

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY, JAN. 31, 2010



Annual General Meeting for the Year 2009

Notice is hereby given
for the Annual General Meeting
of the Parish of St. Paul's, Benicia
on Sunday, January 31, 2010
for the purpose of election of members
of Vestry and Convention,
for the reception of reports,
and for the transaction of any other
business which may legally and
canonically come before the meeting.

**The meeting follows
a parish-wide
10 am Eucharist**

Lunch will be served. Nursery care and
children's program will be provided.

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STAFF

The Reverend Jeanne Forte	Rector
The Reverend Canon John L. Bogart, Th.D.	Associate Priest
The Reverend Linda L. Clader, Ph.D.	Associate Priest
The Reverend Shep Jenks	Deacon
Kathy Macek	Seminarian
Christopher Arnold	Candidate for Ordination
Steve Yurosko	Postulant
Glenn Walp	Traditional Music Director
Mark Sackett	Contemporary Music Director
JoAnn Souza	Parish Administrator
Jacque Dennis-Jackson	Sexton

VESTRY

Current Vestry

Lee Anne Bundesen, Senior Warden	Term expires January 2012
Caleigh Furlong, Junior Warden	Term expires January 2011
Sara Underwood, Clerk	Term expires January 2010
Susie Bonstin	Term expires January 2010
Jeff Jarvis	Term expires January 2011
Anne Seed	Term expires January 2012
Linda Tremain	Term expires January 2011
John Wright, Jr.	Term expires January 2012

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Annual Meeting Minutes February 1, 2009

The Rev. Jeanne Forte opened the annual meeting with prayer. She followed by reading the church register for baptisms, marriages, and deaths for 2008.

Tom Mader then presented the annual meeting minutes from February 3, 2008 which were approved by the parish as submitted.

Sara Underwood was declared clerk for the annual meeting, and then she declared that the annual meeting had a quorum.

Mike Baldwin, Chris Arnold, and Steve Rodekohr were appointed as tellers.

A list of the existing Vestry members was presented and an explanation of the purpose for Vestry was provided. Then Lee Anne Bundesen, Anne Seed, and John Wright were presented as nominees for Vestry. A call was made for additional nominees from the floor, but none were made. A motion was made and approved to close nominations. Then a motion was made and approved to vote for the nominees through affirmation by voice since there were three nominees for three positions. The affirmation by voice was made, and all three nominees were approved as new Vestry members.

The existing Diocesan Convention Delegates were then presented and nominations were taken from the floor for an additional delegate. Anne Seed was nominated. A motion was made and approved to close nominations, and another motion was made and approved to affirm the election by voice. Anne Seed was elected as a Diocesan Convention Delegate through affirmation by voice.

Nominations for Alternate Diocesan Convention Delegates were then taken from the floor. Tom Mader, Chris Arnold, Dale Kilbourne, and Ed Warthol were elected nominated and then elected by affirmation by voice.

Tom Mader presented the year-end financial report which can be found on page 12 of the 2008 Annual Report. The explanation included the status of the reserve accounts, the deficit at the end of 2008, and the way that the Vestry determined to resolve the deficit. Tom encouraged the parish to support the Party of Parties to help reduce the projected 2009 deficit and also requested volunteers for youth programs and the Stephen Ministries program.

The Rev. Jeanne Forte presented the rector's address, which can be found on page 7 of the 2008 Annual Report. She described plans to begin Friday afternoon activities for kids and also encouraged people to volunteer for it. She also explained the plan to re-work youth church school and youth Sundays at services to increase youth activities at St. Paul's.

Acknowledgements were then given to the following people for their work with various programs in the parish: Art Schipper for being the treasurer; Carole Johnson for being assistant treasurer; Bob Craft for being pledge clerk; Debi Hall for leading the Community Meal program; Annette Aalborg, Tom Mader, Robin Silver, and Steve Ray for their work on Vestry; and Caleigh Furlong for being Junior Warden. Tom Mader was then given special recognition for his work as Senior Warden.

The Rev. Jeanne Forte announced Lee Anne Bundesen as the new Senior Warden.

The new Vestry was sworn in.

Lee Anne Bundesen gave the closing prayer.

The motion was made and approved to adjourn the St. Paul's Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Underwood
Clerk of the Vestry

RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks be to God for the year 2009. My personal life has been affirmed, challenged, rewarded ... The four-legged family grows older, fatter and more settled (as do I, for that matter). The Canadian contingent has increased in number by one absolutely amazing grandson. Pictures will be pressed upon anyone who stops near me to draw a breath. And I continue, as do so many of us, to paw through the debris of financial issues plaguing our world. Another thought: We are not dating anymore! Soon I will enter my sixth year here, so ours has become a long-term relationship! I am happy about that.

A reading of the reports of various parish ministries testifies to the faithful and dedicated work of this great community through the year 2009. Along with these reports submitted for your approval, I add my own thoughts and thanksgivings for the year passed, along with "imagination" about 2010.

I am thankful for those people who serve quietly, going about meeting the needs of St. Paul's with little fanfare or recognition. Thank you for another year of faithful Morning Prayers that have seasoned our redwood walls for one-and-a-half centuries. Thanks also to the sentry duties of our Vergers, the elves that change bulbs, fix doors, tidy counters after coffee hours, replace toilet paper, fold bulletins, unlock locked and lock unlocked doors, align sprinklers, wage war with thermostats, drop off newcomer pies or cookies, send cards and the virtually thousands of things seen and unseen that make St. Paul's the warm, well-run place of family and community.

I am especially grateful to those in our Parish who exercise their gifts of leadership and service: Wardens, Vestry, musicians and singers, LEMs, Lectors, Intercessors, prayer healers, Acolytes, Thurifers, Crucifers, teachers, craftspeople, computer experts, cooks, bottle washers, and a battalion of other folks not mentioned here, but appreciated nonetheless, including our Youth programs (KVA '09, FA4K, SSP, Kid's band, Sunday School). Thanks kids, parents and leaders all!

I continue to be blessed with the collegial support of The Rev. Canon John Bogart, The Rev. Dr. Linda Clader, and The Rev. Shepherd Jenks. In the last year we have been enriched by an abundant representation from the seminary "down the road." Kathy Macek enters her final semester at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific this February. Chris Arnold continues to serve St. Paul's as he moves closer to his own ordination. Our church family is filled to the brim with joy as our newest postulant for ordination, Steven Yurosko, finds new and exciting challenges in seminary life.

My undying gratitude goes to JoAnn Souza, our Parish Administrator who makes my life and work a joy by her capable and welcoming presence. She is, for many people in crisis and celebration, the calm voice of St. Paul's. For me, she is a partner in ministry. Her support to me and this community is a treasure.

