



The Epistle

Newsletter of St. Paul's Church
A Parish in the Diocese of San Joaquin
The Anglican Church in North America

June, 2010

A Time for Everything

As the years have gone by, I have come to have an ever-greater appreciation of the truth of the words spoken by “the Preacher” as found in the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes. Among the best known verses of the book (and one of my favorites) is, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (3:1)

I love this verse because it seems to summarize the concept of wisdom and maturity, which could be said to be about doing the right things at the right time. It also seems to point us in the direction of being open to doing different things from time to time – that is, to changing our routines as one season changes into another.

So it is that as the school year draws to a close and summer approaches, there may be “times” for new things, or at least for some things that have not had much of our attention.

Along these lines, summer often is a time for travel: a time to visit family and friends, as well as a time to see other parts of the beautiful world which God has created for our benefit and enjoyment.

Summer can also be a time to read a little more than usual, whether it be our Bibles or some of those other books that we have neglected in the darkness of winter and the hurry of spring.

And, of course, summer is full of other times as well – times that are left to our choosing as seem best to us. With this in mind, may we make the most of the times of summer, so as to live in peace and unity with God and with one another.



Celebrate America

at St. Paul's Annual

Summer Celebration

Sunday, June 6, 2010

following the 10:00 service

All-American Foods

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, salads,
ice cream sundaes, brownies and apple pie

Entertainment

Talent Show
Raffles and Games

Adults: \$10; Children 5-12: \$5; Under 5: free

All of the proceeds from the Summer Celebration will be used to support programs helping those in need in Visalia and the surrounding area.



Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

beginning June 6th

8:00 – Holy Communion, Rite I

10:00 – Holy Communion, Rite II

Wednesday Mornings

9:30 – Holy Communion with
Laying on of Hands for Healing

St. Paul's Church
120 North Hall Street
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Church Office: (559) 732-4821
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Communion Services

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 am
Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Richard Ian James, Rector
The Rev. Jim Rouse, Assisting
Elaine McKinney, Parish Secretary
Antoinette Horsting, Financial Secretary
Melvin Morris, Sexton

Members of the Vestry

2010

Amy Gunn, Mary Murray
Jack Ramirez, Kashy Rowland-Smith,
William Winn

2011

David Francis, Monica Norton
John Peters, Harry Tow, Larry Wilds

2012

Larry Akey, Mark Cave, Sue Nyberg,
Sue Piper, Ed Robinson

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Kathy Bernardi, Betty Blackmon,
Kim Robinson, Chet Smeds

Alternates to Diocesan Convention

Cindy Hoover, Nancy Salmon



Coffee Hour Teams

Thanks are due to the following people who have volunteered to be on a coffee hour team in June:



8:00 AM	10:00 AM
6 Don & Louise Ford	<i>Summer Celebration</i>
13 Ellie Dennis Barbara Melton	Franco & Kathy Bernardi Tom & Pam Brisson
20 Dave & Cathy Francis	William & Paula Linihan
27 John & Sandra Parker Mel Morris	Glen & Betty Blackmon Larry Akey

Anyone who can help, either on a regular or an occasional basis with this ministry is invited to call Cathy Guadagni or Kathie Shannon.

June Blood Drive

The Bloodmobile will be in the church's east parking lot, beginning at 9:00 on Sunday, June 13. Anyone able to donate blood is encouraged to do so! Appointments may be made by calling Amy Cave.



Foyer Group Meeting

With the first "round" of foyer group meetings completed, new groups have been formed. All those who have signed up to be a part of a foyer group – both those who are continuing in the program and those who are new to it – are invited to Jack and Judy Ramirez's home at 2116 N. Ranch Street in Visalia on Friday, June 11, at 6:00 PM. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

For more information about this meeting or about foyer groups, parishioners should call Judy Ramirez.

Grief Recovery Group

The Grief Recovery Group will continue to meet during the summer months. The next meeting will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 15, at the home of Kashy Rowland-Smith, 2743 W. Harvard Avenue, Visalia.

The group is studying **Understanding Your Grief** by Alan D. Wolfelt, who serves as the Director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado.

For more information, interested persons should call Kashy Rowland-Smith or Betty Peters.

Church-family Night at Recreation Park



A special evening has been planned at Recreation Park for members of the parish and their guests! Everyone is invited to the ballpark on Friday, July 2, for a game that begins at 7:00 PM. The Rawhide will be playing the Stockton Ports.

Tickets are \$15 per person and St. Paul's has reserved the private seating in Toyota Terrace. Reservations need to be in by Sunday, June 20, but earlier reservations will help the church in planning for this special event.

Justice being taken away,
what are kingdoms but great robberies?

St. Augustine of Hippo
The City of God

Sequoia Deanery's Honduras Medical Mission

Thanks!

The Honduras Medical Mission of the Sequoia Deanery would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of St. Paul's Anglican Church for their support of our recent rummage sale.

We took in approximately \$2,400, which will help in the purchase of medications and supplies in Honduras. Your generosity, both in providing rummage and in assisting during the sale, was outstanding. We thank all of you so much.

The Team

There are thirteen people on the away team: three physicians, one medical intern, two nurses, and seven support persons. The support persons maintain the pharmacy, register patients, take blood pressures, respirations, pulse, and weight of each patient, manage paperwork, cook meals, provide programs for children, and any other job that needs to be done.

