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Celebrating Family, Community, God's Abundant Love For All

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From the Desk of Rev. Audrey

Dear People of God -

Summer is a glorious time! Especially when you are young and enjoying time away from school for a few months. Perhaps it's harder for parents looking for activities for those young ones whose refrain: "I'm bored" - rings through the house.

I heard recently that it's, in fact, good for the kids to be bored. Now whether it's good for the parents, well that wasn't really clear in the interview that I listened to. Frankly, what could make me most skeptical about the whole "investigation" into the boredom of today's kids is, well, seems to me we've all "been there done that" and we didn't need a research project to tell us that the summer lull is different than the busy school year!

What I began to really ponder about when I heard this interview, after I chuckled about it, is whether or not the "time between the rectors" is a similar place to summer break. Everyone is feeling just a bit unmoored from the norm (whatever that is) and though boredom may not set in a malaise can set in. We feel all the same anticipation about who our next teacher is, and mixed with a bit of what the last year was and this gets wrapped up in a package called - what am I doing and where am I?

As people, we all find our balance in life through our surroundings; of people and of places and of events and maybe even of things. When any one of these shifts or is lost or changed, how we know who we are must also change. Now this is happening to us everyday in many small ways that we don't even register it in our conscious mind.

It is when we find ourselves challenged with a bigger shift that we actively seek to find our re-balance. Often, we try to do this by going backward - sort of like having to go to second grade twice - a move that may feel comfortable in the moment but quickly reminds us that there is no such thing as going back in time. It is actually impossible, without time travel, to go back in time. How can our today person possibly go back to our yesterday person without physical and psychological damage to our whole person and certainly to our tomorrow person?

I suggest that we find ourselves "bored" enough to reflect on where we have been and more importantly where we are and where we want to go.

I pray for you each and I ask you to pray for me.

Peace,



From the Desk of Rev. Jeff



I remember walking into Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. I was hit by the delicious saturation of the fragrance of Frankincense. The sunlight beaming down through the smoke, gilding the icons of the saints on the wall; it took my breath away. The haunting chants twisted my heart with an aching sense of Holy Mystery.

I had no idea what was going on. I'd never even heard the word Eucharist before, and walked in with a blank slate of expectations. I couldn't have been happier. There was a sense of participating in something truly timeless. I discovered the wealth of our ancient traditions, and it was like I was reunited with a love I never knew I needed.

What's it like to experience our tradition for the first time? This is something that is necessary to understand if we are to incorporate more people into our community. The jarring experience of having to navigate unfamiliar liturgy can be painful when we seek the rhythm of the familiar. However, that is the experience anyone who is not involved in church will have, no matter what liturgy we use. It's good to be reminded of this, even when it is uncomfortable. It helps us step in the shoes of the unchurched.

The term "unchurched" is no longer an exception; it's becoming a norm, especially in the Bay Area. That may come as a surprise. It is difficult for most of us to understand what it is like to not have church be a part of our whole lives. It is all the more difficult to make coming to church a motivation for outsiders, particularly when negative stereotypes of church abound among those outside of the church. So what can we do to expand involvement in the great thing we are in Walnut Creek?

First, we take a hard look at who we are. The rector search process is happily helping us do this, and we're discovering just how wonderful this Community is! The second, we figure out how to present this to the world outside us. What is our "elevator speech" so to speak? Third, we deliver it to the outside world.

If I hadn't been consistently invited, I don't know that I'd ever have darkened the doorway of the Orthodox Church that eventually landed me in my true home: The Episcopal Church. Imagine what might happen if each of us committed to inviting one person to church? For example, the blessing of the Backpacks will be August 27th; how many parents do we know that might want that for their kids?

I look forward to seeing the evolution of how we continue to adapt to where the Spirit leads St. Paul's in the days to come. As we dig deeper into who we are, may we extend an invitation to those who want what we have to offer; and that we, too, grow deeper in our relationship to God and to each other.

