



# The Window

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

July 2012

## Rich Past, Abundant Future

Almost seven years ago, St. James' celebrated 50 years at our current location on Thornton Avenue. I still have the bookmark commemorating that occasion with the slogan: "*Rich Past, Abundant Future: Celebrating 50 years of Faith and Community.*"

Our parish continues to celebrate our history while planning for our future. This is tricky, and an attribute that must be nurtured to be effective. We honor the work of those who came before us without getting mired in "how we've always done it," while moving forward, recognizing the realities of the times we live in. I am happy to report that St. James' is in a strong position to carry on our primary mission of loving and serving God and our neighbors.

As you read this, our Rector, The Rev. Lori, has been able to purchase a home in Newark and escrow should close soon. The Clergy Housing Committee put in a huge amount of work to research bank loans and to write the Equity Share Agreement (ESA) – the contract that governs the financial arrangement between the Rector and the parish – which was approved by the vestry. The ESA is both simple and effective, and a unique creation. We will be offering it to the Diocese for other churches to use as a model for these types of financial arrangements. Grateful thanks to the hard-working committee members: Tom Blalock, Mary Casas, John Kimber, Sylvia Ma, and Mike Scrutton.

We received 77 responses to the Schader Fund Questionnaire. The Schader Fund Committee worked hard to develop the questionnaire and to collate and analyze the responses. A huge thank you goes to the members of that committee: Gail Blalock, Jan Brandt, Mary Casas, Sylvia Ma, Dave Nelsen, Jan Scrutton, and Laura Winter. Jan and Mike Scrutton and Dave Nelsen did most of the number-crunching.

At our meeting on June 14, the Vestry voted to fund two projects immediately: the engineering/structural report for the Little Church and the desperately needed repair and repaving of our parking lot.

The report for the LC will give the Little Church Committee the details needed to decide what needs to be done, and then further funding for those repairs will likely come out of the Schader Fund. The Vestry will make further allocations from the Schader Fund at our July meeting (which will be on July 19).

Three looming issues this year have been clergy housing, maintenance and repair of our physical campus, and how to allocate the Schader Fund. These issues have been addressed and are being resolved. Our physical campus, including the Little Church, will be in good shape for the near future. The next project, as I see it, is the funding of additional clergy.

For our parish to continue to grow, meet the needs of our growing children and youth programs, and meet all the pastoral and educational needs of our congregation, additional clergy is necessary. Judging from the responses to the Schader questionnaire, many of you agree. We have been richly blessed with the ministry of our deacons, Bob Dobbin and Bill Mosier, and by the participation of The Rev. Jim McLeod. Still, an additional clergy member on staff, even on a part-time basis, to oversee the children's and family ministries and to participate in teaching and pastoral care is appropriate for a congregation of our size. To do this, we need additional funds in our operating budget. With the physical campus taken care of, I encourage each of us to consider how we can increase our operating fund pledge for 2013 to allow us to hire an additional clergy person. More details on this will follow later in the year.

In God's Grace,  
Janet Fischer, Senior Warden

## Teaching Our Children to be Stewards

July is the middle of the year and also the middle of summer, when school is out and families spend time together. As I write this, our two grandchildren (ages 7 & 11) living in Tucson, are about to arrive for a two-week visit and, as you read this, we will have just put them on a plane for home. We look forward to their visits, the time goes by quickly, and then we usually need several days to catch up on our sleep after they've gone.

Children, no matter their ages, are all gifts from God (teenagers included)! As Christian adults, we must take seriously our responsibility to teach them godly principles, practices, and life.

*“Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6)*

*“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” (Deuteronomy 6:7)*

In today's world, this isn't always easy to do, and I certainly don't claim to be an expert at it. Sometimes, though, actions are a stronger teacher than words. We lead and teach by the examples we set. Children learn by observing, the way you:

- interact with people or take in a stray animal;
- say grace before a meal or whisper a prayer when you're happy or sad;
- volunteer your time or welcome a stranger;
- read your Bible or teach Sunday school;
- might help with Vacation Bible School or
- support one of the many ministries at St. James';
- regularly worship on Sunday mornings.

