

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO ST. PAUL'S AND TO BENICIA

In addition to a Rector and associates, an Administrator, Worship Music staff, a Communications Coordinator, a Youth and Family coordinator, a Godly Plays coordinator, Nursery Attendants, and an Archivist as paid staff, St. Paul's is blessed with a large number of volunteers who round out many of the programs within the Parish, often as the sole staff working with occasional direction from the Rector.

Each year, the Parish holds a Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall to showcase the various volunteer activities within the church, and to recruit new members to the various activities. The 2017-18 Ministry Fair booklet listed 6 main areas of volunteer activities. These are **Called to Care** (8 volunteer groups), **Catechumenate** (4 volunteer groups), **Good and Orderly Management** (8 volunteer groups), **Outreach** (5 volunteer groups), **Worship and Music** (8 volunteer groups), and **Youth and Family Ministries** (4 volunteer groups).

Each of these 37 volunteer groups has two to many Parish members who plan and accomplish the goals and tasks of their group. And without exception, these groups contribute a significant part of the charisma that is St. Paul's. Some of these volunteers perform their activities "behind the scenes" while others are very visible on Sundays, Wednesdays, and at other times when the Parish is brought together for special activities. Over the years the Rector and Administrator have been able to call upon this volunteer cadre for accomplishing Parish activities.

Thus the Rector and other paid staff members do not "have to do it all". These groups have been nurtured by their members, the Rectors, and Parish members over the years, and they have remained a strong and vital part of St. Paul's.

For more information, consult the Parish Lay Ministries booklet for 2017-18, and the Annual report of the Parish, which is available on line and highlighted elsewhere in the Parish Profile.