St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Walnut Creek, CA

The Epistle

October 2007

The Act Of Giving IS The Gift That Keeps On Giving!

Don't you just love to give gifts? I really enjoy the whole experience! Sometimes I shop online and go through several websites to get ideas; sometimes I "window shop" at a mall or little village looking for just the right thing for the receiver. And if it's a gift I am going to personally deliver, I take great care to make sure it's beautifully wrapped. After all that is done I get to watch the face of the person as he/she opens the gift. What joy! It's so wonderful for me—buying and wrapping the gift is enough, but if I bring joy to the receiver that's just an added bonus.

I've noticed that when we have a fundraiser like the Valentine Tea or the Rummage Sale it appears to me that the most fun we have is when we decide who's getting what and how much. There's something "grace filled" about giving. Giving allows us to experience a sense of generosity, or perhaps it's a feeling of fulfillment and/or accomplishment. Maybe it gives us a feeling that we've made a positive difference. It's hard to pinpoint or to describe the feeling we get from giving so freely. But there's no denying that it is a deeply rooted part of the human experience.

Improving our ability to provide excellent programs for our continued spiritual and numerical growth is the main goal of giving to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Our vision statement, "St. Paul's Episcopal Church: Deep Roots, Growing Community, Living Faith" compels us to provide opportunities for our existing congregation to "deepen" our presence at the Church, and our awareness of God's action in our lives. And we must also be able to see to the needs of our young families and our "growing community" with them. We want all of our actions and activities to exemplify what it means to have "living faith". We don't want to be Sunday Christians—we want to be the kind of people who are out there in the community—putting our faith where it will do the most good.

Giving freely is joy and it is grace and it is holy.

We have a big budget for 2008—another indication of our plan to keep growing and making a difference. Your Vestry and I will use your gifts appropriately and as intended. We want all our financial dealings to be clear and readily available to all our contributors. As you decide what percent to use as your starting point for your pledge, I hope you will experience joy, grace and a sense of the holy.

Together we can do wonderful and exciting ministry! We can make a great impact on our community because we have a sense of joy and excitement and have a vision for what living in community could look like.

I hope that my joy was in evidence as I announced that we had enough loan capital to complete a full array of solar panels! That was a huge gift and a great accomplishment for us to carry out in our less-than-full-year together. The only adequate words we have when we receive something of so great a magnitude are the simple words "thank you very much".

Blessings,

Rev. Sylvia+

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St. Paul's:
Deep Roots, Growing Community, Living Faith

After months of prayer and hours of meetings, conversation, and discernment, we have articulated a vision for this parish. The words and corresponding image reflect many aspects of our lives as the Body of Christ at St. Paul's. The "Deep Roots" evokes the rich tradition of Anglicanism and the continued commitment that this parish has in Walnut Creek and the surrounding area. Our "Growing Community" reflects the strength and support we have for one another, including the shared wisdom of this congregation that is committed to continuing to work, pray, and grow in Christ. The "Living Faith" shows our belief in a faith that is alive; a faith that lives seven whole days, not one in seven, a dynamic faith that believes that through Word and action our God still speaks. "Living Faith" carries with it an understanding that we are sent into the community to serve as Christ's hands and heart. It is our hope that this succinct statement will guide our path, focus our actions and serve as a life-giving invitation for all who come into contact with St. Paul's, Walnut Creek.

Vision Statement Committee Members: The Rev. M. Sylvia O. Vásquez, Rector, The Rev. Phil Brochard, Associate Rector, the Rev. Donald Adolphson, Deacon, Pat Smith, Parish Administrator, Pete Smyth, Senior Warden, Scott Wilson, Junior Warden, Vestry Members: Jen Gossett, Sherry Mattern, Linnea Jessup, Parish Members: John Hunt, Amy Tcheng, Brian Imhoff, Sarah Greene, and our facilitator, Emily Hopkins.

St. Paul's logo designed by member and graphic artist: Brian Imhoff

The Most Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane Archbishop of Cape Town Visits St. Paul's - Monday, October 15

by Sean McConnell
Communications Officer - Diocese of California

The 158th Convention of the Diocese of California will provide a notable change from conventions of the recent past, and events throughout the week preceding convention promise to inspire and enliven members of the diocese while calling all into a deeper sense of community.

The Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, Bishop of California, has invited his friend the Most Rev. Njongonkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Province of Southern Africa, to be present with the diocese during the week leading up to convention, and to preach the homily at the convention's opening Eucharist to be held on Friday night, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. The entire week leading up to the convention's day of business on Saturday, October 20, will feature regional appearances by Ndungane, with opportunities to engage him on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the continuing scourge of HIV/AIDS in Africa, and his perspective on the Anglican Communion.

Convention week will begin on Monday, October 15, with the third Taizé Service for Diocesan Unity to be held at St. Paul's, Walnut Creek. The service of prayers and chants, is an opportunity for all members of the diocese to come together in prayerful support of one another. Worshipers are invited to write their challenges and concerns on small wooden hearts and to bring them and all their prayers to the cross of Christ. This beautiful and moving candle-lit service begins at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception welcoming Ndungane to California. Ndungane will make remarks at the reception and will answer questions from those in attendance.

What happens during a Taizé service?

This is the first Taizé (Teh-**ZAY**) service held at St. Paul's - Walnut Creek.The service takes place in the church around the baptismal font. You are encouraged to bring a cushion for floor seating, however, there are chairs available for those persons who do not wish to sit on the floor. The service begins in silence. This is a contemplative and meditative type of service. The lighting in the church is low and there are many votive candles lighting the sanctuary. Unlike our Easter Vigil service, members of the congregation are not holding candles. There is no Eucharist at this service. The music is chant and the musical instruments may include guitar, flute, drum, and possibly piano. The organ is not played. The service includes one lesson and a litany that is read by St. Paul's deacons. The doors to the church will be open at 6:30 P.M., the service begins at 7:00 P.M., and it lasts approximately 45 minutes. There is nursery care for small children. Please contact St. Paul's Parish Office (925) 934-2324 or email info@stpaulswc.org by no later than Monday, October 8, if you require childcare. St. Paul's Bookstore is open and our Bookstore Manager has an assortment of Taizé CDs and books for sale. Please join us on Monday, October 15.

Nominations for 2008 Vestry and Alternates to Diocesan Convention

4.2 Tasks of the Nominating Committee. At the first vestry meeting in November of each year, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for election to the vestry and election as delegates/alternates to the Diocesan Convention. The Committee shall submit at least one candidate, and preferably two, per vacancy to be filled on the vestry. Parish members wishing to serve as candidates may submit their names to the Committee before October 15 and if they are eligible under Section 4.3 of these Bylaws, their names will be included on the slate. Members of the congregation may submit names to the committee sixty days before the parish meeting date as well, and with those persons' agreement and eligibility under Section 4.3, their names will also appear on the slate. The slate shall be published to the parish at least forty-five days before the annual parish meeting.

During the month of September this section of the Bylaws, plus Section 4.3, shall be published at least once in the Epistle (monthly Parish newsletter) and in the parish Announcement Sheet (weekly information leaflet). ***(Amended by the congregation at the Annual Meeting January 21, 1996)***

4.3 Eligibility of Nominees. All nominees for election as vestry members or delegates/alternates to the Diocesan Convention shall be communicants in good standing registered in the parish for at least one year, age eighteen or over, and regular contributors to the support of the parish as confirmed by the pledge treasurer.

A retiring or resigning vestry member may not again serve on the vestry until one year has elapsed, except that a member completing less than one year of service may be elected for a full term. Incumbent delegates/alternates to Diocesan Convention may again be nominated and elected as delegates/alternates on expiration of their terms. ***(Amended by the congregation at the Annual Meeting January 17, 1988)***

St. Paul's Nominating Committee

Erik Watson - Chair
Phyllis Bolton
Elizabeth McQuillan
Steve Masterson
Fran Schroder
Whitney Wilson

Questions or comments
contact Erik Watson
communication@stpaulswc.org

2008 Annual Meeting Sunday, January 27, 2008 St. Paul's Parish Hall

Proposed change to the St. Paul's Bylaws

to be voted on by the congregation at the next Annual Meeting, January 27, 2008

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2007 Crop Walk
Hike For The Hungry

Co-sponsored by Caring People in Contra Costa County, The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County And Church World Service

October 7, 2007
Sunday 1:00 PM
Walnut Creek, Civic Park
Walk 4.2 Miles

Warm Winter Nights (The roving shelter) will receive 25% of the proceeds this year, the remaining 75% going to Overseas Disaster and World Relief programs.

