The Window

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

Called to serve in new and loving ways

September 2018

Elbows on the Altar

At St. James' we have developed a practice, at certain special services, of having children help set the table for the Eucharist. You may have seen occasions when groups of children have assisted the acolytes and clergy moving the bread, wine, chalice, and paten to the table. You may even have learned something more about the Eucharist as Rev. Lori talks about each item and its purpose or meaning. We then encourage the children to stay close to the altar to see what happens.

I'm reminded each time we do this how the Eucharist invites us all to draw near. I'm also reminded how wonderful it is to be part of a community who welcomes and encourages children and young people.

One of the first times we did this I confess I was slightly less relaxed. As a lay children's minister, I wasn't in control of what was happening but certainly felt some responsibility. I knew we would have twenty or more children up at the front of church, close to the altar, watching the priest bless the bread and wine. I know children can wobble and whisper, fidget and fuss, and as the service continued I saw a child with her ELBOWS ON THE ALTAR!

Now, having your elbows on the table is hardly a reverent pose - I was certainly never allowed to do it at the dinner table when I was growing up. We don't lean on the altar, it is our Holy table and I was concerned someone might be offended.

Then I took a deep breath and realized the child was exactly where God wanted her to be - up close, completely absorbed in what was happening. Tired but leaning on her Father's table; watching intently, and hearing and seeing the story of her faith. How wonderful if we could all at times see the familiar liturgy of our faith as fresh, new and absorbing. If we could all allow the altar to support us as we feel weary - sometimes in watching the responses of our children, we can all be reminded we are children of God.

Each time we have an event at St. James' - when I set out to coordinate Summer Camp or make a request for resources for crafts or children's outreach - I am grateful to be part of a community that values its children and young families and supports these programs. I am also heartened by the efforts of other event organizers to include our youngest members. We seek to be community that embraces children, allowing them to be at the center, right by the altar not just at the edge, illustrating a welcoming community of faith.

I hope during this coming school year we will all seek and find somewhere within our services and programs places where we can each come as a child into God's presence, and experience as new familiar stories or liturgy, and rest with our elbows on His table.

Jan Scrutton

Children's Minister

Photo by: Caren Miles

Stewardship Corner

Why Regular Worship is Important to Me

Photo by: Bruce Roberts

Regular worship is important to me for so many reasons. I go to church because I feel refreshed, and reminded, and grounded in what is most important to me. It's so easy to forget in our busy, complicated lives to love one another, to think about the bigger picture instead of just the next task at hand.

I feel refreshed because St. James' is such a welcoming place. We all come to church from wherever we are in life, and all are accepted. I always feel peaceful. It is a time when I can reflect on the week that has passed, and think about the coming week, and remember what is important. I also love the words and prayers of the service. There is something powerful in us all praying and singing together. The familiarity of the service and rituals is very comforting.

I need the reminders from the readings, and I always take away something to think about after listening to Lori+ or Anna's+ sermons. I appreciate the interpretation of the readings and their application to our present-day lives. I like feeling part of a community, welcomed and accepted just as I am.

Katie Porter
Vestry

2018 Diocesan Convention Resolutions

In order to learn more and discuss what will be voted on at the annual Diocesan Convention in October, please join us in the Education Room on Sunday, September 16th at 9:15am. EJ Hilliard, who is part of the Resolutions Committee, will present the resolutions that will be up for a vote at our upcoming 2018 convention.

This congregational meeting is your chance to learn more about the resolutions that are coming to a vote at the convention, as well as share your thoughts with St. James' deanery representatives who act as convention delegates. Everyone is invited to attend. Your Deanery Representatives encourage you to prepare for this meeting by reviewing the resolutions at http://diocal.org/2018-resolutions ahead of this discussion.

The resolutions currently proposed for the 2018 convention are:

- *Not Serving Red Meat at Church Sponsored Events*
- *Benefits Cost-Sharing*
- *Just and Healthy Food Systems*
- *Prevention and Reporting of Sexual Harassment*
- *Better Food and Farming*
- *Paid Family Leave*
- *Faith Formation: Hearing our Call to be Disciples of Jesus*

Whatever your opinion, it is important that you let your Deanery Representatives know what you think about the resolutions so they can represent you at the 2018 Convention at Grace Cathedral on October 19th & 20th.

