All Saints’ Sunday
FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR

Hoping for Better Days, Living in the Present

November in the church year is a time when we are looking toward the end. The days of Halloween and All Souls’ immerse us in an awareness of the end. Halloween in a fun way and All Souls’ as we remember lovingly those who have died.

These days we’re thinking a lot about the end. When will the pandemic end? When will the rancor that divides our national community end? When will the human habits of dehumanizing others end? And so we hope. We hope for healing and health in our families and in our larger community. A holy hope that trusts that God is indeed acting and will bring healing and health to our world.

But what about now?

I had a conversation with someone in a small Zoom group recently, and they shared the feeling of being frozen. Being stuck. So what about now?

There’s a reason that All Saints’ Day falls in the midst of the two days of the dead. Not only because we are remembering saints who are living nearer to God from the past, but because those saints teach those who come after them about living in the present.

It’s a hallmark of those we call saints that they lived and responded to difficult times. And in those difficult times they were present and active and alive. In those difficult times saints bore witness to the love of God who seemed frozen out the world. In those difficult times saints refused to live as if this was the end, rather they found ways to live in the present and to bring the healing empowering grace of God to their moment. They were people of hope, who longed for God to bring a better day, and people of presence knowing that today was the only time they really had to take action.

The paradox of living in the hope of eternity by being fully present to whatever was going on is what Christians are called to in every age. And so, while hoping that our current pandemics will end one day, we also vow to live with love and compassion and purpose even in the midst stifling limitations. That’s how we keep from being frozen in the moment. By being saints in pandemic.

Like you, I sometimes get overwhelmed and depressed and anxious about all the uncertainties of this time. After all, we really don’t know when and how this time will end. But perhaps it’s time to claim our time and place as saints. To turn from despair toward purpose, even in the midst of the limitations that surround us. What particular gifts and opportunities does this time give each of us to love God more fully, and to serve our neighbors more vigorously? No longer victims of viruses and anxiety, but people of faith who both hope for healing and health, and who are ready to engage the present joyfully.

In faith, and hope and love,

Thomas

Thank you for Your Media Contributions

By Jocelyn A. Sideco
Pastoral Associate

Thank you all for contributing to our YouTube channel that now includes Sunday Services, Weekly Sermons, Evensongs and many more musical offerings, Town Hall and other forums, Pledge videos, and Sacred Circle and Compassion Circle experiences for our children. Many of you have embraced this new way of praying and being with one another.

For those of you still interested in contributing videos for our worship together, here are a few tips to keep in mind as you consider creating a video for worship:

1. Record horizontally
2. Record audio with an additional device (if possible)
3. Consider a beautiful background
4. Find your camera and speak directly to it
5. Project your voice as though you were in a big space but not being amplified
6. Upload and share via Dropbox using jsideo@stpaulsburlingame.org (I can clarify this step!)

May God’s peace, Jesus’ kindness, and the Holy Spirit’s stirring be ever with you,
Celebrate All Saints’ Sunday
Sunday: November 1 ~ 3pm and 4:30pm
Occidental Avenue Lawn

On All Saints’ Sunday we celebrate the witness of saints, past and present, who reflect the love and compassion of God. And we remember that all those baptized into Christ are called to be saints, literally a people set apart for God, in our own day. This joyful celebration lifts up the ways God works through ordinary people to bring the grace and the truth of God’s love into the world.

At these services, live music for cello and piano, organ (through speakers), and a quartet of singers will be offered. The singers will be masked and safely distanced, so once again you may be inspired by choral music.

Adagio & Allegro (Sonata in e minor) | Benedetto Marcello
Haruka Ota, cello; Susan Jane Matthews, piano

Saints bound for heaven
Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
Psalm 34 | Anglican Chant
Elizabeth Kimble, Akane Ota, David Kurtenbach, Jason Harvey

Toccata (Suite No. 1 for Organ)
Florence Price
Susan Jane Matthews, organ

All attending must register ahead of time online. Please check St. Paul’s website or your email for sign up links.

MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS AT THE ONLINE SERVICE FOR ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Hymns
I sing a song of the saints of God | Lesbia Scott
Sung virtually by the Choir School (grades K-6)

For all the saints | Sine Nomine
Recording Archives

Anthems
Come down, Angels | Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore
Recorded at St. Paul’s by Teens from the Choir School:
Abigail Akers, Natalie Dias, Lily Hartley, Séraphée de Labaca

Saints bound for heaven | arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
Recorded at St. Paul’s by St. Paul’s Staff Quartet:
Elizabeth Kimble, Akane Ota, David Kurtenbach, Jason Harvey

Postlude
Cello Sonata in C Major, Op. 40, No. 1 | Jean Baptiste Bréval
Haruka Ota, cello; Susan Jane Matthews, piano
Remembrance Table in St. Paul’s
Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10am to 3pm
Sunday, Nov. 8 from Noon to 4pm

Each year at St. Paul’s we pause to offer thanks for, and pray for, those who have died. We especially remember those who have died in the past year. The Church will be open and a Table of Remembrance will be in place for those bring a photo, memento or flower. Take time to have a quiet moment of prayer and reflection in this holy place.