Sign up for Crop Walk in the Parish Hall on Sundays during coffee hour. Board positions are still available if you would like to help.

And of course Walkers will be recruiting sponsors as well.

Last Year St Paul's raised about $850 of the $14,000 raised by all 13 participating Churches last year. Let see if we can get beat that level of contribution for the 2007.

For more infromation contact: Ken White
Outreach@stpaulswc.org

A Seniors Ministry Group is Coming!

All seniors interested in planning a Seniors Ministry Group at St. Paul's are invited to meet and discuss the possibilities. Mary Norquist Hinse, student Deacon from the School for Deacons in Berkeley (part of CDSP), is facilitating this new program. At this get-together we will discuss what seniors are interested in doing, learning, seeing and talking about. It will be on Thursday, October 4th at 1pm in the library, right after the Eucharist at 12:15 in the Chapel. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your ideas about group meetings or outings and help us plan the next few months! If you would like to give your input but can't come to the meeting please call Mary Hinse at 925-934-2324 or email **events@stpaulswc.org**. Looking forward to seeing you then!

SAVE THESE WEDNESDAYS: October 3, 10, & 17!

Stephanie Asker, retired psychotherapist and marriage counselor, will present a series of talks based on her book ***Plan B: How to Get Unstuck from Work, Family, and Relationship Problems.***

If you'd like better communications with parents, spouse or children; if worry, anxiety or depression are getting you down; or if you're unhappy with your career, join us for three fun and informative evenings.

Each session begins with a light dinner served from 6:45-7:30 p.m., includes a talk by Stephanie followed by a question and answer period from 7:30-8:30 p.m., and ends with dessert and coffee from 8:30-9:00 p.m.

Series cost is $15.00, to defray the cost of the meals. For reservations and information, call (934-2324) or email **events@stpaulswc.org.**

St. Paul's Counseling Center

The center provides help for parishioners and members of the surrounding community with individual or family problems. Stephanie Asker is a trained counselor and provided this type of service at her former parish. Call the Parish Office (925) 934-2324 or e-mail Stephanie **counseling@stpaulswc.org** to set up an appointment.

How about D.A.D.S. ???

Scheduled to begin Wednesday evening, October 24, at 7:00 P.M.. If you are interested in joining this group talk to Bob Brownbridge or Phil Brochard **pbrochard@stpaulswc.org.** The group that will be meeting for an hour and a half a week for 8 weeks.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
eScrip Group ID – 137107215

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Sign up online at www.escrip.com
or sign up at any SAFEWAY checkout!

This Month at St. Paul's - October 2007

Monday, October 1

6:00 PM	Outside Group	Fellowship House
7:00 PM	Voices of Musica Sacra	Church

Tuesday, October 2

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
6:30 PM	Peace Creations	Fellowship House
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 202	Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 3

12:00 Noon	AlAnon Group	Fellowship House
5:30 PM	Adult Formation	Parish Hall

Thursday, October 4

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
12:15 PM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**
6:30 PM	Contra Costa Deanery Meeting	St. John's - Clayton
7:00 PM	Amigos	Parish Hall

Friday, October 5 - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 6

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Bookstore	
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	ECVA Reception	St. Stephen's - Orinda
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Acolyte Training	Church, Chapel
4:00 PM	Youth Group Overnight Lock-In	Youth Center

Sunday, October 7 - The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship House
7:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**
8:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:15 AM	Godly Play	Classrooms
9:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Church**
10:45 AM	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
1:00 PM	Crop Walk	Civic Park - Walnut Creek
6:30 PM	Youth Group	Youth Center

Monday, October 8 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - Discovery Day (AKA Columbus Day)

1:00 PM	Shelter Meal Preparation	Parish Hall Kitchen
6:00 PM	Outside Group	Fellowship House
7:00 PM	**Healing Eucharist**	**Chapel**
7:00 PM	Outreach Team Meeting	Library
7:00 PM	Voices of Musica Sacra	Church
7:00 PM	Faith On Tap (Jay Johnson - speaker)	Pyramid Brewing - Walnut Creek
8:00 PM	Healing Ministry Prayer Group	Livingston Conference Room

Tuesday, October 9

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Staff Advent/Christmas Planning Retreat	Resurrection - Pleasant Hill
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
1:00 PM	Book Club	Bookstore
6:30 PM	Outside Group	Fellowship House
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts Troop 202	Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 10

