The Window

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

April 2012

Claiming Space as Sacred

Last month, I wrote my newsletter article about "taking it to the street" as Jesus did; that is, letting our faith be a beacon to others, a source of warmth, welcome, and care, and an unapologetic expression of our own walk with Christ.

I want to further that conversation with a story that was told by the Reverend John Trubina, a vocational deacon who hangs out at St. Clare's in Pleasanton, but is quickly becoming identified as a deacon for the Southern Alameda Deanery.

Here's John's story as I remember it: he was doing his field education work at St. Paul's in Oakland, the Episcopal Church that sits on the edge of Lake Merritt.

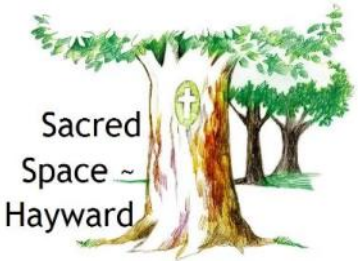
One evening, he was walking around the lake and came across a homeless woman. John engaged her in conversation and invited her to come to church on Sunday. The woman respectfully declined his invitation – not because she didn't want to go to church –but because, as she said, "I smell, and I have no clean clothes. Nobody is going to want me sitting next to them in church."

John had to acknowledge the truth of her statement, and John also had to see that here was a woman, worthy of God's love just like anyone else – but even more poignant, called to be able to worship and celebrate God, just like anyone else. Only, she had no place to do so.

So, John made a promise. He promised her that one day, he'd bring the church to her so that she could celebrate and know God and community more fully. This led John to create an initiative called "Sacred Space." Each Sunday, a group gathers in a public place in Oakland to worship, sing, pray, and share communion. And all are invited.

With the support of the Diocese and of the Deanery Churches, John is now bringing this effort to Hayward beginning in late April or May. Each Sunday, we will gather at "The Park," located on B Street, right near the BART Station.

And we will celebrate God with song, prayer, communion, and fellowship. We will bring with us sandwiches and drinks to give to those who's bodies are hungry, and we will bring with us the Joy of Christ to share with those whose souls are hungry. Each church in the Deanery – St. Clare's, St. Bart's, St. Anne's, St. James', All Saints', and Holy Cross is participating by rotating meals and rotating clergy and lay leadership.



I am excited about this initiative because it calls us, St. James', to do exactly what we are so good at doing – reaching out to others, feeding and sharing, extending warmth and kindness, and breaking down the walls that separate human beings.

Plan on joining me and our sisters and brothers throughout the East Bay in this most important ministry.

I cannot wait to see you all out on the street.

Lori

P.S.: Check out the flyer in the Parish Hall for more information, or feel free to contact John (DeaconJT0604@comcast.net) "or see the Web" (http://opencathedraleastbay.weebly.com).

Stewardship Corner

Make Every Day *Earth Day!*

The first responsibility God gave to humans was to work and take care of the earth *("The Lord took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it"* Genesis 2:15).

God cares deeply about his creation, and we, as God's stewards, are charged to take good care of the environment. *("The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth was given to man"* Psalm 115:16). Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can be good caretakers of the created world, and of how we can best serve God.

What does good stewardship of the earth look like to you? What can we do here, in Fremont, California, and in our surrounding communities? To begin with, there are many opportunities every day to practice the 3 R's: ***Reduce*** how much garbage you make; ***Reuse –*** find new ways to reuse old things; and ***Recycle*** everything you can: glass, paper, cardboard, metal, and plastic. Did you know that if all the used motor oil was recycled, it would result in savings of 1.3 million gallons of oil per day! If we can keep recycling more, and using less, and find within each thing some added worth, we might not always save a lot of time, but more important, we just might save the earth!!

I like to think that Tom and I do a good job of recycling in our home. Actually, Tom is better at it than I am. I like things to be quick and convenient. We've finally gotten a system that works pretty well for us. We keep one of the old blue "recycling bins in the house making it easy…" to just "throw" newspapers, junk mail, bottles, cans, etc., into the bin; when it gets full, it is emptied into the big gray recycling bin. (I'll probably hide it if you come to visit!) Putting food scraps in the green/yard waste bin has been a challenge for me, but I'm getting better. (A more *stylish* white ceramic jar looks better on the counter than the small gray bucket.) Again, Tom does a better job with this (the morning coffee grounds always get out to the bin). Cardboard boxes sometimes bulk up a corner of the garage, but eventually they get broken down and into the recycling bin.