Team members are Larry Akey, Frances Levy, Betty Blackmon, Glen Blackmon, Steve Carstens, Jim Doe, Lina Naylor, Sue Nyberg, Donamay Reyes, Bill Roach, Shiela Roach, and Shrivas and Sue Sampath.

Location

We are again going to the small mountain village of Matazanales that is far removed from any medical care. Transportation to the nearest clinic is very scarce. For this reason, our doctors may be the only medical person they see on a yearly basis.

We leave on July 2 and ask your prayers for a safe and successful journey.

Bless you all,
Sequoia Deanery Honduras Medical Mission Team

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Summer Celebration Talent Show

The children and youth of St. Paul's Church are invited to perform in a talent show during the church's annual Summer Celebration on Sunday, June 6.

Children of all ages may participate, so anyone who can sing, dance, recite a poem, tell a joke, play a musical instrument or present any other talent is welcome.

Parents of interested students, or the students themselves, should contact Betsy Gates as soon as possible.

Summer School at St. Paul's School



Every summer, St. Paul's School offers a variety of week-long classes for the students in the community.

These classes are open to all, and are intended to provide opportunities for the students to explore new topics and to learn in a fun and engaging way.

There will be five separate one-week sessions, each with a variety of topics being offered. Catalogs with a description of the course offerings are available in the church office or from the school, which is located at 6101 W. Goshen Avenue. Their number is 739-1619.

- Session 1 – June 7-11
- Session 2 – June 14-18
- Session 3 – June 21-25
- Session 4 – June 28-July 2
- Session 5 – July 12-16



Summer Camp at Camp San Joaquin

Camp San Joaquin, located high in the mountains of Sequoia National Forest, is offering two camps for youth. Fees for both camps have been greatly reduced, thanks to a generous grant from a family trust. Details are listed below. Application forms are available in the church office.

High School Camp

All high school students, including those who will be entering high school next year, are invited to enjoy a variety of physical and spiritual activities in the beautiful setting of Camp San Joaquin.

Led by Fr. James and Fr. Snell (of St. Columba's Church in Fresno) camp will be Sunday, June 27 through Thursday, July 1. Cost for the entire camp is only \$129.

Youth Camp

Camp for students in grades 4-8 will be Wednesday, July 28 through Saturday, July 31. The camp will be led by the staff of St. Paul's School. Cost for the camp is only \$99.

Vacation Bible School

The life of St. Paul the Apostle will be the focus of this year's Vacation Bible School, which will be held from 9:00 to noon, Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23. During VBS, the children enjoy lessons, songs, stories, games, crafts and snacks.

Volunteers are now being recruited for this special week. No special skills are necessary! An informational meeting for volunteers will be held following the 10:00 service on Sunday June 13. For more information, please call Kashy Rowland-Smith

Congratulations Graduates!



The clergy and people of St. Paul’s Church congratulate members of the parish who graduate this year, and we offer our prayers for a bright and successful “next step” whether it is toward more education or a place in the work force.



Middle School

- Jimmy Bailey, St. Paul’s School Redwood High School
- Quinn Connors, St. Paul’s School Mt. Whitney High School
- Elizabeth Elliott, Green Acres Middle School Redwood High School
- Deanna Gonzales, St. Paul’s School El Diamante High School
- Jonathon Perez, Divisadero Middle School Mt. Whitney High School
- Stuart Shannon, Home-school Home-school

High School

- Jessica Armagost (Betty Peters’ granddaughter), Redwood High School Azusa Pacific University
- Katy Gunn, Golden West High School California State University, Fresno
- Natalie Hallberg, El Diamante High School College of the Sequoias
- Dallas Peters (Betty Peters’ grandson), Sanger High School University of California, Santa Barbara
- Paige Rogers, Redwood California State University, Fresno
- Spencer Shannon, Visalia Christian School College of the Sequoias

Colleges, Universities, and Graduate Schools

- Amy Cave Master of Science in Nursing
University of Phoenix
- Barbara Cooke Master of Arts in Playwriting
Royal Holloway University of London
- David Guadagni Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies
University of Oregon, Eugene
- Sean Lucas (Dale and Joan Wiley’s grandson) Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
California State University, Long Beach
- Molly Havard Bachelor of Science in Human Biology
Stanford University, Palo Alto, California

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Return Service Requested

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Parish in Visalia, California
A California Non-profit Corporation, the Very Rev. Richard I. James, Rector and President

From the Parish Records

Deaths

Nan Carstens – Steve Castens' mother
Margaret Foley
Lova Jenkins
Lois Johnson – Paula Lucero's mother
Douglas Lee
Juan Murillo – Karl Pendegraft's son-in-law
Boyd Murray – Bob Murray's brother

Directory Additions and Changes

Hernandez, Bobbie and Carin
Vincent, Christopher and Marcus
738 S. Redwood Drive
Visalia, CA 93277

Leal, Eugene and Victoria
Karli
4720 W. Tulare Avenue
Visalia, CA 93277

Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to help provide Altar flowers for the first Sunday of June, July or August is asked to call the church office at 732-4821. Cost: \$35

Sister Ursula's Kitchen

St. Paul's continues its ministry to the poor by helping prepare and serve meals (and clean up afterwards) at the Good News Center on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

There are two shifts each day – one from 9:45 to 11:15 to prepare food, and the other from 11:15 to 12:45 to serve and clean up. No particular skills are required, but a loving and caring disposition is appreciated.

Those interested in helping are asked to call Jim Doe or Barbara Melton.