

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Epistle

August Issue

July 28, 2023

Thoughts of Mary

Let's see, it's 100 degrees in the shade of our Chinese Elm tree, and my mind is on our blessed Mother Mary and the birth of the son of God, the promised Messiah. I find my thoughts to be strange. There are no reminders to be found in this heat wave of Summer; no carols on the radio, no decorated trees, no "hustle and bustle" of shoppers in the malls trying to find just the right gift for that special someone, no "stockings hung by the chimney with care," and yet my thoughts persist. The Annunciation, the angel Gabriel visits a young woman named Mary of the House of David and tells her that she will conceive in her womb a child of the Lord God. The Visitation, Mary visits her relative Elizabeth who greets her with, "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Of course the next event is the Nativity of our Lord Jesus, who is born "away in a manger," laid in a trough, from which livestock are fed. All this brings us to the English word Christmas, a shortened form of Christ Mass. Christ is a Greek word meaning Messiah. Mass comes from the Latin word missa, meaning, "a sending out." The word mass is also used to describe the ritual celebration of the Last Supper. I know, I know, you may have a problem following my thought process, but I know of no other way to get to the heart of my thoughts of Mary in this scorching heat wave.

In the Gospel according to Luke (Luke 1:26-38) the day of the Annunciation was in the sixth month of the year, nine months before the birth of Je-

sus; which gives us the date of this feast day which celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary. (March 25th).

I hope you are still with me after reading all my jumbled thoughts, because now we have come to the core of my concerns and some questions that trouble me. Why isn't this feast day celebrated with the same vigor as other feast days? Why is so little attention given to the Theotokos, the "God Bearer?" Mary almost disappears from our thoughts and prayers until we celebrate the birth of the Son of God. Why? Even as Jesus grows to manhood, Mary seems to become a footnote. It seems we are left to surmise the influence this "favored of God" has upon God's Son. As I continue to ponder these and other questions, one fact fills my heart and mind; Our Father in heaven has chosen well the mother of His Son. Mary exemplifies the living of a life of unconditional love.

One of my "go to" chapters in the bible is First Corinthians 13 in which the Apostle Paul with great eloquence, defines for us unconditional love. As beautiful as this passage is, there is no example given of anyone ever living that perfect love. For me there is just one among all the prophets and saints that has even come close to that perfect love, Mary the chosen "God Bearer." Mary lived a life of total surrender to the will of our Father in heaven beginning with her answer to the angel Gabriel. Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." In saying this, she opened herself to the possibility of being found guilty of adultery and being stoned to death because she was betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary continues to express her love and devotion to the Lord in this song of praise:



Mary's Song of Praise

And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.”

In sharing my thoughts with you I've tried to show you my feelings about our blessed heavenly mother. I was not baptized until I was twenty-one years old and I truly believe Mother Mary led me to her son. I further believe that in giving thanks to Mary we may find it in our hearts to look at all women with the eyes of our Lord and not the eyes of the world. May we ever strive to accept and express our Lord's unconditional love with the living of our lives.

Your Servant in Christ, Deacon George

God is Watching

In the cafeteria line one day, a seminary dean noticed a bowl of big, juicy oranges. A sign by it read, “Take only one. God is watching you!” At the other end of the lunch line sat a large plate of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Beside it was a hastily scrawled note, likely from a hungry student: “Take as many cookies as you want. God is back there watching the oranges.”

The message behind that good-natured irreverence? If you believe that God's sight is limited to one place, then your idea of God is too small!
—adapted from *The Wired Word*



Friday Reflections Article from Cannon Anna

HOPE is my favorite four-letter word (and some of you know I have a “colorful” vocabulary). The last couple of years with COVID, our national reckoning with our racism and white supremacy, our challenges around immigration reform and how to best assist asylum and refugee seekers, our ongoing climate crisis, and our financial challenges as a country may have some folks wondering what there is to be hopeful about. And I too have had those “dark night of the soul” moments where I’ve questioned what we’re doing, and does it matter that we’re trying to keep the Gospel message alive.

