The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA
Called to serve in new and loving ways

December 2012

The Waiting for the Now and the Not Yet

I love the season of Advent, brief as it is. I love the intentional pause given to us between the long season of Ordinary Time and the celebration of Christmas and Christ With Us. I love the imagery of dark and light, of a woman not yet a mother but soon to be the Mother of God.

We enter into this beginning season, lighting candles along the way as we make our way towards the manger. Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun, describes this journey as the "moment in which a new cycle of old ideas will be stirred up again within us. It is the beginning of a spiritual crossing on dark waters led only by an ancient sailing chart marked by a star, where here in the dark, we will begin the search for light in the soul." (*"The Liturgical Year,"* page 63)

It is important to recognize that the season of Advent is not simply a means towards Christmas. It's not just a preview or the opening act to the main attraction. It is a season within itself. Though the word Advent from the Latin does mean "coming," it does not necessarily point to just the single coming of Christ as a baby. As a matter of fact, the scripture lessons for Advent don't even mention the birth of the baby Jesus until the last Sunday of Advent – until then, we hear the story of Jesus already grown, the story of Jesus who came, and the story of Jesus who is to come.

And so, the preparation that we are called into is a preparation for the Christ Child as God with Us. It is the preparation for the Living Christ whose life has taught us and continues to teach us. It is the preparation for the Christ made manifest today in our Sacred Scriptures and our Holy Communion. And, it is the preparation for Christ whom we will know in everlasting life. This Advent preparation is not a moment in time, it is a lifelong process that we come to again and again.

And so how do we engage in this process? It seems to me that the clue to who we are and where we want to go has to do with discovering exactly what Chittister names – the light in our own soul.

Advent calls us to believe in light, space and birth in the midst of darkness, pain and suffering. We are a people of faith, called to believe that in the darkest hour or in the raging of the wind before the storm, something good is going to happen. We know, that despite the emptiness and the night, the manger will soon be filled and the day will soon dawn. And we also know the paradox that in the absence of the Christ child, Christ is always with us. Advent is our time of waiting – for the now and the not yet.

During this Advent Season, may you pause and be blessed with the sacredness that only God can bring.

Lori

January 13th, 9:15am: 2013 Budget Review in EB1

January 20, 2013: Annual Meeting following ONE service at 10:00am

Stewardship Corner

Pledge Sunday was just last week and December, the month of giving, is already upon us. If you're like me, you are wondering how you will get everything done (that you think you need to do) before Christmas. Somehow, the older we get the faster the weeks and months seem to pass by. Oh, to be a child again when the 24 days 'til Christmas Eve seemed like an eternity.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank ***you***, the people of St. James' Church, for giving all year long. It's the giving of many, many people of their time, talent, and treasure that makes St. James' Church the amazing and exciting place it is. God has blessed us all with different and unique talents, and all of us working together make St. James' the exceptional place it is. If you attended *"Stewardship the Musical,"* I hope you came away with the message that our community would be a much different place if St. James' Episcopal Church no longer existed on Thornton Avenue. As the words to the song that we sang at the end of the *Musical* declare, *"We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all!"*

Christ was a gift from God to the world, bringing in turn the gift of redemption and everlasting life. Let friendship, hope, charity, and love fill our hearts this Christmas Season. Merry Christmas!

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair

PLEDGE FORMS

If you need a Pledge Form, contact the Church Office or Gail Blalock at 490-7565. Thank you!

Five Tax-Tips for Prudent Stewards

Some end-of-year reminders:

1. To increase your April tax refund, prepay as much of your 2013 charitable pledge as practical before December 31. Make your congregational treasurer twice as happy by clearly designating your gift as counting toward your 2013 pledge.

2. Avoid paying capital gains on the sale of appreciated securities by using them to make your charitable gifts. You may gift them to your congregation via the Diocese without any transaction fees. Ask me how.

3. Consider exchanging a bank CD for a charitable gift annuity. You will gain a much higher payout, a 2012 tax deduction, and make a gift to your church.

4. Get tax deductions *this* year for your *future* charitable donations by establishing a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) before December 31. Episcopal Charities sponsors a DAF that is administered by the East Bay Community Fund.

5. Consider making your giving more effective by trading in your charitable giving shotgun for a rifle. By focusing your charitable investment to five organizations or less, you may garner an enhanced sense of making a difference in the lives and missions you support.

For further information, please contact me at (415) 869-7812 or by email at richards@diocal.org.

Pray often: "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee."