Come, light a candle and remember your loved ones who have died on Saturday, November 7 from 10am to 3pm and Sunday, November 8 from noon to 4pm.

Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem ~ All Souls' Sunday, November 8

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ~Matthew 5:4

In the online service for All Souls’ Sunday, we will be comforted by the assurance of God’s care for those who have died and the promise of life everlasting. Scripture, prayer and a homily will be offered. The Choir of St. Paul’s sings four movements from Ein deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem) by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). This includes two new recordings: a virtual recording of IV. Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen (“How lovely is thy dwelling place”; Psalm 84) sung by the Choir of St. Paul’s from their homes and V. Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit (“You have now sorrow”) with soloist Natalie Dias, the latter videoed at St. Paul’s with St. Paul’s staff quartet. Archived recordings of the opening and closing choruses will be heard from All Souls’ Sunday 2018 sung by the Choir of St. Paul’s and chamber orchestra.

Brahms composed the Requiem during the period 1857 to 1868, the fifth movement, Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit, with the tender soprano solo sung by Natalie Dias added last, most likely as a reflection on his mother’s death in 1865. A text from the prophet Isaiah is repeated throughout this movement: “I want to comfort you, as one is comforted by his mother.”

Rather than the traditional Latin text for the Requiem, Brahms created his libretto from scriptural texts, including the Psalms attributed to King David, the Beatitudes of Jesus (cited above), and the Revelation of John. Brahms evocatively juxtaposed passages from throughout the Bible and set them with timeless music, thus composing a musical icon through which we might begin to glimpse the divine in life and in death. St. Paul’s baritone and vestry member Jim Steichen writes that through his Requiem, Brahms “speaks in universalizing terms about the passage from life to death, and especially the nearness of death in the midst of life.”

The first and final movements frame the work with similar texts and musical themes, beginning with words of comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones (Matthew 5:4), and concluding with an assurance that the work of the blessed who die in the Lord lives on as they enter eternal rest. At the center of the Brahms Requiem is the joyous setting of Psalm 84, Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, “How lovely are thy dwelling places.”

May all who mourn find comfort in this unique 2020 offering of the Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem.
The past few months have been a remarkable time. For the first time in anyone’s lifetime we have been unable to gather in person as a praying, singing, praising and worshipping community. While there have been brief gaps in history when public worship was suspended, seven months is a long time.

The Bishop of California has been providing guidance for all of the churches in our Diocese regarding the ways we can offer worship in person. Recently St. Paul’s has been offering some opportunities to gather in accordance with those guidelines. We have been outside, with masks and at a distance. We have refrained from singing together, but have found ways to pray. Some small groups have also met for fellowship and service in careful ways.

Now that San Mateo County is making good progress in managing the worst effects of the pandemic, it is natural to wonder when we can gather again in ways that we are used to. What might that regathering look like? Here are some considerations.

1) We will be guided by the direction from our Bishop and Diocesan team. At present that means no indoor gatherings, no congregational singing and no sharing of the sacrament of communion except in one on one pastoral circumstances. We will continue to consult with the Diocesan team on best practices for safer gatherings.

2) In the future (no date certain), when the time is right to regularly regather for worship again, we will probably begin by gathering in Foote Hall where there are many windows and doors to provide good ventilation. Our celebrations will be simpler, with no singing.

3) We will continue to offer online worship. Though the risk of infection may be minimized for most, those who are older or with underlying conditions, will still be particularly at risk if infected. We want to maintain worship that doesn’t exclude a significant portion of our Church. Continuing to offer online worship, and offering safer in person gathering will require careful stewardship of time and resources to balance the needs of those who are comfortable and desiring in person worship and those who choose to wait.

The way ahead is still uncertain. What is certain is that your staff and Vestry will continue to seek the best ways to nurture our faith in worship, and practice our faith carefully, and sometimes sacrificially, so that we protect the health and safety of those we love.

The Circle Continues to Meet Virtually

The Circle continues:

• Charlotte continues to host Circle Zoom gatherings on Fridays 10:30am
  Phone in: +1 669 900 6833
  Meeting ID: 976 0776 3032 (Look for link on St. Paul’s Parish calendar)
  Passcode: 162184
  Please note the new Meeting ID

• Sadly we will not able to have The Christmas Tea.

• Thank you to all members and friends who have inquired about Rummage donations.

• We remain unable to accept these donations until further notice.

