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The Newsletter* of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA
CALLED TO SERVE IN NEW AND LOVING WAYS.

January 2012

The Word-Infused Life

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." John, 4:24

The use of scripture is as varied as its readers. For some, it is the literal and infallible Word of God written down. For others, it is the Word inspired by God and meant for contextual and current interpretation. For some, scripture is seen as story, myth, and fable; for others, it is all of the above. Regardless of how one views scripture, if it is not meant to change one's life in the here and now, then it will only find its place amongst all other written works, and will not be held apart as different. At its best, scripture is used as a window into our lives, and transforms the soul into being more expansive and open. Everywhere we look, we see the metaphors for life, renewal and conversion. From the living bones in Ezekiel to the streams of living water offered to the Samaritan Woman, we know that the Spirit of God lives and breathes, not in the dusty pages of the Bible, but in our own lives and in our own hearts.

One of the primary ways of listening to and working with scripture is through Sunday worship. We hear the Word of God throughout our liturgy – in the lessons read, in the celebration of communion, in the blessings and prayers. We hear a perspective in the form of a sermon and we are invited to ponder what, if anything, it means to us or to the world. In our Sunday School, our children are told the stories of the Bible and then put their hands to work, creating their own interpretation of what they learned through art. They, too, learn the words of scripture through story and prayer. Our youth are working on indentifying their individual beliefs, using scripture as a means of interpreting and examining what they already know and what they might learn.

Of course, scripture can be read and studied in solitude. In fact, I would encourage scripture being read and studied in solitude. However, there is something quite wonderful in being in community with a focus towards God, all together, facing one direction and hearing the Word together. There is something transforming about praying together, listening together, simply being together. Many of us find ourselves in church every Sunday, and we experience a pattern of beginning our week infused with God. Many of us go to bible study, Wednesday Eucharist, small group and committee meetings as well.

At times, we may find our lives become busy or we fall out of our regular pattern of going to church. When this happens, I encourage you to take stock of what, in the many things you do each week, brings you closer to God and to others. If you have children, I invite you to wonder where they are exposed to the sacredness of life. If going to church is a place that opens a window to God for you and your family, then as the New Year begins, make church-going a priority. We are an amazing community that is incomplete every time one of us is absent. We are the Body of Christ that finds value in all members. Let us worship our God together.

Lori

Stewardship Corner

Thank-You to the People of St. James' Church

Happy New Year! I'd like to begin the *new year* by saying thank-you to the people of St. James' for generously giving of their time, talent, and treasures last year. When I think of all that is accomplished each year by this generous and caring congregation, I am astounded. This is truly an amazing place filled with kind, loving, and compassionate people. Thanks be to God for all of you and all that you do!

The two dinners for the Fall Stewardship Program *("Celebrating the St. James' Community")* were fun to plan and from the comments I've received, were fun to attend. I think the Stewardship Committee did a great job providing an opportunity for everyone to enjoy dinner and conversation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere - all of this taking place in less than 90 minutes as promised! Thank-you to Committee Members Sandra Motley, Ruth Poole, George Vlastelica, and Brad Hoffman along with volunteers Lauren Doherty and Avis Gonzales for your hard work and support. A special thanks to Art Gallardo for doing the real heavy lifting.

A unique part of our Fall Stewardship Program was the participation by Dave Nelsen, Bob Doherty, Barbara Lyon, and Marilyn Rose who joined Lori in presenting the sermon on Sunday, November 13. They all expressed their thoughts and feelings about why they give and how St. James' Church has impacted their lives. Standing up in front of the congregation and expressing their feelings was no easy task. If you missed it, you may still hear their message on the St. James' website (*Listen to Sermons* - November 13, 2011). I know you will enjoy listening to their heartfelt comments as much as I did. Thank-you, wonderful people, for sharing from your hearts. And thank-you to Lori for putting this together and mentoring these lovely people.

Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. On Pledge Sunday approximately 80 pledging units responded and since then, another 10 have come in. We are currently at 90 pledges totaling $225,350 for Operating and $28,726 for Building. This is a little less than the 2011 budget, so we have a ways to go. I know there are still pledge cards out there that haven't been turned in. As I said to someone recently, there is no deadline for turning in a pledge - it is welcome all year long. It does, however, help the Vestry in planning for the *new year* budget if they are submitted by the first of the year. I invite you to make your response if you haven't done so already.