Handwritten signature of Rev. Jeff

Reflections

Upcoming Liturgy Summit (Something to think about.)

What is it that deepens your relationship with God when you come to church on Sunday? What makes St. Paul's worship personal to you, being that St. Paul's is a component in your spiritual journey? The answer is of course unique and coveted by every individual, but I would like to put the limelight on the liturgical aspects of the service for a moment. The liturgy is the framework, the structure and script by which we worship. Everything that is presented to us during our Sunday services is a component of the liturgy, including scriptures, prayers, taking communion, the sermons and homilies, music, the altar and artifacts, floral arrangements, sound system, even the paper program is a component of the liturgy. Each of these components is carefully designed to guide us in our spiritual experience. Which components are most important to you in your worship experience?

Each component of our liturgy is supported by a team of volunteers that, guided by the clergy, make our Sunday Services what they are. You may already participate on one of these teams. If not, you are aware of them as we see the altar team, acolytes, readers, cup-bearers, choir, ushers and healing prayer guides. There are also less visible teams such as altar guild, LEV communion volunteers, sound engineers, and even program proof-readers. If you have ever wondered how the Sunday services run smoothly with this many people involved, you've asked a great question. Each team provides training on their role in the liturgy, and we have now begun an annual Liturgy Summit, where all the teams review training, provide cross-training between teams, and review the meaning behind our liturgical practices. Our upcoming Liturgy Summit is on Saturday, September 16th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn more about the Liturgy practices, and maybe even join one of the teams. All current and prospective Liturgy Team members are welcome.

Deborah Webster

Aging Well



Summer is here and so is the sun! With summer comes that expectation of spending more time outside doing things we enjoy such as walking, hiking, gardening or spending time at the beach. All this is good as long as we protect our skin from the sun. If we protect our skin, we will minimize the wrinkles, the dark spots or the long-term skin changes leading to skin cancer.

Here are simple things to remember: Minimize time out when the sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is when ultra-violet rays are the strongest. Minimize your exposure with shade, protective clothing, or sunscreen.

Protective clothing includes long-sleeved shirts and pants, wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses (label should say: *provides u-v protection or polarized*). Another option is using an umbrella to create your own shade. Newer to the scene are clothes and swim suits with the Sun Protective Factor (SPF) built in.

For the areas that cannot be covered up, sunscreen helps. Use a sunscreen with SPF of at least 15 or more. Look for words such as wide spectrum or water resistant. Apply 30 minutes before going out and reapply every 2 hours for excessive sweating or when swimming. If you get sunburned, limit the damage with a cool shower and an application of aloe gel.

Have fun in the sun. Remember that the time of day you are out makes a difference. Minimize exposure when you can.

Nancy Falkenstine

Source: "Sun Protection" from World Health Organization.

http://www.who.int/uv/sun_protection/en/



Musical Notes



Choir Corner Highlights

Summer “Drop-in” Choir has started, and we have been blessed with additional voices; thank you Ralph, Mike, and Jeff! Come at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday morning if you would like to join us in singing a user-friendly anthem, and rub elbows with our Choir folk!

During my vacation at the end of July and early August, Michael Erwin Page will be commanding the Choir and playing organ. Please welcome him!

Our next Spirit Service falls on August 27th, which is also the Sunday of the “Blessing of the Backpacks”, creating a special occasion.

On November 5th we will celebrate All Saints’ Day, replete with St. Paul’s Brass Ensemble.

Dwight Stone

Congratulations Dwight Stone

Dwight Stone won first prize in the annual Music Teachers’ Association of California (MTAC) State Composition Competition with “Dophins’ World”, a composition for piano. He also earned “Honorable Mention” in the Teaching Pieces Category with his piece “The Light”, also for piano. Dwight was invited to perform these pieces at the winners’ concert of the MTAC State Convention July 1-4.

