, advised us to do: we have done the best we can with ADA. We think you will find that the Hardin Courtyard is safe, beautiful and very appropriate for St. Paul's.



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