As we begin 2012 together, I look forward to worshipping and working together using every gift to glorify and serve God. Thanks be to God for the people of St. James' Episcopal Church Fremont!

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair

JANUARY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

January will be busy for the Parish with a Budget discussion on the 15th and the Annual Meeting on the 22nd. So Faith Formation gets two Sundays.

Women of Faith - by Popular Demand

You asked for a Faith Formation class on Women of Faith, and here it is! On January 8th several volunteers will offer short presentation on women chosen form the book Holy Women, Holy Men, which is the proposed revision to Lesser Feasts and Fasts. Presenters will include Jeanne Morris, Bruce Roberts, Nancy Svenson & Leonard, and Barbara Dabney. Please come and find out why certain women of faith appeal to the presenters. More details to follow in the Sunday bulletins. The class will be held in EB-1 at 9:15 AM.

ABODE Services Presentation

Along with many other St. James' parishioners Margaret Rainey housed, clothed and fed homeless people in years past. Margaret's efforts and those of many others led to the formation of Tri-City Homeless Coalition which outgrew the emphasis on just the Tri-Cities be renamed ABODE Services. On **January 29th**, St. James' is privileged to have Doug Ford, President of ABODE Services Board of Directors, bring us up-to-date on the progress of ABODE Services, recognized nation-wide as a non-profit organization providing housing, employment, medical and other services for those less fortunate working to end the cycle of homelessness in Alameda County. See www.abodeservices.org

Bruce Roberts

PLEDGE CARDS

Pledge Cards may be turned in to the Church Office or placed in the Sunday collection plate. If you didn't receive a pledge card or have misplaced yours, please contact the Office (797-1492) and one will be sent to you.

Hillside Senior Care Center

Let's hear a huge round of applause for the congregation at St James', again! You enthusiastically chose tags from the Giving Tree, purchased gifts, wrapped the gifts and brought them to church so they could be delivered to the residents on Friday, Dec. 9th. It was really quite a sight to see all the gifts "dressed" in their holiday wrapping paper, knowing that you'll soon place them in the hands of someone eager with anticipation.

Unfortunately this year we were not able to personally hand out the gifts, such a disappointment ! A phone call from the Activities Director on Thursday afternoon said that due to a health issue at Hillside, temporary visiting restrictions were in place and no visitors would be permitted. This was the first time in the many Decembers we have taken Christmas gifts that this has happened! Staff came to our cars, helped put the gifts on carts and took them inside. I've since spoken to the Head Nurse and things have returned to normal.

Thank you, everyone, for your gifts: Lauren Doherty for making the tags for the tree, Alice Johnson for the appreciation baskets to the Hillside Staff, Avis Gonzales for sorting gifts, Bob Doherty for trans-porting the gifts, Bruce Roberts for photography and Byron Bader (piano) and Alison Saichek (flute), who had offered to play for the residents.

Sandra Motley

Music Notes

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the music for Advent and Christmas special this year! Las Posadas and Christmas Eve had joyful music in great abundance! We especially thank our guest singers for joining us in the Adult Choir! It was wonderful to have such a strong group of voices! We also thank our recorder players: Christopher Aguirre, Joseph Rodriguez, and Alison Saichek, along with our guest soloists: Carol Bamba and Rose Tahaafe!

The music will continue in the new year! The Children's Choir will begin rehearsing after the 10:30am service on Sunday January 8th! All kids are welcome to come and sing!

The Adult Choir is always looking for new members! We rehearse each Wednesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00pm, and on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. Rehearsals are fun and all are welcome! Come and make a joyful noise with us!

Jennifer Carini

Annual & Financial Meetings

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday January 22, following the single 10:00am service. At this meeting, new Vestry and Deanery members will be elected to 3 and 2 year terms. The Vestry and Deanery Retreat will be at the Bishop's Ranch the following weekend, January 27-29

Our treasurer, Jan Brandt will facilitate the Financial Meeting presenting the 2012 Budget on Sunday January 15th. This meeting will be held during the Faith Formation hour, 9:15 - 10:15am.