Current Deanery Representatives are:
Scott Whitaker, Jim McConnell, Ken Trant, Meg Amouroux, John Amouroux, and Alternates Jan Brandt and Elaine Vallecillo-Miller. The deanery members may be emailed at: stjdeanery@saintj.com.

This annual diocesan convention is the gathering of representatives from the 78 parishes in the Diocese of California, who come together to make governmental decisions on behalf of the diocese.

Submitted by: Meg Amouroux

Choir Wants YOU

The St. James' Adult Choir is looking for new members! We are a fun group of people that meet every Wednesday from 7:00pm – 8:00pm, and on Sundays at 10:00am to sing praises to the Lord! We have a great time singing and laughing together! No previous singing or musical experience is necessary – come as you are and Jennifer will mold you into the singer you have always dreamed of being!

Speak with Jennifer or any choir member (Elaine, Melissa, Josephine, Pat, Bud, Bruce, Don, Greg, or the retired EJ) and we'll help you get started on your way to "St.J" stardom! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday September 5th at 7:00pm.

Questions? Email Jennifer at music@saintj.com. Hope to see you in the choir stalls!

Jennifer Carini
Choir Director

St. James' Church office will be closed Monday, September 3rd in celebration of Labor Day.

Episcopal Youth Fremont

Episcopal Youth Fremont is a new youth group serving the young people of St. James' and St. Anne's. The group offers opportunities for 6th-12th graders to gather for social, service and faith formation activities and to encourage them as they find their place in the world and in their churches.

Activities will be offered jointly and by the individual churches, and young people are invited to attend any or all events. We will also connect with the Diocese of California events - overnight in Grace Cathedral anyone?

Our monthly meetings, held initially at St. James', will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 5:30-8:00pm, and will include dinner. We begin on Sunday September 9th. Please RSVP jan@saintj.com to let us know you will be at our first meeting (and include food allergies/ restrictions).

St. James' will continue the monthly Sunday Breakfast meeting at 9:15am on the first Sunday of the month, starting on October 7th. All students are welcome to join us and to attend the 10:30am service at St. James' where there are opportunities to serve.

Parents can sign up to join the email list to receive information about Episcopal Youth Fremont by emailing jan@saintj.com.

Update from Miriam Nangila - Misha Bora Project

Please see what a great job Miriam is doing and the wonderful letter she sent to us on page 5. We are so proud of her accomplishments and hope she continues to thrive.

NAIVASHA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
P.O BOX 155, NAIVASHA

TERM REPORT TERM 2 2018

ADM 6399 MIRIAM NANGILA ANDREWS 1 G KCPE 0

Subject	XXXX	EXM 1	EXM 2	FINAL EXAM	TOTAL 100%	GRADE IN SUB	POS IN SUB	REMARKS
English		65	65	68	66	B	72	Good
Kiswahili		82	82	86	83	A	11	Vyema Sana
Mathematics		64	64	87	72	A-	128	Very Good
Chemistry		70	70	94	78	A	19	Excellent
Biology		65	65	60	63	B	55	Good
Physic		69	69	67	68	B+	100	Quite Good
Geography		72	72	80	75	B+	55	Quite Good
History		70	70	80	73	B	61	Good
CRE		61	61	88	70	B	146	Good
Business studies								
French/German								
Agriculture			33	50	28	E	165	Improve
Homescience						=		
Computer studies		92	92	64	82	A-	27	Very Good
Music			58	68	42	D	58	Improve
German								
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TOTAL MARKS 710 801 892 800 Out of 1200 MEAN MARK 66.7 B-
CLASS POSITION 18 OUT OF 57 TOTAL POINT 106 M.SS 8.83
OVERALL POSITION 100 OUT OF 283 KCPE POSITION 283 VAP 73.611

