

# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

## *The Epistle*

*October Issue*



### Revival, Tradition and Meatballs

In my last article I wrote about what it might mean to have a revival in the Episcopal Church starting here at Saint Paul's and beginning with our book of Common Prayer. I began the article by giving some of the definitions of the word revival:

1. Restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, strength, etc.
2. The revival of old customs.
3. An awakening in church or community, of interest in and care for matters relating to personal religion.
4. An evangelistic service or a series of services for the purpose of effecting a religious awakening.
5. The state of being revived.

I would like to add to this list the definition of the word tradition:

1. The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way.
2. A doctrine believed to have divine authority though not in the scriptures.

I ended the article sharing my prayer that you might read these definitions a few times, perhaps taking notes and then writing your thoughts of how revival might bring new life and vigor to Saint Paul's, our diocese, and each of our lives.

We now have the definition of revival and tradition, but what about the meatballs? It may sound strange to you, but to me, meatballs, and the sauce my mom made are both a revival and a tradition.

Halloween is upon us along with the thoughts of Thanksgiving. Growing up, Thanksgiving always meant a Greyhound bus trip to San Francisco and Aunt Bessie and Uncle Red's house where we would be joined by twenty or so family members; an extended family all bringing special ethnic side dishes to complement Aunt Bessie's turkey. My mom was always expected, without fail, to bring meatballs and sauce to the gathering (Great grandma's Italian recipe). Mom made everything from scratch, which would take her a good part of a day. Over the years, Mom taught me the recipe. I in turn have shown my children in the same way, no shortcuts, no food processors, no microwave. Instead, we use olive-oiled wooden chopping bowl and a half-moon-shaped chopping blade with a wooden handle; an old-fashioned cast iron skillet; and no metal spoons, wood only. This tradition is a way to keep our family connected to the warmth and love of those of our ancestors that have gone before us. Reading my "meatball" story, you might think, "times change, we now have food processors, we have microwave ovens, everybody uses metal spoons. What's your problem? Why not make it easy on yourself? Cooking should be user-friendly." I guess my answer might be to ask what is gained and what is lost. Perhaps it's just me, but "user-friendly" is starting to grate on my nerves like the drip, drip, drip of a leaky faucet. This term, user-friendly, might be ignored by me but for the fact that it is being pushed forward as a way for the Episcopal Church to attract more people.

What would be gained and what would be lost? Who and what would we be without our traditions? Covid has caused us to lose touch with some of our traditions, but other traditions are being forgotten simply because we no longer observe them. Of primary concern to me is our lack of use of the Book of Common Prayer, which has almost been replaced by a bulletin, except for special occasions. When was the last time we used our prayer book? How many of us have a prayer book at home? Do we ever use it at home as a family? The Book of Common Prayer, giving English-speaking people their first look at the scripture written in their language, was presented to them in 1549; this was 61 years before the first publishing of the King James Bible, in 1611. We might well look at our Book of Common Prayer as a workbook to help us understand and bring us the meaning of living in the Light of Our Lord.

My prayer is that we as sisters and brothers in Christ, led by our priest, may sit down together and rediscover the wisdom and traditions of our prayer book, so that we once again may celebrate walking in the "Middle Way" between Catholicism and Protestantism; that we may re-learn the way of Episcopal ideology, the three-legged stool of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason, and once again celebrate Holy Eucharist with the ringing of the Sanctus Bells saying "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest."

Your Servant in Christ,

Deacon George



# The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

## The Search for our 6th Bishop Diocesan

Search for New Bishop Listening Session, October 19, 10:30-noon, St. Paul's Modesto

Rev. Suzy Ward and members of the Diocesan Search Committee, including our own Linda Maszta, will be at St. Paul's, Saturday, October 19, 10:30 am-noon. They will give us a report and listen to everyone's thoughts as they continue the process of looking for the best person to lead the Diocese following Bishop David's planned retirement in 2026.

Listening sessions are an early part of the bishop search process where members of the diocese are invited to share their thoughts and opinions. The facilitated sessions are prompted with open-ended questions by the convener. Information gathered at the sessions, and previously in the diocesan-wide survey, may be used by the search committee to help discern qualities they are looking for in a bishop as they prepare to accept nominations and evaluate candidates, and may also be incorporated in the diocesan profile shared with the prospective nominees.

