Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this in the 1st week of Easter, at the start of a season of profound hope in the Christian Church. This is certainly a season of hope within our Church family. God is doing a new thing among us as we embark on our first-ever Capital Campaign to raise money for improvements to our Church and Parish Hall.

You may not know that David and I own a home in Colorado Springs that was built the same year as our Church, 1900. I love the character of old buildings, but their charm doesn’t come without the need for ongoing attention and renovation. Over the past 119 years, various updates have been made to our little Church: The sacristy was added, seismic reinforcements were put between the ceiling joists, a fire suppression system was installed, and the stained glass windows have been repaired and sealed. At some point early in the 20th century the entire building was moved! Later on, the beautiful reredos and our current organ were given to us.

Now our beloved Church home is in need of some further renovation. Our Vestry and Building Committee have been working very hard over the past year to discern our needs, our budget, and the best possible design plans.

Our project will improve St. Paul’s Church in three important ways:

1. Make our Church and the Parish Hall more accessible for those with mobility issues,
2. Improve our Music Ministry with a newly refurbished organ, and
3. Remodel our Chancel and breezeway to better facilitate both worship and outreach ministries.

We are calling our campaign to accomplish these goals “OPEN TO ALL” because these improvements will indeed make our facilities more open to all who use them – church members, those whom we serve in ministry, and our community friends alike.

We are hopeful that you will join us in this project by contributing to our capital campaign. We cannot make these very necessary improvements without raising the funds to pay for them, which is where we all can help make this possible. Our goal is to raise $525,000, and we already have pledges for more than half that amount – which is very encouraging!

I want to share with you some things we’ve learned from Jerry Campbell, our consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation. The first is that money we pledge to the church budget should generally come from our earned income, while what is given to a Capital Campaign ideally comes from investments. This is why many people who have already pledged are doing so in the form of donations of stock.

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Words from the Senior Warden

While our official capital campaign kickoff was April 28th, we have been quietly preparing for the campaign with several meetings with potential donors. I am happy to report that we have received pledges or gifts totaling $289,430, which is over half of our goal of $525,000. We will continue to meet with potential donors through May and over the summer. I am hopeful that our article in the Healdsburg Tribune and other local papers will also result in gifts from outside our immediate parish family.

The building committee is continuing to refine the plans for our projects, and will be working over the summer to obtain the necessary permits from the City of Healdsburg. While construction projects always experience unforeseen delays or changes, I am confident that our committee members are working to make the process as smooth as possible. We will have more information in the summer newsletter about schedules for construction and any possible interruptions to worship services in the church. Please thank these members of the building committee if you see them: David Rust, Andy Hiles, Paul Blanchard, Denny Murphy, Jack Neureuter, Mother Sally, and architect Jon Worden.

I feel blessed to be working with such a capable, hard-working vestry, who will ensure that our sabbatical over the summer months will be a time of discernment for both Mother Sally and our congregation. Please thank your vestry members as well—they hold all our best interests in their trust.

Yours, Katie Murphy

We Welcome the Newly Baptized

Easter is a traditional time for baptisms, and our service of the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday April 20th duly included Christian Initiation as well as the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Those who received the Sacrament of Baptism were Litzy Marina Morales, Valeria Morales, Danielle Natalie Morales; Karna Marie-Southall Murphy, Andrew Michael Moore, and Florence Eliza Murphy.

We pray as the congregation did that evening for those who were newly received into the household of God: “Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Fill them with your holy and life-giving spirit. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Send them into the world in witness to your love. Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.”
About Our Rector’s Summertime Sabbatical

Our Rector, Sally Hanes Hubbell, will be on a Sabbatical leave this summer, enjoying some much needed time away for spiritual reflection and renewal. This is the first time in many years that a Rector of St. Paul’s has been on Sabbatical. Below are some questions and answers about this leave and what you can expect while Mother Sally is away.

How long will the Rector be on Sabbatical?

Mother Sally’s Sabbatical is for a period of 13 Sundays, from June 1st through August 31st. We look forward to welcoming her back on Sunday, September 1st.

Are you certain she’s coming back from Sabbatical?

Yes, she’s definitely coming back! The terms of the Sabbatical are outlined in the written contract between St. Paul’s and the Rector. We look forward to her return in September, and to continuing our shared ministry with her well into the future.

Will Sunday services continue while she’s away?

Yes, a full worship service will occur each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. — our usual summer schedule. We will have different “supply priests” preaching and leading the Eucharist during the summer Sabbatical period.

