The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA

Called to serve in new and loving ways

July 2018

Faith In Action: St. James'/St. Anne's Habitat Build

On Saturday, June 16, about 30 volunteers, together with 6 future homeowners, 4 Americorps interns, and several "regular" volunteers participated in a Habitat Build Day at Central Commons in Fremont. The 18 St. James' and 3 St. Anne's volunteers were joined by several from St. Timothy's in Mt. View, and St. Andrew's in Saratoga, making a great showing for the Episcopal Church in the SF Bay Area.

Most volunteers worked mainly on hanging drywall, requiring hours of steady hammering by hand, while some helped to ready the site for a coming inspection and others rearranged and replenished needed supplies. Sandwich boxes from Panera were provided by St. James' for all, partially underwritten by Penny and Ken Trant.

Women Power

Others brought pies and cookies for that all-important sugar boost.

Meg and John

There's a saying about trying for perfection in celebrating the Eucharist: as long as no one got hurt and everybody got fed, there's nothing to worry about. The same could be said about our build day as another expression of Eucharist: everyone was fed (with some leftovers), we did our part to build up the Kingdom, and while some muscles may have ached a bit the next day, no one was injured in the process. Thanks be to God!

Perhaps there will be another St. James' Build Day down the road, but in the meantime, you can volunteer as an individual. More information can be found at the East Bay/Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity website: https://www.habitatebsv.org/.

Rev. Anna Horen

Photos by: Bruce Roberts

Why is Regular Worship Important to Me?

Our lives are a journey, from day to day and through the years. There are hectic times and slow times, but we always move on – through the work week, the weekend break, family activities and obligations. Where do we fit in God? When do we experience his love?

I get the most out of worship when I make it an integral part of my weekly flow. Worship for me is not a detour or a pause for a Godly "time out". Instead I am joining the journeys of those in the St James community, sharing God's presence and love as it is happening in the moment; and then carrying the experience of that time together into the week.

There are many parts of worship; each making me aware of a different way God is present in my life. The power of these vary for me from week to week:

- Community – God loves and acts through all of us
- Ritual – God is permanent, unchanged by the times
- Music – Praise God!
- The word – God guides us
- The bread and wine – Jesus is with us and saves us

Each Sunday, I carry something from worship into the week – a call to action from Anna or Lori's sermon, something to ponder from the lesson, a ritual moment that put me in the presence of God, an affirming interaction with our church family.

I find if I don't make a practice of regular worship, of being intentional about including worship with others, I lose touch with my faith, I forget God's grace and lose awareness of his presence and love, and it becomes hard for me to see God in others. I tend to drift, I lose the anchor of God. In this winding journey of life, Sunday Worship is both a welcome respite and a re-orientation. It reminds me of the gifts of god that we are to share with others in our lives.

John Butterfield
Vestry Member

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St. James'/St. Anne's Habitat Build, 6/16/18

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Marish Bora Update

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ELDORET
18/06/2018.

REVEREND LORI,
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FREMONT CALIFORNIA.

Nanyole Hope Achiena'

Dear Rev. Lori,

REF: MIDTERM UPDATE JUNE 2018.

Hello it is with much happiness that I write to you thanking you for your continuos support and allowing God to use you in catering for my school expenses. Apart from academics, I also engaged in hockey playing and reciting poems. I hope to be in the school team soon. I'm one of the participants of the french chorals and we shall be competing in the regionals as soon as we resume with other schools

Our parents had come to school for the academic day on 12/05/2018. We were happy to meet them after their long meeting with the teachers. We did our midterm exams and are expecting the results to be out as early as possible when we resume.

We closed school for 1 week midterm break on 16/06/2018. and will resume on 24/06/2018. I'm putting much efforts in my studies just as I had promised. My parents also appreciate the anchoring support that you've given me and are urging me to do my best. Pass my greetings to the church members. Be blessed.

Yours sincerely,

Nanyole Hope Achiena'.

Sacred Space

Sacred Space is a ministry of the Southern Alameda County Deanery. St. James' along with the other parishes in our Deanery provide a short worship service and lunch to the homeless and hungry who meet in Cannery Park, Hayward, every Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm. St. James' provides lunch on the 4th Sunday of each month, rain or shine. We also contribute toiletries, socks, coats, and whatever else may be needed throughout the year.

I particularly want to thank the anonymous person/s who have left bags of travel-sized toiletries for us to give out. These items are greatly appreciated! The signup sheet for July-December is now posted in the Parish Hall. I would love to see some new names on the list! It is a small thing to purchase a case of water, or some cookies, or chips, or fruit cups. And if you're really ambitious, you could volunteer to prepare sandwiches as well. Team up with a friend! St. James' has been a great supporter of this ministry over the years, and I thank you!