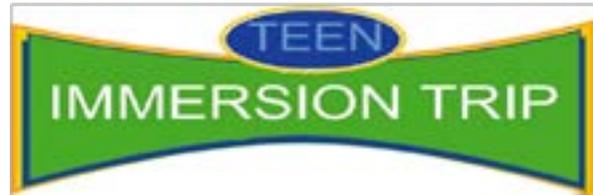


Intergenerational News

Blessing of the Backpacks Spirit Service

August 27th, 2017

Mark your calendars for this year’s celebration of all students returning to school. If you’re planning to take classes this fall (whatever age you are) bring a backpack to the 9:30 a.m. service and be honored for the important work you’ll be doing.



Thank you St. Paul’s for your generous donations to the High School Immersion Trip!

In less than 2 months, together we raised over \$4000 to send Kayla Leveque, Steven Falkenstine and Sean Potts to West Virginia to do flood relief work.

You can check out updates about our trip at
www.facebook.com/StPaulsWC
or www.facebook.com/gawdsqwad

Did you know?

... that the section of the church where the pews are located and the people sit is called the **Nave**.

... that the cross section of the church just at the steps is called the **Chancel**.

...that the section of the church where the altar is located is called the **Sanctuary**.

Vestry Highlights: June - July 2017

Intergenerational/Youth. The High School Immersion Trip by the "God Squad" from several parishes is set for July 30th to August 7th. Sean Potts will help lead the trip to West Virginia for flood relief work. At St. Paul's, we've raised over \$4000 in less than 2 months which will cover the costs for Kayla, Steven and Sean to attend. We continue to fundraise to help the other 27 youth afford the trip.

Buildings and Grounds. Take a look at the new sconces installed in the Parish Hall – they look great! The old ones were donated to Habitat for Humanity's Restore store.

The parking lot is relatively clean, thanks in part to Trinity Center doing some trash removal. A row of parking spaces is reserved Monday through Saturday for the contractor; work at 1960 Trinity Ave. (the other side of Rev. Jeff's residence) will begin soon.

Thanks to the hardworking folks on our Property Committee who keep up with the maintenance of our beautiful church, chapel and campus: Richard Kemink, Van Storer, Elizabeth Soares, Ned Soares, Mike Siebert, Ed Carlisle, Peggy Carlisle, Pete Banwell, Mark Sturges, and Jim Bell.

St Paul's Commons. The Vestry was updated.
Diocesan Convention is October 27 & 28 2017. Gail Sheffield is an Alternate, along with Maureen Horton, Richard Kemink and Susan Burpee. Delegates are: Ken Jessup, Linnea Jessup, Cheryl Cook, Emily Hopkins, Sherry Mattern, and Susan Couch.

Rummage Sale proceeds of \$6100 will go to the following community service organizations:
\$1,000 Meals on Wheels (Walnut Creek chapter)
\$500 Homeless support
\$1,000 Bay Area Crisis Nursery
\$2,000 Food Pantry
\$1,000 Green Empowerment
\$300 Trinity Center
\$300 Contra Costa Juvenile Hall Chaplain

Financial Updates are published in the Sunday Parish Announcements.

Rector Search Committe. See update on Page 12.

Emily Hopkins

St. Paul's Commons St. Paul's Community Center & Affordable Housing Updates Second Quarter 2017:

This is a quarterly report with updates on the development of our project to build a new facility including a community center to house St. Paul's Ministries, Trinity Center, community groups, and to provide affordable housing building at 1860 Trinity Avenue, to be named St. Paul's Commons.

The project has a multi-source funding application process. The Committee and Resources for Community Development (RCD) continue to work on multiple viable funding sources, and we have been submitting applications for HUD and County funding as well as for a number of other special needs funding. Our recent low-income housing tax credit application to the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) was one of 90 applications, but based on the strengths of our application we feel confident we will get an award this round. We continue to anticipate ground breaking at the very end of 2017 or early 2018.

