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"DIS-ORIENTATION"

Usually, becoming disoriented is a bad thing. It means losing one's bearings, getting dizzy, and being out of touch. For me however, coming out of eight years of living in Asia, dis-Orientation is just what is needed for me to get used to living in the U.S. again and particularly here in California.

What is different? Just about everything, in fact, and it's not just moving from a teeming city of 10 million to a semi-rural small town. Attitudes and life-styles are very different, whether it has to do with the large extended families that are typical to the Philippines or the way that the people of Healdsburg seem to care for each other in times of need. There are trade-offs: earthquakes for typhoons, fresh Sonoma produce for the tropical fruits of the islands, \$4 gas for perpetually clogged highways. What is similar, however, is the need to "be the church" and to give people a reason for taking care of each other and the community.

I will run out of space if I try to thank everyone who has been part of my on-going welcome to St Paul's. Suffice it for the moment to say that I am encouraged every new day to thank God for bringing me to a place where my skills and experience can be of help in building on the firm foundation of faith and service that I have found here. Thanks for helping the new rector to become "disoriented"!

Fr Tyler Strand

Fabulous Dinner, Divine Location, Great Cause: Dinner in the Vineyards

Come on support a great cause, enjoy a wonderful dinner enhanced by excellent wines, listen to authentic and varied American music, all this while basking in a heavenly, exclusive private site overlooking Alexander Valley at a very reasonable price. In a benefit for North County Community Services, on Saturday, August 23, 2008, beginning at 4 PM, there will be a fabulous dinner showcasing barbecued butterflied leg of CK Lamb accompanied by premium Sonoma County wines, at the Hoot Owl Creek/Alexander Valley Vineyards Picnic area, with musical entertainment provided by Floyd Latimer and Friends, all for the extremely reasonable price of \$35 for adults, \$15 for teens (13-20), \$10 for children (5-12), and under 5 free. Tickets available at St. Paul's Parish Office, 209 Matheson St., Healdsburg, CA 95448, telephone 707-433-2107.

The Cause. North County Community Services (NCCS) is a community-based organization that helps people who have had a hard time keeping a roof over their heads by offering emergency shelter and transitional housing in Northern Sonoma County. NCCS operates the Spare Room in Healdsburg for individuals who need shelter for a night or two. They provide showers at St. Paul's Parish Hall in Healdsburg for anyone who needs one. They also run the Holbrook House and Victory Apartments in Healdsburg for families who need housing for a few months as a step to being able to provide for their own housing. NCCS manages several emergency housing assistance programs that help families pay rent or utilities. Finally NCCS also manages a holiday food basket program.

The Dinner. Chef Dennis Murphy will artfully
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barbeque to perfection wonderful butterflied leg of lamb, and not just any lamb, but CK Lamb, the gourmet locally grown organic lamb produced by Bruce Campbell, whose generosity makes this dinner affordable. Roasted new potatoes and a medley of roasted mushrooms, peppers, and onions complete the entrée, while a fine salad of local greens and an array of delicious desserts complete the meal. There will be plenty of barbequed chicken and an array of grilled mushrooms and veggies for those who stay away from red meat or any meat. Luscious Sonoma County zinfandels, cabernets, chardonnays and other white and red wines will provide the perfect pairing for this mid-summer gala.

The Site. The Hoot Owl Creek/Alexander Valley Vineyards picnic area is a part of a private estate and not open to the public. It nestles among of heritage oaks surrounded by vines several hundred feet above the floor of Alexander Valley, commanding a spectacular view of the vineyards. There are picnic tables and a outdoor kitchen and bocce ball court all in the shade. This exquisite venue is a blessing made possible by longtime NCCS supporter, Katie Wetzel Murphy.

The Music will be provided by iconic musician Floyd Latimer and a band he has specially assembled for this event. Floyd is renowned throughout the American West as one of the finest all round folk, bluegrass, Western swing, country, and gospel musicians. His mandolin and guitar playing are superb, and his clear pure vocals contains hints of influences as diverse as classics like Ralph Stanley and Hank Williams to more contemporary Bono and Garth Brooks. He has assembled a special group for the evening whose identities we cannot reveal here. Their varied repertoire will be the perfect accompaniment for this superb dinner. You can cut a rug or just sit back and enjoy.

July Birthdays

- 6 Amanda Haecker
- 11 Kay Roberts
Jonathan Taylor
- 12 Sis Chapin
- 13 Mary Ann Espinosa
- 25 Dorel Manley
- 29 Roger Weber





 Sunday School is

 taking the summer off.

 See you in

 September

Minutes of St. Paul's, Healdsburg, Vestry Meeting: May 13, 2008

Present: Joy Bach, Sandy Beddow, Debby Dormire, Jan Herbert, Persis McCarley, Dennis Murphy, Robert Nicholson, Tim Shippey, David Stevens, Elizabeth Taylor.

