The Window

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

July 2017

The Feast of St. James

Each July we celebrate St. James on the Sunday closest to July 25th, his saint's day. In 2017 we also celebrate 150 years of the beginning of St. James' Episcopal Church in Centerville/ Fremont. The actual date is September 28, 1867, the date when Bishop Kip consecrated the church. James was one of the sons of Zebedee, one of Jesus' twelve Apostles, brother of John. He is the same James who, tradition says, preached in Iberia (Spain), and is buried at Santiago de Compostela, the destination goal of those pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago, translated as the "Way of St. James." His martyrdom is recorded in Acts 12:1-2. A fiery preacher, James may have really upset Herod Agrippa who had him executed by the sword.

As 2017 Episcopalians we are probably not the fiery preachers akin to St. James. Though no less passionate, our way is perhaps quieter, more subtle. Maybe we are more akin to the author of the Letter of James. Not to mire myself in the controversy between Faith through Grace and Works justifying Faith, but I see the community of St. James' often doing good works, either as individuals or as a community. And those works are evident in our looking after each other, our community, or others in the wider community.

As Jesus teaches us and calls us to do,
Love Your Neighbor: –

Give rest to the weary;
Console the bereaved;
Pray for each other;
Learn from the teachings of the Apostles;
Be there for others.

Remember what we are celebrating. For 150 years people have worshiped here following the Way of Saint James, loving God, loving our neighbors, and doing good works. May we continue to do so in our future.

Bruce Roberts
Junior Warden

How Jesus Changed My Life Through St. James'

Life can bring us pleasant surprises and events and therefore we can experience joy and happiness. Life also can present difficult challenges, whether is a terminal illness diagnosis, loss of employment, grieving the loss of a loved one, an unfriendly divorce, etc. We react to any of these situations, and we can get angry, hurt, disappointed, lonely…

We question God, and we say, "Why God, is this happening to me?"
Our faith gets weakened. We experience emotional turmoil and distress.

When I came to visit St James' in December 2008, I was in search of a church community that would accept LGBT people like me. As a former Catholic, I felt rejected because of my sexual orientation. The local Catholic church was against same-sex marriages. I was in emotional turmoil because I was "different" and married to my wife Griselda. My faith in God and my spiritual values were getting weakened. I also didn't want to go to an extreme and become an atheist.

Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Being part of the Episcopal community of St James' has brought me spiritual re-connection with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I see the face of Jesus on every single parishioner that treats Griselda and I like a regular normal loving couple. I feel the love, respect and warm relationships and fellowships of our church members. I also enjoy the diversity of the different ethnic backgrounds in our congregation.

My faith in the Holy Trinity is getting stronger every day and I know I can count on Jesus' presence in my life through prayers, meditations and services.

I'm glad that St James' has become a big part of my spiritual journey as an Episcopalian.

Evelyn Martinez

Men's Group Trip to Twain Harte
August 17th through August 20th, 2017

If you are new to St James', please consider joining us for a great trip to Twain Harte. The Twain Harte area truly has a lot to offer for a diverse group of guys from ages 21- 80+ who like to hike, play golf, fish, beer and wine taste, swim, kayak, shoot pool, tell stories and eat good food. Tentative cost is $160.00 per person which includes meals. Beverages are usually handled individually. If you are interested, contact Gregg Feeney, via **email** or 510-506-2303 cell. A signup sheet will be posted in the parish hall.

Gregg Feeney

Congratulations Graduates!

Bryneth Fuller and Tom Scrutton, both long-time members of St. James', graduated from Mission San Jose High School in June.

Bryneth joined approximately thirty high school students from throughout Fremont taking classes through the Ohlone Connections program, allowing her to finish the high school requirements while concurrently taking college courses. Bryneth's favorite times during school included a 2 -1/2 week to trip Nicaragua, and playing water polo (earning the team MVP award). Bryneth plans to take a gap year and will spend it in India teaching children. Once she returns, she will attend community college, and one day join the Peace Corps.