Developing Christian minds and instilling Christian virtues is a critical stewardship responsibility for every Christian adult in educating children. How might you affect the life of a child in today's world? I don't have all the answers, but I do know that we have lots of opportunities here at St. James' to help us set the right example. And, with God's grace and guidance, and lots of prayers, we will teach our children to be good stewards in response to all that God has given to us.

***Lord, thank-you for children. Help us to steward them as precious gifts from you. Amen.***

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair



## St. James' Family

On May 31st, late in the afternoon, I developed chest pains. I was at my daughter's home in Livermore and said I thought we should go to Kaiser Hospital in Fremont. She drove me in, I was admitted immediately, and it was determined that one of my arteries had a 95 % blockage. The treatment would be to place a tiny flexible wire mesh tube in the artery. The procedure was done that evening. Lori visited me in ICU on Friday and I was discharged on Saturday afternoon.

I have had many prayers, cards and well-wishes from my St James' community, I am blessed. I'm taking new medications and adjusting to them and my doctor has said I can resume most of my usual activities but not all at once ! I know God has watched over me these past two weeks and continues to do so. My family has also spent many days and nights with me to be sure I was alright.

Thank you for your phone calls, your generous offers of help and the many sweet and funny cards that have filled my mail box.

Sincerely, and with love,  
Sandra Motley

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## Wheelchair Needed

We need a wheel chair for a few days in July to, beginning July 25th.



Our daughter will be visiting and we will be doing tourist things but Paul can't walk very far. A wheel chair would insure his being able to accompany the family on our fun trips.

Does any one have a wheel chair that we could borrow? Please call me at 510-656-0302.

Thank you,  
Nancy Svenson

## June Vestry Highlights

- After receiving the data from the Schader Fund congregational survey, we began our discussions on the allocation of the funds. We voted to get a professional engineering and structural analysis of the condition of the Little Church.
- We also decided to pay for the repair and paving of our parking lot. The contractor was chosen, the contract will be firmed up, and work is planned to take place in August/September. More information will be out soon.
- The allocation of the remaining money in the fund will be discussed at the July Vestry meeting which has been rescheduled to July 19 (third Thursday of the month).
- The patio leveling will take place July 2-20. This overlaps two Sundays, and the area will be cleared for Sunday services. It is a construction site though, so we ask that you please use caution while moving around the buildings.
- The Equity Sharing Agreement between Lori and St James' was approved at a special meeting.
- Sacred Space, the Deanery outreach program in Hayward, continues every Sunday afternoon at 2pm. St James' is responsible for providing lunches about once a month, and our next Sunday is July 8. Check the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall for more information.
- please pitch in.

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The next issue of *The Window* is in **August**. 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](mailto:window@saintj.com)  
**August Deadline: July 15th**

## Ladies Flatlanders September 6th-9th



It's that time of year again to sign up for the annual Ladies Flatlanders trip! If you don't know what Ladies Flatlanders is about — it's about the three F's.... Fun Female Fellowship. This annual trip has been taking place for well over 25 years. It started out with just a few women camping and grew over the years to 40 or more women camping. It is all about fellowship, sharing stories, sharing chores, sharing fun activities, relaxing, and rejuvenating.

This year, instead of camping, we are renting two houses at the Pajaro Dunes Resort (Cypress 15 and Cypress 23, 105 Shell Road, Watsonville) and have them booked from Thursday-Sunday, September 6-9.

Ladies can join in for as many days as you can, which can be as few as one or two days. These houses provide a fabulous view of the beach (and one only has to walk down a set of steps to get there). For those who don't want to go down to the beach, there are spacious rooms and a balcony in which to relax. The cost is approximately \$150 per person (excluding food). We have the first house filled but still have room in the second house. Sign up now in the Parish Hall to join us for this fun and relaxing weekend!

