



February

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WHO ARE WE?

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace their diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff, Rector

The Rev. Chip Arnold,
Associate Priest

The Rev. Hal Woomer, Jr.
Assistant Priest

The Rev. Mike Margerum, Deacon

The Rev. Linda Smith, Deacon

From the Pile on Fr. Kirk's Desk...



For those that missed the Annual Parish Meeting, I'd say we continue to grow into a healthy understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

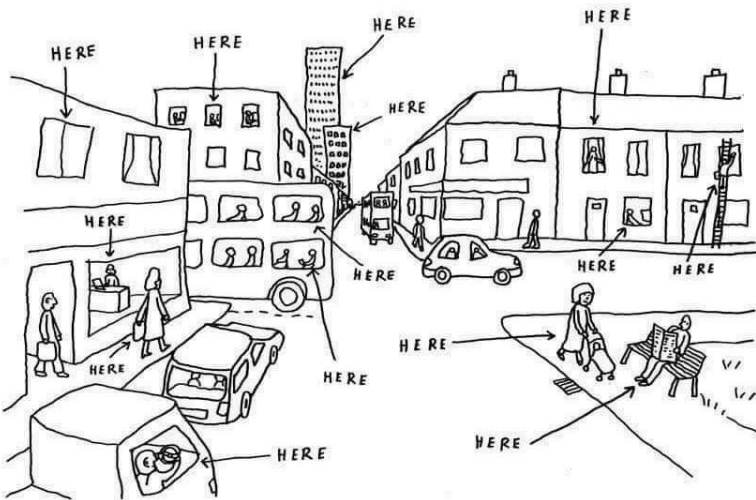
In the scriptures for the Sunday of our Annual Meeting, Jesus used the words of the prophet Isaiah to lay out his mission and ours. He told us that he was sent to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, recover sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

It is this that set the tone for the Gospel of Luke and it is this that we, as Christians, strive to live into. As I sat and listened to the ministry reports, it was easy to experience the words of Isaiah being lived in our midst.

As we push into 2019, our intent should be to continue our growth into being Christ in the world... being the Church and not only attend it. It is the combination of attending Church and being the Church that transformation takes place. If you have hesitated to move beyond our communities' walls, maybe this is your year.

Kirk

WHERE THE CHURCH IS



February in the Food Pantry

"The best to you each morning!"

Cereal & other breakfast foods.



"Hill Gang" Meeting

The "Hill Gang" is an informally structured men's fellowship group open to all male members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and their guests. The "Hill Gang" holds "once-in-a-while" quarterly meetings.

The next meeting of the "Hill Gang" will be Monday evening, **February 18th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Boulevard Pizza, 1076 North Rock Boulevard in Sparks.** The meeting agenda is to have fellowship, eat, and drink for about an hour and a half and then adjourn to a nearby movie theater to view an action/adventure or similar film.

For more information, please contact Steve Smith at 626-3307.

New Bible Study Being Formed!

When: Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:30, beginning February 7th.

Who: 5 to 10 people would be ideal, all bible knowledge and experience are welcome. The format will be a guided discussion. Book needed: *The Path: A Journey Through the Bible* published and sold by Forward Movement. We will try to get a group purchase to cut costs. The book by itself is 22.00. This book has won the Bronze Medal for Best Bible Study from "Illumination Book Awards".

This is from the overview of the study: "Through Living Discipleship: Exploring the Bible, you will discover anew the wonderful, rich, extraordinary, sometimes mysterious story

of the Bible: the story of how God creates, redeems, and sustains us, a story of hope.”

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Deacon Mike Margerum for more information: mgoodmarge@gmail.com, 775-229-2695.

Prayers of the People

Please help us keep our Prayer Chain List up to date. Let someone in the Prayer Chain Group or Robin in the office know each month if we are to continue to pray for your special people. Thank you.

