



The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA
CALLED TO SERVE IN NEW AND LOVING WAYS.

October 2012

For the Work of the Church

Living in the Bay Area where the seasonal changes are subtle, we need to examine our world closely if we are to witness the shift in nature. Ron and I arrived to our new home in July, the summer, and as September ends and fall begins, we've noticed the slight changes in the fauna and foliage around us. The large tree in the front yard is producing tiny pods that are beginning to drop to the ground. The spearmint left from the previous owner has morphed from a few sprigs to a close-to-unmanageable bush. A few flowers have come and gone, and even those Newark geese seem to be less visible these days.

As it is with church. We shift and move and grow and shrink as time moves forward. We say good-bye to old friends and we welcome new ones. The make-up of our congregation does not stay the same. It changes, and with God's grace and some intentional effort, it expands and grows. As it changes, so does the need and focus.

As you know, one major intentional effort we've embarked on is a focus on ministry and program for Children, Teens and Families. We've only just begun this effort, but as we pay attention to the subtleties of change, we will see clear evidence of the importance of what we are doing. On Backpack Blessing Sunday, our sanctuary filled with about fifteen children and as many backpacks as we blessed them all for a new year. Our Sunday School is bustling with children learning about Moses, hearing bible verses and creating art. A children's program designed to serve those living at Sunrise Village, the ABODE temporary housing center, is on its way to being one of the most popular events of the month. Our Children, Teen and Family Ministry Coordinator, Jan Scrutton, is hard at work building a cohesive and meaningful ministry that integrates all that we do with and for our younger members. I am really excited about what is happening at our church. I am really excited about the work we are doing and the fun we are having in doing it. We are a church

that is, day by day, living into being the best that Christianity has to offer.

For many years, the St. James' pledge card offered an option to donate directly towards our building fund. In part, this was to pay off the mortgage, and later, to attend to some much needed maintenance issues that had been deferred. With the great blessing of the Schader money, and with the hard work of our congregation, the mortgage is paid off, the parking lot is paved, the patio is level, and soon, the carpet in the main church will be replaced. Monies have been set aside for further projects as well. As a result, we are in a great position to divert money that might have been pledged to the Building Fund into the Operating Fund to use directly for ministry – ministries such as our Children, Teen and Family programs and programs that support the unhoused and underserved. Be assured, the buildings and grounds will still be attended to, improved and maintained; putting the funds into Operating simply allows for greater flexibility. To that end, the Vestry, with support of the Stewardship Committee, has voted to apply all pledged dollars towards our Operating Fund. This fall, you'll see a change in the pledge card that reflects a change in our need. Take what you might have given towards our buildings and invest it in our people. With our investment and intentionality, and with the sureness of God's grace, change will happen, and we will continue to be the best that God has called us to be.

Lori



Time to FALL back

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday November 4th at 2:00am so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before retiring.

Enjoy that extra hour of sleep that you have been missing since last spring.

Stewardship Corner

Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.....for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:20-21

October brings about fall and the changing seasons from warm, sunny days to cooler temperatures and falling leaves. Fall is typically the season when we begin our annual gathering of commitments, or pledges, to support our spiritual community at St. James' for the coming year. Each fall we are encouraged to give prayerful consideration to making a commitment to our church community to share our time, talent, and treasure for the ministries that God has called us to as a parish. Annually, we are asked to make a financial pledge that helps St. James' accomplish these ministries.

Each of us has our own personal reason why we pledge. Jesus teaches us to not hoard our resources but to use them wisely; to be content with enough and to be a cheerful giver. Stewardship means returning the first portion of all God has given us -- a way to thank God for blessing us with all we have. Living as a steward is a way of being. It is a rewarding way of life in which our personal relationship with Jesus is enriched and deepened every day.

