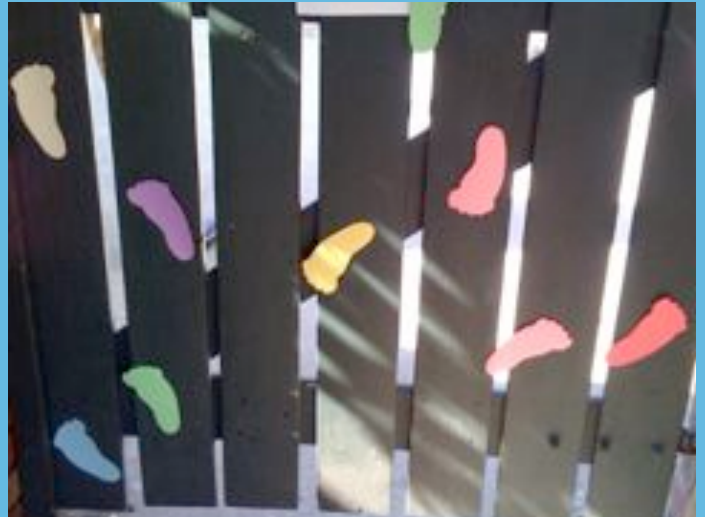




St. PAUL'S Episcopal Church BURLINGAME

Celebrating 100 Years of Faith, Community & Service



Children and Family Ministries 2008-2009

Welcome



Welcome to our 2008-2009 program year for Ministries with Children and Families at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The faith life of the children at St. Paul's is of utmost importance. As Episcopalians, we understand that faith is a journey. We are also "incarnational" in our theology. That is we understand God to be revealed in our humanity and in our relationships. Therefore, participation in the wider community of a traditional faith, is a key component in our seeking to know God. So, the quality of our children's time here at St. Paul's is a priority, knowing that what they experience in this community carries a heavy weight in their formation as God's child and in their formation of a personal relationship with God.

We hope that within the variety of ministries offered by the Children and Family Ministries Team you will find ways to connect and participate at St. Paul's. It is our desire and intention that the kind of relationship you experience here causes your child and family's journey in God to be enlivened, enriched and informed.

In this booklet, you will find the programs of Children and Family Ministries in which to participate. For more information regarding any of these programs you can contact the Associate Rector for Children's Ministries, The Rev. Julie Graham at jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org, 650-348-4811x14 or any of the leaders listed with the programs.

The Mission of the Children and Family Ministries Team

The mission of St. Paul's Children and Family ministries team is to lay a foundation for our children's life long relationship with the God made known to us through Christ by providing opportunities and support for growth and development in that relationship.

Our desire is to set our children on a life long journey of becoming aware of their true image in God and discerning who God calls them to be, so that the God made known in Christ is made known to others through the actions, choices and relationships our children will take and make throughout their lives.

Our vision for our children participating in the ministries of St. Paul's is that their lives be one of witness of God's unconditional love and service as exemplified in the person of Christ.