The Rev. Richard Schaper, CFP
Gift Planning Officer Episcopal Diocese of California

Another Way to Pay Your Pledge

St. James' has a way to allow you to pay your pledge with stock. You benefit doubly with this transaction:

1. If you use appreciated stock, you do not have to pay capital gains on the sale of the stock.
2. You receive an income tax write off for your charitable deduction.

St. James' has an account with Charles Schwab that will accept your stock. The treasurer will then sell the stock and move the money into the operating checking account. You will receive credit on your pledge statement for the average price on the day the stock transfers into the Schwab account. For details on how to do the stock transfer contact me at treasurer@saintj.com.

Lynn Locher

Saint James' The Musical

It may never be headed for Broadway, but *"Stewardship The Musical"* entertained and enlightened us as to just how significant St. James' is in our lives and in our community. A cast of enthusiastic actors and singers, along with an engaging and energetic audience laughed, sang, heckled, protested, and rejoiced together as we reflected on just a few of the many ministries St. James' provides to us and to the community.

Lori's words at the conclusion of the show reminded us of the importance of church, not just St. James' but church in general, and keeping church going, because everybody is loved and worthy of God's love. Thank you to everyone, whether on stage, behind the scenes, in the chorus, in the kitchen, or in the audience, you were fantastic! If you missed the live performance, you may listen to the audio version on the St. James' website. And, what part might you play next year?!

If you haven't turned in your pledge form for 2013, please do so as soon as possible to show your support for the ministries at St. James'. As the words that were sung during Announcements on Sunday mornings remind us --*"St. James' people, helping other people, no matter the need or task, the help is there - just ask, we are blessed and lucky — we're family!"*

Listen again at http://saintj.com/wp/stewardship-the-musical2012/.

Gail Blalock

Picture credits: Johanne LaRocque

Music Notes

The Adult Choir is very busy getting ready for Christmas! This year we will have a professional harpist, Simone Salmon, at our evening service! We will sing two anthems with harp accompaniment, plus all of the carols and wonderful Christmas music that we all love!

If you would like to join the choir for Christmas, we would be blessed by your presence! Rehearsals for Christmas will be at the following dates and times:

Thursday, December 13th from 8 – 9pm
Wednesday, December 19th from 8 – 9pm
Monday, December 24th from 9:30 - 10:15pm

All people 7th grade and older are welcome to join the Adult Choir at any time! Let me know if you are interested!

All children in 6th grade and younger are invited to join the Children's Choir! We rehearse every Sunday after the 10:30am service!

Please consider joining our music program here at St. James' and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

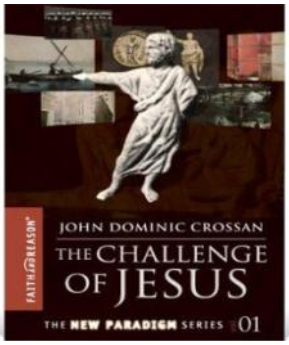
Jennifer Carini, Music Director

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed and helped make Tim's memorial service so special. Tim was bigger than life and lived his life to the fullest. A few suggested that we have the service at a larger venue, but we knew that Tim wanted his service at St. James', and we were confident that our family at St. James' would make it work. And that you did! For those who set up, cleaned up, printed and folded bulletins, arranged the audio/video feeds, prepared or provided food, ushered, did altar guild duties, sang, played music, provided prayers and support, and any other aspect I may be inadvertently leaving out....we just don't have the words, so THANK YOU! will have to do. On behalf of Karen, Alyssa, Travis, Robert and Viola Koonze and the Eitel, Reed and Casas families, we are sincerely grateful for your love and support.

Thank you, Karen Koonze

Faith Formation Highlights

Part IV ~ The Resurrection of Jesus



Join us on the first two Sundays this month as Janet Fischer continues to lead us in listening to and discussing John Dominic Crossan's beliefs about the resurrection of Jesus. What did people in the first century mean by the term? Did it mean for them what it has come to mean for us? What really happened on that first Easter morning?

Classes are in EB-1 starting at 9:30am on December 2nd and December 9th .

Bruce Roberts

November Vestry Highlights

- Lori Walton was elected to the Diocese Standing Committee at the Diocesan Convention and Jim McConnell to the Executive Council at the So. Alameda Deanery Meeting. Lori gave a brief description of what the committees do.
- In the spirit of sharing our space, a second congregation from the Philippine Independent Church has begun using the Little Church each Saturday evening at 5pm.
- New carpet will be installed in the Main Church the week of December 3-7.
- Approved pest eradication in the Little Church as termites were found during the engineering evaluation.
- We began discussions of next year's Vestry and the need to recruit new members. Anyone interested in joining this great group, please speak to any current Vestry member or Lori Walton.