I’ve spent a lot of time listening to my Canon colleagues who work in clergy transitions as I do, wrestling with our clergy shortage reality. We have discussed the challenges of finding clergy who are both experienced, but also flexible and willing to take risks in our rapidly changing landscape. We have talked about the challenges of declining budgets and how that’s impacting searches and calls. We have talked about the challenges of the economy—California is expensive to live in and it might be risky for clergy to uproot their families to move here. Not a lot of hope in those conversations, unfortunately.

I’ve also spent a lot of time listening to my colleagues in the College for Bishops board of directors meetings. They are asking questions about our relevance and purpose as an institution. They talk about the kind of episcopal leadership that will be needed to navigate the rapid changes and challenges faced by the Church. They look at our history, where once bishops hand selected “the boys” to send to seminary and become priests for their diocese. These “boys” were often post-war military who had fathers that were clergy. This continued into the mid-60s and early 70s until culturally “institutions” were not to be trusted and General Convention shifted the recruitment, training, and deployment practices of the church, so that women and other minority groups could develop leadership and have opportunities to serve. It also put the onus of discernment on the local congregation, which isn’t always prepared to or trained on how to raise up leaders.* This reality has certainly contributed to the clergy shortage, and often hope is what is missing in these conversations.

So, what is it that makes me feel hopeful in what could appear to be a very bleak landscape?

In her book (and blog) *How to lead when you don't know where you're going*, Susan Beaumont talks about “liminal seasons” which she defines as “threshold times when the continuity of tradition disintegrates and uncertainty about the future fuels doubt and chaos”.** The Episcopal Church, at large, is in a “liminal season,” and some of our congregations are in their own “liminal season” between clergy calls. According to Beaumont, the anxiety (or what I call “squirrely-ness”) that is created during a “liminal season” can be a time when we either attempt to cling to the rose-colored-glass version of the past (which often isn't as rosy as we might think it is), or we can open ourselves up to transformation.

It is in this “liminal season” where doubt and chaos reside that I find hope. I know it sounds crazy! Believe me! How can I possibly see this moment in our communal lives as hopeful!?! But friends, this is the hope that our Presiding Bishop and our own bishop talk about. It is our time for transformation. As Beaumont says, “God's greatest works occur in liminal space”.***

So where am I seeing signs of hope in our diocese (and therefore congregations)?

--That we had kids attend the recent Episcopal Youth Event in Baltimore, led by a young woman discerning a call to ministry and our Latino Missioner;

--That we have congregations lovingly feeding, clothing and caring for people who may never darken our door on Sundays;

--That we have lay leaders and deacons rising to the challenge of leading, successfully I might add, congregations that don't currently have a priest;

--That we are not only ordaining people at the end of this month, but we have others who are in the ordination process, as well as those who are just starting to question their call;

--That we are looking for creative ways to use funds to support priests so that they can serve their congregations;

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- That we are imagining and dreaming big dreams about Latino Ministry in this diocese;
- That we are wrestling with our past in terms of our engagement with and acknowledgement of those whose land we occupy;
- That the garden that was planted at ECCO during the spring work weekend/El Camino de la Pascua is growing and will eventually feed those who visit ECCO;
- That those undocumented folks who we advocate for not to be deported are being allowed to stay here and build a life;
- That there is joy when people sing on Sundays, even if there is no organist/pianist;
- That people believe deeply in the call of Jesus to love our neighbor, which is a reflection of the love they've received from Jesus;
- That people are leading and contributing from a place of sacred wonder and curiosity, instead of needing to check boxes representing "success".

Dear friends and siblings in Christ, I hope that you can look at this "liminal season" that the church is in through the lens of hope. Don't allow yourself to get squirrely and anxious, and if you do, that's ok...just take a deep breath and adjust your lens. Hope, like God, is always present—it's up to us to recognize it.