TREND ANALYSIS: POSITION AND GRADES BY TOTAL POINTS

	FORM 1 T1	FORM 1 T2	FORM 1 T3	FORM 2 T1	FORM 2 T2	FORM 2 T3
Points		106				
POS						
Out Of						

	FORM 3	FORM 4
Points		
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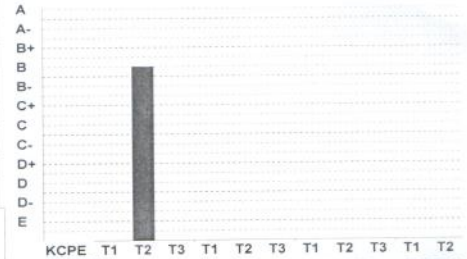
Next Term Begins
28/08/2018

V.A.P = VALUE ADDED PROGRESS
V.A.P = (CURRENT GRADE)- (KCPE GRADE)



KEY: T1 = TERM 1 T2 = TERM 2 T3 = TERM 3

Teacher's Comment on Performance:
Work smart and eliminate the E and D for a better score. 30/07/18

Principal:
Miriam you can do better. Work harder in Agriculture and Music 30/7/2018

Parent/ Guardian Sign..... Date:

PRINCIPAL
NAIVASHA GIRLS' SEC. SCHOOL
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SCHOOL FEES (Kshs)	
Outstanding arrears.	
Next Term Fees	
Total Amount	

Miriam Nangila
Naivasha Girls Sec
NAIVASHA
31/05/18

St. James Episcopal Church
California, USA

Dear Rev: Lori and the entire church

REF: PROGRESS UPDATE AT THE END OF TERM II 2018

Greetings to you Reverend Lori and the church. We closed school today for the August holiday resuming on 28TH August. I have never been sent home to collect my school fees and this helped me to progress well in my academic since no time is wasted going home while lessons are in progress which happens to others who are not as lucky.

I wish to inform you that the school has favoured me because I have been able to make friends with teachers and my colleagues. Besides the environment is conducive for learning and living. Apart from academics we have activities like athletics and swimming and our school performed to national level even presenting at the state house.

My performance in school is good in all subjects except Music and agriculture because I have never come across these subjects since primary school. I'm not intending to proceed with them as we have an option to choose subjects in form 2. I'm a member of Journalism and Debate club in school.

Thank you very much for the work you are doing to enable me achieve my goals. God Bless You.

Yours Sincerly
Miriam Nangila

A Note from Twila Smith to St. James'

The Reverend Twila Smith, while at seminary in Berkeley, undertook a walking pilgrimage through the Bay Area. As part of her journey, she was provided dinner by the Bible Study Group and spent the night as a guest at the Miller household. On the five-year anniversary of her pilgrimage, she sent this email remembering her encounter with Saint James' as she walked through Fremont.

Lori,
Today I remember with gratitude the beautiful hospitality that you and the lovely people of St. James offered me five years ago, on my pilgrimage around the Bay. That visit was a third of the way on what became an extraordinary, 490-mile walk — yet at that point, I had serious doubts about being able to continue. Parishioners received me with such love and nurture that I knew I would be o.k., no matter what. I still remember having coffee with you the next morning, and the holy perspective you offered, before I continued on. Encounters on The Way, still bearing fruit ...
Peace, T+

The Rev. Twila Smith
Grace and Mediator + Refugee Community Center
Allentown, PA — Diocese of Bethlehem

Photos by: Bruce Roberts

Dinner June 4, 2013 at Alice and Mel Johnson's

Standing L-R: Twila, Bob, Margaret, Joan, Marnie, Elaine, Alice,.

Sitting: Genore

Welcome Andrea Arsene

It is my pleasure to introduce you to **Andrea Arsene**, the seminary student who will be ministering with us for the 2018/19 academic year. Andrea is anticipating her middle year at CDSP and will be spending approximately eight hours a week with us.

