



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.*



*Online Bulletin*

## The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

**Proper 23 Year B**

**October 14, 2018 8 a.m.**

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### *Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

*Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.*

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## **Holy Eucharist** *Liturgy of the Word*

### **Prelude**

*Adagio*  
*Prelude on St. Anne*

*Henry G. Ley*  
*Alfred Fedak*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

### **Processional Hymn**

**O God, our help in ages past**

**Hymnal 680**

### **Opening Salutation**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.*

### **First Reading**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 90:12-17

- 12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

*Please stand.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Sermon

The Reverend Ed Steever

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

*All stand and together say*

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel as is your custom.*

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*Deacon*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Leader*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.<sup>1</sup>

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, and Dick;* that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Jerry, our Governor,* that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerry, Priscilla, Jan, Duncan, Shelia, Jamie, Jim, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, and Tom.** *And those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim* and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those affected by the fires and floods.

*(See page 9 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

BCP p. 330

### **Peace**

*All stand as they are able.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

### **Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

## **Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.**

### **Prayer for Our Annual Giving Campaign**

God of grace and abundance, you made us in your image and breathed in us the spirit of life. Your generosity is both an amazing gift and an important responsibility. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received-abundantly, generously and joyfully-that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. **Amen.**

## ***Liturgy of the Table***

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Hebrews 13:15,16*

### **Offertory**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

*arr. Lois Hill*

### **Presentation Hymn**

**God, my King, thy might confessing (v.1-3)**

**Hymnal 414**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* All things come of Thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given Thee.**

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

## Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

## Breaking of the Bread

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*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Prayer of Humble Access

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## Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

*Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.*

## Communion Music

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*arr. Dale Wood*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 339

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

## A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**God himself is with us**

**Hymnal 475**

*Please stand.*

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Postlude*

*Andrew Fletcher*

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<sup>1</sup> *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

## Today at St. Paul's, Ventura

You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments in Kahler Hall following the service

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Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)



### St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

#### Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest  
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android] App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

### Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

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*This sign means,  
"I love you."*

### St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!

Our rector, the Rev. Susan Bek, has made a commitment to incorporate American Sign Language (ASL) every time she celebrates the Eucharist. This reflects our commitment to welcoming all, and our willingness to change and adapt to become more accessible.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing Children's Songs, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

***Serving This Week***  
***8:00am***

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| <b>Acolytes</b>              | Jo Ellen Heil                                            |
| <b>Chalice</b>               | Peter Bowers, Jo Ellen Heil                              |
| <b>Psalm</b>                 | Jo Ellen Heil                                            |
| <b>Lay Reader</b>            | Pauli Powers                                             |
| <b>Prayers of the People</b> | Peter Bowers                                             |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | Lori Burke, Ian McEwan                                   |
| <b>Hospitality</b>           | Dela Parker, Bill Brewer                                 |
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| <b>Altar Guild</b>           | Pauli Powers, Ruth McCool, Rose Hayden-Smith             |
| <b>Flower Guild</b>          | Grace & Rosie Dunlevy, Anna & Pippa Darby, Laura Andrews |
| <b>Counters</b>              | Marcia Semple                                            |
| <b>Facility Lock Up</b>      | Woody Bretz                                              |

**Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's**

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| <b>Today</b><br><b>10/14</b>  | 8:00 am  | Rite I Sunday Service                                 |
|                               | 9:30 am  | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)                          |
|                               | 10:30 am | Rite II Service                                       |
|                               | 11:30 am | Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                               | 12:00 pm | Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)          |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                              |
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| <b>Monday</b><br><b>10/15</b> | 9:30 am  | Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.)                |
|                               | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                               | 1:00 pm  | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | Monday Evening Bible Study (Library)                  |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                              |
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| <b>Tues.</b><br><b>10/16</b>  | 6:30 pm  | Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall, Community Room)    |
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| <b>Wed.</b><br><b>10/17</b>   | 9:00 am  | Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)                   |
|                               | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library)                                 |
|                               | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                               | 1:00 pm  | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                               | 6:00 pm  | Finance Committee (Room 13)                           |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                           |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                           |
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| <b>Thurs.</b><br><b>10/18</b> | 11:00 am | Ladies Lunch Bunch (Marie Calendars)                  |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                               | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)                          |
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| <b>Fri.</b><br><b>10/19</b>   | 6:30 am  | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
|                               | 9:15 am  | Women's Bible Study (Library)                         |
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| <b>Sat</b><br><b>10/20</b>    | 6:45 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                           |

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 14, 2018***

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury  
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan  
Diane Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts  
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts  
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

### ***HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:***

Lillian, Wayne, Marilyn, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Gerry, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Jim, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rob, Rachel, Kim

*Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.*

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + U.S. Armed Forces personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home.