Come and help provide the Committee with your thoughts. We will provide coffee, tea, and light refreshments. Contact the church office, 209-522-3267, if you want to help.

Additional information is available on the Diocesan website,  
[www.diosanjoaquin.org](http://www.diosanjoaquin.org)



# 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.

## Celebrating Birthdays in October



October 2024 Birthdays	
Howard Grieshaber	October 8
Rosanne Mountain	October 21
David Lowe	October 22
Daniel Cox	October 26
Loren Hill	October 29
Victoria Cassagio	October 31

### Salvation Army Shelter Dinner, Sunday October 20th

The Shelter Dinner Team will be cooking and serving dinner, October 20<sup>th</sup> to 140 guests and staff at the shelter for unhoused people. The menu will be ham and potato casserole, steamed vegies, rolls & butter, apple dump cake with whipped cream, and milk.

The Team prepared and served dinner, September 15<sup>th</sup> to around 100 guests and staff. We served sliced ham, mac & cheese, rolls & butter, green salad, strawberry cake with whipped cream, and milk. We usually have extra food that stays with the Shelter for future meals.

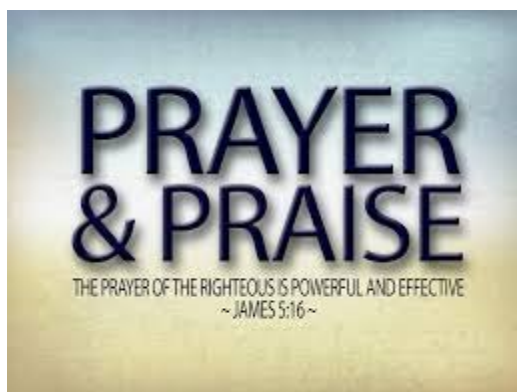
Prayer support, with various forms of assistance, is always greatly appreciated.

For the team, meeting the people and providing the meals is a great blessing. Please contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com) for more information.

# *Prayer and Praise*

*September 27, 2024*

## Updates



## Praise and Thanksgiving

- ◆ Praise and Thanksgiving for the Beloved Community of St. Paul's.
  - Praise and Thanksgiving for the blessed leadership of our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry as he guided us with love, grace, humility, and mercy through these last 9 years. Our prayers of love, gratitude and compassion go with the Bishop Curry and his family.
  - Praise and Thanksgiving for the next Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, our prayers go with Bishop Rowe and his family as they embark on this new journey.
  - Praise and Thanksgiving for Fr. Dawson and his Beloved Spouse, The Rev. Karen. Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Installation of The Rev. Karen at St. James Sonora and St. Matthew's San Andreas.
  - Praise and Thanksgiving for our Beloved Deacon Greg, continued prayers for healing. Prayers for Linda remains well.
  - To quote Thomas Merton, a favorite Catholic Monk and Author, “ – about proceeding in faith despite uncertainty. “You do not need to know precisely what is happening” to embrace challenges “with courage, faith and hope, he said.”

## Healing and Comfort

- Prayers for Ellen Bell for continued healing, comfort, and peace.
- Prayers for The Rev. Deacon Terrance Goodpasture for parents, sister, cousin, and friends at this very difficult time for comfort and peace.
- Prayers for Susan Sell as she faces serious medical procedures. May her healing be swift and may she experience comfort, strength, patience, and peace.