La Paz,
Cn. Anna

Episcopate: The Role of Bishops in a Shared Future

** "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going" <https://susanbeaumont.com/2019/10/29/how-to-lead-when-you-dont-know-where-youre-going/>

*** Ibid.



Salvation Army Shelter Dinner, July 16

The heat wave we experienced recently didn't prevent the Salvation Army Shelter Dinner Team from cooking and serving dinner to 125 guests, Sunday, July 16th. Members of the team cooked and shredded chickens prior to Sunday, making this hot weather meal easier than others we have done. The menu was Chicken Salad, Rolls, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Milk. The next dinner will be in September and will involve the pork loin roasts waiting in the church freezer. For the team, meeting the people and providing delicious meals that are appreciated, is a great blessing. Please contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or lwlowe@outlook.com for more information.

Prayer support, cooking, serving and donation assistance are always greatly appreciated.

August Ministry Schedule

	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
Clergy Homily	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Dondi Rev. Dondi	Rev. Kathie Rev. Kathie	Rev. Kathie Dcn. Greg
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Judy T Jim P	Nancy S Judy T	Jim P Annamary
Lectors	Steph HW Barbara V	Nancy S Annamary	Joyce B Ann M	Judy T Christine J
Intercessor	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H	Judy T
Greeters	Christine J	Carolyn L Ishmael H	Christine J	Phil M Ishmael H
Ushers	Phil M Claudine R		Phil M Carolyn L	
Vestry Rep	Roberta B	Nancy S	Sarah H	Judy T



Meetings, News and Needs

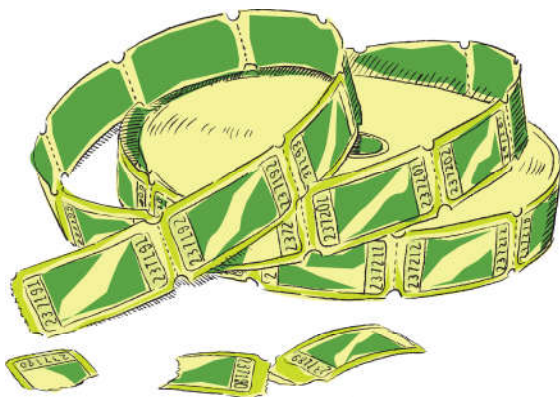
- ☞ Get your tickets to St. Paul's Fundraising lottery. See Carolyn List. The drawing will be at the Church Picnic.
- ☞ There will be a basket in the narthex for *the Shower Shuttle*, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.
- ☞ Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall every Tues. and Thurs. from 9-10.
- ☞ Food Distribution continues in the Parish Hall the 1st Wednesday of every month from 11 to 12 noon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ Choir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
- ☞ If you are interested in playing hand bells, contact Judy Teter.
- ☞ The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- ☞ There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- ☞ If you are interested in helping Knit One, Pray Two, please contact Gayle Ivy.
- ☞ There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- ☞ If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson jthork2404@aol.com



St. Paul's Family Picnic!

The Stewardship and Picnic Planning Committees invite you to the St. Paul's Family Picnic to be held on Sunday, August 27th immediately following the 10:00am service. Come and enjoy delicious picnic food including hot dogs and pulled pork bar-

becue sandwiches. Our stewardship theme this year is "ROOTED in Abundance" and we will be celebrating that with ROOT beer floats. You can contribute -- we will be having a silent dessert auction! There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to bring a favorite dessert to be auctioned. You can also bring your sense of fun as there will be games for all ages. Be sure to wear comfortable picnic clothes to enjoy good food, fun, and fellowship. See you all on August 27th



Fun Fundraiser

St. Paul's is planning a "lottery" fund-raiser. The drawing will be held during the Stewardship Picnic on August 27. Ticket sales will start in July.

Tickets will be \$10 each. The main prize will be \$1000; second and third prizes will be \$150 and \$100 respectively. This means that we will need to sell at least 125 tickets

Get Your Tickets!

to cover the prizes. However, last time we held our lottery in 2021 we sold over 400 tickets. Just think! Your odds of winning are way, way, way more likely than winning Power Ball or Super Lotto Plus.