If you are interested, but need more information, contact Mary Casas, Jackie Whitehouse, Nancy Castaneda, or Dorothy Balderston. We will be collecting payment for the rentals in August.

## In honor of all the people that lend their time & talent to make St. James' such a special place.

What I do, you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful

*Mother Theresa*



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or 707-433-2440 x102

While bright golden rays of sunlight disappear into beams of silver moonlight, the world walks through time...

While whispering echoes of days gone by become the memories of days yet to be, the world grows older...

While dreams of past horizons drift through windows of awaiting seasons, the future becomes today and the journey begins

By: Donald F. Razzolini

St. James' wishes to acknowledge its graduate class of 2012 for a job well done – CONGRATULATIONS...

<u>Name</u>	<u>School / Achievements</u>	<u>St. James' Connection</u>
Megan Walton	University of CA, Santa Cruz Bachelors - Anthropology	Rev. Lori Walton
Brenden Nicolos Maxey	Penn State Bachelors - Economics	Margaret Broun < Grandmother >
Aimee Lynn Lahaie	Humbolt State Univ., Humbolt CA Bachelors – Arts / Early Childhood Educ.	Marnie Hartmann < Grandmother >
Ian Perry	Stonebridge Academy, San Mateo CA Stonebridge Academy, San Mateo CA 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade 4.0 GPA continuous	Chris & Pegeen Perry
Dylan Colbert	Liberty High School, Brentwood CA 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Bobbie Tomkinson < Grandparents >
Ezra Winter-Nelson	University Laboratory HS, Urbana IL 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Laura Winter < Aunt >
Emily Locher	Pioneer High School, Redding CA 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ralph & Lynn Locher < Grandparents >
Jennifer Marie Newbrough	James Logan High School 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Student	Margaret Broun < Grandmother >
Robbie Wilson	Amador Valley HS, Pleasanton CA 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	George & Pat Vlastelica < Grandparents >
Colton Bell	California High School, San Ramon CA 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Bob Bell < Grandfather >
Erin Leigh Spelce	College Park HS, Pleasant Hill CA 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade CS7 Life Scholar	John & Joan Kimber < Grandparents >
Joey Carini	Horner Junior High, Fremont CA 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll Student	Jennifer Carini
Olivia Carini	Scribbles Montessori, Fremont CA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Jennifer Carini
Alexandra Skinner	Capital Magnet School, St. Paul MN 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Maggie Shalar < Grandmother >
Madelynn Hewlett	N. Raleigh Christian Academy, NC 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Maggie Shalar < Grandmother >

Your Future Awaits...  
May God Bless & Keep You On Your Journey





## GRADUATION SPOTLIGHT 2012 IAN PERRY

Once again we honor and congratulate all graduates, and offer additional information on one of St James' own high school graduates.

This year we highlight Ian Perry, who graduated from Stanbridge Academy in San Mateo. He enjoyed school there, and said the biggest highlight was being captain of this year's floor hockey (*played with a stick and a puck, but in tennis shoes*) team! He assured me he was the best passer on the team and all enjoyed a great time. Next year he plans to move on to Chabot, completing his general ed classes as he explores what direction he'd like to take.

When asked about his experiences at St James', Ian immediately said the parish camping trips were the best! He and his family have been at St James' about ten years, and Ian has served as acolyte (usually at the 8am service) most of those years. He told Lori he plans to continue serving, drawing a huge smile from her... Another favorite for him at church are the Christmas Eve services. And of course he mentioned being allowed to drive the riding lawn mower at the monthly work parties.

As Ian plans to worship at St James' in the coming days, we look forward to watching him continue his growth into a fine young man. We offer our support and love to Ian and all the graduates.

Congratulations!

*Submitted by Laura Winter, Junior Warden*

### ST JAMES' FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, July 22, 2012**

**FOOD – GAMES – PRIZES  
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**Join St. James' and the Philippine  
Independent Church for a single service at  
10am followed by a potluck and fun festivities**

This year's theme harkens to the "GOOD OL' DAYS" when we would gather on Sunday after church for food and fellowship in celebration of family.