Diane, Pat, Larry, Anne, Nanette, Philip, Ernest, Preston, Jameson Walker, Ella, Paul, Ryan, Alyson, Frank, Barbara, Jill, Ruthie, Vedda, Marge, Dillon, Madeline, Brock, Vickie, Matthew, Alex, Lerae, Bob, Julia, Ken, Pattie, Candi, Susan, Ann, Dorothy, Sue, Ruth, Dee, Baby Bo, Hailey, Zac, Nolan, Al, Ted, Sharon, Stan, Bonnie, Jaemie, Rae, Debby, Jeff, Mike, Irene, Bethany, Emerson, Zavie, Everett, Brianna, Alyssa, Don, Michael, Mac, Dawn, Mike, Christy, Gerry, Michele, Katheryn, Dave, Beth Ann, Jack, Nick's family, Ben, Jim, Marlys, Cathy, Ashley, John, Nikita, Linda, Marilyn, Elva & family, Jessica, Mary, George, Jeannine, Lu, Loretta, Sarah, E.C. Group, Mariana, Jerry, Dan, Kathy.

Military: Andrew, Ryan, Jeffrey, Sierra, Owen, Brian, Evanne, Alex, Suzanne, Mason, David, Paul, Roger, Shylo, Alberto, Tristan.

Youth Group: EYC



EYC is an Episcopal Youth Community where all youth (and their friends) who are in grades

7-12 are invited to come and participate. The focus will be different each week, but you can count on whatever the EYC is doing, it will stimulate our growth with God and with each other, and our growth in serving Christ in the world. We invite you to come join us for food, fellowship and fun! If you are new to St. Paul's we welcome you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Woodliff at triciawoodliff@hotmail.com or Tia Mittelstadt at 775-722-3329 or by email at tia.mittel@gmail.com.

EYC will meet in the youth room from 10:15 AM until 12:15 PM unless listed differently in the schedule. Please join us for the following activities:

February 3: SuperBowl Party at Tia and Jon's House at 3:15 PM

Meet at Tia and Jon's house at 3:15 PM (address will be sent in the monthly email). Join us in cheering on the Patriots or the Rams in the big game! Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will provide drinks and main dish. Parents are invited to come and join in the fun!

February 10: Heart Shaped Pizza and Sugar Cookies Plus Growing with God

Meet in the youth room at 10:15 AM. We will eat heart shaped pizza, decorate heart shaped sugar cookies and have a discussion. Games to follow.

February 17: Blessing Bag Items Sorting

Meet at 10:15 AM in the youth room and sort all the Blessing Bag donations.

February 24: Breakout Room

Meet in the youth room right after church. We will eat a quick lunch and then carpool to Key and Code Breakout Room. We need to give the Breakout Room our number of participants and pay in advance, so please RSVP to Tia ASAP or at the latest by February 17.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

Prayers & Squares meets in the Parish Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month, where quilts are cut out, sewed, and prayer threads inserted. Knowing how to sew is not necessary as there are many other tasks involved in making the quilts. Everyone is welcome. When the quilts are completed they are placed in the new Quilt Cabinet in the Narthex. Anyone can view and select a quilt for someone in need.

To request a quilt, contact Margaret Bouzek at margaret.bouzek@gmail.com, Peg Bibby at ragladypeg@att.net, the Parish Office, or any member of Prayers & Squares.

Laundry Love

Laundry Love is a fast growing ministry of St. Paul's. This once a month ministry helps people do their laundry so they can use their limited funds on medicine, rent, etc. Doing a load of laundry is expensive, so they continually be collecting quarters (or other \$\$ that we can turn into quarters) Monetary donations can either be handed to Linda Devon, or designate it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate.

If you have any questions or interest in helping with ministry, contact Linda Devon at LSD4764@hotmail.com.