Tom spent his spare time running. He was a member of the cross-country team and the track team all four years. He ran the long distance races and captained both teams his senior year. Tom will attend Humboldt State University this fall, studying kinesiology. Continuing his enjoyment of athletics, Tom plans to teach PE and coach at the high school level.

We had the privilege of watching them grow up at St. James'. Both served as acolytes for many years, and they shared their special memories of church. Bryneth has been a member since birth, and thinks of St. James' as a constant in her life – it has always been there. She remembers learning the parables in Sunday school, and she enjoyed the stories former rector Bob Honeychurch shared in his sermons. Las Posadas is her favorite event, enjoying the journey through the cold that finishes with coming inside for hot food and a celebration with friends.

Tom has been at St. James' for almost ten years, participating in many different ways. In addition to being an acolyte, Tom served as a Eucharistic Minister this year. He participated in Sunday school, first as a student and now a teacher, has volunteered at VBS each year, is in the Youth Group, and is a member of the Road Crew. Tom said St. James' is a place he learned to be comfortable speaking in front of others, gaining confidence in himself. He mentioned Las Posadas and the Easter Vigil skits, and said he progressed from participating first as a tree, to a donkey, to Joseph, and then to God. That is growing up! The opportunities he has had at St. James' will help him throughout life.

Also graduating this year was Tori McJunkin (not pictured). Tori has been coming to St. James' since 2011 with her mother Monique Manjarrez. She graduated from American High School where she was involved in the music program including Symphonic Band, Marching Band, Winter Percussion, Winter Drum Major and Band Leadership. Her long time hobby has been dancing, including solo ballet performances. In the fall she will start at Chapman University in Orange, CA majoring in Film Production, where she has been offered substantial scholarships. Tori says she has always admired the welcoming community of St. James', and will be keeping those ideals with her through the rest of her life.

Congratulations Bryneth, Tom and Tori! We wish you well moving on to the next stage of your lives. Know that you always have a home here at St. James', and we look forward to hearing more about your adventures.

Laura Winter

Save the Dates!

In 1867, St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, California, was founded. In 2017, we celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We'd love for you to join the celebration!

All events will be held on the St. James' campus in Fremont.

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Meet and Greet Social

Afternoon - Evening

Sunday, November 5, 2017

Holy Eucharist and Celebration

Morning - Afternoon

More details will be distributed, and an RSVP will be sent. Save the dates, we'd love to see you!

The Congregation and Clergy of St. James' Episcopal Church
Fremont, CA

FREMONT, CALIFORNIA SINCE 1867

In This House, All Are Welcome. No Exceptions.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrating 150 Years

Sacred Space

Sacred Space is a Diocesan ministry to the unhoused and hungry in Oakland and Hayward. Our deanery participates in the Hayward congregation. Each month St. James' provides a bag lunch to the 20-30 people who gather at Cannery Park in Hayward for a short worship service, fellowship, and a meal. The sign-up sheet for July-December is now in the Parish Hall. Please take a look and see what you might be able to contribute. It takes little effort to add a few items to your shopping cart. Thank you for your participation!

Janet Fischer
Sacred Space Coordinator

Highlights from June Vestry Meeting

The Vestry met for our monthly meeting on June 8th. Evelyn Martinez provided the meal. We started the meeting sharing Godly moments and prayer. Absent were Katie Porter, Kimberly Patton and Charles Hall. The highlights from the meeting are below. A detailed copy of the monthly vestry minutes is available for viewing in the church office.

Vestry minutes, Rector's report and the April and May budget/financials were approved.