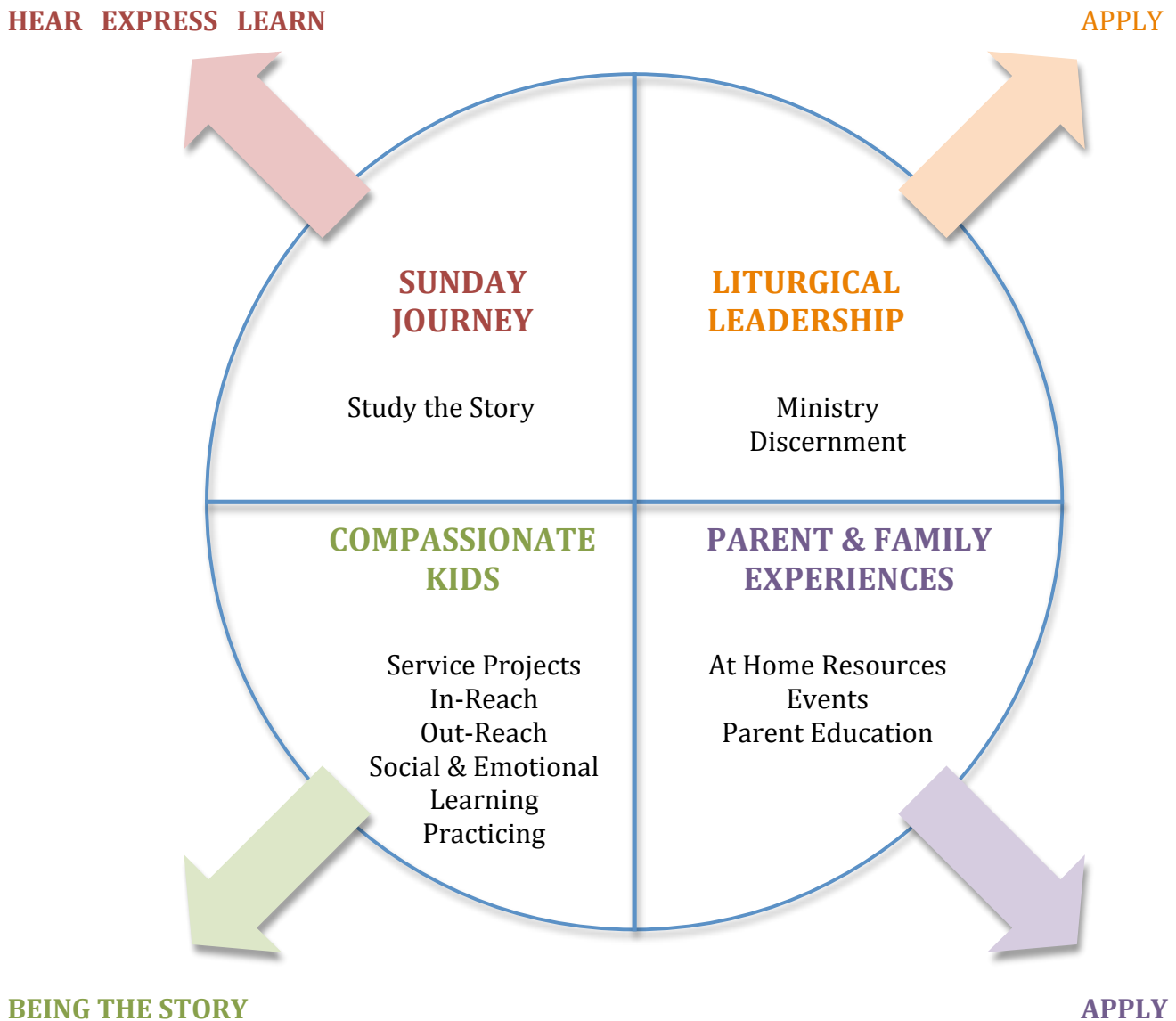
We adopt the following ten "Desired Outcomes" from Merton Strommen and Richard Hardel's **Passing on the Faith ; a Radical New Model for Youth and Family Ministry** for what characteristics and values we desire to encourage in our children who participate in our ministries:

1. Trusting in a personal Christ.
2. Understanding grace and living in grace
3. Communing with God regularly
4. Demonstrating moral responsibility
5. Accepting responsibility in a congregation
6. Demonstrating unprejudiced and loving lives
7. Accepting authority and being personally responsible
8. Having a hopeful and positive attitude
9. Participating in the rituals of a Christian community
10. Engaging in mission and service

Therefore we organize ourselves as a team of five representing the following ministries to accomplish our mission for our children: Sunday Journey, Liturgical Leadership, Compassionate Kids, Parent and Family Events for Connection.

Each of these teams sets out to have our children hear, learn & apply the story of our loving God made known to us in the life, teaching and saving act of Jesus Christ in such a way as to equip us all to be the story of Christ in the world.

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Children & Family Ministries

Team Descriptions

Compassionate Kids

Compassionate Kids is a team of 5 developed with a focus on offering learning and formation for our children's "compassion for the other person", for being Christ-like in the world through actions which directly help other people and communities. Not only will such ministry programs hopefully encourage empathy and concern, but empower our children to know they can make a difference (you don't need to be an adult to help someone). And that making this kind of difference is what Jesus calls us to do, its what a faith based in love makes us do.

Liturgical Leadership

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They will take place from 9:00-9:50 am in Parish Hall gym.