### ***GIVE THANKS FOR:***

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles, *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

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## Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!  
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,  
St. Paul's is here to help.*

*We're praying for you every day.*

*Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people  
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am **Dela Parker, Bill Brewer**

10:15 am **David & RoseAnn Hill, Larry & Shirley Myers, Janalee Young**

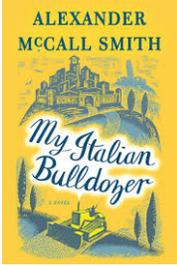
*(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Wes Cullins;*

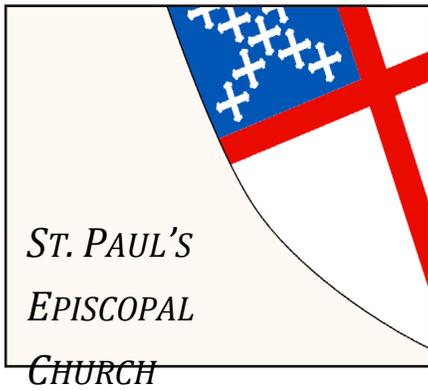
*10:15 am – Ruth McCool, Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Bert & Ernie Fickerson)  
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

***Please join us again next Sunday!***

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| <p><b>ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN</b></p>                                                                                                                     | <p><b>PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH</b><br/>Since we are collecting pledges for 2019, the year of our 130th anniversary, our theme will be <b>Celebrating 130 years and Supporting the future of this important ministry.</b> Please think and pray about pledging to support St. Paul's as we take up the calling to keep this wonderful church going and growing throughout the coming year and well into the future. We hope that everyone in the church will make a pledge. The amount of your pledge is between you and God. It is a great way to show our appreciation for all our blessings and our commitment to supporting God's work in the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Thank you so much for your support!</i></b></p> |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUSIC at<br/>ST. PAUL'S</b></p>  | <p><b>TODAY:</b> The choir will present a St.-Paul's-Favorite arrangement of a St.-Paul's-Favorite hymn, O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee, arranged by Gilbert M. Martin, as well as two additional special treats: a Stanford classic and a solo by St. Paul's Music Scholarship recipient Diego Magaña.</p> <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> Chimes take flight with Michael Joncas' <i>On Eagle's Wings</i>, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BE<br/>(THE)<br/>Church!</b></p>                                                                                    | <p><b>REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</b><br/>Let's Reach! for Paws and bless all of our animal friends! Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, donations for vet bills (tax deductible), donations for any of these items (checks can be written out to St. Paul's with "homeless pets" in the memo field), a "fur"ever home!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"Blessings to Go" kits with holy water and instructions are available in the narthex and in Kahler Hall for you to bless your pets at home.</b></p>   |
|                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b><i>Every purchase matters!</i></b></p> <p><b>FAIR TRADE SALES – TODAY after both services</b><br/>After Sunday services buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at <a href="mailto:joannewakelee@yahoo.com">joannewakelee@yahoo.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thank you for helping abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>MISSION OUTREACH - JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION - TODAY</b><br/>Thank you for your donations totaling \$1300 for Dr. Steve Jones' medical mission trip to Jamaica. All are invited to a "Packing Party" at <b>12:30pm on Sunday, October 14</b> at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. (Biedermann Hall behind the church.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|    | <p><i>Want to help serve lunch to the hungry?</i><br/> <b>IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – MONDAY, OCTOBER 15</b><br/> <b>Come serve lunch tomorrow</b> at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. This month's volunteer coordinator is Elena Kennedy. Check in with her and she'll put you to work. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|    | <p><i>Please consider yourself invited, it's never too late to join...</i><br/> <b>MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN - 6:30-7:30pm</b><br/> Join us on Monday evenings through October 29 for a fun and interesting small group. We will gather to study the bible, grow in our faith and support one another. The book, <u>We Make the Road by Walking</u> by Brian McLaren, will guide us in this study of the bible and stir great conversation along the way! Meet in the Library at St. Paul's (near the school gate just off the parking lot). All are welcome, so bring your friends and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>                                                                                                                                                                              |
|    | <p><i>Have you ever wondered about meditation? What it is and how to do it?</i><br/> <b>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18</b><br/> <b>Thursday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm</b> Join parish member, Dr. Ralph Armstrong, in the Library at St. Paul's on 10/18, 10/25, &amp; 11/1. This time together will allow us to explore this space within ourselves and how we can incorporate it for prayer and contact with God. We can explore the mind and brain that have this capacity and we can explore the ways we can bring about a satisfying and impactful experience. Lastly, we can look at some of the benefits that meditation can allow us. Each session will include time to get comfortable, a description of the meditation practice, time to meditate, and an opportunity to share and reflect.</p> |
|   | <p><b>LADIES LUNCH BUNCH – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 11am at Marie Callender's</b><br/> All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Marie Callender's. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, October 14.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <p><b>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY</b><br/> We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the <b>9am service on Wednesday, November 7th.</b><br/> Would you like to add a loved one to the list of those we will remember on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day? We are adding to last year's list and welcome your additions.<br/> <i>Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, <b>October 24.</b></i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <p><b>FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 4</b><br/> Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|  | <p><b>NOVEMBER 4 - PLEDGES WILL BE BLESSED DURING ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE AND YOU'RE INVITED</b><br/> <b>TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AT 11:45AM</b><br/> Join us as we celebrate the continuing mission and ministry of St. Paul's, Ventura. To thank you for your generous pledges, we invite you to bring your friends and be our guests at our Celebration Luncheon. Wonderful food from Stonefire Grill and lively entertainment by local musical Ric Ash who does it all! And by all, we mean plays steel drums, guitar, and sings! Don't miss out on his smooth musical stylings featuring contemporary and classic favorites. <i>Please invite your friends to join us!</i></p>                                                                                                                                   |

