

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY DISCERNING GOD'S CALL TO US 2010

Welcome! We are glad that you have chosen St. Paul's as your spiritual home. We hope this booklet will help you become more fully involved in our community life together.

You may be wondering, "How does ministry apply to me? Isn't that something ordained people do?" In the Episcopal tradition ministry is service, shared between ordained and the laity. All are partners in perceiving and recognizing clearly - *discerning* - how we can be open to the spirit directing us in service to God and our neighbors.

Discernment, like service, is a work in progress, a never-finished endeavor. Our ministries together are created, shaped and carried out by all of us, the community of St. Paul's.

For questions and ideas about Opportunities for Ministry, please contact the Rector Fr. Mauricio Wilson.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OPPORTUNITIES YOU'LL FIND HERE

Pastoral Care
Education
Worship
Welcoming Ministries
Service Ministries
Supporting the Congregation through Special Skills

CONTACTS

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PASTORAL CARE

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic visitors are lay people trained to assist the clergy by bringing communion to the sick and shut-in.

Leadership/To Participate: Contact Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bolton.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

We discuss needs for healing and offer prayer together.

Leadership: The Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

To Participate: Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

EDUCATION

FAMILY MINISTRY/SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith Quest Sunday School is held during the 10 am service in Room 102, St. Paul's House. All are welcome to bring their children to Family Ministry.

Leadership: Erica Derryck : Telephone 435-4345. Email

family@stpaulsoakland.org

To Participate: Bring your child to the 10 am service.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

The Newcomers' Class meets at regularly scheduled times throughout the year. The purpose of this class is to provide people new to the Episcopal tradition a broad overview of our faith. It is also a great refresher course for long time members.

Leadership: open

To Participate: Everyone is welcome to attend.

WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Acolytes assist the clergy during worship, by carrying the cross (crucifer), torches, banners, or the incense-burning thurible (thurifer). Acolytes may be either youth or adults.

Leadership: The Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bolton.

To Participate: Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

ALTAR GUILD

This group prepares our sacred place for worship, including care and setup at the altar, every week.

Leadership: Kathy McClellan, Altar Guild Coordinator. Email

kmcclelland3733@sbcglobal.net

To Participate: Contact Kathy McClellan.

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DEACONS

Deacons are ordained to carry out their traditional roles: to proclaim the Gospel, set the table, and conduct social ministries.

Leadership: The Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bolton.

To Participate: To initiate the process of becoming a Deacon, see The Rev. Mauricio Wilson

SUB-DEACONS

Along with acolytes, sub-deacons assist the clergy at the table during worship. At St. Paul's, a sub-deacon and serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Sub-deacons have been trained as Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) I (at minimum).

Leadership: The Rev. Mauricio Wilson

To Participate: Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson for information about training for this important work.

LAY READERS

Lectors read the Old and New Testament lessons during regular services and other special readings throughout the year. Help bring the Word of God alive in this ministry!

Leadership: The Rev. Mauricio Wilson

To Participate: If you are interested in reading Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

EM & EV I AND II

Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors assist the clergy in administering the sacrament during the Eucharist, and to the sick and shut-in.

Leadership: The Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bolton.

To Participate: Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson about receiving training for this ministry.

CHOIR

The St. Paul's Choir is a combined professional/experienced volunteer choir. Good intonation and sight reading skills are necessary, as well as a commitment to regular service.

Leadership: Dr. David Farr, Music Director. Telephone: 836-8747. Email: musicdirector@stpaulsoakland.org

To Participate: Meets weekly, Thursdays 7 pm, and Sundays 9 am in the Choir Room. Contact David for an audition if you are interested in singing. Volunteers can help with non-musical tasks such as library assistance, mending choir robes, etc.

USHERS

Ushers are the first to welcome visitors and members to worship. They pass out service bulletins, take up the offering, guide people to communion, and serve as a general resource before, during and after worship services.

