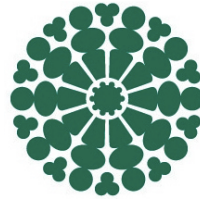


THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

Dear Friends-

At St. Paul's, like at the shopping malls, we start looking to Christmas early. Not only do we have the season of Advent, which begins the last Sunday in November, we also start looking to the coming of Jesus two weeks earlier than that. So, on Sunday, November 13th, the Sunday after the election, we begin preparing our hearts to receive Jesus. Specifically, we sing the first of our seven O Antiphons and hang the first of our seven mini-banners, both of which celebrate a different Old Testament image that pre-figures Jesus.

In addition, this year we will be doing at least two more things. First, our children will be learning the first two verses of six of our best Christmas Carols. These are no longer taught in schools the way they used to be, so if they are going to be passed on to the next generations, it's up to us. Second, I will be preaching sermons that focus on the very basics of our faith: belovedness, forgiveness, mercy and simplicity. After such a toxic political season, we all need a little spiritual healing.

We are blessed to have such a warm sacred space in which to gather together, receive spiritual healing and strengthen ourselves for the secular onslaught. The good news is deep and strong at St. Paul's. Come and tap into it, and invite others in your life to join us too!

Faithfully,
Christopher (cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org)

Ingathering of Christmas Gifts for Ritter Center

This holiday season St. Paul's will be collecting Christmas gifts for the clients of Ritter Center in San Rafael. We will get two barrels, one for the homeless and one for teens. There will be lists for ideas of what to give. Please look for the barrels in Duncan Hall starting on November 11th and return your gifts before Friday, December 9th. Thank you for supporting our ongoing ministry to Ritter Center!



"Thanks" from St. Anne's

The St. Anne's Guild would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed to the success of the annual book sale, whether by donating books, shopping for books, or helping with set up and break down of the sale. It was a great community effort, and it raised over \$700 for the ministries of St. Paul's. Happy reading!

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

Death Cafe

Sunday, November 13 ☘ 4-6pm ☘ Duncan Hall

At Death Cafes, people come together in a relaxed and safe setting to discuss death and share food and drink. The objective is "To increase awareness of death with a view towards helping people make the most of their (finite) lives." Visit deathcafe.com to learn more. Co-facilitated by Chloe Martin & Pat Steuer, RSVP to Chloe at 415-464-7149, chloeadmartin@comcast.net

What is Your Next Spiritual Step?

- **Morning Prayer:** every Tuesday at 7:30am in the church.
- **Bible Studies:** Tuesdays 12:30-1:30pm: The Gospels
Wednesdays 10-11am: Numbers
Thursday 6:15-7:15pm: Letters of Paul
- **Spiritual Forum:** Sundays 9-9:40am-Exploring the soul. Duncan Hall.
- **Christian meditation:** 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm in the Upper Room.
- **Sunday Afternoon Eucharist & Colloquium:** Every Sunday at Church of the Nativity, 5pm Eucharist, 6pm Colloquium
This shared ministry with our sister churches in San Rafael, Nativity and Redeemer has a relaxed, intimate feel. The clergy from the three churches alternate leading the worship and the discussion after.
- **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

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 November

St. Paul's Book Club

Friday, November 18th at 7 pm in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "My Life on the Road" by Gloria Steinem. This is the history of the modern feminist movement told by one of the leaders. A good read!

Everyone is welcome. For information contact Joy Moss (415)479-6930.

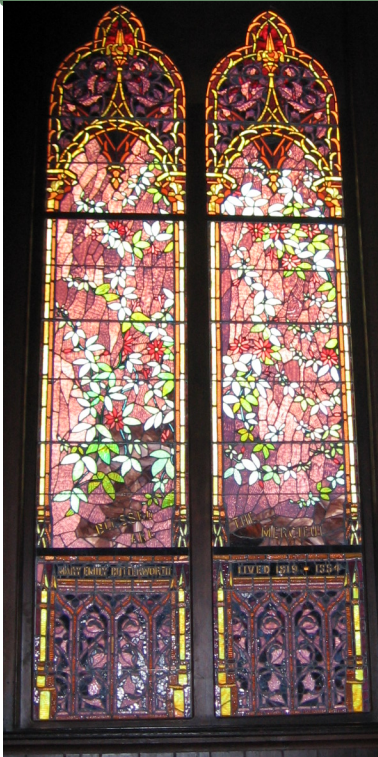
St. Anne's Guild weekly lunch

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.

