



*Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.*

## Your Offerings to St. Paul's

The Vestry wishes to acknowledge the special consideration and generosity of many Parishioners in response to St. Paul's financial crisis. Ninety pledges representing a financial commitment of \$263,900 were collected in the 2009 Stewardship Campaign. That is \$28,200 more than the pledge total last year, and brings us much closer to balancing the Church budget.

Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Parish Hall. This year envelopes were prepared for everyone who submitted a pledge, and givers of record who receive statements of their contributions to St. Paul's for tax purposes. Due to changes in the membership of our Church over the years, the number on your offering envelopes will be different than last year. If you wish to begin using offering envelopes, please call or leave a message with JoAnn and envelopes will be made available to you.

The Vestry is pleased to offer you several alternatives for paying your offerings to St. Paul's. In addition to using your envelopes for the Sunday collection, you may pay your offerings to the Church by setting up automatic withdrawals from your bank account, using on-line banking services or charging your offerings to a credit card account. You will find more information about E-Offerings on the St. Paul's web site <http://www.stpaulsbenicia.org>.



Thanks,

Tom Mader

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# Calling All Parents of School-Age Children

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Please come to a meeting regarding youth ministries at St. Paul's on Tuesday, January 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the parish hall. Please bring your imagination and ideas.

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## Thank You to All Lectors and LEMs

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You are a great group of parishioners to work with. Your devoted service to St. Paul's has been incomparable. You help keep the services running smoothly, and you step in to do what is needed whenever necessary. I have enjoyed working with you over the years. Suzanne Cecil will be scheduling Lectors beginning January 1, 2009, and Sue Yurosko will continue scheduling LEMs.

Thank you all for your faithful service to these important ministries at St. Paul's. Blessings to you all.

Edna Aldinger

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## *St. Patrick's Day SSP Dinner*

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**Mark Your Calendars!!** The Sierra Service Project will be holding their world famous (well, at least in Benicia!) St. Patrick's Day corn-beef and cabbage dinner on **Saturday, March 21, 2009!** (Plus we'll have some kinda Irish beer and wine!) As in the past, we will have some wonderful items for the opportunity drawing.

This is our main fundraiser this year to help send our 20 campers and 4 counselors off to do God's work. This year we'll be going to the Indian Valley reservation in the Northern Sierra's. Please come support SSP and enjoy the fellowship! Tickets will be going on sale at a Parish Hall near you!!

On His Hook, Steve Rodekohr

# Party of Parties is coming!

February 14th (time TBA)

Please consider sponsoring or attending a party as a way to increase community spirit and to help reduce the church's deficit.

The sponsor(s) will determine the date, the activity, the number of people, the ticket price and will host and cover the costs of the event. All money raised will go to the church. The more events and the more people involved, the better for everyone. We would love to have something available every few weeks throughout the year.

Ideas from other charities that sponsor similar events include attending a sports event with 3-4 people, wine tasting, an "old bag" luncheon where everyone brings one old purse no longer wanted and there is an exchange, a visit to a florist with a class in flower arranging followed by lunch, an English Tea, 4th of July picnic at the fireworks show, a trip on a boat, lobster party, a dance class, barbecue, a quilting or sewing class, attending a concert, movie night with popcorn (this could be done at the church), or an ethnic dinner cooked at home. Any idea that is fun is welcome. It does not have to be expensive or fancy and it can be for 2-3 people up to as many as wanted. There can be one sponsor or 10—whatever you want to do.

We will plan on sign-ups on Feb. 14th. We will try to have an initial list of parties in the Sunday bulletins so everyone can get an early look. If you will be out of town, maybe someone else can sign you up. We will also try to get a better reminder system throughout the year so everyone can enjoy these events.

If there is interest as the year goes on, additional events will be added.

Please contact Robin Silver or Sara Underwood if you would like to sponsor an event.

## VESTRY

Tom Mader  
*Senior Warden*

Susie Bonstin

Robin Silver

Caleigh Furlong  
*Junior Warden*

Angela Owston

Meetings are also  
regularly attended by:

Linda Tremain

The Rev. Jeanne Forte

Sara Underwood  
*Clerk*

Steve Ray

Art Schipper  
Treasurer

# A CREED FOR LENT

The youth members of our CnC class have completed their work and met at the "Council of CnC." Like the Creed that was formulated at Nicea in 325 (and in Constantinople 381), their work was to collaborate and form a statement of belief. The statement (see box on right) is a product of their Council. Not every point was considered completely acceptable, and some beliefs were omitted that were deemed to be *anathema* by various members of the "Council of CnC." Also, a member of the Council was absent, and his views are not represented in this statement. As all attending members of the Council have accepted this statement as "not complete, but forming an approximation of belief" the people of St. Paul's have been asked to use this Creed at various services throughout Lent. The entire Council, as well as the individual study leading up to it, and the discussion (arguments and protestations!) surrounding the formulation of a corporate statement of faith was a great exercise in church history. The CnC teachers and students hope you will appreciate the amount of work that enabled this statement of faith. One further thought: If you were to form a statement of faith, who would you like to assist in that process? Who would you **not** want to be present? How would you handle disagreements? Who decides what is "true" and what is not?  
Jeanne†

## CnC Creed, 2009

We believe in something greater than us -- God, the Creator, and True Father of us all, Eternal, Holy and all powerful.