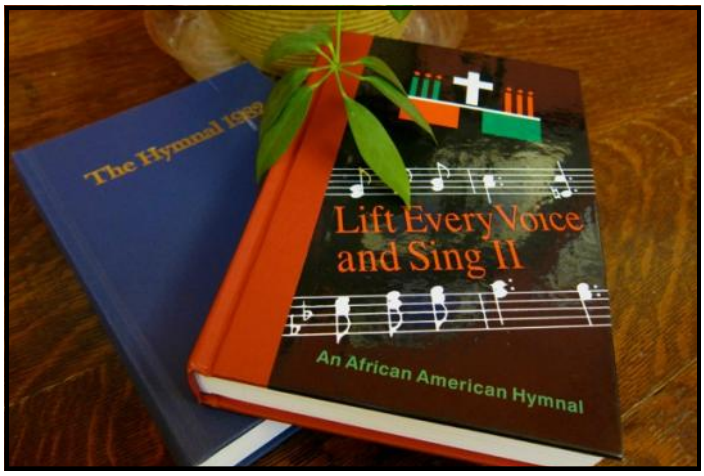
The larger metal items are beginning to stack up in the side yard, but an occasional trip to Boyce Road will take care of that. What makes it all work for us is having a routine or a system that over time becomes a part of our everyday life. Doing so makes us feel good because we are helping maintain a better, cleaner environment. It's a little like getting up for Church on Sunday mornings. When you make it a part of your everyday life, it becomes the natural thing to do, and it feels good!

April 22 is *"Earth Day"* and several events, will be happening this month in our community. Ohlone College has events planned on April 17 at its Fremont Campus and on April 19 at its Newark Campus. Fremont's Earth Day Fair (sponsored jointly with Washington Hospital) is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washington West Building Main Auditorium on Mowry Avenue (across from the hospital).

"These are great opportunities…" to learn more about local environmental programs such as "in free home–energy audits, proper disposal of medicines and other hazardous waste, recycling, bay-friendly gardening, along with fun activities for kids. Check out the City of Fremont and Ohlone College websites for more information.

As the saying goes, *take care of the earth – it's the only one we have*. If we all do our share to help promote a cleaner and greener environment, we will also be fulfilling the responsibility given to us in the Garden of Eden. As we look at God's creation, we see God's creativity and power. As we strive each day to be good stewards of all God has made, may it draw us nearer to our Creator and renew our awareness of the privilege we have in serving as its caretaker.

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair



How Do We Choose What Songs to Sing in Church?

That is a good question. "In fact, someone asked that very question on September 18, 2011 on the Faith Formation Survey." Here is your chance to get the answers to that question. Notice the word "answers."

First there are sources like the Hymnal 1982 filled with music from very old to relatively new, but certainly old compared to a lot of music newly written.

But who chooses the music, and how do they go about making decisions about which music to use? Does the Rector choose it all? Does the Choir Director choose it? What other choices does the "chooser" have besides the Blue Hymnal and LEVAS II? Are there new sources? What about on-line sources?

What does the music contribute to the service or services you attend? "Is that why some asked for this class, because they like the contribution music makes to our services and would like to know more about it?" Or would they like different music?

Come to this presentation for some of the answers and ask some of your own **April 29, 2012, in the Big Church at 9:15 a.m.** It will be a multimedia presentation. If you are so moved, join the choir.

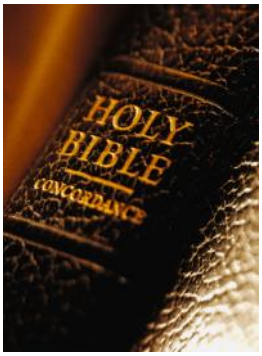
Bruce Roberts, Faith Formation

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School returns to St James' this summer when we will "**Go Fish With God**" from *July 30th until August 3rd, 9 a.m. until noon* each day.

Look out for information after Easter "… for booking students' places and for adult volunteer planning meetings."

