The Window

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

Called to serve in new and loving ways

August 2018

Why Regular Worship Is Important To Me

When I was a young child, I went to a Catholic Church almost every Sunday. Partly because I had to and partly because I looked forward to the fruit plate or sweet Mexican fried tortilla my grandmother would buy me after Mass. I did enjoy this regular outing with her because I got to have one-on-one time with my Grandma. I also knew that good Catholics went to church every Sunday and I wanted to be a good Catholic. The Mass was always in Spanish and although I did know "some" Spanish, most of the Sunday service was "just words" and "rituals". With my weekly visits, I started to memorize the service and began to know when it was time to stand, when to kneel, and when to sit. I also knew when it was almost over and I would then go outside and get my fruit plate from the Mexican vendor outside.

Although I will forever treasure those weekly outings with my grandmother, as I fast forward to my adult life, I now understand that regular worship is much more than memorizing a service of words and rituals, and waiting for it to be over so I could get to that fruit plate.

I did attend Catholic Mass in the Bay Area when I moved here in 1994, but it was usually a Christmas or Easter service. Life always felt too busy to go. Having children increased my attendance a bit, but I still felt no connection. It wasn't until I found St. James' that I finally felt truly connected to a church for the first time in my life.

St. James' feels like MY church, MY home. Every single time I walk in the church doors, I feel a welcoming peace within my heart. My mind feels present and ready to hear the message. Sitting in the pews I find myself among many friends, some new and some old. I feel a part of something. Throughout the service I receive the understanding and healing I need to carry me through the week. I feel my heart fill with strength and goodness to share with others. In the outside day to day world we are sometimes faced with situations that challenge our faith. We ask ourselves why God would let these things happen. I don't know how I would handle those times without the weekly blessing I receive on Sundays.

Regular worship is important to me because hearing the word of God gives me life. It makes me happy, it makes me feel better, and it gives me hope. As a school teacher, and as a mom, I need to be a positive guiding force for our youth. My regular worship brings positivity into my soul and sends me out share it with the world. I am better because of St. James' and I am thankful for it.

Regular worship is indeed different than when I was a kid. I now understand the words that are spoken and the meaning behind the rituals. And although my Grandma is no longer here to sit beside me, I know her spirit is there smiling upon me. And as for the fruit plate I used to look forward to after church…That is now replaced by a meal shared with my partner and my kids. A meal filled with laughter, and goodness, and hearts full of positivity to share with the world .

Monique Manjarrez
Vestry

Photo by: Bruce Roberts

General Convention: A Tale of Two Resolutions

The 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church acted on a record 500+ resolutions, among them prayer book revision, full access to marriage rites for same-sex couples, immigration, Israel-Palestine relations, and the readmission of Cuba as a diocese. Other events of note brought together bishops, deputies (priests, deacons, and laypersons), and visitors in public witness. Bishops United Against Gun Violence organized an event in downtown Austin where hundreds gathered to hear Episcopalians Philip and April Shentrup speak on the heart-wrenching loss of their daughter, Carmen, at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. One thousand gathered for Noontime Prayer, led by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at the T. Don Hutto Detention Center in Taylor, Texas, to witness against recent changes in immigration policy that have resulted in the separation of families, and mass roundups and deportations without due process.

Two resolutions, one on prayer book revision, and the other on full access to marriage rites for same-sex couples were a particular focus of denominational interest, and rightfully so. A core principle of Anglicanism is that our denominational unity is marked not by doctrinal conformity, but the use of a common prayer book, hence the title, "Book of Common Prayer." Following the saying that belief is shaped by prayer, the rites and prayers of the prayer book, based solidly on Scripture, are the preeminent expression of the theology of the church, particularly with respect to the relationships between humanity and divinity, humanity and creation, and our relationships with one another. Prayer book revisions are deliberate and carefully considered, as they should be. However, theology does not stand still; while core beliefs do not change, new insights are prompted by the Holy Spirit, and our faith is always expressed in the context of a particular place and time. The language of the prayer book can and should reflect these realities, not simply for the sake of change, but so that it may be relevant to current and future generations.