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|    | <p><b>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 4</b><br/> The next baptism opportunity will be on Sunday, November 4th during the All Saints Day Celebration.</p> <p><i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|    | <p><b>1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER 5</b><br/> The October Selection is <u>My Italian Bulldozer</u> by Alexander McCall Smith. Travel to the hill-top village of Montalcino for a story where hilarity ensues.</p> <p>The author of last month's book, Dennis Fitzgerald, will also join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss his autobiography, <u>Beyond the Extra Mile</u>. Come learn how his faith helped him survive the challenges of a homicide detective. There is one book still available for \$20 in the office. See you at Panera Bread, 4910 Telephone Rd., Ventura. Meet at 5:00pm for food and drink and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are invited. <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|    | <p><b>DEANERY ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 10 9am</b><br/> The Deanery One Assembly will take place in Kahler Hall November 10th. Clergy, Lay Delegates and Lay Alternates to convention are all encouraged to attend in preparation of the Diocesan Convention held November 30 - December 1st. Parishioners of St. Paul's may want to take advantage of having the assembly held here and learn about what will be on the agenda for this year's convention and other business of the Deanery.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|   | <p><b>WRAP 'N CHAT – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 10am</b><br/> Calling all elves to begin bringing in toiletries and grooming aids. Please collect extra shampoos, lotions, soaps, from hotels and extra toothbrushes and dental aids from your dentists. They will be holiday wrapped and given out at our December Family to Family lunch. Please bring your items to church on Sunday or drop them off in the office. The Wrap 'n Chat will be <b>Saturday, November 17</b> from 10-noon in the Community Room. All are welcome. Wrapping supplies are provided.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | <p><i>Help us feed the hungry.</i><br/> <b>ST. PAUL'S LUNCH PROGRAM FEEDS HUNGRY PEOPLE THROUGH THE WEEK</b><br/> Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 1pm, we handout sack lunches to those who are hungry. Thank you for all of your donations and support for this ministry. The wish list for this month includes juice, water and protein drinks. Tuna and cans with pop-tops, If you would like to make a cash donation, note "Food Pantry" on the memo line of your check. Our shopper, Bill Brewer, will spend it wisely.<br/> <b>Thank you for helping us feeding our hungry neighbors!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  | <p><i>Want to get involved at St. Paul's?</i><br/> <b>THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:</b><br/> Right now, we are most in need of volunteers to serve with Altar Guild and Ushers.<br/> <b>THE FOLLOWING SMALL GROUPS WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN:</b><br/> Monday Evening Bible Study, Daughters of the King, Men's Group Breakfast and Bible Study, Women's Group Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ladies Lunch Bunch<br/> If you would like further information, please let us know. <i>Thank You!</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|  | <p><i>Since we walk this journey of faith together...</i><br/> <b>WE'D LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH – Here are some suggestions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check out our website. New things are posted every week. <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a></li> <li>• Read our weekly E-Newsletter. If you aren't receiving it, please provide your email address in the Guest Book at the Welcome Table or send a note to the office. <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org">office@saintpaulsventura.org</a></li> <li>• Share your prayer requests with us and remember us in your prayers too.</li> <li>• Comment, share, like or post on Social Media.</li> </ul> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org">office@saintpaulsventura.org</a><br/> Call: 805 643-5033 Facebook: St. Paul's Ventura Twitter: @StPaulsVentura</p> |

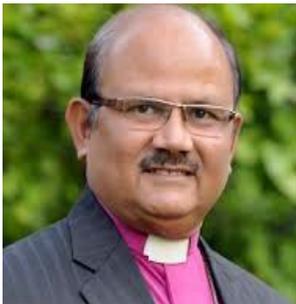


## Newcomer Information Series

**SUNDAYS 12-12:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**  
(next to the Kitchen in Kahler Hall)

**10/14 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ**

**Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith**  
*All are welcome!*



### **ANNUAL BISHOP'S VISIT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9**

#### **A BISHOP IS COMING!**

The Right Rev. Samuel Azariah will be with us for the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 9. Those who seek baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office. Confirmation classes will be offered on Monday evenings beginning 11/5. A lunch reception in honor of the Bishop will be held in Kahler Hall beginning at 11:30am. If you are available to assist with the reception by planning, bringing food, setting up or cleaning up, please let us know.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Presents

## **Exploring our Faith**

*A program for newcomers or visitors who are curious,  
for those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church  
and anyone who wants to join us in exploring our faith.*

**Monday Evenings 6:30-8pm in the Library**

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, & 12/3

