Life During the Pandemic

"Every day will I give thanks unto thee: and praise thy Name for ever and ever."
Dear People of St. Paul’s,

These last few months have been so difficult and challenging.

In a matter of days in mid-March most of us went from our daily round of events and connections to a time of strict sheltering-in-place. No more going out to school or work. No more dinners and coffees with friends. No more visits with grandparents and grandchildren. We suffered the loss of many of the in person connections that sustain us day-to-day.

And there was not just loss, but the need to readjust to keep going. Work still beckoned for many, only now in the dining room and all online. Parents, often working from home, now needed to become teachers as well. We still needed to shop, but now going to the store exposed both shopper and clerk to the danger of sickness. Some lost jobs and needed to simply find a way to survive.

And then, massive unemployment and the tragic death of George Floyd, revealing a society still fractured by class and race.

In times like this we look to God for the grace and the strength to move through each day. We pray for patience and the wisdom to know the way ahead. We count on our church to be there for support and strength in difficult times.

I am so grateful for the ways that you, the People of St. Paul’s have adjusted and risen to the challenge of these days. Grateful for the ways so many have pivoted to find ways to use your gifts in unexpected ways. In worship and caring. In learning and serving.

This magazine shares some of those ways our church has continued to be a “place” for God’s grace and love to be shared, even though we are sheltered in place. They reveal the confidence Paul shared when he said: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

We don’t know what the weeks and months ahead hold, but we do know that we are surrounded by a faithful community and the God of all life will be with us.

Peace,

[Image]

Thomas

Social Media Update as Ways We are Staying Connected

Like everyone else, we took a sharp turn into the world of social media because of this Pandemic! If you haven’t seen us, go to

- Facebook.com/STPaulsBurlingame
- Instagram.com/STPaulsBurlingame
- YouTube.com/STPaulsBurlingame
- Twitter.com/STPaulsBGame

and find St. Paul’s Monday Reminders anywhere podcasts can be found!

- Facebook.com/MusicatSTPaulsBurlingame
- Instagram.com/MusicatSTPaulsBurlingame
- YouTube.com/channel/UCm80UdoD6C98mWEwF6xpNA

...to follow Music at St. Paul’s!
Putting Together a Virtual Worship Service

In anticipation of shelter-in-place orders, we began imagining our first online Sunday service for the second week in Lent. We sat around the conference table and decided the liturgy we need to create was not an alternative to our weekly Holy Eucharist, but a new experience of praying together through a recorded video. We chose to highlight the Liturgy of the Word through spoken and sung voices.

Dr. Matthews and our Music Ministry recorded new songs and used our archived recordings to encourage more congregational participation. Thomas and Julie brought their joyful contemplation to the screen, willing to be featured in ways that would promote intimacy, closeness, and reassurance. Jocelyn spent time directing and producing this offering incorporating graphics that invites the viewer to be brought into this new sacred space. Michelle continued to ensure that our community was well-informed and well-equipped to participate through publishing the companion bulletins for worship together, our weekly emails and website updates.

Our readers and prayer leaders began to emerge in this new place. Recording themselves took patience and creativity, a vision of God’s peace from them to us! We prayed with them in their gardens, on their porches, by their home altars and along their streets. We all learned how to share our recordings with one another better — from emailing large files to using thumb drives and drives on the cloud like Google or Dropbox to even airdropping between two Apple devices!

We leaned into this new way of proclaiming God’s Word and bringing our prayers to God and one another. We began to post these videos on our YouTube channel and had 503 views that first Sunday! And who knew what subscribers were all about? We began with zero subscribers and are now at 112 (as of June 3). The Holy Spirit continues to blow new life in us and our church community.

Peace and many blessings,

Jocelyn
Pastoral Associate

The Media Team is Looking for Volunteers!

Once prayers have been chosen, songs are selected and leaders assigned, Jocelyn awaits their submissions via email, Google Drive, Dropbox or AirDrop. Dr. Matthews dives deep into rehearsals with soloists and her archived files! Thomas and Julie prepare, pray and record. Slides for chosen music get written in Keynote and the piecing together for all these files begins. Together we all produce new experiences of prayer through congregational hymns that are so inviting that we find ourselves singing in the privacy of our own homes!