Stay Safe & Healthy
Happy Thanksgiving
Merry Christmas
The Ladies of The Circle
Annotated photo on cover. The west stained glass window of St. Paul’s, above the baptismal font, is the Te Deum window, designed by Frederick Wilson (1858-1932) and installed in 1937. Born in Ireland, Wilson immigrated to the United States and worked for many studios, including Tiffany Studios (1893-1923) and Judson Studios (1923-1932) of Los Angeles for whom he designed this exquisite window at St. Paul’s. Pictured at the center of the Te Deum window is Christ, surrounded by angels, saints, and prophets, with the words from the Te Deum hymn: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.” It is always a special joy to gaze on St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music, next to the church’s patron saint, St. Paul.

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Devotional Prayer Walks for our National Election – Wednesday, Nov. 4 – 9:30am Parking Lot Labyrinth

The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations are calling Episcopalians and others to join in A Season of Prayer: For an Election.

The Rev. Julie Graham and Pastoral Associate Jocelyn Sideco will have a devotional prayer walk at St. Paul’s Parking Lot Labyrinth Wednesday, November at 9:30am. Please go to https://forms.gle/77Akesujn7Ca pzdP7 to sign up and join them.

St. Paul’s is on the Library Map!

By Bev Hock
Healing Team

Our newly installed Little Free Library is up and running. Find it just outside the door to the Parish Hall on Occidental Avenue. The library will be filled with books covering a variety of genres and that are suitable for all ages. Books for grownups are found on the bottom shelf and books for children on the top – at least that is the way it was loaded at the beginning. Whatever the arrangement, please stop by and peruse our offerings. Take a book home and keep it. Read it and bring it back for someone else to find. Also add books from your own library that you have enjoyed and wish to share.

If you click on littlefreelibrary.org, you can find our library on the map, Charter #109560. The Healing Team hopes our library will serve to educate, entertain, and inspire our congregation and and our local community. Check it out!

Tea N' Talk's Plans for the Upcoming Months

St. Paul's Tea N’ Talk Team is planning some special activities for November and December for our TNT guests. Hopefully, everyone received special Halloween greetings from the TNT Team of witches, goblins and ghosts. Toward the end of November, the TNT Team plans another special delivery for Advent and on Monday, December 14, we will host a virtual gathering for TNT guests with some holiday cheer. TNT guests will be receiving further information from the TNT Team.
St. Paul’s Giving Tree Returns with a Twist

There has never been so great a need in our Central Peninsula communities to help those who have been laid off, had their work hours reduced or are the “other essential workers” such as gardeners, nannies/child care providers, fast food and restaurant staff, housecleaners etc. who don’t have the option of working remotely. Samaritan House, one of our longtime community partners, has more than doubled the number of households that rely on it for free food, medical and dental care, rental and utilities assistance, kids’ clothes, counselling, and much more. And more families are signing up each day for help.

The holidays are especially hard on these families who are less fortunate — even more so in these challenging times. And that’s why St. Paul’s Giving Tree is needed even more than ever this year! But, it will be our long time St. Paul’s Giving Tree with a “twist” to ensure the safety of everyone involved — Samaritan House client families and members of St. Paul’s community.

How will our Giving Tree with a Twist be different this year?

- We will not wrap or deliver or be Santa’s elves in a myriad of ways.
- And, we’ll be done before Thanksgiving!

How will St. Paul’s Giving Tree with a Twist work this year?

We will join with Samaritan House and other churches, groups, families and individuals to provide the following for the drive-through holiday pick-ups:

- Target gift cards for $25 each for parents to buy gifts for their children
- New warm jackets and coats for children and teens

And, we will do it all virtually by either 1.) Following the online directions below for making purchases OR 2.) sending a check to St. Paul’s, 415 El Camino, Burlingame, 94010 (MARKED GIVING TREE) or making a credit card donation online at www.stpaulsburlingame.org/support (also marked Giving Tree).

Our deadline is Sunday, November 22 so that the “grab and go” holiday bags can be packed and ready for distribution to families who will be picking them up soon after Thanksgiving.

See below for how to purchase Gift Cards and/or warm jackets and coats for children and teens online:

- Target Gift Cards — we’ll be using a St. Paul’s Giving Tree page for online purchases of $25 Target Gift Cards which will be given to parents during the drive-through holiday distribution for purchasing a gift/gifts for their children. Here’s the link to the same online service that we used for St. Paul’s very successful Operation Backpack last summer: https://www.roonga.com/stpauls

- Warm jackets/coats for teens and children — all sizes are needed. You may use the St. Paul’s Giving Tree list that I’ve posted on Amazon if you wish or do your own online shopping. This link has my address in it for shipping. If you wish to use another vendor (GAP, Old Navy, Macys etc.), please do. To make it easier for you, please feel free to have what you choose shipped to Giving Tree c/of Busselle, 718 Occidental Avenue, San Mateo — note that it’s San Mateo — 94402. Here’s the link to the Amazon list that I’ve created for St. Paul’s Giving Tree: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2N1H86SU1Z238?ref_=wl_share

Although there are a lot of things that will be different this Christmas in these challenging times, I hope that our incredible generosity in helping less fortunate families in the past will not change this year. Thank you for caring and sharing once again! And, don’t forget that the DEADLINE for getting everything to me is Sunday, November 22.

