

THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.

From the Rector

Dear Friends-

Wow! What a lot of great work has happened on our campus over the last six months. The Courtyard has been replaced by the vastly improved Hardin Courtyard, which we will bless after the 10am service on Sunday, October 22nd. The three bathrooms we use most frequently are now warm, beautiful and clean. The Upper Room and offices now feel like home. And our parking lot, for the first time in anyone's memory, looks welcoming, well marked and strong.

Now, as we put the finishing touches on all this great work, we shift our attention to keeping our campus at this new high level of health and welcome. Our cleaners, Margarita and Carmen, and our gardener, Jose, only come once a week. The rest of the time it is up to us to make our campus like a welcoming home. We have designed a system so it's easy for each of us to clean up after ourselves, sort our trash appropriately and always be mindful that other people will soon be using the spaces we leave.

Finally, the beauty of our campus and the vibrancy of our ministry are created by both our actions and our treasure. This month, please pledge generously for our common work in 2018 when you get your pledge card.

Faithfully,
Christopher (cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org)

St. Anne's Annual

Book Sale

Saturday, October 14 10am-3pm &
Sunday, October 15 9am-Noon

Don't miss this one and only St. Anne's fundraiser for the year. You're sure to come away with some great books, and you'll be supporting the ministries of St. Paul's.

Please tell your friends to come on Saturday for a great selection at unbeatable prices!



Help with Set Up Volunteers are needed on Thursday, October 12 starting at 10:00am into the afternoon to help set up books for the sale. Help with heavy lifting will definitely be needed, but all helping hands--regardless of brawn-- will be welcome and put to work. Thank you!

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

Politics of Virtue Book group, Continued

Our discussion of the book The Politics of Virtue will continue on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7pm in Duncan Hall. You are welcome to come even if you missed the first discussion. Preceded by Evening Prayer at 6:30 in the church and followed by refreshments at 8:30pm.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Would you be willing to sign up to host coffee hour one Sunday? We'll provide instruction and reimburse any expenses for food & beverages.

To take part in this ministry of hospitality, Please contact Chloe at chloeadmartin@comcast.net

Open House at the Martins' Home

Sunday, October 29 from 4-6pm

All are welcome for this family-friendly event to welcome newer parishioners and enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

Please rsvp to chloeadmartin@comcast.net for address

St. Paul's Book Club

Friday, October 20th at 7 p.m. in **Upper Room**. We will be discussing the book "A Man Called Ove" by Frederik Backman. This story takes place in Sweden where Ove takes it upon himself to teach his neighbors the "right" way to do everything. But he learns a thing or two himself before the end. 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:** Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30am in the church.
- **20 minute meditation sit in church:** Tuesday 5:00pm, Thursday 5:45
- **Bible Studies:** Wednesdays 10-11am: Acts 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.
- **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 Discipleship** (Starting Oct. 1). Saturdays 8am-9am, Sundays 12:00pm-1:00pm. Talk to Christopher.

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.

Our beautiful altar as well as the brass candlesticks are the gifts of Mrs. Alice Talbot. She also gave the standing candlesticks that are presently in Duncan Hall. The altar, constructed of golden oak and the standing candlesticks are given in memory of her mother and father, Helen Maud Burton and George Ball Burton. The plaque on the altar memorializes them with the quote, "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God." The brass candlesticks on the altar are in memory of her husband, Andrew Pope Talbot, pictured above, who died in 1901.

Alice Burton married Andrew Pope Talbot in 1891 in Rhode Island. The couple moved to San Francisco where Andrew joined the family firm of Pope and Talbot, a wholesale lumber business who were also involved in shipping. This business was quite successful. A book, written in 1949 details the history of Pope and Talbot. The title is "Time, Tide and Timber: a Century of Pope and Talbot". Interestingly, it is written by Edwin T. Coman, Jr. the son of a prominent member of St. Paul's.

Alice lived in San Francisco until her husband died in 1901. She moved to San Rafael with her son, Andrew Burton Talbot and they lived at 526 Belle. Alice was an active member of St. Paul's and involved in many charitable organizations. Her son preceded her in death dying in January, 1938. Alice died in August of 1938 and her funeral was held at St. Paul's. She was survived by her granddaughter, Lorna Talbot and her grandson, Andrew Burton Talbot, Jr.



Andrew Pope Talbot
*From the collection of Sourisseau
Academy, San Jose, CA*

Children and Youth at St. Paul's

Contact Kati at
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415-846-1700

- 1st Sundays - Family Sunday (no Sunday School)
- 2nd and 4th Sundays - Godly Play
- 3rd Sundays - Music Sunday with Libby
- 5th Sundays when they come up - Coffee Hour Potluck

Nursery Care Workers Needed

We are still looking for babysitters for the nursery. If you know of anyone, please share this with them. "We need 2 babysitters for Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am and occasionally earlier and/or later on special occasions. You must have incredible references (3) and be CPR and 1st aid certified. \$20/hr. Interviewing will begin right away!"



MARIN EPISCOPAL
YOUTH GROUP

Our Middle and High Schoolers meet most Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm at Church of the Redeemer (123 Knight Dr., San Rafael), for fun, prayer, and fellowship with youth from other Episcopal churches in Marin. On second Tuesdays, they serve and share dinner with the homeless at 1st Presbyterian. This year they have the opportunity to prepare for confirmation. For more information and the MEYG calendar, see: facebook.com/MarinEpiscopalYouthGroup or contact Daniel London daniel.london@gmail.com.

Hardin Courtyard Dedication

October 22 after the 10 am service

We will celebrate Community, Generosity and Stewardship as we dedicate the Hardin Courtyard. This marks the wonderful completion of the Renewal of the Campus--courtyard, parking lot, bathrooms, upper rooms, painting and more. Members of the Hardin Family will join us. Bruce Burtch will take a photo of the People of St. Paul's which will be the centerpiece of the SPRIF Wall in Duncan Hall. Along side the photo will be framed plaques of Honor Role of Contributors to SPRIF III, signatures of all the artisans that worked on the Courtyard and pictures of the project.



Save the Dates

St. Paul's 150th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7pm

Choral Evensong

With The Right Reverend Marc H. Andrus
followed by Dessert Reception

Saturday, January 27, 2018

St. Paul's Parish Dinner/Dance

Details and invitations to follow

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Open House

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