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From the Desk of Rev. Audrey

I was reminded of a beautiful poem that was shared a couple years ago at the Diocesan Convention, this poem was penned by Sir Francis Drake and is an important message for us all. What I like, particularly, is the urgency of the voice. It speaks to the heart of where we often find ourselves in our complacency and our busyness.

Drake speaks earnestly and with compassion to each of us. I would commend to you to hear this message in the midst of your life – where do you hear the plea to change? Where do you hear the ache to return? Where does this message resonate in your life? Where in your life have you lost your way?

Lent is our season of “re-set” – an extended time where with honesty and courage we examine and re-examine our lives. I invite you to use Drake’s poem as the template for that examination.



Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.
This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.

With much peace and prayer to you each,

Audrey+

From the Desk of Rev. Jeff

The Holy Spirit. The Breath of God. The Third Member of the Trinity. The Comforter, the Advocate. The fresh wind that breathes new life and nudges us to fuller life.

It brings to mind that first day in Spring, when the weather is finally back to a delightful balmy temperature and the breeze is fresh. I can turn off the heat, and open all the windows and doors. The fresh air makes my home feel almost new again, and energizes me to clean and do yard work, bringing my home back to what it is at its best.

I like the balance this brings. I find great comfort in the refreshment of that breeze in the safety of my own home. I also find in it the gentle intoxicating nudge to step out and see what is around the corner, much like Toad in Wind in the Willows, or Moana as she learns her true calling, in spite of her father's desires to keep her on the island.

The breath of the Spirit is another facet of the "both/and" that the Anglican experience offers. We have the solid home of the anchor of our past, something often lost in West Coast culture. In the effort to find the coolest new thing, the greater culture misses the gems that are timeless, and severs our connections to our past. On the other hand, in our desire to find new ways of making a better world for tomorrow, we keep our windows and doors open to the breeze of fresh ideas that keeps us from becoming completely stagnant, stuffy, and closed off.

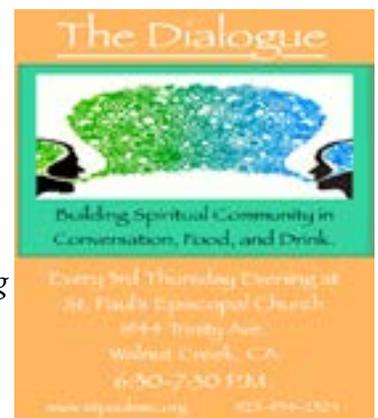
I think this is what the Spirit keeps driving us toward: allowing the fresh breeze of our context to offer us insight into how to best do Spring cleaning of our beloved and time tested home. The message of Jesus is a way of living that refreshes in us the best way to care for our homes. The stifling tendency of human fear shut the windows on this Way, as seen in his crucifixion. Nonetheless, The Spirit breathed new life into Jesus, and then into his Apostles, making possible what we have today in our life together as St. Paul's.

As we prepare our home for a new rector, and as we continue to expand on our offerings of church, we open our windows, we breathe in the new air, and we make the comfort of our home a welcome place for Walnut Creek. What is the Spirit trying to breathe in us? What comfort do we draw from this community? Are there some aspects of St. Paul's that have been swept in a corner that need to be refreshed? In what ways are we holding our breath, and how do we exhale and breathe again? I look forward to exploring these questions with you as we celebrate the seasons of Easter and Pentecost.



Rev. Jeff Dodge

A perfect way to explore this new breath is to join us for the Dialogue every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.! This is a new take on a very old practice: sharing a meal and our stories of our relationship with God and each other.



Reflections

About eight years ago, during a difficult time in my life, I found myself attending an Episcopal church. The experience was so sustaining and affirming that the church-going habit stuck. Eventually, I started attending St. Paul's. I was raised Methodist and have been a lapsed church-goer most of my adult life. So, when Reverend Audrey recommended Reverend Jeff's confirmation class, I decided it was time to find out what being Episcopal is all about.

