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THE GOOD NEWS

TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN

Rector's Message

Easter Blessings

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Wilson



We all know how important Easter is to the Christian faithful. As it is said in the news media: "Easter is the most important Feast of the Christian Faith." The last two years of resurrection celebrations at St. Paul's have been a little extra special. Last year we were still not able to worship together inside the building, but we closed down our portion of Montecito Avenue and brought worship out to the street. This year we were inside once again. It was also the day with our highest attendance since Christmas 2019.

As I peered out into the congregation, I spent time trying to recognize the faces behind the masks. Many I recognized immediately, while others took a little longer, particularly those of our younger members who have grown a bit and whose features have changed. Eventually I was able to identify approximately 95 percent of those who were present. Afterwards, as I went about recovering from the festivities, I thought about who was not there. I had to remind myself that this was not the Easter environment of 2019 or the years before. This is the Easter of a continued pandemic that has kept us apart and changed things in our lives and communities in ways that will last for a long time into the future. As an individual from another local Episcopal congregation said, "I don't know how long it will be before I decide to go back to worshipping in a building." This is part of the reality we have for ministry into the foreseeable future.

The St. Paul's of April 2022 is not the St. Paul's January 2020, and it never will be again. We have been transformed in many ways, some yet unknown. Chances are that there is no vaccine, booster or mask that will assist in returning to who we thought we were back then. I venture to guess that the bigger question for us is: how do we live into who we are called to be today?

I wish to invite us all into discerning God's continued call to ministry for our St. Paul's family. Chances are that the ultimate goal of this calling hasn't changed one bit, but we all recognize that the environment in which we are to exercise this ministry is new. The Good News for us is what hasn't changed, Jesus Lives. This is the fundamental truth of our faith, what we are called to share with the world, and it serves as our inspiration.

Happy Easter Season to you all, whether we were able to share in person or spiritually at a distance. May you find yourself dreaming and living into new possibilities with a deep sense of Christian resurrection hope.

Spirituality: Living as Easter People

The Rev. Anne Jensen

Easter at St. Paul's was such a joyous occasion this year! We were blessed with sunshine, gorgeous music, spectacular flowers and enthusiastic hymn singing. All our senses were alive with the greatness of the day. The gathered community celebrated the Resurrection with joy and gladness, and most importantly, we were together in person!

The Easter season lasts for seven weeks, during which we discover, with the disciples, that Jesus is still present with them in post-Resurrection appearances. According to scripture, Jesus ascends to the Father after six and a half weeks. Jesus is with us as the risen Christ, and he is always with us.



Easter people are people of hope and expectation. We have seen that death does not have the last word, and we believe that when we die, we will be received into God's open arms. Easter people anchor themselves in God's love for them and for all others. This isn't always easy, and when we fall short, we count on God's mercy and forgiveness. We are a people of many new beginnings.

Easter people are grateful: grateful for the gift of life and for the presence of others in their lives. We are grateful for the mysteries of creation, remembering our creator when we see a daisy blooming through a crack in the wall, and when we crest a foothill and see a spectacular range of snow-capped mountains.

As people who celebrate Easter, we also have the gift of each other. We form a caring and supportive community. We look out for each other, we help in material ways, and we help in spiritual ways through holy conversation and in our prayers.

While Easter people know the joy, we are not immune to the hard parts of life. Then we turn to the one who has promised to be with us always. Retired now, Bishop Steve Charleston, who also was a Native American elder, wrote on the day after Easter:

"The more uncertain the world becomes, the tighter my grip on the faith that sustains me. I am not necessarily brave by nature. I am not even strong. But I have a deep confidence based on experience. I know where I need to be when the storm clouds gather. In the Spirit is my life grounded. In the heart of the sacred I will take my stand. The storms may rise and howl, but I will not turn from them, for I have the power of mercy above me, and the source of every hope by my side. I give my trust to the unseen that I may behold more clearly the coming of peace, the presence of peace, in the lives of all who love." (Steve Charleston, [Facebook entry for April 18, 2022](#))

In the gospel of John, Jesus says to his disciples, "Remain in me, and I will remain in you." (John 15:4). Later he adds, "Remain in my love...I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 16:9ff). May we be filled with joy!