Mary Casas, Senior Warden

Monday, January 16th: John McCutcheon concert

Sunday, January 15th: Budget review with our treasurer, 9:15-10:15AM, EB-1

Saturday, January 21th: Food and Fellowship Dinner

Sunday, January 22nd: Annual Meeting following the 10:00AM service

Abode Services News

Abode Services continues to work with its member churches to help get individuals and families off the street and into permanent housing. Currently, we are focusing on long-term homeless individuals and our vets. The new Main Street Village in Fremont had its grand opening on November 2, 2011. Main Street Village is an innovative supportive housing community that provides 64 rental apartments for very low-income individuals and families, including those who have been homeless or have faced mental health challenges. Supportive housing is a model that has been proven effective by combining permanent housing with a wide variety of on-site social services which allow residents to establish stable lives. as well as a community room, office space for Abode Services staff members to meet with clients, and an outdoor courtyard.

The Veterans Administration has awarded the Alameda County Coalition for Veteran Families, consisting of Abode Services and several other non-profit organizations that offer housing and support services in Alameda County, a $1 million grant. This funding will support Every Veteran Home, a program to re-house and provide services to homeless veterans and their families.

We will move our first homeless male into the new Main Street Village on December 22nd. St James' has come thru well for this individual and we hope to meet all of their needs. It's those large items such as dressers, TV's, lamps are chairs, kitchen tables etc that make it a challenge so we are keeping them in our storage unit until person(s) need them.

Finally, our 20' Matson container arrived and Lori and I watched it being delivered. The container was donated by Alexander & Baldwin / Matson Navigation Co and Sonoma Valley Transport donated money to transport our container from Oakland, CA to Fremont. The container will be strictly used to store items for the individuals and families who are transitioning from being homeless to permanent housing.

If you care to donate money or gift cards, then put it in the Sunday offering or bring your donated items to church and we can accommodate them. Let me know in advance so I can meet you and take the items off your hands. I can be reached via email dgfeeney@comcast.net or call me at 510-795-1870. I'll reply promptly at my first chance.

Thanks for everyone's support of this much needed assistance during these hard economic times.

Gregg Feeney

Cursillo Corner

Welcome again to the Cursillo Corner

For me, Cursillo came as an ah-ha moment. We are all at different places in our walk, but this was a wonderful opportunity to clarify many things and to examine my own feelings and aspirations as a Christian in the presence of God's love.

Many of you have experienced a Cursillo weekend so I encourage you again to email or call us to be included on the Cursillistas email list. As you know, there are some special events you will want to be kept informed about in order to support the new teams and candidates. That support is important and I am sure that you remember just how important it was to YOU.

The following is scheduled Cursillo weekends as of this writing. If you would like to consider attending one of these weekends, we would love to help you get started.

Men's Weekend: February 9-12, 2012

Women's Weekend: February 23-26, 2012

Coed Weekend (Anglican): March 8-11, 2012

Men's Weekend: May 17-20, 2012

Women's Weekend: June 7-10, 2012

We welcome your comments and questions.

Gary Gearheart and LeaMarie Lucas

ggg1944@yahoo.com / (510) 894-1496

Save the Date!

The ABODE Services 7th Annual **Journey Home Breakfast** will be held on March 15, 2012, from7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Fremont Marriott hotel.

St James' is hosting two tables.

To reserve your seat, contact either, contact:

Alice Johnson: (510) 792-4169 or

Email: melal38693@aol.com

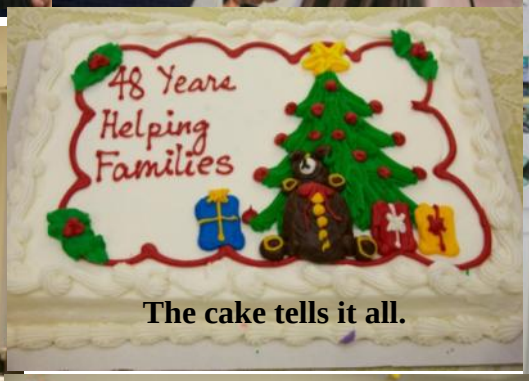
Gregg Feeney: (510) 795-1870 or

Email: dgfeeney@comcast.net

George Vlastelica Honored for Years of Service

City of Fremont Council Member Sue Chan

Pamela Nash of Abode Services presents certificate



The cake tells it all.