Leadership: Ed Ford, tel. 530-6531 or Robert Knapp, tel. 658-6547, email rcknapp@berkeley.edu.

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To Participate: Contact Ed Ford or Robert Knapp.

WELCOME AND FELLOWSHIP

HOSPITALITY

Provides general oversight for Fellowship and Newcomer Ministries.

Leadership/To Participate: This group is in transition.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour hosts provide light refreshments following the 10 am service

Leadership: Robert Knapp. Telephone 658-6547. Email rcknapp@berkeley.edu

To Participate: Contact Robert Knapp

COMPLINE REFRESHMENTS

Providing light refreshments after Compline facilitates fellowship after this reflective service.

Leadership: Robert Knapp. Telephone 658-6547. Email rcknapp@berkeley.edu

To Participate: Contact Robert Knapp

SPECIAL EVENTS

Organize fellowship events, e.g., Congregation Day (parish picnic), Pancake Supper, Easter Brunch, Rummage Sale, etc.

Leadership: Determined for each event

To Participate: Volunteer for leadership or to assist with setup/cleanup.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

The mission of the music program at St. Paul's is to glorify God through music. The Friends of Music is a group of individuals who support the music ministry through their time, talent and treasure. One need not be a singer to be a Friend of Music.

The Friends of Music seek to further the mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church by:

- Enhancing music for worship
- Opening our doors to the greater community through concerts

Leadership: Vicki Larson, Trustee (telephone 655-8936, email designoffice@earthlink.net); Trish Grima, Concert Coordinator (email preferred) viclarino@yahoo.com; cell phone (510) 332-7795.

To Participate: Meetings called as needed. All are welcome. Volunteers can help with concern coordination, project planning, fundraising, publicity, etc. Contact Trish Grima.

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OASIS

St. Paul's is an Oasis Congregation which signifies that St. Paul's has completed an intentional process of reflection and education, signed a public affirmation of commitment to the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) people, and is committed to participating in programs and actions that advance and fulfill the mission of Oasis/California. We are committed to:

- Joining with other Oasis congregations in a network that extend themselves in welcoming LGBT people
- Working for pastorally sensitive care for LGBT people in dealing with spiritual concerns
- The spiritual empowerment of LGBT people
- Sharing the Good News of Christ
- Witness, education and fellowship
- Advocacy for the full inclusion of LGBT people throughout the Church

Leadership: Athena Honoré (email oasis@stpaulsoakland.org)

To Participate: No meeting schedule has yet been established. To join the Oasis email list, send a blank email to StPaulsOaklandOASIS-subscribe@yahoogroups.com or go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StPaulsOaklandOASIS>

MEN OF ST. PAUL'S

Men of St. Paul's welcome visitors and newcomers. We currently meet approximately once per month on an irregular basis.

Leadership: Phil Merrick. Telephone 504-4152. Email merrickph@yahoo.com

NEWCOMER MINISTRIES

GREETERS

Greeters welcome visitors and newcomers to St. Paul's following each service.

Leadership: Currently vacant

To Participate: To volunteer or for more information, contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

SPONSORS FOR NEWCOMERS

Sponsors have the honor of welcoming people on their spiritual and/or welcoming them into membership in this portion of Christ's Church.

Leadership: The Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

To Participate: Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

SERVICE

FOOD CO-OP

Now in its 25th year, the weekly 'Market' provides fresh produce to our community at wholesale prices. A program of Senior Resources.

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Leadership: Amy Schiable, Program Director, Senior Resources. Telephone 444-5973. Email srresources@yahoo.com

ST. MARY'S CENTER

Prepare and serve meals to homeless seniors at St. Mary's Center.

Leadership: Rebeca Rivera. Telephone 282-2713. Email becabrews@yahoo.com

To Participate: Once/month, Friday evenings, Winter and Spring. Volunteers are encouraged to participate. Contact Rebeca Rivera.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

St. Paul's Episcopal School, a mission of St. Paul's parish, is an independent, coeducational K-8 school dedicated to the education and social development of children from all parts of the city of Oakland.