The original resolution passed by the House of Deputies to begin the process of revision for the entire 1979 prayer book was not favored by the House of Bishops. In the end, both houses agreed to a modified resolution allowing for the creation of alternative texts by worshipping communities, to be submitted to a new Task Force on Liturgical and Prayer Book Revision for possible consideration at the 80th General Convention in 2021. The resolution called for these experimental texts to "utilize expansive language and imagery for humanity and divinity," and "incorporate understanding, appreciation, and care of God's creation." It also called for the 1979 Prayer Book to be "memorialized," but the precise meaning of memorialization in this context remains unclear at this time.

Along similar lines, a resolution for authorization of an "expansive language" trial-use version of Holy Eucharist Rite II, including Eucharistic Prayers A, B, and D was overwhelmingly adopted with little debate. Some of the changes reflect language modifications already in use in some dioceses and parishes, many of them correctives to exclusively masculine language and imagery for God. While some were satisfied with this piecemeal approach, those hoping for comprehensive prayer book revision were disappointed, believing that the convention had simply "kicked the can down the road."

The resolution on full access to marriage rites was seen as a pastoral and justice issue as well as a liturgical one. In 2012, a marriage rite for same-sex couples was authorized for trial use. To correct a perception of "separate-but-equal" status for same-sex couples, and to accommodate opposite-sex couples who preferred its language, the scope of this rite was expanded for use by all couples in 2015, and a gender-neutral version of the 1979 prayer book marriage rite was made available for trial use. As with all liturgical texts, these rites required the direction and permission of the diocesan bishop, as chief liturgical authority. However, in eight of the 101 domestic US dioceses, bishops refused permission for the use of these rites. The resolution passed in this General Convention unblocked the existing impasse, allowing rectors or priests-in-charge the ability to permit access to these rites

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regardless of the theological position of their diocesan bishop. In addition, it extends the trial use of the two rites until the next comprehensive prayer book revision. While the goal of full access was met, there was some disappointment that this resolution displaced another which would have made gender-neutral language changes regarding the sacrament of marriage throughout the prayer book available for trial use.

This "tale of two resolutions" illustrates both the effectiveness and messiness of our democratic way of being church. It is often jokingly said that the framers of the US Constitution, meeting in Philadelphia in 1787, returned two years later to write the original Constitution and Canons of our church. This example demonstrates why. Resolutions are composed, proposed, brought (or not) to convention, debated, amended, and voted upon by both houses. Compromises abound and there is always disagreement as to whether we are moving too slowly or too fast. But we do move, prayerfully, and in faith, discerning with the help of the Holy Spirit.

For more details on this and other General Convention news, consult the website of the Episcopal News Service: https://tinyurl.com/y7664bop

Rev. Anna Horen

Lighthearted moments: this pigeon roosting in the House of Deputies' meeting hall was dubbed "GC79 Pigeon." Claiming to be a "nested Episcopalian," GC79 tweeted her observations of the proceedings, (@gc79pigeon) and "contributed," somewhat messily, to debate.

National Night Out at St. James'

On the first Tuesday of August every year, people in cities all across the nation 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 again this year on **Tuesday, August 7, 7:00pm to 9:00pm**. 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 ice cream, popcorn and cold drinks.

The St. James' Disaster Preparedness Team is sponsoring this event. 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.

The Disaster Preparedness Team

What Do You Follow?

We can follow maps, instructions, or a recipe and more modern additions to our vocabulary might have us following a Facebook page or a favorite band or show. This summer for a week in June our day camp took the theme of Follow.

We found out about how the Israelites followed Moses out of Egypt and followed a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire in the desert, meanwhile we followed a leader around campus. We remembered how Jesus told his disciples to 'follow me', and we also followed instructions to learn some great new crafts. We found out how we are like sheep, and how camels struggle to get through the eye of needles, while we also followed along with songs and actions. And we thought about following Jesus.

Summer camp at St. James' is a great chance to hear stories, make crafts, share time together and be reminded we all follow one God.

Thank you to everyone who helped, played, printed, organized, set up, supported, prepared, collected, sang, prayed and followed along with our progress. We appreciate you all.

Jan Scrutton
Children's Minister

Ladies Flatlanders Is Coming!