To make this a wonderful fun day for all we are in need of 3-4 canopies to serve as shelter from the heat while for the dining portion of the day. If you are able to donate a canopy for the day please contact the Parish Life cluster via email or drop a note at the office. You may also contact me (Donald Razzolini) or Bob Bynum at anytime.

**Stay tuned for more information  
in the coming weeks**

### Ice Cream Social & Appreciation Day...



Pictures by Lea M. Lucas

### Financial Summary May 2012

<b>Fund Balances</b>	<u>05/31/2011</u>	<u>05/31/2012</u>
Operating Fund	\$ 56,419	\$ 71,036
Building Fund	\$ 27,083	\$ 30,201
<b>Year To Date Summary Operating</b>		
<b>Pledges Budgeted</b>	\$ 97,471	\$ 98,671
<b>Pledges Paid</b>	\$ 88,644	\$ 85,731
Unpledged Contributions	\$ 4,711	\$ 2,454
Other Op Income*	<u>\$ 9,953</u>	<u>\$ 9,400</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 103,308	\$ 97,585
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 98,653</u>	<u>\$ 99,871</u>
<b>Income less Expense</b>	<b>\$ (4,655)</b>	<b>\$ (2,287)</b>

\*Inc Fundraising



## **Food and Fellowship Dinners**

The next scheduled Food & Fellowship pot-luck dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening, August 4th, starting round 5:30pm at the home of Linda and Dave Nelsen. This is a wonderful opportunity to break bread and drink in with your fellow parishioners in a more informal atmosphere.

Should you wish to attend, please either sign up on the list posted in the Parish Hall or contact Dave Nelsen via email ([dave.nelsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dave.nelsen@sbcglobal.net)) or by phone (510) 795-9273. You will be contacted during the week of the event about a food or a drink item to bring to share.

The deadline for signing up is the last Sunday in July, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Holy Communion (LC) 9:15 AM American Sign Language Class 9:15 AM Memorial Garden (VR) 10:30 AM Holy Communion (C) 1:30 PM Philippine Independent Church (LC) (PH) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	2 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	3 5:00 PM Youth Champions/Art Class (PH)	4 10:00 AM Holy Communion (LC) 6:30 PM Tai Chi Class (PH)	5 2:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	6 10:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	7
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## St. James' Prayer List

*Most Holy God, we pray for:*

**Those Who Need Comfort and Healing:** Sarah, Scott, Napoleon, David, Janice, Shannon, Maggie, the Gregory Family, James, the Czerwinski Family, Heather, Adrienne, Jack, Maggie, Lee, Bob, Peggy, Jeff, Carlos, Jody

**Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:** Paul, Rhonda, Deja, Tanie, Donna, Kenny

**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, Deidre and James, Allison and Patrick, Kelly and Gersson, Sherea and Keith, Candace

**Those Who Have Passed Away:** Norma, Dennis, Gordon, Betty, Watson



## July Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 3 Johanne LaRocque | 17 Mary Mitchell     |
| 4 Jennifer Larsen  | Angela Casas         |
| Bob Bynum          | 18 Anne Blalock      |
| 6 Jillian Fisher   | 19 Jack Rux          |
| 7 Tim Koonze       | Gavin Ferro          |
| 12 Rod Vlastelica  | 21 Jackie Whitehouse |
| 13 Lucy Ferro      | 27 Evelyn Martinez   |
| 15 Jordan Singh    | 28 Jan Pearson       |
|                    | Gregg Feeney         |



## July Anniversaries

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

- 20 Mike Peterson & Johanne LaRocque
- 24 Don and Marilyn Rose

### Important Note

The July Vestry meeting has been moved to July 19 to accommodate vacation schedules. All parish members are welcome to attend.

The meeting starts promptly at 7pm.

**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](mailto:admin@saintj.com)



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SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY 9:15-10:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL (*ON SUMMER RECESS*)

YOUTH GROUP SECOND SUNDAY 6:30 - 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST 10:00 AM

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