Friend and helper Davie Priego

Introducing the Reverend Deacon Bill and Doctor Bev Mosier

Bill, Jackie, and Bev

We are blessed to have many gifts of ministry in our community, both lay and ordained. Bill and Bev Mosier bring with them hearts of service and gentleness of spirit. Please join me in welcoming them into our midst, and support Bill as we integrate him more fully into the liturgical life of St. James'. – The Reverend Lori Walton, Rector

Dear people of St. James':

I write this article as an introduction letter. Many of you have seen me with my wife Bev in church on Sunday mornings. I sign the responses in our liturgy of worship. Bev interprets the sermons for me.

There must be some curiosity about who we are and where we come from. It seems appropriate at this time to explain ourselves you. Bev and I come to St. James' from St. Hilda's Episcopal Church in Monmouth, Oregon. I am an ordained deacon in that diocese. I am deaf and lost my hearing from a virus infection in 1965

I met my first wife, Noel Knelange, when I entered Western Oregon State University in 1981. Noel was to become the first woman ordained priest in the Diocese of Oregon. As her husband I was to become deeply involved in developing ministry among Deaf people there. I graduated with a Masters Degree in Education but started work as a mental health caseworker for Polk County. Most of my ministry has been about providing spiritual and practical leadership among Deaf adults with special needs in the Mid Willamette Valley. I was ordained deacon in 1994 and served the Diocese of Oregon as Convener for Deaf Ministry. As an educator I helped Deaf young adults transition from high school to community living. There is much in my story that I do not have space for here, but suffice it to say that I have devoted my life to God in this work.

Noel died from a brain tumor in 2005. At that time Bev was deeply involved with deaf ministry at St. Hilda's. It was natural for us to continue to work together. Bev is also a teacher and language acquisition specialist. She has worked in the field of Deaf Education for 34 years. I met her first when she was a professor at Western Oregon University. She then worked at Oregon School for the Deaf and currently is a teacher at the California School for the Deaf here in Fremont. Bev also has devoted her life to education and ministry among Deaf people. This includes time spent overseas in Jamaica, Iceland and several Asian countries. Bev has a foster daughter, Jackie, who came to America at fourteen from Micronesia. Jackie lived with Bev during high school at Oregon School for the Deaf. Jackie's real mother, Joyce, came for Jackie's graduation and decided to stay in the U.S. Bev and I were married August 13 of this year and we are now enjoying Jackie and Joyce as delightful members of our new family.

St. Hilda's has much in common with St. James' in that both parishes are filled with spiritual loving people who care about their community. My first experience with St. James' was when the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf sent me to confer with the good people here about setting up a ministry among deaf people. This must have been more than ten years ago. Of course much has happened in our lives since that time.

We come to you wondering what God has in store for St. James' and the Deaf Community. We are also wondering about our part. I fully believe that God's intentions are not known until people act on the gifts that God provides. I am, therefore, in the process of becoming licensed for ministry in this diocese. Bev and I ask for your prayers in great gratitude for the wonderful welcome we already feel here.

The Rev Deacon Bill Mosier

Some links of interest for Deaf Ministry in Oregon: http://www.sthildaschurch.org/who-we-are/deaf-ministry/; http://www.ecdeaf.org/; http://www.friendsofosd.org/

Tips for Talking to Bill

submitted by Bev and Bill Mosier

Dear St. James' Family,

Many of you have met or at least seen Bill Mosier, a new member to our community. Bill lost his hearing as a teenager, and wears a cochlear implant to assist him. Much of his ability to "listen" comes from lip-reading. In some situations, his wife, Bev, interprets for him.

One of our great blessings as a church is to welcome a wide variety of people with diverse experiences that can teach us and expose us to many ways of being. In order to help us learn, and to facilitate communication with Bill, Bev and Bill have put together a "tip sheet".
Please read the following submission, and enjoy conversing with Bill - who I can tell you, is a delight to talk with!

With much Love,
Lori

With his cochlear implant, Bill hears about as well as an older person who has lost some hearing. In fact, these tips might apply to many elderly people. Communication can be very different for other Deaf or hard of hearing people, however, so we'll just focus on Bill here.