As of this writing, we are three sessions into confirmation class. Finding out what it is to be Episcopal is going to be a life-long quest. Being in class with Rev. Jeff and other students is quite a Socratic experience. Yes, we are exploring the history, liturgy, and practice of the Episcopal Church. More than that we are exploring what spirituality means to us and striving to see ourselves in the framework of the Church. This is a challenging experience, and quite often mentally tiring. Now I know why my former fifth grade students would glaze over from time to time! But, I know good teaching when I see it and feel grateful to be on the receiving end of learning and exploring ideas. Rev. Jeff has a way of making the material personal and adjusts to the conversation while sticking to the agenda. It is also an opportunity to see faith from the viewpoint of fellow students. There is much combined wisdom and experience in the room, and often I am struck by the commonality of being human.

Whether or not I will participate in a confirmation ceremony is a question I have not answered. But, I know I have missed class during the Christmas break and am looking forward to our next session.

It is never too late to join the conversation.

Jessica Beerbaum

Musical Notes



Many thanks to all who participated in our merriest of Christmas seasons, and our terrific Lessons and Carols Celebration!

Love and ashes overlap this February, as Valentine's Day coincides with Ash Wednesday. The "dust" reminds us how life is indeed short, and to use our time well while we are here.

Our chosen theme for Lent this year is "Reflections on the Journey", evoking Christ's ascetic retreat in the desert, a time for introspection, purification, meditation and prayer. Musically our fare will be simpler, foregoing the organ prelude, singing hymns which are more reserved. On Laetare Sunday* in mid-Lent our late service will feature chant and a cappella singing.

Through Lent we anticipate the joys to come of Easter when life and hope are resurrected, and musically we again "pull out all the stops." We look forward to having St. Paul's Festival Brass Ensemble back with us then!



I would like to start up the Handbell Choir again. We need just a few people willing to ring a bell. The learning curve is easy. Please let me know if you might be interested. Thank you.

* *Laetare Sunday on Lent IV comes from the Introit of the day: "Laetare, Jerusalem" which means "Rejoice, O Jerusalem".*

Dwight Stone

Aging Well

It's Flu Season

As a pharmacist, I want to share with you a few tips on how to navigate the cold/cough/flu aisles at your local pharmacy. First, determine if you have the flu, a cold or allergies. Flu is particularly prevalent this year and can be the most dangerous for children and older adults. Flu appears mostly below the head with chest congestion, usually with a fever and severe tiredness. For older adults whose immune systems are weaker this can often turn into a bacterial infection such as pneumonia, so treating it early is advised. If you are older, have a compromised immune system, do not wait long to go to the doctor. There is a prescription, Tamiflu, which if taken within the first 48 hours can lessen the length and severity of the flu. Young children should also be treated quickly for the flu. This is a severe season so high risk adults and young children should call the doctor within the first 48 hours if possible.

Both the cold and the flu are viruses. There is no treatment that will take away the underlying virus. Getting a flu shot yearly and washing your hands frequently are the best preventions. There are over the counter (OTC) drugs to treat the symptoms. With probably a thousand choices in the cold and cough aisle it really boils down to a few ingredients. When looking at products look at the ingredient list to get the best handle on what you need. There are several categories and drugs within these groups. Here is a list of the most common and effective.

Decongestants: these drugs unclog a stuffy nose.

- Pseudoephedrine (sold behind the pharmacy counter) Brand name Sudafed. Do not take with high blood pressure.
- Phenylephrine is Sudafed PE. It is sold OTC but does not work as well as pseudoephedrine. Do not take with high blood pressure.
- Oxymetazoline is Afrin nasal spray. This should not be used for more than five days due to a rebound effect that can cause even more congestion.

Expectorant: these drugs liquefy and thin mucus.

- Guaifenesin: Goes by the brand name Mucinex.

Antihistamines: these drugs dry out your nose and stop allergic responses.

