



*The Episcopal
Church Welcomes
You*

St. Paul's at Midweek

Where Grace happens & All are welcome

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on your journey of Faith, we welcome you to our inclusive faith community.

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March 19, 2014



*Saint Paul's
Episcopal Church,
a part of the Anglican
Communion*

Volunteers Needed!



Saturday, March 29th is the Special Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin for the Seating of our new Bishop, David Rice. The event will be at St. Paul's and you don't have to be a delegate to be involved. We need

volunteers to help with the day in these capacities:

Friday evening - Gregg G. graciously volunteered the Men's Fellowship to help with the set-up. There will be furniture to move and items to put in place for smooth operation in the morning. Helpers would certainly be welcome.

8:45-10:30 a.m. - Welcome guides are needed to direct people to registration and to Grace Hall for a continental breakfast as they arrive.

8:30-10:30 a.m. - We need help in serving the Continental breakfast and clean up.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - For lunch we need set-up, service and clean-up. Lunch is being catered.

12:00-12:45p.m. - Service set-up in the church while lunch is being served. There will be furniture that needs moving and additional chairs to set up.

3:00 p.m. or so - General clean up and re-arrangement after the seating to be prepared for Sunday morning.

This is a chance for St. Paul's to shine, for us all to meet others from the diocese and network, and to be a part of a momentous occasion in our Diocese. If you are interested, please call or text me at 661-301-6563 (don't forget your name if you text) or e-mail me (Cathy Henry) at CHenry3@bak.rr.com.



The Third Sunday



"The Woman at the Well speaks with Jesus"
- Matt Stone

The Sundays in Lent

March 23, 2014

**8am
Taizé Holy Eucharist**

**10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist
Sunday School,
Youth Group &
Childcare**

**11:30 a.m.
Lent Forum:
"Other Voices"**

Sunday's 10am Service:

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Vernon Hill, Assisting Priest

Preacher: Rev. Deb DeBoer, Assistant Minister

Assisting: The Rev. Dr. Tim Vivian, Priest-in-Charge

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lectors: Larry Bentley & Stephanie Antongiovanni
Verger: Philip Holt

Altar Guild: Martin Brown & Jonathan Montaño

Crucifer: Cassie Deleersnyder

Torchbearers: Angelika Ruelas and Josue Morales

Pianist & Organist: Jason Sliger

Choir Director: Christopher Borges

Greeters:

Ushers:

Readings for Sunday

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)

[John 4:5-42](#)

[Romans 5:1-11](#)

[Psalm 95](#)

In the Communion of Saints and all holy men and women, we remember the week of March 23

- Mon, Mar 24 - Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980, and the Martyrs of El Salvador
- Tue, Mar 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- Wed, Mar 26 - Richard Allen, First Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1831
- Thu, Mar 27 - Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines, and of Western New York, 1929
- Sat, Mar 29 - John Keble, Priest, 1866

Diocesan Prayer Cycle - We pray for the work and ministry of the Diocese of Haiti and, in our Diocese, the congregation of St Anne's, Stockton.

*Between the
Wednesdays
at Saint
Paul's*



Wednesday, March 19

9am-1pm **Gardening for the Bishop's Visit**
6pm **Lenten Soup Supper & Program**; Grace Hall.
Program will be led by Michael Fagans. Childcare is available.

Thursday, March 20

9:30am **Food Pantry**; Grace Hall Stage
6pm **Holy Currencies**; the Forum
7pm **Daughters of the King**; Fireside Room

Saturday, March 22

8am-2pm **Gardening for the Bishop's Visit**
11am **Children's Arts & Crafts**; Art Room

Sunday, March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent

8am **Taizé Holy Eucharist**; Chapel
10am **Holy Eucharist, Sunday School, Youth Group & Childcare**
11:15am **Coffee & Goodies**; Grace Hall
11:30am **St. Paul's Lenten Forum: "Other Voices"**. Our "other voice" this Sunday is Pastor Valerie Carlson from Emmanuel Lutheran Church speaking on the "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is 'Always Being Made New' (but not without a fight)!"
11:30am **Spiritual Direction Meeting**; Clergy Office

Tuesday, March 25

6pm **Cocina Latina**, cooking class for fresh easy food with a Latin flair; Grace Hall Kitchen
7pm **Choir Rehearsal**; Choir Room

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS . . . Monday-Friday from 9am to 1pm. The office phone is 661-869-1630.

For further information on all things "St. Paul's", go to our website:

<http://www.stpaulsepiscopalbakersfield.org/index.html> OR



Lenten Soup Suppers!

Each Wednesday during Lent beginning tonight, there will be a soup supper in Grace Hall from 6-8 p.m. Supper will be from 6-7 and adult education program at 7, followed by Compline. Tonight's program is led by Mike Fagans.



There is a sign up board if you wish to bring soup or bread for any of the nights.

Childcare is available!

We were happy that Steve & Mary Swenson joined us last week!



After-Church Lenten Speakers

What Happens When a Roman Catholic, Latter Day Saint, Evangelical, and Lutheran Walk into an Episcopal Church?