Then there is Jesus, the Son of God, who was born of Mary by the Holy Spirit. He brought a message from God. He is our way to heaven. He was crucified and came back to tell his people he would return some day again.

Then there is the Holy Spirit, the energy of God, who comes into people's hearts, is our Christian conscience and helps us to accept Jesus and lead good lives.

We believe in the people that make up the church. We gather together and worship and speak God's word and do God's work.

## *Annual Report Reminder*

### *Attention Lay Ministry Leaders:*

It's time to update your group's activities for the past year and submit a brief report to the church office by Monday, Jan. 12. Contact JoAnn if you have any questions at 745-0307 or [secretary@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulsbenicia.org).

## **New Church Office Hours**

**The Church Office hours have changed. Beginning January 5, 2009, the office will now be closed on Mondays. New office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

## January 2009 Lay Ministries Schedule

### JAN. 4, 2009—EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	Kitty Griffin
	Deacon	The Rev. Shep Jenks
	LEM/Inter.	Jackie French
	Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Debbie Varson, Andrew Urban
11 AM	Lector	Mike Baldwin
	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.	Bruce Hall, Beth Gaines
	Office Angel	Jennie Byrd
	PIE Greeter	Mike Baldwin
	Verger	Bill Markley

### JAN. 11, 2009—1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	Bob Cecil
	LEM	Angela Owston
	LEM/Inter.	Bob Hall
	Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Pay & Kathy Prosser
11 AM	Lector	Terra Mitts
	LEM	JoAnne Craig
	LEM/Inter.	Steve Yurosko
	Ushers	Carole Johnson, Brian Stotler
	Altar Guild	Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Flower Guild	Kitty Griffin
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	Judy Furlong, Debbie Varson
	Office Angel	Kathy Prosser
	PIE Greeter	Caleigh Furlong
	Verger	Bob Hall

### JAN. 18, 2009— 2nd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:45 AM	Lector	David Nicholas
	LEM	Dale Kilbourne
	LEM/Inter.	Charlie Kilbourne
	Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
11 AM	Lector	Maggie Smith
	LEM	Bruce Hall
	LEM/Inter.	Barbara Jewell
	Ushers	John & Linda Reiff
	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	Ann Lindsay
	Verger	Bob Craft

### JAN. 25, 2009— 3rd SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:30 AM	Lector	Tom Aldinger
	LEM	Edna Aldinger
	Usher	Tom Aldinger
10 AM	Lector	Ski Smiglewski
	LEM	Steve Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Sue Yurosko
	Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Steve & Kim Rodekohr
	Altar Guild	Kim Rodekohr, Shelby Rodekohr, Haley Rodekor, Cyndi Hardy
	Flower Guild	Julia Ritter
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	JoAnne Craig, Chris Arnold
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Jennifer Jarvis
	Verger	Joe Brien

## February 2009 Lay Ministries Schedule

<u>FEB. 1, 2009—4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</u>			<u>FEB. 8, 2009—5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</u>		
10 AM	Lector	David Bundesen	8:45 AM	Lector	Mittie Railsback
	LEM	Jackie French		LEM	Fred Railsback
	LEM/Inter.	Bob Hall		LEM/Inter.	Mittie Railsback
	Crucifer	TBA		Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA		Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Jon & Kelly Kearns, Steve Rodekahr		Ushers	Charlie & Dale Kilbourne
	Altar Guild	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott	11 AM	Lector	Alvin Emmanuel
	Flower Guild	Sandy Schipper, Maggie Smith, Edie Lockman, Maureen Troyer		LEM	Bruce Hall
	Lay.Euch.Visit.	Bruce Hall, Beth Gaines		LEM/Inter.	Kathy Macek
	Office Angel	Jennie Byrd		Ushers	Brian Stotler, Steve Rodekahr
	PIE Greeters	Judy & Dave White		Altar Guild	Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Verger	Tom Mader		Flower Guild	Kitty Griffin
				Lay.Euch.Visit.	Judy Furlong, Debbie Varson
				Office Angel	Kathy Prosser
				PIE Greeters	Betty & Bob McIntosh
				Verger	Tom Aldinger
<u>FEB. 15, 2009— 6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</u>			<u>FEB. 22, 2009— LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</u>		
8:45 AM	Lector	Frank Shoemaker	8:45 AM	Lector	TBA
	LEM	Dale Kilbourne		LEM	JoAnne Craig
	LEM/Inter.	Charlie Kilbourne		LEM/Inter.	Kathy Macek
	Crucifer	TBA		Crucifer	TBA
	Torch.	TBA		Torch.	TBA
	Ushers	Tom & Edna Aldinger		Ushers	Tom & Chris Mader
11 AM	Lector	Sarah Connor	11 AM	Lector	TBA
	LEM	Mike Baldwin		LEM	Sue Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Barbara Jewell		LEM/Inter.	Steve Yurosko
	Ushers	Bob & Kay Barnard		Ushers	Bob & Debbie Varson
	Altar Guild	Sandy Voorhees, Edie Lockman, Nancy Jenks, Chris Stevens, Nina Landuyt		Altar Guild	Kim Rodekahr, Shelby Rodekahr, Haley Rodekor, Cyndi Hardy
	Flower Guild	Lee Voorhees		Flower Guild	Julia Ritter
	Lay.Euch.Visit.	Steve & Sue Yurosko		Lay.Euch.Visit.	JoAnne Craig, Chris Arnold
	Office Angel	Betty McIntosh		Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Jane Samuelson		PIE Greeter	Phyllis Manoogian
	Verger	Neal Mulholand		Verger	Fred Railsback