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.



A stained glass window donated in memory of Mary Emily Butterworth is located on the left side of the church near the front. The local newspaper, The Marin Journal, of Dec. 5, 1889 described the gift as follows:

"A new stained glass window was placed in position in St. Paul's Church on Monday last week. The window is the gift of Mrs. Sidney W. Smith and is erected as a memorial to her mother, the late Mrs. Butterworth who is so affectionately remembered in San Rafael for her high social and Christian qualities of character and for her sympathy and charity to the poor."

Mrs. Butterworth was born Mary Emily Amis in North Carolina in 1818. She married Samuel F. Butterworth in 1840 in Mississippi. Samuel became the manager of the New Almaden Mine near San Jose from 1864 to 1870. When Samuel died, Mary Emily moved to San Rafael to be near her daughter, Corlee Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney V. Smith were two of the original members of St. Paul's Church when it formed in 1868.

Mrs. Butterworth bought the Maillard mansion in San Rafael at the head of H. St.. After Mrs. Butterworth's death the mansion was sold to A.W. Foster who named the estate "Fairhills". The Fairhills neighborhood takes its name from this beautiful estate.

Mrs. Butterworth was something of a local saint. One of her good works was to contribute \$3000 to build St. Paul's Guild Hall when the church

was located on E St.

Mary Emily died in 1884 and her funeral was held at St. Paul's.

Children and Youth at St. Paul's

For school age children, during the 10am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays we have Godly Play, and on the 3rd Sunday, music with Libby, followed by singing at the 5th Avenue Health Care center. The 1st Sunday is a family Sunday and children are encouraged to participate by being an usher, reader, or acolyte. During November and December the children will be learning to sing the traditional Christmas Carols--this is a great time to invite your friends to church! Speak with Kati if your child would like to get involved: kdombrosky@gmail.com or 415-846-1700.

For Middle and High Schoolers, Marin Episcopal Youth Group meets 5:45pm to 7pm on most Sunday nights at Nativity Episcopal Church in San Rafael. We hang out, enjoy snacks, play games, and "sharpen our prophetic edge" by learning about the Hebrew prophets. As we have been doing for years, we will conclude our meetings with a contemplative, candlelit prayer service (Compline). We will continue serving cookies and salad to the guests of the Street Chaplaincy Wellness Gatherings at First Presbyterian Church San Rafael from 5 to 6 PM on the second Tuesday of the month (Nov. 8). For more information and the MEYG 2016-2017 calendar, see: facebook.com/MarinEpiscopalYouthGroup

For our littlest parishioners: Children of all ages are welcome to attend the worship services. During the 10am service we are pleased to provide younger children with a safe and nurturing experience in our lower pre-school classroom. Our wonderful child-care workers, Kristen and Roxanne, love children and have extensive experience in caring for them. When they are not at doing so on Sunday mornings, they are studying pediatric nursing at Dominican.

Hardin Courtyard Update by Pat Curtis

Steve Avanzino, Jay Luther, Christopher and Pat Curtis met with Genevieve McGee, Director of our Marin Day Schools, and regional representatives from Bright Horizons to begin planning how to safeguard the children during the construction period. There is special concern about the noise caused by breaking up the old concrete. The school is starting to explore opportunities to move the children to a temporary location. They also think that after graduation in June may perhaps be a better time than the May timeframe we proposed. Conversations and planning will continue on a monthly basis.

We met with the architect to give him our final changes and agreed that he would produce the drawings necessary to bid the project. He is busy working on a large project in Novato and we will have to wait our turn patiently. We're hoping the complete plans will be available in the next several weeks so we can get contractors working on bidding the project.

We're continuing to figure out what the city needs. So far, it appears that we'll submit the Architectural Plan to the planning department. Any building permits would be obtained by the winning contractor.

We're getting a list of the plantings from Alison Bloom which were depicted in the initial courtyard picture. If you have ideas or preferences, please talk to Pat Curtis. You'll find her along with Larry Santucci in the Project Corner of Duncan Hall most Sundays.

As you can see, Larry is hard at work on behalf of all of us. The parking lot is a separate project from the Hardin Courtyard. We added some striping to make the parking a bit easier. This is a temporary fix. The Vestry hopes to do permanent upgrades after the Hardin Courtyard is complete.



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