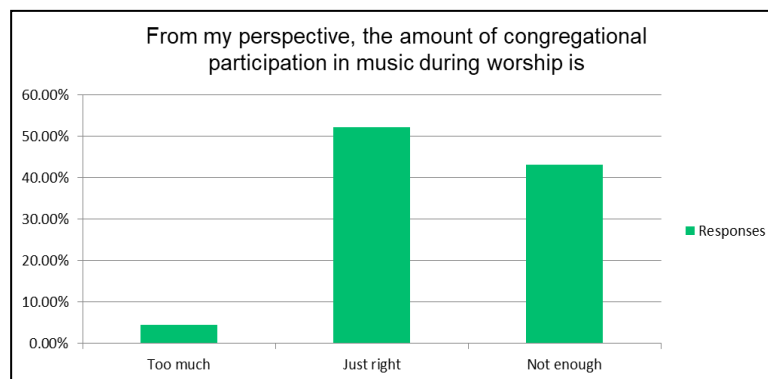
Music Director Search Update

Sharon Pilmer

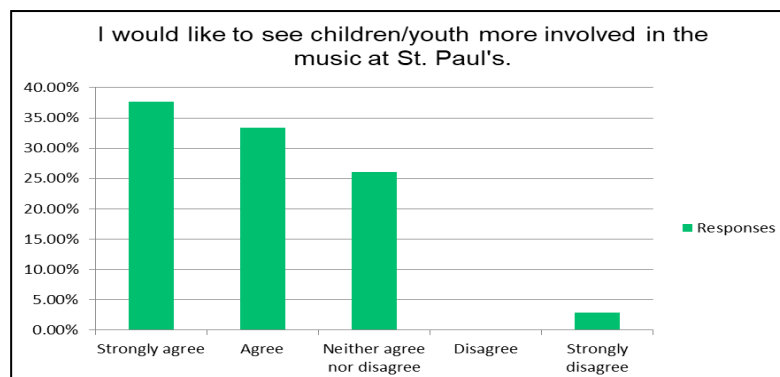
The congregation-wide music director search survey closed on April 20. We had 69, which for a parish of our size is very good. The results of our survey will help inform our job posting and search process. Thank you to all who participated!

The results presented here are preliminary, as we are still reading and digesting the comments you offered. When we are finished with our analysis, additional information will be made available.

The majority of respondents felt that the music at St. Paul's adds to their worship experience.

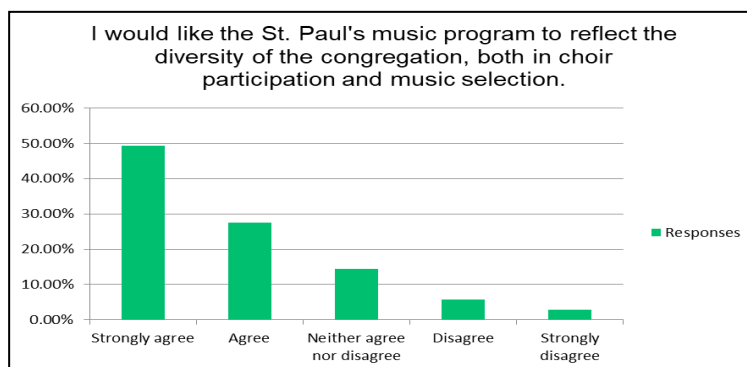


There is opportunity for the music director to engage with and encourage more congregational participation.

