

THE EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA - A SACRED SPACE FOR YOUR BUSY LIFE

FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends,

This is going to be a summer of exciting change at St. Paul's.

We have been blessed with a modest amount of Capital Reserves. Now that we are no longer running budget deficits, the Vestry has decided to invest \$100,000 of our reserves in a variety of campus improvement projects. The Vestry and staff together are planning to coordinate these improvements through the course of the summer. In many ways, St. Paul's will be 'under construction.' Just like when a family when it remodels their house, we're all going to need to be flexible and patient.

Through the summer, to help us get through this transition, I ask you to remember three things:

1. Two Special Sundays- June 14th and September 13th. There are going to be great parties on both of these days. On June 14th we will have a party after the 10am service to include grilled food, potluck salad and desert, an Inflatable Jumpy and intergenerational games. It will be a blast and will mark the end of our 'school year.' September 13th will be our Homecoming Sunday and, we hope, mark the completion of our campus improvement projects.
2. Worship and Outreach will continue as usual. We will continue through the summer with our ordinary Sunday schedule of 8am, 9am and 10am services. We will also continue with the Teen Success Breakfast, and our ongoing service at St. Vincent de Paul, San Quentin and the Fifth Avenue Health Care Center. We even hope to expand our service opportunities through Lynn Dunn's 'Friends of Fifth Avenue' on Saturday mornings and by distributing groceries at Ritter Center on Wednesday afternoons. For more on our outreach, please see the back page.
3. Everything else has to be flexible. Most of the campus improvements involve Duncan Hall and the Second Floor. There are going to be times this summer when either or even both of these spaces will be unusable. Please check with the office (456-4842) to make sure that regularly scheduled meetings such as St. Anne's, Centering Prayer or your Discipleship Group are happening on our campus. Office hours are Tuesday to Friday, 9am to 1pm (renovation projects permitting!).

Finally, please take a look at some of the 'before' pictures inside the Epistle. When we produce the next Epistle, in September, we hope that they will be accompanied with some nice 'after' pictures.

Thank you, ahead of time, for your patience. Let's all try to remember to be 'cranky with love!'

God's Peace,

Christopher

FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Things are really cooking around here at St. Paul's! I jokingly told Christopher that apparently you all have not gotten the word that summer is almost here, and "summer" for churches is a time to put your metaphysical feet up and drink that metaphorical margarita, close your eyes and sigh a deep sigh of contentment. "Ah, yes. Holy Week is way behind us, and Advent is months and months away. It's time to slow down, enjoy the endless summer days that stretch before us, and give thanks that we live in such a gorgeous part of the country." Take a deep breath and let the nice, 70-degree breeze gently blow through the window.

But, you all here at St. Paul's are having none of that. This summer, the campus will be busy with painters, ceiling makers, and carpet layers. Offices will be packed up and cleaned out. Then, when things are looking a whole lot better, offices will be unpacked and set up. But just to make sure we don't get too complacent in our chaos (as if that were possible), God has seen fit to send us visitors upon visitors. Wonderful people are coming our way from every corner of the city.

Christopher, mad-man that he is, fully expects that we will continue the two most important things that happen here at St. Paul's: Worship and Outreach. Let us give thanks that he has his eye on the ball, and is calling us to continue to do what it is we do. We will continue all three services as if there was nothing unusual going on.

For families, that means the 9:00 service will continue and thrive and welcome new families and contemplate the gospel from the eyes of our children, and take the elements of communion from the hands of our children.

Sunday school ends on June 7. For the summer, after the 9:00, our children will spend that time playing in our upper playground. As far as I can tell, this will be the only change from school year to summer. I am thinking when the weather really heats up maybe we can give them fruit popsicles to cool their jets.

It's almost June. Bring it on!

Blessings,

Julie



SOME BEFORE PHOTOS FROM AROUND CAMPUS



Oh those lovely ceiling tiles.
What a cruel game of Mahjong...You can never win!



The cracks are bad ...

