



St. Paul's Epistle

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SERVING
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CHRIST**

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CHANGING WITH THE SEASON

The Rev. Tim True

In our culture, fall is associated with change. Kids head back to school to face new teachers, make new friends, and tackle new challenges. New programs air on TV, some rivetingly entertaining and some, well, not so much. And—in parts of our country at least—leaves begin to change color and, um, fall off trees. This fall, we are anticipating some changes around St. Paul's too.

First, there will be a **Rally Day** on Sunday, September 13. Mark your calendars! But what is Rally Day? Only your chance to visit each of the wonderful ministries St. Paul's has to offer (over coffee and a snack too—mmmmmm!), from nursery to choir to Christian education to buildings and grounds to

Lay Eucharistic Visitor to — Oh, but what's a "Lay Eucharistic Visitor"? Well, come and find out!

Second, we will add a weekly **Sunday School** hour to our schedule, at 9:00am, beginning Sunday, September 20. Classes will be offered for four age groups: birth-kindergarten; grades 1-6; grades 7-12; and an Adult Forum. The kids' curricula are particularly suited for navigating the Christian faith as Episcopalians—a faith perspective that can be perplexing, as we all know; while the adults will discuss what it means to live as a Christian in today's world.

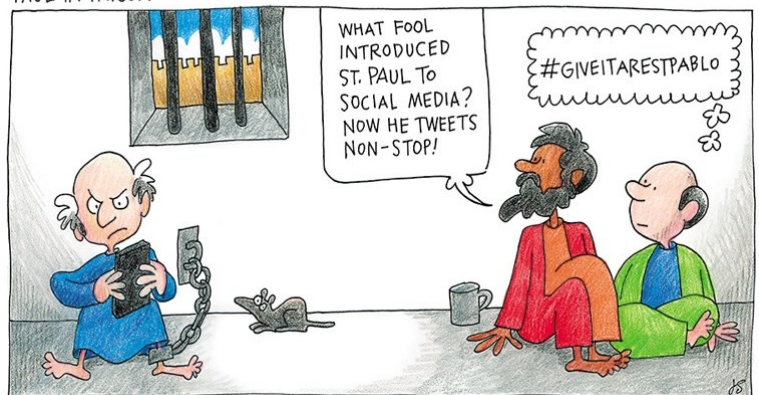
And third, a new, third-Saturday **Worship** service will begin on

September 19 at 6:00pm. Its intent is to be very informal and family-friendly, offering a casual atmosphere yet retaining our Episcopal identity. And by "third-Saturday" I mean just that: this service will take place on the third Saturday evening of every month. Also planned is a quarterly potluck immediately following the service, the first of which will take place on October 17. Spread the word!

A final change worth mentioning is that, with the addition of the Third-Saturday Service, Sunday mornings will follow the Prayer Book's Rite II liturgy (what we are now calling the traditional service) weekly.



PAUL IN PRISON





Your Outreach Ministry has kept very busy over the summer! We have just finished a very successful participation in the YRMC Foundation Drive for Back to School Supplies. Thank you all for your support.

Our steadfast volunteers are continuing to help out at the Yuma Community Food Bank every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 to noon. So far we have logged a total of 51 hours and, using the Food Bank number of \$21.97 value for each donated hour, we have an in-kind donation of \$1,120.47, and counting. If you would like to join these Food Bank volunteers, please give me a call at 580-6031.

Our next meeting will be on August 9th following the 10 am service. We will be discussing donations and preparing our budget for 2016. Won't you please join us?



Lucy Shipp, ~ for the Outreach Ministry

Caring for God's Creation



Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26. Are you a good steward of the environment? As good stewards of the environment we are responsible for sustaining natural resources and our environment for future generations. Just as God keeps and sustains us we must keep and sustain all of God's creation. What do you do to protect the environment? Remember that recycling is an act of worship!