In gratitude,

Tish Busselle
Advent Lessons and Carols
Saturday, November 28

Be carried from darkness to
the light of seeing God among us through
a dramatic alternation of lessons and carols.

Poetry by Mia Malhotra
Patricia Van Ness | Hear, Hear
O Shepherd of Israel \textbf{premiere!}
Paul Manz | E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come
Amy Bebbington | I sing of a maiden
Carol | Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming

Choir of St. Paul’s & Organ

\section*{A VIRTUAL Christmas Eve Pageant During a Pandemic}

This pandemic is relentless and has made life hard. We need some light in this darkness.

Jane Palladino and Kate Luedtke are bringing us all some great light for Christmas Eve. Kate has been director for four years now with Jane assisting for the last five. Kate and Jane have been writing, planning and imagining all of October to rework our beloved pageant drama in order to bring it to life onscreen for Christmas Eve online worship.

Along with the crew of Grace Ghoorah, Ella Giere, Annelise Vander Lught, Will Vander Lught, Johnny Willey and Jessica Sobolik Willey, they are working hard to bring the pageant to our homes for our Christmas Eve worship.

We are so blessed that they initiated a call to me and Pastoral Associate Jocelyn Sirclo with ideas to bring the pageant to life onscreen.

Now all we need are the actors to dramatize this powerful story of HOPE.

Sign up today! ALL young people needed.
Christmas Pageant Sign-up Sheet for 2020

We begin recording November 21

*God says to us “I am there. I am with you”*

- You are invited to tell the story of Jesus’ birth! -

All children and youth are needed to be in our Virtual Christmas Pageant which will be a recorded online production!

What is the commitment for making essentially a movie of the Christmas Pageant?

Below are the roles — but you still have to memorize lines, wear the costume, be directed, have a rehearsal or two, but all compressed into the following:

**Narrators**

*No in person time required. Independent recording of lines will take approximately 45 minutes.*

- **Angel Gabriel**: 2 one-hour in person recording time.
- **Mary**: 1 hour in person recording time.
- **Joseph**: 1 hour in person recording time.
- **Elizabeth**: 45-minute in person recording time.
- **Zachariah**: 45-minute in person recording time.

- **Angels**: Optional 30-minute in person recording time.
- **Shepherds**: 20-minute in person recording time.

**Everyone**

*Will have a 45-minute read through and a 30-minute rehearsal with parents to film the final scene with baby Jesus and potential cameos.*

--- **BABY JESUS** TBD, depending on baby’s needs (could be done in baby’s own crib!)

Kate Luedtke and Jane Palladino are still directors with Grace Ghoorah, Will Vander Lugt, Annelise Vander Lugt, Ella Giere and Johnny Willey as your wonderful production crew.

Return this to The Rev. Julie Graham

jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org

Name________________________ Age_______ Grade________

Mailing address_________________________________/Zip code_____

Email_________________________ Text_________________________

Cell_________________________

_Place a check next to the best way to reach you. Thanks!_
Annual Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 13

Kassia | 9th c. Byzantine Christmas Chant
Barbara Strozzi | O Maria
Undine Smith Moore | Christmas Alleluia
Margaret Bonds | You can tell the world

G. F. Handel | Messiah  Christmas highlights

Carol | Joy to the World!

Reserve a Concert Ticket Online.
Sing-a-long at home with the Choir of St. Paul’s & Soloists from a Messiah score sent to you.

Choir of St. Paul’s & Organ
Soloists: Abigail Akers, Natalie Dias, Lily Hartley, Jason Harvey, Elizabeth Kimble, David Kurtenbach, Séraphée de Labaca, & Akane Ota

Christmas on Holy Ground ~ Candlelight Carol Services
December 20 • 5 pm and 6:30pm

While it is not possible to gather for Christmas as usual, save the date for an outdoor gathering in anticipation of the birth of Christ. Joyful prayers of praise, inspiring word and music by our singers will help us enter the wonderful mystery of God with us. Music will be offered by of singers from The Choir of St. Paul’s. Look for sign-ups and more info in our special Christmas mailing or on the website, www.StPaulsBurlingame.org.
2020-21 Choe School Sponsors

We are deeply grateful to the following Sponsors of the Choir School upon whose generosity this offering of St. Paul's relies. Donations received as of October 26, 2020. Please contact Susan Matthews at smatthews@stpaulschurch.org to join us as a Choir School Sponsor for the 2020-21 season.