Children & Family Ministries

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Parent and Family Experiences

Kristi Blundell, Joan Cleary, Leaders

Driven by the belief that the center of faith formation is in the family (in its broadest definition). Parent and Family Events for Connections' plans and coordinates the annual cycle of family events and festivals to bring children and families into a deeper understanding of the cyclical nature of our faith by creating opportunities for connections with other families, and creating tools and activities to take into the home for daily use. This team develops resources to use in our daily lives and to use these events and resources to develop stronger practices of faith in our homes.

Events for 2008-09:

Advent Festival(preparation for Advent and Christmas), Nov 23rd

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (preparation for Lent), Feb. 24th

Lenten Festival (preparation for Lent) March 1st

Palm Festival (preparation for Holy Week) April 5

Ministry Sunday June 7th

Sunday Journey

Chris Roesch, Leader

This team consists of all who teach our children on Sunday Mornings.

Mission with children

“A journey of love and learning, developing compassion and faith in an age appropriate setting, to include support for parents and children.”

- Sunday Journey provides the community in which to engage with each other and the scripture to form a foundational relationship with God.

Ministries with Children and Families

Sunday Morning Education

Sunday Journey, our Sunday morning educational program for children, is a comprehensive program designed to foster spiritual growth in children from birth through the sixth grade. A committed team of lay volunteers uses the Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum.

This year's Sunday Journey will take place on Sunday mornings 9 am to 10 am, September 7, 2008 through June 7, 2009.

Here's what our teachers have to say about their classes:

Toddler Sunday Journey (Infant - 2 years old)

Jennifer Guyer & other parents

Early Education Center of Heimann Hall



The Toddler Sunday Journey is the first step in our program to encourage our children's spiritual growth on Sunday Mornings. During the hour, from 9 am to 10 am, toddler and infants are welcome to join us as we sing songs, hear Bible stories, do an art project, have a small snack, and play with toys. The teaching materials are geared for the inquisitive toddler with pictures, flannel board characters, games, and other hands-on figures to help the stories come alive. Our toddlers participate in whatever interests them. Our goal is to help our children develop spiritually, emotionally, and socially and to feel comfortable,

safe and secure at church.

Pre-K Sunday Journey (Ages 3, 4, 5)

Janet Laurie, Jessoca Sobolik-Willey, Katie Adams

Room C, Upstairs in Parish Hall



Each week children in the Pre-K class gather to learn about, and experience, God's love through prayer, songs, stories creative projects, and FUN!

Through all these activities a community builds and friendships are formed as we share everything from a crayon to a smile and especially all our faith

Ministries with Children and Families

Sunday Morning Education

Kinder & 1st Grade Sunday Journey

Annie Stephanos, Cheryl Graczewski
Classroom A, Upstairs in the Parish Hall



Each week children in the K-1st grade class gather to learn and experience, God's love through stories, interesting activities, creative projects, and FUN! Through all these projects a community builds and friendships are formed as we share the gifts each child brings as we grow in the knowledge and love of God.

2nd & 3rd Grade Sunday Journey

Marge Harger, Serina Beauparlant, Jenny Kuhn
Classroom B, Upstairs in the Parish Hall



We will be doing activities to help build a life-long relationship with God. We'll listen to Bible stories, talk about our stories, and try to discern what Jesus tells us about God so that we can know more about what God is like.

We'll also have fun, laugh, talk to each other and develop friendships.

Ministries with Children and Families

Sunday Morning Education

The Junior Saints (4th, 5th, & 6th graders)

Chris Roesch, Julia Davidson, Cyndy Bodenlos
Youth Room - Entrance on Occidental Street

“Junior” Youth Group will move to a new home. We will now meet over the garage and share the Junior and Senior High’s cool space for us Junior Saints!

Come join us in our new worship pad! Our group has fun together, so join us any Sunday, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

We pray together, learn about caring for one another & our family and friends. Our group loves to say prayers and light candles as we share our prayers and dreams.

We are learning ways to keep our planet AND ourselves happy and healthy.

We read gospel stories and relate them to today’s events. We talk about current issues from our local newspaper to learn about people and their faith and hopes for the world.

FUN!!! We always try to have fun, fun, fun. There is no homework, in case you’re worried! There is plenty of time for games, FUN, crafts, FUN and fellowship.