12:00 Noon	AlAnon Group	Fellowship House
5:30 PM	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
7:00 PM	M.O.M.S. (Season 3)	Library

Thursday, October 11

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
12:15 PM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**

Friday, October 12 - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 13

All Day	Basics 4 Marriage	Parish Hall
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Bookstore	

Sunday, October 14 - The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship House
7:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**
8:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:15 AM	Godly Play	Classrooms
9:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Church**
10:45 AM	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall

12:00 PM	Set up for Taizé Service	Church, Parish Hall
6:30 PM	Youth Group	Youth Center

Monday, October 15

6:00 PM	Outside Group	Fellowship House
7:00 PM	**Taizé Service and Reception**	**Church, Parish Hall**

Tuesday, October 16

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
6:30 PM	Peace Creations	Fellowship House
7:00 PM	**Vestry Meeting****	**Livingston Conference Room**
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 17

12:00 Noon	AlAnon Group	Fellowship House
5:30 PM	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
7:00 PM	M.O.M.S. (Season 3)	Library

Thursday, October 18

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
12:15 PM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	**Photo Directory**	**Parish Hall**
7:00 PM	Book Club	Bookstore

Friday, October 19 - Parish Office Closed

3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	**Photo Directory**	**Parish Hall**

Saturday, October 20

8:00 AM	Diocesan Convention	Grace Cathedral - San Francisco
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Bookstore	
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	**Photo Directory**	**Parish Hall**

Sunday, October 21 - The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship House
7:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**
8:30 AM	**Journey of Discovery Ministry Fair**	**Parish Hall**
9:15 AM	Godly Play	Classrooms
9:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Church**
11:00 AM	**Journey of Discovery Ministry Fair**	**Parish Hall**
6:30 PM	Youth Group	Youth Center

Monday, October 22

10:30 AM	Contra Costa Food Bank	Parish Hall, Parking Lot
3:00 PM	Shelter Meal	Mountain View Shelter
6:00 PM	Outside Group	Fellowship House
7:00 PM	Voices of Musica Sacra	Church

Tuesday, October 23

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
3:00 PM	Shelter Meal	Mountain View Shelter
6:30 PM	Peace Creations	Fellowship House
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 24

12:00 Noon	AlAnon Group	Fellowship House
3:00 PM	Shelter Meal	Mountain View Shelter
5:30 PM	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
7:00 PM	M.O.M.S. (Season 3)	Library
7:00 PM	D.A.D.S.	Fellowship House

Thursday, October 25

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
12:15 PM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**
3:00 PM	Shelter Meal	Mountain View Shelter
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM	**Photo Directory**	**Parish Hall**

Friday, October 26 - Parish Office Closed

3:00 PM	Shelter Meal	Mountain View Shelter
5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	Church

Saturday, October 27

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Bookstore	
12:00 PM	Wedding and Reception	Church, Parish Hall

Sunday, October 28 - The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship House
7:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Chapel**

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This Month at St. Paul's - October 2007 - continues

8:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
9:15 AM	Godly Play	Classrooms
9:30 AM	**Holy Eucharist**	**Church**
10:45 AM	Coffee Hour	Parish Hall
6:30 PM	Youth Group	Youth Center

Monday, October 29

6:00 PM	Outside Group	Fellowship House
7:00 PM	Voices of Musica Sacra	Church
7:00 PM	Faith On Tap (Bishop Marc - Speaker)	Pyramid Brewing - Walnut Creek

Tuesday, October 30

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Library
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Fresh Start	Fellowship House
6:30 PM	Peace Creations	Fellowship House

Wednesday, October 31

12:00 Noon	AlAnon Group	Fellowship House

If you need to schedule a meeting or an event at St. Paul's, please contact the Parish Office (925) 934-2324 or email **psmith@stpaulswc.org**. All meetings and events using any of the facilities at St. Paul's need to be coordinated with the Parish Office and reviewed by the staff. If your group meets at St. Paul's on a regular basis, please make sure to reserve your time and meeting place on the Parish Calendar.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2007 AND 2008