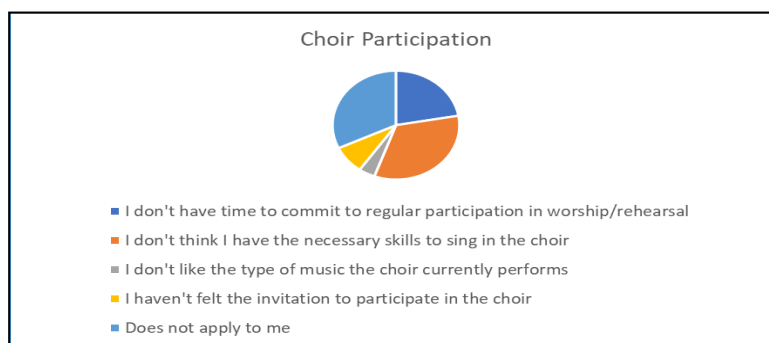
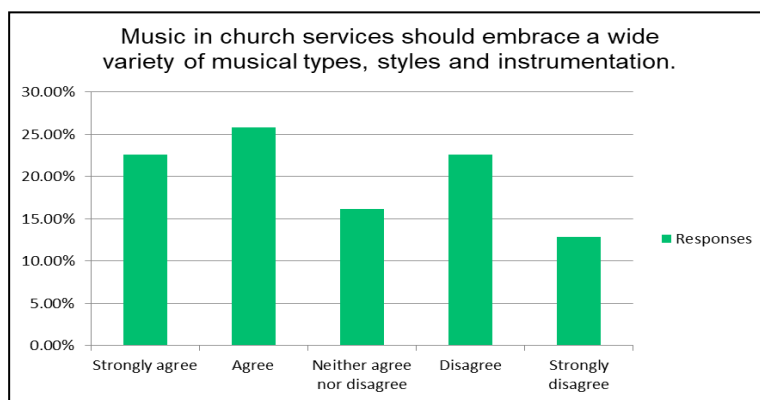


Most respondents felt they would like to see more opportunity for children to participate. In the comments, however, many recognized the impact of the pandemic on family attendance and the challenges of building a children's program under the current circumstances.

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The responses to this question, and the ones that follow, suggest there is opportunity to diversify our music in worship.



Lack of time to commit to regular participation and the perception of “inadequate skills” were the primary reasons listed for lack of choir participation, for those who might otherwise be inclined to do so.

NEXT STEPS:

The search committee will be sharing these results with vestry on April 26 and with the wider parish during a town hall meeting, most likely via zoom during the week of May 9. The choir had an additional survey to complete, and we will be having conversation with them within the next several weeks. We are simultaneously working to craft a job posting and refining the job description. We are working through the next steps of our process which will include where to post, how to screen candidates, what materials will need to be submitted, how we will select and interview finalists, and how we will make our decision. A reminder that the committee's charge is to make a RECOMMENDATION of a few candidates to the rector, as ultimately it will be Fr. Mauricio's decision. Our goal through this entire process is to be transparent, inclusive and respectful. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions or additional comments.

Senior Warden's Message

Youth Ministry

Maura Lane

It was wonderful to see so many of you on Easter Sunday – both new and familiar faces. Thank you, Deacon Carolyn, for the wonderful brunch and the opportunity you gave us to serve and spend time with one another.

A child asked me a question last week that has been resonating with me as we continue the search for a youth minister. The question was this: “why do my parents make me come here every week?” Rather than give her my opinion, I asked her what she thought. Her response was “we don’t have a babysitter”.

I read Forward Day by Day every morning as part of my preparation for the day. The author for the month of April has been Patrick Kangrga, a lay minister serving as the director of youth ministries at St. James Episcopal Church in Jackson, Mississippi. He wrote about his own faith journey and why he loves working with youth.

When I was a child, we attended church every week. There was no illness, activity or visitor that got in the way of this weekly family commitment. Houseguests went to church with us. Woe to us if we didn’t behave during the service. No one answered our questions about why we had to attend, no matter the weather. When we visited relatives or traveled – guess what? We went to church.