Treasurer's Corner

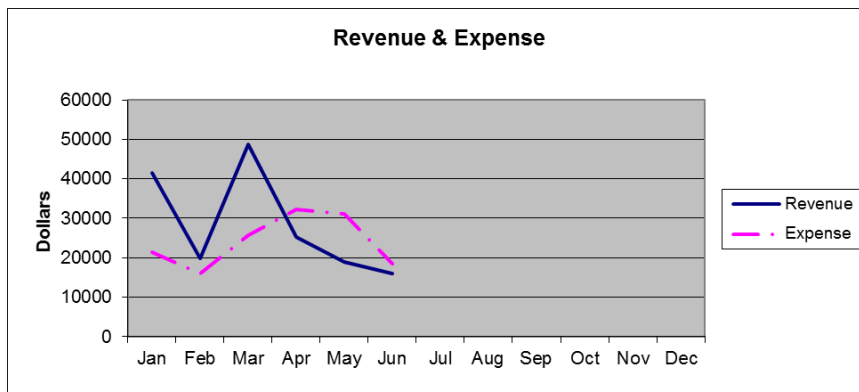
As promised, we had a big spike in expenses in May due to paying for the air conditioner and Fr. Tim's moving expense. Then, in June, expenses leveled off and revenue continued to drop as normally happens in summer.

The good news is that St. Paul's has two new, and paid for, air conditioners; a 20 ton a/c for the church and a 7.5 ton a/c in the multi-purpose room. Both units were very old, needed replacement and, hopefully, will be much more energy efficient to help with the utility bills in the future.

Since the last newsletter was published, Fr. Tim and the vestry have designated a Stewardship Chairperson and a Budget Committee to begin thinking about our needs for 2016 and beyond.

While we realize that the church is "us" and not buildings and grounds, it is a wonderful blessing to have a beautiful cool building to worship in. God is good!

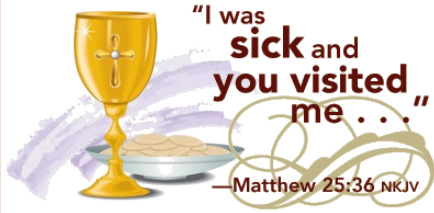
~ Rochelle Thompson



Question:
How many Episcopalians does it take to change a lightbulb?

Answer:
Change a lightbulb???
Why . . . my grandmother donated that lightbulb!!!!

Father Steve, Little Falls, NY



Request Holy Communion be Brought to Your Home

One of our Eucharistic Visitors, trained to bring Communion to parishioners who are unable to get to church due to illness or injury, would be happy to bring Holy Communion to you. If you would like to receive Holy Communion from one of our Eucharistic Visitors, please call the church.

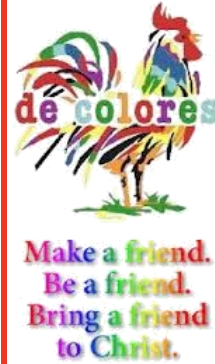
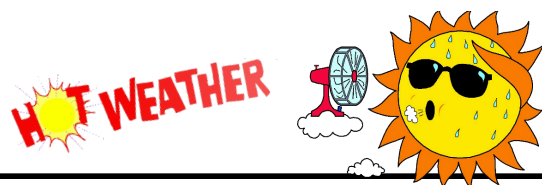
OMG. Somebody turn on the air-conditioning...



I think my face is melting.

It's So Hot that...

1. The radiator on your car is boiling over and you haven't even started the engine yet.
2. The birds have to use pot holders to pull worms out of the ground.
3. Farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying hard-boiled eggs.
4. The cows are giving evaporated milk.
5. You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.
6. The temperature drops below 100, you enjoy the cool spell.
7. You discover that it takes only 2 fingers to drive a car.
8. You discover that you can get a sunburn through your car's window tinting.
9. You notice the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
10. Hot water now comes out of both taps.
11. It's noon, kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is out in the street.
12. The local bakery hasn't had to turn on their ovens for a week.
13. You can cook breakfast on your driveway instead of in the kitchen.
14. You have no idea why they call it "Dry Idea" Deodorant.
15. You don't have to go to KFC to get Fried Chicken, just put it on the hood of your car on the way home from the super-market.
16. The temperature in your house is 105 degrees, but your H/VAC service guy says your air conditioner is functioning properly.



