



VOYAGER NEWSLETTER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Coronado, California

January 19th, 2018

Last Week Attendance:

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FROM THE PASTORS PEN

Dear Friends,

On next Sunday, January 28, we will conclude our year long 130th Anniversary Celebration! It has been a wonderful year, and we want to end the year as we started, with a cake to celebrate! I've also invited my predecessor, the Rev. Neal Keller, to return to the St. Paul's pulpit and preach about John 3:1-21. Please mark your calendar and plan ahead to join your church family!

Below is a "Good Neighbor Project" sharing, from our Director of Youth Ministries, Liz Flage. I think you'll be blessed by the story she shares and I look forward to hearing more GNP stories from all of our members. (Remember to email you GNP story to robertfuesler.spministries@gmail.com)

Pastor Robb

GNP: Good Neighbor *Parking!*

In our apartment complex each unit is designated two reserved tandem parking spots in the garage below the complex. These spots are *tight* and take quite a lot of maneuvering to squeeze into. And so, any time my husband is on a business trip in which he has taken his car, I simply park smack in the middle of our two spots. Mid December, he was unexpectedly able to get home early from one of these business trips, and at 4:00am none-the-less. Upon seeing that my car was taking up both of our spaces, he chose to park in a spot reserved for our next-door neighbor. He felt safe doing this since he knew that our neighbors -- an elderly woman whose mobility is rather impaired and her adult son who is mentally handicapped -- did not have a car. In fact, we've never seen a car in their reserved spot. The plan was to shift the cars once I was awake and functioning (definitely not a trait I possess at 4:00am!)

Our plan did not work. Around 10:00am when we went down to the parking garage to re-arrange the cars, there was a note tucked in the driver's door handle of my husband's car. Our neighbors had had family come visit to help them run errands. And the family member was incredibly (and understandably) upset that a car was in their spot, forcing them to find street parking in a busy neighborhood and forcing our elderly neighbor to laboriously walk to that street spot.

FROM THE PASTORS PEN (Cont'd)

In every other instance of my life, when I am harshly confronted by someone who is upset with me (even if I am *completely* to blame), I immediately become defensive and think of how unreasonable they are being. But in this instance my heart sank and I wanted nothing more than to let this family member know how sorry we were.

And so, we wrote a letter explaining what had happened and why we had parked in their spot. We explained that it was not done cavalierly, but that regardless of the situation, it was still wrong. We explained that since moving to our complex this past Summer we have felt so blessed to be neighbors with their family and that we appreciate their kindness and warmth. The next time we saw a car parked in their spot, we left that note in the driver's door handle.

Two weeks later, my husband and I delivered a plate of Christmas cookies to each of our neighbors (a tradition that he grew up enjoying with his family and has brought to ours). And when we knocked on the door of Unit C, it was the visiting family member who answered the door. When we introduced ourselves and she realized we were the same neighbors from the parking debacle, she broke down in tears. She told us how deeply touched she was to receive our note, and how much it meant to her to know that her mother and brother, both of whom she worries about due to their limitations, have neighbors who are intentionally showing kindness to them.

It would have been so easy for me to go off the handle over an accusatory note, but God was at work in my heart. It would have been so easy *not* to write a note in response, even if we *intended to*, but God was at work in our hearts. As a result, I feel God moving in and about our complex and neighbors.

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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST COMING SATURDAY FEB 3RD

Men's monthly breakfast will be Saturday, February 3, at the normal time, 7:30 sharp. Lee Reisinger will speak to the men and tell his story. Great food and fellowship still just \$3.00 at the door.

Sign up this Sunday on the church patio or email john@theklinkers.com.

UPCOMING UMW EVENTS

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

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

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ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP NOTES

Today's Sunday Morning Youth Offerings

9:00am: Youth Worship - meet 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.

Monday High School Pizza Lunch

High School students are invited to join us on the upper deck during their lunch break for fellowship and free pizza. (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 currently up at Forest Home Winter Camp. Please be praying for our safety and spiritual formation.*****



Other Notes and Happenings

GRACE YOGA

Hope to see you at Grace Yoga!

Tuesdays at 8:30 for chair yoga...all are welcome!

Wednesdays at noon for mat yoga...let me know you need at mat!

Thanks, Cindy cindyred60@gmail.com



ST. PAUL'S NEW EMAIL ADRESS

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

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.

***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

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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