Will St. Paul’s offer its regular activities while the Rector is away?

The Vestry and church staff are preparing to provide for the ongoing common life of St. Paul’s Church during Mother Sally’s time away. This includes visits by Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the continuation of the Shower Ministry, and other activities that typically fill the calendar. We have access to backup Priests in case of an emergency. Please contact the church office if you have a specific question or emergency need this summer.

How do we reach Mother Sally while she’s on Sabbatical?

We don’t! We love our priest, and she loves us, but … we won’t be in touch with her over her Sabbatical! The point of this time away is for clergy to recharge their energy through quiet time spent in reflection and retreat.

What impact does the Sabbatical leave have on our annual budget?

It has no impact. Financial planning for this Sabbatical has been ongoing. St. Paul’s has been setting aside funds for this in coordination with the Diocese since the first year of our contract with our Rector. While on Sabbatical,Rectors receive their usual compensation. There is no additional cost to this year’s budget to provide for supply Priests while Mother Sally is on Sabbatical.

What can I do to assist during the Sabbatical?

Please keep Mother Sally, her family, and St. Paul’s in your prayers this summer. Pray for your Vestry and Church staff as they provide leadership in the weeks ahead, and remember the many volunteers who make contributions as well. This is an important season in our common life, and our ministry continues even while our Rector is away. We will joyously welcome her back in September.

Your Sabbatical Planning Committee,
Jennifer Murray, Linda Maxwell, Deborah Olsen, and Tim Preston

Visiting Priests We’ll Welcome in June

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Vestry Highlights of March 19, 2019

Present: Sr. Warden Katie Murphy, Jr. Warden David Rust, Treas. Denny Murphy, Clerk Jennifer Murray; Jim Gibboney, Mona Hanes, Deborah Olsen, Tim Preston, Marty Silge, David Walker; Rector Sally Hanes Hubbell; and guests Bo Simons and Sabás Ramirez.

Rector’s Report: Mother Sally presented her short “elevator speech,” the purpose of which is to share key information describing what St. Paul’s Episcopal Church is, if asked by an interested listener. Katie encouraged Vestry members to develop their own individual speeches and share them with the congregation in future months.

Senior Warden’s Report: Katie’s oral report focused on the status of the capital campaign. She gave a summary of the schedule. A Loan Committee comprised of a subset of the Finance Committee has been created in the event it is necessary to secure a line of credit for the building project. Mona is looking into setting up an account for donations of stock to facilitate cost-effective and timely sales of donated stock. She will work with Denny to procure the documentation needed to effect this action. Mona has volunteered to manage this account on St. Paul’s behalf.

Junior Warden’s Report: David has hit the ground running. He described various work that has been done in the last month, including a visual inspection of the sub-floor in the old part of the church. He reminded people to note maintenance needs on the clipboard that is kept in the church office.

Treasurer’s Report: Denny reviewed the Balance Sheet, the Summary of Restricted Accounts, and the Monthly Operating Statement for February. Everything is good. There is sufficient cash flow. There was discussion about expenses related to the new Evensong services, which need to be included in the 2019 Budget. (Clerk’s note: These expenses as a program were approved by the Vestry in August 2018.) The February financial reports were unanimously accepted, with thanks to the Finance Committee.

Vestry Retreat Recap: Sally offered her perspective on the retreat, noting the theme of differentiating between a “maintenance” parish versus a mission-driven parish. Katie noted the retreat was very positive and allowed for good interaction. There is a need to review the status of our “Safeguarding God’s People” training. It was further noted that Tim will be taking the lead on emergency planning.

Sabbatical Planning: Jennifer noted the sabbatical planning materials that Retreat facilitator Jeanne Forte provided. She asked Vestry members to help with hosting duties during Mother Sally’s summer absence. The Sabbatical Planning Committee will continue to work on coordination details.

It was reconfirmed that the single Sunday summer service will be at 9:00 a.m., starting on June 2. This has been confirmed with all Supply priests.

Sexton Backup for Mondays: Sexton coverage is needed on Mondays and when Raymundo and Marcela go on vacation. Several strategies were discussed, including partnering with an existing organization for a limited contract or talking with the group that meets here Monday evenings to invite them to change nights. No action was taken.