Finally, beyond the walls of our family, are a host who serve the broader church and the world beyond. The people who exercise their gifts by serving at the diocesan level, and all who gather here on Sundays to be fed and turned out into the world as "Christ's own," blessings to you.

A word about our finances: Thanks to the hard work of your Vestry, St. Paul's will balance her budget for the year 2010. This was difficult work, prayerfully and at times, painfully thought through. It has resulted in some funding deficits for 2010. Programs for this year will be self supporting. In some areas we have been blessed with legacies such as the Kaeli DeWeese Memorial Fund to help support church programs. We remain eternally grateful for the visionary action that resulted in the Peddler's Fair and St. Paul's Historical Trust. Yet other budgets have suffered. Our music budget also has been reduced. There are no longer paid music services on Sunday Sabbath Services (our 5 pm service). Any volunteers (thank you, Mark

Sackett for your leadership and presence on our third Sunday Kids band!) are appreciated. Our fiscal responsibility in these tough times will ensure our fiduciary health in the future.

Last fall your Vestry launched the “Imagine if...” campaign. Everyone was encouraged to “imagine” what St. Paul’s could be in the future. The project was very successful. The year 2010 is committed to working through your dreams for our life together. In closing, I sprinkle a few of your dreams for 2010 as we work together. Imagine!

†Imagine if we were a cultural meeting place for Benicia, where music and art expressed the wonder of God’s creation for anyone who passed by.

†Imagine if we were an incentive-inducing point for mission initiatives, with Jesus’ commission to go into the world bringing the love of Jesus to all.

†Imagine if we became more known as a place of quality religious and spiritual education, a point where issues relevant to our lives were open to all.

†Imagine if we were a gathering place where increasing numbers of young people met to have fun in a safe, spirit-filled environment, growing in the strength of the Holy Spirit and the knowledge of how to love God and neighbor.

†Imagine if St. Paul’s had an established financial legacy that ensured God’s mission for the century to come.

†Now ... Imagine you being part of that!

Blessings!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanna".

Nominees for Vestry

Three-Year Terms:

Sue Davis

I am very honored to have been asked to put my name in nomination for vestry in 2010. I am a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who was a member of St. Paul's in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and gladly returned in February 2009. There has never been a time in my life when I was NOT active in the life of a faith community. I have in the past served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, moderator of the deacons in a Presbyterian church, an adult leader on the very first SSP group from St. Paul's, taught and supervised three Stephen Ministry classes as a Stephen Ministry Leader, participated in last summer's weeklong Kids' Vacation Academy, and am currently helping out with the Friday Activities 4 Kids here at St. Paul's.

I have accumulated an abundance of knowledge over the years working with church budgets, Christian nurture for children and on various committees. I believe that the depth of my experience, as well as the depth of my trust in God to lead me, will help me to become an asset to St. Paul's in this new capacity.

Fred Railsback

I have been a member of St. Paul's for about 30 years, having joined shortly after a job transfer from Texas. I have been on the vestry several times, serving twice as junior warden and three times as senior warden. I have been involved in just about everything except choir and altar guild. I guess this means I am still learning about our great parish. It is constantly changing, which is a good thing. Stagnation is deadly.

I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 48+ years, which is exactly how long I have been an Episcopalian. Mittie saved me from a hedonistic lifestyle. We have two sons, one daughter, two granddaughters, one son in law, and one great grandson. I retired in 1999 after 34 years with a petroleum company. My life philosophy is that if you are not doing for others, start now.

Bill "Ski" Smiglewski

I was born Dec. 26, 1943 in Kansas City, Missouri. I graduated from St. Pius X High School. I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1964 and served in Viet Nam for 13 months. I was hired on at Chevron U.S.A. in 1967 and retired after 37 years.

I started attending St. Paul's in 1994. Carol and I were married at St. Paul's in 1995. I have served on Vestry as Junior Warden for three years. I have also served on the Building and Grounds Committee and Project Open Door. I have also served as usher, lector and currently in choir at the 11 am service.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Senior Warden's Report

Submitted by Lee Anne Bundesen

St. Paul's Benicia is a beautiful asset to the community and to all of us, the people who participate in the life of this church.

- Walk into the church on a weekday and experience a quiet, peaceful sanctuary.
- Enter the church at 5 on a third Sunday and hear worship led by the Kids Band.
- Arrive at the Parish Hall on a Wednesday afternoon to smell the tantalizing aroma of the Community Meal being served and hear the chatter of people enjoying a warm and nutritious free meal.
- Watch a group of children and adults vesting together anticipating the wonderful ceremony of the 8:45 service.
- Find a group of adults learning more about Christ and the church on a Sunday between services, on a Wednesday morning or a Tuesday evening.
- Experience the joy of singing God's praises loudly at the 11 a.m. service.
- Laugh out loud at the pandemonium of Kids' Vacation Academy in June or the fun of Friday Activities for Kids during the school year.
- Welcome back the Sierra Service Project team and be inspired by their work.
- Feel your relationship with God reflected in the stained glass windows, the flicker of the candles, the folds of the altar linens, the prayers for the sick, and especially, in the people... all the people, including you, who pray, study, cook, serve, sing, work and play in God's house.

So much is available to your spiritual and community life at St. Paul's if you act... enter, see, find, experience and feel to your soul's content.

Much of the Annual Meeting focuses on St. Paul's financial situation, but that is only a reflection of the VALUE of St. Paul's in YOUR life. No one decides what that value is other than you. No one else can increase that value like you can by stepping forward into increased involvement in this parish.

It is your involvement and contribution to the life of this faith community that demonstrates your belief in Jesus' instruction, "Follow me."

Junior Warden's Report

Submitted by Caleigh Furlong

A lot has been done to the church this year and there are many volunteers to thank for their continual contributions. Special thanks go to Steve Rodekohr for his work as liaison between Larry Heltsley, our contractor, and the Junior Warden, Fred Railsback, Mike Baldwin, Bill Smiglewski and Porter Swayne for light bulb patrol, Kim Rodekohr, Debi Hall, Bob Hall, Tom Mader, Steve Yurosko and Larry Heltsley and his team and Artcentric. Larry and his team provided excellent work and service, advice, help, referrals and humor as the first stage of the kitchen remodel was completed. A very, very special THANK YOU goes to JoAnn Souza for everything!

Fortunately, it's been a light year as far as repairs and maintenance goes in the church. The major siding work was completed last year and this year the focus continues to be on the kitchen remodel.

Work this year has included the following:

Church

- The church siding project was completed.
- A discussion has begun with Bill Smiglewski to create and install a stained glass window to go above the doors going into the church from the narthex.
- The audio system was professionally reset this year to give us optimal sound.
- Shortly we will be replacing all light bulbs with CFL bulbs.
- A few repairs were done to some pews.