- Diphenhydramine is Benadryl: best used for allergic responses, and may cause drowsiness. It is also used as a sleep aide.
- Loratadine or Claritin: non-drowsy once daily dosage.
- Fexofenadine or Allegra: non-drowsy usually twice daily.
- Cetirizine or Zyrtec: once daily dosage can sometimes cause drowsiness (not as often as Benadryl).

Cough Suppressants: these drugs stop or break up a cough.

- Dextromethorphan: Delsym also found in combination with guaifenesin i.e. Robitussin DM.

This is a brief list of the most common flu and cold ingredients. You should pick a product based on your symptoms and the ingredient list. I prefer products with fewer ingredients because you can then dose them according to your needs. If you get a product with Tylenol and cough suppressant and an antihistamine you may get too much of one ingredient and not enough of another so buying them separately lets you dose the drugs more in line with your symptoms.

I hope this season finds you healthy and well.

Susan Burpee

Special thanks to Walter Beerbaum for designing, building, and donating this removable table for services in the round!!!
This will improve the flow of the Eucharist and is quite gorgeous!

Join us for the Dialogue every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.! Come add your story to the story of God with us.



Things St. Paul's People Like to Do

Sewing

Sewing is one of my many hobbies. I may have inherited the gene from my paternal grandmother, who was an expert seamstress and quilter. In high school I took home economics, and I have been doing something with fabric ever since. My solid Bernina machine was purchased after college with one of my first Navy paychecks, and it has accompanied me everywhere except to Antarctica.

I enjoy collecting interesting fabrics; sometimes I even know what I want to make when I buy them. Often when I travel, I like to pick up some local cloth or yarn (I also crochet and knit), and then whatever I create reminds me of that place and people. Sometimes I will see an article of clothing and think, "I could make that – with pockets!" My quilting skills are less precise than creative. Whatever the outcome (and there are plenty of "failures"), the process is, for me, a source of joy. Whatever the genesis, when I am involved in a project, I experience the "flow."*

One result of this productivity, and a challenge for me, is finding homes for my creations. Living in our lovely climate, I can only wear a quilted jacket a few times a year (see photow below), and our wall and storage spaces are not infinite. Fortunately, there are several outlets, including: Dress a Child Around the World (see photo on right); sewing Christmas stockings for Youth Homes; Quilt for Hospice; and layettes and baby quilts for the County hospital. The idea that others will benefit from something I have made adds another layer of joy to this pastime.

**In positive psychology, "flow," also known as "the zone", is the mental state of operation in which a person performing an activity is fully immersed in a feeling of energized focus, full involvement, and enjoyment in the process of the activity. – Wikipedia*

Emily Hopkins



Warm Winter Nights

Warm Winter Rotating Family Shelter Update

Our Winter Nights session is over. From January 1, to January 15 we had eight families staying in their tents in our parish hall. We had 10 adults and 15 children. Nine of those children were seven years and under.

St. Paul's Congregation was responsible for all the meals and volunteer staffing for the first week. Our co-host, Hillcrest Congregational Church, staffed the second week under the capable leadership of Angie Beal. In spite of needing to shuffle our volunteers because of illnesses, all went smoothly.

This is a big THANK YOU to the following people who cheerfully gave their time to help our guests have full tummies, showers, fun activities and warm clean beds. Nancy and John Erle, Bill King, Sue Phalen, Richard Kemink, Nancy Falkenstine, Steven Falkenstine. The Mortons, Mary Jane Wood, The Tcheng Family, Pete Banwell, The Soares, Pat Baxter, Kathy Kelsay, Susan Burpee, Susan Morton, Mark Sturgess, Pete Smyth, Sue and Walt Busenius, Ruth Baney, Mike Siebert, Maureen Horton, Pedro Mendoza, The Glasses, Tom Stone, Wayne Morris, Marianne Johnson, St. Paul's Staff, Phil Webster, Earl and Judy Schremp, The Leveque family, Emily Hopkins, the Yales, Laura Williams and others who helped but did not sign the volunteer sheets. I also want to thank Ita Perez of My Spanish Village for the loan of outdoor toys for our young guests.