To me, the best times were when we had a Sunday School teacher or a young priest who found ways to incorporate the service into activities that had meaning to us as children. Some of my fondest memories at St. Paul’s were participating in the Faith Quest program. It really made my morning.

Patrick Kangrga writes that youth enjoy “fun and food”. There is a myriad of ways to include learning about the church without it being boring. A good youth minister knows this. It is important to get the right fit for this very important role. Please pray for the Vestry and applicants as we go through this process. Our children deserve the best! See you in church.



Stewardship and the Environment

Indira Balkisson, Stewardship Committee

In this time of renewal and as part of our responsibility as stewards of the environment, our stewardship committee is exploring how we can better show our gratitude to the earth. So we thought we might start with pollinators. A pollinator helps the flowers and plants by carrying pollen to fertilize and produce fruit. Pollinators include insects and animals - such as bees, wasps, moths, butterflies, birds, flies and small mammals. Pollinators are important because they help create the food we eat, stabilize our soil, and clean our air. A fun project that everyone of all ages can do together is to identify the pollinators around us. One of the most well-known in California and Mexico is the Monarch butterfly. It lives on various types of milkweed. If you have milkweed in your yard, or know where milkweed is located in a local park, you might be lucky enough to find a male or female Monarch butterfly, an egg, or larvae. If you would like to learn more about pollina-



tors, Monarchs, or milkweed, go to the Pollinator Posse's Website <https://pollinatorposse.org/> Happy Earth Season!!!



[Editor's note: I, too am a long-time fan of Monarchs. In the 1950's, the vacant lots in Lafayette were full of milkweed and Monarch caterpillars. My brother and I raised a few larvae in a large glass jar, admiring the turquoise chrysalises that became transparent just before the butterflies emerged. Of course, we liberated them to be pollinators! – Carolyn Knapp]

St. Paul's in a novel?



“There is much that you might recognize . . .,”

writes The Rev. Polly Hilsabeck, associate rector at St. Paul's from 1986-89, of her recently-released novel, *American Blues*, which is partly set in Oakland. “My rich experience of ministry with St. Paul's Church, School, and Towers, in large part, helped fuel and shape the race-gender-church intersectional story,” she says.

You can find out more about the book by visiting her website, www.pollyhamiltonhilsabeck.com, where you can also discover how to get in touch with this blast from our past.



The St. Paul's Legacy Society: Gift Planning

Douglas Jensen

Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support and appreciation for St Paul's and its mission while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate planning, and philanthropic goals. Well laid plans may protect your assets, provide for your family, reduce your family's tax burden, and provide income for your life.

So, what are the various gift options most often used to create a legacy through a planned gift?

BEQUEST IN A WILL OR TRUST

This is the most common approach and may be in a specific dollar amount or a percentage — for example, "To St. Paul's Church, a Not For Profit Corporation, located in Oakland, California, I leave 20% of the remainder of my estate." In addition, gifts could include Appreciated Securities, Real Estate, or Tangible Personal Property.

BENEFICIARY of IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

This the most tax-efficient method — for example, designating St. Paul's Church, a Not For Profit Corporation located in Oakland California, to receive 40% of the proceeds of my IRA. To do this, just call the toll-free number on your plan statement and ask for a change of beneficiary form. The same is true for life insurance.

BENEFICIARY OF A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

This vehicle provides an assured lifetime income and then provides a benefit to the church. A tax deduction will also be available.

For help in deciding which means may be best in your situation or for your intentions, or if you want more information, feel free to call our consultant, The Rev. Richard Schaper, CFP, at 415-717-3225.

SUGGESTED BEQUEST WORDING

You can simply add a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust providing a gift of a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the remainder of your estate. Your attorney will be able to help with the specific language best for you.