The tiles that were removed from the altar space due to replacing the siding on the west side will be replaced. A special thank you to the owner of Artcentric who did a fantastic job matching both pattern and colors for the tiles.

Contracts

- We continue to contract with Larry Heltsley for the continued work on the church
 - We continue to contract with a cleaning service for the church and Parish Hall
- We continue to contract with a pest control company for bugs, ants and wasps. This has greatly helped in keeping out ants from the kitchen and Parish Hall and wasps from the rectory.

Kitchen/Parish Hall

- The freezer was replaced with a new stainless steel commercial grade freezer.
- The smaller wall ovens were replaced with new stainless steel ovens.
- The swamp cooler was removed from the roof and a skylight was installed in its place.
- New flooring was added and the island was moved over to the wall giving more room in the kitchen.
- New swinging doors with windows were added to the kitchen.
- Tom Mader rewired one of the lights in the Parish Hall.

Debi Hall continues the process of gaining funds to have the kitchen remodeled. Our Community Meal is growing and with the growth comes the need for more of a commercial kitchen. More to come in 2010.

Outdoors

- The sprinklers in both the front yard and back yards were working improperly. Thank you to Bob Hall for helping find the problems and Bill Smiglewski for fixing the problems.
- The memorial garden has had several plants added in the name of parishioners that passed away this year.
- The front lawn, back lawn and labyrinth continue to be useful in a variety of ways this year providing great spaces for the KVA, Party of Parties and the Stewardship Party. The backyard was also used for several outdoor services and the annual picnic and the Party of Parties. A large tree on the back side of the church had died and was removed. Thanks to Bob Hall for making the arrangements and Mike Baldwin for ensuring that the hole was covered and no longer a safety issue.

2010 Plans

- Continued work on the kitchen remodel.
- Continued repairs to be done as needed.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Summaries/2010 Budget

Submitted by Art Schipper

The Treasurer's Report will be available at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 31.

St. Paul's Historic Trust

Submitted by Fred Railsback

The Trust is comprised of seven members: Bill Markley, Tom Aldinger, Fred Railsback, community representative Manuel Lopes, Rev. Jeanne Forte, Senior Warden Lee Anne Bundesen, and Peddler's Fair Chair Katie Scott. The charter of the Trust is to raise funds (Peddler's Fair), accept donations and bequests (remember the Trust in your estate planning), monitor and invest funds, and make sure all proceeds are spent on the maintenance, care, and any needed restoration of the three registered historic buildings. The only funds spent, other than on the buildings, are the 10% of the Peddler' Fair net proceeds that go back into the community as donations to local non-profit organizations. The Trust meets quarterly and all meetings are open to the parish.

Peddler's Fair

Submitted by Mike Baldwin

The 46th annual Peddler's Fair was held on Saturday, Aug. 8. The weather again cooperated and was as good as any seen in the last five years. This year we had 295 vendors selling antiques, collectibles, and crafts. We had 16 assorted food vendors and aside from a noisy generator no problems in the Fair as a whole. We did qualify 17 vendors in 30 hours with the Franchise Tax Board who were very helpful getting us to meet guidelines. The county Health Department was as usual terrific to work with.

Our Fair attendance was estimated between 25,000 and 30,000 people. We had good local press and Business Pointe Impressions of Concord donated a dozen large posters for outdoor signage, which were professional and impressive. Pets were not allowed in the street unless disability associated and after clarification by the Health Department. The Fair was responsible from curb to curb only.

We cannot thank all of those that helped by name but here are a few of the sub group managers, directors and all round great help: Traffic Duo: Tom Aldinger, Bob Hall; Sue Kinder for a fantastic job of shuttle organization; Robin Silver for donating the masseuse; Johanna Wright for a hot and excellent breakfast; Kiwanis Club of Benicia Pres. Greg Elwell for traffic help; Bob Cecil and the cleanup group with help from the Kiwanis Key Club of Benicia High; The office angels who helped all week in a multitude of tasks that would have brought the committee to their knees; our rector Jeannie Forte for Traffic and PR work, all in all those members of the parish who used this for an opportunity of outreach by bringing a friend.

We especially want to thank the City of Benicia: Public Works Jim Phillips, Benicia Police Department Event Coordinator Sgt. Frank Hartig and the Benicia Police Volunteers Coordinator Patty Barron. Without them we wouldn't have been able to have such a great fair. They supported us from 2 am towing cars to 7 pm overseeing Adobe cleaning the streets.

It is with great pleasure I tell you we had an even better fair financially than last year. We raised over \$30,500 net after expenses. For future reference, we are looking for "sponsors" for major expense items for 2010: Advertising, PortaPotties (plumbing companies might be interested here), insurance, phone, water, and breakfast.

The 1st chair for the year 2010 is Katherine Scott, 2nd Chair is Linda Tremain, and Chair Advisor is Mike Baldwin. We want to thank outgoing Chair Advisor Jeff Jarvis who has graciously offered to take over Traffic from Tom Aldinger. Tom is taking retirement after 25 years in this position—a warm thank you and kudos to Tom. (We know we will still see you!!)

God bless to all of you through the years especially the past chairs. We would like to thank Grace Kurtz in particular who with Father Davis ran the first 14 years of the Fair. Please thank Grace or any of the other past chairs that have through their hard work preserved the Historic nature of St. Paul's. Thank you to the Historic Trust: Fred Railsback, Bill Markley, Tom Aldinger, Manny Lopes without their prudent guidance and hard work none of this would be possible.

COMMISSIONS

Christian Formation

Christian Education (Adult Forum)

Submitted by Judy Furlong

This year we have presented the first part of a year-long program called Living the Questions. This program is designed to discuss and ponder the issues facing progressive Christians in the world. We began in September with the first 7-part series. Topics included Stories of Creation, Lives of Jesus and Paul's Journeys. The second 7-part series will begin in mid-January, 2010. The Wednesday Bible Study group met regularly after the Wednesday liturgy, led by Rev. Jeanne. We are engaged in a year-long journey through the bible. Discussions are free flowing and lively, and there is room for more participants.

Cursillo

No report submitted. For more information, contact Steve or Sue Yurosko.

Foyer Groups

Submitted by Debi Hall

Foyer is a social activity where small groups of people meet outside of church to share a meal or an activity. Foyer is a great way to meet new people. If you are interested in reviving Foyer Groups at St. Paul's, please contact Debi Hall.

Parish Commission for Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Judy Furlong, PCOM Chair

The Rev. Canon John Bogart, Fred Railsback, Robin Silver, David White, Virginia Vater

The work of the Parish Commission for Ministry (PCOM) is one of the most important responsibilities that a parishioner can have. The duties of the PCOM are to facilitate the ministries of parishioners, both ordained and lay. During 2009, Steven Yurosko was approved for postulancy to the priesthood by Bishop Beisner and is now in his first year at CDSP. Chris Arnold is completing his second graduate degree at CDSP and is a candidate for ordination to the priesthood.

