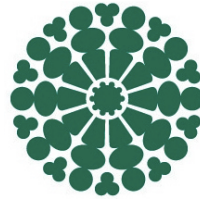


# THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S  
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*Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.*

## From the Rector

Dear Friends-

Thank you to all of you who filled out the Spiritual Life Inventory. Each one of you has given all of us a priceless anonymous picture of where you are in your relationship to God.

Now, a team of nine people, led by Jacob Moody, is going to meet four times from now until early December to prayerfully look at the information and make some observations and recommendations. The survey helps us see where we are right now, where we hope to be, and may suggest some best ways to get there. By the time of the Annual Meeting on the first Sunday in February, that team will have recommendations to share with all of us. These recommendations have the potential to be a great gift. May we receive it in that spirit.

Later this month, we pivot to our annual stewardship effort. Simply put, we ask you to fill out a card telling us how much money we can expect from you in 2019. Those cards help the Vestry, our governing board, determine our budget for the coming year. The more you pledge, the more we are able to pursue our mission of following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service and, next year, whatever new paths have been revealed as a result of the Spiritual Life Inventory.

These are good days at St. Paul's. We are learning together, we are serving the poor, we are welcoming new people including families with children and youth. May God grant that we go from strength to strength!

Faithfully,

Christopher



### Help with Set Up

Volunteers are needed on **Thursday, October 11 starting at 9:00am** 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!

## St. Anne's Annual Book Sale

Saturday, October 13 10am-3pm &  
Sunday, October 14 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!

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

**Downing Library Book of the Month**

by Tom Witt

This month, for your intellectual delight, we are star-lighting the monumental *Story of the Jews* by British historian and Columbia University professor, Simon Schama. His celebrated anthology is being published in three volumes and St. Paul's Downing Library is pleased to offer the first two.

In this magnificently illustrated cultural history – the source material for the PBS and BBC series of the same title – Schama details the roots and influence of the Jewish experience, tracing it across three millennia, from beginnings as an ancient tribal people to the opening of the New World in 1492 – up to the modern day.

**"Schama has made an eloquent and a far-reaching case for why Jews needed a small piece of earth they could call home." – The New York Times Book Review**

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams described Schama's work as "immensely erudite – and compulsively readable."

We invite you to the piece of earth we fondly call the Downing Library on the second floor above Duncan Hall. To borrow any book, just fill out a library card with your name, book title, author and date. As always, happy reading!

**St. Paul's Book Club**

meets Friday, Oct. 19th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is *Border Child* by Michael Stone. This novel is right out of the newspaper headlines. A Mexican family loses their baby daughter at the border. The parents try every path to locate her. A heart wrenching story. 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. 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:** With the start of the new school year, there's a new group of hungry teens at the Community School, and we are looking for some new, dedicated volunteers to join this ministry to serve them breakfast, with love. If you would like to learn more, please contact Ginny Horton at 415.785.7011 or [hornlocker@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:ollipops@comcast.net)).

**What is Your Next Spiritual Step?**

- **Morning Prayer:** Tuesday at 7:30am in the church.
- **Bible Studies** Wednesdays 10-11am: Gospel of Luke  
Thursdays 6:15-7:15pm: Letters of Paul
- **Spiritual Forum:** Sundays 9-9:40am: Reading T.S. Eliot's poem, *Four Quartets*. Duncan Hall.
- **Christian meditation:** 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7pm in the Upper Room.
- **Afternoon 20-minute meditation in the church:** Tuesdays at 5pm  
Thursdays at 5:45
- **Discipleship Groups:** small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor.

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

**St. Paul's  
History Corner**  
By Joy Moss

As we celebrate St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> 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 photo was taken to show the abundant Easter flowers decorating St. Paul's Church in 1913. The church had not yet moved from its original location of Fourth and E Street.

Looking behind the Easter lilies, it is possible to glimpse the brass altar rail. Recently, Eric Guastavino polished the cross on the gate of the altar rail and it was possible to read the dedication engraved in the decoration. It reads "Donated by the altar guild in loving memory of Nannie Evans."



*Easter flowers at St. Paul's Church in 1913. From the collections of the Anne T. Kent California Room at the Civic Center Library*

Nannie Evans was the daughter of

Col. W. H. Harney. She was born in San Francisco in 1857. She married Evan C. Evans at St. Paul's Church in 1885. She became an active member of St. Paul's. She and Evan had three sons: Evan Jr., Harry and Arthur. She and Evan had just built an expensive home at 120 Laurel Place in San Rafael when she had a failed operation and died in 1904. Her funeral was held at St. Paul's with the Rev. Charles Hitchcock giving the funeral sermon. She is buried at Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery.

It is ironic that the altar rail was donated by the church altar guild, since it is a constant chore for the present altar guild to polish the rail and keep it shiny.

**Children and Youth at St. Paul's**

We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers, led by our lay staff-person, Kati Dombrosky, creating nurturing and creative programs, and beautiful, comfortable spaces for our children to learn about Jesus, the Bible, how to pray and what it means to be a Christian. Children of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend services, and, as they grow, to participate in leading the services as readers and acolytes. Nursery care is always available in the lower classroom during the 10am service. Here's the schedule for our school-age children:

- October 7th - Godly Play
  - October 14th - Music Sunday School with Libby
  - October 21st - Godly Play
  - October 28th - Family Sunday, worshiping together in church
- For more info: Kati Dombrosky: [kdombrosky@gmail.com](mailto:kdombrosky@gmail.com) 415-846-1700



**Marin Episcopal Youth Group**

Marin Episcopal Youth Group is kicking off a new season of youth activities that will include both Sunday evening gatherings as well as Faith-In-Action volunteer events. *Please note that our Faith-In-Action events will be eligible for school community service credit.*

**\* Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 to 4:00 Gleaning at Green Gulch Farm and Zen Center,** where we will join other youth from Marin County. We'll spend one-half hour receiving an introduction to meditation followed by two hours of work in the fields where we will clean out old plantings and groom the gardens for new crops.

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**\* Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>-- 9:00 to 12:00**

**Volunteering at the Marin Food Bank.** We'll be packaging food for delivery to the Food Bank Store and for pickup-up by those-in-need.

**\*Sunday, October 21<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30pm at Nativity.** This will be our first group meeting of the year in which we will explore our Fall theme of "Everyday Heroes" in conjunction with the values of the Gospel Food and drink will be provided.

**\* Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>-- 10:30 to 1:00 Serving lunch at St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall** Feeding the homeless and others in need at the hall is a great experience and will give you an insight and education into the workings of supporting the homeless community in San Rafael and Marin County.

**\*Sunday evening, October 28<sup>th</sup> --6:00-7:30 pm at Nativity.** This will be our second group meeting of the year and we will continue to explore "Everyday Heroes" in conjunction with the values of the Gospel . So come join us – and bring a friend if you like. You'll have a great time. Please contact Rev. Gerry Caprio at [geraldcaprio@hotmail.com](mailto:geraldcaprio@hotmail.com) for more info and to RSVP

**VESTRY FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018**



As we move into Autumn, the St. Paul's Vestry invites you to the 2018 Fellowship Brunch. We are truly blessed here at St. Paul's, and the Vestry wants to thank each and every one of you for all that you do for the Church. Our regular coffee hour after 10AM Mass on the 21st will be a sumptuous champagne brunch to kick-off our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Let us celebrate what we are creating here at St. Paul's, and we hope to see you on the 21st!

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