Sue Phalen

Did You Know?

The plate used for the bread is called a *paten* and the cup used for the wine is called a *chalice*. The napkin used to clean the chalice after each person is called a *purificator*.

The consecrated wine and bread that is left over cannot be thrown into a trash bin but instead must either be consumed or given back to the earth from which it came. You may throw the bread out for the birds and pour the wine out onto the ground.

St. Paul's, Our History (Part 5)* 1970-1986

The bronze plaque next to the chapel was set in place in 1972, calling attention to the Chapel's status as the oldest church in Walnut Creek.

David Walter Ramsell was the grandfather of life long member Marion Perry, great-grandfather of Kim Roberts and great-great grandfather of Megan Roberts, all three of whom are current members of St. Paul's. He was born in Boston in 1879. He served as our Sexton for many years. He was at church almost every day from early morning until evening, tending to the care and upkeep of St. Paul's. After his death in 1955, parish members and his family built and installed the Ramsell Altar, which today is more visible and well used than ever. The altar and credence table, built by Harold Morris and John Hawthorn, are behind the east side stained glass window in the Healing Prayer Alcove. The altar rail enclosure is now home to our drums, and is near the doors on the southeast side of the church. This memorial altar calls to our attention five generations of St. Paul's members.

In 1973, St. Paul's had the good fortune to appoint Laura Lott as our official historian. Ms. Lott served for many years and her 1975 history of St. Paul's is very thoroughly researched and well written. This current history relies heavily on Ms. Lott's work.

In 1974, we welcomed our neighbor, BART, from whose tracks riders could, and still do, get a good view of the Chapel.

The Food Pantry opened in 1975. At the conclusion of the year, St. Paul's had 510 communicants and our income was \$106, 608.

Nancy Burchett made history by becoming our first woman lay reader in 1976.

Fr. Alfred Seccombe left St. Paul's in 1977 and the next year, we called Fr. Stephen McWhorter to be our fifth rector. Born in West Virginia, he attended West Virginia University and Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts, graduating in 1967. He was ordained the same year and served in several assignments before being called to St. Paul's. During Fr. McWhorter's leadership, we acquired the property just to our east, currently the Youth Center and Fellowship House. Fr. McWhorter was a dynamic and charismatic preacher. He acquired the beautiful organ which we now hear every Sunday morning in the Chapel.

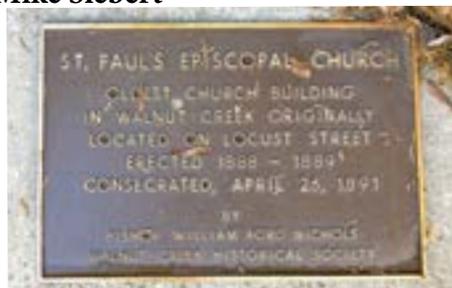
In 1987, St. Paul's celebrated its centennial, and had a fabulously successful celebration over four weekends in which we invited back our former rectors and their families, all of whom attended and spoke. It is our great fortune that all of these sessions were recorded on audio tapes, so we have some wonderful reminiscences and an absolutely show stopping performance by Bob Schroder, one of our senior members. Bob, along with Marion Perry and Lyle Morton, were all baptized in the chapel when it was still on Locust Street. Bob acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Centennial, and gave a very thorough and entertaining history of Walnut Creek.

Fr. McWhorter left us in 1986, and we began a two year search for our next rector.

Next time:1988-2018.

*See parts 1-4 in previous 2017 editions of Epistle.

Mike Siebert



Plaque designating Chapel as oldest Church in Walnut Creek



Chapel Organ, installed in the 1980's



The Ramsell Altar

St. Paul's Commons

There is lots of activity as we move into the final planning phases for the St Paul's Commons Project. We are looking to start construction, possibly in April!