- Prayers for Danielle Vergas for healing, strength, comfort, patience, and peace.
- Prayers for Christine Jayne for continued healing, strength, comfort, patience, and peace.
- Prayers for Michael Thorington for healing, strength, comfort, patience, and peace.
- Prayers for Craig and Marti Persons for healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Howard Grieshaber for healing, strength, and comfort.
- Prayers and Thanksgiving for Cherie Sheaffer good news that she is healing. Please prayer for continued healing, strength, and comfort. Please pray for the family for strength, comfort, and peace.
- Pray for Dennis Haglan, Gayle Ivy's Son-in-Law, for healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Julie Benefield, Beloved Mother of Danielle Vergas, for healing, strength, and comfort. Please also prayer for her family.
- Pray for Christine Judd for healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Mary Kinnaman continued healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Deacon George Cano for continued healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Claudine Romegialli, for continued healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray Mary Griffin for healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Keith and Ginny Munroe for healing, strength, and comfort.
- Pray for Brett Wychoff, Munroe's son, for healing, strength, and comfort at this difficult time.
- ◆ Pray for Pam and Mike Cox for healing, comfort, and peace. Please hold additional prayers for Mike and Pam as they adjust to the new medical regime. Prayers for their three Beloved Sons, may they assist Pam with their Beloved Father's care. Special prayers for the job search of Danny Cox.
- ◆ Continued prayers for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law healing, comfort, and peace.
- ◆ Elaine Paradis, please pray healing, strength, comfort, and peace.
- ◆ Please pray for the those in war torn areas everywhere; Ukraine, Holy Land, Gaza, Palestine, and Afghanistan .
  - Please pray for Ken and Trish Hart for healing, comfort, and peace.
  - Please pray for Ismael Huggins for healing, comfort, and peace as he is dealing with health issues.
  - Polly, Beloved Grandmother and Colleen, Beloved Great Aunt of Gabriel for healing, strength, comfort, and peace.

- Please pray for Gabriel as he continues to job search. May he be granted wisdom, strength, peace, and faith.

### **Special Prayers**

- Please pray for Rex Adamson and the Ukraine Project and his mission.
- Please pray for all the peoples of Kazakhstan especially the Christians as they face lack of religious freedom and have become targets of persecution. Please remember the Adamson family, Rex's brother and sister-in-law and their Christian community.
- Please pray for the American people to listen to Gods will on their hearts and do unto others as they would want done to them and their families.

### **Safe Travel**

- ◆ Please pray for all travelers as they journey to and from their destinations.

### **Scones for Scholarships**



Mid-October, the parish hall kitchen and fellowship hall will be taken over by a group of very busy ladies, baking delicious scones. The proceeds from 1 ½ days of baking will be supporting scholarship opportunities for women of all ages. One of the local chapters of P.E.O. International raises money for a variety of grants, helping women whose educational goals range from certificate to doctoral programs.

Scones are available by pre-order only and may be picked up at St. Paul's on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> after 4 pm or by special arrangement. Three varieties are available: plain, cranberry/lemon, and chocolate chip. Each bag includes 9 scones for \$15.00.

To place your order or for more information, contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 **no later than Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## October Ministry Schedule

Dates	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	Judy T.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Judy T. Nancy S.	Jim P. Nancy S.
Eucharistic Minister	Rex	Nancy S.	Stephanie G.	Judy T.
Lectors	Ann M. Judy T.	Joyce B. Stephanie H-W.	Christine J. Theresa G.	Barbara V. Alex S.
Intercessor	Lora	Linda	Judy	Nancy
Ushers	Greg B. Claudine R.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	Greg B. David L.	Phil M. Carolyn L.
Greeters	Greg B. Claudine R.	Phil M. Carolyn L.	Greg B. Christine J.	Phil M. Carolyn L.
Vestry Rep.	Lora	Linda	Judy	Nancy





## Why I Work on Mental Health Projects in Ukraine.

I have had a couple of people at St. Paul ask me why I am involved with projects in Ukraine, and I enjoy this question because it allows me a chance to explain my understanding of the book of James in the New Testament.

James was an important book in the Bible for me when I was young because it helped me understand the balance between action and belief. I had known many Christians for whom their faith focused on belief, with a desire on having “right” beliefs. But in my life when I pursued a deeper belief in Christ, I had a strange empty feeling until I understood that in the early church belief was only true belief if it motivated one to action. Action as an agent for Christ. As James says,

In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

In February 2022, I saw videos of Russian troops invading Ukraine. In one of the videos, I saw a hospital that had been hit by a missile with some patients dead outside. I knew enough psychiatry to know that attacks like this would have profound impact on mentally ill persons in Ukraine, and that many persons who were vulnerable to mental illness would become symptomatic when exposed to the stress of war. My desire to become involved had nothing to do with politics, but as a response to the obvious suffering of civilians who had no ability to protect themselves from the damage caused by war.