October 6	Altar Guild Meeting - Chapel
October 6	Acolyte Training - Church and Chapel
October 6	Youth Group Overnight - St. Paul's
October 8	Healing Eucharist - Chapel
October 8	Faith On Tap - Pyramid Brewing
October 13	Basics 4 Marriage - Parish Hall
October 15	Taizé Service - Church
October 16	Vestry Meeting - Livingston Conf. Room
October 18-20	Directory Photo Sessions - Parish Hall
October 19-20	Diocesan Convention - Grace Cathedral
October 21	Journey To Discovery Ministry Fair - Parish Hall
October 22-26	Shelter Meal Week
October 25	Directory Photo Session - Parish Hall
October 27	Wedding - Church, Parish Hall
October 29	Faith On Tap - Pyramid Brewing
November 1	Fresh Start's Kitty Maffei Award Luncheon - Parish Hall
November10-11	Rummage Sale - Parish Hall
November 16-18	Women's Retreat - Bishop's Ranch
November 17	Bishop's Visioning Follow Up - St. Paul's
November 20	Vestry Meeting - Livingston Conf. Room
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 24	Wedding - Chapel
November 26	Faith On Tap - Pyramid Brewing
December 1	Composting by the Numbers
December 2	First Sunday of Advent
December 2	The Kirkin' o' the Tartans
December 5	Advent Series
December 8	Private Party - Parish Hall
December 9	Voices of Musica Sacra Concert
December 12	Advent Series
December 15	Aquanuts Annual Banquet
December 17	BART Caroling
December 18	Vestry Meeting - Livingston Conf. Room
December 28 to January 14	Warm Winter Nights - Parish Hall
January 6-13	Adult Mission Trip to Honduras
January 15	Vestry Meeting - Livingston Conf Room
January 19	Basics 4 Marriage - Parish Hall
January 27	Annual Meeting - Parish Hall
February 6	Ash Wednesday
February 9	Valentine Tea - Parish Hall
February 19	Vestry Meeting - Livingston Conf Room
February 22-24	Vestry Retreat - Bishop's Ranch
March 16	Palm Sunday
March 18	Vestry Meeting
March 20	Maundy Thursday
March 21	Good Friday
March 22	Easter Vigil
March 23	Easter
March 29	Basics 4 Marriage - Parish Hall
May 11	Pentecost

Older Classes Study Old Testament

This year we have presented four new Godly Play stories for the two oldest classes (9-11 year olds and 7-8 year olds) and there will be four more stories that are new before the end of the year. These new creations give the older kids a chance to deepen their understanding of the Old Testament stories and ask how the stories are related to each other. The oldest two classes will even get a chance to create their own Godly Play story using the text from our David story. So far this year, we have compared God's creational gifts to Jesus' physical gifts. Classes explored the story of Adam and Eve and the structure of the Bible. (Especially "all those numbers.") Last, we learned about Moses as a baby and could now visualize the beginning of Moses' life and tie it into the Exodus story and "The Ten Best Ways" (10 Commandments) that we had learned in previous years. As we move towards Advent, we will study St. Francis, Ruth's story and even learn the Hanukah story in December. These will all be new stories for the children to study and wrestle with as they put the pieces together to form their understanding of the Old Testament. *(More on the younger classes in next month's Epistle)*

Middle High To Discuss Friends

The Middle High Class discussed Creation in September – including the story in Genesis, nature and art. The class is working on presentation of the crucial scenes of the story of Jonah out of Legos to present to the Godly Play class at the end of October. In October, the class will discuss "Friends." Other topics for the year include forgiveness, music, grieving and prayer. The Middle High class uses the curriculum ***Way to Live.*** The book is available in St. Paul's bookstore.

Third Moms Group Kicks Off

M.O.M.S., Ministry of Moms Sharing, is now in its third session at St. Paul's. Today's moms' lives revolve around their kids and their activities. M.O.M.S. is a chance to share experiences with other mothers and focus on your own spirituality. The third session, which began September 19th and will run for about eight weeks until the end of November. It is the ministry's first evening session. Ruth Hinchliff, Nancy Falkenstein, Gretchen Rothrock, Lisa Bell Stewart, Susan Mendes, and Ginalyn Fuentes are participating. Linda Banwell, Jill Watson and Whitney Wilson are the facilitators. Please talk to Linda, Jill or Whitney if you are interested in participating in the spring MOMS group.

Godly Play During Journey Of Discovery

There will be a special Godly Play "session" for kids in the chapel during the Journey of Discovery on October 21st after church. The Diocesan Stewardship committee created the "story" and it discusses different gifts that we have received and different gifts that we can give to others. Please encourage your children to join us while parents can enjoy their time investigating the many tables during the Journey of Discovery.