Laura Winter
Jr. Warden

What a Wonderful Weekend

First row: Anthony, Bon, Hillary, Joey, Bryneth
Second row: Chanelle, Beth, Lori, Tom

Eighteen months after the Confirm not Conform course was launched at St. James' with a lunch for students and their parents, families gathered together again to celebrate the completion of the course and the confirmation decision of many of the group.

But this time those families were larger, swelled by relatives and friends in town to support each student but also by the church family that has gotten to know these teens and welcomed them in. Supported by families, leaders, mentors and most often by each other, these teens have completed a journey together and had an opportunity to celebrate it.

On Saturday November 10th, we joined four other congregations for the confirmation service at Grace Cathedral. Not just the teens and their families but supporters from St. James' enjoyed the sunshine outside the cathedral. The group was part of something bigger than themselves as they followed the St. James' banner into the cathedral. Bishop Marc talked about the unique gifts of each person and how each one of us is seen by family, friends, and God in a way that we are yet to discover. Eight of our young people were presented by Lori and duly confirmed or received into the church.

While the service on Saturday reflected best the strength and history of the Episcopal Church, on Sunday we celebrated their joy and their enthusiasm. The narthex showed some of the notes taken during the course, conversations recorded, debates held — Confirm/Conform, self interest, other faiths, the breaking down of our creed in order to rebuild it, and the red pill/blue pill debate. Members of the youth group served throughout the service, as

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What a Wonderful Weekend

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ushers, acolytes, Eucharist ministers, lectors, singing and assisting altar guild. They were supported again by the mentors, who had been alongside them and praying for them throughout the course. As Lori talked, she showed how they had worked on the important foundations of faith, on scripture, tradition and reason, and how they had had fun doing it!

The presentation of stoles within the service, signed by so many of you, wrapped the youth group in the love and care of our community and their smiles confirmed they felt that welcome. The community all continued to worship saying aloud the creed the teens had written during their course. The process of unpicking a bold statement of faith and deciding if you are ready to agree, not just to its whole but to each line, is not easy but the creed the group created reflects the work they have done. The pride we felt in the community and the teens when everyone spoke those words with confidence was immense.

This is not an end but perhaps the end of the beginning for these teens and for our youth group. On page 9 of this newsletter you will see details of our December meeting and the 2013 schedule will follow. Our own experiences tell us that the friendships made in church youth groups can continue into the future, the sharing of these conversations and questions creates a basis for friendship that can endure. As we write our own Christmas cards this year, we reach out again to many of those whom we first met as Christian teens – that's why we are here, and why we value the youth of our community so much.

Thank you to everyone, Lori, families, mentors, supporters and most of all, each and every member of Saint J Youth – We love you all!

Jan and Mike Scrutton

John McCutcheon Concert
January 21, 2013

Seven-time Grammy-nominated folksinger John McCutcheon, soon to be in his 40th year as a touring folksinger, has produced 35 albums of music, traveled America and abroad and will now sing for the tenth time at St. James' Episcopal Church on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21st, 7:30pm.

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD – Nelson Mandela

Do you remember 14-year old Malala Yousafzai, shot by the Taliban on her way home from school? She had spoken out for her right to an education, and the right for all young girls to an education. The Taliban thugs who shot her did so because she represents the biggest threat to their brutal, perverted rule – educated people, but especially educated women.

John McCutcheon wrote a new song called "Forgotten" when he heard of Malala Yousafzai's plight. It can be downloaded (for free) from http://www.folkmusic.com/sites/default/files/free-mp3/forgotten.mp3.

EDUCATING CHILDREN IS CONSIDERED A MOVE TOWARD WORLD PEACE IN REGIONS WHERE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS RECRUIT UNEDUCATED, ILLITERATE CHILDREN – The Oakland Press (MI) 13 April 2011

But I digress. If you attend the concert, you will get to hear the man, who, upon hearing about this outrageous act, wrote "Forgotten." Besides his great musicianship, John is a teller of stories, stories that often introduce his songs, or form an integral part of the songs.

Tickets for the concert go on sale December 9th. Prices remain this year at $25 for adults, $15 for children 12 and under, and those under five years old get in for free. Note that a portion of the proceeds will go to ABODE Services this year. "Together we can end homelessness in our community."

Bruce Roberts

Christmas Calendar

Lessons & Carols, Sunday December 2

Join us in song and scripture as we welcome the 1st Sunday of Advent with a Service of Lessons & Carols at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

Las Posadas, Sunday December 2

With song and laughter, with story-telling and fellowship, help us welcome the Mary and Joseph as they seek shelter for the birth of Christ. We begin in the Main Church at 5:00pm.

Church Greening, Sunday December 23

In preparation for Christmas, we "green" the church in the traditional manner of poinsettias and pine. Join us immediately following the 10:30 service. Bring a snack to share with others.

Christmas Eve Services, Monday December 24

4:00pm Family Service with "Ad Hoc" Children's Pageant and Communion

All children welcome! No rehearsals necessary, no line-memorization required! All kids who would like to participate in our "Ad Hoc" pageant simply need to be at church **by 3:45**. Meet in the parish hall for costuming, and process in our pageant to create the Holy Nativity Scene.

10:30pm Traditional Christmas Carol Hymn-singing

This is your chance to sing the beloved Christmas hymns you've waited all year to sing!

11:00pm Festive Christmas Service with Holy Communion

As the hour approaches midnight, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with this traditional and festive Christmas Service with full choir and Holy Eucharist.

Christmas Day, Tuesday December 25

Begin this holy day with a service of Holy Communion in the Main Church at 10:00.

1st Sunday after Christmas, Sunday December 30

We will celebrate this marking of the Christmas Season and the beginning of a new calendar year with our usual two services at 8:00am and 10:30am.

LIVE IN CONCERT

World Renowned, Grammy-Nominated

Folk Singer / Songwriter

John McCutcheon

Monday, January 21, 2013 7:30 P.M.

One Night Only

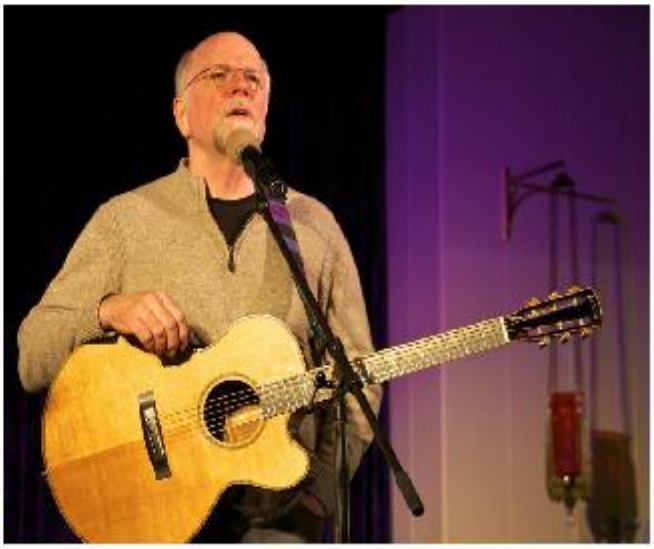
St. James' Episcopal Church
(Thornton Ave. at Cabrillo Terrace, Fremont)

Tickets on Sale December 9, 2012

Suggested Donation:
$25 Adult, $15 Child (12 & under)
Children under age 5 admitted free
MasterCard, Visa, Cash or Check

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Abode Homewarming to end homelessness in our community

For information or to purchase tickets, contact St. James' Episcopal Church at 510-797-1492, ext. 4, or events@saintj.com



New Carpet Is Coming

Help Needed to Get Ready

We are getting new blue carpet in the Main Church this month. It will be installed during the week of December 3-7 by Worship Interiors Group, the same company that did such a great job reupholstering our chairs.

In preparation for the work, we need to clear the worship space. On Sunday, December 2 after the 5pm Las Posadas program we will move all the chairs and the altar to one side of the sanctuary. All help is appreciated!

When the carpet installation is complete, everything must be brought back and the worship space set for Sunday service. This will take place Saturday, December 8, beginning at 11am. Please talk to Brad Hoffman if you are available that day.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to a great looking sanctuary at Christmas!

Laura Winter, Jr. Warden

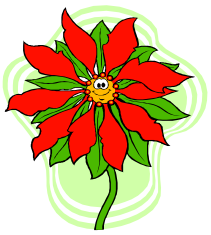
Like to Knit or Crochet?

St. James' has been part of a Prayer Shawl Ministry for a number of years. This ministry is an opportunity for "crafty" people to create simple shawls by either knitting or crocheting; these shawls are then given to people who are sick or grieving. Each shawl comes with an attached tag that reads: "You are wrapped in the prayers of the people of St. James'." You can read more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry at http://www.shawlministry.com/.

The group has been inactive for a while, and the stored supply of prayer shawls have all been used. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact me. The shawl patterns are simple (easy for beginners) and free online. Thank you!