Fig1. Location of Ukraine in Europe

Seeing those in need, I next tried to get accurate information about what was going on with schizophrenia care in Ukraine and with the lives of those with schizophrenia or those who worked with people who had schizophrenia. But it was very difficult for me to get any accurate and detailed information. So next I started looking at the war and how it was impacting different areas within Ukraine to see if there was a way I could go there and see for myself what was going on in the area of schizophrenia care. Why schizophrenia care? Because this is the area within the larger world of mental health where I have the most expertise. I believe that God empowers us with certain skills and those are the particular skills He expects us to use in the world. If I had been an electrician, then I would have wondered how the war has impacted the electrical system. If I was a lawyer, then I would be interested

in war crimes and how the war had impacted their legal system. If I was a surgeon, then I might volunteer in a hospital to do emergency surgeries. But since my skills are with people who have schizophrenia, then that is where I may be useful. Since I couldn't get good information, I convinced a friend to go with me and in April 2023 we entered Ukraine for the first time.

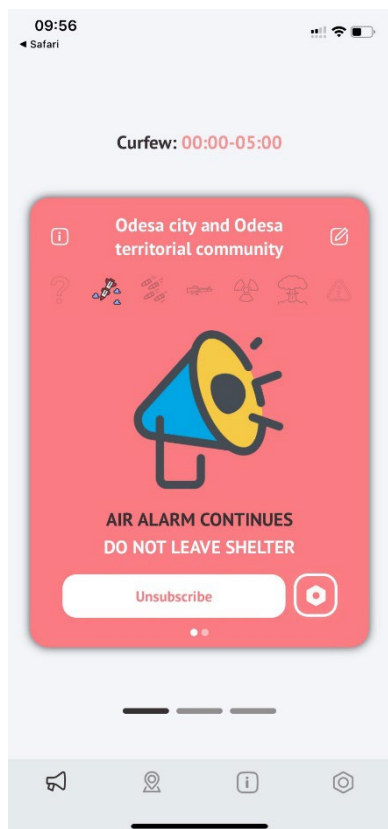


Fig 2. App used to communicate with patients

The purpose of the first trip is simply to make initial contacts and to get some basic information on safety and travel. I found a YouTube video by someone who appeared to be from Lviv, Ukraine so I sent them an email and asked if they could introduce me to a psychiatrist in Lviv. They gave me some good advice on how to get into the country and found a psychiatrist who would meet with me. I met with that doctor and after our meeting he had me come back and give a lecture the next day on schizophrenia care in California for his entire medical team. That meeting produced many contacts and an opportunity to talk to several people about the situation in Lviv. The next day I rented a car and drove over several days to multiple towns in the Lviv Oblast to meet others and see what I could find about the war, safety of travel in different areas, and to learn more about the structure of their mental health system.

Once we came back from Ukraine, I began to email multiple people I had met and started discussing what would be useful for them on my next trip. I communicated my desire to visit other psychiatric hospitals and meet other doctors. My second trip was in December 2023 and at that time I visited a larger psychiatric hospital and met many more doctors. I also met with people associated with Krisenchat Ukraine that provides services to persons who do not have access to traditional mental health services. I gave a lecture on psychopharmacology at a large hospital in Lviv and again expanded my network of connections. At this meeting we decided that in 2024 they wanted a bigger educational workshop that would incorporate more scientific content.

When I came back from that second trip, I began looking for two of the best psychiatric educators in the US and Canada. It took a long time for me to find a way to get in touch with them, but God opened a door for me to meet with one of them and discuss face to face about the idea of a full afternoon workshop in Ukraine. This doctor was very excited about the opportunity to speak in Ukraine using Zoom and we started working on the details of setting up the workshop. This turned into a very big project involving many helpers in Ukraine and many tasks that had to be completed here in the US to make this workshop possible. I really felt God leading me in this work and details seemed to fall together. I was under a lot of stress related to this project in July and August, but when the afternoon came on September 10 in Lviv, it all paid off with a very successful training that was well attended and was on subject material that the Ukrainian doctors had specifically requested. Each of the critical areas such as translation of slides, translation of speech, Zoom video, room location and safety all came together.



Photo 1. Rex in Ukraine



Photo 2. Rex in Ukraine

After the sessions, some doctors needed to quickly leave, but more than 50 people remained and we discussed why I had come to Ukraine in the first place and why I had used my own money to help people who had been strangers to me just 18 months earlier. As I explained that they mattered to me because they mattered to God and I was following God's call in my life by coming to Ukraine, some people cried (which of course made me cry). I explained that as a Christian I believed all money was actually God's money and we on Earth are just temporary stewards of that money. I explained that it seemed to my wife and I that God had given us more than we needed so we were compelled to use some of our money to do work for others. It gave me a rare opportunity to express verbally a love for those in need that communicated a core Christian belief in the value of every person. "For God so loved the world ..."