Latinx Ministry: A proposal from the Latinx congregation for the continuation of Priest services for an additional period of time after Easter was considered. Bo and Sabás spoke to the proposal. After follow-up questions and discussion, they departed the meeting, with the thanks of the Vestry for their input. Following additional discussion, the Vestry unanimously approved a motion that St. Paul’s continue to fund a priest for one service a month, through the Season of Epiphany 2020. Costs for Priest services the other Sundays in the month are to be shared by the Deanery and donations from the Latinx congregation, with the designation of all offerings received in the Latinx service to support the costs of that ministry. Mother Sally will approve the selection of the Priests.

Building Committee Report: The church remodel design has gone to the structural engineer for approval.

The IRS Will Not Call You!

After the April 15th tax-filing deadline has passed, crooks go into high-scam overdrive. Although probably calling from overseas, they may fake a 202 (Wash. DC) area code. The IRS will never call you. (Even if you are being audited, you’ll learn about it by mail, not a phone call.) The real IRS says if you get a call from someone claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service demanding immediate payment and threatening you with arrest, you are being scammed and you need to hang up the phone. If they leave a message, don’t call back. This advice applies to similar scams involving imaginary missed jury duty, unpaid traffic tickets, etc. Don’t talk to them at all, except maybe to say, “Shame on you!” just before you hang up.
ECW Survey Results, and June Meeting

Mark your calendar now to join in the next Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meeting on Thursday, June 20th at 11:30 a.m. (Please note the change in time.) The focus of this meeting will be a presentation by Linda Maxwell about her trip to the Holy Land. (She is there even as this is being written.) Following the meeting, lunch will be hosted by Linda and Jennifer.

“What’s up with the meeting time change?” you may ask. It’s the result of input received through the recent ECW survey. Twenty-three women shared feedback by completing surveys, and this included many thoughtful comments. Below are the highlights of what we learned from the survey.

Why participate in ECW? Participant responded strongly that ECW provides opportunity for fellowship with other women of St. Paul’s; they enjoy the involvement in projects or activities that support our church and community; and they appreciate the spiritual encouragement received through ECW. Why we meet and what we do continue to resonate with the women of St. Paul’s.

Respondents were asked to identify the five ECW projects most important to them from a robust list of choices, and input was sought on other project ideas. The top five projects identified were: (1) helping out at the Holiday Boutique; (2) supporting outreach projects in our community or diocese; (3) hosting or attending occasional Special Events; (4) attending a meeting at which an invited speaker presents a program of interest; and (5) participating in an annual women’s retreat at an offsite location.

Ladies were asked about their preferences on ECW meeting logistics. The meeting structure most favored is to meet every other month for a general meeting, with additional meetings as needed to advance projects. There was very strong support for changing the meeting time to 11:30 a.m., with lunch and fellowship time beginning at 12:30. Hosted lunches remained the preferred meal style, with a potluck lunch when the meeting is not hosted. So watch for meeting opportunities in most months, some of which will be hosted. And occasionally there will be an evening meeting to reach out to those who work during the daytime.

The survey feedback about communication was that the three most preferred methods for receiving information about ECW activities are church bulletin announcements, email messages, and the monthly Spiritsword newsletter. We will continue to make use of all these ways to communicate about ECW events, as well as announcements at meetings.

ECW has a history of reaching out to individuals periodically through personal cards. The types of cards identified as most meaningful to receive included birthday, get well, sympathy, and thinking of you. The ECW card ministry will continue.

Age Demographics: The 23 completed surveys represented 3 women age 41-59; 14 women 60-75; and 6 age 76 or older. There were no significant differences in preferences among age groups.

Thank you to all who took the time to participate in the survey. Your thoughts were so very appreciated by the Leadership Circle. We look forward to putting some of the ideas to work during the upcoming months, and to giving them consideration in future planning.

See you in church, and see you in the parish hall on June 20th at 11:30 a.m. for the next ECW meeting!

Your ECW Leadership Circle,  
Pam Larson, Jennifer Murray, Linda Maxwell, and Jane Wood

More Chairs Coming!

The ECW Furniture Committee is pleased to report that the order for 25 beautiful custom, lumbar-support chairs in a deep sapphire blue with pecan wood finish has been submitted. We are looking forward to the arrival of our new chairs in August. Special thanks to committee member Deb Culloden for facilitating the ordering process!
Shower Ministry Update

As of the end of April, clients have used our facility **614 times** to take a shower and receive toiletries, socks, and snacks. There is an ongoing need for these items (toothbrushes and razors in particular).

We also have a great need for Shower Ministry/Office volunteers, on a substitute basis for volunteers who are travelling, and to take the place of Ginger Hobart, who worked on Friday mornings until moving to the Washington, DC, area to be with her daughter and family. (If indeed anyone can truly take her place!) Please leave a message for Beth Greenwald at the office or contact her at beth@stpauls-healdsburg.org if you can help out either as a substitute or on a regular basis.

