The Window

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

Called to serve in new and loving ways

November 2018

The Blessing of Sabbatical

Being able to take time to reflect, pray, travel, and be with my husband was a wonderful blessing. For the months I was away, I spent a lot of time reading "non-spiritual" books as a way of disconnecting. I also spent time studying the craft of preaching and contemplating church-related subjects such as evangelism and hospitality.

The highlight of the spring was a trip to India. While there, I was able to spend time with a group of American Christians living in Delhi for the purpose of spreading the Gospel to what they term as the "unreached populations." My purpose was to increase my exposure to ways of evangelizing to determine what, if anything, was translatable to an Episcopal context. I found the ease in which people were able to talk about their personal and intimate relationship with Jesus, without apology or hesitation, refreshing. I learned that their primary mode of evangelizing is to tell specific stories found in the Gospels, often translated into the local language, and then to make connections between that story and the listener's daily life. A common story told to the women in India, a demographic that is often seen as second class and oppressed, is the story of the woman with the alabaster jar. She enters a room full of the elite (by comparison to her), anoints Jesus' feet, and is fully accepted and loved by him. This story demonstrates for these women that not only is there full equality in God's eyes, but that even they are invited to come close to Jesus and worship him.

I was also able to spend time with members of the Hindu faith who had little to no exposure to Christianity, giving me a first-hand experience of sharing the stories of Jesus with people with no preconception or prejudice. I spent time sharing the Christmas story, the journey to Bethlehem, feeling lost and without welcome during their time of need, finding a cave dwelling meant for animals, and giving birth to the Christ-child, bringing God into the world.

While there, I visited a Hindu Temple, an Islamic Mosque, a Sikh Gurdwara, and an Anglican Church. I was struck by how individual worship in the Hindu Temple was. People were everywhere, kneeling, sitting, standing, but their worship was private and singular. There was no community-oriented worship. At the Mosque, I was required to don a bright orange robe because my arms were exposed (short sleeves, not sleeveless). Worship was not taking place, but I was able to walk through the structure, noticing how austere and without adornment the space was. At the Gurdwara, I was required to have bare feet, to wash my feet and cover my head before entering. The feet washing involved stepping into a shallow trough-like container that contained water. The water was not clean, so I'm guessing the washing was symbolic rather than functional. The headscarf was pulled out of a large bin containing headscarves that had been worn by many. I really had to set aside any expectation of cleanliness and just go with it.

Ron and I loved India. Her citizens were warm and hospitable. The landscape was a study in contradiction –the beauty of terrain served as a background to some very impoverished

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Stewardship Corner

Why Regular Worship is Important to Me

Photo by: Bruce Roberts

During my childhood and youth upbringing in Puerto Rico, attending Mass every Sunday was part of my Catholic devoted family traditions.

My parents will wake us up very early for "Misa de Gallo" (5:00am mass during Christmas season). As a family, we participated on many of the Lent and Easter Catholic rites. We prayed the Rosary often, every morning during our commute to school and work.

Then, after moving to California for college, I continue attending with my aunt and family from San Jose. During the years of my "coming out" journey, I struggled with my Catholic faith. I believed that being gay and Catholic was not a good mix. I felt guilty and shameful. I grew apart from my Catholic faith and discontinue going to regular worship, except for Christmas, Good Friday and Easter.

Later on my life journey, I realized that God's unconditional love is so enormous, that He loves me no matter what sexual orientation I was.

I was in need to reconnect with God, since I was apart several years. I started on a search of an LGBT friendly church. I explored and visited a few different ones, in search of a deeper spiritual connection. I also wanted to find a local church and not to commute to for instance to San Francisco.

In 2008 Griselda and I visited St. James' because their signage stated: "Everyone is Welcome". From the first worship service until today, we love St. James' for being such a welcoming and non-judgmental community.

Although I can't attend every Sunday service due to my work schedule, when I do come to worship, I feel reconnected with God. I feel the love and camaraderie shown by our parishioners. I feel very grateful to God for all the blessings He had provided to me and my family.

I feel safe and vulnerable on God's altar. I feel His presence during the worship, I know I'm at Home. God opens his arms waiting patiently and listen carefully to my prayers. God is Love.

Evelyn I. Martinez

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Get ready to *fall back* and gain an extra hour of sleep. Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 4 at 2:00am. So, when you go to bed Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

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neighborhoods. The food was delicious and though vegan was a little difficult due to their use of dairy, we were able to eat vegetarian. The traffic was crazy and the diversity on the roads – cars, bicycles, horses, scooters, people-carriers, cows, motorcycles, pedestrians, and sometimes monkeys - was really something to see. In Delhi, they use their horns to let others know they were approaching, not as a defense against someone colliding with them, so the symphony of honking never stops. India was beautiful and fun and exciting. It was a trip we will never forget.