The PCOM is also responsible for serving as a liaison between the parish and the rector and vestry for seminarians assigned to St. Paul's for Field Education. During the past year, we worked with Kathy Macek as our 2008-2009 seminarian and we meet with her regularly.

Part of the PCOM's job is to also keep track of licensed lay ministries in the parish. These include Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors and Lay Preachers.

Small Groups

The purpose of small groups is to grow a deeper relationship with God. The groups meet on a regular basis, usually once a week or twice a month. Groups are encouraged to meet in a member's home. The format includes Bible study, sharing, and prayer. The Small group ministry is in great need of a coordinator; if you think you might be right for the job, please contact the church office at 745-0307.

Stephen Ministries

Submitted by Beth Gaines

Stephen Ministries at St. Paul 's was initiated in 2008 with the attendance of Beth Gaines at the Stephen Leaders Training Conference in Pittsburg , PA , in August. This was a 7-day conference covering the material in the Stephen Series. This material is designed to be used by the Stephen leader to train volunteers to become Stephen Ministers and provide distinctively Christian caregiving to persons going through a difficult time. Publicity and recruitment took place from September to December of 2008. Volunteer training took place January through July, 2009, with the successful commissioning of three Stephen Ministers on May 31, 2009.

Christian Outreach

Bridge Group

No report submitted For information, contact Tom Aldinger.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew: A Ministry of Service for Men & Youth

Submitted by a Committee of Brothers

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an organization within the Episcopal Church for men and is dedicated to the spread of Christ's kingdom among men and youth through prayer, study and service. While the Brotherhood chapter here at St. Paul's has been a more or less active group over the last 25 years, it currently still meets in the Parish Hall for a hearty breakfast cooked by a rotation of Brothers followed by a program every second Saturday at 7.30 am. All men are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

In addition to our regular meetings during 2009, members of the Brotherhood have taken great pride in contributing over 200 person hours by organizing the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, cooking at the Annual Parish Picnic, providing a good deal of logistics manpower support to the Peddler's Fair, and holding an annual Chili Dinner during the annual Christmas tree lighting and merchant open house on First Street in early December. All the funds raised by these Brotherhood functions, an estimated \$1,500 in cash annually, go to support local community outreach programs, in particular the Sierra Service Project, Reach Out Benicia, the Community Action Council and St. Paul's Community Meal program, among others.

In 2009, the Brotherhood's programs were a mixture of interesting Bible Study and explanations about programs the Brotherhood supports financially, such as the SSP, etc. Fellowship among the Brothers is an important part of our meetings, with tall stories and jokes being exchanged openly and regularly. Some more of the same is planned for the year 2010, with Bible Study programs planned by both Emmett McDowell and Steve Yurosko.

But frankly, the membership of the Brotherhood is struggling to find a quorum, a larger body of support from the male members of the congregation of St. Paul's. We find that there is a loyal core of 10 – 15 Brothers who attend, organize, support and "make" the fund-raising activities happen. For those of us present, we would like to extend this level of support and fellowship to a larger group of members of the Parish, to hear what makes a difference to YOU.

We had our regular meeting on January 9 at 7.30 AM to plan for the Shrove Tuesday event. Join us then. And join the Brotherhood at a potentially ground-breaking 25th anniversary meeting in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 12 at 7.30 am to discuss the future of how, and indeed if, the Brotherhood group should continue to exist in its current form and format, or whether its charter is better served in other ways.

Community Meal

Submitted by Debi Hall

St. Paul's continues to prepare and serve a hot meal to anyone who walks through our doors on Wednesdays. In the last year we have seen our serving numbers shoot up substantially. We now serve 125-160 on a regular basis every Wednesday. This past year we have seen substantially more people volunteer to help with the program, and two churches, Northgate Christian Fellowship and Heritage Presbyterian, continue to cook one Wednesday a month. The Kiwanis cooks every fifth Wednesday, led by Donna Baldwin.

After much fundraising in 2008, we began our kitchen remodel in 2009. To date, one cabinet was moved to accommodate a new double door. Two new windows and two skylights were added, so the rusted water cooler could be removed from the roof. We replaced the worn out freezer with a commercial grade one and replaced the original double oven with a new, more efficient version. Shelving was added, and the floor replaced. The remodel is not complete, but with additional fundraising efforts in 2010, we hope to be able to add a new cabinet and replace the counter tops.

Our St. Paul's volunteers continue to be a great blessing to the program. We couldn't prepare and serve this meal every week without them! Maggie Smith continues in the Head Cook role, with a faithful group of women to help her. Our men folk set up the room, serve, clean -up and guide our visiting volunteers through the ropes. And besides our own wonderful helpers, volunteers came from the middle school, high school, St. Dominic's grade school and the community at large, often just showing up wanting to help.

Please keep the Community Meal in your prayers as we strive to improve the program, raise the funds necessary to complete the kitchen project, and continue to serve those in need in our community.

Fair Trade Coffee Project

Submitted by Mary Lou Bogart

We are into our fourth year selling Fair Trade Coffee products. We partner with Heritage Presbyterian Church in Benicia. This is an outreach program to help poor Central and South American coffee and cocoa farmers develop co-ops and receive a fair price for their crops. The Equal Exchange Project acts as middlemen at a minimal operating cost. Our parishioners are able to purchase coffee, tea, cocoa, and chocolate of a high quality at a very advantageous price. Although the money goes through our books, we have not tapped into church funds. In 2009, we bought supplies for \$1,565.60, and we sold \$1,461.43. We try to sell once, sometimes twice, a month at Sunday coffee hours. Mary Lou Bogart, Robin Silver, and JoAnne Craig are chairpersons and will be glad to answer any questions.

Fifth Sunday Food Drive

Submitted by Edna Aldinger, Coordinator

For many years, the worship community at St. Paul's has taken the opportunity to collect non-perishable food items for the Benicia Community Action Council. Food is collected on months of the year with fifth Sundays. On average, St. Paul's contributes 300 pounds of food from each of the food drives. The 2010 Fifth Sunday Food Drives will be in January, May, August, and October. Look for brown grocery bags at the back of the church on the fourth Sundays of those months.

Friday Activities for Kids/Elementary School Program

Submitted by Lee Anne Bundesen

Friday Activities for Kids began in the spring of 2009 as a way to involve children with St. Paul's during the school year and to engage them in a faith environment. Our intent is to provide fun activities here at church, provide the opportunity for new friendships and allow their families to become familiar with St. Paul's.