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# **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** **at** **St. Paul's Parish Hall**

***February 24, 2009***

Open Seating from 5 PM to 7 PM

**Proceeds go to Brotherhood Youth and Community  
Outreach Projects**

There is no set price.  
We are accepting donations instead  
You choose how much you want to donate to a worthy cause.



Sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

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## **EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES APPEAL**

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Dear Members of St. Paul's:

Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of Northern California is pleased to announce its first annual "Episcopal Community Services Appeal" on Sunday, January 25. We hope that every church in the Diocese will participate, and that members give generously, since the money raised will be returned to our churches in the form of grants and support for outreach and health ministry.

In these difficult economic times, it is more important than ever to assist in the work of feeding, sheltering and caring for the poor in our communities. As I travel through the Diocese, I am deeply moved by the compassion of so many in our congregations. Episcopal Community Services is one of the few organizations that supports this ministry.

On Sunday, January 25, you will receive a report and a pledge envelope from Episcopal Community Services. In addition, you will hear a message from Bishop Beisner regarding our work throughout the Diocese, and have the opportunity to make a contribution.

May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and lead us through this time of Christmas and Epiphany, as we marvel once again at the birth of the Christ child.

Sincerely,  
The Rev. Eric T. Duff, Executive Director  
Episcopal Community Services

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# January

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## **BIRTHDAYS**

		Nayda Guerin	12	Rosalie Sackett	20
		Joyce Leveque	12	Christopher Markley	22
Gordon Mortlock	1	Neal Mulholand	12	Michael Connor	23
Ryan Klemm	4	Minnie Anson	14	JoAnne Craig	25
Bob Whitehead	4	Blanche Hilman	15	Mark Sackett	25
Maggie Smith	6	Andrew Urban	18	Terra Mitts	27
Ginny Altice	11	Alvin Emmanuel	19	Barbara Jewell	31
Betty McIntosh	11	Joe Ellett	20		

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Ellen Whitehead	4	J.C. & Cyndi Hardy	8
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# February

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## **BIRTHDAYS**

		Linda Clader	11	Nancy Jo Smith	20
		Mikayla Stotler	11	Donald Zampa	21
Rosemarie Girard	1	Mary Lou Bogart	14	Lorraine Hosking	22
Anthony Ray	8	Chris Mader	14	Bob Barnard	27

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Donald & Betsy Zampa	2	Jim & Barbara Jewell	27
Neal & Deb Mulholand	24		

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## **Prayers for Healing List**

*We will be starting the Prayers for Healing list anew this month. Please confirm the names of those people for whom prayers are still requested and their names will be listed in the Sunday bulletins. Contact JoAnn at the church office, 745-0307 or at [secretary@stpaulsbenicia.org](mailto:secretary@stpaulsbenicia.org).*



# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 New Year's Day—Office Closed</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 5 PM Girl Scouts	<i>2 Office Closed</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 8 PM NA	<i>3</i> 8 AM AA 1 PM Private Reception
<i>4 Epiphany</i> 6 AM AA 8:45 AM & 11 AM HE† 10 AM Sunday School 5 PM Sabbath Celebration 6 PM Meditation 8 PM AA	<i>5 Office Closed</i> <i>Mondays beginning 1/5/09</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>6</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 7 PM Parents' Meeting 7 PM LifeRing	<i>7</i> 7 AM AA 10 AM HE† and Bible Study 4:30-6 PM Meal 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<i>8</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>9</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 8 PM NA	<i>10</i> 7:30 AM Brotherhood Meeting 8 AM AA 10 AM Private Party
<i>11 1st Sunday after Epiphany</i> 6 AM AA 8:45 AM & 11 AM HE† 10 AM Sunday School 5 PM Sabbath Celebration 6 PM CnC 6 PM Meditation 8 PM AA	<i>12</i> Annual Reports Due 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>13</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 7 PM LifeRing	<i>14</i> 7 AM AA 10 AM HE† and Bible Study 4:30-6 PM Meal 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<i>15</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 5 PM Girl Scouts	<i>16</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 8 PM NA	<i>17</i> 8 AM AA 4 PM Private Party
<i>18 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 6 AM AA 8:45 AM & 11 AM HE† 10 AM Sunday School 5 PM Sabbath Celebration 6 PM Meditation 8 PM AA	<i>19 Martin Luther King Jr., Day</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>20</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 7 PM LifeRing	<i>21</i> 7 AM AA 10 AM HE† and Bible Study 4:30-6 PM Meal 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<i>22</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>23</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 8 PM NA	<i>24</i> 8 AM AA
<i>25 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> 6 AM AA 7:30 AM & 10 AM HE† 10 AM Sunday School 5 PM Sabbath Celebration 6 PM CnC 6 PM Meditation 8 PM AA	<i>26</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>27</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 7 PM LifeRing	<i>28</i> 7 AM AA 10 AM HE† and Bible Study 4:30-6 PM Meal 7:30 pm Choir Practice	<i>29</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP†	<i>30</i> 7 AM AA 9 AM MP† 8 PM NA	<i>31</i> 8 AM AA



# February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b>            6 AM AA            Annual General Meeting            10 AM HE†            5 PM Sabbath Celebration            6 PM Meditation            8 PM AA</p>	<p><b>2</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†</p>	<p><b>3</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            7 PM LifeRing</p>	<p><b>4</b>            7 AM AA            10 AM HE† and Bible Study            4:30-6 PM Meal            7:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>5</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            5 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>6</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            8 PM NA</p>	<p><b>7</b>            8 AM AA            4:30 PM Wedding</p>
<p><b>8 5th Sunday after Epiphany</b>            6 AM AA            8:45 AM &amp; 11 AM HE†            10 AM Sunday School            5 PM Sabbath Celebration            6 pm CnC            6 PM Meditation            8 PM AA</p>	<p><b>9</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            Clergy Conference</p>	<p><b>10</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            7 PM LifeRing            Clergy Conference</p>	<p><b>11</b>            7 AM AA            10 AM HE† and Bible Study            4:30-6 PM Meal            7:30 pm Choir Practice            Clergy Conference</p>	<p><b>12</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†</p>	<p><b>13</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            8 PM NA</p>	<p><b>14 Valentine's Day</b>            7:30 AM Brotherhood Meeting            8 AM AA            Party of Parties            Time TBA</p>
<p><b>15 6th Sunday after Epiphany</b>            6 AM AA            8:45 AM &amp; 11 AM HE†            10 AM Sunday School            5 PM Sabbath Celebration            6 PM Meditation            8 PM AA</p>	<p><b>16 Presidents' Day</b>            EPISTLE            Deadline            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†</p>	<p><b>17</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            7 PM LifeRing</p>	<p><b>18</b>            7 AM AA            10 AM HE† and Bible Study            4:30-6 PM Meal            7:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>19</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            5 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>20</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            8 PM NA</p>	<p><b>21</b>            8 AM AA            10 AM Vestry            Retreat</p>
<p><b>22 Last Sunday after Epiphany</b>            6 AM AA            8:45 AM &amp; 11 AM HE†            10 AM Sunday School            5 PM Sabbath Celebration            6 PM CnC Parish Event            6 PM Meditation            8 PM AA</p>	<p><b>23</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†</p>	<p><b>24 Shrove Tuesday</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            5 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper            7 PM LifeRing</p>	<p><b>25 Ash Wednesday</b>            7 AM AA            10 AM HE† and Imposition of Ashes            10:45 AM Bible Study            4:30-6 PM Meal            7 PM HE† and Imposition of Ashes            Choir Practice to follow</p>	<p><b>26</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†</p>	<p><b>27</b>            7 AM AA            9 AM MP†            8 PM NA</p>	<p><b>28</b>            8 AM AA</p>

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## **St. Paul's Vision Statement**

### **Vision**

*We are the hands of Christ  
in the Heart of Benicia*

### **Mission**

*We celebrate  
God's Presence  
as we  
Worship,  
Pray,  
Study, and  
Serve in the Community*

## **St. Paul's Worship Schedule**

### *Monday - Friday*

9 am—Morning Prayer

### *Wednesday*

10 am—Holy Eucharist

10:45 am—Bible Study

### *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

Nursery care is provided for infant and toddlers  
(0-4 yrs) from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm.