The Window

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

April 2011

Remembering the Risen Christ

As I write this reflection this morning, the rain is coming down heavy, the skies are grey, and the images of war, earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear power plants on fire are vying for attention. It is hard to know where to look. It is hard to know which to pray for first. Sometimes I simply say the names in a whisper, knowing that God knows, trusting that God is already at work even before the prayer is spoken. Japan. Libya. Christ Church. Haiti. Tunisia. Mexico. I could fill the page if I tried. It is a Lenten Season when the ashes of our world color our vision. My hope is that in the subdued hushes of our prayers, we remember to pray for ourselves, that we remember to ask for a heart so open, so accepting, that we are changed by the world and the events that happen within and upon it. We cannot change what has happened, but we can be changed. We cannot eliminate all that is broken or being broken, but we can point towards the one who redeems it all. Even in the darkness of destruction, life triumphs. It is what Easter is all about, after all. We walk through Lent towards and through the cross and crucifixion, but we hang our hat on the Risen Christ. Always and without fail, God Lives.

As we enter Holy Week, I invite you to participate as fully as you are able. It is the richness of this week that leads us to the full expression of Joy on Easter. The Thursday of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, will bring with it a supper in the monastic tradition as a way of remembering Jesus' Last Supper. We will eat, and sing, and move through ritual. We will end up in the Church to share Holy Communion before we strip the altar and sanctuary bare. Good Friday will be a day of reflection on the last hours of Jesus' life. At noon, we will have a two-hour service where members of our congregation will share their own reflections. Please come if you can, not just to experience this powerful service, but also to support those who are willing to stand before us with their thoughts and words. At 2:00pm, we will walk the stations for an hour, and at 8:00pm, there will be a service of shadows and light called Tennebrae. Saturday at 8:00pm, we will celebrate the Easter Story beginning with salvation stories told by the congregation and ending with the proclamation of the Risen Christ. On Easter Sunday at 10:00am, we will celebrate the principal service of Easter followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children. I look forward to celebrating our first Easter together.

Lori

Stewardship Corner

We Celebrate and Nurture the Earth

April celebrates National Volunteer Month, National Volunteer Week, and Earth Day. There are many opportunities to volunteer and help make our community a better place to live. A study of Psalm 104 creates an awareness of the majestic and splendid gift that the Lord has given in creating the earth.

> *"How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; The earth is full of your creatures" Psalm 104:24*

Each year Earth Day -- April 22 -- marks the anniversary of what many consider the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970. The fight for a clean environment continues in a climate of increasing urgency, as the negative effects of climate change become more apparent every day. How to participate or volunteer? There are many opportunities every day of the month. Here are a few suggestions:

The City of Fremont will be co-sponsoring a free Earth Day event with Washington Township Hospital on Saturday, April 23, at Washington Hospital West in the Main Auditorium from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's an opportunity to join a number of other local Tri-City organizations in making our community a greener place. *"Let's Go Green Together"* will feature interactive booths supporting environmental sustainability, conservation, pollution prevention, reducing waste and much more. The event will also feature games and activities for children.

Also on April 23, there will be an *Earth Day Cleanup* at the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Help protect wildlife and the environment while enjoying great Bay views. Join the Refuge and Save the Bay at their annual Earth Day Cleanup at Ravenswood Point in East Palo Alto. Reservations are required (www.savesfbay.org).

It's important to talk with our children and grandchildren about the beauty of the earth and the importance of protecting it. Expose them to nature by visiting a wildlife sanctuary or just taking a walk or going to the park (maybe a visit to Ardenwood Farm) or planting a tree or some flowers. As adults in a faith community, we have a powerful influence in helping our children and youth understand the direct impact they can have in creating a healthier, cleaner environment for the future -- starting today.

And, there are opportunities right here at St. James' to recycle and volunteer -- gather up your used books and volunteer to help at the St. James' Book Sale that will be happening soon; come to the Saturday work parties to help clean up and preserve our beautiful grounds; volunteer to help tend the Memorial Garden; and recycle at every opportunity.