See Carolyn List for your tickets! Don't miss out!!!



Vestry Re-Cap, July 2023

The Vestry met via Zoom, Thursday, July 27th. Here's a brief re-cap of items discussed:

- ◆ The Minutes for the June Vestry Meeting were approved.
- ◆ The Profit and Loss Statement for May 2023 was approved as presented. Due to continuing generous support from the congregation and careful use of resources, all obligations continue to be met.
- ◆ Pledge income is down. The budget for St. Paul's is dependent upon members fulfilling their pledges.
- ◆ Jr. Warden's Report - Carolyn reported that the air conditioners in the church have been serviced and fixed.
- ◆ Events
 1. Ordinations at the Cathedral, July 29th. All are welcome.
 2. Stewardship information coming, with the kick-off scheduled for the Parish Picnic August 27th.
 3. Fundraiser-Raffle tickets are currently available for a prize to be awarded at Parish Picnic.
 4. Dessert Auction-Part of the Parish Picnic.
- ◆ Help Needed
 1. Assistant needed for the weekly Livestream of the Services-contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937.
 2. Coffee Hour - Look for announcements about regular and special Coffee Hours
 3. Sunday School helpers needed-contact Chuck Sheaffer for details.
 4. There is an opening on the Vestry to complete a term through the end of the year. Contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937, for details.

Please continue to pray for the Vestry/Search Committee.

Linda's Mixed Berry Jam 2023



Back by popular demand! Jam made from some of the best berries our valley produces! While supplies last, get a 16 oz. jar of jam for the bargain price of \$10. Sorry....no Venmo or American Express cash or a check made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church with "jam" in the memo section. Contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or

lwlowe@outlook.com today!

Linda will GLADLY accept any jars that need recycling.



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

News about Diocesan events and weekly spiritual encouragement are available at the Diocese of San Joaquin website, <https://www.diosanjoaquin.org>. The "Friday Reflection" is available through the "News and Resources" link. To receive the Friday Reflection directly to your in-box, sign up via the link at the top of the Home page.

"Make the world a better place one person at a time. Start with yourself."
— Linda Poindexter

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad." — Miles Kington

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."
— attributed to Vincent van Gogh

"Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer." — Rainer Maria Rilke



Prayer and Praise

as of 7-25-2023

Update

- ☞ Please pray for the family of Mairine Iverson who went to be with the Lord on June 22nd.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for Zach Statzer as he arrived home safely on the 25th of July from Africa where he went to share the Gospel.
- ☞ Please pray for healing, recovery and patience for Louise McCoskey after her latest shoulder surgery.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for the Munroe's as their health is improving, please continue praying for healing and comfort.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for Christine Judd as she has moved to the Turlock Residential Facility which will be her permanent resident. Please continue to pray for her continued healing and comfort.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for James Himes (Christine Jayne's Son), his vision has shown improvement, please continue to pray for healing.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for Rosalie Carmody as she is settled into her new home and is doing well.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for Vickie Winchester's healing from her surgery.
- ☞ Praise and Thanksgiving for Rex Adamson, as he is healing from a sore leg.

Praise and Thanksgiving

- ☞ For our Community of St. Paul's.

Healing and Comfort

- ☞ Presiding Bishop Michael Curry for healing, comfort, strength and peace.
- ☞ Robin Magenot, Deacon George and Paige's daughter, for healing, comfort and strength.
- ☞ Suzy Cano for healing, comfort, strength, and peace.

