



Epiphany

God's holy day has dawned for us at last;
come, all you peoples, and adore the Lord.
The Magi saw his star and rejoiced to lay
their treasures at his feet.

(Liturgy of the Hours)

Epiphany: An experience of sudden and striking realization, usually initiated by some simple, homely or commonplace occurrence. What a wonderful definition!

Epiphany is the season when we are all invited to come and adore the infant Child, and to bring our gifts of "gold, frankincense and myrrh". For most of us, the gifts are not exotic. I am reminded of the words by Christina Rossetti (1872) in the Christmas carol "In the Bleak Midwinter" when she writes:

*What can I give him, poor
as I am?*

*If I were a shepherd, I
would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I
would do my part;
yet what I can I give
him, give my heart.*

There is something about the season of Epiphany that allows the good news of the Christ Child to linger a bit longer. We have taken down the tree, the ornaments are put away. We've read the Christmas cards one last time and have regretfully set the

beautiful images out with the rest of the trash. There can be sadness in all of that, but Epiphany allows us to move beyond the story of the birth and opens a space of invitation to all who would pause at the manger. What do we want to bring to the Christ Child this Epiphany?

Perhaps Epiphany can be a time to carve a space for prayer and devotion. Our wonderful Book of Common Prayer invites us to pause four times a day and pray with some very simple liturgies that can be done at home or even online at the workplace. They take but a few minutes. The four meditations are as follows: In the Morning, At Noon, In the Early Evening, At the Close of Day. They can be found on pages 137-140.

During the season of Lent (beginning with Ash Wednesday – Feb. 18th) the +Bishop will challenge all of us in this Diocese to pray one of the Daily Offices as a spiritual practice for 2015. Praying one of the four "Daily Devotions

for Families and Individuals" from the Book of Common Prayer during Epiphany will be a great way to prepare for what is to come. Copies of these services will be on the back table of the Church for your immediate use or you can find it online at: <http://www.bcponline.org> under the heading "The Daily Office".

Epiphany is about celebrating the Love of God that has come to earth that all God's children might know God's redeeming grace. Our response to such a gift is simply our hearts. May this be a season of special intention and gratitude.

Blessings,

Lynell+
The Rev. Canon Lynell
Walker
Priest-in-Charge

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As we leave the season of Christmas and enter into Epiphany some of us want to extend the Christmas season by leaving up the decorations a little longer or perhaps even continue to play and sing Christmas music (guilty as charged!). In preparing to open the interdisciplinary team meeting for my Clinical Pastoral Education program I ran across the following poem by Dr. Howard Thurman. A civil rights leader and theologian that reminds us that the spirit of Christmas and the holding of the Christ child in our hearts continues throughout the year. Dr. Howard Thurman was an influential author, philosopher, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. He was Dean of Theology and the chapels at Howard University and Boston University for more than two decades, wrote 20 books, and in 1944 helped found the first racially integrated, multi-cultural church in the United States.

"The Work of Christmas"

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among brothers,
 To make music in the heart.

New Dollars, New Partners, New Doors!

Over the past year or so members of the congregation have worked with the group Partners for Sacred Spaces on a program called "New Dollars, New Partners" that teaches churches how to tell their stories to connect to the community and to find ways take care of our historic buildings AND to connect with the communities in new ways. One of the things we worked on was a "case statement" – a short concise story of why people should care about our church and our building. It not only describes our history but also the important outreach that we do in the community from hosting 12-Step programs and concerts to passing out bag lunches to the hungry.

In the past few months we have noticed that the iconic red doors that open onto J street are literally rotting on their hinges. We got a bid to have a custom door built

to replace the doors from Burnett and Son's in Sacramento (who likely did at least some of the original woodwork in the building!). Carolyn, our Senior Warden worked to customize the case statement so that Deacon Rik could make a pitch to the Capital City Preservation Trust (Trust) to provide funds to help replace the doors. With the aid of the case statement the Trust agreed to fund half of the approximately \$8,000 cost for replacing the doors! Deacon Rik is currently working with the city to document the need to replace the doors and get signoffs from the Preservation Office. If you would like to contribute to the cost of replacing the iconic doors please send a check to St. Paul's (or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday) with a memo line "doors".

Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner

On **January 25, 2015** we will hold our Annual Meeting following the 10AM service.

One of the tasks of the Annual Meeting is to elect officers for the Vestry (3 year term) and Delegates for Diocesan Convention (1 year term). The Vestry meets monthly at 6PM to conduct the business of the Church. The Vestry will also meet on a retreat on February 7th from 9AM—3PM (lunch included) at a cost of \$35.00 per person.