When the pledge forms are sent out this fall, I ask each of you to think about where you place God in your life. Consider the work God is calling you to do at St. James' and in the community. How do you fit into that plan? If you are in a position to increase your pledge for 2013, please prayerfully consider doing so. If you can't, then please consider keeping it at the same level. If you are new to making a pledge, I invite you to make one knowing that if your circumstances change, your pledge may be modified at any time. And, if your circumstances are uncertain, consider making a pledge of \$1 a month. There are so many wonderful opportunities at St. James' for us to offer ourselves to God's service. How amazing it would be to have 100 percent participation for the coming year!

We will have our ingathering and blessing of pledges at both services on Sunday, November 25th. Please join me in showing gratitude to God for all that we have been given.

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair

“Stewardship The Musical” at St. James’!

The Annual Fall Stewardship event this year will be quite different than in past years and will be an evening you won't want to miss. “Stewardship The Musical” -- *Dinner & a Show* will take place one night only on Saturday, November 3rd! If you enjoy watching “Scrooge” or “It's a Wonderful Life” every holiday season, you will love “Stewardship The Musical”! Bring the whole family and leave your wallets, purses, checkbooks at home because it is all free. Enjoy dinner and be entertained by familiar tunes such as “O, Little Town of Fremont” or “Oh, What a Bad Situation!” (or is it “Beautiful Mornin'?”) or “(Don't) Get Me to the Church on Time” performed by a cast of local favorites. Come to share food and fellowship with your St. James' family.

Watch your mail for your invitation to the November 3rd event and sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Gail Blalock at (510) 490-7565 to attend. If you don't like to drive at night, Sandra Motley will be coordinating rides. Support your local Stewardship Committee by attending this fun-filled evening!

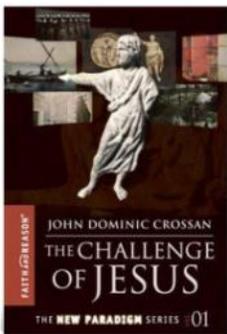
If you're involved in one of the ministries at St. James' and would like to “advertise” (for free) your ministry in the program for “Stewardship The Musical,” contact Ruth Poole at (510) 471-7695 or ruth.poole@sbcglobal.net.

Free Firewood

St. James' has accumulated a significant amount of FIREWOOD behind the **Abode** Storage Container. Most of the wood is in fireplace size logs but needs to be split. The wood is from recent trimming activities, and includes pine and redwood logs. Before it will be ready to burn well and cleanly, it needs curing and aging. The wood is **free** for parishioners and needs to be picked up by October 15 before it is placed on the open market.

Interested parties should contact Bud Spalding, Brad Hoffman, or the office. The Church is unable to split or transport the materials.

Brad Hoffman



October 2012 Faith Formation Presentations

We continue John Dominic Crossan's "The Challenge of Jesus" with "The Death of Jesus" on October 7 continuing on the 14th, 21st and 28th. Where did the idea of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins come from? Was Jesus' sacrifice necessary? Did the challenge of

Jesus end with his crucifixion?

The DVD screening and discussion will take place in EB-1 at 9:15am. Be on time so you won't miss Crossan's exposition and the discussion.

Bruce Roberts

Welcome to the new [SaintJ.com!](http://SaintJ.com)

If you haven't visited the St James' website recently, point your web browser, tablet or phone at SaintJ.com. The site has been totally re-architected to make it accessible to readers using any type of device.

According to research conducted as part of our re-launch, one in six of our visitors are using either tablets or phones to view our site. So we've built a site for all-comers, irrespective of their internet viewing tool of choice.

We've improved our listings of upcoming events and our on-line recordings of the sermons shared on Sunday mornings. Not only can you subscribe to our sermons as a weekly podcast, you can also listen to the sermons directly from the site - again, now also available to visitors using phones and tablets.

We hope that you like the changes that we've made. We've heard anecdotally that many visitors and newcomers to St James' find us by first discovering our website, so we're excited to be bringing this refreshed view into the St James' community. Our intention is to make the site a resource for existing church members, a source of information for those seeking a church to call "home" and a beacon for those visiting the Tri-Cities area.