He loved the whole world, and not just people we know. The next phase of helping doctors in Ukraine is to bring 4 psychiatrists to the US in November to participate in a national psychopharmacology congress in Colorado.

During the 9 days these doctors are in the US they will get to visit multiple hospitals and meet many different doctors who are working with similar types of patients here in the US. It will provide them not just information, but an expanded network of other professionals they can interact with in the years ahead. We at St. Paul's have an opportunity to contribute to these doctors both by helping cover the cost of their coming here for training, but also by welcoming them into our community and into our homes on November 11. Based on conversations I have had with each of these 4 doctors, I don't believe they share our belief in Christ, but this gives us a unique opportunity to share the message of the gospel to them not just in words but through the tangible expression of assistance in their work helping the mentally ill in Ukraine. I have been surprised in conversations I have had with doctors in Ukraine how many of them just assume that since I am a scientist, I must be an atheist. I commented to one doctor that with all he knew about the complexity of the human brain, I was surprised he didn't believe that there must be a God who made it.

Never let the fear of death keep you from serving others. There is nothing more certain in each of our lives than the fact you will die. What is not certain is to what extent you will surrender yourself to be used as a tool in God's hand while you are still alive. Running from death makes us run from those who need us the most. Be instead like the firefighter who runs toward the smell of smoke, or the police officer that runs toward the sound of gunfire. When you run toward the sound of people suffering, you will find that Christ has gotten there before you and is ready for you to join in the work.



Photo 3. Congregation of the Anglican Church of Kyiv.

I know very little about war and politics and all such things. But I know that helping the victims of war is a Christian service. Empowering those who provide care to the victims of war is a Christian service. Following the way of Christ means reaching out to those in need even when it is difficult, dangerous, or may cause us to lose money or time. Please pray for those who provide aid to the victims of war throughout the world. Join with me as we seek to serve others whom Christ died to save using whatever skills and resources, He has given you to use.

Rex Adamson, St. Paul's Modesto

## Treasurer's Report

Categories	24-Apr	24-May	24-Jun	23-Jul	24-Aug
Operating Income:	17,231.30	13,451.08	14,984.56	17,903.13	12,196.61
Facility Use:	0	12,719.00	6,000.00	700	12,163.00
Fundraisers:	0	0	0	0	0
Outreach:	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted Income:	1,302.17	20,700.00	6,817.00	3,680.00	9,531.50
Total Income:	18,533.47	46,870.08	27,801.56	22,283.13	33,891.11
Expenses:	17,278.79	24,740.78	22,339.56	26,106.13	54,005.69
Net Income/loss:	1,254.68	22,129.30	5,462.00	-3,823.00	-20,114.58