Would you like to contribute your time and talent to editing and producing any of our Sacred Circle lessons or our Sunday services? Although previous experience with Premiere Pro or iMovie is not a must, it’s helpful! If so please email jsidaco@stpaulsburlingame.org to reach Jocelyn.
**Worship as Community Not a Place**  
By The Rev. Thomas Skillings

There is power in bringing our concerns of the day into the presence of the living God. There is grace as we remember others in prayer. There is peace and challenge when we open our ears to God’s Word in scripture. There is comfort and encouragement when we are surrounded by others who care. There is freedom when we can lose ourselves in singing God’s praises. These are all things that draw people to church on Sunday, to be together in one place.

But these past few weeks have taught us something we might not have imagined. We have learned:

- That we can experience that power even when we are not present together in the church.
- That music still touches our soul as we engage hymns and anthems.
- We can still hear the Word, spoken by a wide variety of voices.
- We still can pray “together” even though we are separated in space and time.
- We can find connection and encouragement as we see the richness of our community as more people than ever read, sing and pray virtually in our weekly gathering.
- We have learned that more people worship when they have the option to do so online.

Thanks to all who have participated in leading these services. Thanks for reminding us that God is at work at home as much as at church. Thanks for learning to sing as a choir even when you’re not together. Thanks for reading from your homes and learning new technology. Thanks to our staff for pivoting so quickly to keep us all connected.

Though we miss the beauty of our church, we know now that worship is mostly about the who, and not the where.

**Choir of St. Paul’s Represented the United States**  
**The Big RSCM Music Sunday Service**

Listen to recording at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRQivwTqw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRQivwTqw)

People tuned in from all over the world as the Choir of St. Paul’s represented the United States in an international Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) service livestreamed from the UK on Sunday, June 14. [www.rscm.org.uk/music-sunday/](http://www.rscm.org.uk/music-sunday/)

Thirty-five singers from the Choir of St. Paul’s recorded a virtual choir video for the hymn *There is a higher throne* by Keith and Kristyn Getty. This Big RSCM Music Sunday service “shines a spotlight upon the faithful musicians of countless church communities, giving thanks to God for all they have done to this point, are still doing as best they can, and will do again when we eventually emerge into the radiant light from this darkness.”

The service was led by The Very Rev. Dr. John Hall, RSCM Chair of Council and former Dean of Westminster Abbey. The bulletin for the service included the complete music for the service, allowing the world to join as the choir: [www.dropbox.com/s/ckb9bcsv2t95zh/Big%20Music%20Sunday%20Service.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/ckb9bcsv2t95zh/Big%20Music%20Sunday%20Service.pdf?dl=0)
Life During the Pandemic (continued)

Neighborhood Pilgrimage of Blessing and Connection
By The Rev. Thomas Skillings

One of the things I used to love about Sunday morning is the opportunity to connect, just for a moment, at the door of the church. In the faces, handshakes and hugs of people emerging from church I would be reminded of the Spirit who binds so many different people together. Especially on major holidays, like Easter, it was such a blessing to greet and connect momentarily with the hundreds of people who make up our community.

But this Easter I missed you all! And so, I’ve decided to set out and come to you, to pray and bless and connect. In the month of June, I will visit over 200 households. I look forward to seeing you and sharing a brief prayer and greeting.

Outreach Ministry Efforts
By Jocelyn A. Sideco

Although many of us are bored or working from home, many of our neighbors are experiencing compounded issues of instability. Many essential workers carry the burden of poverty and an unstable matrix of situations that contribute to a vulnerable financial and emotional state of being.

In addition to prayer, the Outreach Team continues to shepherd our efforts to curb the suffering in our community. We began feeding staff and volunteers at Samaritan House twice a week. We have sponsored Home and Hope families with shared groceries, toiletries and other essential supplies. We have picked fruit trees to give to those staying at Safe Harbor, we will financially support our relationships with Corazon in Mexico and will continue to look for ways St. Paul’s can best share compassion and mercy during this time.

Check out the Outreach newsletter for the most up-to-date information on ways to help! If you’re not receiving our emails, be sure to go to our website www.StPaulsBurlingame.org and look for the newsletter sign up box at the bottom of the main page.

Voice to Voice: One More Connection Point at St. Paul’s
By Karen McCormick

Back in mid-March, when the season of COVID-19 and sheltering-in-place first began in the County of San Mateo, we saw the potential for a more isolated future; physically, mentally and emotionally. The purposeful changes to our lives that attempt to help us stay healthy, might also make us feel alone.