Platinum ($5,000+)

Aetos Alternatives Management
Bob Peck  In appreciation of the leadership of Susan Jane Matthews
Tim Van Oppen  In memory of Ann van Oppen

Gold ($2,500+)

Anonymous
Judy and Bill Steul
The Ying Family

Silver ($1,500+)

Susan Jane Matthews  In memory of my parents, Carl and Marilyn Matthews

Choir Family & Friends ($500+)

Matthew Adams
The Akers Family
Tom and Cyndy Bodenlos  In memory of Cyndy's parents, Bill and Jeanne Johnson
Lynn Marie Bruce
Jim and Tish Busselle
Lee and Pete Caraher
Barbara and Richard Dedo
Brian and Kathleen Douglas  In joyful gratitude to the Choir of St. Paul's
The Fisher Family
Joanne and Peter Garrison
JoAnn and Mark Hartley  Our gift of gratitude to the Choir of St. Paul's
Susan Ketcham
Anita Van Kimmenade and Scott Power
Pat Ko
The Kwok Family In appreciation for the always great work of Dr. Matthews, especially during these challenging times.
Laura Becker-Lewke and Reyonold Lewke
Mia and Mark Malhotra  In memory of Sachiko Higaki
Sage Eldercare
Jim Steichen

In-Kind Donation of Publicity Design & Materials

Double Forte | Lee Caraher, president
Stewardship for 2021 — Our Path of Faith Continues

By Tish Busselle
Treasurer

St. Paul’s Stewardship Team has invited St. Paul's 195 active households to make a pledge commitment to St. Paul's for 2021. Thomas has talked in recent weeks about the gifts we receive from God and how we use them and fellow members of St. Paul's community have talked about the importance of St. Paul's in their lives and why they pledge.

I’m going to focus in this article on 1.) why making a pledge commitment is so important, 2.) provide some quick facts about St. Paul's budget, and 3.) give a status report on pledging as of October 30.

Why is pledging important?
First, pledging is the major source of funding for St. Paul's budget. Some may believe that the Diocese provides funds for St. Paul's and other Episcopal churches in the Bay Area to operate — this is not the case, in fact, churches in the Diocese contribute to the Diocese.

Second, each year, St. Paul's budget is built on known pledge commitments. The Vestry will begin working with the Finance Committee and me soon for the 2021 calendar year budget. And three, pledging is a way of showing our commitment to keeping St. Paul's community strong each year and particularly in these challenging times.

Our goal is always 100% participation from all St. Paul's households recognizing that households have different capacities to give and will pledge at varying levels — yet, only 75% of active households participate by pledging. And, the amount of each household's pledge has always been confidential and we recognize each year that circumstances can change during the year and that pledges may not be fulfilled — we have reserves set aside when this occurs.

Major facts about St. Paul's budget for 2021: We are planning a "maintenance" budget for 2021 — maintenance meaning the same staffing, programs, and fixed costs as in 2020 with only mandated cost of living changes — all of which is projected to cost around one million dollars. A little more than half of our current operating budget for 2020 comes from households that pledge, followed by rental income (12%), Endowment earnings from legacy gifts (9%) and miscellaneous offerings and gifts of 9%. We project a deficit in 2021 for which the Vestry has set aside some reserves to cover but those reserves will only last into 2022 unless we are successful in increasing both the number of households pledging and the amount of each pledge.

Pledging Status for 2021: To date, 60 St. Paul's households have pledged $240,190 including both smaller and larger pledges. This is slightly more than 1/3 of what's needed for a balanced budget for 2021. We’re seeing good news in the pledges that have been received to date: there are two new pledging households, only two households who have reduced their pledges, with the remaining pledging households divided fairly equally into those who were able to increase their pledge commitments for 2021 from 2020 and those who have maintained their 2020 pledges. Thank you! We hope that the pledges still to come in will reflect this pattern and will include an increase in pledging households from 75% in 2020 to closer to 100% for 2021.

If you haven't already, won't you make your pledge commitment today? It’s simple to do — either mail the pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope sent to you in early October or pledge online by going to www.StPaulsBurlingame.org/support.

I’d be happy to answer any questions that you may have or send you pledge materials if you didn't receive them or can't find them. FYI, the Vestry will be making pledge follow-up calls on Sunday, November 15 to households from which no pledge has been received as of that date.
A Little Outreach Roundup

We at St. Paul’s assist many charities that support those in need. Read below to see how we have engaged and supported both local and international organizations. The Outreach Team has sponsored for many years a Fund-the-Need for three of our local charities (CALL Primrose, H&H and Samaritan House), and sponsored a home build in Tijuana for the last couple years. Through your generosity we have raised around $20,000 for charities. This does not even include the countless number of volunteer hours spent working with these organizations. But this year, all that effort was put on hold because of the pandemic and the need to take responsible steps to not spread COVID-19. Please consider making a financial donation to one or more of the charities listed below.