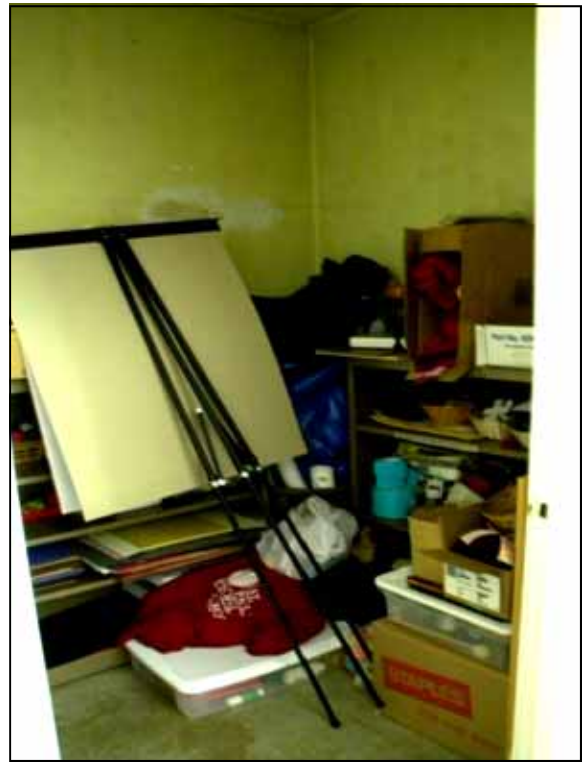


Duncan Hall will be transformed.

The carpet on the 2nd floor is being replaced in all the offices and in the Upper Room. Christopher's orange carpet has got to go - and Ana's carpet is being held together at the seams with duct tape!



The Upper Room is long overdue for some sprucing up! New carpet new ceiling tiles, and maybe even some new furniture and some new storage..so the stuff piled by the furnace (see photo to the right) can find a permanent home.



The burn spot on the porch trim will be gone...



The shades on the 2nd floor are cracking and need to be replaced.



We will be painting the trim in the courtyard and fixing the front doorway to the church.
You're going to love the results!



Just because we are not printing the Epistle for the summer, does not mean that birthdays cease to occur ...regardless of how appealing that idea is to some ...

JUNE BIRTHDAYS!

- 6 Emma Delaporte
- 7 Timothy Hughes
- 10 John Luce
- 10 Simon Martin
- 11 Jack Murray
- 15 Ann Armour
- 18 Joan Adams
- 20 Ricky Leist
- 22 Michael Wong
- 25 Claire Smythe
- 26 Emilie Baxter

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!

- 1 Dennis & Panida Puccinelli
- 13 Gregory & Ellen Alexander
- 16 Donald & Alison Greenfield
- 20 Nancy & Walter Dods

JULY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Liyani Vierke
- 2 Stacey Bill
- 4 Michael Roland
- 5 Mary Schmidt
- 7 Rev. Heather VanDeventer
- 7 Jack Beggs
- 8 Gregory Martin
- 8 Joan Emerson
- 12 Stephanie Leist
- 14 Della Holloway
- 19 Diane Rosenberger
- 21 Danielle Flynn
- 21 Ana Stark
- 22 Tom Swidler
- 22 Meg Eldridge
- 23 Colin Salmonson
- 24 Bill Booth
- 24 Cindy Essen
- 25 Mary Jetter
- 26 Kaitlin Allanson
- 27 Stella Salmonson

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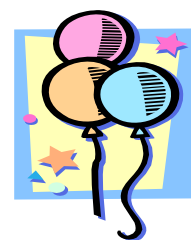
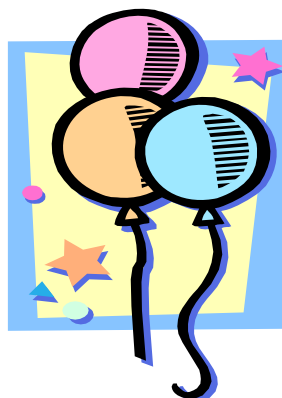
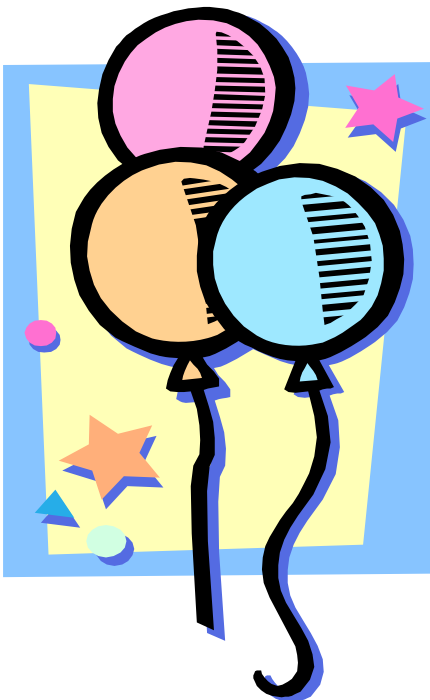
- 7 Cindy Essen & Marilyn Thompson ♡
- 8 John & Nikki Kraft
- 22 Wendy & Perry Olson