We hope you enjoy it. Do feel free to share any feedback with us at webkeeper@saintj.com

Mike Scrutton
Communication & Evangelism

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join the interfaith choir

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is a wonderful service sponsored by the Tri-City Interfaith Council that happens the Monday before Thanksgiving. This year it will take place on Monday, November 19th at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 43138 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. The church is next door to Mission San Jose. Many different faith traditions from the Fremont area gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving together at this amazing service. There is singing, instrumental groups, dancing, and much more! There will be a combined choir that will sing two pieces at this service and I am happy to say that I was asked to be the conductor!

The choir will rehearse three times:

- Tuesday, November 6th from 7:30-8:30pm at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 2791 Driscoll Rd., Fremont;
- Tuesday, November 13th from 7:30 - 8:30pm at St. Anne's;
- Monday, November 19th from 6:00 - 7:00pm (right before the service) at St. Joseph's.

Please speak with me if you'd like to sing with the combined choir at the service! You do not have to be a regular choir member to participate; all people are invited! You can contact me at music@saintj.com, or by calling 510-461-7478.

Jennifer Carrini, Music Director



Saturday, Oct. 27th: Food and Fellowship Dinner; Sign up in Parish Hall

Saturday, Nov. 3rd: *Stewardship the Musical* at church.

Saturday, Nov. 17th: House Blessing at the home of Lori and Ron.

Updates from the Little Church Renovation Committee



We are making slow but steady progress in assessing what needs to be done with our beloved Little Church. A structural inspection was done by ESI, a structural Engineering firm, in July and we have received the assessment report. The Little Church Renovation Committee is gathering information on the cost of the various repairs recommended by the engineers

and are setting priorities of the repairs. This will be a multi-year project. We have made monthly updates to the Vestry and are encouraged by their support.

We would like to thank Scott Kennedy for his tireless effort on the Committee and being instrumental in organizing the structural inspection of the Little Church. We would like to extend our best wishes to him and Martha in their move to Roseville.

Please don't hesitate to contact members of the Little Church Renovation Committee if you have any questions: Sylvia Ma, Patty Lacy, Jim McConnell, Jan Brandt, Mary Casas, Chris Perry, Tom Blalock, Nancy Svenson and Bobbie Tomkinson.

Sylvia Ma and the Little Church Renovation Committee

September Vestry Highlights

- Approved the final phase of stained glass window repair in the Little Church.
- Selected Worship Interiors Group to install new carpeting in the Main Church before Christmas. This is the same company that reupholstered our chairs earlier this year.
- Discussed the findings in the Little Church Structural Report.
- Regretfully accepted the resignation of Valle Brokes from the Vestry as she prepares to move.
- Shared good food, conversation, laughter and prayer as we do each month.

Copies of the minutes for the Vestry and Deanery are available after approval at the following link: <http://saintj.com/wp/leadership/vestry-deanery/vestry-meeting-minutes/>

Laura Winter, Junior Warden

McCutcheon Concert Team Needs Your Help

Our annual concert by world-renown folk singer, John McCutcheon, will be on Monday Jan. 21, 2013. The concert is an important fundraiser as well as a community outreach event for St. James'. The planning for the concert has started and your help is needed: distributing posters, selling tickets, working the snack bar, helping with the raffle, etc.

We have planning meetings once a month. Please watch out for the dates in the weekly newsletters.

If you could help, please contact Sylvia Ma (510-552-6549 or hsiechtinghsueh@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sylvia Ma and the McCutcheon Team

Financial Summary August		
Fund Balances	08/31/2011	08/31/2012
Operating Fund	\$ 49,678	\$ 74,788
Building Fund	\$ 30,936	\$ 16,569
Year To Date Summary Operating		
Pledges Budgeted	\$ 155,953	\$ 157,873
Pledges Paid	139,504	142,595
Unpledged Contributions	5,356	3,354
Other Op Income*	<u>12,292</u>	<u>12,619</u>
Total Operating Income	157,152	158,568
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 159,225</u>	<u>\$ 157,102</u>
Income less Expenses	(\$2,073)	\$1,466
*Includes Fundraising		

Fare thee well!