Samaritan House is one of St. Paul’s local partners in supporting those in need. As one of San Mateo’s leading nonprofits, they are the largest food distribution agency in San Mateo County and are recognized as a role model in the community. Their free service offerings include shelter and housing assistance; medical and dental clinics; clothes for children; personalized case management and much more. Each year, they provide services and resources to more than 14,000 low income and homeless County residents in need, including families with children, seniors and individuals living with a disability, veterans and homeless adults.

During the COVID-19 pandemic St. Paul’s has been providing lunches for staff and volunteers two days a week. It takes about two hours for two people to prepare 55 sandwiches. The Outreach Team could use more support. Meet a friend and make sandwiches in the church kitchen on either Tuesday or Friday. If you would like to volunteer, sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544adade229.samaritan

St. Paul’s also supports Samaritan House’s back to school backpack drive each year. This year St. Paul’s donated cash or backpacks that totaled over 108 backpacks fully loaded with back to school supplies!

To learn more about Samaritan House go to: https://samaritanhousesanmateo.org

CALL Primrose

CALL Primrose is a nonprofit corporation providing free grocery assistance to low income families and individuals in San Mateo County. Last year, CALL Primrose was able to serve over 27,000 individuals in need by directly providing more than 51,000 bags of groceries. CALL Primrose serves individuals, families, seniors and those who are in transition or homeless.

As an essential service provider, CALL Primrose is remaining open during regular grocery distribution hours: Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 2:45 pm. For the safety of clients, volunteers and staff are distributing outside.

Until further notice, CALL Primrose is not accepting any donations of food or other items. We greatly appreciate financial donations so that we may continue to support community members in need. Please consider a donation to CALL Primrose.

To learn more about CALL Primrose go to: https://www.callprimrose.org/

Home & Hope

Home & Hope provides a safe haven for families facing homelessness while helping them regain long-term self-sufficiency. They seek to raise consciousness on the issue of homelessness by actively engaging local volunteers. They are committed to and focused on grassroots ways to create change in our own community in the hopes of helping end homelessness in our country.

It has been a vastly different year for Home & Hope due to the pandemic. They continue to support families but by housing their clients in hotels. St. Paul’s has supported them during our scheduled host weeks by having our volunteers purchase food and supplies and delivering to hotels where the clients are staying.

To learn more about Home & Hope go to: https://www.homeandhope.net/

Corazón

Corazón is building community across borders. St. Paul’s has sponsored two home builds across the border and was scheduled for a third this year until the pandemic struck. The money raised for the build was still used by Corazon in support of their mission.

Corazón exists to serve the poor and everything they do is powered by people who are heartened by helping the poor. Corazón relies on compassionate, energetic, and generous volunteers, partners and donors who understand that they can make a difference by giving to the poor. Since 1978, Corazón has mobilized hundreds of U.S. and Mexican volunteers to work in the poor communities of Tecate and Tijuana, Mexico where many are living conditions that are simply untenable.

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A Little Outreach Roundup (cont’d)

It is no wonder that nearly half of Tijuana’s population of 1.3 million residents live on less than $200 per month.

To learn more about Corazon go to: https://www.corazon.org/

Hand in Hand has opened its seventh bilingual integrated school in Israel: a preschool in Kafr Qasim that brings together Arab children from Kafr Qasim and Jewish children from neighboring Rosh Ha’ayin.

As in all their schools, the driving force behind this seventh new school is a grassroots group of incredible, passionate parents. These parents organized and advocated tirelessly for nearly a year to open a bilingual integrated school to serve their children.

Hand in Hand students are unique. In the 2019-20 school year, over 1,850 Arab and Jewish students between the ages of 3 and 18 learned together in multicultural schools. They studied together in a values-infused environment where equality, tolerance and togetherness are the norm – day after day, and year after year. They are equipped with a strong sense of mutual respect and are empowered to go out and change society.

There were over 1,000 families on waiting lists for admission, and over 10 local communities asking to build a new Hand in Hand school in their area. With this growing demand, Hand in Hand impact can grow exponentially.

If you believe in strengthening the long-term work of educating Arab and Jewish children together, consider supporting their cause with a donation of any amount. Tax deductible contributions can be made from the United States.

To learn more about Hand in Hand go to: https://handinhandk12.org/

The LifeMoves model leverages three integrated programs designed for long-term success. Their model is personalized to holistically serve the broad needs of our diverse client population – Veterans, families, single adults, the LGBTQ+ community, aging seniors, and more.

One program provides residential services, such as emergency interim shelter, food, clothing, and other necessities. The other provides supportive services, such as intensive case management and customized support services. The last program provides community outreach and provides assistance and services in the field to our unsheltered neighbors.

St. Paul’s is a sponsor for their Annual Breakfast and has been since 2011. However this year’s went virtual.