On Sunday June 26th after the 10:00 o'clock service, the St. Paul's Legacy Task Force is sponsoring a "Planned Giving Workshop" that will be led by our consultant, The Rev. Richard Schaper, CFP. He will be our preacher that day. Then, during the workshop, he will review the many ways you can give to support St. Paul's for our future, compare these options, and discuss the vehicles you may use by sharing stories and examples of giving that he has seen during his many years working as the Gift Planning Officer for the Diocese of California. We hope you will attend this very informative session and eventually become a Founding Member of the St. Paul's Legacy Society.

If you have already made provisions for St. Paul's in your will or estate plan, please let us know by calling the church office at 510-834-4314. If you are comfortable, we want to be able to formally recognize those who, by virtue of their planned giving, will become members of the St. Paul's Legacy Society. Also, if you intend to include St. Paul's in your will or estate plans, please call the church office.

Also, if you have questions or would like more information about including St. Paul's in your estate plans, please call the church office (see above), and we will put you in touch with our consultant or the Diocesan Gift Planning Officer.



Living Generously

Indira Balkissoon

Vestry Liason for Stewardship



As I begin my term as a St. Paul's Vestry member, it is my honor to be liaison for Stewardship. According to Davey Gerhard of the Diocese of California, "Stewardship is about sharing our gifts with each other and our community. It is the reason we give our money, time, and energy to the church. Stewardship includes love and theology. It is not just about raising money. Stewardship is a communal activity that brings together all of the pieces of our lives to an attitude of generosity and abundance. Stewardship is about the life of our community. The question is: how can we support one another? Sharing is a discipline and something that we work on together. Generosity comes from within from our faith and from our love".

I have been listening to Davey Gerhard's Stewardship Conversation Series entitled "A Year of Living Generously". The series begins with stewardship stories of gratitude. The initial discussions focus on our experiences and relationship to money and how that impacts our ability to be generous. I have learned that we all come from different places related to money and possessions. They are not always good places, and they impact our conversation about stewardship and our ability to be generous. Stewardship stories tell of our capacity for generosity and inspire others.

He further states that generosity should be natural expressions of the love we have for our neighbor or our own joy in ministry. Part of this journey is to share our stories and to keep sharing them as we grow and change over the course of our lives.

So, I thought I would share my Stewardship story about what I love about St. Paul's. I was raised Episcopal and attended church off and on over the years. Prior to St. Paul's, I was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading, MA. I taught Sunday school and was part of a ministry to develop a low water use landscape for the church. My mother, Gloria Balkissoon, was a member of St. Paul's; she loved many things about the church and found a supportive community there. One day, I asked her what she would like me to do with her and she said go to church. So I began attending services and fell in love with St. Paul's and its community. Among the many things I like about St. Paul's are the different backgrounds and experiences of the congregation and clergy. I support St. Paul's through my donations, time, and energy. I am looking forward to joining in Stewardship conversations with you as we journey together in this year of living generously.

A Big Shout-out for Paula Hawthorn!

Paula is featured in the Episcopal News Service article on Guns to Gardens (see next article). Check it out!

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/04/26/episcopalians-help-launch-national-weapons-buybacks-on-june-11-to-turn-guns-into-garden-tools/>

Any member of the Parish may attend Vestry meetings, which are at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted; the full minutes of the meeting are available to parish members upon request by contacting the parish administrator or a member of the Vestry

THE 2022 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio
Wilson, Rector
Maura Lane,
Senior Warden
Will Cowart Jr.,
Junior Warden
Flarnie Adams,
Clerk
Ann Goggins Gregory
Treasurer

VESTRY BY CLASS

Class of 2022
Will Cowart
Ann Gregory
Sharon Pilmer
Class of 2023
Flarnie Adams
Brian Stanke
Maura Lane
Class of 2024
Indira Balkissoon
Matthew Schooler
One to be appointed

DEANERY DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES 2022

Delegates
Melanie Blake
Jeanette Dinwiddie-Moore
Tom McGarrell

Alternates
-vacancy-

Highlights from the 26 April 2022 Vestry Meeting

Editors' note: No highlights were submitted this month. There will be a two-meeting summary in the next newsletter!