This Elementary School program has been quite successful. Although activities are set up for Grades 1-5, we welcome pre-school and kindergarteners who come with an adult to make sure they understand the activity and are enjoying themselves. Each session includes a healthy snack and playtime breaks. This program is fully self-supporting.

Vital Statistics:

Registrations:	27	
Attendance:	16	Average of all 16 elementary sessions in 2009
Outreach:	12	9 registered non-members; 3 guests

2009 Sessions have included:

Tours:

Benicia Library, Camel Barn, Benicia Floral, Fire Museum

Activities:

- Making Friends – Every session, Meeting the Reading Dogs
- Church - Providing flowers arrangements for Sunday, Learning about Flower Guild
- Arts & Crafts – Decorating aprons, Making Advent wreathes, Learning to paint
- Science – Learning about light
- Holiday - Carving pumpkins, Making candy houses
- Cooking – Baking cookies, Making pizzas

THANKS go out to all the people who have volunteered to make this ambitious project successful. Many have offered their talents and expertise to lead sessions and to oversee the safety and participation of the children. This program is blessed by the generous spirit of everyone who participates!

Friday Activities for Kids/Middle School Ministry

Submitted by Walter Vater

Middle schoolers were active in the life of the church in 2009. They serves as acolytes and contemporary choir members throughout the year. Several also participated in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew monthly meetings. In addition, they participated in the following activities:

March	Created puppets and plays
April	Visited the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo
May	Made pizzas and visited the Old State Capitol Building in Benicia
June	Served as junior counselors for Kids' Vacation Academy
September	Toured the Benicia Police Department
October	Carved jack-o-lanterns
November	Made blankets for foster children
December	Constructed miniature candy houses; participated in the Christmas Pageant

Health Ministries

This ministry is in need of a coordinator. If you are interested, please contact The Rev. Jeanne Forte.

Kairos

No report submitted. For more information, contact Steve Yurosko.

Kids' Vacation Academy (KVA)

Submitted by The Rev. Jeanne Forte

Four years ago, the Kids' Vacation Academy was nonexistent. Things have changed. A year and a half after KVA '08 Harry Potter's candles hang yet in the Parish Hall, and everyone wants to leave them up. Each year's KVA has met with success, with 60+ campers and almost as many volunteers participating. Plans are underway for our fourth season of KVA, to be held the week of June 14. This year's theme is "Meeting the King in the Circle of Life." If you know anyone who would like to spend a week with Simba, Nahla, Timon or any of the "Lion King" characters, please join us. We're always looking for youth staff and adult volunteers, whether you've been involved in the past or not. We'll be holding regular meetings beginning in February. Let me know if you want to join in the fun.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Submitted by Charlie Kilbourne

Lay Eucharistic Visitors assist the clergy by taking the eucharist to the ill, shut-ins and others unable to join the congregation in worship. With the approval of the Rector, the LEVs are licensed by the diocese to perform their duties. By providing visits on Sundays after services, the LEVs include others in the celebration of the eucharist and insure their connection with the St. Paul's community. LEV visits are available to all parishioners upon their request. Seven parishioners serve in this ministry faithfully.

Ruthie Ministry

Submitted by Edna Aldinger

The Meals Ministry and the Cards Ministry are both part of the Health Ministries, and they have been a blessing to many of our parishioners. We offer encouragement and assistance among our own parish members.

About 12 members of the congregation rotate to prepare and deliver meals as they are needed. Betty McIntosh coordinated the team who sent out about 300 get well, sympathy, birthday, and anniversary cards.

These are ministries of caring and sharing. Thanks go to all our volunteers, and all parishioners are welcome to join the team.

Sierra Service Project

Submitted by Steve Rodekohr

2009 in Review:

Our fundraising efforts this year focused on four events: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew chili feed in December 2008, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in February, our annual Sierra Service Project "St. Patrick's Day" corned beef and cabbage dinner, and serving at the Vallejo Yacht Club St. Patty's Dinner. We raised over \$4000 from these events. Thank you to the Brotherhood for their service and thanks to Jim Jewell for coordinating the St. Patrick's Day dinner! As always, I want to thank the youth campers, our counselors and the parents for all of their hard work during the year!

We sent 20 youth and 4 adult counselors to the Indian Valley working with the Round House Council. Indian Valley is located in the Northern Sierra at about 4000-foot elevation. We stayed in the small town of Greenville at the Greenville United Methodist Church. We all slept outside in tents or under the stars, and showered in home-made hose-fed showers! We worked on the homes of a number of different Native Americans in the Greenville area. The campers did some roofing, deck rebuilding, flooring repair and painting.

Goals for 2010:

This year, we will be going as one group again, and we'll heading back to Indian Valley! Indian Valley was our third choice for 2010 but due to the size of our group, our first choice at Loleta working for the Wiyot Tribe was able to materialize. That's okay though! It's about the service!

SSP will be having a number of fundraising events from now until July. Please support our youth. Without you, SSP would not be as successful as it is. If you wish to provide a private donation, you can make a check payable to: St. Paul's SSP Program.

Website/Communications

Submitted by JoAnn Souza

Over the past two years St. Paul's Vestry has worked to improve the flow of information to members of the congregation.

The Church website <http://www.stpaulsbenicia.org> continues to provide a Parish calendar and announcements concerning services and special events. The website is updated weekly to keep everyone informed about service times and events. Among the many features on the site, there are downloadable versions of recent sermons and newsletters and a link for paying your offerings to St. Paul's by credit card; Visa, MasterCard, Discover card or American Express are all accepted.

St. Paul's reminds parishioners of upcoming events through the use of email and auto-dialer services. If you haven't been receiving email notices or recorded messages, contact the church office to update your information. If you don't wish to receive these emails or recorded messages, please let us know. All members with internet access will continue to receive the newsletter via an email link to our website.

Members of the congregation who have e-mail service may request an electronic version of *The Epistle*, our monthly newsletter. If you would like to help the Church save the cost of printing and posting your newsletter, telephone JoAnn to add your e-mail to *The Epistle* address book.

Welcome Committee/Hospitality

Welcoming has several aspects. You are welcome to volunteer for any or all! Hospitality means opening our doors and lives to new people and opportunities!

The Welcome Table

After the 8:45 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services, the Welcome table in the Parish Hall is staffed by friendly people who can provide information about St. Paul's and about the Episcopal Church. Please sign up to staff the table to welcome everyone who wants information.

PIE Greeters

The People Involved in Evangelism (PIE) Greeters are a group of parishioners who take turns calling on newcomers within a week of their first visit to St. Paul's. The greeters take an Information Packet and a pie, or some other baked good, homemade or purchased, for a very brief visit in which the newcomer is thanked for their interest in St. Paul's.