Fall Cursillo Weekend

The Fall Cursillo Weekend is fast approaching! The weekend will take place October 22-25, 2015 at Camp Stevens in Julian, CA.

Fall weekends at Camp Stevens in Julian are usually blessed with fine weather, with just a touch of autumn that we often miss in Yuma!

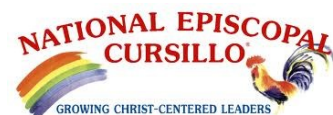
The San Diego Episcopal Cursillo community was founded to meet the growing spiritual needs of Episcopalians in the Diocese of San Diego, of which we are a part. It's a worldwide community which began with the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement in Spain following WWII.

Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders.

If you would like to attend, or sponsor someone to attend, the deadline to submit an application is Sunday, September 20th.

Applications for the weekend are available for downloading from this website: sdcursillo.org, or from the church office where further information is available! *Return completed applications to the church office for processing!*

If you'd like more information, please contact Elery Gross or Ruth Elliott.



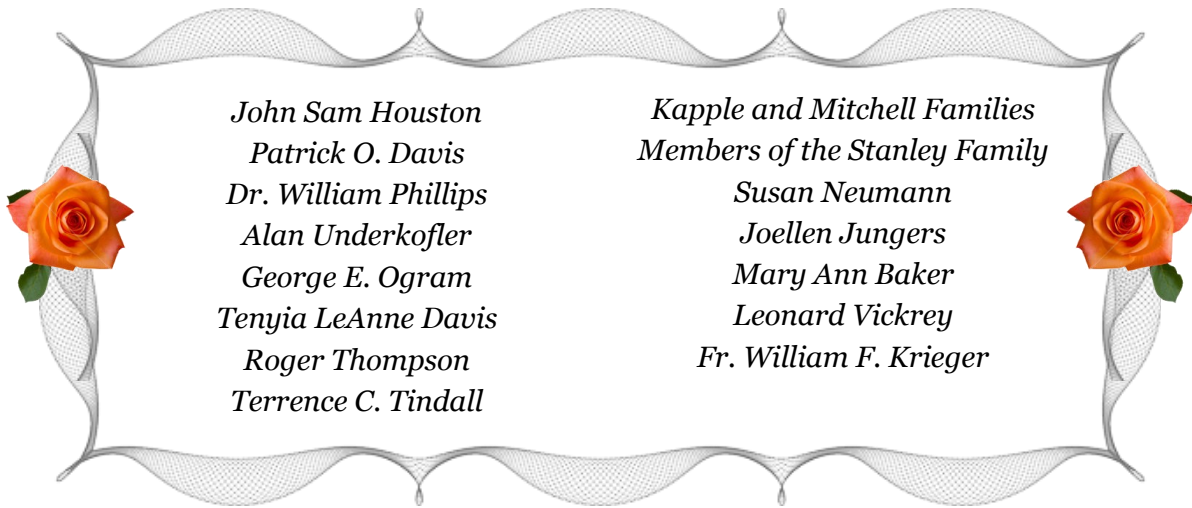


"This Little Light Of Mine..."

St. Paul's now has a Votive Candle Stand, with candles, which has been placed on the South wall of the Chapel. Its purpose is two-fold: first, it memorializes and celebrates several members of our Church Family who have died (the Cremains of many of them reside in our Columbarium). Several members of the Congregation have contributed towards the cost of the stand and the candles it uses and we are grateful for their consideration. Second, it provides a focus and place for prayer for those who wish to remember loved ones, pray for special concerns or any other form of personal prayers.

The candles we are using are, because of insurance concerns, electric. To light one the switch on the bottom is tripped and then the candle is replaced in its holder, to "burn" as long as the charge lasts. Candles will be reset each week. A receptacle for free will offerings is to be found directly below the Votive stand.