Additionally:

- ✓ At their meeting on July 6th, the Episcopal Diocesan Standing Committee endorsed the project and St. Paul's fine work.
- ✓ The relocation consultant is working actively on our relocation plan to assure St. Paul's Ministries (including Trinity Center) can continue to operate during the construction phase.
- ✓ The Vestry and Interim Rector continue to be very supportive of the project, as is the leadership of the City of Walnut Creek.

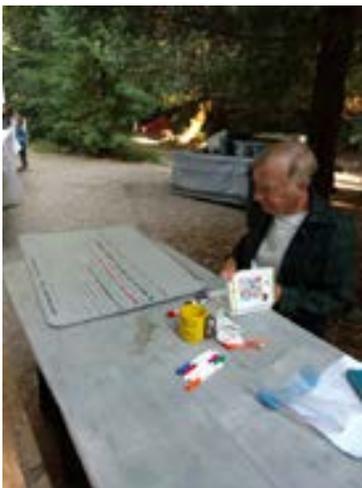
The Committee and RCD are excited about the progress to date. Look for continued quarterly updates via our website and The Epistle to keep you informed of the latest developments. Also, the project team has taken over a bulletin space in the Parish Hall to post updates. Please feel free to contact the committee members for any questions (Molly P. Clopp, Charles Couch, Richard Kemink, Donna Colombo, Julie Layne, Jennifer Machado, and David Mattern)

Molly Clopp

St. Paul's Family Camp 2017



Family,
Food
and Fun



ST. PAUL'S, OUR HISTORY (PART 2)*

1889-1939

With the chapel in place on School Street (now Locust), St. Paul's was up and running. At the Diocesan convention in 1889, we reported 12 communicants, 6 baptisms, 16 in Sunday School and an annual income of \$2014.90. Remarkably, the mortgage on the church was paid off in just two years, in 1891. Wine for communion came from grapes grown in a vineyard owned by one of our founding couples, Cornelius and Mary Waite. Bishop William Ford Nichols came on April 26, 1891 to consecrate the church and administer confirmation.

Over the next thirty-five years, some highlights were:

- September 6, 1893: First service for the Burial of the Dead, for Thomas Litchfield.
- August 7, 1895: Walter and Mary Palmer were the first to be married in the chapel.
- 1898: Alice B. Caldwell was the first woman delegate to attend the Diocesan Convention, held at Trinity Church, San Francisco.
- 1904: The Chapel Belfry was added and the bell was hung. Yes, this is the same bell we still hear every Sunday.
- 1923: Bishop Parsons appointed Harold S. Morris as Lay Reader in charge of St. Paul's. The number of communicants as well as the number of services had each risen to 75.
- 1927: You have probably seen the old, old organ in the back of the church by the piano. You have to pump it with your feet, but it still works. It was made by the Estey Organ Company and purchased from Sherman and Clay.
- 1928: The Sacristy was added to the chapel.

For the first 30 years of the new century, there were various ministers and lay readers who came to the church to conduct services. One hearty and adventurous lay reader, Mr. Andruss, walked to Walnut Creek on Saturday from Berkeley, read for the Sunday service, and then might hike to the top of Mt. Diablo on Sunday afternoons.

We owe a tremendous debt to one of our founders, Sarah Pearson. She formed the first Altar Guild. For years, she brought bread and wine to communion, built the fire, cleaned the chapel, paid the organist, took up collections. In Clara Hughes' 1934 history of St. Paul's, she is of the opinion the church may not have survived without the efforts of Mrs. Pearson.