Thank you to the wonderful community of St. James' for making sabbatical possible. It was life-giving for both me and Ron and we are deeply grateful.

Rev. Lori +

Save the date for our 2018 Advent Evening Celebration (replacing Las Posadas) - an Advent Service for all.
Make Advent wreaths and share a pasta dinner while we celebrate the start of this Holy Season.
Look out for sign-ups and email Jan (jan@saintj.com) to volunteer to help.

Advent Series: "It's Time To…"

Time is a curious dimension of human life. We cannot control it: it cannot stop it or make it move faster although at times it seems as though time speeds up or slows down. Sadly, many of us feel controlled by time because our relationship with time has become disordered. God has given us the gift of time, and called it holy, yet we often experience it as a curse. Time bears down on us, hurries us along at a relentless pace, and demands that we keep up. It becomes a burden rather than a gift, something to escape rather than something to embrace and enjoy. We need to recapture our sense of time as a gift, enjoying the gift of the present moment.

Advent is a very appropriate season in which to examine our relationship with time. It is the most stressful time of year for many because of the ever-escalating demands of preparing for Christmas. More importantly, the Advent liturgical season is all about time. We remember God's saving deeds in the past, particularly the events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ, and we anticipate his coming again, when which God's dream for humanity will be fully realized.

This six-week series is designed to help us reflect on our relationship with time, and be more present in the "now." It is organized into three days of introduction followed by five week-long sessions on Stop, Pray, Work, Play and Love. Each day there is a video, a provocative question and a call to reflect either in the workbook, which will be provided. Each week we will meet to reflect together and discuss our experiences and thoughts on the weekly theme. Together we will journey on a path that hopefully will lead us to greater balance, and a renewed sense of time as God's gift.

There will be an introductory meeting on Sunday, November 11th from 9:15 - 10:00 am to get everyone signed up for the daily videos,, followed by 5 meetings on Tuesday evenings from November 20 - December 18th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. A soup supper will precede the Tuesday meetings from 6:00 - 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Anna anna@saintj.com or Janet Fischer janet@saintj.com.

Rev. Anna Horen

Sacred Gatherings for November and December 2018

5th Annual Candlelight Vigil (with Abode Services), Thursday November 15
Too many people live and die on the street, mostly without recognition of their lives or acknowledgement of their deaths. Join us at 7:00pm to remember those who have died this year while homeless, and raise your own awareness of this on-going crisis. We will be collecting non-perishable food for Sunrise Village Shelter, so contribute as you are able.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 22
Celebrate all that we have to be thankful for with a Service of Holy Communion Thanksgiving morning in the Little Church at 10:00am.

Christ the King & Pledge Ingathering, Sunday November 25
Bring your pledge to Church in a gesture of gratitude towards God and our spiritual home. At 8:00am and 10:30pm services, we will gather up our bounty, giving thanks for all that we have and are.

Advent Gathering, Sunday December 2
Participate in this All-Family event where we will have song, craft, and food for everyone to enjoy. We will gather at 5:00pm in the Big Church. Sign-up in advance in the Parish Hall.

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 10:30am service. Grab a snack in the Parish Hall and join us in the Big Church.

Christmas Eve Services, Monday December 24
Note, in order to accommodate those for whom late nights are difficult, we are modifying the start time of our later service. We will begin our hymn singing at 8:30 pm and our service at 9:00pm.

4:00pm Family Service with Children's Pageant
All children welcome to participate in our Christmas Pageant. All kids who would like to participate, be at church **by 3:45pm**. Meet in the nursery for costuming and help us tell the Christmas Story!

8:30pm Traditional Christmas Carol Hymn-singing
This is your chance to sing the beloved hymns you've waited all year to sing!

9:00pm Festive Christmas Service with Holy Communion
With joyful hearts, 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
It is the Lord's Day! Begin this holy day with a service of Holy Communion in the Big Church at 10:00am.

Lessons & Carols, The First Sunday after Christmas, Sunday December 30
End the year right! Join us in song and scripture with a Service of Lessons & Carols at both the 8:00am and 10:30am services.

Episcopal Youth Fremont

Have you ever debated a topic over dinner, maybe conversed with family or friends over the big or small issues of the day or just got bogged down discussing something that afterwards you realize wasn't important but the important thing was always the time you spent with those people?

Sometimes youth groups can be like that. In the second meeting of the new Episcopal Youth Fremont we had some cards spread around the table and drew lots as to who got to pick one up (unseen) and ask the group the question. What would your favorite birthday dinner be? What instrument would you most like to play? If you could ask God one question what would it be? And the question that drew the most discussion and debate – If you had a choice would you live in a boat or a treehouse?

Fourteen young people and three adults debated for a little while about the options - was it a cruise ship or a shack in a tree? Did either have a pool? Was the changing view the boat offered a payoff for getting seasick? Where were either located?