We, at St. Paul’s, were and are determined to maintain our connection with each other, to remain a lively community. One of the ways to do this was and is to regularly call each family in our congregation, to listen and let our fellow parishioners know that they are part of a greater community and not alone.

These calls are for all of us to connect, nothing more. We listen for concerns and needs raised during the call and reroute them, if appropriate, to clergy or ministry leaders. Mostly we just enjoy speaking with someone else from our community — maybe someone that we’ve never met before! These calls lift spirits on both ends of the telephone!


If you haven’t heard from us we might not have you current contact information (or look in your spam folder — we sometimes leave emails!). Please feel free to email karennancy2003@yahoo.com if we have missed you or you’d like to join us in calling.
The weekend of March 7 and 8 was a treasure of the heart of the community of St. Paul's Burlingame. On Saturday, March 7, twenty-three youth (grades K-12) performed the Annual Choir School Concert, great music of films from Moonrise Kingdom to Frozen to Harry Potter, for a large enthusiastic audience. On Sunday, March 8, we celebrated International Women’s Day with guest speaker The Rev. Ellen Wondra and a service overflowing with amazing choral music of women composers Elizabeth Kimble, Patricia Van Ness, Hildegard von Bingen and Melissa Dunphy. Plans for Sunday, March 8 quickly evolved as we cancelled choir rehearsals, and a quintet of singers recorded an anthem and hymns at St. Paul's on Thursday, March 12 for an online service. As we entered into "sheltering in place," a weekly online service began to draw on the St. Paul's service recordings archive, meticulously and lovingly maintained through the years by Don Pettengill, along with new videos made by singers and director from home.

For the Palm Sunday online service, we created St. Paul’s first virtual choir anthem, including 30 singers from the Chancel Choir and Teens singing Sanctus by Elizabeth Kimble, composed specially for the 2020 Lenten season. Singers videoed their parts from their homes while listening on headphones to a special recording of the piece, a click track. These videos were skillfully synced together by Gabriel Lim using the program File Cut Pro. DioCal News highlighted the video, drawing people from around the diocese to listen to St. Paul’s online Palm Sunday service. The second virtual choir anthem was a premiere of the anthem I bless you, with all that is within me by Patricia Van Ness, St. Paul’s Composer-in-Residence, in the online service for May 17, The Sixth Sunday of Easter. This gorgeous setting of Psalm 103 is dedicated to the memory of her husband, Peter Marks (1946-2020). On the evening of Thursday, May 7, Patricia offered a seminar from her home in Maine to 22 Zoom participants, introducing the new work and also discussing her vocation as a composer, with opportunity for questions of this gifted and generous composer. Three more virtual videos are in progress, an anthem for the St. Paul’s online Pentecost service and a live-streamed diocesan service hosted by Grace Cathedral; a choral blessing by our youngest singers in grades K-5; and the hymn for the RSCM service described separately.

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St. Paul’s youngest singers have been attending weekly Choir School Zoom Rehearsals in two separate groups for grades K-2 and grade 3-5. Despite the limitations of varying lag times, this is allowing these singers to continue to develop their musicianship and vocal technique, and also prepare for upcoming virtual choir projects. Recording oneself is a terrific discipline for a musician of any age, helping develop skills of self-evaluation ~ what is going well, and what might one improve before sharing a final video to be synced to create the choir.

In addition to choir anthems, videos of a cappella music have been made by Abigail Akers, Jason Harvey, and the Ota family, solos by Elizabeth Kimble and Lauren Bodenlos sung listening to an accompaniment click track and then synced with the accompaniment via iMovie; a cello postlude by Chorister Haruka Ota; and some adventurous psalm chanting has been offered, from Elizabeth Kimble’s improvisation and Don Pettengill’s one-man four-part chanting, to singing psalms via Zoom, including the Quarantine Acrostic Psalm by Sarah MacDonald and visual effects of candle lighting between singers’ windows.

Heartfelt thanks to all of the musicians at St. Paul’s for persisting in making a difference for others through the gift of music, with special thanks to our most tech savvy musicians ~ Gabriel Lim, Don Pettengill, Elizabeth Kimble, and Lauren Bodenlos. May you find strength, solace and joy in God’s blessing of music during this time.
Weekly Prayer Vigil ~ Wednesdays • 4:30pm
Praying for the healing of the world from COVID-19

The Healing Ministry and The Rev. Julie Graham offer a liturgy service of prayers and silences for the healing of our world. We light candles and pray together via Zoom. All our invited to this 20-minute pause in your week. We will keep this weekly healing prayer vigil until the world is truly healed from this virus. If you’d like to attend, please email jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org to contact The Rev. Julie Graham and to receive the Zoom details.

