



# VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
Coronado, California

**January 12th, 2018**

**Last Week Attendance:**

**398**

## **FROM THE PASTORS PEN**

### **Gratitude for Christmas Volunteers!**

At the risk of missing some deserved expressions of gratitude, I'm going to go ahead and mention how thankful I was for all of the staff and volunteers who made our Christmas Eve services at St. Paul's so special.

Thank you to Paul Little and Kate Shanahan for putting up our banner to advertise Christmas Eve services.

Thank you to Becky Galdorisi and Evelyne Markel for retrieving and arranging our poinsettias, and to Evelyne and her daughter for setting up the 9 pm Communion on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to Cindy Usalis for making the costuming for the live nativity for the 5 and 7 pm services (Holy Family, Magi, and Shepherds.)

Thank you to our 5 pm Holy Family: Jesse, Courtney, and Cole Brown, and our 7 pm Holy Family: Chad, Brittany, and Grace Cooper.

Thank you to our 5 pm Shepherds: Matt, Dawn, Jacob, and Lila Watts, and to our 7 pm Shepherds: Justin, Monica, Shenan, and David Lewis.

Thank you to our 5 pm Magi: John, Max, and Charlie Clausen, and our 7 pm Magi: Dan, John, and Will Shoemaker

Thank you to all our readers: Jim Woolway, Harry Thaete, Ina Clare Sparks, Kriselle Crane, Jacques and Tiffany Spitzer, Brandon and Jennifer Tseng, Homer, Stephanie, Grace, and Gunner Denius, and Rick, Nancy, Ben, and Emily Mowry, Karen Foster, Tom Lowe, Alan, Lisa, Nick, and Matt Kinzel, and Marcie Warmer.

Thank you to all of our musicians! Not only our fabulous choir for sharing their gift of music at 7 pm, but also Dana, Abby, and Sophie Allen for providing special music at the 5 pm service, and to Charlie Higgans, Lee and Sue Cargill, and Julie Erwin at the 9 pm Communion Service. Of course, Charlie Higgans oversaw all the musical offerings and David Kay accompanied at all three Christmas Eve services.

**FROM THE PASTORS PEN (Cont'd)**

**Thank you to our acolytes: Grace and Gunner Denius at 5pm, Ben and Emily Mowry at 7 pm, and Nick and Matt Kinzel at 9 pm.**

**Thank you to our ushers; Tom Lowe, Mark Blumenthal, Scott and Julie Beaty, Marshall and Pam Saunders, Mary and John Gilliland, Nancy Tortorice, Kriselle Crane, Rick, Nancy, Ben, and Emily Mowry.**

**Thank you to the Barnett and Leslie families for handing out our Christmas Eve activity bags for children.**

**And thank you to the other St. Paul's Staff who made sure to cover the bases before and throughout the evening: Liz Flage, Marty Horvath, Jen Hoggan, Jenni Nesbitt, Debbie Lusitana, and Marcie Warmer.**

**One more very special thank you to Claudia and Marty Horvath for picking up 300 Krispy Kreme donuts for our December 31 worship service!**

**All told, more than 80 volunteers, ranging in ages from 6 months to 80+ made for a very special 2018 Christmas Eve and I am so honored to have witnessed such a miraculous celebration on the evening we gathered to give thanks for God's greatest gift, Jesus, our Lord and Savior.**

**Pastor Robb**

**Making New Friends; a G.N.P. Story from John & Marcia Inlow**

**Our next door neighbor sold her home recently and moved to Sacramento. She let us know that a young family with a 2-yr old and another on the way had purchased the house. This was around Thanksgiving time. We waited through the escrow period for signs of the 'new' family to appear, meanwhile planning that we would introduce ourselves with something fresh-baked from the kitchen. It took several truckloads and many trips in their two cars to accomplish the move-in. Knowing that a move can be very exhausting, especially after going back to clean the house just vacated, God was increasingly putting it on my heart that they needed more than 'something freshly-baked.' John thought I should stick with something baked as we had no idea what their likes and dislikes were. In the end we made homemade split pea soup with ham, corn bread and salad and took it over on the last day of their move-in. They were exhausted, hadn't eaten and very grateful. it proved to be the start of a friendship that has since included exchanging Christmas goodies and loaning them a couple of timers for their outdoor Christmas lights.**

**E-mail your Good Neighbor Project story to [robertfuesler.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:robertfuesler.spministries@gmail.com)**

## *Group and Ministry Notes*

### SUNDAY SERVICES THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

“The Gospel of John” – Sermon Series

50 years after Jesus’ death, one of Jesus’ closest companions wrote an account of Jesus’ life. Continuing through Easter, the Sunday morning worship focus at both 9:00 and 10:30 am will be on the Gospel of John. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to read through the gospel and explore the unique themes of John’s Gospel.

### UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

UMW Breakfast & Service Project - Saturday, January 20th at 8:30 am

New Entra Casa, one of the missions supported by UMW, will present on their work helping women get back on their feet after prison and discover the love of Christ.

[www.newentracasa.com](http://www.newentracasa.com)

Sign up on the patio this Sunday or by email to [nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com](mailto:nadostpaulsumw@gmail.com) or Tickets are \$10, and can be paid at the door.

*Due to Midge Barton's memorial service later that day, we have rescheduled the service project portion of the breakfast to March. The breakfast will conclude prior to 10 am to allow time for those attending the service.*

UMW Coffee House & Dessert Night - Friday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm

Save the date for our second Coffee House & Dessert Night! Music provided by our praise band leader, Frank Meely. Come with your friend, family, or significant other!

### USHERS TRAINING COMING

Calling current church ushers AND people hoping to become an usher: please attend an usher training & appreciation event on Saturday, January 27 from 9-11am at St. Paul's. RSVP to ensure we have enough materials for everyone! Text Jen Hoggan at 760-550-0395 or email at [jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com](mailto:jenhoggan.spministries@gmail.com)

### CALIFORNIA FIRES RESPONSE

Our state has been devastated with wild fires, and one of the best ways to help is through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) by making your donation payable to “St. Paul’s” with UMCOR Disaster Response #901670 in the memo.

If you would like more information in how to help in person, please contact Judy Lewis @ Cal-Pac United Methodist Volunteers in Mission 909 731-8248



# FAITH FRIENDSHIPS & FLIP FLOPS

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Weekly Women's Group & Bible Study

Enjoy Speakers, Crafts, Fellowship,  
& Bible Study with other women

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FRIDAYS 9-11AM | Beginning January 19<sup>th</sup>

St Paul's Methodist Church, 700 D Ave

Registration fee: \$150 with childcare  
\$75 without childcare

*\*Child care available ages 3 and under*

*\*\*Limited child care space*

EMAIL [TIFFANY.SPITZER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TIFFANY.SPITZER@GMAIL.COM) TO REGISTER.

Registration deadline: 1/5/18

## *Group and Ministry Notes*

### ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHS STUDENTS ON COMPLETING FINALS WEEK!**

#### Sunday Morning Youth Offerings

**9:00am: Youth Worship** - meet Liz on the front lawn before the first service for donuts and an interactive youth worksheet. We'll then head into worship together in the Youth Pew.

**10:30am: Youth Bible Study** - head to the Youth Den during the second service for fellowship and small group studies on Paul's letters of the New Testament.

#### No School Monday... No High School Pizza Lunch

**Join us Monday January 22nd on the upper deck for the return of High School Pizza Lunches. (Sophomores and up)**

#### Wednesday Night Youth Groups

**Jr. High: 5:30pm-7:00pm (dinner, games, lesson)**

**High School: 7:30pm-8:30pm (snack, lesson)**

**\*\*\* 23 members of our Jr. High Youth Ministry are heading up to Forest Home Winter Camp next weekend. Please be praying for our safety and spiritual formation.\*\*\***



## *Other Notes and Happenings*

### ST. PAUL'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

**\*\*\*New St. Paul's EMAIL ADDRESS\*\*\***

**We are changing our church email address. Please send all e mails to:**

[stpauls.coronadoumc@gmail.com](mailto:stpauls.coronadoumc@gmail.com)

### SYMPATHY NOTES

**St. Paul's extends their love and sympathy to Mary Sternad and her daughters Sydney and Amy. Peter Sternad died at Kaiser Zion Hospital on Monday, December 26, 2017. Peter's Memorial Service will be Sun. Feb. 11, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Please keep their family in your thoughts and prayers.**

**We give our sympathy and love to Jaquelin Erwin, Julie Erwin and Jennifer Davidson. Their mother and long-time St. Paul's member died Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at Coronado Hospital. Her Memorial Service will be Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11:00 am in St. Paul's Sanctuary. Please keep Midge's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.**

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**\*PRAYER REQUESTS:** *Shirley Bryan, Bev Roamer, Jeanne Peters, Brian Nelson, Ali Davidson Cleveland, Sue McNary, Jo Scott, Lauris Boyer, Denny Grimaud, Rory Hutchison, Vicki Fisk, Mary Pack, Peggy Spence, Jim Black, Emily Grullon, Jim Smith, Marianne Turnipseed, Logan Sandoval, Ann Rutherford, Melissa Bennett, Henrich Family, Norm Ludington, Bruce Linder, Rosa Mezquite*

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