September 27-30, 2018

It's time to sign up for our annual fellowship weekend at the beach. The women of St. James' spend a weekend together each year overlooking the beach at Pajaro Dunes. It's our cherished way to gather together, as we strengthen our bonds with each other, and get to know new participants. We laugh, tell stories, walk on the beach, play games, and worship together. And we eat great food!

Currently we have reserved two townhouses, each sleeping 14 women. If you are interested, please sign up now in the Parish Hall so we know how many people are attending. Approximate cost for the weekend is $150.00 plus the cost of food. A deposit of $150 is requested when you sign up.

We welcome all ladies over the age of 21 (some of us bring our favorite alcoholic beverage): members of the church, past members, friends of members. It is a wonderful time of growth and sharing our lives.

Submitted by: Nancy Castaneda

Online Audio Sermons

Did you miss Sunday service and want to hear the sermon, or maybe you just want to hear a sermon again. Well you can anytime, anywhere. Go to saintj.com to hear the sermons recorded at our 10:30am service, or search in iTunes (Saint James' Fremont) to find our podcast.

Penny Trant

St. James' Men's Group Annual Trip August 16-19

It's not too late to sign up for the St. James' Men's Group Annual Trip August 16-19**.** Whether you are new to St. James' or an established member, 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 $165.00 per person which includes meals. Beverages are usually handled individually. If you are interested, contact Gregg Feeney, via email dgfeeney@comcast.net or call 510-506-2303 (cell). A signup sheet is posted in the parish hall. Some of us cannot depart on Thursday but will depart Friday and can carpool.

Gregg Feeney

An Update from Hope – Misha Bora Project

Moi Girls' High School - Eldoret
P.o Box 140, Eldoret

Student's Results Slip

Examination: MID TERM **Term:** 2 **Year:** 2018

Adm.No: 14032 **Name:** Nanyole Hope Achieng **Form:** 1 Kappa

Ov.Position: 213 **Cl.Position:** 24 **T. Marks:** 750 **MMark:** 68.1818 **Mgrade:** B

Code	Subject Name	Percent	Grade	Position
101	English	61	B-	18
102	Kiswahili	62	B-	2
121	Mathematics	48	C-	27
231	Biology	76	B+	17
232	Physics	73	B+	14
233	Chemistry	78	B+	17
311	History & Government	84	A-	14
312	Geography	79	B+	10
313	C.R.E.	77	B+	23
451	Computer Studies	54	C	11
501	French	58	C+	6

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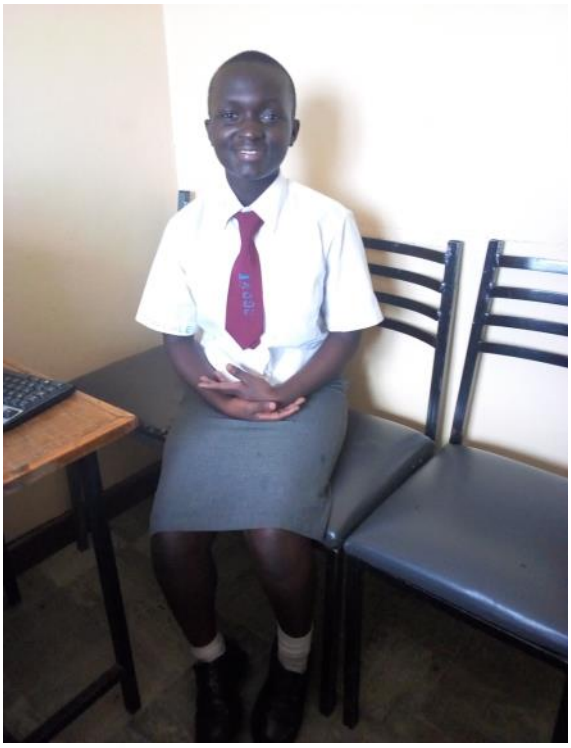

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19/07/ 2018.

REV. LORI - A. WILTON,
EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

REF: REPORT ON THE SECOND TERM MAY-JULY 2018

Hallo, it is with great pleasure that I write to you after breaking for the holidays today on the 19th of July. We have closed school earlier than usual because our school will be hosting the National Sports day. We will be resuming two weeks earlier on 15th August.