Guns to Gardens

Matthew Schooler

Vestry Liason for Outreach and Social Justice

It has been a good Eastertide and we at St. Paul's want to be a beacon of Christian service to our surrounding communities. We are looking to form a Community Outreach and Social Justice Committee at St Paul's and we will be starting in the near future. This past month has been busy with the Pantry of Hope continuing their vital ministry to serve

those in need in Oakland. Donations to this important ministry are always needed for the bi-monthly food distribution.

In other important outreach and social justice ministry, we are taking part in the faith-based Guns to Gardens to buy back guns and make them into art and garden tools. Paula Hawthorn has been a tremendous force in implementing this program in Oakland. I was at a press conference held by faith and city



leaders and Oakland PD for the new program. There was a great deal of excitement as it is of vital importance to take a stand against the epidemic of gun violence in Bay Area cities. Please look for future announcements of this important program and learn how you can be a part of Guns to Gardens, and check the St. Paul's website for more information.

This picture was taken at At Thy Word Ministries in Oakland. In the front row, from the left, is Debbie Witherspoon, Moms Demand Action, Paula Hawthorn, Michael Ubell, Brady United, Preston Hawthorn, the Scout who will be organizing his group to attach the handles to the tools. The

back row from the left is OPD Captain Roland Holmgren, our blacksmith John Rogers, the founder of Guns to Gardens Michael Martin, OPD Chief Leronne Armstrong, Pastor Billy Dixon, city Councilmember Treva Reid, City Councilmember Dan Kalb, and Patty Hall, Faith in Action.



Treasurer's Update

Ann Goggins Gregory

Through the first three months of the year, we continue to see below-budget revenue and expenses. Though still under budget for pledge and plate, we did see a healthy increase in pledge revenue in March vs. previous months. This is consistent with historical trends for the church, where pledge revenue picks up in the spring.

See summary and additional notes on trends below.



	Year-to-date actuals as of March 31, 2022	Year-to-date budget through March 31, 2022
Revenue	\$66,823	\$86,196
Expense	\$112,795	\$126,629
Net Income	(\$45,972)	(\$40,433)

REVENUE DYNAMICS:

Pledges exceeded budget by \$5K in March; we are \$4.5K under budget year to date (\$38K actual vs. \$42.5K budgeted).

Plate was \$2.8K under budget for March and \$8.7K under year to date (\$5K actual vs. \$13.8K budgeted).

Other revenue items are tracking very close to budget for the year.

EXPENSE DYNAMICS:

Personnel is under budget, driven by the open Children & Youth Ministries position.

Other expense items are tracking very close to budget for the year.

On the balance sheet / investment side of things, the financial markets have had a rough and tumultuous Q1 of 2022. We are down about ~\$240K year to date on a \$2.5M initial balance (this is about where we were in February as well). As Father Mauricio often says, "St. Paul's is a long-term player" as our assets support the church over the longer-term. We continue to monitor the market and are in frequent touch with our Merrill Lynch financial advisors.

As always, I'm available for your questions or comments at goggins.gregory@gmail.com.

Passings

Maria Paull 1963-2022

The St. Paul's community was saddened to learn of the death of Maria Paull, a newly-elected Vestry member, on March 10th. Although she only joined the parish shortly before the pandemic began, Maria enthusiastically participated in most of its activities. She was a lively presence at many Zoom study groups and meetings, and she volunteered to be Altar Guild director.



According to her surviving son, Liam, "Maria Cecilé Paull was born in Fort Morgan, Colorado, where her father was the rector of St. Charles the Martyr Episcopal Church. As a girl, she was gregarious, and always made her presence known." Work with her high school ceramics teacher earned her a scholarship to California College of Arts and Crafts, where she graduated with a double BFA in Life Drawing and Ceramics in 1986.