Table 1: Treasurer's Report for August 2024

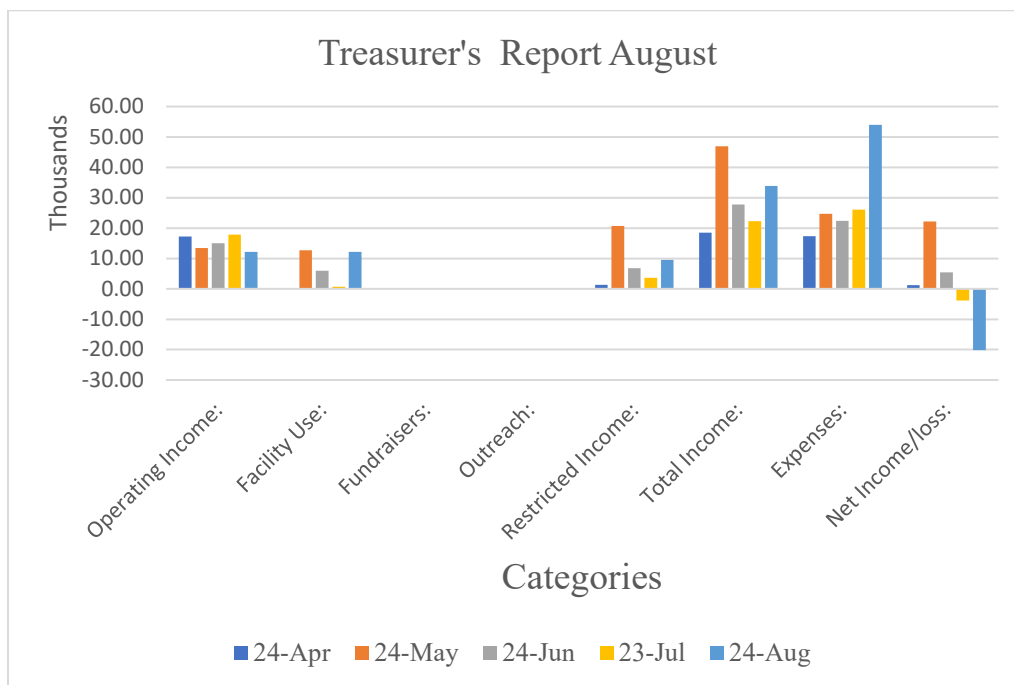


Figure 1: Visual Representation of Treasurer's Report for August

## **Cookie Walk!!!**

Now is the time to be preparing for the annual Cookie Walk. This wonderful annual event will be December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and is best done when **everyone** is involved.

Just like the wide variety of delicious cookies we always have, there are multiple ways that everyone can be involved: set-up, greeting guests, cookie walkers, inventory replacement, selling tickets, tying cookie boxes, clean-up, dismantling decorations, and (drum roll please) *baking, baking, baking!*

This fun event attracts many in the wider community. Back this year will be visits with Santa, and a variety of craft vendors, in addition to the main attraction, the wide variety of lovingly made cookies.

The festive flyers are ready, the tickets will be available soon, and the sign-up sheets will present multiple ways to be involved. **Find the ways that you can contribute to this important fundraiser!**

*For more information, contact Linda Lowe in the church office, 209-522-3267.*

## **Bags Needed for Monthly Salvation Army Food Distribution**

Hello St Paul's Family,

We are once again in need of paper and plastics bags for the Salvation Army food program. Please bring them to church on Sunday mornings and leave them in the narthex or take them to the church office during the week. They are greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Judy Teter



## Come, Walk With Us

*A word about stewardship from Fr Brian.*

Thirty years ago, I was the Managing Director of a not-for-profit Christian broadcasting organisation. Our mission was to provide faith-based content for commercial, “secular” radio stations which was challenging in many ways, not least financially. When I was appointed to the position the Board asked me to name my salary, noting that it could be as much as I liked but I would have to raise every cent of it as part of the job. As a professional broadcaster I was focused on producing top quality radio, but I learned quickly that I could only do that if I had the required resources, which meant that for part of the time at least I was also a professional fundraiser.

I mention this story by way of introduction to our annual Parish Stewardship Campaign. As rector I know that part of my role is to support the vestry in ensuring we have enough resources to keep our church doors open and our wheels of ministry turning. Sometimes this can feel like being a professional fundraiser again, but the thing I eventually learned thirty years ago was that for most of those giving us their money it wasn't about the funds. For those faithful many who donated to Christian Broadcasting Association this was their way of participating with us in the mission of the organisation. They believed in what we were doing and wanted to be a part of that.

As noted elsewhere in this edition of *The Epistle*, this year's Stewardship Campaign has the theme 'Walk in Love'. While there will certainly be discussion of sharing our time, talents and treasures, the overwhelming invitation will be to come and walk with us. Our mission, our raison d'être if you will, is to be the local and outward expression of God's love in Modesto. To do that we need workers and money, but most of all we need presence. We need people walking together as the visible evidence of our purpose and commitment.

To be clear again, yes, we need money. That is an ever-present reality of course and for those who can afford it your commitment in terms of financial support will be a vital way to join in our mission. But we also need people to join us and bring with them their skills and abilities. Offering these things is your commitment to God. Our commitment to you is that they will be used to ensure our mission properly reflects God's work in this place. Together we will continue to Walk in Love.



We're excited to "Walk in Love" as we kick off St. Paul's Steward Campaign this October. Each week, we'll shine a spotlight on a different ministry and the incredible work they do. You'll get to put a face with a name and explore how you can invest your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE. Keep an eye out for your letter and pledge cards during the week of October 6th, and don't miss our Dedication Sunday on November 3rd, All Saints Day!