I had earlier stated that I was a participant in reciting a french poem. We emerged 3rd at the regional level but won't have a chance at the National level since only the top 2 qualify.

I have had quite an enjoyable term. One of the special occasions was during the Christian Union Weekend Challenge which was meant for spiritual enhancement.

I am fairing on well with my studies though I had a slight drop, but I believe it will be my bouncing point. I know I can make it for God has plans to prosper me.

Thank you onee again for the support during my 2 terms. You have been a blessing in my life. Pass my sincere greetings to your family and church members. Be blessed.

Yours sincerely,

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Nan-la Hope Achieng'

St. James' Feast 2018

Photos by: Bruce Roberts

July Vestry Meeting Highlights

The Vestry met for our monthly meeting on July 12th. Evelyn Martinez provided the meal. The meeting started sharing Godly moments and Evelyn led us in prayer. The June's Vestry Minutes, financial reports and the associate rector report were approved. The some highlights from the meeting:

- St. James' Church is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. This is a community building event to build and promote police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.
- The new sound system and microphones have been installed and are in compliance.
- Bids for replacing old/broken pews in Little Church continues.
- Penny and John gave an update for St. James' Day on July 22. Everything is in place for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm and Evelyn led us in compline in the Little Church. The next Vestry meeting is August 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted: Penny Trant

Note: A copy of the detailed Vestry Minutes can be found in the church office for review.

St. James' History

The following was written by St. James' parishioner Maggie Shalar (date unknown) and is part of the history of St. James' found on our website.

In 1973 we were fortunate to obtain a retired ship's bell through the help of The Rev. Boyd Lyon, the rector at that time. He was able to do this by contacting his former shipmate from World War II, Captain Andrew Nisewaner. Captain Nisewaner was Boyd's Captain on the destroyer, the *Albert W. Grant*.

Captain Nisewaner arranged the loan of the bell from the Navy Department to St. James', Fremont, with the stipulation that St. James' is required to make an annual report to the Naval Historical Center in Washington, DC. The bell was installed with donations from the Richard Gifford Family with Edwin R. Wadsworth, architect, father of Richard H. Gifford and grandfather to Rick, Fred and Anne, designing the structure. Men of the parish did the actual installation.

The bell is a welcome sound calling us to worship on Sundays at St. James'. The bell tower was replaced in 2009.

Submitted by: Penny Trant

You can find out more about St. James' history by visiting http://saintj.com/wp/about-us/history/

Bell tower 1973

Sunday School resumes September 2nd

Financial Summary June 2018		
Fund Balances	**6/30/2017**	**6/30/2018**
Operating Fund	$56,894.25	$73,018.77
Building Fund	$34,091.10	$49,412.89
Pledges Budgeted	$149,517.99	$162,582.00
Pledges Paid	$140,434.35	$175,022.84
Unpledged Contributions	$5,090.60	$1,819.00
Other Op Income	$9,209.13	$9,886.45
Total Operating Income	$154,734.08	$186,728.29
Total Operating Expenses	$147,271.35	$163,301.04
Income less Expenses	$7,462.73	$23,427.25

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray 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

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

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

Those Who Have Passed Away: Donald, June

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

August Birthdays

2 Ralph Locher
4 Griselda Prather
Adam Locher
6 Steven Krimmel
Shalini Singh
7 Kathleen Almond
9 Sylvia Wessel
Bonnie Nelson
10 Lacey Hicks
Joey Carini
18 Becky Whitaker
20 Ella Rodarte
21 Vivienne Paratore
23 Monique Manjarrez
26 Paul Cudlip
Ken Trant Jr.
Rachel Whitaker
27 Barbara Johnsen
Bobbie Tomkinson
Steve Vacchieri
29 Dave Nelsen
30 Anthony Prickett

August Anniversaries

6 Mike & Jan Scrutton
13 Bev & Bill Mosier

The next issue of ***The Window*** is in September. 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: **August 15th.**

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

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: 9:00AM - 12:00PM

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