In 1931, the Rev. Frederick C. Miller was appointed Vicar in Charge of the mission. On September 19, 1937, the Record of Services reports that he made this remark: "Preached right from the shoulder-I hope I woke them up!" Something happened because he resigned in dejection in 1938, disappointed at the lack of response to his ministry. Yet, during his tenure, attendance doubled and the first Parish Hall was constructed. He died 1939. We were now ready for our first Rector. Next time: 1939-1953

Mike Siebert

* See June/July 2017 Epistle for Part 1



Bell from 1904



Chapel Belfry 1904



Estey Organ 1927
and our current Music
Director Dwight Stone

Greetings From: Open Door East Bay

For the last six years, Open Door has been grateful to gather for worship on Sunday evenings at St. Paul's. Our Sunday evening Gatherings create spaces of dialogue, curiosity, and creativity as we lean in to the work of God in the world and consider how we're each being invited to participate in all that God's Spirit is up to around us. This summer, Open Door has been exploring the Beatitudes from Matthew 5 as the "rhythms of reality." Each week, we have been considering one of the Beatitudes and stepping into the invitation of Jesus to move deeper into the abundant life made available to us in God's Kingdom.

There is a sense within Open Door that anything – every question, passion, or area of competency or concern – might be explored as a spiritual practice or lens to see how God is at work in the world. One of the constant guiding questions for our community is "how are we intentionally being formed in the way of Jesus?" As humans, we are constantly growing, learning, and being shaped and formed by the world around us; weather patterns, the built environment around us, and our shopping habits are all actively forming us! At Open Door, we want to recognize and name these formative patterns around us and, intentionally and communally, enter into practices that form us in the way of Jesus for the good of the world.

Since beginning twelve years ago, Open Door has sought to convene a community of people learning that Christianity is not simply a set of beliefs but a set of practices and way of living that guides us through all aspects of everyday life. At Open Door, we call ourselves a "family of sojourners," and our heart is for each of us – kids and adults alike - to continually be open and attentive to what God is speaking to us and to put into practice the things we are hearing and learning.

David Kludt
(Directional Leader and Pastor of Mission and Formation, Open Door East Bay)

Things St. Paul's People Like To Do Make Stained glass pieces "I Can Do That!"

Back in 2001, I was in a very stressful job. I thought, "I need a hobby, something I can do with my hands that will take my mind off work." I remembered that my brother-in-law made stained glass pieces. "I can do that," I said to myself, not having a clue about what was involved. I began my adventure by taking two classes at The Stained Glass Garden in Berkeley, and the rest is history.

My dining room table became my work bench, and shoe boxes stored my smaller tools. I made small suncatchers, then progressed to small panels to hang in windows. I found myself fascinated by the colors and textures of glass, and the mechanics of scoring, breaking, and grinding it into the desired shapes. Assembly required fine motor skills and attention to precise pattern construction which took my full concentration. I accomplished my goal of diverting my attention from work.

As my skills developed, I converted my small living room to my "studio." Projects progressed to larger panels and more intricate patterns. Technique progressed to both Tiffany-style construction and lead. I do not design my patterns, but select from hundreds of commercial patterns. I consider myself more of a craftsman than an artist. My favorite style is Frank Lloyd Wright design.

People ask if I sell my glass. I do not because I don't want the pressure, but I take great pleasure in giving it away. Below is a piece I made for Rev. Sylvia when she left St. Paul's.

If you are interested, I would be glad to talk with you about making stained glass, and would be happy to teach you to make a small piece. You can reach me at sgrosjean@astound.net.

Sheri Grosjean



Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition

In 1992, a group of people gathered to evaluate the problem of poverty in Central Contra Costa County. From that meeting, the Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition (CCIC) was born. CCIC is a collection of local parishes and other interested groups who work together to support various social service agencies in the county. It is a 100% volunteer program...there is no paid staff to carry out its mission.

St. Paul's is a member of CCIC and we have a committee to carry out a number of Coalition's projects. Donations from parishioners are collected into the St. Paul's CCIC Fund and used for these contributions. St. Paul's CCIC team's activities include:

- Providing kitchen kits for families moving into housing - items are donated and purchased for assembling the kits at the church.
- Providing one dinner per month for the Concord Homeless Shelter.
- Providing two families with Fourth Week Food cards each month to cover the last week of the month when the food stamps run out.
- Conducting a food drive each year to provide 45 food boxes for families in crisis.
- Providing funding to Bay Area Crisis Nursery.
- Providing funding for ongoing furniture and linen purchases.
- Providing funding for fans, backpacks, socks, sleeping bags and other items periodically needed by individuals and families working with the social service agencies.
- Providing volunteer drivers to pick up and deliver furniture donations.
- Coordinating the Angel Tree during the holidays where parishioners can share the Christmas spirit by providing families and individuals with food and gift cards so they may enjoy the holiday.