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 Maureen Callon
- 1 James Eitel
- 6 Wendy Olson
- 10 Owen Shinnick
- 13 Ellen Alexander
- 13 Carolyn Eitel
- 13 Malcolm Johnson
- 13 Perry Olson
- 14 Marion Cedarblade
- 15 Tamara Markwick
- 16 Joel Neecke
- 17 Rose Heilman
- 17 Alex Sarni
- 17 Rachel Henry
- 19 Christopher Martin
- 21 Erik Andersen
- 22 Corinne Bernhard
- 26 Nicholas Baxter
- 27 Jane Santucci
- 29 Ben Hunter
- 29 Kathy Clerk
- 30 Norah Lee
- 30 John Martin
- 31 Rebecca Eitel
- 31 Susan Parkinson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!

- 5 Donald & Clare Army
- 26 Jae & Carolyn Eitel



ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

St. Paul's Book Club will continue to meet in the summer on Friday nights at 7 P.M. in Duncan Hall

June 19

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

This story is of a boy who is speech disabled who bonds with three dogs. He struggles prove his sinister uncle is responsible for his father's death.

July 17

Indochine by Christie Dickason

The daughter of a Vietnamese father and a French mother takes over her father's opium empire in Vietnam of the 1950s.

Aug 21

The Short Bus by Jonathon Mooney

The author rides a short bus to school because of his dyslexia and ADD he is not thought normal. He overcomes his learning problems and after graduating from college he seeks others who were labelled as not normal and tells their stories.

PRAYER LIST

+In the Short Term Prayer List:

Ann & Johnny
Charlotte & Peter
Gus & Rua
Janet
Nancy
Billy Carrington

Veronica Dodds
Jae Eitel
Bob Essen
Fred Hastings
Rosie Heilman
Delia Hitz
John Ivy

Wendy Lange
Debbie Marshall
Ruth Mitchell
Tracy Peterson
Daren Pursche
Charlie Riggan

Charles Stover
TutTut
Sherry Whyte
Mandy Wick
Michael & Anne Wynne-Willson
Debbie Z.

+In the Long Term Prayer List:

Ben
Bo
Chuck and Sharon
Natalie
Janice Anderson

Joseph Cook
Letty Dell'Era and Family
Alex Elliot
Phil Hansen
Corinna K.

Blaine Marshall
Melissa and Sandy Olenik
Claudine Schieflbien
Eugin W. & Family

+ **For those who have died:** David Dell'Era, Benjamin Hitz, Ivan Kraft

+ **For those serving in the military:** Jason Brooks, Gourley, Alex Rey and Troop 225, Aaron Sova, and our friend Brandon.

+ **We pray for the other Episcopal Churches in San Rafael:** Church of the Nativity and Church of the Redeemer. We pray for the unity of the Anglican Communion worldwide and the Episcopal Church in the United States.

WORSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

SUNDAYS:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Family Service
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

CENTERING PRAYER

Rediscover silent meditation in the Christian Tradition. Sessions are on the Second and Fourth Sunday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Upper Room. For more information, leave a message for Chris Olson at the Parish Office 415.456.4842.

Also note the regular service of Centering Prayer every Thursday morning at 7:15 am and Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm.

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Rector's study on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:15 will be on hiatus until August.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

After Sunday Services, please join us in Duncan Hall for coffee and treats.