Our PIE greeters for 2010 are Mike Baldwin, Caleigh Furlong, Jennifer Jarvis, Ann Lindsay, Betty and Bob McIntosh, Jane Samuelson. A total of 19 families were visited by our dedicated PIE greeters in 2009.

Providers of Food & Snacks

We are in need of a person or persons to coordinate snacks after the 8:45 and 11 am services, perhaps by splitting the duties for each service. We have established a system for how members can help with bringing snacks based on their last names (see below). It would be helpful to have someone email reminders to members and to the church office.

1st Sunday of each month: Everyone whose last name starts with A-D brings food to share

2nd Sunday: Everyone whose last name starts with E-J brings food to share

3rd Sunday: Everyone whose last name starts with K-P brings food to share

4th Sunday: Everyone whose last name starts with R-Z brings food to share

5th Sunday: Bring Food Bags for CAC. Snacks will be provided!

WORSHIP COMMISSION

The Worship Commission meets quarterly at the request and under the guidance of the rector. All matters of worship are discussed, and various groups are made aware of the events in the life of our worship at St. Paul's. The commission includes representatives from the altar guild, flower guild, ushers, LEMs and lectors, acolytes and crucifers, music resources, Sunday school, adult forum, and the parish office.

Acolytes

No report submitted. Contact Chris Arnold, the new coordinator of this ministry.

Altar Guild

Submitted by Kimberly Rodekohr

This year has been another challenging year for the Altar Guild team as we have been working with "below minimum staffing." We are in DESPERATE need of members and have attempted to recruit, but still are in need of people. If you are interested, please contact me.

During 2009, the Altar Guild pooled together for the usual big services, polishing brass and organizing the Sacristy. Several ironing enthusiasts have kept us in fresh linens, and for that we are so grateful. Thank you, Edna and Nancy. We do have a new member on the team. We'd like to welcome Martha McAfee. The Altar Guild has continued to be flexible with the 5 pm service and it has worked out very well.

We have come up with a new idea for handling weddings. We will be advising all Altar Team members when weddings are scheduled, and we will pay them a stipend of \$100, which will come from the wedding party. The member, who decides to handle the jobs, as they appear, will be in charge of the details from rehearsal to wedding.

We are still hoping to refurbish a few pieces of brass, specifically the cross that sits on the credence table, the holy water font and the sancto light. Obviously the funds are not there to take care of these needs.

As mentioned we are always open to new members and welcome any questions. I look forward to serving St. Paul's along with the other Altar Guild members during 2010.

Flower Guild

Submitted by Sandy Schipper, Coordinator

This year members of the Flower Guild have faithfully and beautifully honored their commitment to St. Paul's. Their commitment involves doing flower arrangements for one Sunday each month. The group also decorates the church for special seasons, such as Christmas and Easter. The Flower Guild is blessed to have a group of dedicated substitutes who step forward as their help is needed. None of us are trained professionals, but lovers of flowers and our church. We welcome others who are interested in this ministry to join us.

Church members may choose to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special occasion or memorial. A donation of \$50 is suggested. Guild members work with the sponsor family to honor any special requests. Funds for the Flower Guild are not included in St. Paul's budget, so donations from church members provide our sole support. A flower sponsor sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Intercessors

Submitted by Edie HoltonWestphal

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors at St. Paul's are an integral part of the liturgy. Theirs is a special calling and their faithful service enhances the beauty of our worship services. In addition to being present to serve on Sunday, they give of their time and talents by researching and writing the prayers of the people, as well as practicing the readings in order to be prepared on Sunday morning. These ministries are a gift to the congregation and to those who participate in them. We currently have 20 active Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and 20 Lectors.

Those who serve in these ministries commit to service, prayer, and to attending training/review sessions annually as well as a Lay Ministry Worship at least once every three years to maintain their license. Several people have indicated an interest to serve in these ministries and will be trained to do so in January 2010. Also, after many years of tireless service, Sue Yurosko has handed the baton to Edie Westphal as coordinator of this ministry.

We look forward to welcoming new LEMs and Lectors in 2010 and give heartfelt thanks to those who continue to faithfully serve in these ministries.

Morning Prayer

Submitted by The Rev. John Bogart, Convenor

Six people keep the service of Morning Prayer going regularly Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. They are: Edna Aldinger, John Bogart, Mittie and Fred Railsback, Sue Libby and Kitty Griffin. Occasionally we are joined by other members of the parish.

We pray for the sick, the shut-in and any others who have special needs. We also give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and to all whom we love. We love our work.

Please come and join us when you can.

Music Ministries

Contemporary Music Ministry

Submitted by Mark Sackett

This past year the Contemporary Music Ministry continued its focus on prayer, praise and worship. All members of the ministry support the priority of leading by teaching and leading by example. We pray together every Sunday, often while singing. While our numbers did not necessary grow, they changed in scope. We began incorporating youth into the service over the course of the year. We have more youth than we've ever had before, which helps keeps us all focused on the future of the church.

We started a Youth Praise Band this year. We have seven young people who are actively involved. They rehearse together and lead music at the 5 pm family service once a month. We pray together and we sing and play. To be concise: They totally rock! It is quite musical and truly moving to see these young people leading the congregation. Three adult members of the contemporary music ministry attend to serve and lead the kids: David Bundesen, Bob Lawson and I are all involved. These young people also are part of our contemporary ministry.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to worship with this wonderful group of people. They are focused and clear on their purpose and dedicated to their mission of leading the congregation in sung prayer. We have had a number of terrific leaders emerge from this ministry. I recently describe one of them as an evangelist. I'm hoping that word shows up more and more in our annual reports!

Traditional Music Ministry

No report submitted. For information, contact Glenn Walp.

Office Angels

Submitted by JoAnn Souza

Purpose of the Ministry

The Office Angels ministry allows the parish administrator to make more efficient use of her time by providing volunteers who help with routine office tasks on a weekly and monthly basis.

2009 in Review

The Office Angels continue to provide invaluable assistance to the Parish Administrator and Rector. They help fill in for the parish administrator when she is out of the office, fold the bulletins, and assist with other mass mailings throughout the year. Special thanks to Kay Barnard and Betty McIntosh for their dedication in continuing to help prepare the weekly Sunday bulletins for over 10 years. This year we welcomed Kathy Prosser and Ginny Altice, who are also helping with the bulletins. Thanks also to Winnie Johnson and Bob McIntosh for their help. Appreciation is also given to Sara Underwood for her excellent work designing and laying out the *Epistle*.

Ushers

Submitted by Steve Rodekohr, Director

Purpose of the Ministry

Ushering is a ministry of hospitality. Ushers are those friendly and welcoming people who greet those of us who worship at St. Paul's. The Ushers provide a service sheet so that all may take part in the Liturgy, as well as making sure all are comfortably seated. Quietly, the Ushers work to avoid distractions and play a key role in the Offertory and Eucharist.

