

THE EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WALNUT CREEK | PENTECOST 2023



A Message From The Rev. Krista Fregoso



Pentecost is the season where we celebrate God's transformative, life-giving spirit that flows through the world, renewing and inspiring us to love as God loves us.

Every year I revisit a favorite sermon from Barbara Brown Taylor from the book *Home by Another Way*, where she reminds us that all air is recycled. The breath we take is recycled air from the beginning of time. She describes Jesus' last breath as a life force that grew as it expanded

into the world. It grew in force and strength until it appears again in the story in Acts as a huge gust of wind that birthed the church.

Imagine that your next breath is part of that ever-expanding, loving spirit that was once Jesus' last breath. It is a powerful story, reminding us that the path to restoration can begin with just a deep breath.

I pray that my time away from St. Paul's will be when I can focus on that ever-giving life force, the Holy Spirit. The breath that still cycles and recycles through the world. I pray that it can fill me with life anew so that I can continue to grow and be renewed in my ministry.

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*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.*

*Translation of the Hymn
"Breathe on me, Breath of God"*



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A Message From The Rev. Lynne Sharp



Summertime! Vacations, picnics, campfires, and mowing the lawn (at least until it turns a crispy brown), and that's when I meet my neighbors. Or at least the ones who are out and about when I am out and about. St. Paul's Outreach Committee helps us to reach out to our neighbors in need: sending \$500 each to *Bay Area Crisis Nursery*, *We Care*, and *Youth Homes*, not to mention the mountain of food we have collected to make food boxes available to the hungry, and the sheet collection for people who are starting over. I know the Outreach

Committee has already made plans for the summer months as well.

In the Gospel story cited below Jesus responds to the question with the story of the Good Samaritan. "Good Samaritan" has become a familiar term that means any bystander that offers aid to people in peril, and in California, offers legal protection to those who reach out to help. Of course you know that Samaritans, although Jewish by heritage, had somehow broken off from the tribe of Israel and at the time of this gospel story were considered the other, the outcast, the unclean. And in this parable, the Samaritan is the only one who stops, who helps, who offers aid to someone who was injured. I can only imagine that while deep in our hearts we applaud this gesture, most of us are reluctant to do the same. Which is why this question and Jesus' response are as essential today as they were two thousand years ago.

The collect for the first week of July reads, "O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor. . ." Each of us responds differently to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" as well as choosing how we interact with our local and global neighbors. I offer this summertime challenge to explore—with your family, with your friends, with your neighbors—how *you* are called to love your neighbor, and to identify your growing edges as you continue to follow the command to love God and love your neighbor.



And the lawyer, wanting to justify himself, asks Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
Luke 10:29

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS PENTECOST? PENTECOST IS CELEBRATED FIFTY DAYS AFTER EASTER AND COMMEMORATES THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE FORM OF A DOVE, WITH RUSHING WIND AND FLAMES OF FIRE. AT ST. PAUL'S WE TRADITIONALLY CELEBRATE PENTECOST BY WEARING RED AND RETELLING THE STORY IN ACTS IN A VARIETY OF LANGUAGES.



Church Life



Musical Notes

By ERIC NEWELL, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Dear St. Paul's family,

It is bittersweet knowing that soon I will be (as Pete Banwell quipped) "on the road again." It is difficult to find words to express my gratitude for this parish—not only are its people incredibly kind-hearted, but St. Paul's has taught me much about—well, much. It has been a place of growth and prayer and beauty and stories and faith, all balled up into an experience of which I feel undeserving. Thank you, sincerely, from me to you, for being a part of my time here, and for being an active piece of our beautiful St. Paul's tapestry.

Like many, I immediately think "fire!" when thinking of Pentecost. When I think "fire," several pieces of music come to mind: an alto aria from Handel's *Messiah* ("For he is like a refiner's fire"), Benjamin Britten's *Hymn to St. Cecilia* ("Daughter, come down and startle composing mortals with immortal fire"), among others. Whether the text is Biblical, whether spoken by an Old Testament prophet or a 20th century poet, the behavior of fire is rarely a subtle thing. It's never a nudge, never just a stern eye from the sidelines of life. It startles! It bleaches! It transformed apostles into polyglots!