Jan Scrutton



Who Wrote the Bible?

Did Matthew, Luke, Mark and John write their Gospels? Did Paul write all the books attributed to him?

Why are there different stories of Jesus' birth and resurrection? Were forgeries a common and accepted practice in the ancient world?

Join Lynn Locher during Disciple Builders in EB-1 at 9:15 a.m. on April 15th and 22nd for a two part presentation and discussion based on Professor Bart D. Ehrman's books "Jesus, Interrupted" and "Forged." Professor Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and is a leading authority on the Bible and the life of Jesus. Be prepared to have your understanding of the Bible changed forever.

Bruce Roberts, Faith Formation

The Way of St. James: The Movie

Tradition has it that the remains of St. James the Apostle are buried at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, northwestern Spain. The Way of St. James' has existed for over a thousand years. The legend: Saint James remains, carried by boat from Jerusalem to northern Spain, were buried on the site of what is now the city of Santiago de Compostela.

The route to the city was one of the most important pilgrimages during medieval times. In recent times, as people are wont to count, as few as less than 700 to as many as nearly 200,000 people have made the pilgrimage in one year, more making the pilgrimage in Holy Years (those in which July 25 falls on Sunday). Reasons for making the pilgrimage are many.

The 2010 movie, "**The Way**," follows an American doctor who goes to France following the death of his son who died during a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago. Initially (the father) Tom's purpose is to retrieve his son's body, but he decides to walk the same spiritual trail where his son had died. He meets other people from around the world looking for greater meaning in their lives. **Martin Sheen** plays Tom Avery. The actors and production team walk in the neighborhood of 200 miles during the 40 days of shooting the film. Shot by available light, this is not your high budget Hollywood epic, but a very personal film by **Emilio Estevez**, Martin Sheen's son. Many of the people seen in the film are real pilgrims on their Way.

Save the Date**: Friday, April 13th.** "The movie starts at 7 p.m. in EB-1." It's two hours long. We will have a short discussion afterwards. Free admission. Bring your own snacks. "Out by 9:30 p.m."

Bruce Roberts

Schader Fund Update

Many of you are aware that longtime parishioner, Shirley Schader, left St. James' a generous bequest from her estate. Beginning Sunday, April 15, the Schader Fund Committee will distribute a questionnaire to the congregation regarding the use of this gift.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to gather feedback to determine your priorities. The questionnaire will offer a number of suggestions as well as give you an opportunity to write your own ideas. Instructions will be on the form, but simply, we will ask you to rate your priorities from one to five. This feedback will be tabulated by the committee and "...given to the vestry, which will make the final decisions on the allocation of these funds.

We are eager to hear from all current parishioners, ages 12 and up. We ask you to complete only ONE questionnaire per person. The questionnaires will be distributed beginning on Sunday, April 15, with a deadline of May 20 to return your completed questionnaire to the church. Please contact a member of the Schader Fund Committee if you have any questions. The Schader Fund Committee members are: Gail Blalock, Jan Brandt, Mary Casas, Janet Fischer, Sylvia Ma, Dave Nelsen, Jan Scrutton, and Laura Winter. Thank you!

Janet Fischer, Sr. Warden

The next issue of ***The Window*** is in **May.** We welcome your **comments**, **pictures**, **essays**, **poems**, **cartoons**, **artwork**, **newsworthy items of interest**, **any group activity information and reviews**.

Email your submission to window@saintj.com

May Deadline: April 15th

Plan Your Sunday Schedule

See the Faith Formation Sunday Schedule below. Use it to plan your Sunday Mornings. The classes will be held in Classroom EB-1 at 9:15 a.m. except the Hymnals Class. It will be held in the Big Church.

Date	Class Name
4/1/2012	**NO CLASS**
4/8/2012	**NO CLASS**
4/15/2012	Who Wrote the Bible?
4/22/2012	Who Wrote the Bible?
4/29/2012	Hymnals and Other Music Sources
5/6/2012	The Challenge of Jesus **Part 2**
5/13/2012	The Challenge of Jesus **Part 2**
5/20/2012	The Challenge of Jesus **Part 2**
5/27/2012	**NO CLASS**
6/3/2012	The Challenge of Jesus **Part 2**
6/10/2012	Episcopal Monastic Orders and Mysticism
6/17/2012	**NO CLASS, School's Out for Summer**

Note: The Movie "The Way" will be shown on Friday April 13. Look for the Article elsewhere in the Window.