2009 in Review

The ministry currently has 46 parishioners performing ushering duties on a regular basis. We have 10 reserve ushers who can be called upon if needed.

All ushers have received a one-hour training session and have been provided a general booklet on the Ministry of Ushering by the Order of St. Benedict. Thanks to the dedication of those in this ministry, 2009 ran very smoothly.

The Usher Ministry continues to operate with a zero budget. Supplies have been provided through private donation.

Four faithful ushers semi-retired from our ministry this year but stayed on "Reserve" status. Thank you to Patrick and Kathleen Prosser and John and Linda Reiff who had to leave the ministry this year. Your service was appreciated! Welcome to Robert and Ellen Whitehead who have joined us this year!

2010 Goals

As with any ministry, the Usher Ministry is always seeking those to serve. This is a very important and easy ministry to be involved with here at St. Paul's. Your obligation is about one service (of your choice) every other month. Ushers for all services are needed.

Vergers

Submitted by Fred Railsback

Our Vergers are a group of dedicated men who are responsible for the safety and security of our historic buildings. During the week the vergers lock and alarm the buildings nightly. On Sunday morning the vergers open the buildings, turn on the lights and sound system, make coffee, etc. to make sure that everything runs smoothly.

Many thanks to Tom Aldinger, Joe Brien, Bob Hall, Tom Mader, Bill Markley, Neal Mulholand, and Fred Railsback for their long-standing duty. We would love to have two or three more join this elite group. For those interested, please speak to one of the above and find out what adventures you may encounter in these old buildings during the dead of night! Only the brave and strong need apply.

Youth and Children's Services

Church School

Submitted by Chris Mader

The “Seasons of the Spirit” curriculum for the 2009-2010 Sunday School year is designed to educate through age-appropriate lessons. The curriculum is being used in classes for children ages 3-5 and 6-11. Each week, the classes focus on a Bible passage chosen from the lectionary readings for that Sunday. When the young people attend Sunday worship, they are already familiar with one of the lessons and themes for the week. This allows them to engage more fully in the service and, since their parents hear the same reading, promotes family discussion afterwards. The program provides a wide range of art and music experiences to reinforce the lessons. Teachers receive posters, ideas for art projects, skits, CDs, sheet music and other materials to use in their classes. The 12 and up class is participating in a program that teaches them Bible themes in relationship to their lives. This group will have the opportunity to develop and participate in a variety of activities and projects that enrich their experiences as Christians.

This year, the Sunday School is also actively living our faith and learning how to make a difference in other people’s lives by learning about and collecting funds for Heifer International. This is an organization that has “projects around the world that help families achieve self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training.” All of this is possible because a group of devoted teachers and project leaders meet with Sunday School classes on Sundays at 10 am. Consider participating as a teacher, class assistant, substitute or special project assistant.

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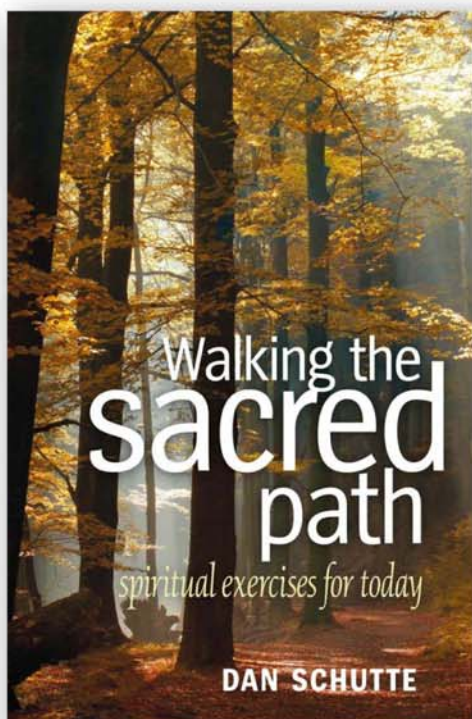
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COMMUNITY MEAL BENEFIT CONCERTS

We are proud to announce an upcoming series of concerts to be held at St. Paul's. All concerts will begin at 7:30 pm, with the doors opening at 7 pm.

On Jan. 23, all the way from the Big Island of Hawaii and Los Angeles, we will host a concert with Hawaiian slack key guitarist Chris Yeaton, classical fusion style guitarist Adam Werner, and local Bay Area finger style guitarist Gordon Rowland. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

And on Feb. 27, guitar and flute Duo Daniel Roest and Francesca Anderson will entertain us with classical pieces and a few surprises for guitar and flute. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

All concerts benefit St. Paul's Community Meal Program. Please join us for this exciting series of concerts! Contact St. Paul's at 745-0307 for tickets and information.



January 2010 Lay Ministries Schedule

JAN. 3, 2010—EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	Kitty Griffin
	LEM	Mary Frances Kelly Poh
	LEM/Inter.	Jackie French
	Crucifer	Amy Markley
	Torch.	Matt Markley, Patric Knoblic
	Ushers	Bob & Ellen Whitehead
11 AM	Lector	Ski Smiglewski
	LEM	Jennifer Jarvis
	LEM/Inter.	Jeff Jarvis
	Ushers	Don & Maggie Smith
	Altar Guild	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
	Flower Guild	Sandy Schipper, Maggie Smith, Edie Lockman, Maureen Troyer
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Beth Gaines
	Office Angel	Ginny Altice
	PIE Greeter	Dale Kilbourne
	Verger	Bob Hall

JAN. 10, 2010—1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	Debi Hall
	LEM	Dale Kilbourne
	LEM/Inter.	Charlie Kilbourne
	Crucifer	Joseph Ellett
	Torch.	Mikayla Stotler, Aislynn Stotler
	Ushers	Tom & Edna Aldinger
11 AM	Lector	Robin Silver
	LEM	Sue Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Steve Yurosko
	Ushers	Patricia Swayne, Brian Stotler
	Altar Guild	Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Flower Guild	Kathy Prosser
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	JoAnne Craig
	Office Angel	Kathy Prosser
	PIE Greeter	Ann Lindsay
Verger	Joe Brien	

JAN. 17, 2010— 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	Debbie Varson
	Deacon	The Rev. Shep Jenks
	LEM/Inter.	Judy Furlong
	Crucifer	Connor Kearns
	Torch.	Christian Kearns, Alan Kwok
	Ushers	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
11 AM	Lector	Anne Seed
	LEM	Mark Sackett
	LEM/Inter.	Barbara Jewell
	Ushers	Jon & Kelly Kearns
	Altar Guild	Sandy Voorhees, Edie Lockman, Nancy Jenks, Chris Stevens, Nina Landuyt
	Flower Guild	Lee Voorhees
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Steve & Sue Yurosko
	Office Angel	Betty McIntosh
	PIE Greeter	Caleigh Furlong
	Verger	Tom Mader