Lip-reading requires good prediction skills and a lot of guess work. To facilitate lip-reading:

- Provide context. Make sure Bill knows what you are talking about. And, if you switch topics, make the transition clear.
- Face him so he can see your lips, your eyes and your facial expressions, all of which give clues to meaning
- Be conscious of enunciating clearly, but not overdoing it. Exaggerated mouth movements are actually harder to read.
- Touch Bill lightly on the shoulder to get his attention before speaking, if he is not already looking.

Lip-reading is much harder when:

- There is background noise, because noise blots out auditory cues. Try moving to a quieter location, if it's important.
- There is a bright light or a window with sunshine coming through behind the speaker. Light can be very distracting. Move away from the window or the light.
- More than two people are involved in a discussion. By the time Bill figures out who to look at, he has already missed some information. Pause between speakers and make sure Bill is looking before you take your turn. Avoid talking over each other. This is tough to remember, but it is a huge help.

During services or large group presentations:

- Bill needs to sit in front where he can hear and see optimally.
- It is enormously helpful that so much is displayed on the large screen! Thank you, thank you to those people who make this happen!
- If no interpreter is present, anyone can sit next to Bill and run his or her finger along the lines of the liturgy or hymns, if they are not displayed on the screen.
- Those giving presentations or homilies could also provide Bill with written copies beforehand. When he has already read them, he can follow speakers quite well.

If Bill is not wearing his CI or if the battery is dead, he can't hear anything at all. You may notice that his voice becomes too loud or too soft. This is because can't hear himself. If no interpreter is available, all of the above (except background noise, which stops mattering) are absolutely crucial.

One of the many likable things about Bill is that he is perfectly happy to discuss this with you. It's not a sensitive subject at all. We hope this helps you feel more comfortable. Don't waste time feeling guilty if you forget anything, though. It's a journey we all get to share. In time, sociable Bill and warm, welcoming St. James' parishioners will all be conversing with ease.

It Won't Be Long Now – Here Comes John McCutcheon

Famed folksinger John McCutcheon comes to St. James' on January 16. That's just over two weeks from now. You may think John has been taking it easy storing up energy for this concert. Just like the athlete who is always in training, John has been busy giving concerts with such notable folk musicians as Tom Paxton, Pete Seeger and Peter Yarrow (remember Peter, Paul and Mary). John will head to the West as soon as the holidays are over; ours will be his fourth venue of the tour.

Keep Your Singing Voice Ready

When John comes to town he invites us to sing along with him. Usually he has us sing the easy choruses. I've noticed that those are the songs that I remember the most. Remember "Soup"? Or how about "Step By Step'? And then there is "The Great Storm Is Over" – That's one you can really belt out! And then comes "The Kindergarten Wall" with its lessons of a lifetime – "Don't hurt each other and clean up your mess….First the root grows down and then the plant grows up."

What Will You Request John to Sing?

At each concert just before the intermission John asks us to drop a request or two in the basket so he will be sure to sing our favorites if he hasn't already done so. Here are some of the favorites requested last year: Old People in Love, Hail to the Chief, The Room at the Top of the Stairs, Water from Another Time, Leviathan, Mail Myself to You, I Am an Immigrant – The list goes on. Plan your request and get your slip of paper ready for the basket. How about "Not In My Name" or "Along Came You" or "Pretty Boy Floyd" or "Father Forgive." It's always exciting when he sings Your Song.

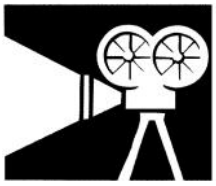
Don't Have Your Ticket Yet?

If you have forgotten to get your ticket(s) for the John McCutcheon Concert, they are still available in the Parish Hall on Sundays (8th and 15th). $25 for adults, $15 for children, under 5 for free. You can leave a message at 510-797-1492 for tickets as well. Or go to events@saintj.com for ticketing information. Remember the Concert starts at 7:30 PM on Martin Luther King Monday. Did you get a look at the Prize Drawing prizes? Place your drawing tickets in the bags. You have until early in the Concert Intermission to place your tickets for the prize you desire. Tickets for the drawing are a dollar each, 6 for $5, 12 for $10 – such a deal.

Remember to Support Your Local Parish, St. James' Episcopal Church.

Bruce Roberts

Saint James' Film Series Returns.