Community, Support and Deepening Faith
By The Rev. Thomas Skillings

While the shelter-in-place order might seem to stop small group and learning in its tracks, it’s not so. Learning and soul work for adults has gone online! One of the blessings of both these groups is that we have people joining from all over the country!

Monday Journey
Mondays • 1pm
Monday Journey continues to meet weekly at 1pm. Instead of a deeper book study, the group has an opportunity for check-in and prayer, and looks at the readings for Sunday. Sometimes an article that shines light on how faith engages the events of the day also provides opportunity for reflection. In these difficult times, we gather with trusted friends to share and reflect give hope, comfort and courage.

If you would like to join the group please email bevvhock@gmail.com to contact Bev Hock for more information or go to the parish calendar on the website for meeting details. Go to www.StPaulsBurlingame.org and scroll to the bottom of the main page and look for CALENDAR in a green box on the left-hand side.

Sunday Afternoon Bible Study
Sundays • 12:30pm
This weekly experience provides a place to stay connected and to grow in faith by looking in-depth at the readings of the day.

Following check-in and prayer, Fr. Thomas offers some background for the readings of the day. We then explore the readings, each person is invited to share insight and ask questions. Our time is about more than learning, it is about getting reconnected and inspired to live deeply into trust and faithfulness.

Though this group is hosted by the Tongan congregation, it is all in English, and all are welcome to join. You can find the Zoom address on the parish calendar, or email revtskillings@gmail.com to contact Thomas for more information.

Thank You Healing Team

Many thanks go to Healing Ministry members Marty Beater and Pam Maxwell for making Sundays a prayer time with members of the Magnolia's Spirit Circle, through regular phone calls.
**The Epistle Cover**

*Top left:* The Circle during one of their The Circle Zoom Get-together on Fridays at 10:30am. Check the parish calendar for Zoom details or email cggreig@att.net to reach Charlotte Greig.

*Top right:* St. Paul’s weekly Staff Meeting via Zoom.

*Middle left:* The Mila family from our Tongan Congregation reads during an online worship service.

*Middle right:* The Readey family reads during an online worship service.

*Bottom left:* Zoom Alternatim Psalm singing of verses forming an acrostic for QUARANTINE.

*Bottom right:* Serina Beauparlant & Lisa Rehman and family at the end of the introduction an online worship service.

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Children's Ministry in the Pandemic

Sacred Circle Online Lessons
By The Rev. Julie Graham

Children’s Sacred Circle is online, thanks to teacher Janet! Since March when we sheltered-in-place and ended gathering in the church, we’ve been learning how we are a church, even when we have to stay home. So we made home altars and took advantage of the technology of our current times to pray with each other on Zoom Pray-ground at noon and most special, each week teacher Janet has created an online Sacred Circle bible story and lesson — and as always provided the most awesome art projects ever. The best thing is you can watch the Sacred Circle story and lesson ANYTIME — over and over again! Go to St. Paul’s YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/stpaulshurlingame and look for the Sacred Circle playlist. Or sign up for the Sacred Circle emails by emailing jgraham@stpaulshurlingame.org The Rev. Julia Graham to receive weekly art projects.

An Interview with Sacred Circle Teacher
By The Rev. Julie Graham

The Rev. Julie Graham asked Teacher Janet Laurie some questions about the Sacred Circle lessons.

Teacher Janet, for you, what is the Sacred Circle online for?
“To focus on love and to have a teeny piece of St. Paul’s ... connection that is especially for our children”

What has been your favorite art project moment?
“Jesus ascending into a paper cup ‘heaven.’”

What is your happiest part of Sacred Circle?
“Watching Jocelyn’s finished product on Facebook!”

