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THE GOOD NEWS

To know Christ better and to make Him better known

SUBLIMINAL EVANGELISM

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When I was doing my undergraduate work at the University of Costa Rica one of the courses in the core curriculum was Principles of Marketing. One of the topics that came

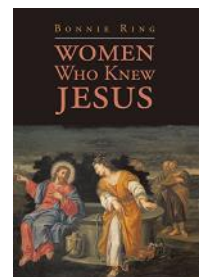
up during the semester was subliminal advertising. This form of advertising was highly hailed as an unacceptable way of influencing a person's mindset in regards to a particular product. Subliminal advertising is when a hidden message is flashed inside a commercial for such a short time that the viewer will not notice it, though it will be registered in your mind and subconscious. From what I heard in that class, what competitors of the companies who used this form of advertising were more upset about was that they had an unfair advantage in an otherwise fair market.

In recent weeks I started using the term *subliminal evangelism* as I reflect on ways in which we as Christians should go about sharing God's Good News with the world. As Christians in the Bay Area we are constantly facing the fact that we are living at a time and in the place where conversations about God are hard to come by and even when we do have them, we have to tiptoe around a mounting number of sensitivities. I sometimes think that the image of the cross is as fearful a symbol to some members of our neighboring communities as it was for those who lived in first century Rome. What also comes to mind is verse four of psalm 137 that reads: *Now how shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land.* Though Oakland and the Bay Area are the native or even very long term homeland for many, it may also seem like an alien land for evangelism. So, how can we evangelize in a land that sees such witness as foreign? Here is where subliminality comes in (and it goes along the lines of Jesus's

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WOMEN WHO WONDER

Women who Wonder will meet Tuesday, March 21. Join us for a time of meditation on scripture followed by lively conversation. It's never too late to learn and reflect on the women who knew Jesus! Dinner in the Chapter Room at 6:00 p.m. offers the opportunity to get to know each other better. We will be finished by 8:00. If you have questions, email annehj@aol.com.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT ST. PAUL'S

PANTRY OF HOPE

Item of the month

Please continue to support the work of our pantry by contributing items to its inventory.

March

Bottles of juice
Jams & jellies
Cereal

April

Bottles of juice
Jams & jellies
Cereal

May

Bottles of juice
Jams & jellies
Cereal

Bring your donations to church and place them in the offering basket in the narthex.

Thanks!



Guest Choir: African Methodist Episcopal Choir



Guest Choir: Allen Temple Men's Chorus



Guest Musicians: Stabe Wilson Band

WINNERS OF THE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE RACES



Clockwise from left: Yosi Samuel, Kimaura Wilson Morris, Daniel McAndrew, Michael Cowart- Kadleck, Vince Marletta, and Olivia Marletta.

SYMBOLS OF JOINT PUPPOSE



The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson with Head of St. Paul's Episcopal School, Josh Stern

ABSALOM JONES & RICHARD ALLEN CELEBRATION SERVICE



2016 OFFICERS OF THE VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson – *Rector*
Alice Brilmayer
Senior Warden
William (Bill) Davis
Junior Warden
James Kadleck
Clerk
Thomas (Tom) McGarrell
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2017
William (Bill) Davis
James Kadleck
Yuri Sikkema

Class of 2018
Alice Brilmayer
George Strait
Saundra Anderson

Class of 2019
Mel Behrendt
Pamela Kruse-
Buckingham
Irene Plunkett

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2015

Delegates

Scott Buckingham
Paula Hawthorn
Sheila Sims

Alternates

Izabella (Bella) Sempari
Pam Buckingham
Sheila Sims

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

SPECIAL MUSIC IN MARCH

Sunday, March 5

The First Sunday in Lent

10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, *Bach*;
O Lord, increase our faith, *Loosemore*;
Hide not thou thy face, *Farrant*; O
salutaris hostia, *Tallis*; Prelude and
Fugue in E Minor, *Bach*. Sung by St.
Paul's Choir; Christopher Kula, Interim
Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir;
Paco, Director.

4:00 pm, Evensong

Chapel College Ensemble of Men & Boys, Christopher Kula, Director.

Evensong is a short Anglican service combining the end-of-day monastic offices of Vespers and Compline. Since the latter part of the 16th century, England's greatest composers have contributed to the rich musical tradition of this uplifting and beautiful liturgy.

Sunday, March 12,

The Second Sunday in Lent

10:00am, Choral Eucharist

Méditation, *Durulfle*; Decalogue, *Saunders*; God so loved the world, *Goss*; Lord, let me know mine end, *Greene*; Ciacona in C Minor, *Buxtehude*. Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director.