- ☞ Joan Miller (St. Francis Parishioner) please prayer for healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through treatment.
- ☞ Susan Sell, please prayer for healing, comfort, strength and guidance as she faces medical challenges.
- ☞ Continued prayers for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law for endurance, strength and a complete recovery. Please pray for peace for her family and friends.
- ☞ Sharon Andrews' son and daughter-in-law please pray for healing, comfort, guidance and strength as he is going through treatment.
- ☞ Elaine Paradis, please pray for continuing healing and strength.
- ☞ Carol Collier, please pray for continuing healing and comfort.
- ☞ Please pray for permanent housing and healing, peace, comfort and guidance for Darla.
- ☞ Prayer for Doug Welsch as he heals from an operation for a broken hip for healing, comfort and peace. Please also pray for his wife, Tami.
- ☞ Prayer for Theresa Grieshaber as she awaits surgery on August 25, 2023.
- ☞ Prayer for Bonnie Palmer as she will be undergoing surgery on July 25. Pray for her medical team, and comfort for her family as they await the outcome of the operation.
- ☞ Prayer for Aunt Mudge, Linda Lowe's Aunt, she shredded a muscle and will be going to a rehabilitation facility to heal.
- ☞ Prayers for Sam Burton, Bonnie Palmer's brother, that his cardiologist and surgeon can find a treatment that will heal his heart. Prayer for healing and comfort for him and strength and courage for his family.

Safe Travel

- ☞ Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.
- ☞ Please pray for the country of Ukraine and citizens.
- ☞ Pray for Wisdom for all nations leadership.

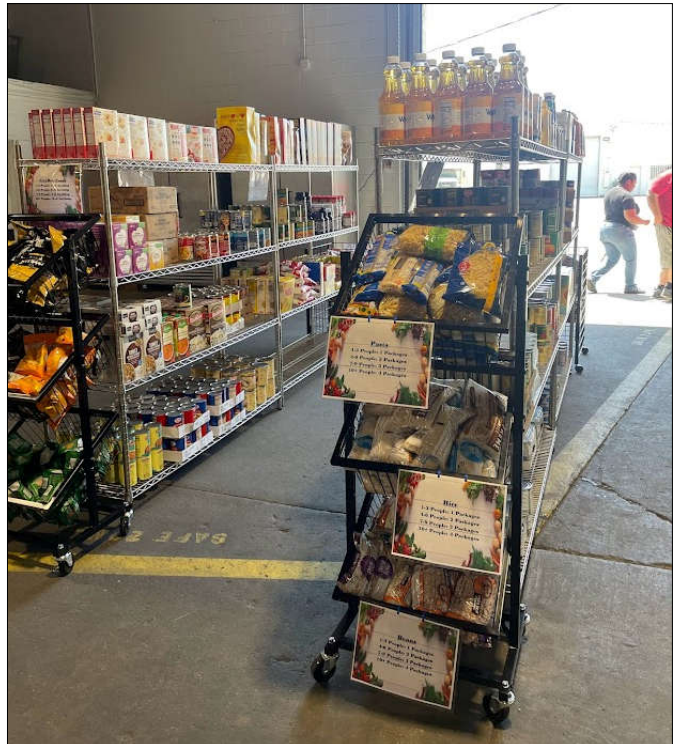
Letter from the Salvation Army

Good Morning and I pray this email finds you well. I am reaching out to you in hopes that you can help us with a very important aspect of our food program. I know you all already do so much for your community, and we are so grateful for you.

Our Social Services Department serves over 150 families a week and has recently changed the format in which they give food to the public. In figuring out how to best include other cultures, medical needs, and other differences as our community continues to flourish and diversify, we decided to move away from the generic food box that we have given out for many years. We have come together as a Corps and built a beautiful alternative to the old way of doing things.

We are in desperate need of volunteers Monday-Friday 7:00-1:00 to assist with shopping and restocking the shelves for the people needing our services. Any help you can give even an hour a week would be so appreciated. We need about 5 people Monday-Thursday and just a couple on Friday.