- Mike Scrutton, Stewardship Secretary joined our meeting with an update on pledges and related information. A very positive note is that pledges are slightly up from last year.
- Mike reported that 100 of the St. James' 150th Celebration t-shirts have been sold and will arrive in time so those participating can wear them in the Fremont July 4th parade. *(The shirts are here and ready to be picked up.)*
- Last year Vestry took a new approach that each Vestry member would write an article for the Stewardship Corner each month and the theme was Why I Give to St. James'. This year we are continuing with that concept and the articles are on How Jesus Has Changed my Life through St. James'. Vestry also participated in short Stewardship moments during service and that will also continue during pledge season in the fall.
- Last month the Vestry approved a donation of $1,000.00 to Corazon. Through the generosity of additional donations from our parishioners that amount has been raised to $1,500.00.
- Vestry also approved the request from the St. James' McCutcheon group for the 2018 John McCutcheon Concert next January, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Evelyn led us in compline in the little church and the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Penny Trant

National Night Out Comes to St. James'

On the first Tuesday of August every year, people in cities all across the country gather to meet their neighbors. Referred to as National Night Out, this event is designed to strengthen our neighborhoods though police-community partnerships. It's a great chance to get to know others in the area and visit with our neighbors.

St. James' will participate this year – **Tuesday, August 1 from 7pm to 9pm**. We will be inviting the people in the townhouses next door and the Harbor Light congregation as well. We expect to be visited by the Fremont police and/or fire fighters and hope to have guests from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and SBARA (South Bay Amateur Radio Association). We will provide cold drinks, ice cream and popcorn.

The St. James' Disaster Preparedness Team is sponsoring this event. You've never heard of this team? We are a group of parishioners working at ways to take care of the church, its members and members of the surrounding community in case of an emergency. It is our goal to help everyone become better prepared. Please mark your calendars and plan to come by the church for this short but very meaningful event.

Dave Nelsen
Disaster Preparedness Team

Financial Summary May 2017

Fund Balances	**5/31/16**	**5/31/17**
Operating Fund	$ 58,314.17	$ 57,101.77
Building Investment	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00
Building Fund	$ 27,766.12	$ 34,096.76
Pledges Budgeted	$ 108,332.00	$ 124,598.33
Pledges Paid	$ 105,966.76	$ 114,689.39
Unpledged Contributions	$ 5,045.00	$ 4,595.60
Other Op Income*	$ 11,224.25	$ 7,981.01
Total Operating Income	122,236.01	127,266.00
Total Operating Expenses	113,353.66	119,595.75
Income less Expenses	$ 8,882.35	$ 7,670.25

*Includes Fundraising

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray for:

For Those In The Military: Scott, Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Military Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Darren, Matthew, Johnny

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Ryan, Karl, Jeff

For Those Who Need Comfort and Healing: Ron, John, Jerry, the Hedvall family, Peter, Donald, Sarah, Mary Jo, Mr. Ammerlaan, Clay, June, Margaret, Terese

For Families Expecting Children: Jeffrey and Erica

For Those Who Have Passed Away: Fran, Gretchen, Aubrey, Cathy

To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please complete a pew card and place it in the offering plate OR call / email the Church Office. After six weeks, names are removed from the list. Please renew your request as needed.
Thank you

Please note: If your birth month 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

July Birthdays

1 Megan Tiller
3 Johanne LaRocque
7 John Guzior
9 George Siegmann III
Renee Whitehouse
11 Craig Gentner
14 Diane Morninglight
16 Bill Mosier
17 Angela Casas
Evan Lovellette
18 Anne Blalock
21 Jackie Whitehouse
22 Jack Merrell
24 Barbara Kostick
27 Evelyn Martinez
28 Bev Mosier
Ian Peterson
28 Gregg Feeney
31 Leland Scheuffele

July Anniversaries

11 Lauren and Daniel Zarovi
19 Jessica Stair and Charles Hall
25 Don and Marilyn Rose

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

Email your submission to newsletter@saintj.com by: **July 15th.**

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SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:00AM & 10:30AM
CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES: SUNDAY 9:30-10:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 10:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: 9:00AM-1:00PM

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