The heartwarming and provocative "The Next Voice You Hear" will be shown Friday, January 13th at 7 PM in EB-1.

Made in 1950, this movie stars James' Whitmore Jr. and Nancy Davis (President Reagan's wife) as Joe and Mary Smith ,whose lives are changed forever when the voice of God issues from the radio one morning. We will discuss the movie after it ends, finishing around 9:30 PM.

Bring friends and snacks. We will start promptly at 7 PM so don't be late. This movie is not geared for children.

Bruce Roberts

Financial Summary November 30, 2011

Fund Balances	**11/30/2010**	**11/30/2011**
Operating Fund	$ 31,533	$ 72,346
Building Fund	14,948	36,150

Year To Date Summary Operating

	11/30/2010	**11/30/2011**
Pledges Budgeted	$ 210,742	$214.436
Pledges Paid	191,570	216,974
Unpledged Contributions	4,297	7,491
Other Op Income*	15,578	15,255
Total Operating Income	211,445	239,720
Total Operating Expenses	219,174	219,137
Income less Expenses	**($7,729)**	**$20,258**

*Includes Fundraising

LIVE IN CONCERT

World Renowned, Grammy-Nominated

Folk Singer / Songwriter

John McCutcheon

Monday, January 16, 2012 7:30 P.M.

One Night Only

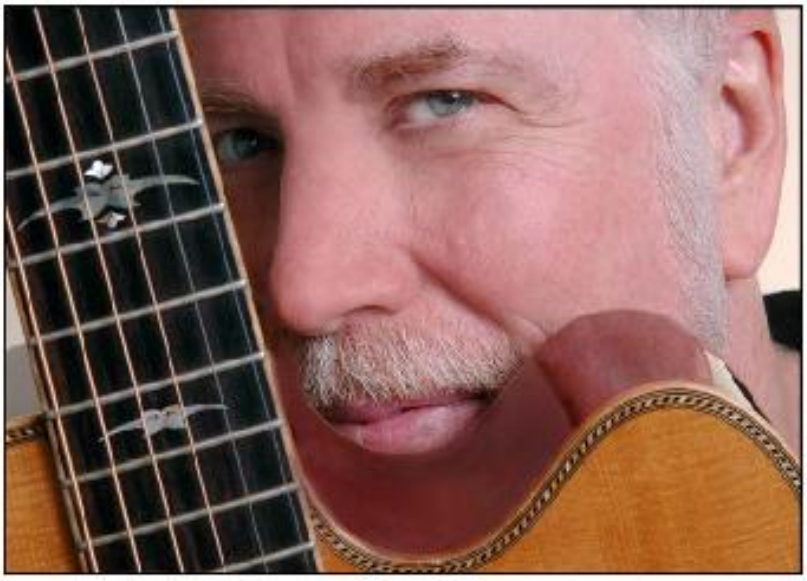
St. James' Episcopal Church
(Thornton Ave. at Cabrillo Terrace, Fremont)

Tickets on Sale November 27, 2011

Suggested Donation:
$25 Adult, $15 Child (12 & under)
Children under age 5 admitted free

MasterCard, Visa, Cash or Check

For information or to purchase tickets, contact St. James' Episcopal Church at 510-797-1492 or events@saintj.com



The Schader Fund

At St James' we are fortunate to have an active and dedicated Stewardship Committee to help us understand how our faith can be expressed through our gifts to the church. Even in hard times, our congregation has managed to dig deep at the same time as our Rector and Vestry practice sound fiscal management to enable us to operate effectively. We are also blessed by a diligent Endowment Board and active Shell Society recognizing those who have chosen to leave gifts to St James' in their wills. Such gifts are often for particular projects, such as our wonderful stain glass windows or for the endowment funds which will continue to support St James' into the future.

Last year St James' received a gift from the trust of a much loved parishioner, Shirley Schader. Shirley's gift to us was unrestricted and as such we are able to use it for the needs of St James' as we decide. We take very seriously the responsibility of distributing this fund in a manner that would reflect the trust Shirley put in us when she made the gift. All decisions must be made prayerfully and with consideration of the future needs and priorities of St James'. This is a rare opportunity to be open to new ideas and projects. As the gift was received during a time when our attention was focused on the calling and settling in of a new rector, we decided to invest the funds in a secure manner to allow us time to concentrate on the tasks we had to complete first.