Ministries with Children and Families

Sunday Worship

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Most Sundays at the 10 am service, we expand our altar with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Designed to engage children ages 3 up to 8 years it presents the Episcopal traditions of worship in an age-appropriate manner through movement, voice, music and art. Everyone begins worship together in church and then parents are encouraged to join their children as we process with the crucifer during the "Gloria" from the larger church to the children's Altar. We rejoin the larger community and all take Holy Eucharist together.

"Mentors" -- trained adults and teens -- are always present to guide, assist and create a safe space for this worship experience for children.



Ministries with Children and Families

Liturgical Leadership

The Liturgical Leadership was born out of a need for our older children to learn about and take on leadership in our worship services as an alternative to the Chorister program.

This year we are deepening this program in the following ways: First, by creating a leadership team as part of the Children and Family ministry team of 5 to be focused on developing this more fully into a program which offers children a working knowledge and leadership experience of our worship and sacramental tradition as found in the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. Second, by expanding the age to include children kindergarten through 6th grade.

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Sunday Journey 2008-2009 Schedule

Sundays, 9 am

Pentecost 17: Sept. 7th : Classes begin SJ for all! 10 am Commissioning of Teachers and Learners at the 10 am worship!
(registration tables set up)

Pentecost 18: Sept. 14th: SJ for all
(IHN at St. Paul's)
(registration tables set up)

Pentecost 19: Sept. 21st: SJ for all,
(Choristers out of SJ, will be singing for Centennial Sunday.)

Pentecost 20: Sept. 28th: SJ for all
(rummage Sunday, should not effect classrooms in Parish Hall)

Pentecost 21: October 5th: St. Francis Day,
Blessing of the Animals at the 10am,
Liturgical Leadership Program,
(Pre-K & Toddlers meet as usual)
No Sunday Journey for K- 1st 2nd-3rd, 4-6th

Pentecost 22: Oct 12th : SJ for all

Pentecost 23: Oct 19th: SJ for all

Pentecost 24: Oct 26th: SJ for all, All Souls' Sunday -Halloween is that Friday

Pentecost 25: Nov. 2nd: All Saints Sunday
Liturgical Leadership Program for K-6th, NO SJ Classes for K-6th, (SJ Pre-k & Toddler meet as usual) (pageant players program begins 11:30-1:00)

Pentecost 26: Nov. 9th SJ for all (pageant players program begin 11:30-1:00 pm)

Pentecost 27: Nov. 16th: SJ for all
(pageant players 11:30-1:00 pm)

Last Sunday after Pentecost: **Nov. 23rd:
Christ the King Sunday:**
SJ for all: Advent Festival after the 10 am service (no pageant players)

**Advent 1 : Nov. 30th: THANKSGIVING
BREAK: NO SJ,**
(no pageant players)

Advent 2: Dec. 7th : SJ for all (pageant players 11:30-1:00 pm)

Advent 3: Dec. 14th: SJ for all (pageant players 11:30-1:00 pm)

**Advent 4: Dec. 21st: NO SJ,
CHRISTMAS BREAK**
(pageant players 11:30-1:00 pm)

**Christmas 1: Dec. 28th: NO CHRISTMAS
BREAK**

Christmas 2/The Epiphany: Jan 4th:
SJ for all

**Epiphany 1, Baptism of our Lord:
Jan. 11th: SJ for all** (choristers will be out for singing)

Sunday Journey 2008-2009 Schedule

Sundays, 9 am

Epiphany 2: Jan. 18th: SJ for all

Epiphany 3: Jan 25th: SJ for all
(annual meeting)

Epiphany 4: Feb. 1st: Liturgical Leadership program for K-6th: NO SJ for K-6th, Pre-K & Toddler meet

Epiphany 5: Feb. 8th: SJ for all

Epiphany 6: Feb. 15th: SJ for all

Epiphany 7: Feb 22nd: SJ for all
Shrove Tuesday: Feb. 24th: Burning of the Palms

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 25th, 4 pm
Children's Service

Lent 1: March 1st: Liturgical Leadership for K-6, NO SJ for k-6, Pre-K & Toddler meet

Lent 2: March 8th: SJ for all

Lent 3: March 15th: SJ for all

Lent 4: March 22nd: SJ for all

Lent 5: March 29th: SJ for all

Palm Sunday: April 5th: Holy Week begins: SJ for all

April 10th: Children's Good Friday service
4 pm

Easter Sunday: April 12th: NO SJ Easter services: 9 am, 11:15 am

Second Sunday of Easter: April 19th: SJ for all

Third Sunday of Easter: April 26th: SJ for all (rummage Sunday)