The answers are often not as important as the conversation. Getting to know each other, sharing and sitting round a table and talking over a meal are all such important parts of building community. Just as we share Eucharist, bread and wine, and are drawn together as God's family.

Episcopal Youth Fremont is the new youth group for 6th- 12th graders from St. James' and St. Anne's and meets monthly on the second Sunday from 5:30-8pm with the youth team Jan Scrutton, Lauren Zarovy and Mike Scrutton. A second opportunity to gather is for breakfast at 9:15am on the first Sunday of the month. For information, questions or to volunteer to deliver food for our evening meetings please email jan@saintj.com .

Jan Scrutton
Children & Youth Minister

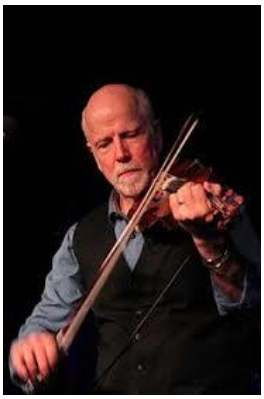
Candlelight Vigil

St. James' along with Abode Services will host the fifth annual Hunger and Homelessness Vigil on Friday November 15th at 7:00pm on the St. James' campus. Supporting this event will be Cub Scout Pack 163 and the Union City Kitaymama Elementary 4th and 5th grade choir. The evening includes an interfaith candlelight vigil to honor and remember those who have died due to homelessness this year.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served and a meal will be offered to our guests in need. We also have a food collection barrel from Abode for the Sunrise Village Shelter on campus. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to church on Sunday November 10th and 17th or on the night of the vigil.

Penny Trant

St. James' Church office will be closed Monday, November 12, in honor of Veterans Day (November 11)



McCutcheon Concert 2019

Our next fundraiser/community outreach concert by world renowned folk singer John McCutcheon will be on Monday, January 21, 2019. Proceeds from this event will benefit outreach programs including the ABODE Services working to end homelessness.

You could help the McCutcheon Team in various ways. If you could help sell tickets on Sundays in the Parish Hall, please contact Meg Amouroux. If you could help distribute flyers around town, please contact Bruce Roberts. If you could donate items for the prize drawing, please contact Elaine Miller. If you would like to help out with the staff dinner, please contact Penny Trant. If you are able to bake cookies for the concert snack bar, please contact Sylvia Ma.

Tickets for the McCutcheon Concert and the prize drawing will go on sale in the Parish Hall on December 9. They are wonderful Christmas gifts. Your support of the 2019 McCutcheon Concert is greatly appreciated .If you have any questions, please email Sylvia Ma hsiehtinghsueh@yahoo.com.

Sylvia Ma

Sermons Online

Did you miss a Sunday or maybe you want to hear a sermon again. No matter what the reason you can find it at http://saintj.com/wp/category/sermons/

Financial Summary September 2018

Fund Balances	09/30/17	09/30/18
Operating Fund	76,146.71	132,849.85
Building Fund	34,063.31	51,236.42
Pledges Budgeted	224,277.00	243,873.00
Pledges Paid	233,236.21	253,914.58
Unpledged Contributions	7,929.30	9,127.50
Other Op Income	13,820.10	15,830.53
Total Operating Income	254,985.61	278,872.61
Total Operating Expenses	228,250.42	244,434.59
Income less Expenses	**26,735.19**	**34,438.02**

Test your knowledge of Bible Stories

Can you identify these Bible stories? Episcopal Youth Fremont had teams racing to looking up references and texting the stories to each other using only emojis. Have a go at working out what Bible stories they were trying to communicate.

The answers can be found at Luke 10:30-35, Matthew 14:22-33 and John 2:1-11

Jan Scrutton
Children & Youth Minister

St. James' Celebrates Halloween

They're altogether spooky,
the St. James' Family

Photos by: Penny Trant and Linda Nelsen

End of term III 2018 report for Hope Nanyole

Next month look for Mariam's progress report

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REF: PROGRESS REPORT FOR SEPT- OCT 2018

It is with great joy that I great you. I'm glad that we have finally come to the end of the year. The term has been fairly good and full of activities such as games and contests.

The form fours participated in a Maths contest and two of them emerged the best nationwide, three of our girls also participated in the new game called Lacrosse and will be heading to Ghana in November to participate in an African Championship.

I have tried my best at school and got a B+ but did not manage to score a grade A as targeted, but I keep my hope alive because falling down doesn't mean I can't get up. We closed school today on 25th October and will resume on 2/01/2019.

Receive most felt gratitude from my family and I for sponsoring my education. May God's favour rest upon you your family and the St James Episcopal congregation.
Be blessed!