Those whose last names begin with the following letters, please bring food on the respective Sunday and please, stay to help clean up after.

First Sunday	A - G
Second Sunday	H - L
Third Sunday	M - R
Fourth Sunday	S - Z

The Epistle is on hiatus until September.
If you wish to communicate with the congregation at large, please email Ana ahead of time for inclusion in the Sunday Announcements.

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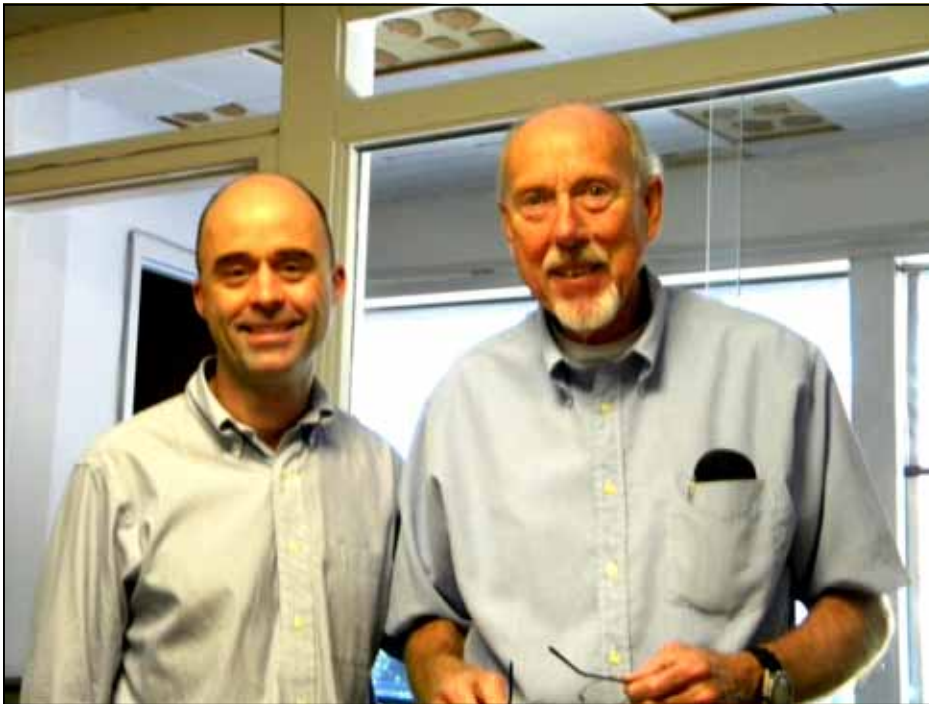
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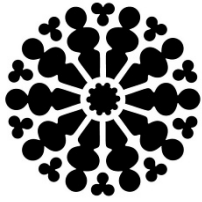
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A "before" shot of Christopher and Roger..
check back in September for their "after" shot!

Photos in this Epistle were all taken by Ana Stark!



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OUR OUTREACH

We are called to serve those whom Jesus especially loves- the poor, the marginalized, the sick- wherever we encounter them in our lives. However, at St. Paul's, we are focusing our common efforts in three areas of need in Marin- Feeding the Hungry, Tending to At-Risk Youth and Visiting the Isolated. Here are some of the ways you can work shoulder to shoulder with others from St. Paul's:

- ▶ Prepare food for the homeless at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in downtown San Rafael, Monday to Friday, anytime between 6:30 and 11:00.
- ▶ Distribute healthy groceries at the Ritter Center, Marin's safety net in downtown San Rafael from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesday afternoons.
- ▶ Serve breakfast once every other week at the Community School for probationary youth, North San Pedro Road, Monday through Thursday. The total commitment is from about 6:30am to 9:30am.
- ▶ Visit or be a pen pal with our friend Joe at San Quentin Prison. Visits are usually over the weekend in the middle of the day and last two or three hours.
- ▶ Visit our friends at the Fifth Avenue Health Care Center either every other Sunday as part of our worship team, or Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30 with crafts, games and music. All ages are welcome!

Please contact the church office at 415.456.4842 so we can connect you with the leader of the effort that interests you. This summer is a great time to start!