Andrea was born and raised on the East Coast, came west with her family for college and later, married and started a family of her own. Although the marriage ended, she is profoundly grateful for the daughter of that union. She was raised in numerous Christian faith sectors. She discovered the Episcopal Church as the best way to serve God and others while exploring her questions and faith together. Active as a lay person in the Altar Guild, Laundry Love and Daughters of the King, the pull of clerical ministry returned and she entered the discernment process in her home parish of St. Paul's in Pomona, California, where the call was affirmed. Leaving her career as a registered nurse, she began work on her M.Div. She is presently a postulant for Holy Orders to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Los Angeles. She is most appreciative of the opportunities to serve God's beloved ones, and will likely stop whatever she's doing for a good cup of tea.

While she is with us, Andrea will be gaining experience at both the altar and pulpit as well as gaining exposure to the administrative and formative ministries of the church. **Her first Sunday will be Sunday, September 2.** Please join me in offering her a warm welcome when she arrives.

Rev. Lori Walton

Sunday School resumes for the 2017/2018 year, Sunday, September 2nd.

Children meet on the front grass at 10:15am

National Night Out at St. James'

St. James' Disaster Preparedness Team hosted National Night Out on September 7th. There were games for the kids and we served popcorn, ice cream and drinks, which everyone enjoyed. 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. Many of our neighbors stopped by to pick up information available that would help in the event of a disaster. Many thanks to all those who helped make this event a true success again this year.

Penny Trant

Photos by: Bruce Roberts and Bob Bynum

Annual St. James' Men's Trip

Back Row: Mike, Bob, Charlie, Bud, Greg, Ken, Bruce
Front Row: Gregg, Jim, Ralph, Al, Frank

Photos by: Bob Bynum and Bruce Roberts

Let Them Eat Cake

On Sunday, August 19th we joyfully welcomed back Lori+ from her sabbatical and expressed our thanks to Anna+ for taking such good care of St. James' during that time.

Photo by: Meg Amouroux

Feast of St. Francis
Blessing of the Animals

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and have our animals blessed on Sunday, October 7th. Bring your friends, furry and otherwise, to join in the fun! All animals welcome, however, please be considerate towards skittish ones by ensuring your dog is leashed and your cat is leashed or in a cage. Stuffed animals and animal pictures are also encouraged.

Please consider donating animal food, treats, clean blankets and toys to the Tri-City Animal Shelter. We will have a box out for collections on that Sunday.

Still Time to Sign- up For Ladies Flatlanders

September 27-30, 2018

It's time again 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!

We have reserved a comfortable townhouse with a great view of the ocean sleeping fourteen (and with a couple air mattresses can fit a few more). The approximate cost for the weekend is $150.00 plus the cost of food. A deposit of $150 is requested when you sign up. Please see Nancy Castaneda or Laura Winter if you would like to attend.

We welcome all ladies over the age of 21, members of the church, past members, family or friends of members. It is a wonderful time of growth and sharing our lives.

Submitted by: Nancy Castaneda

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

Email your submission by September 15th to:

newsletter@saintj.com

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: Catherine, Kenny, Nathan.

Those Who Need Comfort and Healing: Ron, Sandy, Julie, Ingrid, Adrienne, Ingeid, Ellison, Erik, Lachason, Eunetta, Mark, Thelma, Adelio, Lisa, Roger, Gary and family.

Those Who Have Passed Away: Nancy, Lowell, Jennifer, James, Shirley.

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

September Birthdays

02 Brian Cochran
02 Bob Reed
06 Kai Fortescue
07 Mel Johnson
08 Ron Larson
14 Jan Brandt
18 Gianna Verdin
25 Michael Aquino
25 Barbara Dabney
26 Caiden Kalitta
26 Jeanne Morris
27 Mitchell Pinnix
30 Kyle Nguyen-Cleary

September Anniversaries

03 Jon & Debra Fuller
11 Nat & Gloryanne Bryant
12 George & Pat Vlastelica
18 Tim & Pat Spencer
19 John & Jay Butterfield
21 Scott & Becky Whitaker
23 Bud & Pat Spalding Jr.
25 Frank & Rose Hoffman
26 Julie & Frank Guzior
27 Brian & Evelyn Cochran

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

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

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