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THE GOOD NEWS

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

Día de los Muertos The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



November is here and with it a schedule of church celebrations (All Saints, All the Faithful Departed, Christ the King, and First Sunday of Advent, to name a few), and a couple of cultural celebrations that get confused with religious observances: Día de los Muertos and Thanksgiving. In these lines I will only share my thoughts around the Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead.

Día de los Muertos is not a religious celebration, or at least not a church feast day in its origins. It was observed by indigenous people of the area now known as Mesoamerica long before Christianity arrived, or the name America known. When the conquistadores arrived with their Christian beliefs, they worked at incorporating the ancient tradition into what is now known as All the Faithful Departed. There are two things that made the observances very different. First, Día de los Muertos (DdLM) embraces all those who have died, regardless of their profession or practice of faith, while, as its name states, All the Faithful Departed (AFD) is only for those who are members of the Christian faith. Second, AFD focuses on the living offering prayer to God for the well-being and repose of the dead, whereas DdLM is about the living communing with the dead.

It is easy to see why in the 21st century the two would easily get confused or why there would be a desire to blend them into an enormously satisfying celebration of life and death, especially since so many descendants of the ancient tribes have converted to the Christian faith. However, I believe that in doing so we stray away from having to work through our cultural and personal issues with death.

People of every language, race, ethnicity, and theology in history have had to develop their understanding of death. Since the existence of life, death has also been a reality. Cave peoples, Moses, Job and Jacob; Egyptians, Greeks, Chinese and Romans; royals and peasants, have all worked on ways to observe their relationship with the dead.

Like every one of you, I have had persons whom I deeply love die. I preached at the funerals of both my father and my brother, and on both occasions I did it with great sorrow in my heart. I must confess, however, that preaching on those two days was the easiest part of working out the meaning of their deaths for my personal heart, mind, and spirit. As a life-long Christian, I pray to God every day for the eternal repose of their souls. That same Christian faith and life moves me to ask God to let me talk to them, to allow me to see them, especially on days like their birthdays, Christmas or when my children were born. I have no proof, but I would like to believe that there is an opening somewhere through which the living and the dead can communicate. In Mesoamerican cultures that window is known as DIA DE LOS MUERTOS.

May all the dead find rest and peace in God, but until they reach God, may we stay in touch.

**For All the Saints
Passings in 2020 and 2021**



Remembered by Arnett Moore and Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore:

**Jamar Dinwiddie
Larry Swan
Mickey Langston
Lonetona Paton
Lee Leighton**

Remembered by Robert Knapp
Virginia McCormick

Remembered by Maria Paull
Rev. Lorin A. Paull

Remembered by Virginia McManus
Jeffrey Dean McManus (Jeffery McManus's uncle)

Remembered by the Wilson Morris Family
**Eric Hubert
Rolando Morris
The Most Rev. Cornelius J. Wilson
Cornelius A. Wilson**

Remembered by George and Lisa Strait:
**Willa and Raphael McIver
George and Margaret Strait
Virginia Rice
Delilah Carbajal**

Remembered by Ann Del Simone
**Vaughan Dozier
Mary DeWitt Griffin**

Flowers:

Flowers donated for All Saints Sunday by Jeanette Dinwiddie Moore and also given to the glory of God, and in memory of the Rev. Donald Seaton and all the Saints of St. Paul's by Barbara Seaton and their children, Paul, Jessica, Bryan and Alexander.

Meditation on Rain

The Rev. Anne Jensen



“I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.” Lev. 26:4

It’s not unusual in the Bay Area to have a conversation that goes something like this: You ask a friend, “Isn’t this a beautiful day?” only to hear, “Yes, but we need rain.” The conversation reveals a primal sense of anxiety we feel during a drought.

We are not so different from our ancient ancestors, who needed that rain for their crops so that there would be food and drink for the coming year. We need the rain for our drinking, cooking and bathing water, for the fields and orchards that produce our food, for the health of the forests and for the streams and lakes that are home to the fish and fowl.



The rain cleanses the landscape, but also our spirits. It is soothing and we relax, until we start worrying about flooding and landslides. We are concerned not only for ourselves, but also for our neighbors.

Rain, drought and flooding are all part of life, ancient and modern, but it’s rain I’m thinking about. Rain is used many ways in the Bible: for cleansing, calming, giving growth and providing fertility in the fields, and as signs for rebirth (after the flood) and blessing.