Bruce Roberts, Faith Formation

Celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday with Music!

The St. James' Music Department has some wonderful music in store for Holy Week and Easter Sunday! On Maundy Thursday, contemplative music will be played and sung during the foot washing and stripping of the altar. There will be more music in store during both Good Friday services, especially during the beautiful Tenebrae service in the evening.

At the Easter Vigil, in addition to the Exultet, hear the choir sing praises to our Lord at the event of his resurrection. On Easter Sunday, join us in singing your favorite Easter hymns! In addition to the Children's Choir and the Adult Chancel Choir, we will have Michelle Latimer join us as our guest trumpeter on Easter morning. We look forward to providing music to complement all of the Holy Week services that St. James' has to offer!

Jennifer Carini, Music Director

This Kiwanis-sponsored annual event provides community-based organizations

ENTER YOUR "ST. JAMES" DUCKS IN THE
13th ANNUAL "DUCKS for BUCKS" RACE

Help St. James' & Your Community!

This Kiwanis-sponsored annual event provides community-based organizations, like St. James', an opportunity to raise funds for their programs. The Vestry has authorized us to sell ducks again this year, so be on the lookout for the guys in the duck aprons! Last year we earned over $1,400 for St. James' programs, and we know we can do as much or even better this year. Remember that $3 to $4 of each $5 duck sale comes right back to St. James'.

A letter was sent out enclosing a duck entry form. If you've already purchased ducks using the forms assigned to St. James', we thank you. More forms are available in the Church office or Parish Hall, so take more to share with family and friends. Only the forms supplied through St. James' will benefit St. James'.

The race will be held on the last Saturday in April (the 28th) at Lake Elizabeth, so be sure your entries are mailed no later than April 21st (or delivered to the Church for pick-up). On Race Day there will be a kids' carnival, refreshments for sale, and raffle prizes. Again this year, there will be some prizes only available to St. James' Duck sponsors – a $50 Macy's gift card & more. Once you've sent in your Duck entry envelope (or left it at the Church), contact Brad or Tom to receive a drawing ticket (or catch them after church on Sundays).

For questions, forms, or information, call these "big ducks": Brad Hoffman, 299-1635, or Tom Blalock, 510-490-7565.

March Vestry Highlights

- Approved the second phase of the Little Church stained-glass window repair, to begin after Easter.
- Ordered two new everyday banners for our frame at Thornton Avenue.
- Approved the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner.
- Holy Week is fast approaching. All are encouraged to participate in as many services as possible. See schedule in this newsletter or on the website.
- We will have a guest trumpeter join us again on Easter morning.
- Walk-a-Rockathon with St Anne's is scheduled on June 2 this year.

Laura Winter, Junior Warden

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

April 1

We will begin outside with a blessing of the palms, followed by the reading of the Passion Gospel from St. Mark at the 8:00 and 10:30 services. A visual representation of Jesus' Passion will be displayed at the 10:30 service.

Maundy Thursday

April 5

A simple meal in monastic style will begin at 6:30pm. During the meal, we will have the a Liturgy of the Word and the rituals of foot washing and cross exchange. We will continue in the Main Church for Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday

April 6

12-3pm: the Traditional Hours of Good Friday

From 12-2pm

A Service of Jesus' Seven Last Words with short reflections given by parishioners, prayer, and music in the Little Church.

From 2-3pm

Walking the Stations of the Cross Outside.

At 8:00pm

A Tenebrae Service of Readings and Music in the Little Church.

Easter Vigil

8:00pm April 7

On the Patio with Fire, Stories and Song!

Followed by the Proclamation of Easter and Holy Communion in the Main Church.

Easter Principal Service

10:00am April 8

A Festive Service in the Main Church with music and Holy Communion, followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children.

ABODE Breakfast Well-Attended!