The final contractor bids are being reviewed and refined to bring cost down and assure that we are within budget, insure that all the design needs are met, and that we have a safe and durable building. We are also requesting increased funding from the City of Walnut Creek and the County housing funds to cover any gaps. Final review at the Walnut Creek Design Review Commission is a condition of our building permit and that is tentatively planned in February.

The ground lease has been reviewed by all parties including Resources for Community Development, St Paul's Vestry, our financing partners and the Episcopal Dioceses Standing Committee. The target for approval is in February. The first-floor lease back is the next legal document that will be worked on.

There is lots of work going on for the Trinity Center temporary site with a target move date in March.

We can all be proud of this project to improve access to affordable housing in our community!

Molly Clopp

Vestry Highlights

December 2017 - January 2018

Due to the 2018 budget deficit the Youth Minister position will not be funded for 2018. Those duties will transition to Associate Rector Rev. Jeff. We appreciate the good work and service of Sean Potts, and he will get outplacement counseling provided by St. Paul's. The downsizing of the staff, though an important step to a balanced budget, does not solve our budget deficit for 2018.

The Rector Search Committee is on track. Their work remains confidential as of January.

A Vestry Committee reviewed the church bylaws, and revisions will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Delegates and alternates for Diocesan Convention also are presented at the annual meeting.

St. Paul's Commons project funding, ground lease and construction plans are in final phases. Trinity Center will move to a temporary location so the old buildings can be razed. There will be a "decommissioning" ceremony for the many folks who have utilized these places over the years.

Financial information is published periodically in the Sunday announcements, and minutes of Vestry meetings are available for review in the church office.

Emily Hopkins

Trinity Center

Update on our move to the temporary location: We will be moving sometime during the middle or end of March, and welcome the help of volunteers with their muscles, trucks, paint brushes, etc. We are so excited to be in our temporary location to allow time and space for our new facility as well as low-income units to be built. If you would like to be on our update list for volunteers with the move, please email jennyq@trinitycenterwc.org. Please feel free to check our website for the most current updates of our next steps. Thanks everyone!

Volunteers - We Thank You! We would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge shout-out to our wonderful volunteers. We have generous souls who come in to assist with various activities. These include, but are not limited to; working the food shed and clothing pantry, assisting in doing intakes with new members, promoting member advocacy, helping with paperwork, and answering phones and delivering messages to the appropriate individuals. In 2017 alone, we had 1,756 completed volunteer shifts, equaling 5,415 hours worth of volunteer time! We could not do the work we do without the help of our volunteers and are thrilled to be able to maintain our relationships with each and every one. We do still have some opportunities if anyone is looking! We are in need of more volunteers for our Evening Program to help with dinners, operate as floor monitors, and assist with driving. If you or anyone you know is interested, please sign up using this link: <http://signup.com/go/JLFNNZS>.

Donna Colombo

Introducing our New Vestry Members



Amanda Cruz is a Walnut Creek resident living in Saranap with her husband and three-year-old son. The family has been attending St Paul's since their move to California from Michigan in 2014. She works as a regulatory expert at the USEPA in San Francisco. Her hobbies include baking (bread and cakes), crochet and travel.



I am Frank Holbrook, born and brought up just outside of Boston, Massachusetts. Attended School of the Museum of Fine Arts as a secondary education. Moved to California in mid-1970. Worked in various art galleries and did calligraphy for Grace Cathedral Concert Series. In 1980 moved to Napa Valley and worked for the City of Napa Planning Department excelling in Historical Preservation. At the time I also began my Interior design business Frank Holbrook Design. Spent time also at C.D.S.P and united with many Episcopal friends. As time went on I become friendly with Bishop Mayers and attended to him in his final day. I moved to Walnut Creek 25 years ago and continue to enjoy my work in design and very much enjoyed the new friends and relations I have made at St. Paul's.