Often rain is used metaphorically. For example, Isaiah 45:8,

“Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up,
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also.”

And Deuteronomy 32:1-2

“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
Let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
May my teaching drop like the rain,
My speech condense like the dew;
Like gentle rain on grass,
Like showers on new growth.”

The rain may have become scattered showers or even stopped by the time you see this meditation. The atmosphere and its currents that generate rain are as much God’s creation as are the scientists who study and teach about the weather. We search the sky and the weather news for signs of rain. The poets give words that lend mystery to this phenomenon. We both long for it and fear its consequences. Rain affects our emotions, and often it is a comfort to us.

Rain has a way of slowing us down; maybe it requires a change in plans that allows for less distraction and an opening to quiet that draws us to resting in God’s presence, and our souls are refreshed. This is California - the sun will emerge and we will be blessed with the freshest air and the sparkle of water on leaves that are still damp. The greens are more vibrant, the soil is still dark with the water, and the dust is vanished. This alone might foster a sense of gratitude.

At last, rain has come!

The Joys of Christmas!

Paula Hawthorn

Cleaning and Greening, December 18th and 19th

There is so much to celebrate this Christmas!

Since we can now worship in person, we will be able to gather to decorate the church! This is always such fun, the “Greening of the Church” when we hang wreaths and garlands and put the decorations at the ends of the pews. Altar Guild Chair Maria Paull and member Pamela Kruse-Buckingham will be designing the decorations, and they are certain to be gorgeous! And, we need help from the congregation, especially tall people (those garlands...). So please plan on staying after church on **Sunday December 19 for the Greening of the Church.**



But before greening comes cleaning, we need the church to sparkle for Christmas. So, **Saturday, December 18, 9AM, is the Cleaning of the Church.** This is a fun event where we get together and do the deep cleaning of things that are sometimes missed. We will be getting the candle wax off the marble, we'll be cleaning the pews with oil soap, we'll be talking and gossiping and if you don't want us to gossip about you, come! This is an Altar Guild activity, but the Altar Guild is very, very short of members, so we need your help! Please contact Maria Paull maria.paull14@gmail.com if you can help.

A Giving Tree, December 5th – 19th

The best news ever! We have received word from the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Center for the Vulnerable Child that this year we can go back to giving actual presents to the families that we are matched with! Last year, because of Covid restrictions, they asked that we just purchase gift cards for the families which of course were very much appreciated, but for some of us the fun of this program is going to a store and buying... baby booties! Kids' books! Fun things! For those of you unfamiliar with this program (the CVC Family to Family program), the CVC matches us with several families who need help. To protect the privacy of their clients, we don't ever know the details, but the families are usually recently homeless, facing the illness of a child, and needing a little joy at Christmas. This year we will be putting the gift tags representing the requested gifts on the “giving tree” on **Saturday December 4**, so on Sunday the 5th and the following Sunday the 12th parishioners will be taking the tags from the tree and buying and wrapping the presents. The gifts will need to be brought to the church by **Sunday December 19** so they can be delivered to the CVC by the date that they want them, Wednesday December 22nd. Help is always cheerfully requested for this wonderful project, so please contact Paula Hawthorn paula.hawthorn@gmail.com if you would like to help.



From the Senior Warden Sharon Pilmer

How did it happen that November is here already? As I write this it is raining, praise the Lord!

Our regathering is going smoothly so far. Thanks to all who have been vaccinated and helping to keep us all safe. As the weather turns chilly, please remember to dress appropriately as we will need to keep doors and windows open to promote the best ventilation. We hope to expand our indoor seating capacity and start passing the plate again very soon. We are also hoping to have our volunteer choir join the ranks of the professionals very soon pending some logistical considerations. All this said, COVID has a mind of its own and may upend our plans (again), so we will be patient and cautious as we enter the cold weather season.



Thanks to those who hosted and attended our small group reconnecting conversations. We loved having the opportunity to reconnect and check in after a year and a half of shelter-in-place. Themes that emerged from our conversations were those of isolation but also unexpected blessings and opportunities.

Spotlight on Stewardship!

We are in the midst of our fall activity focusing on the stewardship of our financial resources. Here are some important dates and tidbits.