Janet Fischer

Christmas Poinsettias



Once again we will have the church decorated with poinsettias for Christmas. You may have a plant or plants in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for something. We are asking a donation of $10.00 per plant. There will be a sign-up list posted in the Parish Hall after Thanksgiving. Please indicate on your check in the memo line "poinsettia fund."

Ruth Poole, Altar Guild

Now's the Time to Nominate New Vestry Members and Deanery Representatives

At our Annual Meeting in January we will elect four new members to the Vestry and two Deanery Representatives. Do you know someone in the congregation who would be a good candidate? Would you like to run for either of these positions yourself? We want to hear from you!

The Vestry consists of 12 members who serve 3-year terms; four new members join and four members retire each year. In addition to attending regular monthly meetings, Vestry members serve in groups of two as liaisons for St. James' cluster groups. The Vestry's official responsibilities as defined by the Episcopal Church are to manage the business of the church in areas of finance and buildings and to fill church leadership positions.

Four Deanery Delegates serve for two years; two new members join and two members retire each year. They represent the parish at quarterly Deanery meetings and the Diocesan Convention. Each year two new representatives are elected.

If you would like to nominate someone for either office, or you would like to serve in either, please contact any current member of the Vestry.

Janet Fischer, Sr. Warden

Saint J Youth Social

Saint J Youth welcomes Everyone in 6th grade–12th grade to join us for our end-of-year **Social/Social**.

We will look at the influence and use of Social Media and its positive and negative points as well as enjoying some face-to-face social time!!

Music, Foosball, Air Hockey.

Bring a friend!

Sunday December 9. 6-9pm
(extended youth group time)

For more info contact Jan at ctfcoord@saintj.com. RSVP if possible.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:00 AM Holy Communion (LC) 9:00 AM Advent Wreath Assembly (PH) 9:15 AM Faith Formation (EB1) 9:15 AM Healing Team (S) 10:15 AM Sunday School (EB3) 10:30 AM Holy Communion (C) 11:30 AM Children's Choir Practice(C) 1:30 PM Philippine Independent Church (LC) (PH) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	26 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	27 6:30 AM Adult Bible Study Group - (Off Campus) 5:00 PM Youth Champions/Art Class (PH)	28 10:00 AM Holy Communion (LC) 6:30 PM Tai Chi Class (PH) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	29 2:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group (ST) 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)	30 10:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	1 5:00 PM Philippine Independent Church (LC)
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For the most recent St. James' calendar, Go to:
http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for…

For Those In The Military: Scott, Jarrod, Bryan, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Military Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Robert, Adam, Darren, Robert

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Eileen, Nadia

Families Expecting Children: Kelly and Gersson, Candace, Marley Stephen, Ann and David, Jana and Mike, Erica, Amaya

For Those Who Need Comfort and Healing: Daniella and Thiagode, the Koonze, Casas and Reed families, Eileen, Clara, Edna, Philip, Noah, Florinne

For Those Who Have Passed Away: Mary, Nina, Tim, Joyce, Jody, Claire

December Birthday Celebrations

1 Cassandra Locher
Courtney Whitehouse
2 John Kimber
4 Rose Hoffman
Alex Locher
6 Paul Svenson
8 Genore Schaaf
Carol Lynch
11 Pegeen Perry
12 Elaine Vallecillo-Miller
17 Barbara Gifford
19 Donald Razzolini
20 Sylvia Ma
21 Chris Perry
Jill Buono
Frank Hoffman
22 Bud Spalding
Karen Koonze
23 Monique Manjarrez
30 Bob Tomkinson
Cynthia Fisher
31 Marlene Benedict
Brad Hoffman
Denise Lovellette

December Anniversaries

4 Ken and Penny Trant
10 George and Sylvia Ma

Financial Summary October 2012

Fund Balances	10/31/2011	10/31/2012
Operating Fund	$ 65,289	$ 79,445
Building Fund	$ 35,582	$ 9,739

Year To Date Summary Operating

Pledges Budgeted	$ 194,942	$ 197,342
Pledges Paid	186,246	184,509
Unpledged Contributions	7,102	4,324
Other Op Income*	14,257	14,244
Total Operating Income	$ 207,606	$ 203,077
Total Operating Expenses	$ 194,080	$ 196,954
Income less Expenses	**$ 13,526**	**$ 6,123**

*Includes Fundraising

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 January. 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 by: **January Issue Deadline: December 15**

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00AM & 10:30AM
FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY 9:15-10:15AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM
YOUTH GROUP SECOND SUNDAY 6:30PM
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