A committee was formed to advise the Vestry and Rector about investment and expenditure from the fund. The Schader Fund Committee has met a few times to find out about investment options and to consider the principles that should guide us when making decisions. We have sought guidance from the Rev Richard Schaper, the Diocesan Gift and Planning Officer. He has experience in churches receiving, spending and investing such sums of money.

The committee has been interested by the suggestion that we should think of how to use the gift within the structure of SPEND/SAVE/SHARE, looking at long and short term projects and opportunities for our community. We are also agreed that this gift should be used for new projects or to support programs but not to cover our regular expenses. Shirley's generosity does not replace our own regular giving. We can SHARE our good fortune by looking to extend or branch out our outreach or social ministries programs . I am sure we all have ideas as to projects around campus that would benefit from a decision to SPEND some of the money!

In the next couple of months we will be inviting you to take the time to complete a survey and give your opinions as to the priorities we should consider when deciding how this gift might be best used to serve God in this place. Please remember Shirley and her generosity in your prayers as you respond to our questions. The Schader Fund Committee will take all ideas on board and make recommendations to Lori and the Vestry in the spring.

Jan Scrutton on behalf of the Shader Fund Committee, Gail Blalock, Jan Brandt, Mary Casas, Sylvia Ma, Dave Nelsen

A Gift's Story

While I was answering phones in the church office one day last week when Aimee was gone, a woman came to our door. Art helped her across a wet floor he was cleaning and brought her into the office. I welcomed her in, and asked how I could help her. She said, "Does your church have a Christ-Tree where you put gifts to give away to children in need?" I said that we didn't actually have such a tree, but I asked what she had in mind. She showed me a new box decorated with Christmas wreaths, and she told me that it contained some new gifts for a size 4 little girl. She said that her church told her they had no way to give such gifts to children and asked if St. James did anything like that.

I wouldn't have said "No" for all the world. I said that our church gave many gifts through the Abode program, and that we also could take her gift to the Tri-City Homeless shelter or another program for children if that would be all right with her. She seemed very relieved and showed me what was in the box. There was a darling little pink striped dress, stockings to match, hair bands, bracelets, two little toys, and a magic trick -- all brand new. I asked who we should say sent the gift, and she said, "Just say it's from Judy." Art and I helped Judy out the door and back to her car.

Judy's box went to the Salvation Army in Newark, where everyone admired everything in the box once again! The Salvation Army does have a special Christmas party where each child receives a new present, and where a little size 4 girl will be thrilled to receive Judy's thoughtful gift. And I was so happy and proud to be able to say to Judy that, yes, our church does have a way to give gifts to people who need them -- not just at Christmas but all through the year.

Valle Brokes

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for…

For Those In The Military: Scott, Jarrod, Bryan, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Emily, Military Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Darren, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Robert

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Kenny, Angelina, Kenny, Paul, Seja, Jordon, Rhonda

For Those Suffering Economic Hardship: John

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: Bobbi

Families Expecting Children: Darline

For Those Who Need Continued Healing: Brad, Florinne, David, William, Diane, Veronica, Joyce, Steven, Marge, Judy, Betty, Kenneth, Julia, Gwen, Bob, Miranda, Brother Jude, Jeff

For Those Who Have Passed Away: Wyni, Eleanor, Bud, Jack

The Bishop's Ranch
a retreat and conference center for all ages

WINTER PROGRAMS

- 1/7/12 Epiphany Retreat Day with Bishop Marc
- 1/20-22/12 Encaustic Collage Retreat with Lisa Thorpe
- 2/4/12 Enneagram Workshop with Bill Glenn, MA, MDiv.
- 2/12-16/12 The Bishop's Ranch Quilt Retreat
- 3/18-19/12 Lenten Women's Retreat with Whitney Roberson
- 4/2-6/12 Silent Days in Holy Week

For more information go to bishopsranch.org or contact Shannon Reilly at (707)433-2440 ext. 106 or Shannon@bishopsranch.org.

January Birthday Celebrations

5 Laura Winter
Gayle Culver
6 Thomas Blalock
9 Brandon Hoffman
Debra Czerwinski
10 Caylyn Ramsamy
13 Ingrid Benedict
14 Dianne Abram
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