Diocesan Delegates are elected to represent St. Paul's at the fall Diocesan Convention on November 13th (place TBD). Those elected cover their own expenses of attending Diocesan Convention.

If you are interested, please contact The Rev. Lynell Walker at walker259@aol.com, or Carolyn Konrad, Senior Warden, at ckonrad1@comcast.net

Vestry and Convention Delegate Qualifications

To be nominated/elected to serve on Vestry or as a Diocesan Convention delegate, you must be

- ◇ A member in good standing,
- ◇ Be at least 18 years of age
- ◇ Be a Giver of Record (made a financial pledge to St. Paul's)

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Many Voices, One Vestry

Carolyn Konrad, Senior Warden

It takes a village to keep a church alive and thriving. It takes a committed group of members to meet once a month, plan our future, fix what needs to be fixed, agree to disagree and always to find a best solution for St. Paul's. It takes a Vestry, our church's governing body.

We're closing in on one year of service for this year's Vestry members: Keith Askew, Junior Warden; Doug Clay, Treasurer; Fr. Eric Symons; John Paul Olafson; Leigh Stamets; Sharon Kennedy; Tammy Trovatten; Diane Richards; Rik Rasmussen; Rev. Anne Slakey; Rev. Lynell Walker.

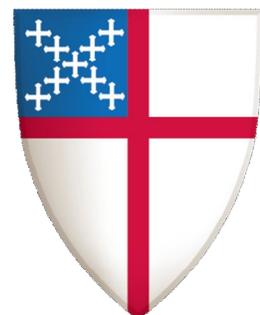
For some it has been three years of service; for some, two; some, just one. Whatever their term, your Vestry members have shown up with a love of our church on their hearts and a dedication to serve as their mutual goal.

All have brought insight and wisdom. Many bring a particular area of knowledge, skill or gift. Each one is needed to listen to issues facing us at the time, to try to understand causes and consequences, and most of all – with God's help – to make responsible decisions on behalf of our members and friends.

Thanks to our Vestry for a year of

dedication and accomplishment. Thanks for showing up. Thanks for your gift, freely given, of time and talent. Thanks for good humor and unflinching good will.

Thanks for doing God's work right here on the corner of 15th and J Streets.



by Doug Clay

Treasurer's Corner

Financial Summary December 2014 as presented to the Vestry and reported to the Diocese.

Budgeted Income	2014 Actual	2014 Budget
Pledge	\$ 66,418	\$ 72,670
Giver of Record	\$ 9,612	\$ 10,000
Loose Plate	\$ 3,103	\$ 3,500
Special Offerings	\$ 5,794	\$ 1,400
Interest	\$ 97	\$ 50
Building Use	\$ 3,380	\$ 2,200
Altar Guild	\$ 1,209	\$ 250
Wedding	\$ 500	\$ 0
Budgeted Income	\$ 90,113	\$ 90,070
Budgeted Expense		
Office/telephone	\$ 6,256	\$ 4,250
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 8,059	\$ 9,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,864	\$ 3,000
Utilities	\$ 9,031	\$ 11,000
Subtotal	\$ 26,210	\$ 27,250
Diocesan Apportionment	\$ 9,690	\$ 10,000
Altar Guild	\$ 1,728	\$ 2,750
Endowment	\$ 2,319	\$ 2,265
Stewardship	\$ 385	\$ 500
Other Programs	\$ 191	\$ 0
Outreach	\$ 4,737	\$ 2,500
Subtotal	\$ 18,969	\$ 18,015
Wedding Payroll	\$ 250	\$ 0
Payroll	\$ 52,521	\$ 54,430
Budgeted Expense	\$ 97,950	\$ 99,695
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (7,837)	(9,625)
Other Income		
Building Fund	\$ 9,222	
Music Fund	\$ 700	
Restricted Income	\$ 1,826	
	\$ 11,748	
Other Expense		
Building Fund Expense	\$ 8,546	
Music Expense	\$ 1,761	
Other Non-budgeted	\$ 1,994	
	\$ 12,301	

The 2015 budget was presented and approved at the Vestry meeting on January 13, 2015.