Julie Layne: In search of a new church home, I came to St. Paul's at the end of August 2006, and have enjoyed being a part of this community ever since. I was taught early in life that if you want to feel a part of something, you have to get involved on some level. Being an active participant heightens what you receive in return. As such I've enjoyed working in the Bookstore and the Parish Office, and serving at our liturgies as an usher, lector, and cup bearer. In a "previous life" I was involved in organizing and implementing large campus events at UC Berkeley, so I have felt particularly at home working with the Parish Life, Valentine Tea, and St. Paul's Commons committees. Being a member of Vestry is an honor and requires a sincere commitment to the Parish. I look forward to serving this special community.



I am Tom Stone and am originally from Salisbury in the UK. I trained as teacher and taught there for over 30 years. I now live in Walnut Creek with my spouse Wayne Morris and we both have attended St Paul's for the past three years. I now work full time with Special Needs children at Stanley Middle School, Lafayette. I play the Euphonium and Trombone in the St. Paul's Brass group and am also presently serving as a Lector. I would be very honored to serve on the St Paul's Vestry during this very important period for the church.

We thank the outgoing Vestry Member, David Mattern, and Clerk of the Vestry, Molly Clopp, for their years of devotion and service to St. Paul's Church!

Vestry Teams

Parish Life

Is coffee really the third sacrament of the Episcopal church? The Episcopal Handbook page 61 offers this fanciful statement along with a myriad of other information about Episcopal Church history, sacraments, the Bible and 16 pages of Episcopal terminology. If you don't learn something from this small book you must have gone to seminary!

The coffee hour is a staple at St. Paul's and has been for generations of parishioners. Coffee hour happens after the Sunday 7.30 and 9.30 a.m. services 52 weeks of the year. Not to have coffee hour would be like not having church. Coffee hour enables us to meet newcomers, spend time with one another, sign people up for various ministries and activities happening around the church, give hugs and share sorrows and joys with one another.

Coffee hour is a ministry of the whole parish. Coffee hour would not happen if the faithful of St. Paul's did not participate, in bringing treats and serving coffee. Take a few moments and sign up to serve at coffee hour, it is easy and fun. One on one training and support is provided.

In addition to coffee hour, Parish Life hosts the pancake supper, special receptions, including Lessons and Carols. In 2018 we will host a reception to welcome the new rector and Bishop Marc for his visitation on September 9th.

Maureen Horton



From the 2017 St. Paul's Liturgical Summit

Acolytes

Acolytes are altar party participants who perform ceremonial duties during the service. The term Acolyte derives from the Greek root *akolouthos*, meaning "follower," and it came into English in the 14th century. We are blessed to have acolytes participate in our worship services, particularly with youth playing this role.

Acolytes prepare for the service by lighting ceremonial candles in the sanctuary. They then transport the Cross and torches from behind the altar to the back of the church, and join the clergy for prayer in preparation for the service. Acolytes then lead the processional with the Cross and torches, and place these in front of the reredos. Going forward, you'll notice that Acolytes have a part in nearly every aspect of the service: they attend the torches and Bible for the Gospel reading, they ring the gong during periods of reflections, and then of course, they are very busy in the preparing and serving of Communion. They present the wafers, bread, and wine to the Celebrant, they wash the Celebrant's hands, they clear the Altar for Communion, and then receive Communion, all with precise timing and movement. Afterward, they fill the Lay Eucharist Visitors (LEV) baskets and clear Communion chalices and plates from the altar table, and prepare for the Blessing, recessional, and closing of the service. Once the worship is over, Acolytes extinguish all candles, return the torches and cross to their stands, and take inventory of matches and lamp oil for future services.

After seeing all the detail of each action, I personally have a new appreciation for our Acolytes, and a deep gratitude for their contribution to the beauty of our worship service.