Parents Forum In The Works

Please look for future notices in the Sunday Announcement Sheet about a "Parent's Forum," presented by Reverend Sylvia and a Family Foyer Dinner this fall. Hope to see you all there.

Acolyte Training

There will be an Acolyte Training session on Saturday, October 6, beginning at 2:00 P.M. and will last for two hours. All current acolytes should attend and also anyone would like to become an acolyte is welcome.

Youth Group Overnight

Overnight in the Youth Center beginning at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 6, and this will end at the 9:30 A.M. Eucharist on Sunday, October 7. All are welcome.

Young Adults

Pyramid Brewery
Downtown Walnut Creek

Monday, October 8

Speaker
Jay Johnson
Topic
The Erotic God:
Sex as Spiritual Practice

Monday, October 29

Speaker
Bishop Marc

Monday, November 26

Speaker
Richard March
Musician

Email pbrochard@stpaulswc.org
or visit
walnutcreekfaithontap.blogspot.com

The Blessing of the Animals - October 7

Now its Fido's turn to get "sprinkled" by Father Phil. Reverend Sylvia will be away on a Kairos weekend at a women's prison. She is so broken hearted about not being here for this service that she cried crocodile tears. Bring your "leashed" pooch to church with you on Sunday, October 7. Animals of the feline persuasion must be in cat carriers. Animals of the reptilian species and barnyard variety get the day off and stay home. We'll remember them in our prayers. Owners are responsible for their pet's behavior and visa versa.

Give us your tired, your used, your huddled rummage yearning to break free from your extra bedroom, garage, or storage closet, and put to good use by donating it to the St. Paul's Fall Rummage Sale.

November 10 and 11 High Feast of the Rummage

We continue to accept donations on Sundays until noon at the Rummage storage in the Godly Play courtyard. Items must be in good working order, clothing donations must be clean and may be "lovingly" worn. Generally the rummage sale does not accept furniture. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office (925) 934-2324 or email **events@stpaulswc.org**

Warm Winter Nights 2008

Friday, December 28, 2007
through
Monday, January 14, 2008

Leslie Dawson, our Warm Winter Nights Coordinator for St. Paul's, will have sign up sheets at the Journey of Discovery Ministry Fair on October 21.

Pastoral Care

PastoralCare@stpaulswc.org

Pastoral Care teams are standing by for your request.

Good Sams
Request a meal, a ride to church or doctor's appointment, other short-term help during an illness or hardship.

Prayer Network
Request a prayer for yourself or others. Prayers are said for a period of 4 weeks.

PrayerNetwork@stpaulswc.org

Healing Prayer Team
Available to meet and pray with you upon request.

The Prayer Team is also available during communion at the prayer stations during the 9:30 am Sunday service to pray with you for thanksgiving or for healing for yourself or someone else.

Hospital Visits
Request a visit if you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like a visit

Healing Eucharist
2nd Monday of the Month in the Chapel at 7 pm – come and invite a friend

October 8
November 12
December 10
January 14
February 11
March 10

The Second Monday of the Month

St. Paul's Book Groups

All Are Welcome

Afternoon Group - 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm
Evening Group - 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
Both groups meet in the Bookstore

October

Both Groups:
Detective Inspector Huss
by Helene Tursten
Sweden's growing anti-immigrant resentment in a police drama

November

Afternoon:
A Crack at the Edge of the World
by Simon Winchester
Adventurous & informative look at earthquakes

Evening:
A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier
by Ishmail Beah
Unforgettable testimony from Africa's children

December

Afternoon:
Palace Walk
by Naguib Mahfouz
Changing customs for a Muslim family in Cairo during the early 1900s

Evening:
no meeting in December

January

Afternoon:
The Omnivore's Dilemma
by Michael Pollan
Honest and self-aware account of the evolution of the modern diet

Evening:
TBD

All books may be purchased in St. Paul's Bookstore

Will Writing Session November 3 - St. Paul's

To facilitate Episcopalians making wills, the Diocese of California sponsors a program that provides for a meeting with an estate planning attorney for the creation of a simple will for the extremely modest cost of $75. This fee is simply to partially reimburse the volunteer attorney for word processing costs.

· These appointments for will writing will be hosted by St. Paul's on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. An appointment generally lasts 45 minutes. You are asked to fill out and bring with you the questionnaire that you receive upon making your appointment.