Budgeted Income	2015 Budget
Pledge	\$ 66,000
Giver of Record	\$ 10,000
Loose Plate	\$ 3,500
Special Offerings	\$ 3,500
Interest	\$ 75
Building Use	\$ 3,200
Altar Guild	\$ 500
Enhancement	\$ 7,200
Wedding	\$ 0
Budgeted Income	\$ 94,437
Budgeted Expense	
Office/telephone	\$ 5,700
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 9,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,000
Utilities	\$ 9,000
Subtotal	\$ 26,700
Diocesan Apportionment	\$ 10,000
Altar Guild	\$ 2,750
Endowment	\$ 2,265
Stewardship	\$ 500
Other Programs	\$ 0
Outreach	\$ 3,000
Subtotal	\$ 18,515
Wedding Payroll	\$ 0
Payroll	\$ 55,972
Budgeted Expense	\$ 101,187
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (6,750)

Ministry of Hospitality

By Barry A. Johnson

We are changing our name from Food/Kitchen Service to Ministry of Hospitality. This is because the purpose of the now Hospitality Hour after the 8AM & 10AM Services, has expanded to insure we also have a food offering for our outside neighbors, in addition to service attendees. The regular attendees of the 8AM service should continue to bring breakfast items as they have been, on a rotating basis. A new signup sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in the Hall to track the volunteers, and insure coverage.

We need all volunteers for after the 10AM service to provide for

about 30 servings. The meal can be as simple as a pot of stew, hearty soup, spaghetti casserole, etc. A simple green or fruit salad can be added for a rounded meal. Other recipe options are available in the Hall, in a book next to the microwave.

The scope of those that participate in this ministry needs to be broadened so that every member family or Church ministry group takes a turn. You are urged to add your name to the Hospitality Calendars on the bulletin board in the Hall. Please include your name/group, phone number, email address and what you plan

to bring. If you would like to someone to work with you in preparing the meal, put "Need Partner" under your name and I'll help identify someone.

This Ministry also coordinates the food offerings for other special events. A broadcast message with specific needs will be sent to all for participation.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to everyone's special gifts to this Ministry. Please call me at [916-747-8470](tel:916-747-8470) or email me at bjohns272@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Thank You, Saint Paul's!

Dear Loreen and the People of St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

Thank you so much for your recent donation of 2015 calendars to SCI-Bay Area's International Maritime Center (IMC). Your donations were given to the seafarers who visited IMC during the holiday season. Please also know that your donations enable the IMC to continue providing spiritual support to the seafarers who serve on the many ships coming into the ports of the Bay Area.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and is an affirmation of the kindness and humanity that still exists in this world. May you continue to bring sunshine and good spirit into the lives of others through your generous support.

Best Regards,
Adrienne L. Yee
Director , International Maritime Center
SCI-Bay Area

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

by Sharon Kennedy

Mark Kane is a modest, unassuming person who quietly gets things done. His smile is infectious, and he'll make you laugh with gentle teasing. Mark is visible in the choir and the bell choir, offering prayers of the people and prayers for healing. He has served on the Vestry in several capacities, and he does all kinds of odd jobs around St. Paul's.....hanging banners, serving coffee hour treats, showing up for work days, washing Jeff's clothes, taking a needy person over to Grocery Outlet for a nice, warm jacket, giving friends a ride to the grocery store or Doctor's appointments.....Mark puts our Christian values into practice in his daily life. He is ready to help in any way needed, and he is askable. Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Can I catch a ride to church next Sunday?

Daughters of the King, Mary Magdalene Chapter

Dedicated to Prayer, Service and Evangelism

A new chapter of Daughters of the King, Mary Magdalene Chapter, became part of the St. Paul's family in an installation service January 11th.

Daughters of the King, established in 1885, is an Episcopal Holy Order for women dedicated to Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. Daughters take vows to wear the DOK cross, to pray every day, and to live For His Sake.

DOK Diocesan President **Barbara Shreve** and Chaplain Rev. **Anne McKeever**, as well as Chapter President **Sally Smith**, led a service of installation at the January 11th 10 am service, welcoming new Daughters **Sharon Kennedy** and **Lynell Walker**, and re-instating Daughter **Denise Shaible**. Unable to be present were Daughters-to-Be: **Tammy Trovatten**, **Laura Laughlin** and **Jane Omnes**.

Fourteen Daughters from chapters representing five parishes in the diocese attended to show their support and to join us for celebratory cake at the coffee hour.

The Mary Magdalene Chapter will begin meeting monthly, the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Parish Hall, to pray, to plan ways to serve the clergy and people of St. Paul's, and to have fun. Upcoming Meetings: January 22, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18.

To learn more about DOK, contact Sally Smith: sally1369@comcast.net or Rev. Anne: amckeever@wavecable.com



Parish Workday

Saturday February 28, 2015 9AM—Noon

Wear comfortable clothes.
Bring gardening tools and cleaning supplies.
Coffee and refreshments will be available.





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