



# VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
Coronado, California

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Last Week Attendance:

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## FROM THE PASTORS PEN

While Pastor Robb is on vacation, several staff members of St. Paul's have written reflections to about each of the 5 Core Values of the Staff Team. Our Interim Program Ministries/Communications staff person, Jennifer Hoggan shares the following: "Cherishing Genuine and Intentional Communication."

### CHERISHING GENUINE AND INTENTIONAL COMMUNICATION

*"We believe in lovingly transparent communication and so we hold ourselves, and our conversation partners, accountable for using words in ways that build up our relationships within and beyond our church walls."*

The other day I was trying to find a message someone had sent to me. I looked through both of my email accounts (work and personal,) and my text messages. I knew it wouldn't have come through our "snail mail" box - mostly marketing mailers in there. I knew it wasn't on either my landline or mobile phone voicemail box. I looked on my Facebook feed. I knew it hadn't been an Instagram message or tweet. Finally. I found what I was looking for in Facebook Messenger!

Isn't it ironic that in a time when we have so many avenues of conversation, genuine and intentional communication seems to be such a rare commodity? In this area, as well as with all of the core values of the St. Paul's staff team, the Body of Christ can be an example of how people are called to live out Christian values. As we commit to this type of communication, we look forward to several hallmarks of success. We will experience more direct communication and less "triangles" (third-party reporting) and we will also become more comfortable with silence as we attend to God's presence within all conversations. We will experience growing trust and receptivity, and less manipulation and self-centeredness. We will become more willing to experience pain and discomfort in the service of functional compassion. We will honor the limitations of the "other" and be more

**sensitive to body language. We will be willing to go deeper in communication, ready for heartfelt and Spirit-led revelations and resolutions.**

**We are grateful that so much can be found in Scripture that fleshes out what genuine and intentional communication looks like. We turn to verses such as Exodus 20:19 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor," Matthew 5:24b "...first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift," and Mathew 5:37 "Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."**

**In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus lived out perfect communication as he spoke his needs directly to his friends, prayed authentically, listened for God's direction, lovingly corrected with peaceful intention, asked questions and listened carefully, and maintained integrity at every step.**

**As we strive to walk in his footsteps we affirm the importance of communicating how he did; we cherish genuine and intentional communication.**

**With You, For Him,**

**Jennifer Hoggan**

**Interim Program Ministries Director/Communications**

## *Group and Ministry Notes*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER/SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Sunday School Teacher and Small Group Leader training! Saturday, August 26th from 10-2 here at St. Paul's: opening session in the Choir Room. If you are currently - or are considering becoming - a leader in small group ministries, or a volunteer with children or youth ministries, you are encouraged to participate in this "Equipping the Equippers" event. Lunch will be provided (donations accepted.) Let us prepare for your participation - contact Jenni Nesbitt [jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com) or Jen Hoggan [jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com) to rsvp or with any questions.

### "GRACE GIVERS" @ 9:00 A.M. SERVICE

St. Paul's is planning a project to `match` families of young children with a `Grace Giver`, a shepherd for children during worship. Initially, we will identify 4 to 8 adults who will partner with children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or younger and they will attend the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. `Grace Givers` will be present on Sunday mornings to greet the child, help them prepare for worship, and then join in worship alongside the child. A `Grace Giver` will be equipped with tools and strategies to make sure our youngest worshippers have the most positive Sunday morning experience possible. If you would like to be connected to a `Grace Giver` or to serve as a `Grace Giver`, please email our Director of Christian Formation, Jenni Nesbitt – [jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenninesbitt.spministries@gmail.com)

### GRANDMOTHERS IN PRAYER

Grandmothers in Prayer will begin on August 29 at 9:00 A. M. at the church in Room 201. Besides lifting our grandchildren up in prayer, the 8 week class will use Kay Swatkowski's *A Grandmother's Prayers* for daily devotions and discussion at the weekly meeting. Linda Austin will facilitate the class. Please call her to reserve your book and to get your name on the list: 619-549-1480.

### SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST.

Sign up for the September 2nd men's breakfast by emailing [john@theklinkers.com](mailto:john@theklinkers.com) or adding your name to the sign up list on the church patio on Sunday morning. Jim Woolway, the chairman of the Stewardship & Finance Committee will give the men a complete year-to-date report on the financial status at St. Paul's. Floyd Ross will provide a thoughtful devotion, Lee Cargill will lead us in song, and the food will be delicious, as always. See you there. Bring a friend. Childcare 7-9 AM in the nursery.

## **Group and Ministry Notes (Cont'd)**

### **SUMMER FUN NIGHTS @ ST. PAUL'S COMING!**

**St. Paul's Summer Fun Nights presents 'Let's Go Camping!'**

**Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**Dinner, Fellowship & Worship**

**\$5 per person/\$15 max per family**

**Register in advance on the patio on Sundays!**

**All ages welcome!**

### **MISSION CRAFTERS NOTES**

**Mission Crafters End of Summer Faire on Sunday, Aug. 27th after both services in the Fellowship Hall! Lots of items will be marked down or bundled so we can make room for fall decorations and home decor. All proceeds go toward sponsorships of children in the Dominican Republic through Children of the Nations. We are on track to be able to support 11 + children with your support.**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 27TH**

**AUGUST 27 Sunday school Open House - Come upstairs and see our remodeled classrooms & get registration paper work. When registration paper work is completed, the child will receive a "Golden Ticket" to redeem for prizes on Rally Sunday, September 3.**

### **ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES**

#### **Summer Youth Schedule...**

**During the weeks of Summer, both Wednesday night Youth Groups and Sunday morning Youth Bible Study are taking a break.**

**Join us for weekly beach days and 9am Sunday worship!**

#### **Sundays For Youth**

**9:00am Service: Join Liz out on the lawn for donuts and a Youth Worship Worksheet. We will then go into worship together in the 'Youth Pew'.**

#### **Final Youth Beach Day of Summer!**

**This Monday, August 21st, all Jr. High and High School students are invited to our last youth beach day full of fun, fellowship, and popsicles!**

**Find Liz just to the right of the central lifeguard tower. (12:00pm-1:30pm)**

## *Other Notes and Happenings*

### NEW ENTRA CASA BEACH PARTY

NEW ENTRA CASA ASSOCIATES present: "A Beach Party...without the sand\*" (\*We love the beach...the sand, not so much) A Fund Raising Reception for: New Entra Casa\*\*\*\*A safe harbor from a restless sea

Sunday, August 20 @ 2:30 p.m. NEW Location: Trinity UMC

3030 Thorn St. San Diego 92104 (10 min across the bridge, in North Park) Parking limited: Call Kim at 619-294-4526 if you would like to carpool from 3575 Pershing Ave.

### SAVE THE DATES

September 3 "Rally" Sunday - Sunday school resumes with offerings for children at the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship times.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Tom Lowe, Dave & Leone Wood, Charlie & Angela Ahern, Mary Pack, Jane New, , Peggy Spence, Lauris Boyer, Jim Black, Emily Grullon, Skip Debaun, Carmella Palo, Mike Miller, Jim Smith, Mark Peterson, Mary Mowry, Marianne Turnipseed, Logan Sandoval, Ann Rutherford, Henrich Family, Norm Ludington, Rome Ruiz, Bob Davidson, Ron Koch, Laura Hall, Dan and Jennifer Shoemaker

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The St. Paul's e mail Newsletter will be sent out on Friday each week. We rely on groups/ministries to provide content for the newsletter. If you want to have something included, please e mail the announcement/article/pictures to the communications address below by Wednesday. Also include instructions about how many weeks that you want it to run

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