Please check out the wealth of information just under the banner picture on the [home page](#) and on the [giving pages](#) of our redesigned website. There are now many ways to give securely: 1) by credit card or direct debit from your bank account online at www.stpaulsoakland.org/give (or text GIVE to 510 900 7759); 2) via Paypal using the "Give" button on the church website, 3) with securities, a Donor Advised Fund or your IRA (contact admin@stpaulsoakland.org); 4) the old-fashioned way, by a check or cash placed in the plate (a check may be mailed to the church).

You should have received a regular mail packet with pledge information from us OR an email packet by now. If you didn't, please contact the church office or visit our website, www.stpaulsoakland.org. **The most important thing is to mindfully complete and promptly return your pledge card** by bringing it to church, mailing it to the church, or emailing it to finance@stpaulsoakland.org.

NOVEMBER 1 is the deadline to sign up for our celebratory lunch. This year we will provide boxed lunches for you to eat in the parish hall with its updated ventilation, outside in the courtyard, or to take away following the pledge ingathering on November 14th. Please sign up at church or online.

NOVEMBER 14 is our ingathering of pledges at the 10 am service. We would be most grateful to have received your pledge by then.

Finally, I want to **thank and acknowledge** the hard work of our stewardship committee: Katie Lauter, Lisa Strait, Doug and Anne Jensen, Sarah Smith and Vicki Larson. We have been meeting regularly since April, and what you are witnessing and seeing is the work product of many hands. I also want to give a shout out to Ann Gregory, our treasurer, for her help with the narrative budget, Flarnie Adams and Kent Lewandowski for their technical assistance with the website (and to Kent for constantly resetting my stpauls.org passwords), and of course Fr Wilson for his invaluable assistance with a variety of tasks and

More on Stewardship...

oversight of everything. Last but not least I want to offer my **sincere and effusive thanks to Vicki Larson** who created all the materials for our stewardship work AND did a heroic amount of work on our website. Please check it out!

Please remember to **update your contact information** with the church office if you have recently moved. I know a few of you have become new homeowners. Congratulations! Finally, I am excited to announce that we are launching a **Legacy Society at St. Paul's**, which will formally recognize those individuals and families who have remembered St. Paul's in their wills or estate plans. Doug Jensen will be leading the work on this. If you are interested in helping with this project please reach out to Doug at douglasjensen@me.com.

Why I Give: Thoughts on a Spiritual Path

Sarah Smith Hernandez

The Stewardship Committee this year is asking members to share about why they give to St. Paul's. Here is my "Why I Give" statement that I will make during the Oct. 31 service.

One of my favorite prayers is attributed to St. Francis. It sets me at ease with its beauty, and at the same time it galvanizes me. Right now it is the best way I know to explain my feelings about giving to this parish.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis (p. 833 of the Book of Common Prayer)

I need this prayer to remind me of the work I need to do on my own spiritual path. When I participate in ministries at St. Paul's, and when I give, I am able to take part in the precepts of this prayer with my whole self.

Giving is one of the most important forms of communication that I can think of. It's giving — of our love, our time, our money, our attention, our ear, our understanding — which communicates what is most important to us.

At St. Paul's, so many members of our parish family are doing in service what this prayer inspires, and are creating a community of giving. Pledging at St. Paul's, and reviewing it yearly to continue to grow our family's pledge, always brings me to reflect on what this church means, not just to us, but to others. This faith community supports so many others as a gathering place, a place for education of the young, as a lifeline in the Pantry of Hope. It supports ministries to vulnerable seniors, gives joy and beauty in its Music ministries, and its members always seek to reach out beyond our walls. We are provided with this beautiful building, this vital location, this resilient denomination and faith. I hope that will continue for generations to come. I hope to support this mission as we carry on, so I give as a statement that I believe this parish community is an instrument of God's peace.



Vestry Highlights

Robert Knapp, newsletter correspondent

Any member of the Parish may attend Vestry meetings, which are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted; the full minutes of the meeting are available to parish members upon request by contacting the parish administrator or a member of the Vestry

THE

2021 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson, Rector
Sharon Pilmer, Senior
Warden
Will Cowart Jr., Junior
Warden
Erica Terry-Derryck,
Clerk
Ann Goggins Gregory,
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS Class of 2021

Erica Terry-Derryck
Sergio Prieto
Lisa Strait
Class of 2022
Will Cowart
Ann Gregory
Sharon Pilmer
Class of 2023
Flarnie Adams
Brian Stanke
Maura Lane

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

2020

Delegates
Melanie Blake
Tom McGarrell
Jeanette Dinwiddie-
Moore
Alternates
-vacancy-

The Vestry is the elected volunteer leadership of the church. Meetings are open. Below are highlights of the monthly meeting, October 27, 2021.