JAN. 24, 2010— 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	Frank Shoemaker
	LEM	Fred Railsback
	LEM/Inter.	Mittie Railsback
	Crucifer	Michelle Gaines
	Torch.	Teresa Gaines, Patric Knoblic
	Ushers	Tom & Chris Mader
11 AM	Lector	Maggie Smith
	LEM	JoAnne Craig
	LEM/Inter.	Mike Baldwin
	Ushers	Jeff & Jennifer Jarvis
	Altar Guild	Kim Rodekohl, Shelby Rodekohl, Haley Rodekor, Cyndi Hardy
	Flower Guild	Julia Ritter
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Chris Arnold
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Jennifer Jarvis
	Verger	Neal Mulholand

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Bob Whitehead	4
Ryan Klemm	4
Maggie Smith	6
Betty McIntosh	11
Ginny Altice	11
Neal Mulholand	12
Joyce Leveque	12
Nayda Guerin	12
Minnie Anson	14
Blanche Hilman	15
Andrew Urban	18
Alvin Emmanuel	19
Rosalie Sackett	20
Chris Markley	22
Mark Sackett	25
JoAnne Craig	25
Kristine Mietzner	27
JoAnn Souza	30
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JAN. 31, 2010—4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

10 AM	Lector	Sara Underwood
	LEM	Steve Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Bob Hall
	Crucifer	Matt Markley
	Torch.	Emily Sackett, Jake Sackett
	Ushers	Steve Rodekahr
	Altar Guild	Steve & Sue Yurosko
	Flower Guild	Mittie Railsback, Debi Hall
	Lay, Euch. Visit.	Judy Furlong
	Office Angel	TBA
	PIE Greeter	Mike Baldwin
	Verger	Tom Aldinger

VESTRY

Lee Anne Bundesen
Senior Warden

Caleigh Furlong
Junior Warden

Sara Underwood
Clerk

Susie Bonstin

Jeff Jarvis

Anne Seed

Linda Tremain
John Wright

Rev. Jeanne Forte

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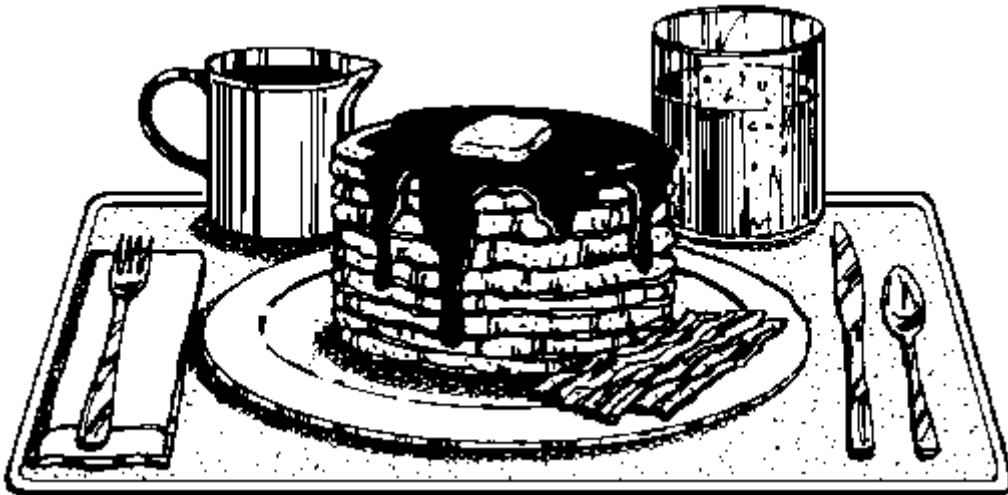
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>3</i> <i>Second Christmas</i> 8:45 & 11 am HE† 10 am Sunday School 5 pm Service	<i>4</i> 9 am MP†	<i>5</i> 9 am MP†	<i>6</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6pm Meal	<i>7</i> 9 am MP†	<i>8</i> 9 am MP†	<i>9</i> 7:30 am Brotherhood Meeting
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<i>17</i> <i>Epiphany 2</i> 8:45 & 11 am HE† 10 am Sunday School 5 pm Service	<i>18</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday</i> 9 am MP†	<i>19</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Adult Forum	<i>20</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† & Bible Study 4:30-6pm Meal 7 pm Walking the Sacred Path	<i>21</i> 9 am MP†	<i>22</i> 9 am MP†	<i>23</i> 2-4 pm LEM Training 7:30 pm Benefit Concert
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<i>31</i> <i>Epiphany 4</i> 10 am HE† Annual General Meeting followed No Sunday School	<p>GROUP MEETINGS <i>Alcoholics Anonymous:</i> 7 am Mon-Fri; 8 am Sat; 6 am & 8 pm Sundays <i>LifeRing:</i> 7 pm Tuesdays Meditation: 6 pm Sundays <i>Narcotics Anonymous:</i> 8 pm Fridays</p>					

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, February 16th
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Open Seating from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.



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St. Paul's Worship Schedule

Monday - Friday

9 am—Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10 am—Holy Eucharist

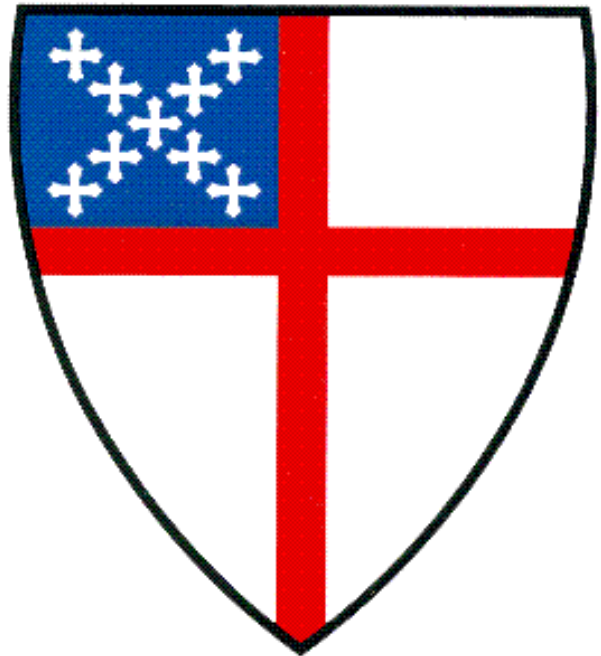
Sunday

8:45 am—Choral Holy Eucharist II:
Traditional Music

10 am—Sunday School

11 am—Contemporary Holy Eucharist:
Praise Music

5 pm—Sabbath Celebration



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