St. James' bids god speed to long time parishioners Scott and Martha Kennedy and Margaret Rainey in the Parish Hall.



Altar Guild hosts a Farewell Luncheon for Margaret Rainey



Back row: Connie, Allison, Pat, Nancy, Mary, Ivy, Margaret
Front row: Ruth, Joan, Dorothy, Margaret, Genore, Kitty; Missing: Barbara Johnsen

Ladies Flatlanders 2012



Pictures taken by Marilyn Rose

**Front row: Kathy, Mary, Connie, Jackie;
2nd row: Marilyn, Linda, Lynn, Nancy, Jan, Allison;
3rd row: Barbara, Cathy, Elaine, Pat, Laura, Dorothy, Julie**

Bev's "Potluck"



What a fun night we had in the Parish Hall, sharing, talking and laughing. It was a night to honor Bev Mosier, our American Sign Language Instructor. There was lots of food and some of us actually signed what we had learned in class. It was a very happy and

joyous evening and we learned a lot about how blessed we really are living and worshipping where we want.

We had a special visitor from Burma, who shared so much with us, thanks to Bev and Bill. She was a very interesting person. The night belonged to Bev and it was our turn to say "thank you." From the ASL class of 2012 at St. James' Episcopal Church to Beverly Moiser, "Thank you."

Your Students

The ladies of St. James' shared a wonderful long weekend together at Pajaro Dunes near Watsonville. We went for walks along the beach and watched dolphins, seals and shore birds. Some took day trips to Pacific Grove and Capitola.

Like in the years past we all enjoyed time spent together, eating, laughing, catching up with friends and playing games. In our busy lives we tend to forget to stop and reflect on what wonderful women we have in our lives. These weekends are the perfect time to create and reconnect those bonds. We had seventeen women at Flatlanders this year and hope to have even more next year.

So ladies, mark your 2013 calendars for the next Flatlanders in September 5-8.

Mary Casas



St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for...

For Those In The Military: Scott, Jarrod, Bryan, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Emily, Military

Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Robert, Adam

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Michael, Victor, Catherine, Daniel, Gloria, Paul, Deja, Jordan, Rhonda

Families Expecting Children: Deidre and James, Allison and Patrick, Kelly and Gersson, Sherea and Keith, Candace, Daniella and Thiagode, Marley Stephen, Ann and David, Jana and Mike

For Those Who Need Comfort & Healing: Nat, Alex, Susie, Michael, Mary, Robert, Claire, John, Veronica, Sandra, Janet, Jim, Jean, Paul, Jody

For Those Who Have Passed Away: Christopher, Annette, Irma, Hector, Pat

Save the Date - House Blessing

Mark your calendars and save the date for a house blessing! Join Lori and Ron in their new home on the afternoon of November 17 to celebrate and bless their new home. All are welcome!

Details to follow.



For the most recent St. James' calendar, Go to www.saintj.com



October Birthday Celebrations

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| 6 Lynn Locher | 18 Victoria Krimmel |
| 7 Mary Casas | 19 Bud Pearson |
| 8 Keith Westra | Sherea Westra |
| 9 Margaret Rainey | 22 Alyssa Koonze |
| Beth Scrutton | 23 Marilyn Rose |
| Cathy Knotts | 24 Ruby Pike |
| 10 Bobbie Naidoo | 25 Gloryanne Bryant |
| 13 Judy Colby | 28 Florinne Becker |
| 14 Richard Kostick | 29 Joan Kimber |

October Anniversaries

- 15 Linda and David Nelsen

Please note: If your birthday or anniversary is in this month and your name(s) is not listed or the information is incorrect, please email the appropriate information to: admin@saintj.com

The next issue of *The Window* is in November. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, cartoons, newsworthy items of interest, art work, any group activity information and reviews.**

Email your submission to [window@saintj.com](mailto>window@saintj.com) by: **November Issue Deadline: October 15th**



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM
YOUTH GROUP SECOND SUNDAY 6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM

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