

THE EPISTLE

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

From the Rector

Dear Friends-

The month of June brings us a delightful burst of activity on the first weekend of the month.

- On Friday the 3rd we host a party in the afternoon to celebrate and give thanks for the four and a half year relationship we've had with Young Moms Marin. As Janet writes in the article below, that season is drawing to a close.
- On Saturday the 4th, six of our youth- Samai, Fiona, Emilie, Simon, Dexter and Otis- will be Confirmed at Grace Cathedral by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus.
- On Sunday the 5th, at our 10am service, we baptize Samai's little sister, Yanelli. The service is followed by both a sumptuous reception and our traditional Ice Cream Buffet to celebrate the conclusion of another fine year of Sunday School.

For the remainder of June, things begin to slow down a bit for the summer. For example, the Tuesday and Thursday Bible Studies will take a summer vacation.

I look forward to worshipping with you in June.

Faithfully,
Christopher (cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org)

Young Moms Marin Ministry

by Janet Ward

when a pregnant teen at the Community School turned to her for help. As more girls were drawn to her for support and guidance Young Moms Marin formed. In the four years that St. Paul's has partnered with YMM, nearly 20 teen moms have gathered around the table in Duncan Hall, enjoyed lunch prepared for them by volunteers from St. Paul's, and talked about the serious challenges that affect their lives daily. Meanwhile their children played games, listened to stories, sang songs, and enjoyed a nutritious snack with another group of St. Paul's volunteers in the upstairs playroom. The children and adult volunteers have become like an extended family to each other as each child's milestones - first steps, first words, first day of school, first lost tooth, etc. - bring cheers, claps, exclamations of delight and joy, and lots of high-fives!

Now, as we conclude this joint venture with Young Moms Marin, we want to thank the many volunteers from St. Paul's who have been part of this very important ministry. The warmth, love, and open hearts of our volunteers made Friday afternoons a safe and sacred space for those who walked in the door.

More than four years ago, St. Paul's opened its doors and hearts to Young Moms Marin, a support group for local teen moms started 8 years ago by Teresa Ashby-Burchard



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

The St. Paul's Intercessory Prayer Group has a definite protocol regarding putting people on the prayer list: When you call in a name, usually by phone to Christopher or just to St. Paul's, we put that person on the Acute List unless you specify the Chronic List. Your name goes on the list as "submitter." The Acute List has people who are having surgery which we need the date (not the type or cause) for surgery. Or whatever sudden or present need for whatever reason. We like to keep them on the acute list for a while and then move them to the Chronic List. We need your email address or telephone number so we can keep in touch with you regarding the person you put on the Prayer List.

If you feel the need for anonymity or privacy, you may give just the first name, initials or nickname. The Acute List should be for sudden and sometimes catastrophic causes, and the Chronic List is and should be for the long haul healing. We pray differently for the people on either list: acute and chronic. It is neither better or worse, or more intent or less intent, but it is different. If you have any questions about all this, please feel free to call me at (415)-457-9491 or email me at nancymskinner@comcast.net.

What is Your Next Spiritual Step?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 7:30am in the church. • Bible Studies Summer Schedule: Wednesdays (10am) • 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. 	St. Paul's offers many opportunities for you to learn, pray and grow spiritually.
How can I serve the least of these?	<p>Teen Success Breakfast: Serve breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 olipops@comcast.net).</p>	

Fellowship Opportunities in June

St. Paul's Book Club Friday, June 17th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. We will be discussing "The Curiosity" by Stephen Kiernan. This book is about a ancient man found in the ice and the media storm that follows. All are welcome. Please contact Joy Moss at 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.
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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 commemorated with plaques and windows.



Louise, Mrs. Boyd, Seth and John
Courtesy of the Marin History Museum

the family was in deep mourning. As a memorial, they donated a portion of their estate including the Gate House to the city of San Rafael in 1905. Their donation is still called Boyd Memorial Park just up the street from St. Paul's Church.

To read Joy's full article about the Boyd family, please visit StPaulsSanRafael.org, click the "Community" tab, and select "History." You will see "History Corner" on the right side of the page.

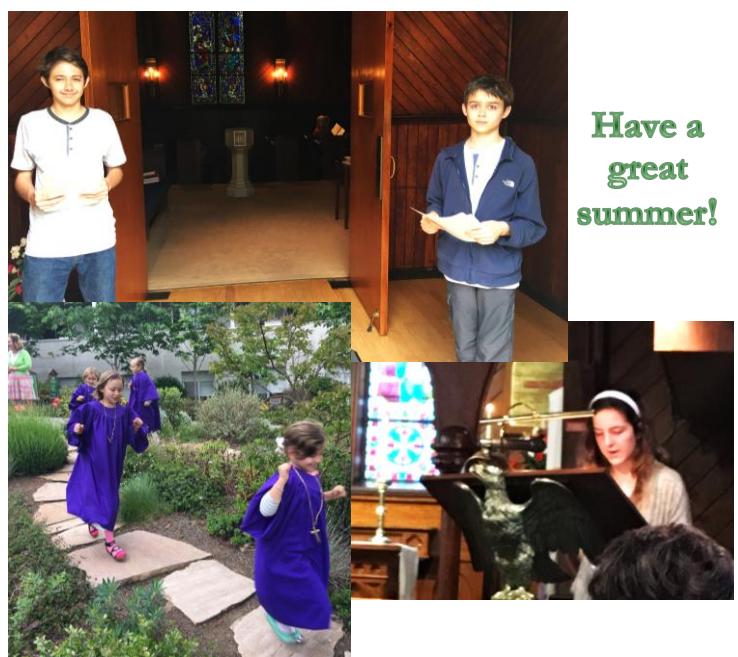
Children and Youth at St. Paul's

Nursery care will be available on Sundays during the 10 am service, but other programs will be on hiatus.

End of Year Celebration Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 5



Please join us for ice cream after the 10 am service to celebrate the end of a wonderful program year for our children and youth. These younger members of our congregation have sung in the choir, served as ushers, acolytes and readers during our services, brought joy with their songs to our friends at San Rafael Health Care Center, been baptized and taken vows of confirmation, learned to pray and had fun with members of other congregations through the Marin Episcopal Youth Group. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in the Christian faith.



**Have a
great
summer!**

June 2016

Death Cafe

Our first Death Cafe was so successful that we're having another one.

Another chance to talk about death.

Anything about it.
No agenda.

An open conversation.
With cookies.

Sunday, June 5
7:00-9:00 pm
Duncan Hall

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Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Downtown Streets Team



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