What is your favorite time of the church year?
“Spring is my favorite season, so I like Easter.”
Life During the Pandemic (continued)

Parish Hall Roof Replacement
By Ron Goerss

St. Paul’s Property Committee’s mission is to maintain and improve a safe, secure and optimally functioning property while preserving the architectural beauty of St. Paul’s buildings. During the last few months, the sloped roofs over the Foote and Brewer halls in the Parish House have continued to have problems which threaten both the safety of the roofs and provide a significant liability issue to us should they fail entirely. It is important to note that this work would have exhausted the funds currently available for property repairs and improvements. The Property Committee, with Vestry approval, moved forward with replacing the roofs despite the financial challenges. This two-and-a-half-week project involved tearing off disintegrating fiberglass tiles, repairing dry rot areas, securing the copper gutters and installing Spanish black natural slate. The Committee wishes to thank the Vestry for understanding the need to address this issue promptly and identifying funds from other restricted resources besides the property funds to make the reroofing possible.

Confirmation Preparation
By Jocelyn A. Sideco

Our nine candidates continued to meet for weeks after the initial shelter-in-place order. We hope that their dedicated time to cultivating their understanding and experience of faith bear fruit in a fall confirmation date. Continue to keep them in your prayers.
St. Paul’s Financial Outlook

Dear St. Paul's Community,

As I write this on June 3, there is so much to worry about in our community, our country and our world right now that St. Paul's finances are of comparatively little importance. But they are relevant, to St. Paul's community, our legacy and our vitality as an important part of the larger community. So, here is a quick summary of where St. Paul's finances are as of the end of May. I encourage you to email me at tnbusselle@gmail.com or call me at 650 504.0919) if you have any questions.

Our financial standing as of the end of May is good but not robust. Fortunately, we were able to secure funding from the Stimulus Act set aside for businesses and non-profits called the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). These funds are indeed helping and I'm thankful to our bank, Boston Private Bank, for its staff's help in securing the PPP funding. The table below is a summary of where we stand as of the end of May compared to both our Projected Year to Date and Adopted Budget for 2020:

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| Net without onetime Payroll      | ($40,600)**          | ($27,000)              | ($51,000)      |
| Protection Program (PPP) funds   |                      |                        |               |

| One time Federal PPP funds       | $110,400             |                        |               |
| Revised Net with PPP funds       | $69,800              |                        |               |

*one time Federal Stimulus "CARES" funds only; ** numbers that are in parentheses are negative numbers; numbers without parentheses are positive numbers

As you can see, thanks to receipt of the PPP loan, St. Paul's has been able to keep our staff despite being physically closed for several months and having to "be church" online. While we are a church, St. Paul's is also like a family or business with both revenues and expenses. Whether we are "in Church" or "being Church virtually," our expenses continue with minor potential savings on utilities and printing for example. But, at the same time, St. Paul's revenues have been affected already with no Easter service, no plate collections on Sundays for either pledge payments or what we call "open offerings," and no Rummage Sale in May and may well be affected in future months by other unknowns that are likely to occur.

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And, in the midst of this, the Vestry had to make a decision to replace worn out roofs over the Parish Hall and over two other parts of St. Paul's property. These have been expensive—well over $250,000—and the Vestry has cobbled together funds from the Restricted accounts to temporarily pay for the roofs that had to be done for health and safety. The roof replacement costs are not reflected in the Summary of the Operating Budget above as we have used Restricted Funds not on the Operating Budget to pay for them.

Many in our community have been able to continue to make payments on their pledge (thank you!) and we have received some generous—both small and large—checks in "gratitude" for the online services and the other ways that both clergy and staff as well as St. Paul's members have supported St. Paul's community and the community beyond during these challenging times. And, we recognize that, for many among us, these are very challenging financial times with job losses, cut backs, and/or other increased expenses—we understand! For those who are able to pay their pledges or part of it, please go to www.StPaulsBurlingame.org and look for the green box that says: GIVE TO ST. PAUL'S in the upper right-hand corner for different ways to make a payment.

Tish Busselle, St. Paul's Treasurer

BRING THE GLAD TIDINGS: A GREAT HOST OF WOMEN COMPOSERS

By Dr. Susan J. Matthews

The celebration of International Women’s Day (Sunday, March 8) drew the theme from Psalm 68:11b: A great host of women bring the glad tidings. The choir premiered A Great Host by composer-in-virtual-residence, Patricia Van Ness, a mesmerizing aural depiction of a far-flung company of women joining together to sing for the world.