Blessings to you on this day,
Melissa D Ekkelboom
The Salvation Army
Food Warehouse Manager
600 Janopaul Lane
Modesto, Ca 95351
(209) 577-3600 office
(209)448-8169 cell



When We Least Deserve Love

“Love me when I least deserve it,” says a Swedish proverb, “because that’s when I really need it.” My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they’d start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus’ arrest. But Jesus didn’t treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we’re at our worst, hurting God’s heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Financial Report for June 2023

	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Operating Income:	18,963.00	12,433.93	15,679.90	16,643.04	18,284.34	13,785.17
Facility Use:	7,050.00	7,950.00	10,900.00	6,000.00	6,300.00	6,000.00
Fundraisers:	0.00	257.66	0.00	0.00	72.44	573.80
Outreach:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restricted Income:	1,491.00	825.00	864.00	810.00	932.24	780.00
Total Income:	27,504.00	21,466.59	27,443.90	23,453.04	25,589.02	21,138.97
Expenses:	24,879.51	22,614.41	34,779.36	26,551.43	18,484.40	19,787.42
Net Income/loss:	2,624.49	-1,147.82	-7,335.46	-3,098.39	7,104.62	1,351.55

Kid's Page



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

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What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

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The heave__s declare the __lory __f __od;
the ski__s __roc__aim the wo__k of his ha__ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

What you need:

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 2 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Whisk eggs with mixer at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offsprings, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

Sunday School is Starting Again In Person

Starting Sunday, September 10th, in-person Sunday school for our youth, elementary through high School will resume. The youth are invited to gather in the Sunday School room, inside the main sanctuary after the processional hymn. They will return to the regular service during the offertory hymn.

We will need two adult volunteers to lead the Sunday School each week. Please let Chuck Sheaffer know if you are willing to help. You can call at 209-765-1214 or email cbshea@pacbell.net. All volunteers will be required to take the safeguarding training provided online through the diocese. Please contact Chuck if you have any questions.



Ingredients for True Success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these. —George Washington Carver

Recycling at St. Paul's

Every Sunday, collection cans for recycled aluminum cans and CA redeemable plastic are in the church entrance.

Please **rinse and drain** your recyclable plastic and aluminum cans before putting them in the bins. The money from recycling will go to fund "Creation Care" projects.





Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop
David Rice, our Bishop & **Anna Carmichael**, our Canon

Armed Forces



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| Tom Allen , Wyoming Air National Guard | Cheryl Edelman , U. S. Army |
| Melissa Allen , U. S. Air Force | Jenavieve Johnston , U. S. Air Force |
| Brandon Alonzo , U. S. Air Force | Jorgito Fuentes , U. S. Navy |
| Christopher Bradley , U. S. Navy | Johnny Olmos , U. S. Coast Guard |
| T. J. Browning , U. S. Navy | Cole Medeiros , U. S. Navy |
| Jay Colón , U. S. Air Force | Nate Wallace , U. S. Air Force R |
| Brandon Cox , Texas Air National Guard | Carson Repan , U. S. Air Force |

If you have any updates or new names for the Armed Forces list, please let Cherie Sheaffer know.

Please pray for all of our sisters and brothers in Christ.
God of wisdom and love, help me and all others who are struggling with difficult circumstances find direction and strength to face our challenges. Give us the assurance that underneath us are your everlasting arms, which will sustain us through everything we face day and night. In Jesus' name. Amen.

August Birthdays

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| Cherie Sheaffer - 2 | Ruth Serré - 18 |
| Phillip Diaz - 6 | Gavin Biglow - 20 |
| Sarah Hartmann - 6 | Stephanie Howlett-West - 20 |
| Joyce Bell - 9 | Doug Welsh - 23 |
| Pam Cox - 10 | Kevin Winchester - 26 |
| Yvonne Adamson - 11 | Nancy Harrison - 30 |
| Colby Gouker - 11 | |



August Anniversaries

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| Theresa & Howard Grieshaber - 8 | Jim & Samantha Bland - 23 |
| David & Mary Beth West - 14 | Jim & Annamary Peck - 23 |
| Brian & Elizabeth Cassagio - 18 | Flavio & Ivanna Duran-Gallardo - 29 |
| Keith & Ginny Munroe - 22 | |

If your birthday or anniversary is in August and you aren't listed here, please let Cherie Sheaffer know. We don't want to leave anyone out.



August 2023						
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July 30 Coffee Hour after service.
 Aug 27 Church Picnic after service
 Sept 4 Labor Day

Church office hours
 By appointment only.



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