This Lent our speakers after church in the Forum will allow us to hear from Christians of other denominations and have conversation with them. Mark your calendars!



March 23 Valerie Carlson (Lutheran [ELCA]), "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is 'Always Being Made New' (but not without a fight)!"



St. Paul's Planner



Kids Arts and Crafts Class

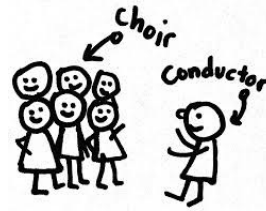
Saturday 11am - Noon with be Boswell as Instructor. Suggested donation is \$5-\$10 that is used solely to cover the cost of materials. If your child will attend on Saturday, please contact Elaine Berg by the day before class, at elaineberghwy1@gmail.com so she can let "be" know how many to purchase supplies for.



Diane Mangum caught all the Arts & Crafts action last Saturday.



Even if you do not regularly sing with our



Saint Paul's Choir, you are invited to the Tuesday evening rehearsals between now and March 29 to sing at the "Seating of Bishop David Rice."

Choir rehearses at 7pm in the Choir Room. There will be an 11am rehearsal on the 29th and the service is at 1pm.



I want to thank the people who have helped to get our grounds ready for the Convention and Bishop's arrival; Margaret Nowling, Diane, Gwen and Francesca Mangum, and Will Cooper. Also Cari Drake and Mike, Kathy and Ethan Dunham for work they have done in the past. Finally, John Eastridge for putting up with my no mechanical brain.

BUT

The Bishop is Coming Oh! No! Everybody is Coming

This Saturday March 22, Work Day there is still a lot of work to be done. Bring your gloves and gardening tools to give our grounds a final polish. Contact Michael Treut-Virga mbv@norvet.com 836-9371 .

EVEN MORE GARDENING

St. Paul's is Plantless



We need monetary donations for Perennials
contact Michael Treut-Virga
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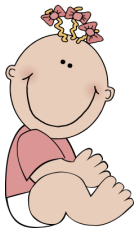
Volunteer Day this Saturday!

We're shining things up indoors and out this Saturday! Come on down to Saint Paul's between 6am and 6pm and give an hour, two, or three to help beautify our facility.



Can you help?

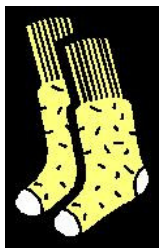
Daughter Shannon and son-in-law Geoff are coming from Virginia to visit for a week and are bringing Katie, who will be 9 months old. As they can't travel with the baby equipment, I'm wondering if any members in our congregation have a playpen, high chair, stroller, and car seat we could borrow for a less than a week, from May 21st to May 26th. We would truly appreciate it!



Thanks, Susan Ohanneson Bennett

Outreach at Saint Paul's

The Socks Project



What do you do when chilly, rainy, weather leaves you with wet shoes, wet socks, and cold feet?

Those of us who are fortunate go home and change into some dry socks and shoes or slippers and turn up the heat. Our brothers and sisters who

live on the street do not have that luxury. They may not even own a second pair of socks.

During Lent, donations of new white socks and/or underwear will be collected by St. Paul's Episcopal Church and delivered to local homeless shelters for distribution. The campaign for socks runs from Ash Wednesday, March 5, until Palm Sunday, April 13. Please join us in this effort to share Christ's love.

A box will be provided at church during Lent. We need: >> *Women's and/or Men's White Socks or underwear, any size.*

For I Was Hungry and You Fed Me...



St. Paul's Food Pantry is open and serving the food needs of families and individuals. Support the Pantry with your food donations. If you would like to be involved, please contact Alison at 432-631-0465 or email

St.PaulsFoodPantry@yahoo.com .

March is WINE DONATION MONTH!

BEGINNING this month, the St. Paul's Outreach Committee will be collecting wine donation PLEDGES for our fall wine-tasting fundraiser, **A Taste of Grace**, on Friday, Oct. 3.



We are stressing quality over quantity this year. If you are able to donate ONE or TWO bottles of wine with a minimum retail value of \$15

each, please let Miriam Raub Vivian know: mvivian@csu.edu.

She will have wine donation pledge forms available at church for your convenience. If you prefer, you may donate money instead, which will be used to buy wine.

Thanks for supporting our annual effort to help the Bakersfield Homeless Center and the Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault!

Priests' Picks

Recommended Readings from our clergy. Copy the link or press control, then click to check them out!

- 'Go and do likewise': **Congregations embrace homeless communities**

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2014/03/12/go-and-do-likewise-congregations-embrace-homeless-communities/>

- 'Homeless Jesus' finds a home in North Carolina

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2014/03/12/homeless-jesus-finds-a-home-in-north-carolina/><http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2014/02/21/25-years-after-consecration-of-bishop-barbara-c-harris/>



Bible Study at St. Paul's

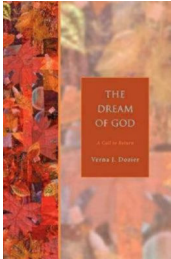
Bible study will continue after Easter.