Those being remembered in this donation are:



The following statement from Bishop Mathes will appear in all church bulletins and newsletters in the Diocese of San Diego:



Report Sexual Misconduct

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, please remember that our diocese values the tenet of our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." Part of the way we live into that is to train people in the prevention of sexual misconduct and to encourage all to report any misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced sexual misconduct of any kind, please contact Mr. John Seitman immediately:

Cell: 619-559-4746

Email: jseitman@pacbell.com



**CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Do you enjoy working with Children? St. Paul's is looking for people to work with the children in our church for Christian Education.

Be a Sunday School Teacher!

We are still looking for one more teacher for our Secondary age kids this Fall! Classes will start September 20th. (*Lesson curriculum, all teaching materials and training will be provided.*)

Please prayerfully consider being part of St. Paul's Christian Education Program. If you, or a friend are interested, contact the church office for details.



**Training Hearts
for Jesus**

Two vacancies on the vestry have been filled by Devon McPherson and Katy Mize. A warm welcome to both of you, and thank you for making this commitment.

- + Fr. Tim appointed Marilyn Vickrey as our Stewardship Director. She will be organizing testimonials to be presented to the congregation. Anyone interested in giving a presentation, please contact Marilyn.
- + The “loose plate offering” on Sunday June 21, raised approximately \$1,000 to give to RefugeeNet Camperships at Camp Stevens.
- + All the A/C units have been replaced and paid for. All units are now up to date. A big thank you to ALL of the congregation for your generous donations and Rob Filbey for dedicated work following through with the installation.

COMING SOON TO ST. PAUL’S!!

There will be four Sunday School Classes: a Pre-K Nursery (which is already in place), Elementary (grades 1st through 6th) with Penny Silva as the teacher, Secondary (grades 7th through 12th) still looking for a teacher (*do I hear any volunteers??*), and an Adult Forum coordinated by Maurie White, and possibly Fr. Tim teaching.

A notice will be placed on the marquee. These classes will run September 20th through December 20th beginning at 9 A.M. There will also be a Spanish language program!

CHANGES IN WORSHIP:

Starting in September, we will go back to one standard service at 10 A.M., utilizing Rite Two. The contemporary service will be moved to the third

SATURDAY of each month at 6:00 P.M. There will be a Liturgy Planning Team to organize this alternative service. The goal is to make this service “youth friendly” and, perhaps have a quarterly potluck.

AND MORE:

- + A “Silent Auction” is being planned for this fall when the winter visitors are back. Open only to our congregation and to feature only high quality items. Devon McPherson has volunteered to be the chairperson with JoBeth Sharpsteen and Carolyn Stallworth assisting her. You may contact any of these ladies with your items.
- + The Budget Planning Committee Chairperson, Vicki Bardo along with Karen Johnson, Jennifer Whaley, Rochelle Thompson and Kay Malone, will work on a 2016 budget to present to the vestry for approval, before the annual meeting in January. We are hopeful that a calendar of events/activities and ministries will be available for distribution to the congregation and help in their pledge and maybe a ministries donation.
- + The audit committee, chaired by Rob Filbey, is in the process of conducting an internal audit as required by the Diocese.
- + Shelly Gregory will chair a committee (Establish Policies Committee) to prepare a Manual of Business Methods. Mary Jo Smith will be working with Shelly. Devon McPherson and Kay Malone have volunteered to serve on this committee.
- + Fr. Tim has been contacted by a cell provider seeking the possibility of placing a cell tower on our property.

P.S.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT IN THE SUN NEWSPAPER FOR AN ARTICLE & PICTURES FEATURING FR. TIM!

~ Kay Malone



Name Badge Rack!

The name badge rack kept in the Narthex has been refreshed! (*Thank You Rob!*)

Some badges were removed due to needing new badge holders. Rather than using up all the new holders for folks who no longer come to our church, replacements of the holders will be on an “as requested” basis. So if yours is missing, contact Ruth in the church office.

*People ignore God,
and then blame him for
the chaos that results.*





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St. Paul's Clergy, Staff & Vestry

SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 am ~ Holy Eucharist Service
12:30 pm ~ Español Eucaristía Servicio
Infant & Toddler care provided.
Nursery is offered at 10:00 am

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