Would you like to join the St. Paul's CCIC team and help us with this great work?

Please contact Sue Phalen at 935-2586 or Leslie Dawson at 586-2396 for more information.

Leslie Dawson

Your Pledge Money

Your pledge money and what we're doing with it . . . (Things you don't know about St. Paul's finances and didn't think to ask)

Way back in my first financial blurb, I mentioned that St. Paul's has staff. Well, certainly we do. Our paid all-star cast includes our Interim Rector (Rev. Audrey), Associate Rector (Rev. Jeff), Parish Administrator (Sara), Facilities Manager (Bev), Inter-generational Minister (Sean), and Music Director (Dwight). There are lots of others who do lots of other good things, but they are volunteers (and we couldn't operate without them). But this is about how we use your pledge money, so you should know that salaries and benefits for these lovely people consume more than 60% of our income.

I was going to try to give a short-form version of what each of these staff members does to earn their monthly stipend, but there is just too much even to summarize their daily/weekly tasks. Suffice it to say that you would be astounded to encounter the amount and variety of requests and demands that come through the church on a regular basis. Too many words, I know, but that's how it goes every day at St. Paul's. Our staff members handle it all with competence and patience and good humor, and in the business world, they'd be earning megabucks. We're glad to have them on our team.

So far, we've covered the expenses of property (17%) and payroll (60%). Next Epistle, we'll talk about everything else .

Pete Banwell

Rector Search Committee Update

The Rector Search Committee has spent the last few months laying the foundation for our search process, and now it's time for the good people of St. Paul's to voice their thoughts, vision and hopes for the future. This step is vitally important to capture who we are and where we hope our next rector will lead us. Please plan to attend one of the upcoming "listening post" sessions:

Sunday, July 16 at 8:45 a.m. in the Livingston Conference Room

Sunday, August 6 at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall for last names beginning A-L

Sunday, August 13 at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall for last names beginning M-Z

Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall - open to all

Each session will run about 90 minutes; childcare and refreshments will be provided.

Important – we are attempting to balance attendance, but please choose the date that works best for you, regardless of last name or the service you regularly attend. We want to hear from EVERYONE at St. Paul's. Be thinking about who you are as an individual at St. Paul's and who we are as a community within Walnut Creek and the world:

- What values and characteristics make St. Paul's unique?
- What activities demonstrate our commitment to God within St. Paul's and in the greater community?
- What is our hope for the future of St. Paul's?

From this gathered information, the Search Committee will create a parish profile and a position posting that will be published during the month of September. The committee plans to complete candidate evaluations and interviews before the end of the year.

Questions or comments? Please contact Rector Search Committee Co-chairs Laura Williams at lwillia@comcast.net or 925-949-6806, or Lisa Bell Stewart at 925-640-4650, or any Rector Search Committee member.

We are most grateful for guidance and support from Rev. Audrey, Rev. Jeff, the Vestry, and the St. Paul's family. Please continue to hold our work in thought and prayer.



Rector Search Committe Members

From Left: Mike Yale, Sherry Mattern, Mary Waddington, Laura Williams, Rhea Williams, Amy Tcheng, Sheri Grosjean, Lisa Bell Stewart, Neal Logue

Trinity Center Update

Trinity Center Evening Program at the Armory: Trinity Center will again serve people living without housing with a Winter evening program from December through March. We are actively raising funds to match the funds that were approved by the City of Walnut Creek July 5th, and we are recruiting volunteers. Details will be posted on our website in August.