A new copier has been installed for office use. It will produce copies at half the cost of the old copier. As we produce a lot of copies in the course of a year, the savings in dollars will be significant.

The internet upgrade managed by the School progresses and should be completed soon. No progress has been made on the audio/visual project although the consensus was that “we can do better” than we do now with our broadcasts and that “we need to get it done.”

The church’s blower issues mentioned last month are being addressed by an engineering firm. A specific recommendation on action to be taken will come from that firm’s assessment. Repair of the Chapel of the Pacific’s floor has not yet been completed.

The Stewardship Campaign is going well. The letter and the narrative budget have been enthusiastically received and praised for content, style, and presentation. The question was raised as to whether the Campaign should focus on a “high profile” item in the budget, most probably the need to fund a children and youth leader. The consensus was, however, that the Campaign should focus, as in the excellent narrative budget, on the over-all need to recognize the entire range of parish life that needs to be supported with our gifts and time.

The torrential downpour of last week did minimal damage to our wonderful building. There was a leak in the ambulatory area, but its cause was quickly identified and remedied. The rising damp that afflicts the floors making several slippery patches is unavoidable because the cement floor is laid directly on dirt which, in turn, is an old creek bed. But when the building’s heat is turned on a couple of hours before services, the damp is mitigated.

The Food Pantry will continue to be managed by Deacon Carolyn. Her leadership is crucial, inspirational, and deeply appreciated by all the Pantry volunteers—and, indeed, by all of us. (A brief history of the Pantry appears elsewhere in this newsletter.)

In-person worship has gone smoothly thanks to the hard work of the ushers and Sharon Pilmer. Attendance at Sunday morning services has together averaged around 40. The Vestry voted to increase the allowed number of persons in the church to 150 from the present 75. This, so that outside groups such as Prometheus can have access to the space for their performances. The limit itself is not determined by any external entity; it is entirely within our power to determine what it should be.

More from the Vestry...

Christmas 2021: The Altar Guild is enthusiastic about making this year’s Advent and Christmas very special—they “really want to do up Christmas.” We hope that coffee hour can once again happen starting with the first Sunday of Advent. Special plans are being formulated for decoration and worship throughout that season.

N. B. The treasurer’s financial report can be found below.

Treasurer’s Report
Ann Goggins Gregory

Through September 30, 2021, we are behind in our net income projection by ~\$18K. That said, we have closed a portion of the net income gap we’d seen (in August, we were behind year-to-date by \$27K). We were able to make up some ground with lower-than-anticipated expenses and near-target revenue for September. I’ve included a summary of financials below, with some additional notes on revenue and expense trends.



	Year-to-date actuals as of September 30, 2021		Year-to-date budget through September 30, 2021	
Revenue	\$	192,270	\$	227,304
Expense	\$	342,638	\$	359,134
Net Income	\$	(150,368)	\$	(131,830)

REVENUE DYNAMICS:

Pledges are tracking close to budget year-to-date.

Plate revenue is significantly off budget for the year (\$30K actual vs. \$41K budgeted), but September’s plate revenue was ahead of budget by nearly \$2K. This is likely due in part to our return to church for in-person services.

Investment income is below budget, but this is a timing issue (investment income is “lumpy”).

EXPENSE DYNAMICS:

Personnel is under budget by 7%, or \$13K. These savings continue to be driven by the open Children & Youth Ministries position.

Social Justice

Some Background on St. Paul's Food Initiatives

Pantry of Hope: Over the years, the organization of our Pantry of Hope has evolved. Deacon Carolyn has always been the linchpin in the operation, but formerly she was doing this through Senior Resources of Alameda County with the help of volunteers at St. Paul's. Senior Resources was part of the Episcopal Homes Foundation. EHF became COVIA (the outfit that runs the Towers next door). Now Senior Resources is no more. The Pantry of Hope has transitioned to being an entirely St. Paul's operation—it is one of our ministries. Deacon Carolyn manages all aspects of the Pantry as part of her diaconal ministry. Many St. Paulites volunteer to make the bi-weekly food distributions happen.

