

THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

Dear Friends-

One of the seven vows of Discipleship Groups is “by God’s grace, I will listen for God’s call on my life, confident that I have been given ‘a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good’ (I Cor. 12:7) entrusting my Discipleship Group to test and support that call.” We each have a unique set of gifts and a unique piece of work that God wants us to do. I believe we won’t become fully alive until we are using our gifts for God’s glory.

Every Sunday in February I will be preaching on discerning our call. Identifying the gifts of each of us and finding the best ways to use them is a sure path to being a Christian community that’s fun, vital and joyful. Already, we are doing so much that creates a strong community and serves the needs of Marin. As we move toward celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2018, may we go from strength to strength.

Faithfully,
Christopher

Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 5, 2017
11:30
Duncan Hall
Lunch will be served

Lent Begins February 22
Ash Wednesday Services
7:30 AM
NOON
6:30 PM



Team Deacon by the Rev. Alberta Buller

Team Deacon Marin met for the second time on Sunday January 16th, this time at St. Paul’s. Besides

northern Marin’s two Deacons, Alberta Buller from St. Francis of Assisi, Novato, (left, in photo) and Roberta Morehouse from Church of the Nativity, San Rafael, (right, in photo), also in attendance were: Archdeacon, the Ven. Reverend David Stickley, The Reverends Christopher Martin (St. Paul’s), Daniel London (Church of the Redeemer), Vanessa Stickler-Glass (St. Francis of Assisi), Kirsten Snow Spalding (Church of the Nativity) and two members of St. Paul’s congregation-Tanner and Eric.

The four priests will continue their quarterly pulpit swap, visiting and serving between the four churches. The two deacons, will also begin participating in quarterly pulpit swaps among the four congregations. The purpose of the pulpit swaps is to further unite the four central and northern Marin congregations and to help our congregations know and support one another. The deacons would like to spread the word about the diaconate and hopefully raise up more deacons for our diocese. We hope someday ... *(continued on Page 4)*



For more information please visit our website at StPaulsSanRafael.org.
Join the community on Facebook and Twitter. Church Office Phone: 415-456-4842.



This is what Service looks like!
Parishioners from St. Paul's, Nativity, and Redeemer pack 10,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now.

St. Paul's Book Club

Friday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. We will be discussing "The Nest" by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. This story tracks four siblings as they await the dispersal of "the nest" an inheritance set aside by their father until the youngest reaches forty years old. Any one who wants to join 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.

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
Thursday 6:15-7:15pm: Letters of Paul- Phillipians
- **Spiritual Forum:** Sundays 9-9:40am-Exploring the soul. Duncan Hall.
- **Christian meditation:** 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm in the Upper Room.
- **Sunday Evening Eucharist:** 5pm every Sunday at Church of the Nativity. 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.
- **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.
- **Basic Christianity Class** (Started Jan. 22). Sundays 11:30-12:30

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

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.



This stained glass window is the furthest back on the left side of St. Paul's Church. It depicts the story of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. The window was given in memory of DeWitt C. and Nona Deringer. The couple moved to Marin County from Colorado around 1930. They had three children: DeWitt Jr., Caroline and Margaret.

DeWitt Sr. Was quite the innovator. In 1933 he and a partner opened the El Centro Market in San Anselmo. The market was located at Red Hill Ave. And Sequoia Dr.

The El Centro Market was the first drive-in market in Marin County. The specially built market was open to the street with a large variety of fruits and vegetables as well as other groceries. On the day the market opened, the Texas Wranglers, well known radio performers appeared to attract customers. Soon it was announced that the El Centro Market would be open twenty-four hours to serve customers night and day.

DeWitt Deringer died in 1945 and his wife, Nona died in 1953. Her funeral was held at St. Paul's. Nona was born in England and it is interesting how many of St. Paul's former congregation had ties to England.

Children and Youth at St. Paul's

Children are important members of our congregation, and there are a variety of ways that they can learn to be Christian at St. Paul's. On the first Sunday of the month, we encourage families to attend the 10AM service together. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays, we offer Godly Play in a mixed-age classroom. This Montessori based Christian Education program uses storytelling in a prepared environment to teach Bible stories and the vocabulary of the faith. Children hear a story, and have time to respond by doing quiet, contemplative work of their choosing. They return to the church in time to share communion with their families. The 3rd Sunday usually involves singing with Libby, but on February 19th there will be no children's program because of Winter break.

Important dates to know for the Winter and Spring:

February 19th - No Sunday
School (Winter Break)
April 9th - No Sunday School
(Spring Break)
April 15th - Easter Sunday - Egg
Hunt!
April 30th - Host Potluck at
Coffee Hour
May 28th - No Sunday School
(Memorial Day)
June 4th - End of Year Family
Potluck Party

Parent's Night Out

We will be hosting a Parents' Night Out on Friday, February 10th in Duncan Hall from 6:00-9:00. For only \$5/kid, we'll play games, eat pizza and watch a movie. Send them in their PJ's. Please RSVP by Monday, February 6th to Kati at kdombrosky@gmail.com

Marin Episcopal Youth Group

Our Middle and High Schoolers meet most Sunday nights from 5:45-7:00 pm, for fun, prayer, and fellowship with youth from other Episcopal churches in Marin. Note our new location--Church of the Redeemer (123 Knight Dr., San Rafael). On second Tuesdays, they serve and share dinner with the homeless at 1st Presbyterian. For more information and the MEYG 2016-2017 calendar, see: [facebook.com/MarinEpiscopalYouthGroup](https://www.facebook.com/MarinEpiscopalYouthGroup)
NEW Family Service Debuting February 5 at 6:00--The first Wednesday of each month, Daniel and the youth group will host a kid friendly service for families, or people of all ages without kids. Pizza and fellowship to follow. Another wonderful ministry we share with the other Episcopal churches in Marin.

Hardin Courtyard Update by Pat Curtis

In an historic two hours, the Vestry decided what the Hardin Courtyard will look like! After deep and informed discussion, they voted to use Pavers for the Hardscape. The steps, ramps and paths will be various sizes of Pavers. This surface will be safe, accessible and beautiful. Using Pavers will somewhat increase the maintenance costs over the years as Pavers should be cleaned and sealed occasionally and any settling will need to be fixed. Offsetting this downside is that the surface won't crack like concrete inevitably will and Pavers will make a beautiful entrance and setting for the Church. And, the project can be phased in a way that will make it safer for the Marin Day School children, teachers and parents to access the Education Building. We are now working to hammer out the Contract with BlackDiamond which was the lowest and best bid on the project. The start date will be around May 1 and will take four to six weeks. Following the completion of the Paver work, we will landscape the planting areas and spiff up the old planted areas around the Church. Thanks to the generous SPRIF contributions from all of us, we will indeed enjoy and leave for generations to come a lasting, beautiful and safe Hardin Courtyard!

**Team Deacon (cont'd from page 1)**

soon to have two deacons in every church.

If you would like more information about what it means to be an Episcopal deacon, please visit The School for Deacons website: sfd.org or contact Rev. Morehouse (rmorehouse@sfd.edu) or Rev. Morehouse (rmorehouse@sfd.edu) or Rev. Buller (absea711@yahoo.com).

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