### Why make a proportional gift?

Recently retired Bishop of Olympia, the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, stated that the tithe is only the beginning point. As Christians we give one hundred percent of what we have in gratitude for God who gave us everything there is. We're *all in*.



### When you make a proportional gift:

- You set aside your first fruits, dedicating a portion of your wealth, works, and wisdom to God. This is a sacred act.
- Your financial gift rises and falls with your income – it is right-sized to your household.

*Giving back to God is a life-time journey; setting a percentage allows you to step up your giving over time.*

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Beyond the Tithe		Tithe	Proportional Giving								
		15%	12%		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%
\$20,000	\$385	\$58	\$46	\$38	\$35	\$31	\$27	\$23	\$19	\$15	\$12	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$346	\$277	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$433	\$346	\$288	\$260	\$231	\$202	\$173	\$144	\$115	\$87	\$58	\$29



## What's New at St. Paul's

- ✓ Minutes from the August 22nd meeting and the July financial records were approved. Generous and consistent support from everyone has enabled us to meet our obligations. That support continues to be greatly appreciated as we plan for our future. **See information about the Stewardship Campaign.**
- ✓ The only Buildings and Grounds news was that the fire suppression system for the parish hall was professionally checked, with only one part not functioning. It will be replaced early in October.
- ✓ St. Paul's will host a Town Hall Meeting organized by the Modesto Police Department and members of various city services, **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6-8 pm**, in the parish hall.
- ✓ **October 6, 10 am service, Paws in the Pews, Blessing of the Pets- don't miss it!**
- ✓ **October 19**-Members of the Diocesan Council will be at St. Paul's to hear from parishioners about their thoughts regarding calling a new bishop in a few years.
- ✓ Mark your calendars for Fr. Brian's official installation, **November 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- ✓ Cookie Walk will be happening in December. Watch for news!
- ✓ Help is needed to help count Sunday offerings. Contact Stephanie Gilmer for more information.
- ✓ **Next Vestry Meeting-Sunday, October 27, 11:30 am**
- ✓ **Sunday School has started again. Contact Chuck Sheaffer (209-765-1214) for information about the weekly study and the fun stuff being planned.**
- ✓ Watch for news about a brief survey organized by the Episcopal General Convention Office.
- ✓ Guidelines for use of the St. Paul's facilities are being reviewed and updated. Want to be part of the committee? Contact Linda in the church office, 209-522-3267.

**Vestry meetings are usually held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly at 6:30 pm and are open for anyone to attend. The meetings are virtual meetings. Contact Linda Lowe in the church office, 209-522-3267, or [stpaulsmodestoca@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsmodestoca@gmail.com) for the zoom link.**

## Salvation Army Shelter Dinner, Sunday October 20th

The Shelter Dinner Team will be cooking and serving dinner, October 20<sup>th</sup> to 140 guests and staff at the shelter for unhoused people. The menu will be ham and potato casserole, steamed vegies, rolls & butter, apple dump cake with whipped cream, and milk.

The Team prepared and served dinner, September 15<sup>th</sup> to around 100 guests and staff. We served sliced ham, mac & cheese, rolls & butter, green salad, strawberry cake with whipped cream, and milk. We usually have extra food that stays with the Shelter for future meals.

Prayer support, with various forms of assistance, is always greatly appreciated.

For the team, meeting the people and providing the meals is a great blessing. Please contact Linda Lowe, 209-496-3937 or [lwlowe@outlook.com](mailto:lwlowe@outlook.com) for more information.



**Paws in the Pews**  
blessing the animals

everyone & their pet is welcome to a  
special service for St Francis day  
10am Sunday 6 October  
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# **Christmas Cookie Walk & Craft Fair**

**Saturday, December 7th 9-3pm  
Sunday, December 8th 11-2pm**

**CRAFT VENDORS  
PICTURES WITH SANTA & ADVENT CRAFTS  
ON SATURDAY**

**\$10 Baker's Dozen**

**Call 209-522-3267**

**for info & tickets or scan QR code**

**Craft Vendors contact: [Jeanandsuzie@yahoo.com](mailto:Jeanandsuzie@yahoo.com)**

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### *Sunday Services*

Holy Eucharist at 10 am in the church and live streamed on Facebook.

You can find a link to the live stream on our web page.

Sunday School during the Homily

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