Thursdays, 7-8:30: May 1-May 29

The Dream of God: A Call to Return by Verna J. Dozier (the late Verna Dozier was Episcopalian)

"*The Dream of God* is a small masterpiece. . . . Her vision of the Bible is insightful and persuasive, her writing accessible and powerful."

—Marcus Borg



"This contemporary prophet has touched lives and transformed hearts through her books and talks. Many centuries before Verna Dozier, there was Amos, from the country, speaking out in the market square against the corrupt practices of

merchants who 'sell the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of shoes.' In this century we have Dozier, a black female, spreading God's word in the nation's capital, across the country, and outside its borders." – Diocese of Washington

You may order your copy/copies online or give an order to Tim (checks payable to St. Paul's; memo "DF": *The Dream of God*: \$14

Wedding Policy at St. Paul's

--from Tim

Several of us, including Susan Ohanneson, our Wedding Director, have been working on wedding guidelines, which will be available soon.

In the meantime, I'd like to introduce you to the Wedding Director's "job description" and how we will handle weddings at St. Paul's.

Susan will

- have the initial conversation with the couple, whether parishioners or non-parishioners.
- Before agreeing to and booking a wedding, she will contact the appropriate people: priest-in-charge (Tim: clergy for parishioner weddings); assistant minister (Deb: clergy for non-parishioner weddings); assistant warden (Lori: for facilities use); and

St. Paul's office and webmaster (for calendaring).

- Susan will be responsible for the management and care of the facilities prior to, during, and after a wedding. In other words, she will supervise the pre-wedding set-up, oversee matters during the wedding, and take care of closing up and after-use cleaning.
- Except for necessary clergy involvement (counseling, liturgy, etc.), only Susan will deal with the wedding party and guests. Questions and concerns by our staff will go to Susan.
- At each stage of the wedding, Susan will be in contact with the appropriate person/s about the facilities, etc.

We have agreed on a flat \$500 donation for parishioners, which we will ask the Bishop's Committee to approve (this represents about 75% off "market value," which we will ask for non-parishioner weddings). The donation includes:

- \$100: use of sanctuary
- \$100: use of Grace Hall
- \$100: clergy honorarium
- \$100: wedding director
- \$100: cleaning

St. Paul's Copier and Computer Policy. March 8, 2014.

Fellow parishioners,

We continue to work our way into our new facilities.

As part of our ongoing efforts, Tim is appointing Lori our office tech; she will be in charge of the computer and copier. On the managerial flow chart we're developing (coming to you soon), she will work with Deb, who is the clergy office manager.

Because of some accidental expenses we've incurred, I have asked the office staff (Stephanie, Elaine, Vada, Hank, and Amanda) not to do anything with the copier except print and change paper without first contacting Lori. In other words, office staff will not change the ink cartridge, or computer software, etc.

Because of excessive paper usage, only office staff, clergy, and wardens are to copy. They will be issued codes and are not to share them.

Because color copies are much more expensive, codes will be only for black and white. Only Lori will have the color code.

Any ministry wishing to have copies made will need to make arrangements in advance. Large printings will need to be approved by the Priest-in-Charge and Bishop's Warden.

At some point each ministry will have a code so we can track copies and more efficiently budget for each group's associated expenses, just as CSUB does.

Because of expense, St. Paul's will not do any printing for outside groups (meetings, weddings, funerals, etc.) without prior approval from the Priest-in-Charge and Bishop's Warden.

This policy, like all policies, is subject to review and changes.

Thank you for your help.

Tim Philip
Priest-in-Charge Bishop's Warden

Human Trafficking not in our neighborhood?

THINK AGAIN!

**Presentation on Human Trafficking
Monday, April 7 at 7:00 PM
St. Philip the Apostle Church
7100 Stockdale Highway**



Theresa Flores, a survivor of human trafficking and author of *The Sacred Bath: An American Teen's Story of Modern Day Slavery* and *The Slave Across the Street*, will be here to speak about

the hidden evils of human trafficking (Modern Day Slavery) in our cities and neighborhoods across the nation. She is a licensed social worker and has been featured on a number of television shows including *Dateline* and *America's Most Wanted*.

As a high school student living in an upscale Detroit neighborhood, Theresa found herself snared into trafficking as a sex slave. Amazingly, she was allowed to live at home while being "on-call" every single night under a cloud of unimaginable fear that she, or members of her family, would be severely harmed if she told anyone or refused to accept the "call."

Come and learn more about Theresa's story and the red flags that might point to a possible trafficking situation. For further information, please contact Sister Marie Francis Schroeffer at 664-4563.

This event is free!



Please send announcements, corrections and pictures to

➤ ***Melinda Hill at ms48hill@hotmail.com for Midweek at Saint Paul's***

➤ ***Fr. Vern at vwmshill@gmail.com for the weekly bulletin***

➤ ***Lori Toia at ltoia867@yahoo.com for the website***

Please send your information to all three of us!