The new century saw her return to school and earn master's degrees in Marriage Family Therapy and Art Therapy. She opened a private practice, writes Liam, "which took off and helped many. Her perseverance, resilience and work ethic was a great inspiration for her son, and her compassion and generosity were evident to all who knew her. ... Up until the end, her focus was on the wellbeing of others."

Maria loved animals, especially her rescue tabby cat, Shardul, and kung fu movies, and she practiced Indonesian martial arts.

She will be greatly missed by her family and church community.

Myrtle Robinson 1930-2022

Saundra Robinson

Late in her life, Myrtle Murphy Robinson joined St. Paul's, where she quickly became a faithful worshipper, and, when her strength permitted, she helped pack grocery bags for the Pantry of Hope and wrote the parish birthday cards.

Myrtle D. Murphy, was born in Kingston, Jamaica, on December 3, 1930. She was the eldest of three children and at age 16 immigrated to the United States. Having no work experience, she volunteered with the National Urban League in NYC before being hired as part of Lester Granger's executive secretary pool.

By 1956 Myrtle was working at Tennessee Agricultural and Industrial State University for Professor of Air Science and Tactics, Major Dudley M. Watson. Major Watson ran the University's Air Force ROTC



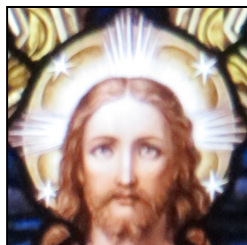
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The Windows of St. Paul's

Robert Knapp

Christ Commissioning the Disciples

A radiant Christ holds a scroll open toward the viewer. He raises his right hand with fingers in the benediction configuration, a gesture used, among other times, at the end of the service when the congregation is dismissed to go forth into the world (*Ite, [congregatio] missa est*). The scroll displays his words commissioning the eleven loyal disciples: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy



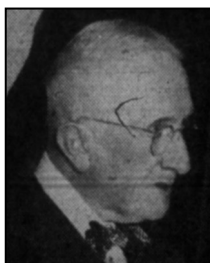
Ghost." (Matthew 28:19) The Gospel states that Jesus issued the commission in Galilee; here, the Sea of Galilee can be seen in the background. Four stars surround Christ's head to symbolize the four Gospels. The flowers and plants in the lower right and to the

left do not seem to have any symbolic resonance.

Text on Glass:

In memory of Susan Shedd Avery

Susan Shedd Avery died in 1894, the widow of William Loring Avery (Averill) (1824-1879). She is the mother of Frank M. Avery (1867-1955), her only child. Frank Avery was a long-standing leader in St. Paul's over at least a fifty-year period. Presumably, he commissioned this window in memory of his mother.

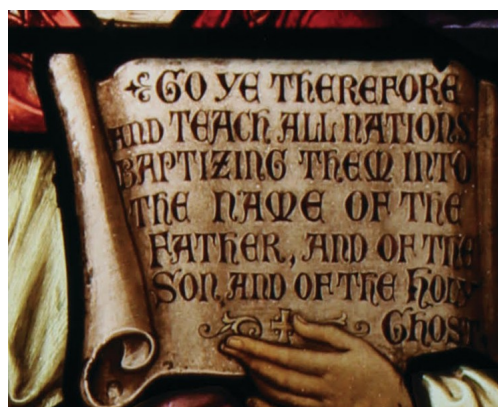


*Frank M. Avery in
about 1949*



This window in the shape of a trefoil arch was new and in place at the consecration of St. Paul's in 1912. It is located in the [Chapel of Peace](#) (click to see its location).

The artist is unknown.



Concerts at St. Paul's Vicki Larson

Redhot & Blue at St. Paul's Oakland!