Upcoming Events

September 30: St. Anselm's Fall Harvest Festival & Fundraiser for the evening program. Last year this event raised 26% of the cost of the program. Committee chairs Marty Fischer and Bob Power hope to beat last year's effort. Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the Sunday bulletin and our website.

August 15 – October 15: Walnut Creek Civic Arts and Education will host an interactive photographic exhibition at Walnut Creek City Hall featuring our members success stories and struggles highlighting the work that we do. An opening reception will be held on August 15th at 1:00 p.m. We will post more details on our website as they become available.

Gala Success

Our 3rd Annual Gala was a major event raising over \$85,000 for program support. Thank you to everyone that supported this event in so very many ways. Please support our sponsors and contributors listed on our website.

How you can help

- Help us raise awareness - advocate for more affordable housing, homeless services, and good paying jobs – write letters, attend city council/planning meetings
- Host canned food drives, recycle good used clothing, donate toiletries and sundries
- Donate funds
- Volunteer for day program services, evening program support, fundraising and more!

For more information or to volunteer, please email info@trinitycenterwc.org

Donna Colombo

Wrestling With God

(Meet the Author)

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 17 at 11:15 a. m. in the Chapel, as part of our Adult Formation program, author Barbara Falconer Newhall will read from and lead a discussion about her book *Wrestling With God*. Ms. Newhall chronicles the faith stories of twenty very remarkable people, many of them local, including our very own Bob Tharratt. As many of you know, Bob's plane was shot down in 1945 and he was taken captive and held for many months in a German POW camp. Ms. Newhall and Bob worked together to tell his story in one of the chapters of *Wrestling With God*. Other stories include those of a Hindu classical dancer, a progressive Muslim leader, a fundamentalist Christian activist, and even a witch from Marin County. *Wrestling with God* came out of Ms. Newhall's time as religion reporter on the Contra Costa Times and as a staff writer and editor on the San Francisco Chronicle and Oakland Tribune. She is a resident of Oakland and is a member of St. John's Montclair Episcopal Church in Oakland. Ms. Newhall plans to attend our 9:30 a.m. Eucharist and then we will gather in the Chapel for the reading and discussion. We strongly recommend that you read this fascinating book ahead of time. You can order it by going to Amazon.com or through a local book store.

Mike Siebert



Barbara Falconer Newhall

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

St. Paul's Book Groups

The afternoon book club will meet Thurs. August 11th at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

We will discuss is "Hidden Figures" by Margo Lee Shetterly.

Contact: Judy Dillingham 925-934-4788 - 54jdillingham@gmail.com.

Save the Dates

Adult Religious Education

Judy Dillingham will lead discussions on the book "Grace" by Max Lucado.

The class will meet each Tuesday in August from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm.m. in the Livingston Room. Contact: Judy 925-934-4788 - 54jdillingham@gmail.com

Blessing of the Backpacks Spirit Service

August 27th, 2017

Liturgy Summit

Saturday, September 16th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fall Rummage Sale

October 28th & 29th

Our annual MEN'S RETREAT is October 14 to 16.

How about a weekend with just the guys?

We're going to Walker Creek again this year. It's in the hills of Marin County, away from the distractions of our busy lives.

We relax, reflect, sing a few songs and truly retreat.

Come join us for the camaraderie and fun. Cost is \$ 275

Contacts: Ken Jessup 925-708-4807 or Walt Busenius 925-457-7428

Women's Retreat at Bishop's Ranch November 14 to 19

Enjoy a fall getaway and an opportunity to refresh yourself in the beautiful natural setting of the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg Nov. 17-19. The women of St. Paul's will gather at this lovely location a perfect place to reconnect with nature, with others and with oneself. Fall colors, fellowship, conversations and time for quiet reflection are all part of the weekend retreat.

Rev. Miskelly has agreed to be the facilitator. Sign-ups will begin shortly, fees will include several meals, lodging and our leader's presentations and breakout groups.

St. Paul's Clergy and Staff

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