The annual fundraising breakfast for ABODE saw an amazing turnout of almost 400 people at the Fremont Marriott. St James' was well represented with approximately two dozen friendly faces. Mary Mitchell and her granddaughter Megan Williamson were welcome additions to this early - morning group. (Mary was immeasurably instrumental in establishing the Tri City Homeless Coalition, now ABODE.)

Attendees heard about the latest ABODE programs including the new plan to house 200 returning veterans. Louis Chicoine, Executive Director, also provided the following information:

- In 2011 ABODE was able to help more than 3,500 people of whom 1,000 were children;
- More than 90 families are currently on the waitlist for Sunrise Village, the emergency shelter on Brown Road in South Fremont.
- In 2011, 34% of the program clients were homeless for the first time.
- Since 2005, ABODE has created more than 900 homes in five area cities.

Three people gave their own testimonies about the help and support they had received from ABODE and described how their lives had become more stable, with education programs completed and their children stabilized.

More information on ABODE's 22 programs, including supportive housing sites, can be found at www.abodeservices.org.

Alice Johnson

Pictures taken by Bruce Roberts

!Chip In For Chairs! Update

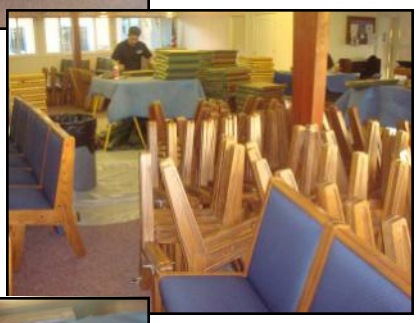
The chairs in the main church have all been reupholstered; they look and feel great! Juan Carlos and his crew from Worship Interiors Group did a fantastic job transforming our less-than-cushioned chairs into comfortable, beautiful furniture again.

They were here two-and-a-half weeks, and worked very hard to complete the project smoothly and efficiently. We were still able to worship in there on Sundays, and they were very pleasant any time we dropped by. If you haven't been inside the sanctuary, come soon and try out the chairs!

Thanks to all who contributed to the **!Chip In For Chairs!** campaign. And if you were waiting to see how they turned out, now is your chance! We are still accepting donations to help cover the expenses. Put your check in the offering plate and mark it "Chairs."

A special thank you to Scott Kennedy for guiding the process through.

Laura Winter, Junior Warden



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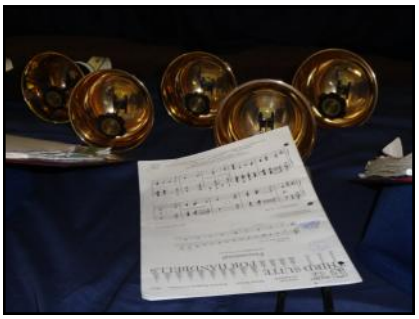
The Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers

We were honored to welcome these talented children to lead - in a beautiful Evensong service for Lent on March 15.

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St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for:

Those Who Need Continued Healing: Brad, Florinne, Norma, Margaret, Miranda, Scott, Sidney, Jody, Ferishta, Tom, Cindy, Jean, Kathy, Dorothy, Kym, Sarah, Doris, May

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

Those Experiencing Economic Hardship:

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, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Robert, Adam

Families Expecting Children: April and Eric, Alyise and Manny

Those Who Have Passed Away: Roland, Beth

April Birthdays

6 Ann Jamison
7 Ian Fuller
8 Renee Whitehouse
Heather Merrell
Doug Hamilton
Andy MacRae
10 EJ Hilliard
Loren Merrell
Bob Bell
13 Allen Krimmel
14 Tim Feeney
15 Steve Thomas
Elyse Lovellette
16 Claudelle Francis
17 Tom Scrutton
18 Jimmy Singh
19 Daniel Wilcoxon
20 Ruth Poole
22 David Noddin
23 Karl Drescher
26 Elizabeth Hart
27 Fred Schlag
28 Al Casas
Lea Lucas
Marnie Hartmann

April Anniversaries

Love is the condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own.

9 Mel and Alice Johnson
11 Ivy and Dwarka Sankar
19 Bud and Jan Pearson
24 Enrique and Jen Dalmasso

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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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY 9:15-10:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 - 11:15 AM
YOUTH GROUP SECOND SUNDAY 6:30 - 8:30 PM
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM

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