Saying Farewell to Ginger

There were a couple of going-away parties for Ginger Hobart including one featuring a Bible Study Jeopardy game with a “Ginger” category (pictured below), but no one got a picture of the guest of honor! The picture of her that we do have was taken at a Fitch Mountain Fun Night when she was “womanning” an information table for COPE (Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies) — Ginger’s community/church involvement had many dimensions!

Choral Evensong in May

St. Paul’s will offer **A Very English Choral Evensong** to the community on Sunday, May 19th, at 5:00 p.m. With the hectic pace of modern life, we felt it was a good time to offer an opportunity to turn off the outside world and allow people to connect with their inner, more spiritual world. It won’t feel like a Sunday morning service! (There is no sermon or Eucharist.)

The centuries-old service of Evening Prayer focuses on the Psalms and Canticles and uses the beauty of music to help us set our lives in a quieter place of self-reflection, if only for a little while. Although Evensong is a choral office mostly sung by the Choir, the congregation also participates actively in the prayers and hymns.

The Choir will sing the *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in c* by George Dyson, *A Hymn to St. Cecilia* by Herbert Howells, and *O Taste and See* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Paul Blanchard will play Vaughan Williams’ *Prelude on Rhosymedre* and Howells’ *Psalm Prelude No. 2 (Second Set)* as opening and closing voluntaries. And, of course, we will sing some great hymns!

Donations will be accepted to support St. Paul’s Homeless Ministries.

We hope you will join us for this service that is growing in popularity among millennials in Britain. (https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/12176998/Looking-for-Britains-future-leaders-Try-evensong.html) Come for the service and stay for an early dinner downtown!

—Paul Blanchard
Sunday School Update

Easter brought eight children to Sunday School, and after the story of the empty tomb we all made paper Easter eggs to make a banner for the coffee hour. After the service the children enjoyed hunting for eggs all over the Parish Hall and yard. Thanks to Max Hubbell, who hid the eggs, and all others who contributed to the fun event.

We have been making decorations in Sunday School for the Mother’s Day Coffee Hour celebration. Please join us to honor all our mothers on May 12th.

Sunday School goes on hiatus for the summer months. Please check the next newsletter for an update on plans for the summer.

Peace, Meg Brown

Library Corner

We recently received generous donations to the Library of two Anne Lamott books: Plan B, Further Thoughts on Faith and Grace (Eventually), Thoughts on Faith. Ms. Lamott is based in Marin County. Her nonfiction works are largely autobiographical. She is funny, wise, and self-deprecating. If you haven’t read her books yet, you’re in for a treat. One quote to get you interested:

“I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.”

(A. Lamott)

—Susan Halling

Graduation News

Angie Gross is graduating from Windsor High School in June and heading to UC Santa Barbara in the fall to study Psychology. “We are so very proud of her!” exclaim parents Jill and Ed.

Max Hubbell is being promoted from Healdsburg Junior High to Healdsburg High School, where he expects to continue playing basketball next season. “Can you believe it???” asks Sally. So fast they grow up!

Christian Olsen graduates from Cardinal Newman on June 1st. He’ll be attending Duke in the fall, where his sister Caroline has just finished her sophomore year. At Cardinal Newman Christian was a captain on the tennis team. He has also been involved with student government as ASB treasurer, and he volunteered for the Healthcare Foundation’s Mental Health Collaborative focused on wildfire recovery.

[If your special end-of-school-year news didn’t make it into this issue, you can get it in the Summer newsletter by emailing to ellensilge@yahoo.com by June 25th.]

Rainy Day Readers

We had a wonderful meeting in April up at Fred and Rayna Bunker’s home in Cloverdale. Our discussion about The Once and Future King was very compelling. T.H. White wrote the book on the eve of WWII and included some thinly veiled references to Fascism, the horrors of war, and other current themes within the context of the Arthurian legends. As we gathered the music from “Camelot” was playing, and Fred had even set out small figurines of a small medieval king and a knight! None of us had actually finished the book, but most left the meeting wanting to have another go at it.

Our current selection is Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen). This is her autobiography spanning the years 1914-1931. Blixen lived outside Nairobi in colonial British East Africa (now called Kenya). It is a beautiful read. This is the second “favorite book” to be read by the group. It is available in all formats via the Library, Levin & Co., and Amazon.