Remember to: Reduce needs/Reuse items
Don't toss -- repair/Recycle most things
Use a refillable water bottle/Buy a setback thermostat
Walk More/Buy locally

Although Kermit the Frog may have said, *"It's not easy bein' green,"* it's really not that hard, if we start small. I invite you to be a part of Earth Day this year and use your energy to help build a cleaner and healthier world for generations to come.

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday

April 17

We will begin outside with a blessing of the palms, followed by the reading of the Passion Gospel from St. Matthew 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 21

A simple meal in monastic style will begin at 6:00pm. 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 22

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

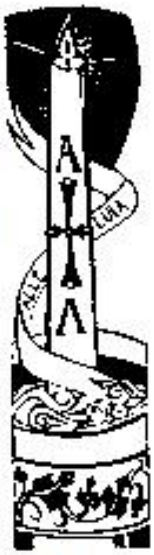
A Tennebrae Service of Readings and Music in the Little Church.

Easter Vigil

8:00pm April 23

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 24

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

Food and Fellowship

Many of you may remember this program that went dormant a little over two years ago. This group, consisting of both couples and singles, would meet monthly for a shared dinner in a home. Typically the host would provide the main course and drinks and the other participants would bring appetizers, salad, bread, dessert, etc. As envisioned now, the group would meet once a quarter and each dinner would be a 'team' event.

The Parish Life Cluster has asked me to ascertain if there is enough interest in to revive this social program. If you think that you would be inclined to participate, you may either sign up on a posted list in the Parish Hall or email me at relocher@comcast.net or call me at (510) 792-2248. Please include your preferred way of being contacted.

I am hopeful that there is sufficient interest in these camaraderie dinners and I would like to kick it off in the middle of May.

Ralph Locher

Book Fair

St James' book sale is back on Saturday May 14th

All donations of books very welcome

NOW in EB4

The St James' Recycle Ministry

Our parishioners are very good at finding the recycle container in the kitchen. Thank You. Now you are being asked to do more. Waste pickup for the church does NOT include recycle. It has been done by a few, taking the recycle materials home with them. This ministry is open to all. Please if you are in charge of an activity make sure the recycle is not left behind. On Sundays talk to Sandra and be sure that the recycle has been "spoken for". Questions contact Sandra Motley or Marnie Hartmann

Marnie Hartmann

The Saint James' Film Series Continues!

On the second Friday of each month we are showing movies in EB1 that raise interesting questions regarding faith and our lives. Each movie is followed by a discussion. Friends are welcome and bring snacks if you like.

We begin promptly at 7pm and should be finished by 9:30 PM each evening. Please keep in mind these movies are not geared for children. In March over twenty people came to watch and discuss the 1939 film, "Strange Cargo".

In April, on Friday the 8th, we are showing *On Borrowed Time*, also from 1939. This movie stars Lionel Barrymore as a grandfather who traps Death in a tree and thus prevents anyone on Earth from dying. It's a heartwarming story and one that invites questions for us all.

Andy MacRae

Walk-a-Rockathon 2011

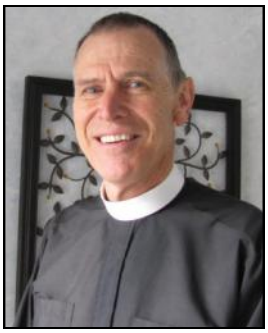
It is almost time again for our annual St. James' Walk-a-Rockathon to aid the ABODE "Home Warming" program at St. James'. The Walk-a-Rockathon will be held on Saturday May 14th, the same Saturday as the Book and Media sale.

This year we are blessed to be teaming again with St. Anne's' Episcopal Church our neighbor church from south Fremont. The event will be a walk from St. Anne's' to St. James'. Mark your calendars now for this annual fund raising event.

More info will follow and for any questions please feel free to contact your Vestry Congregational Care & Social Ministries cluster members, Gary Gearheart or Brad Hoffman @ socialministries-congcare@saintj.com.

Gary Gearheart and Brad Hoffman

St. James' Welcomes the Reverend Bob Dobbin!