Absent excused: Marian Fielder, Bo Simons

Prayer: Robert opened the meeting with prayer at 7:10 p.m.

State of the Parish:

Robert said things are going well. Copies of the letter to the Network and the tracking receipt have been emailed to vestry members.

Minutes:

The minutes for April 8 were approved as written. The minutes for April 16 were amended to read "Sally closed the meeting at 7:45 with prayer" and approved as amended.

Finance: - Dennis Murphy

The budget was reviewed. Plate and pledge offerings are ahead of budget. We are holding our own and keeping expenditures down. We have more money than has been recorded, approximately \$1,390. Where to put it was discussed, and \$500 will go to Fr. Strand's discretionary fund; the balance will go into the general fund. Fr. Strand's contract was sent to the Bishop who asked for minor adjustments to health insurance and after the Bishop signs a copy, it will be sent to us and to Fr. Strand.

Property: - Debby

The insurance inspector was here and we passed with glowing reports. He did suggest that we put up a kind of barrier to protect the stained glass in the church, and that we install smoke detectors in the hall. Debby will ask Randy Collins, the fire chief, to make a recommendation. Eric Lay has continued to make repairs including kitchen cabinet doors, plugged shower, looking for a new heater for

the Spare Room.

Welcome Committee - Persis

Appeals for used furniture have been successful. Persis will make a scale plan of the condo to see what fits. It is a nice condo at 319 North St. and we will need to water the plants and do some more cleaning before Fr. Strand moves in. There was discussion of providing a car for him. We will give him a car and he will pay for license and insurance, but we are not providing an annual car. Elizabeth found a Volvo in good repair for \$3,000. A motion was made to purchase the car. Persis moved, Debby seconded and the motion was approved. Randy Collins is taking care of setting up utilities. Catherine Borchert is getting a cell phone. The Vestry will have dinner with Fr. Strand on May 20 at Elizabeth Taylor's house. This year's ECW Tea will be coed and guests will be asked to bring housewarming gifts for Fr. Tyler.

Other

The church picnic is scheduled for June 29. Cooking will be done by Gale Bach and John Taylor. No date has been set for the potluck with St. John's Petaluma. Debby will meet with them to organize. St. Paul's is responsible for the Sunday meal this Sunday. Preparations will begin at 2:30 and Debby asked for volunteers. An email from Jane Snibbe from Good Shepherd Cloverdale was read. She asked when Fr. Strand would be installed and if they could help with the "shower". Jan will keep them abreast of our plans. There is no priest for the Spanish service on 5/31, so parishioners will do a service. Vestry members were asked to attend to show support for the Hispanic congregation.

Other Committee and Liaison Reports

Business Office Liaison – Jan A thank you note from Randy Collins for the Firemen's mass and Breakfast was passed around. Faye will be meeting with Fr. Strand on 5/19.

Stewardship – Robert, Debby, & Dennis

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will meet to discuss.

Sunday School and Youth Ministry – Bo A written report was submitted.

Altar Guild & Music – David Organ repairs have been made, but a lock for the keyboard is needed. The carillon doesn't work and Debby will investigate who does that work.

ECW – Elizabeth Discussed under Welcome Committee.

Coffee Hour and Special Events– Elizabeth Discussed under Welcome Committee.

Outreach & Mission & NCCS – Persis We have applied for a Community Benefit Grant from the City of Healdsburg. Apt B was painted and new blinds purchased (Apt A was done last year).

SCRIP – Marian No report.

Hispanic Community Outreach– Bo A written report was submitted.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Tim We are waiting for Fr. Strand's arrival. A Habitat for Humanity project is a possibility.

Worship – David Fr. Allagree will do the services on 5/17. We do not have a priest for 5/31 so Greta and the parishioners will do a service.

Evangelism and Renewal – Joy and Sandy Signage could be better. An "instructional" mass would be helpful. Bulletins could be more user friendly.

Christian Education – Bo Written report submitted.

New Business:

Peg Love's memorial service will be on 5/17 at the Bishop's Ranch at 1:00 p.m. It will be held in the Swing Pavilion. Karen Ertel's resignation was discussed. In addition to a youth minister, we will need counters, since Karen currently counts with Faye after the Sunday service. 6/28 was set as a tentative date to have a celebration for Karen to thank her for her work as Youth Minister. The arrival of Fr.Strand is an opportunity to redo corporate image of St. Paul's.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned with prayer by Robert at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Herbert

Potluck with St. John's Episcopal Church Petaluma

Great News! The Junior Warden at St. John's Episcopal Church in Petaluma and I have come to an arrangement for our parishes to get together. Her name is Susan Hadenfeldt and she and I have picked Sunday evening, August 17 at 5 pm. We will have a potluck in our parish hall. (the 4 o'clock meal will be moved that day).