Concert, 7:00 pm, Sunday, May 15



Redhot & Blue is Yale's oldest, jazziest all-gender a cappella group. They have pushed boundaries since their inception in 1977, when their founding two women assembled a vocal supergroup to bring high-fidelity SATB jazz harmonies to campus for the first time. Just like the jazz greats they always honor, they perform music that shows how jazz both inspires and reflects the world around it. At the core of their repertoire are jazz standards, but they have put a Redhot spin on a number of pop and R&B tunes.

Don't miss the chance to see this premier vocal group on their first tour outside New England since spring 2020!

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, May 22,
2022

3:00 PM

(Preconcert talk at
2:40PM)

2021-2022 Concert Series

Celebrating 57 Years of Music Making

Ludwig van Beethoven

Symphony No. 3 in E^b Major "Eroica"

Richard Strauss

Salome – Dance of the Seven Veils



ADMISSION FREE

Tickets are required to attend this concert. Please go to www.prometheussymphony.org for ticket information.

Audience members must show proof of full vaccination including boosters for admittance. Masks are required when in the church. Families with children (all fully vaccinated) are always welcome and the facility is wheelchair accessible.

We will be recording the concert for later publication so if you don't have a ticket, you can still see the concert.

There is no admission fee for our concerts, but donations are gratefully accepted.

MAY WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. PAUL'S

All events this month will be in person. For the latest schedule and any rules about COVID precautions, please check the church website: <https://www.stpaulsoakland.org/>.

Most services will also be live-streamed on the Church's Facebook page. For details, go to the church website.

Myrtle Robinson-continued

program, was a Tuskegee Airman pilot, and was Maxie & Myrtle's matchmaker. They married a year later and in 1958, Sandra was born. Soon afterwards, Maxie received orders to move to West Germany while Myrtle pursued getting her citizenship papers so they could join him at Ramstein Air Base. In recent years, Myrtle said that growing up in Jamaica she would have never imagined living in Germany and traveling extensively throughout Europe. It was a dream. Maxie L. Robinson, the 3rd, was born in 1962, after the family returned to the United States. Two years later, Maxie, Jr., retired and the family relocated west to Los Angeles, then to Covina, CA.

Mom transitioned away from civilian employment with the Air Force to employment within the private sector and enjoyed her ARCO years, which included working in the Office of the President, Employee Relations and in the Public Affairs office, the most.

In Kingston, Myrtle attended Sunday school at St. George's Anglican Church. Her first U.S. church home was Trinity Church in Montclair, N.J. Her membership at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena was the most lengthy of all her church homes. Upon retirement, she and Maxie moved to Highland, CA., and despite the distance (120 miles round trip), her volunteerism ultimately focused on running their soup kitchen, Union Station. She had always dreamed of visiting the Holy Lands, a trip she and her sister-in-law, Lola, took together.

Myrtle and Maxie were married sixty wonderful years. Maxie passed away on September 6, 2017. Myrtle is survived by her children, Sandra and Max, and her grandchildren—Antigone, Anastasia and Winston Robinson and Andre Lusan; her niece and nephews—Judy, David and Patrick Murphy, her sister-in-law Lola Vaz-Murphy and cousin-in-law Phyllis Welsh and the Welsh Family. From Maxie's side of the family, many cousins and, of course, a host of friends.



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Currently, the newsletter is not being distributed by regular post. If you know of someone who does not have access to the electronic version, please contact Parish Administrator at 834-4314, Ext. 501 or admin@stpaulsoakland.org. She will make a hardcopy and send it.

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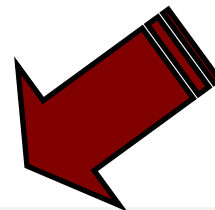
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From the Editors:

Watch for news on these fronts next month!



St. Paul's History

The publication process of *Faith and Mission*, the St. Paul's history, continues. We hope the book will be available in May.

Development of a strategic plan for St. Paul's.

Good News on hiatus in July and August

Just a heads up. The June edition (the one after this) will be the last regular one until September 1st. Please get any summer announcements to us by May 25th – and save up reports of summer activities to send in late August.