Thursday Market: Many of us will remember that parishioners were active in another Senior Resources (now COVIA) project, the Thursday Market in the parish hall where people could purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. In this partnership, St. Paul's provided space and COVIA provided staff and managed volunteers and product supplies. COVIA has been going through major changes, including being sold to another non-profit, Front Porch. Although the situation is in flux because of the pandemic, St. Paul's does plan to reopen the market once the public health situation allows it.

A/V Project Update

Richard Larson



The Audio-Visual Committee (AV Comm) has been asked by the Vestry to make recommendations about improving the church's AV system with two goals: to improve acoustics in the room and to make improvements to our live-streamed services. After a busy summer, the Audio-Visual Committee has been on an end-of-summer break, but so far:

We have informally presented to the Vestry a brief outline description of equipment and costs for a (relatively) top-of-the-line AV system. Vestry then asked that we explore less-expensive systems, and report back.

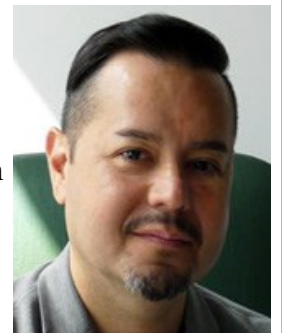
To help us understand what might be available and what we might want, our committee has reviewed the live-streams of church services from other parishes in our diocese (and others), and continued our conversations with many of the individuals who selected and installed those systems.

The School has installed a new internet cable connection into the church building, and they are expected to connect this with a new high-speed internet system this fall. Our committee looks forward to learning about the particulars of this part of the infrastructure, as it will be a significant part of any new system.

We welcome feedback. Just contact Richard Larson: rla.designoffice@gmail.com

Families and Children

Sergio Prieto



Greetings St Paul's Families! As we continue to welcome folks back to in-person worship it is exciting to see families with small children return to our spiritual home. Church leaders have taken great care to ensure that safety and Covid protocols are followed. For many of us, hearing the sounds of our future parishioners return back to St. Paul's cements that things are coming back to life! Reach out to me at

Sergio_j_prieto@yahoo.com with any questions regarding Youth and Family Ministries at St. Paul's.

Are you Curious about Writing Prayers of the People?

Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore

Since 2017, St. Paul's Prayers of the People ministry has prepared the Prayers for Sunday services. We find writing the prayers allows us to get closer to God's word as we find a place where God can come into our hearts and minds and hear what God's word is saying to us. Writing prayers can happen anywhere – on BART, a plane, a car, in the woods, on the beach or in a quiet place at home. We are hopeful that the Prayers of the People have enriched the worship experience. If you enjoy the Prayers and have an interest in learning more about writing them, please feel free to contact me, Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore, at (510) 531-3355 or dinwidd@gmail.com or please let one of the clergy know, as we would love to have you join us.



Diocesan Convention: the St. Paul's' Perspective

Melanie Blake, Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore and Tom McGarrell, Lay Delegates

The 172nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California was held virtually on Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, 2021. It reflected well on who we are as Christians and, as such, seekers of justice and racial equality and reconciliation, protectors of God's creation, and faithful administrators of the church.

The Convention started its day with morning prayer. Prayer and worship continued to underlie the Convention as we addressed diocesan housekeeping matters, such as financial and budget concerns, elections to diocesan offices, and the proposed resolutions which in part help define who we are and our hope to lead by example.

The noted guest speaker was Ruby Sales. Ms. Sales was an eloquent and moving witness to her experiences in the American South during the voter registration campaigns of the 1960s and our continuing need for racial justice and reconciliation.

The Treasurer's report was brief and incorporated by reference the documents and proposed diocesan budget contained in the [Convention Booklet](#). Transparency was apparent. Please note that the financial standing of the diocese is good. The proposed, now adopted, budget is supported by comparison to disclosed actual year-to-date financial results of the diocese.

The elections for diocesan offices went smoothly. Especially exciting news is that **Deacon Carolyn Bolton** was elected, by a landslide, to a four year term on the diocesan Standing Committee. This tells of her acknowledged strengths, talents, and continuing service to the church and diocese.