It feels strange to pray for something so wild, so seemingly uncontrollable, to be with us. It might even feel like it goes against how we like to think God works—only in quiet prayer, or in 1:1 conversations, or in the confines of a Bible study (though these **are** ways in which God works!). But let's be courageous this season, going against our instincts, in praying confidently to be transformed again and again by the Spirit, by fire; to be startled and refined in big ways and truly made to feel alive, ready to evangelize, knowing the power of our God.

There are some beautiful 6th-century lyrics found in Hymn 225: "Lo, in the likeness of fire, **on those who await** his [the Spirit's] appearing, he whom the Lord foretold suddenly, swiftly descends..." Like the apostles, let us pray to have the strength of faith and vigilance to **await** the Spirit's appearing to us, and for the wisdom to give into it when it descends upon our hearts.

Best wishes for your Pentecost and summer season, and please keep in touch!

Eric Newell

Let us pray,

Come Holy Spirit and bless this gifted musician as he once again goes forth into the world. We pray that you guide Eric's steps as he takes time abroad before the next phase of work and education. We give thanks that you are giving Eric the opportunity to share his deep faith and love of music with a new parish. May you, Eric, joyfully feed the souls of the hungry as you have fed us each week. May the Spirit uphold you in your education, giving you wisdom and perseverance. May the Spirit bless you with the energy, strength, and determination that have brought you thus far in life. And may the Spirit lead you, be your strong rock, and a never-ending presence every step of the way.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

A blessing written for Eric by the Rev. Lynne Sharp and prayed by the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on the occasion of his last Sunday with us, the Day of Pentecost, May 28, 2023.



The Holy Spirit Descends

By CAL PAYNE-TAYLOR, ST. PAUL'S SEMINARIAN

On Pentecost, the Book of Acts tells us that the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples with tongues of fire, giving them the ability to communicate in new languages and new ways to spread the faith in Jesus. This Pentecost, I believe that the Spirit will continue to descend on St. Paul's and give us renewed energy to share the Good News of Christ with one another and the world.

I can say with confidence that I saw the Spirit working among us in our spiritual reflection conversations during Coffee Hour each week this Lent, preparing us more and more to do the work of showing Christ's love in every aspect of our lives.

I often think that the Spirit chooses to speak to and through us in our loving words to one another. So, here are some words of encouragement in faith that I heard the community share with one another during our Lenten conversations. Each week, I heard a growing focus on cultivating more gratitude, compassion, and respect for ourselves and others. I heard about letting go of fear and committing to joy as a spiritual practice, so that we can share deep presence and trust with one another in beloved community.

Here are just a few pearls of spiritual wisdom spoken by members of the community during our Lenten conversations:

Remember that "what we do to the most vulnerable, we do to Christ."

Accept that the Spirit can "transform me every day!" (and all of us too, if we let Her!)

Trust that "God is in me, and I am in God, always."

Hope that the Spirit will make us "become like a kid again!" in joyfulness of heart.

Let the Spirit remind me "that I am worthy."

Know that "I am enough" in God's sight.

Be willing to "Let go and let God."

"Be a drop in the ocean of love."

This Pentecost, my prayer for our St. Paul's community is that our own voices may become the fiery Pentecost tongues of the Spirit, ceaselessly sharing the love of God and the hope in Christ that is within us, always.

Amen!



Preparing for a summer road trip with Glinda

Message from The Rev. Krista Fregoso

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I also pray for this summer to be a restorative time for you. May you find time to pray and breathe!

Starting June 28th, Tom and I will travel to England and begin our pilgrimage on our bikes from one Cathedral to another. You can follow our journey through St. Paul's Facebook page, Instagram, and occasional posts on our weekly email!

Many blessings,

The Rev. Krista Fregoso

Church Life

Renewal

By PETE SMYTH, ST. PAUL'S SENIOR WARDEN



Remember back to the days of COVID? We were all captive in our houses, constrained by masks and restrictions on gathering. Worship was kept alive through the valiant efforts of the clergy and a cadre of volunteers that somehow mastered Zoom, and together they kept our community connected and alive.

Thankfully, step through tedious step, our world has come back to life. We are able to gather in person for worship, and many of our activities have returned to normal.

But it's a new normal. We now have Compline and Bible study on Zoom, making participation possible, even at night. Study classes have re-emerged in person, sometimes with a technology boost. Worship happens as usual, but now we stream the service simultaneously through YouTube and Facebook.