Recovery Groups at St. Paul's

Mon, Tues, Fri: Spanish Ala-non @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: Women's AA @ 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Ala-Non Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Gam-anon Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

By Your Gifts We Are Blessed

This report covers both December and January activity. This year's Christmas Offering was sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California's Disaster Relief Fund for Paradise Fire Relief, and totaled \$3,262.00. Proceeds

of \$777.05 from Christmas wreath sales went to our General Fund. Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry held their Christmas Craft Fair with sales totaling \$599.00. This money will help purchase fabric and other supplies. Other donations included \$120.00 to Prayers and Squares, \$53.00 to Daughters of the King, \$100.00 to Laundry Love, \$302.53 to United Thank Offering (UTO), \$100.00 for Galilee camperships, \$50.00 to the Clergy Discretionary Fund, and \$150.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Mark Sullivan.

Patti Stine, Assistant Treasurer

Funding the Mission

If you missed the annual meeting in January, I reported for the year that our receipts exceeded our expenses by \$1,576. This was the 2nd year in a row where we ran a surplus, thus beating our 2018 budget which projected a \$15,491 deficit. This surplus went into our "rainy/day savings" account which as of 12/31 carries a balance of \$30,370. Lower than expected expenses along with higher than budgeted offerings contributed to our budget beating year. I don't expect 2019 to bring a similar savings on budgeted expenses as we had some unfilled staff positions in 2018 that saved us considerably on our wage expenses. However, I am hopeful that the generosity of our parishioners and other contributors continues in 2019.

The monthly Financial Statement of Mission contains detail on all our financial activity, and is posted in the narthex.

You can also direct questions personally to any Vestry member, Roger Towne, or Patti Stine.

Or contact us by email at Treasurer@stpaulssparks.org IMPORTANT

NOTE: By all your gifts, we are blessed. For your gifts we are grateful.

Coming Events



February 2019

Saturday	Feb. 02, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Saturday	Feb. 02, 2019	Funeral: Nick Oddo <i>Reception following</i>	11:00 am
Sunday	Feb. 03, 2019	Eucharist Visitors Meeting (Lounge)	10:15 am
Thursday	Feb. 07, 2019	Bible/Book Study	12:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 07, 2019	“Meme Theology” (Spiro’s Bar & Grill)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 09, 2019	Annual Vestry Retreat (location TBA)	9:00 am
Sunday	Feb. 10, 2019	Outreach Meeting	12:30 pm
Monday	Feb. 11, 2019	Vestry Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 14, 2019	Bible/Book Study	12:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 16, 2019	D.O.K.	10:00 am
Monday	Feb. 18, 2019	“Hill Gang” Meeting (Blvd. Pizza)	5:30 pm
Thursday	Feb. 21, 2019	Bible/Book Study	12:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 21, 2019	“Meme Theology” (Spiro’s Bar & Grill)	6:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 23, 2019	Prayers & Squares	9:00 am
Monday	Feb. 25, 2019	Epistle Deadline	12:00 pm
Tuesday	Feb. 26, 2019	Empty Bowls Meeting	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 28, 2019	Bible/Book Study	12:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 28, 2019	“Meme Theology” (Spiro’s Bar & Grill)	6:00 pm
Thursday	Feb. 28, 2019	Laundry Love (Laundromat on Oddie Blvd.)	6:00 pm

Recurring Events

Worship Times, 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

EYC meets every Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room

Rector’s Sabbath is every Tuesday

Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

Praise Team 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays or (Check with your Team Leader)

Thursdays Bible/Book Study @ 12:00 p.m. in the Choir room.

AA (Women’s group) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

Spanish Alanon group meets, Mon. Tues. & Fri. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Alanon meets every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

Gam-anon meets every Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

Last Thursday of the Month, Laundry Love Ministry – Laundromat on Oddie Blvd. 6:00 p.m.

Food Pantry is open Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Unless otherwise noted**

NEW*Food Pantry Mobile Unit, Saturdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

***Fourth** Wednesday of the month in the morning the SNAP program & Food Bank Truck are here

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Sun., 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Praise
Sun., 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Traditional
Sun., 5:00 p.m. Traditional Holy Eucharistic, No Music
Wed., 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Holy Eucharist