As I continue to shelter in place from March 17th in my San Francisco apartment, I have felt uniquely held and strengthened by the music of this great host of women. I think of Chiara Cozzolani cloistered at the Milanese convent of Santa Radegonda in the 17th century and of Fanny Hensel strictly counseled by her father and brother to not perform publicly or publish her compositions under her own name in the 19th century. Despite their isolation, they persisted to compose and to perform, to creatively share their music without leaving their homes. I researched and ordered recording equipment, studied, practiced and recorded with intense focus, and began to post shelter-in-place videos of piano music by women composers, beginning with three favorites by Nadia Boulanger and then delving into the rich piano oeuvre of Fanny Hensel. You may listen and subscribe to the growing collection at www.youtube.com/channel/UCm80UdoD6C98mWEwF6xpnNA.

Marcia McCowin, an enthusiastic supporter of the music ministry of St. Paul’s, died on April 26, after a long illness. Marcia was a radiologist and clinical professor at UCS, and regularly attended the 10am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul’s, sitting in the north transept with her young cousin, David, one of her 64 first cousins. Marcia carefully planned the way she would continue to bring glad tidings to this world. St. Paul’s has received a very generous gift from her estate for an Annual Concert in Celebration of Women Composers and Poets.

Persisting with Marcia and the great host of women that have gone before, we march on, to celebrate the centennial of women’s suffrage in the United States on August 18, and continue beyond, to in some way bring to life the music that has been silenced—hidden, ignored, lost, even never written. I hope you might pause to listen to the song that the great host of women have been singing for you.
A VIRTUAL CHOIR CELEBRATION & EVENSONG
By Dr. Susan J. Matthews

On Saturday evening, May 16, over 100 people gathered for a virtual celebration of the real ministry of the Choir of St. Paul’s through 69 zoom calls.

The celebration included recognition of the 47 singers of the choir, presentation of four RSCM awards, two RSCM ribbons, two surplices, and season choir awards. Before the evening, each singer received a card and tokens of appreciation, 23 through the mail and 24 by special delivery. A tribute video to graduating Choir School seniors Gabriel Lim and Elliot Skillings was shown with congratulations and thanks from singers of all ages creatively compiled by Choir School alumna Lauren Bodenlos. Gabriel and Elliot are the first singers to continue in the Choir School from kindergarten through grade 12.

Dr. Joe Causby, president of the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCMA) and Director of Music at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, South Carolina, offered words of inspiration to the Choir of St. Paul’s, and later reflected on his experience: “This choir . . . has a deep understanding of what it means to be a community, and to channel every fiber of their being to the work of making music in the church, and to the glory of God . . . My heart is full! Susan is changing lives through her program, and she has renewed my spirit to press on and continue the important work we all must do, now, and always.”

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An online service of Evensong created from the Choir of St. Paul’s archives was released. Recordings include 14 highlights from 2014 to 2020, with a slideshow of pictures from the past, the virtual present, and looking to the future of the 2022 Wells Cathedral Residency. The Evensong service may be viewed at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ryi_JXJvLo&list=PLhQ6d1z03-es1zB4Dz8ZVIXXUzct2yxwW&index=3&t=15s

Life Before the Pandemic

Youth Group Cooked for H&H
By Serina Beauparlant

Members of our Youth Group including Duncan Sutton, Ryan Rice and Morgan Rice hosted a Home & Hope dinner on March 8 for four families, preparing a delicious feast of homemade spaghetti and meatballs, spinach salad, garlic bread and brownies. Dick Heiman and Rev. Kristi Denham followed with an introduction to the newly formed interfaith teen group. Special thanks to Bryan Vander Lugt and his sister-in-law Ann Vander Lugt, Carrie and Rob Rice and Bonnie Adams for pitching in with cooking and cleanup.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday: 8am - Spoken Eucharist in Chapel
Sunday: 10am - Holy Eucharist with organ and choir
Sunday: 12:30pm - Holy Eucharist in Tongan Language
   1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays

CURRENTLY: All Services Are Online
   www.YouTube.com/StPaulsBurlingame

The Rev. Thomas Skillings, Rector
The Rev. Julie Graham, Associate Rector
Ms. Jocelyn A. Sideco, Pastoral Associate
Dr. Susan Matthews, Director of Music

CONGRATULATIONS!

High School Graduates of 2020!

Bran Blundell  Peter Dicioccio  Evan Jones
Courtney Koch  Gabriel Lim
Livvy Platerink  Elliot Skillings  Aarti Subramanian  Evie Sutton  Alex Wilson