And that's our challenge—we are renewing St. Paul's, with an emphasis on preserving what is important to us in a way that works with the new world we are facing. For example, our methods of doing outreach are evolving, to provide both the services and money needed. To make our outreach more personal, we hope to provide activities that include members of the congregation.

Another example that comes to mind is Camp. We have a small but mighty committee working to describe Camp with the new safety realities of 2023, and yet keeping the aspects of Camp that are re-invigorating for all our campers. You may have seen the questionnaire to assess the level of interest. Much to our delight, in less than a week, we received responses from 50 adults and 17 children who want to attend. That puts an extra boost on our efforts to organize!

The Vestry is where it all comes together, as they apply their wisdom and judgment to each of the proposals that come to them. We welcome your input and participation!

And by the way, speaking of renewal, did you know we are selecting a new bishop this fall, and St. Paul's is scheduled to host some of the interviews? Stay tuned....

Pete



Camp photos from previous years

Concert Reviews

By DEBORAH WEBSTER
CONCERT SERIES PRODUCTION MANAGER



Aaron Haas – Classical Guitar, February 18, 2023



The classical guitar has such a personal and inviting sound, doesn't it? When presented by a master such as Aaron Haas, the effect is amazing! On February 18, Mr. Haas indulged us in a beautiful solo performance at St. Paul's. As he played, the music felt like a love letter being read through the graceful phrasing and fingering of the pieces. It was so moving and beautiful, I had to remember to breathe! Mr. Haas began the performance with a short improvisation, and then moved us through musical ages, starting with the baroque piece *Violin Sonata No. 1 in G Minor* by J.S. Bach. He then presented *Three Lieder (songs)* by Schubert, and then moved to later impressionist Spanish pieces, including *La Catedral* by Agustin Barrios Mangore and *Tonadilla sur le nom de Andres Segovia* by Castelnuovo-Tedesco. What an absolutely sweet performance!

Marek Kudlicki – Organist, March 25, 2023

We were thrilled for the opportunity to host Organist Marek Kudlicki from Vienna, to perform on St. Paul's pipe organ on March 25! Mr. Kudlicki presented many organ favorites, plus a number of perhaps lesser-known pieces that were selected to highlight Polish composers. Not only was Mr. Kudlicki successful in representing his favorite Polish composers, but he also showed off the majesty of our organ! His program began with simple Baroque pieces by Hans Leo Hassler, *Organ Tablature* by Jan of Lublin, and a prelude and fugue by J.S. Bach. He then presented *Choral Preludes, Opus 122* by Johannes Brahms, and then "pulled out all the stops" with more modern pieces by Polish composers F. Borowski, F. Nowowiejski, and M. Surzynski. The church was filled with the sound of this lovely instrument, and we thank Mr. Kudlicki for such an evening of musical splendor.



Concert Reviews, *cont'd.*



Carlos Manuel Vargas – Pianist, April 22, 2023

On April 22, we were entertained by Carlos Vargas, a young pianist who grew up in the Dominican Republic, and currently teaches at Berklee College of Music in Boston. Mr. Vargas played with such joy and energy, and then, matched with his technical mastery of the instrument, the music truly came alive under his command. The program was so enjoyable, as he included such a beautiful blend of traditional classics such as Chopin's *Scherzo No. 1 in B Minor* with modern and even jazzy pieces by Villa Lobos, Scriabin, and a Gershwin-inspired suite by Earl Wild. Such a truly magnificent performance with such complex layers and yet beautiful melodies brought forward, I plan to indulge and listen to this performance again and again! (See our webpage <https://stpaulswc.org/concert-series-reviews/> to replay all your favorite concerts!)

Volti – Vocal Ensemble, May 13, 2023

On May 13, we invited the Volti Vocal Ensemble back to the stage for an encore performance, and what a performance it was! The Ensemble presented a stellar program, including *Given Sound* by choral composer superstar Trevor Weston, *Words Cast Shadows* in its world premier by Mark Wings, *Aletheia*, a tribute to Ukraine by Žibuoklė Martinaitytė, and other pieces composed by Caroline Shaw and Eric Tuan. As an added treat, composers Mark Wings and Žibuoklė Martinaitytė attended the performance and gave an introduction of their compositions. The music was lively, playful, and filled with imagery and expressions that drew you in and held you suspended and wrapped in sound. Bravo to the Ensemble and Music Director Robert Geary! What a fabulous concert!