Deborah Webster & Zoe Tcheng



Rector Search Committee Update

December and January have been busy months, as the Search Committee journeys through the intensive work of candidate review and assessment. We've completed our first round of interviews using a web-based video conferencing tool that allows participants to join from anywhere with a stable internet connection. This allowed us to have 'virtual' face-to-face interviews with candidates, saving a lot of travel, time and money in the process. While it took a bit of time for all of us to get comfortable with the technology, it performed exactly as we hoped it would!

We will continue with the interviewing process over the coming months. This is the time where anyone with access to points / miles or vacation rentals / timeshares, and are open to donating them for use by the Search Committee would be greatly appreciated, as we may travel a bit to meet people in their locations. We are most grateful for the outstanding support from parishioners, vestry and clergy of St. Paul's, and the Diocese. It takes many hands, hearts and prayers for this work to be successful, and we appreciate your ongoing encouragement. While we can't share the details of where we've been, or where we're going, we can share that your support means everything as we navigate this exciting faith journey.

Submitted by the Search Committee: Mike Yale, Rhea Williams, Mary Waddington, Amy Tcheng, Sherry Mattern, Neal Logue, Sheri Grosjean;
Lisa Bell Stewart & Laura Williams, Co-chairs.

CCIC Corner

Kitchen Kits

Continuing on with our series of activities of the St. Paul's CCIC committee, today we'll discuss "Kitchen Kits". Kitchen Kits are given to families in transition out of shelters and into their own housing to provide them with basic cooking and food preparation equipment. Mary Waddington coordinates the ongoing project for CCIC by collecting and purchasing basic kitchen items and assembling the kits based on the size of the families. Items are often donated by individuals and often found at the rummage sale. Some of the smaller items and soft goods are just purchased.

Basic items include two sets of dishes per family member, glasses, cutlery, bakeware, saucepans, fry pans, cooking utensils, dish towels, hot pads, can opener and potato peeler. Sometimes, there are coffee pots, plastic storage containers and other extras available that can be added. The kits are then delivered by CCIC to the families themselves or through their social workers.

The families receiving the kits are just getting back on their feet and do not have the funds to purchase these basic costs of setting up a home, so this is another important CCIC program. Donations of the kitchen items still in good condition are always welcome.

Please contact Mark Waddington at marywadd@gmail.com for questions.