Everyone will be asked to bring a dish to share and we will provide beverages. I would like to include Good Shepherd, Cloverdale in this too if it's okay with all of you. Susan liked that idea also. I think this will be a fun evening of getting to know some of the folks in our neighboring parishes.

Debby Dormire
Junior Warden

SONOMA SUDS

St. Paul's and NCCS need help with the laundry. The guests of the Spare Room and the people who come to take showers use sheets and towels. People who use our hall, including our Coffee Hour, use dish towels and dishcloths. In other words, we have a lot of dirty laundry!

If you can help by doing a load a week, please call the church office at 433-2107. Or, in a random act of kindness, take home a load when you see one. You know what they say:

Cleanliness is next to Godliness!

A Special Thanks to Members of the Welcome Committee!

I asked for help in welcoming Fr. Strand to St. Paul's, and I received such a wonderful response from the congregation. I'd like to thank Persis McCarley for co-chairing the committee and arranging for all of the furniture donated for his apartment. Keith Fielder provided airport transportation. Edith Wilson and Tony Fleming were in charge of housing and documents, Greta Mesics and Marta Ramirez helped to acclimate our new priest into the Spanish congregation, Arnold and Vi Santucci, along with Elizabeth Taylor, worked on finding a suitable car. Catherine Borchert and the youth located a temporary cell phone until Fr. Strand decided on a phone and plan. Randy Collins arranged for the utilities to be turned on at the proper time. Vickie Latimer is in charge of publicizing the arrival of our new priest, and, along with Bo Simons, will be interviewing and placing articles in the Tribune and Press Democrat.

Besides all of the groundwork, dinners were hosted by Ginny Leary, Elizabeth and John Taylor, Greta Mesics and the Spanish congregation, Nona Tevis, Persis McCarley, Keith and Marian Fielder, and Ann and Dick Carney. Faye Smith and Robert and Sally Nicholson hosted lunches. Attending meetings and offering input were Jane Oriel, Karen Ertel, Katie Murphy, and Claire Posson. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone – if I left out a name, know that you are thanked also.

It was a pleasure to have such positive help, and I know Fr. Strand truly feels welcomed to St. Paul's.

In May we made an appeal to the congregation on two Sundays for furniture

donations to get Fr. Tyler set up in his condominium. The response was amazing. The furniture offered was beautiful. With gratitude we acknowledge our generous donors: Susan Hull for a dining room set, lamps, dresser, night stand and bookcases; Lura Tibbets-Kleber, Ph.D. for her office furniture, perfectly sized for Fr. Tyler's living room and home office; Faye Smith for her beautiful antique bedroom set, lamp and miscellaneous items; Eileen Millar for her brown leather easy chair; and Edith Wilson and Tony Fleming for patio furniture. Keith and Marian Fielder, Hugo Fera, Roger Dormire, Jess and Matt Murphy and Persis McCarley made up our impromptu St. Paul's moving crew, using the Fielders' and the Murphys' trucks. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered furniture and to everyone who helped with the moving project.

Marian Fielder and Persis McCarley
Welcome Committee Co-Chairs

*Episcopal Relief and Development and St. Paul's ECW are selling **Bishops Blend** coffee. The line of coffees is organic, shade grown and Fair Trade. Several roasts are available in regular, decaf, ground and whole beans at \$10 a bag. Sales are at Coffee Hour or leave your order with the church office.*

Volunteer Needed for the Kitchen

The Sonoma County Council on Aging Senior Day Care Program uses St. Paul's Hall Monday through Wednesday. A volunteer is needed for the kitchen between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, can be flexible with days.

Contact Carole Wahl at 433-6161 (office) or 433-5352 (home) if interested.

Update on the Diocesan Visioning Process

Focus on the Mission,

Stay Together

and

Keep Moving Forward in the Name of Christ

There was clarity and a sense of shared vision around these three essential core purposes:

1. Common Prayer—Worship in the Episcopal tradition: We encounter and experience God together through liturgy. The prayer is common but the language and styles are varied.
2. Outreach—Serving Christ in others: We are the hands, feet and heart of Jesus to a needy and broken world.
3. Making disciples—Spiritual formation and education: Each person experiences on-going transformation through prayer, worship, study and service.

Together we identified three shared mission priorities that will serve as areas of focus for programs and budget:

1. Community Connection through Collaboration and Communication: By working together, sharing knowledge and resources and developing relationships we can be more effective in our ministry and mission.
2. Evangelism and Congregational Development: Moving our influence outside of the church and providing radical welcome in the Christian community that encompasses a comprehensive inclusion of all people.
3. Vibrant Youth and Young Adult Ministry: Developing relationships that are mutual, respectful and generative in a multi-generational context.

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