Mark your calendars for our upcoming performances:

June 17—Kevin Ayesh, Solo Piano

August 26—Duo SF, Guitar Duo

September 16—Sarah Couden, Contralto

October 7—Dufford & Nieto, Clarinet and Piano Duo

November 18—John Wilson, Solo Piano

Hope Paves the Way to New Beginnings

By SHERRY MATTERN

On a warm and sunny afternoon in late April, twenty-plus women from St. Paul's headed south through the Friday traffic to the Villa Maria del Mar in Santa Cruz for our long-awaited women's retreat focused on **hope**. We shared our hopes for the weekend and our hopes for St. Paul's. The facilitator, our own **Anne Benefield**, emphasized how we could work to be hopeful when we were discouraged because of illness, loss, broken relationships, overwork, frustration, and so on. She shared several tools, such as using the Psalms and hopeful stories in the Bible, to remind us that God is always with us, following a method to work through our despair, or using nature to revive our hope. We noted how often it was our friends and those around us, including professionals, who helped us, and how important it was to be flexible and resilient. Finally, we had the opportunity to share our own hope stories through artwork, music, writing, or orally.

Anne encouraged us to use our senses to experience hope in God's creation—not a hard task as we were surrounded by beautiful, lush gardens along with the sounds, sights, smells, and feel of the sea and sand on our warm, breezy Saturday afternoon break.

I felt so blessed to share with, sing with, laugh with, and learn from my friends at St. Paul's in a beautiful setting with delicious food and time to have meaningful conversations. And I thank **Susan Burpee**, who coordinated this year's retreat, **Deborah Webster** and **Laura Williams**, who led us in song throughout the weekend, all those who provided support and rides, the **Rev. Krista** for leading Compline and our Sunday service (and for providing the tasty bread used for communion), and Anne Benefield for her well-researched, yet very personal, facilitation of a timely topic.

As we move into this season of Pentecost, I think about how we are each filled with the Holy Spirit and tasked with spreading the Good News of God's love for all. One of our hopes for St. Paul's is that, as we seek to discern what is the best way for St. Paul's to do this, we each might be open to change, and able to listen to and respectfully consider those opinions that differ from ours, even though this might be uncomfortable. We hope that our present and future members might experience the love and community that we felt on this retreat.



The Outreach Committee at Work

By MARY WADDINGTON



This Committee has been very busy throughout the past year. We meet monthly and have listened to parishioners, and embraced their thoughts and ideas in the projects we have undertaken.

For several months this year we have had campaigns to collect specified items for local agencies: Socks for *Trinity Center* happened in February, followed by bed linens for the *Martinez Family Shelter* in March, and we collected food which was put into food boxes on May 14th, to be given out with other household items by *Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition*, of which St. Paul's is a founding member.

The Outreach Committee has been allocated a \$10,000 budget, which was raised at the very successful Valentine Tea. Recently they requested from the Vestry that \$500 each should be sent to three Contra Costa based agencies: *We Care*, which supports families and their children, newborn to 5 years old who have developmental issues; *Bay Area Crisis Nursery*, which gives short term care for the children of families in crises; and *Youth Homes*, which works primarily with troubled youth, both in their local residential homes and through a mentoring program. It is hoped that in the coming months St. Paul's will support these agencies not only with monetary donations but in other practical ways. Watch the weekly newsletters and church bulletins for further month-long opportunities to donate needed items.

For the Outreach Committee to be successful we need parishioners to be involved. So if outreach is your passion, please contact the church office at (925) 934-2324 to find out how you can join the team.



The Pizza Club

By HAYLEY TRILLO

As a recent college graduate passionate about working with kids and community service, I was thrilled to learn about Pizza Club, a new community outreach program that couples both of these passions. Reverend Krista and other Episcopal church leaders from St. Timothy's, Danville, Church of the Resurrection, Pleasant Hill, and Grace Episcopal Church, Martinez, started Pizza Club in January 2023. Their goal is to connect 4th through 8th grade parishioners through community service projects, fun and games, and of course a delicious pizza lunch! I have been fortunate to volunteer at a couple of meetings of Pizza Club and have been inspired by the camaraderie, kindness, and energy the group brings to all of their activities.