· Your conversation with your attorney and the contents of your will are completely confidential, a matter of attorney-client privilege.

· The will preparation cost is $75.00 per person ($150 per couple).

To schedule an appointment or for more information: Call Adair Heard at (415) 869-7811, email her **adairh@diocal.org**

Mountain View Shelter St. Paul's Meal Week October 22 - 26

by Anne Morton

St. Paul's teams prepare and serve weekday meals twice a year at the Mountain View Shelter for homeless families. The shelter is located in Martinez, and houses parents with children. It is an excellent program, providing family rooms, counseling, parenting skill training, job and housing referrals, and the opportunity for homeless parents to save enough to settle into housing of their own. There are up to 30 residents, and it takes a St. Paul's team of about 5 people each evening. The coming dates for 2007 are October 22-26. Head cooks rotate each evening, and team members will be needed for cooking, serving and clean-up. This is a special outreach ministry, and it's easy to help!!

By Amanda Szakats

Photo Dates at St. Paul's

Thursday, October 18
Friday, October 19
Saturday, October 20
Thursday, October 25

Weekday picture times will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday picture times will be from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sign-up Deadline is October 7
The online registration is closed

If you have other questions about the directory please send an e-mail to Amanda Szakats at **photodirectory@stpaulswc.org**.

August Financial Report

INCOME	**$48,736.69**
EXPENSE	**$43,063.21**
AUGUST MTD	**$ 5,673.48**

Year To Date Financial Report

YTD - INCOME	**$388,614.14**
YTD - EXPENSE	**$410,647.06**
YTD	**- ($ 22,032.92)**

Be a WILLing Christian.
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BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

The Beloved Community in Conversation

November 17 at St. Paul's

The diocesan strategic visioning process -- begun at the May 2007 Beloved Community Visioning Conference -- will continue through the fall and spring with a series of intimate conversations with Bishop Marc about our hopes for the diocese.

Worship, music, arts, and storytelling in small groups are the contexts for imagining the community to which God calls us. The resulting vision -- to be presented at a special convention in 2008 -- will not be complete without your participation!

Plan to attend one of the following conversational events with Bishop Marc --

Oct. 6 (Sat) Our Saviour, Mill Valley 2-6 p.m.

Nov. 17 (Sat.) St. Paul's, Walnut Creek 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (especially for families and children)

Jan 19 (Sat.) St. Mark's, Palo Alto 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (especially for youth)

Feb. 24 (Sun.) St. Paul's, Oakland 5 to 9 p.m.

Diocese of California website is: www. episopalbayarea.org

Or engage via an alternative forum --

Diocese-wide "Retreat-in-Daily-Life" (Advent Eve--Sat., 1 Dec 2007)
Watch DioBytes for the November release of retreat materials that will guide individuals and small groups in reflection and prayer for the diocese we are becoming.

Online participation (beginning Epiphany 2008)
Log in anytime, anywhere to follow Bishop Marc's address and have an opportunity to post responses to the same questions that groups all around the diocese are discussing in small groups

To inquire about the Beloved Community ... in Conversation programs, contact Julia McCray-Goldsmith at 415.869.7826 or email juliam@diocal.org.

Congratulations Bob and Fran Schroder

Former mayor and first lady of Walnut Creek and long-standing members of St. Paul's, Bob and Fran Schroder served as the Grand Marshals of the 65th Walnut Festival Twilight Parade on Saturday, September 15. Bob served as the mayor of Walnut Creek three different times: 1965 - 1966, 1970 - 1971, and 1976. The first Festival held in 1911 was a celebration of the harvest of grapes and was called 'The Grape Festival'. During prohibition, grapes were replaced with walnuts as the cash crop of the area and the vineyards became walnut groves. In 1936, the harvest celebration became known as The Walnut Festival. The Walnut Festival Association was officially incorporated in 1938 and except for a suspended period during World War II, has been celebrated as the popular annual community event it remains today. As Walnut Creek as grown, and suburban developments have replaced walnut groves, the Walnut Festival Association has maintained the tradition of producing fundraising events for the benefit of the community.

Journey of Discovery

(formerly called the Opportunity Faire)

October 21, 2007
St. Paul's Parish Hall

following both the 7:30 and 9:30 Eucharists

Find out what is happening at St. Paul's and see where you may use your time and talent in the many ministries at St. Paul's

October 21 is also Pledge Sunday
Please bring your 2008 pledge card

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