We’ll meet to discuss Out of Africa from 7:00-8:30 on Tuesday June 4th—probably at my house, but if you’d like to host, let me know!

Always, Linda Maxwell
**MAY**

1. Emily Krispin  
   Ogden “Oggie” Stinson  

5. Alice Cordtz  
   Greta Mesics  

6. Orbe Landaverde  

9. Gregorio “Cuco” Cadena  

13. Sylvan Warner  

14. Israel Lopez  
   Monica Sallee  

19. Bob Santucci  

20. Melinda Vlasak  

21. Madeline Thoreson  

23. Linda Maxwell  
   Wanda Moak  

24. Marti Fritz  

27. Toni Hopkins  
   Reynaldo Medrano  

28. Persis McCarley  

30. Eileen Millar  
   Liz Nunez  
   Téo Tomerlin  

31. Olivia Fleming

**JUNE**

1. Greer Malone  

2. Elia Cruz  

3. Sarah Van Mantgem  

5. Roger Dormire  

7. Kerry Damskey  
   Jennifer Murray  

9. Fred Walter  

10. Jacob Foppiano  

11. James Baskin  

14. Karen Ertel  
   Marcie Muhleman  

18. Bo Simons  
   Elizabeth Taylor  

20. Suzanne Kurtz  

22. Erik Olsen  

24. David Hutchings  

26. Howard Groocock  

27. David Inman  

28. Bob Demple  

30. Jim McCammon  
   Mary Taggart

**Visit with a Volunteer**

*Bobby Platt* has been a steadfast volunteer in many venues for many years. Here, he was one of about a half dozen people who came once a week to check someone (or sometimes a family of someones) in for the night at the St. Paul’s emergency shelter in the men’s restroom. When the shelter morphed into the Shower Ministry as we know it today, he became a behind-the-scenes “laundry leprechaun.”

“There are a number of reasons why I enjoy being involved with the shower ministry at St. Paul’s,” Platt says. “For one, it meets a very basic need that I feel most of us take for granted. Most importantly, I do this because I’m able to perform ‘a random act of kindness’ every week for others in need.”
Mark Your Calendar

The “Every”s

Sunday
- Eucharist Rite I 8:00 a.m.
- Choir rehearsal 8:25 a.m. (May only)
- Sunday School 9:50-10:40 a.m. (May)
- Eucharist Rite II 10:00 a.m. (May)

Wednesday
- Eucharist & healing service 10:00 a.m.
- Bulletin deadline noon
- Bible Study 4:00-5:30 p.m. (May)

Saturday
- Spanish-language service 6:00 p.m.;
  - Eucharist 1st and 3rd Saturdays;
  - other Saturdays Evening Prayer

The “Specials”

May 5 Sun
- Adult Christian Formation 9:00 a.m.

May 11 Sat
- Celebrate Bishop Barry at St. John’s,
  - Petaluma 5:30; carpool leaves ~ 4:40
  - (need to have registered by 5-3)

May 12 Sun
- Mother’s Day Coffee Hour Celebration

May 19 Sun
- Choral Evensong 5:00 (see page 6)

May 21 Tu
- Vestry 6:30

June 1 Sat
- Beginning of Mother Sally’s sabbatical

June 2 Sun
- First summer single service 9:00 a.m.
  - SPC prepares community meal 4:00

June 4 Tu
- Rainy Day Readers 7:00

June 18 Tu
- R.S.V.P. for ECW lunch

June 20 Th
- ECW meeting 11:30 a.m.; lunch 12:30

June 25 Tu
- Deadline for Summer Spiritsword

June 29 Sat
- Consecration of 8th Bishop of Diocese of Northern California, in Davis

June 30 Sun
- Church picnic at Camp Murphy ~ noon
  - (details to come!)

Mother’s Day Celebration

The celebration of mothers and mother figures in our lives will not be a sit-down brunch this year, but it will be as festive as always. Katie is bringing the makings for mimosas, and Mother Sally is ordering delicacies from the bakery. You can contribute some “stand-up” nibblies if desired, but don’t have Mom make them!

Adult Forum

The next meeting of the Adult Christian Formation Forum is Sunday May 5th at 9:00 a.m. Doug Pepe will continue leading the discussion on “The Living Body of Christ.”

Don’t Forget the Food Pantry!

People still need food help in the summertime! We’ll continue collecting contributions of canned or boxed food in the basket in the narthex on Sundays. One item from each person or family unit can make a big difference in the lives of many people in our community.