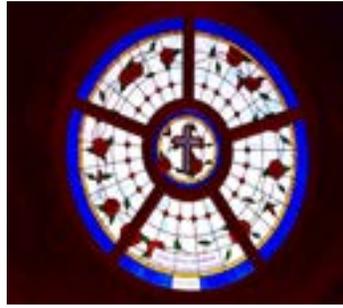
Leslie Dawson

St. Paul's Concert Series

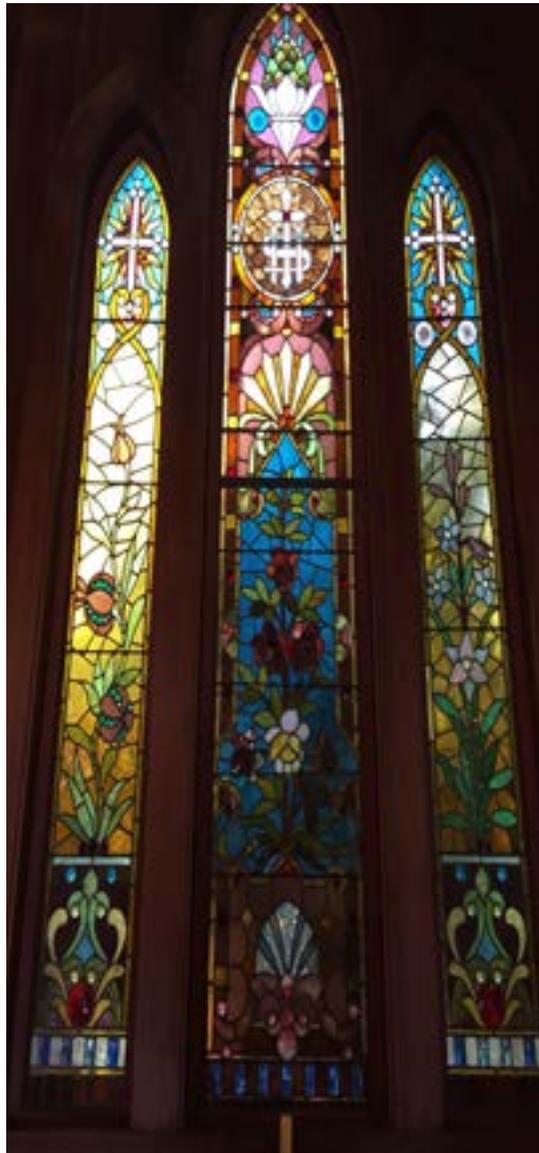
In August, Dwight Stone (our Music Director) requested support from the vestry to help produce the St. Paul's Concert Series. In response, we established a concert production team and defined our roles and practices. We had a successful Fall season in 2017, and we are pleased to say that we have a full line-up of concerts for our 2018 season. If you haven't attended one, you're missing out; these are WORLD CLASS performers offering concerts right here in our church, all for family-friendly donation-based admission fees. Please check our season schedule on our St. Paul's website for our monthly concert events (in the MUSIC menu option). Many thanks to Dwight for initiating this wonderful music series!

Many thanks to the committee volunteers who make these wonderful concerts happen: Marina Tolstova (scheduling, performer invitations, and marketing), Pete Banwell (finance and concert night logistics), Pete Smyth (graphics and printing), Rev. Jeff (performer invitations and communications), Walter Beerbaum (concert night logistics), Dwight Stone (performer invitations) and Deborah Webster (admin, communications, and marketing). We welcome additional volunteers as ushers, MC, or any other talent you have to offer!

Deborah Webster



Celebrating the legacy of St. Paul's through the beauty of our stained glass windows in the Chapel. Dedicated in the memory of parishioners, vestry members, and clergy.



Just a Reminder!!

See website for full calendar of events.

The Epistle Team wants to hear from you...

What would you like to see in the Epistle? Send suggestions, articles and other items to Epistle@stpaulswc.org or contact Rhea Williams at johnrheawill@gmail.com

Men's Retreat April 6th-8th 2018

We're going to Walker Ranch in the hills of Marin County again this year. It's a nice spot for a retreat and close to the coast. If you love oysters, you gotta come.

We'll arrive Friday night April 6th and leave after breakfast on Sunday.

Cost is \$260. Includes 2 nights lodging, meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

It's retreat time to hang with the guys and enjoy each other's company, build friendships and share.

We'll even sing.

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Lenten Series: Reflections on the Journey

We talked about what it means to be Episcopal last Lent. We talked about sharing our stories of why we come here when we invite people to church. So what is it we're inviting them to, and why is it important? This year, let's look at why we do what we do. As always, Wednesday nights, 2/21 to 3/21, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall, with potluck dinner. Childcare provided!

St. Paul's Concert Series

February 17, 2018 Konevets Quartet with Soprano Marina Tolstova

Sacred and Secular Russian Traditional Pieces

March 10, 2018 William Feasley- Guitarist

Featuring pieces by Scarlotti, Sor, Ponce, Ferraris, Rodrigo, and Martin

Holy Week Services and Times

All Services will be held in the Church.

Wednesday March 28th – Taize Service 7 p.m.

Thursday March 29th – Maunday Thursday 7 p.m.

Friday March 30th – Stations of the Cross 12 p.m. till 3 p.m.

Friday March 30th – Good Friday 7 p.m.

Saturday March 31st – Easter Vigil 8 p.m.

Sunday April 1st – Easter Day 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday April 1st – St. Paul's East (The Morton's House) 12:30 p.m.

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