Fourth Sunday of Easter: May 3rd: SJ for all

Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 10th: SJ for all (Mother's Day)

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 17th: SJ for all

Seventh Sunday of Easter: May 24th: SJ for all (Memorial Day weekend)

Pentecost! Sunday: May 31st: Liturgical Leadership program for K-6th NO SJ for k-6th, Pre-K & Toddler meet

MINISTRY SUNDAY! June 7th: Last Meeting of SJ, parent participation in classes.

Pageant Players

St. Paul's Church has a strong tradition of its children telling the story of Jesus' birth as part of our Christmas Eve worship. This year we are inaugurating a new program which takes this tradition to a new level. Young people in second grade through young adults are invited to sign up for a series of Sundays after church to learn the story of Jesus' nativity and find ways of connecting this story to their own life and world view. The result will be the Christmas Pageant at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Family worship service.



Beginning Sunday, November 2nd at 11:30-1:00pm, young people will gather for fun, friendship, intriguing activities and rehearsals all as part of their preparation to produce the Christmas Pageant for the St. Paul's Community. No previous experience is necessary! There is a place for you!

Children, toddler to first grade will be invited to be part of the pageant on Christmas Eve as angels and other characters who come to adore the birth of the Messiah!

Pageant Players will be held 11:30 am to 1 pm as follows:

November 2nd

November 9th

November 16th

Dec. 7th

Dec. 14th

Dec. 21st

Who should consider this? Young people who love to act, who love to sing, young people who love to lead worship, young people who want to learn more about what really happened in Bethlehem, young people who want to know what Christmas is really about, young people who want to serve their community and give something to others at Christmas time.

For more information contact The Rev. Julie Graham 650-348-4811 x14 jgraham@stpaulsburlingame.org or Dr. Susan Matthews 650-348-4811 x16, smatthews@stpaulsburlingame.org

Parent-Participation Sunday Nursery Care

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So, at St. Paul's we start at the very beginning of our children's lives by desiring to offer a quality nursery care experience. Currently, our nursery care (offered on Sundays during the 10am worship) is a Parent Participation Nursery. We are Parent Participation for the following reasons:

1. We hold the standard of one adult per six children, which is in compliance with the Safeguarding God's Children standard of the Episcopal church and within the standard of licensed day care. Currently, we have Fatma Yaman and Lauren Borba as paid staff of the nursery. Both are highly skilled, responsible care givers, but Lauren is a teenager. So, to hold this safety standard we need one adult volunteer each Sunday in addition to our paid staff.

2. We are relational, we are a community and so we want to know our children, know the nursery, know our caregivers, and KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR NURSERY, so, parents, and other adults of our church take an active role in the care of our children.

3. We want to be good stewards of what God has given us. Our church budget based on what we all give of our treasure, can only afford one adult and one teen at this time. And, if we could afford

another adult we know we would be denying ourselves relationship with our children and knowing our nursery. And we would be denying our children in the nursery a fellowship with other members of our church.

We are a parent-participation-nursery and at the same time we don't want to keep families from worship. So we really act on being COMMUNITY and all share the burden! And by all sharing the responsibility, then no family will be in the nursery for more than four times a year.

So, this is why beginning with our fall program year, we will be asking parents who plan to use the nursery for the 10am worship service to register their children and understand that all families who register will be signing up for serving in the nursery up to four times a year and be available as an "emergency sub" up to four times a year. An emergency sub is just that, you are committing to coming to church, and checking in at the nursery to make sure the volunteer signed up didn't have an unforeseeable disaster which prohibited him/her from fulfilling their commitment. And whoever is signed up for volunteering in the nursery won't rely on the emergency sub for being a substitute. If a family is signed up to volunteer and needs to change, that family is asked to please find a trade with another family.

So, thank you to all who work so hard for our children. And thank you families for enlivening and enriching St. Paul's with the membership of your children! Our prayer for next fall is that by all of us committing to our Parent Participation Nursery our children will begin their journey in God in the knowledge and love of a faith community and that families will feel enriched in fellowship rather than burdened.



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