Janet Fischer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming book Discussion using *Whole: Restoring What Is Broken in Me, You, and The Entire World by,* Steve Wiens. Available in paperback or e-book from your favorite book seller. Meeting in the **Education Room Sundays, 9:15am-10:15am, July 29 - Aug. 26.** Contact Janet Fischer with any questions at jfischer@saintj.com.

About the book: " Look around, and you'll notice: The world is covered with jagged edges. People and places are broken all around us. We were made for better than this: We were made to be whole, and wholly human, to tend a world that is wholly humane. We were made in the image of God. This book is a quest to recover that image in ourselves and our neighbors, to help us all become human and humane again. For Christians who lament the brokenness in themselves, their neighbors, and the world around them, *Whole* offers a rallying cry to pursue wholeness together."

If you would like to find out more on the book go to: https://stevewiens.com/whole/

Janet Fischer

Financial Summary for May 2018

Fund Balances	**5/31/2018**	**5/31/2018**
Operating Fund	$ 57,102	$ 67,287
Building Fund	$ 34,097	$ 49,406
Pledges Budgeted	$ 124,598	$ 135,485
Pledges Paid	$ 114,689	$ 143,588
Unpledged Contributions	$ 4,596	$ 1,705
Other Op Income	$ 7,981	$ 9,190
Total Operating Income	$ 127,266	$ 154,432
Total Operating Expenses	$ 119,596	$ 136,737
Income less Expenses	$ 7,670	$ 17,696

SAVE THE DATES

Ladies Flatlanders (our weekend of fellowship at the beach) is scheduled for September 27-30 this year. Currently we have two townhouses reserved with room for 28 ladies.

The signup sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall soon.

Talk with Nancy Castaneda, Mary Casas, Dorothy Balderston, Laura Winter or anyone to hear about the wonderful experience and memories we all have. Also feel free to ask questions of anyone who has gone in the past

Laura Winter

The St. James' Blog

Did you know we have a blog? It's easy to find! Just go to our home page on the web at saintj.com and either:

a. At the very top of the home page on the right, above the blue, click on "News."
b. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on " Visit our Blog..."
c. Scroll beneath the calendar on the right, and click on the most current posts under, "POSTS."
d. Click on the top tab, "About US", then on "News Online - StJ Blog."

What's on the blog? We post links to the audio feed of sermons and the major articles that will go into the Window. Read it first on the blog!
You can also sign up to get an email alert when something new is posted on the blog. Again, at the very top of the home page, above the blue and on the left, click on the third symbol which looks like this:

and follow the instructions for signing up for alerts.

Please contact Janet Fischer or Mike Scrutton if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Janet Fischer

Annual St. James' Feast On July 22nd

It's time again for our annual St. James' Feast, number 10 if you are counting. We will celebrate in usual St. James' fashion after the single service on Sunday, July 22nd. Everyone knows how much fun, food and fellowship this day brings.

We look forward to also having the Philippine Independent Church join us again for this festive event. There will also be some fun prizes and **everyone** who comes, gets a ticket and a chance to win.

Look for the sign-sheet in the Parish Hall and if you can bring a favorite dish that would be great. If you have any questions, see Penny Trant or John Kimber.

Thanks so much and hope to see you there!

Penny Trant

St. James'' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray :

For Those is the Military: 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, Darren

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Michael, Victor, Catherine, Daniel, Gloria, Leslie, John

For Those Who Need Comfort and Healing: Ron, Eunetta, Judy, Lisa, Jane, Jackie, Janet, Julie, Ingrid, Dwarka, Sheila, Grey, Pat, Adrian, Alex, Laura & Karen & Family.

For Those Who Have Passed Away: Donald, June

To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please complete a pew card and place in the Sunday 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

4 Bob Bynum
7 John Guzior
9 George Siegmann III
11 Craig Gentner
13 Lucy Ferro
14 Diane Morninglight
16 Bill Mosier
17 Angela Casas
Evan Lovellette
Tim Hunt
19 Gavin Ferro
24 Jon Harrington
Barbara Kostick
27 Evelyn Martinez
28 Bev Mosier
Gregg Feeney
Jan Pearson
31 Leland Scheuffel

July Anniversaries

11 Lauren and Daniel Zarovy

24 Don and Marilyn Rose

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

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

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES: SUNDAY 9:15-10:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 10:00AM

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