Yours Faithfully
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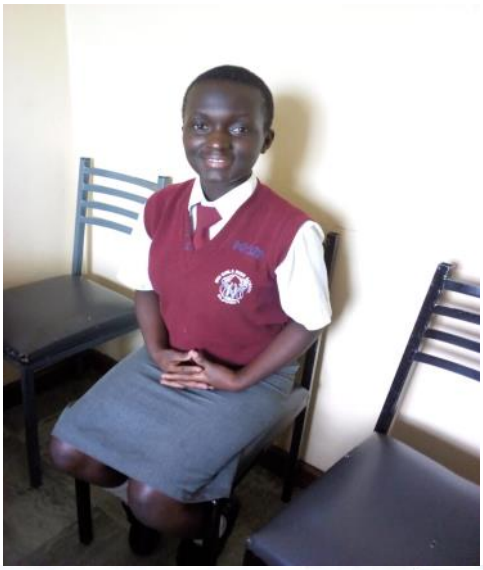
Nanyole Hope Achieng.



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TERM THREE REPORT - YEAR 2018

NAME: Nanyole Hope Achieng ADM.NO: 14032 FORM: 1 Kappa HSE: Sergoit
FORM POS: 144 OUT OF: 413 CLASS POS: 19 OUT OF 51 MEAN GRADE: B+
T.MARKS: 807 M.MARK: 73.36 T.POINTS: 108.0 M.POINTS: 9.82

SUBJECT	END TERM	MIDTERM	VERAGE	GRADE	PNTS	POS.	REMARKS	INITIAL
English	77	79	78	B+	10	1	Good,can do better.	JL
Kiswahili	64	68	66	B	9	10	Vizuri	KLW
Mathematics	69	44	57	C+	7	20	Can do better, aim high	ME
Biology	71	85	78	B+	10	12	Good,can do better.	R
Physics	83	86	85	A	12	3	Excellent, Keep up.	K
Chemistry	81	90	86	A	12	9	Excellent, Keep up.	NMP
History & Government	68	80	74	B+	10	29	Good,can do better.	KC
Geography	57	76	67	B	9	23	Satisfactory, aim higher	M
C.R.E.	63	69	66	B	9	37	Satisfactory, aim higher	BJB
Computer Studies	72	93	83	A-	11	9	Very Good work.	OR
French	69	64	67	B	9	4	Satisfactory, aim higher	OR

KCPE MARKS	KCPE POS.	KCPE MG.
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Student's Progress Report

Form 1					Form 2					Form 3					Form 4				
Term	Pos	Out Of	MG	MPTS	Term	Pos	Out Of	MG	MPTS	Term	Pos	Out Of	MG	MPTS	Term	Pos	Out Of	MG	MPTS
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2	210	410	B+	9.09	2	--	--	--		2	--	--	--		2	--	--	--	
3	144	413	B+	9.82	3	--	--	--		3	--	--	--		3	--	--	--	

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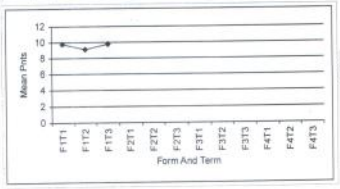

Class Teacher's Remarks
Good work but aim higher for better grades.

Mr. Mukunga

Head Teacher's Remarks
Good work but Aim higher, you have the potential.

for: Mrs. Karoney-L.

Fees arrears Kshs:_____ Next term fees Kshs:_____ Total Kshs_____ Sign_____
School Closed On: 24/10/2018 Next Term Begins On: 02/01/2019
Parent's Sign:_____ Date_____

Blessing of the Animals - St. Francis Day

Photos: by Bruce Roberts & Bob Bynum

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray for:

Those In 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

Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Tina, Dave, Tyler, Kenny, Nathan.

Those Who Need Comfort and Healing: Julie, Ingrid, Graham, the Edmonds family, Patricia, Clayton, Sheldon, Floy-Ann, Gail, Charmaine, Frankie, Karen, Phil, Nicole, Adrienne. Those affected by the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg. Doug, Michelle, Quentin and Florence.

Those Who Have Passed Away: Kyle, Lillian, Nickolas.

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

November Birthdays

01 Jino Joseph
Amy Locher
07 Nat Bryant
10 Yvonne Archer
12 Eric Caron
17 Alberto Verdin
Travis Koonze
18 John Maloney
19 Gail Blalock
22 Karen Watkins
Andrew Paratore
25 John Paratore
27 Marie Verdin
Andrea Ramsamy
29 Judy Peeler
Don Rose
Rick Spaulding
Raelene Ramsamy
30 Nancy Svenson
Rebecca Fuller

November Anniversaries

01 Donald Razzolini & Michael Aquino
03 Marco & Raelene Ramsamy
24 Tom & Gail Blalock
27 Ralph & Lynn Locher

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

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

Email your submission by November 15th to:
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15AM
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