To learn more about LifeMoves go to: https://www.lifemoves.org/

Voting Proposition Town Hall

This year Outreach even branched out into politics, sort of. With social injustice movement finally touching everyone’s soul, the Outreach Team sponsored a Town Hall to discuss the California propositions that affect social injustice and the need for a faith-based approach to this year’s elections. Local City Council Member Michael Brownrigg, and faith leaders Rev. Dr. Penny Nixon and Rev. Dr. Marlyn Bussey, co-directors of the Peninsula Solidarity Cohort lead us through a discussion on various propositions. An important take away was to vote based on what is best for our society and not necessarily what is best for ourselves.

Your Outreach Team thanks everyone for their physical time volunteering and financial support for these charities and the ones that are dear to your heart. A big thank you from Jocelyn Sideco, Kristi Blundell, Edith Foothorap, Julie Wilson and Jay Janton.

THANK YOU

United Against Racism Strategy ...

St. Paul’s People of Color (POC) Fellowship meets approximately once every 4 to 6 weeks to share their experience in their mostly white world. For participation in this group, please email jsideo@stpaulsburlingame.org to contact Jocelyn.
Property and Grounds 2020 Activities

St. Paul’s Property and Grounds Team is still hard at work even in our COVID-19 environment. The biggest projects of the year were replacing the Parish Hall roof and finding new tenants for both Chapin House and the Occidental apartment. The team consists of the following members: Tish Busselle, Tom Power, Wade Aubry, Michele Bosschart, Vic Carboni, David Long, Jack Martin and Jay Janton. This year’s Property Team activities were:

Grounds
Installed a free “Little Library” box donated by Bev Hock near Brewer Hall along Occidental
Moved and replanted Bergenia plants to El Camino area to accommodate outdoor church services on the grass area between the Church and the Parish House
Painted a 32-inch diameter labyrinth in Occidental parking lot

Property
Replaced pitched roof on Parish Hall with real slate
Installed two banners on the El Camino side of the church
Installed new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the Sexton’s apartment and Higbie Hall.
Sound system upgrades have been developed and waiting for a quote before implementing upgrades
Continued campus internet service upgrades and troubleshooting projects
Revarnished the exterior church doors
Repaired water leak under the Church due to broken PVC pipe
ECR garage door electronic opening system was repaired

Chapin House
• Replaced roof
• Repaired significant water leak by opening up the dining room and kitchen walls
• Had PG&E repair minor gas leak and replaced broken aluminum support wire for electrical power to house
• Replaced kitchen floor
• Repainted most of the house for new tenants
• Replaced the broken fence areas between the House and the Nursery School

Occidental apartment
• Replaced roof on Occidental apartment
• Modified the garage doors with keyed emergency releases and independent keypads. Now if the power goes out or a breaker trips, one can still open the doors.
• Repaired a leak in the kitchen sink

Preschool
• One of the sconces in the front room was smoking. Only required repair was one of the sockets was shot and replaced. There was no wiring issue.
• All bulbs were replaced with LED.
• Experienced significant drainage issues at the rear of the school causing water seepage in the basement. Repairs uncovered significant water damage to the sill on the foundation. A French drain was installed so water will flow to the Chapin Ave. sidewalk.

Property Management
Found new tenants for both Chapin House and Occidental apartment

Though the Property Team is a very capable group, sometimes the required work is a little outside of our expertise. We have established a list of contractors (handyman, plumber, electrician, painter, roof, etc) that we call upon often to support the work around our campus - it is a team effort.
Choral Evensong for St. Luke

After several months of preparation and recording, it was a joy to release a Choral Evensong for St. Luke on Saturday, October 24. This service lifted up music of healing from around the world, from the spiritual *There is a balm in Gilead* to a contemporary Japanese hymn, to Fanny Hensel's *Lobgesang*. You may still listen and share the service at St. Paul's YouTube Channel. Here is the direct link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ar3lZEiCxsO&ti=142s

Pictures shown during Elizabeth Kimble’s *Preces and Responses* highlighted sacred spaces in which the Choir of St. Paul's has been blessed to sing, including St. Paul’s, Grace Cathedral, Trinity Cathedral Portland, the ruins of Tintern Abbey (Wales), and Gloucester Cathedral (England). The pictures also look forward to the planned 2022 residency at Wells Cathedral (England).

A Zoom Reception following included commissioning of the Choir, Music Committee and Wells Residency Committee, October birthday blessings and serenading by the Breices, and the traditional October choir “eyeball” awards given for outstanding work to singers in the Choir School.

A farewell tribute was given to Karl and Tom Breice from representative members of the vestry and choir, as they move to Wisconsin. You may still enjoy a slideshow prepared celebrating the ministry of Karl and Tom, members of the Choir of St. Paul’s, 2009-2020. The music heard is the spiritual *Ride the Chariot*, arr. William Henry Smith, the encore to the Men’s Chorus Concert in February 2016. The soloist was Tom Breice, and Karl was in the chorus. https://www.dropbox.com/s/yr94xdc1pxe88sw/BreiceFarewellTributeVideo.m4v?dl=0
Community Gathering Into Prayer Groups

Monday Mornings Centering Prayer
Gathering on the Occidental Lawn
Every Monday, weather permitting
9:15am

Pre-registration is needed, click here for the link.

Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. It’s a silent prayer practice to center ourselves in the Divine Presence of our God. We will gather in silence to seek the divine interior silence through 20 minutes of Centering Prayer practice. After 20 minutes, we continue with our day.

Keeping Vigil for Healing From our Pandemics of COVID-19 and Systemic Racism
~ Every Wednesday 4:30pm

All are welcome to gather via Zoom to pray our vigil liturgy for our nation and world’s healing. It's about 15 minutes — volunteers take parts in the saying of the prayers. A small group from our Healing Ministries team began back in April to pray for our current events. We haven’t missed a Wednesday and won’t until the world is healed!

Your spirit is most welcome to come and pray with others! Join in this prayer time via Zoom https://zoom.us/j/99471513814 or by calling 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 994 7151 3814 Passcode: 024222

Enjoy a Quiet Moment and a Brief Walk to Recenter, Refresh and Relax at St. Paul’s Labyrinth

A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The Labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. A Labyrinth can be a useful tool for prayer and meditation. It is a metaphor for life's journey. It is a symbol that creates a sacred space and place. At its most basic level, the labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to the center of your deepest self and back out into the world with a broadened understanding of who you are. There is only one path; and it leads you on a circuitous path to the center and out again. Offered for current events, feast days and of course, personal use. Most recently we offered it for prayers for our national election. Located on the corner of Occidental and Chapin.
Healing Prayer Groups from our Healing Ministries (cont’d)

Art as Healing: Let's Paint More Rocks! In dedication to All Souls' Sunday
Columbarium Garden
Monday, November 2 ~ 3pm

Click here to sign up

Dear Healers and lovers of art, Suzanne and Leslie are at it again! This time they are taking the party to the actual church. In dedication to All Souls' Sunday, November 8, let's paint more rocks but this time in the Columbarium Garden. Come by and paint in the garden!

Paint for your own healing or for a gift of hope in the Resurrection for others who pass through our campus or for both. One such is our grief stones. We hope to fill the Columbarium Garden to embrace those who come to remember loved ones. Throughout the week leading up to All Souls' Sunday, November 8 special observances of remembering those we love and who have died, will take place.

At these services, live music for cello and piano, organ (through speakers), and a quartet of singers will be offered. The singers will be masked and safely distanced, so once again you may be inspired by choral music.

Moms’ Night Prayer
Third Wednesday of the Month
Beginning October 14 ~ 8pm

A brief zoom compline liturgy to end our days in prayer for ourselves and our children. We begin with checking in and then bring what needs prayer into our liturgy. On Zoom – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88515701346

Learning and Soul Work By the Numbers

In the midst of the pandemic it can feel like we’re frozen in place. It’s hard to travel, school is at home, offices are empty, and we can’t see our families in ways we like. And yet, this fall at St. Paul’s many are continuing to learn and grow in faith. Many offerings launched in October have continued forward. In coming editions of On the Path, you will be able to hear some of the ways these groups are enriching the lives of those involved. This month we just look at the numbers.

Bible Challenge: Reading the Bible in a year 11 participants
Monday Journey in October: Love is the Way 11 participants
Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles for Racial Justice and Healing 15 participants
MOM’s taking the 21 day racial equity challenge 6 participants
Enneagram in Christ 13 participants

To find out more information about each of these offerings, go to our website www.StPaulsBurlingame.org. We are looking forward to sharing stories from these groups. If some of these opportunities to deepen your faith were missed, don’t worry. We will offer more chances to get connected after the first of the year.
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday: Online Worship
Posted by 4pm Saturdays

Outside Small Services (must preregister)
October 4  3pm & 4:30pm
October 18  3pm & 4:30pm
November 1  3pm & 4:30pm

Grab and Go Advent Festival in a Bag!
Saturday, November 28 • 3pm to 4:30pm
Occidental Parking lot

For decades, St. Paul's church held a beloved Advent Festival Coffee Hour on or right before The First Sunday of Advent in order for people to make an Advent wreath for their own personal prayers at home. This year the festival will be served up in a bag to "GRAB and GO!" Volunteers are gathering and putting together bags of all that’s need to make a beautiful Advent wreath. Each bag will be blessed in the church by the clergy. And will include prayers to say with your wreath as you lit a candle each week.

November 29 is The First Sunday of Advent. Advent means "coming." In the Episcopal Church we observe four Sundays of intentional prayer and spiritual practice in order to prepare our hearts for the birth of the Christ Child. The Evergreen wreath with three purple and one pink candle serves as a symbol to call us into this special time of prayer and reflection. The simple ritual of lighting a candle and saying a prayer or reading helps to set aside the busyness or loneliness of this season and to receive the hope of the coming of Christ into our lives.

For more information email jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org to contact The Rev. Julie Graham.