Pizza Club is typically held on the last Sunday of every month at one of the participating churches. The first Pizza Club I attended was held at St. Paul's, where we baked cookies as a wonderful service project for Trinity Center and enjoyed an exciting hide-and-seek game in our church. At the next Pizza Club, we created kits for Monument Crisis Center with toiletries and other top requested items, and recreated The Last Supper painting with Peeps marshmallow candies—just in time for Easter!

Each of these activities displayed the teamwork and community the attendees were able to forge through their mutual enthusiasm for the work they were doing. It has been wonderful to watch the youth group take the lead on their service projects and display true pride in the result. Their thoughtfulness, creativity, and inclusivity are inspiring—the experience allows me to reflect and sets the stage for how I want to interact with others in the coming week. I am grateful to be a part of such an uplifting community of youth and church leaders, and I look forward to continuing my involvement with the group!



L to R: The DeSautels brothers, Hayley Trillo, Tom Fregoso, and Cal Payne-Taylor

Creation Care Class: Reflections

By BARBARA DAWSON



Last fall, about 20 St. Paul's parishioners participated in a wonderful "Creation Care" series led by the Rev. Lynne. The series examined numerous ways we, as a global community, are damaging the world in which we all live and some of the innovative ways people are

finding to rectify those problems and improve the outlook for us all. At the end of the series, participants volunteered to work on several projects to help the St. Paul's family use our resources more wisely and to share some of the information we learned with the parish. These Epistle articles on creation are a part of that effort. This particular article is an attempt to update the parish on a larger, long-range project that is just in its neonatal stage, and to share information learned in the class regarding innovative processes farmers are trying, in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas.

First, the project update: On April 23rd, several parishioners met after church to begin brainstorming what might be done in the "Back 40" (the area between the church offices and the Presbyterian Church next door) to make that area both more usable and eco-friendly. A lot of ideas were shared and the group will be spending the next few weeks thinking about the ideas generated, doing some initial feasibility research, and prioritizing the possibilities. The next step will be to decide on a specific project, or projects, for the area and to begin fleshing out the specifics (costs, labor, equipment, funding, etc.) so that a formal proposal can be made to the Vestry sometime later this year. We will continue to keep you advised as we work through the planning phase.

Now the fun part (at least to me): One of the things we learned in our class that really has stuck in my mind is how farmers are working to reduce the greenhouse gasses produced by cows. Reportedly, animal agriculture is responsible for about 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, more than the combined exhaust

from all transportation. I'd heard about this problem for many years but could not visualize how the gas collection might happen. When we saw a movie showing some of the possibilities to harness methane gas from cows, I literally laughed out loud, and still chuckle when I think about it.

Currently there seem to be three primary ways farmers are focusing on to reduce or collect methane gas from cows: (1) changing cows' diets to include red seaweed, alfalfa, and clover instead of grain so what they eat doesn't produce as much gas; (2) collecting cows' "burps" with masks placed over their noses that converts the gas to water vapor and carbon dioxide; and (3) a collection "backpack" that hooks into a cow's unique stomach structure and saves the gas in a container, or bag, that attaches to the cow's back. The gas is then converted into usable energy.

So the next time you're in the Wine Country, be on the lookout for cows enjoying self-propelled balloon rides over the vineyards.



Church Life

The Epistle Team Asks...

"What can we do, individually or as a community, to spread the message of the church?"

Barbara Dawson:



The most important way to spread the Church's message is both the easiest and the hardest... *to actually share, by word and example, what God's message means to you!* We can talk about being a church member with our friends/co-workers/acquaintances, share what we do at church and, most importantly, why we do it. Invite a friend to participate with you in a church activity, such as a food/clothing drive, a work day, a class offering, or a musical event. Let us remember that God's message isn't restricted to just church campuses or activities. We can get involved in community activities/groups that share our personal values, letting our actions exemplify our beliefs to the greater community. And we can even take that very non-Episcopalian step of bringing a friend to an actual church service.

Charles Couch:



It has always seemed to me that people of St. Paul's are outstanding examples of the love of Christ. They seem to be everywhere present in the community demonstrating care and giving. I think when we not only help others but empower them through our individual contributions to the community, we demonstrate our faith as members of St. Paul's. Actions do speak louder than words (but it also might help if we were wearing St. Paul's tee shirts at the same time). Also, we have a great church facility. We should continue to find ways for us to invite the community into our space, such as the monthly concert program.