Sunday, March 19

The Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Sarabande (In Modo Eliagico), *Howells*; Steal away, *Hogan*; Greater love hath no man, *Ireland*; Nolo mortem peccatoris, *Morley*; Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, *Bach*. Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director.

Sunday, March 19, 4 p.m.

San Francisco Choral Artists: Witches, Saints, and Mothers: Music By and About Women

SFCA presents the vibrant voices of women past and present in their poems, letters, laments, and proclamations.

This program of music for a cappella chamber choir will consider women's roles through history—some chosen, some not—and feature women composers of many eras, both legendary and newly emerging, including Hildegard von Bingen, Maddalena Casulana, Fanny Hensel, Pauline Oliveros, Chen Yi, Meredith Monk, Elinor Armer, Linda Mankin, Alice Parker, Imogen Holst, and settings of HD by the winners of the *New Voices Project*, James May and Ben Zucker.

More info and tickets at sfca.org

Sunday, March 26

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am, Choral Eucharist

Ciacona in E minor, *Buxtehude*; Jesu, the very thought of thee, *Bairstow*; O thou, the central orb, *Wood*; Prevent us, O Lord, *Byrd*; Hilf Gott, dass mir's gelinge, *Bach*. Christopher Kula, Interim Music Director. St. Paul's Bell Choir; Paco, Director.

8:00 pm, Compline

Gregorian chant, polyphony of Byrd, Tallis, Victoria, in candlelight.

Compline, a service of psalms and prayers, has been sung 'at the close of day' in monasteries, convents and churches for many centuries, and is one of the best-loved services of the Church. Sung by St. Paul's Choir.

Newsletter contributors sought

We are interested in hearing from writers and photographers; please email us if you would like to donate your talents.

The deadline for each edition is the 15th of the month previous to publication.

Please send your submissions of no more than 500 words to: halice@pacbell.net.

LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday service with Eucharist
7 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in Chapel, 7 p.m.
in Church

Every Sunday, March 5 through April 9:

Catechumenate, 11 a.m. to 12 noon
Lenten Series, Following the 10 a.m.
Service, Parish Hall

Every Monday, March 6 through April 10:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Tuesday, March 7 through April 4:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Wednesday, March 8 through April 5:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel,
Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m. in Church;
Supper and Program, 7:00 p.m.

Every Thursday, March 2 through April 13:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel

Every Friday, March 3 through April 7:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. in Chapel,
Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday – April 9:

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m.
Choral Eucharist 10 a.m.

Holy Wednesday – April 12:

The Service of Tenebrae, 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 13:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 14:

The Service of Good Friday, 12:00 noon
– 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 15:

The Great Vigil of Easter 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 16:

Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
Festival Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

*Easter Potluck brunch and Egg Hunt
following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy.*

SAVE Stands-Ins against gun violence

SAVE (Soldiers Against
Violence Everywhere)
Oakland is taking a non-
violent stand against the
rampant murders in our
community by having
“Stand-Ins” from 11 a.m. –
noon near where a person
was recently killed. Please
contact Paula Hawthorn,
510-601-8388, if you would
like to participate.
Upcoming dates and
locations are:

- 3/11/17
E. 18th & 2nd Avenue
- 4/8/17
8th & Adeline

Contact [Save@Truevine-
Ministries.com](mailto:Save@Truevine-Ministries.com) to be put
on the email list for future
Stand-Ins.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH POTLUCK

Our potluck to celebrate Women's History Month will take place on March 19.
Plan to share a meal with our St. Paul's family.

If you'd like to contribute to the feast, bring something you've either cooked or
bought. Alice will be in the kitchen before and after the 10:00 am service.

See you there!

LOOK! WE'RE MOVING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

Using your Smartphone, scan this QR Code to make a digital
offering to St. Paul's Church. Your donation will be processed
through SPEC's PayPal account. Please add 3% for processing.



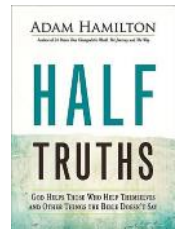
2017 SUNDAY LENTEN SERIES: HALF TRUTHS

In the Chapter Room, following the 10:00 a.m. Service

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Join Adam Hamilton in this 5-week Bible study to search for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture. The clichés include:

Everything happens for a reason.	March 5
God helps those who help themselves.	March 12
God won't give you more than you can handle.	March 19
God said it, I believe it, that settles it.	March 26
Love the sinner, hate the sin.	April 2



WORSHIP ROTA ONLINE

The current rota for the Sunday worship services is posted on the St. Paul's

Web site at :

[http://](http://www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule)

www.stpaulsoakland.org/RotaSchedule

The rota includes the names of readers, sub-deacons, intercessors, and lay Eucharistic ministers.

New volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Fr.

Mauricio or the Ven.

Carolyn Bolton to volunteer or if you have any questions.

2017 CATECHUMENATE

Are you seeking to be Baptized, Confirmed, to be received into the Episcopal Church, or to reaffirm your faith?

During the season of Lent we will be having classes for those who wish to become a member of the church through one of these rites. Following the general structure of an ancient church practice, the candidates will be received into the order of catechumens the first Sunday in Lent and the classes will be held from 11am to 12 noon on Sunday mornings.

Baptisms will take place at the Easter Vigil on April 15 at 8pm.

Confirmations, receptions and renewal of Vows will be at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco on June 3, 2017.

Please speak to Fr. Wilson to enroll in the program and for more information.

March 5: The Baptismal Covenant – Rev. Anne Jensen

March 12: The Outline of Faith – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 19: Anglicanism – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

March 26: The Bible – Rev. Mauricio Wilson

April 2: Holy Women, Holy Men - Rev. Anne Jensen

April 9: Baptismal Ministry – Rev. Anne Jensen

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: TIME TO SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 12.



2017 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES

5 MARKS OF LOVE:

LIVING LIFE MARKED AS CHRIST'S OWN

A discipleship offering inspired by the Anglican Marks of Mission. In this six-week series we will be examining and reflecting on the ways in which God's Life and God's Mission express themselves in and through us. Inspired by the Anglican "Marks of Mission," we will look for signs of God's presence and activity in our lives, in our communities, and in the world around us. How does this Divine Life express itself in and through us? If we are "marked as Christ's own forever," what are the "marks of love" that reflect and manifest the life of God abiding and at work within us? In this six-week program, we will observe and reflect on the ways in which God's life expresses itself in us and through us.

Specifically, we see God's life at work within us as we:

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| 1. Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (TELL). | March 8 |
| 2. Teach, baptize and nurture new believers (TEACH). | March 15 |
| 3. Respond to human need by loving service (TEND). | March 22 |
| 4. Transform unjust structures, challenge violence of every kind,
and pursue peace and reconciliation (TRANSFORM). | March 29 |
| 5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew the life of the earth (TREASURE). | April 5 |

This series is not about telling people what to do. Rather, it hopes to help us all reflect on how we might live more fully. We are encouraged to balance action with contemplation, so that our words and deeds proceed from the deepest places of our hearts, where God dwells. We are to offer ourselves, body and soul, to God's Mission, and to live for God's glory. We pray that we all may learn to speak clearly and truthfully, and to act with integrity, motivated always by hearts overflowing with God's love.

Living Life Marked as Christ's Own

Evening prayer is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the church, followed by a soup and bread supper and discussion at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



MEN WHO WANDER

Men who Wander will gather on Tuesday, March 21. We will be discussing what it means to take up our cross and follow Christ. Come join other testosterone bearing parishioners for fellowship and the exploration of our city's pubs and microbreweries.



Dear Readers:

In an effort to reduce paper waste and printing/ mailing expenses, we are asking anyone who gets the on-line version of The Good News and no longer needs a paper version mailed to his or her home to let us know. If you don't get the newsletter online and would like to, or if you want to take yourself off the snail-mail list, please contact Parish Administrator at 834 -4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. Many thanks.



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Services

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*
10 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*

4 p.m. *Evensong*
(First Sundays, Oct.-June)

8 p.m. *Compline*
(4th Sundays only)

WEDNESDAYS

12:10 p.m. *Holy Eucharist*
(with Healing prayer on
the 1st Wednesday of the
month)

SUBLIMINAL EVANGELISM

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command to not stand at the street corners to let your piety be known by all). My suggestion is that the Gospel message needs to be at the tip of our tongues, be central to our actions and be what binds our relationships. We need not smack people on the head with the Bible and its teachings, but rather we need to reach their subconscious, the deepest recesses of their hearts and minds. Effective evangelism does not come from the ability to quote chapter and verse but rather living them 24/7/365.

The message we deliver as Christians, as God's people in the world, ought to be so deeply embedded in us that we are ourselves unaware of the moments in which it is revealed. However, others will notice that a message has been delivered even if they are not certain of exactly what it is or the long term effect it will have on their own lives and their desire to be in relationship with God.