Leadership: Karan Merry, Head of School. Telephone 285-9600. Vestry members on the Board of Trustees include The Rev. Mauricio Wilson and a Vestry Representative (Leah Hall, telephone 632-3881. Email communications@stpaulsoakland.org). The Rev. Carol Luther is also a liaison between the church and the school.

To Participate: Get in touch with Leah Hall if you are interested in the school. Contact Rev. Carol Luther (telephone 285-9612, email cluther@spes.org) if you would like to help with school activities.

SENIOR CENTER WITHOUT WALLS

Homebound elders throughout the Bay Area who are unable to go to a community senior center have the opportunity to participate in group activities, take classes, enjoy friendly conversation, and form new friendships through free conference calls. A program of Senior Resources.

Leadership: Terry Englehart, Director, Senior Resources. Telephone 444-5974. Email info@seniorcenterwithoutwalls.org

To Participate: Contact Amy Schaible, Volunteer Coordinator, at 444-5973 for current schedule of activities and times or to volunteer.

SENIOR RESOURCES

A multitude of opportunities for ministry to seniors in need exists through Senior Resources, a joint program between St. Paul's and the Episcopal Homes Foundation.

Leadership: Rev. Deacon Carolyn Bolton, Program Director, Senior Resources. Telephone 444-0243. Email srresources@yahoo.com.

To Participate: Contact Carolyn Bolton to volunteer.

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SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM AT ST. PAUL'S

VESTRY

Conducts and manages the business and temporal affairs of the parish.

Leadership: The Rev. Mauricio Wilson

To Participate: Vestry persons are elected by the parish each Annual Meeting in January. The Vestry meets monthly, 3rd Tuesday, 7 pm, Chapter Room; all are welcome—you need not be a Vestryperson to attend.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Short term facilities repair projects.

Leadership: Junior Warden Liz Lindsley, tel. 845-4144. Email juniorwarden@stpaulsoakland.org

To Participate: Meetings called as needed. Contact Liz to join the committee, or to volunteer to help with a special project or with the work parties held throughout the year.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Assists with internal and external parish communications.

Leadership: Kent Lewandowski, Webmaster. Telephone 510-625-5831. Email kentlewan@yahoo.com

To Participate: Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6 pm, in the Chapter Room.

DEANERY REPRESENTATIVES

Deanery representatives are elected by the parish at the Annual Meeting in January. They vote on issues of the Diocese at the Diocesan Convention each Fall.

Leadership: The Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

To Participate: Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson if you are interested in participating.

FINANCE

Monitors finances of parish and makes recommendations regarding financial matters to the vestry, and manages investments.

Leadership: Trudy Hsu, Treasurer. Email finance@stpaulsoakland.org

To Participate: Meets irregularly in the Rector's office. Contact the treasurer if you would like to serve.

JOINT CHURCH-SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

This group reviews the use of space shared by the church and the school, discusses rearrangements in sharing, and determines recommendations for appropriate compensation from the school for use of church and for shared expenses such as utilities.

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To Participate: Meetings held approximately monthly.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers help by answering phones, preparing weekly service sheets, and getting the newsletter and other publications ready for mailing.

Leadership/To Participate: To volunteer, contact the Parish Administrator, Teresa Lindberg. Telephone 834-4314. Email admin@stpaulsoakland.org

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Help the Congregation grow into communion with God by living generously.

Leadership: Sarah Smith. Email sarahsmith12@gmail.com. Telephone 522-3462.

To Participate: Meets the 1st Saturday of the month, 9 am in the Chapter Room.

SKILLS WE NEED To help with these or other areas, please Contact Rev. Mauricio Wilson.

Carpentry

Electrician

Computers

Graphics

Photography

Office help

Web design

Newsletter editing

Publicity

Investment expertise