St. Paul's Columbarium

This peaceful garden respite is where we remember our members and their loved ones.

Niche: \$1500 (can accommodate two urns)

Plaque: \$ 300 per plaque (on the granite wall)

To reserve a niche or plaque, or to learn more, please call the church office at (925)



Community

Transcend

By MOLLY CLOPP, CHAIR
TRINITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS



As you well know, Trinity Center is a doorway to opportunity, providing essential safety net services and a pathway forward for vulnerable populations. We advocate for those who are seeking housing, financial stability, and wellness. Our 2023 Spring Fundraiser, *TRANSCEND*, is a celebration of our members who are overcoming the challenges of unsheltered living or who are unstably housed.

The fundraiser will be held at Ruth Bancroft Gardens again this year and will be a lovely dinner and celebration under the trees. There will be entertainment and auction items galore! We are so excited this year to welcome the St. Paul's "Tea Ladies" as supporters of Trinity Center! They will be auctioning one of their famous "Teas," so if you missed out on bidding on this amazing package at the St. Paul's Valentine Tea, you could bid on this proper English tea at the Trinity Fundraiser.

We believe you will find great value in aligning yourself or your company with Trinity Center's work and mission to provide doorways to opportunity for our under-resourced community members. By becoming a sponsor, donating money or auction items, or attending our June 15th fundraising event at Ruth Bancroft Gardens, you will be ensuring that Trinity Center continues to be the appointed entry into the homeless system of care, and provide essential safety-net services that include meals, showers, laundry, and clothing, and next level case management for those seeking stable housing, income, wellness, and community connections.

With your support Trinity Center can realize our vision of a community working together to address the devastating effects of poverty and remove barriers to stable housing through compassionate services, education, and advocacy.

Visit our event website here: <https://bit.ly/3m3OMPg>. Please contact our Fund Development Director, **Pam McGrath**, for more information at pamm@trinitycenterwc.org



Join us in celebrating those who are overcoming the challenges of living unsheltered or unstably housed, and help us continue to offer doorways to opportunity.

Inspiration

A Chance Encounter...

By MAUREEN HORTON

Just before Easter I made the mistake of heading to Target in Pleasant Hill on a Saturday afternoon. My plan was to do some shopping, pick up items for Easter for my grandchildren, and shop for food items for the food collection at St. Paul's.

On the way out of Target with my loaded cart I walked toward my car, which was parked far from the Target parking lot, when my shopping cart suddenly locked up. I was not happy! I had four bags of groceries and a long walk ahead of me. While I was standing there, trying to make a decision about the best course of action, I encountered two young men who asked me what was wrong and offered to help carry my groceries to the car. During the walk we started talking. I thanked them profusely for their assistance and chatted about the collection of food at my church. They asked where I went to church and I told them St. Paul's in Walnut Creek. "I know St. Paul's," said one of them, and he shared with me that he has been a participant at Trinity Center and three days before he had just transitioned out of the night program and moved back in with his dad. He continued to share that he had made some mistakes in his life and that Trinity Center put him back on the right track. He told me that he is now employed and feeling more normal than he has felt in a long time.

I invited him and his friend to come to church one Sunday. They shared with me that they were regular church attenders. They were my Good Samaritans that day, and yet again I was blessed with the good news of God in Christ.

*Chasing the California Super Bloom,
photos by Phil and Deborah Webster*



*God's Creation in St. Paul's own front yard,
photos by Ned Soares*

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St. Paul's Vision Statement

At St. Paul's, as followers of Jesus Christ,
we envision a church that provides and supports
a loving community of faith: with our church, with one another, and with our world,
Where all are welcome, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey,
Where activities, events, and opportunities support
spiritual growth for people of all ages and
diversities through worship, education, and service,
Where we use our God-given talents, time and treasure
to lift the less fortunate and the vulnerable.
May we all support each other in remembering and
creating this vision, not just in the hours
we spend on campus, but during our daily lives, as we
interact with friends and neighbors,
and as we act as members of our wider communities.

The Epistle Team: Sheri Grosjean, Ned Soares, and Rhea Williams.

Please send your ideas and suggestions to info@stpaulswc.org. We thank all our contributors!



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