The various resolutions put forward demonstrate who we are as Christians and Christian Americans striving for equality, justice and inclusiveness. Among the resolutions passed were Resolution #3 Carbon Sequestration, #5 Addressing Voter Suppression, #8 Affirming Non Binary and Transgender Identities, and #9 Spanish Language Centered Day of Discernment. Also passed was Resolution #6 Sabbatical Leave for Clergy which includes much needed sabbatical support for interim clergy. The resolutions concerning voter suppression and sabbatical leave, it is hoped, will be put forward by the diocese at the upcoming General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland in 2022. This underscores the diocesan wish to lead by example.

A full report of the convention, when completed, will be posted to the diocesan website. In the meantime, view the convention's agenda and all its supporting documents, proposed resolutions, and financial and budget materials at <https://www.diocalconvention.org/>. St Paul's delegates to the convention were Fr. Mauricio and Deacon Carolyn (Clergy) and Melanie Blake, Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore and Tom McGarrell (Lay).

The Windows of St. Paul's

Robert Knapp

Windows from "Old St. Paul's"

From 1871 until 1911 St. Paul's was housed in a wooden church. When the present building was erected in 1912, some of the windows from the old church were repurposed. Two of those windows feature in this month's article. They were put in the exit doors on the north side of the church. The images are surrounded by amber glass and set into a trefoil single lancet. Their original positioning in the old church is unknown. We do not know who created these windows, but the themes are common and the depiction not very sophisticated; they are probably mass-produced church windows of the time.

Christ and St. John

The Beloved Disciple embraces Jesus.

The Beloved Disciple mentioned in the Gospel is usually identified with John. He is depicted in many paintings of the Last Supper as here, with his head on Jesus's shoulder. The attribution is deduced from John's account of the Last Supper: "One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was lying close to the breast of Jesus." (John 13:23). This is mentioned just after Jesus discloses that one of the twelve is about to betray him. The text on the glass reads **Julia Francis Ward**. It is very difficult to make out, especially "Julia." She was the wife of D. Henshaw Ward, a prominent Oakland banker. She passed away in November 1880 "after a long and lingering illness" which affliction she bore "with exemplary patience and resignation."



The Good Samaritan

A Samaritan aids the stricken traveler.

Set in a rocky background, the wounded victim of robbery rides on the ass of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:34)

The text on the glass reads **Herman P. Babcock**. He is noted as a physician in Oakland in 1876. He was a vestryman in the earliest days of the church and one of its founders.



Update on St. Paul's "Alaska" window article:

In the September issue of the *Good News*, Robert Knapp wrote about the "Alaska" window in our Chapel of the Pacific. One of the images on that window referred to the Inuit schools that the Episcopal Church ran in Alaska. He wrote: "[Bishop **Peter Trimble Rowe**] founded hospitals throughout the Alaska Territory as well as boarding schools for orphaned Native children. I [Robert Knapp] have been unable to find anything about orphanages or if these or other Episcopal schools in Alaska participated in the common practice of seizing of Native children and sending of them to assimilationist boarding schools away from their communities."

[As reported by the Episcopal News Service](#), recent revelations about such schools in Canada and the USA have led to a call to investigate more closely the involvement of the Episcopal Church in these schools. It seems increasingly unlikely that the Church is without blame in its handling of the Inuit through the schools and orphanages.

The Prometheus Symphony Orchestra 2021-2022 Concert Series Celebrating 57 Years of Music Making



Prometheus Symphony Orchestra
Eric Hansen, Music Director



**Sunday, November 21
3:00 PM (Pre-concert talk at 2:40)**

Georg Philipp Telemann
*Concerto for Three Trumpets, Two Oboes,
and Timpani*

Edward Elgar
In the South

Richard Strauss
Four Songs, Op. 27
Raeeka Shehabi-Yaghami, Soprano

**Audience members must
show proof of vaccination
for admittance**

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always welcome.
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our concerts, but donations
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Go to [http://
www.promethuessymphony.
org](http://www.promethuessymphony.org) for more information

Music and Society in Tudor England A Lecture series by St. Paul's Parishioner John Prescott



**The Collision and
Collusion of Old and New:
Music & Society in Tudor England**
A Series of Music History Lectures
by John Prescott, Ph.D.

Five Saturday afternoons
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13
2:00pm-4:00pm via Zoom



*There is still time to sign up for the later sessions of this series.
Also, you may sign up for the whole series and receive recordings of the sessions that have already taken place.*

Sign up: If you wish to participate, email me at: johnrichardprescott@gmail.com. Specify which weeks you want to attend. I will then email you the Zoom link for each session you choose.

Suggested Donation: \$25 per individual session, or \$100 for the entire series.
Pay by: PayPal or Venmo at: johnrichardprescott@gmail.com. If paying by check, please email me at: johnrichardprescott@gmail.com and I will send you my mailing address.

St. Paul's School Snippets From the School Office of Communications

St. Paul's Episcopal School, "a private school with a public purpose," is a mission of St. Paul's.



Stepping Up

On Friday, September 24, the entire student body participated in a Climate Change Chapel in Lakeside Park. Chapel was led by our Eighth Grade class, who kicked off the morning with speeches, poetry, and reflections about the impacts of climate change. Grades 4-8 then marched to Oakland City Hall where they spoke with Mayor Libby Schaaf, gave speeches, and demonstrated their support for the Fridays For Future Climate Strike.



Giving Back

Book Fair was a record-breaking success this year! During the week of September 13-17, our library was transformed into a bookstore: students visited with their classes and parents popped by every evening to shop the fair.

Our annual Book Fair Family Night took place on Friday, September 17 and it was celebratory in every way: this was the first time parents were able to gather on campus since the onset of the pandemic (observing all COVID safety protocols, of course). Classrooms were open for touring and our community was able to socialize and celebrate outdoors on a beautiful fall evening. And, Book Fair sales exceeded previous years by over 45%-- our most successful Book Fair fundraising ever!

November Worship Schedule

All services will be live-streamed on the Church's Facebook page and can be viewed later on YouTube. For details go to: <https://www.stpaulsoakland.org/streamed-services.html>
You will need a reservation to attend in-person services. Folks on the Parish e-mail list will receive an invitation the Tuesday before the Sunday service. Missed the invitation? Go to the Church website beginning Wednesday morning and follow the directions there.

N.B.: There will be no service on Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, November 3

12:00pm

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, November 7

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:00am

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

10:00am

Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

4:00pm

Evensong in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, November 10

12:10pm

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, November 14

PLEDGING SUNDAY

8:00am

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

10:00am

Choral Eucharist with hymns, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, November 17

12:10pm

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Sunday, November 21

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

8:00am

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

10:00am

Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

Wednesday, November 24

12:00pm

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

Thursday, November 25

THANKSGIVING DAY **NO SERVICES**

Sunday, November 28

8:00am

Holy Eucharist (streamed)

10:00am

Choral Eucharist, in-person (by reservation) & streamed

8:00pm

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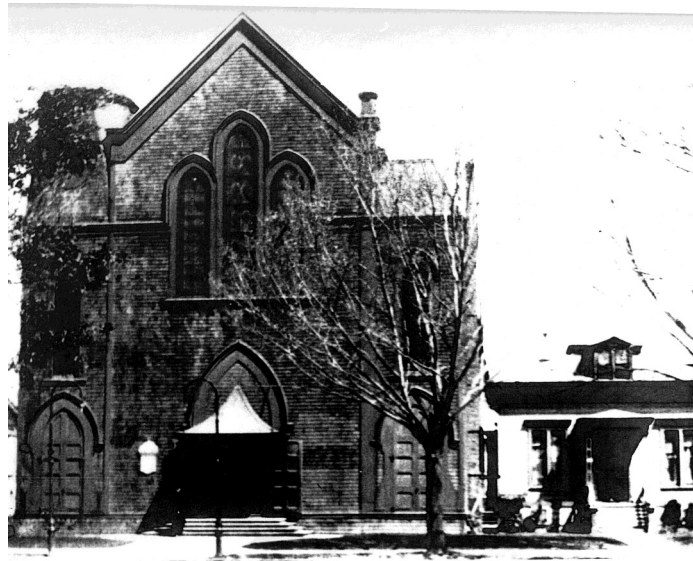
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From the Editors:

Watch for news on these fronts next month!



**Outreach and Hospitality
Junior Warden**



St. Paul's is 150 years young in 2021. This is the original 1871 building, the re-purposed chapel of the College of California, 14th and Harrison, downtown Oakland. The rectory is on the right.