In March, we welcomed a Deacon into our midst, the Reverend Bob Dobbin. Bob was ordained as a Vocational Deacon in 2006. His deacon training included a year of service as a student chaplain under the supervision of Mary Ellen Gallagher, past St. James' deacon for whom he has the greatest respect. Bob and his family have lived in the Bay Area for the past thirty years. He's a big fan of baseball, football, and long walks with his family's labrador retriever, and he's very excited about being part of the St. James' community.

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IT'S DUCK RACE TIME AGAIN!

GET READY TO ENTER YOUR ST. JAMES' DUCKS IN THE *ANNUAL "DUCKS for BUCKS"* RACE

Help St. James & Your Community!

for the 7th year in a row!!

The Vestry has authorized participation again this year in the "Ducks for Bucks" benefit program. This Kiwanis sponsored annual event provides community based organizations, like St. James', an easy, almost effortless, way to raise funds. So, be on the lookout for fellow parishioners in the duck aprons. They will have Duck Race forms and will be happy to answer any questions. A letter and form will also be mailed to parishioners at the end of March. We've had St. James' winners in the past, but this year we will have some special prizes available only to St. James' Duck sponsors.

The race will be held on the last Saturday in April (the 30th) at Lake Elizabeth. There will be a variety of activities including games for children, food, and fun. You do not need to be present to win the prizes.

For questions, forms, or information, call these "Big Ducks": Brad Hoffman (299-1635) or Tom Blalock (490-7565).

Brad Hoffman

Our Food Pantry @ St. James'

At St. James' we have been blessed with the giving spirit of our Parishioners and have been able to maintain a food pantry for the less fortunate and the needy in our community.

Our pantry is in need at this time. We are asking form parishioners as they do their weekly shopping to consider purchasing items for the St. James' pantry. We are especially looking for easy open (pop-top) easy prepare foods vs. food that needs full kitchens to prepare.

We are in need of pasta (various noodle types are OK), pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, canned meats and microwaveable pop-top soups and dinners (Microwaveable bowls of - spaghetti-Os, Beefaroni, Chili-Mac, Lasagna, Beans and Weenies & ect.)

If you have any questions please feel free contact your Vestry Congregational Care & Social ministries cluster members, Gary Gearheart or Brad Hoffman @ socialministries-congcare@saintj.com.

Gary Gearheart and Brad Hoffman

Cursillo Corner

By Bob and Debbie Czerwinski

The Cursillo weekend can be a very moving and sometimes even a life-changing experience. In either case, God touches those present and open to the experience in the ways he/she needs to be touched. He speaks to each in ways he/she can hear His personal message for the life after the 3 day Cursillo weekend, what we call "The 4th Day".

For those of you who are interested in experiencing a Cursillo or would like to sponsor someone for one, the next East Bay Anglican Co-ed Cursillo will be held at the Cursillo Center (CASA) in San Francisco, May 12 – 15, 2011.

For more information regarding Cursillo or the upcoming Cursillo weekend, please feel free to contact us (510 793-6427) or check out the following website www.cursilloca.org/.

Youth & Children

St James' Youth Activities

St James' Youth have been looking at communication recently, including making their own Anglican Prayer beads. In March they looked at the Lord's prayer and had a go at rewriting it in their own words. Here is their version for you to consider -

Our God your name is sacred,

Let pain and suffering be no more on earth like it is in heaven, Give us what we need and help us survive difficulties, Forgive us for messing up and help us not to hold grudges, Help us to say no when we are tempted

For you are our God and you hold possession of all we require, As it has been and always will be,

Amen

Jan Scrutton

Youth Interactive Stations of the Cross

Sunday April 10, 6-8pm

The second Sunday evening service and youth meeting in April will be replaced by this exciting and different experience aimed at young people 5th- 12th grade. The evening will begin with pizza and we'll move into a service where everyone will have a chance to visit the traditional Stations of the Cross telling the story of Jesus' last hours. Each station will be interactive, encouraging the participants to see, hear, feel and understand the story. We have invited youth from around the deanery to join us for this event. Everyone welcome! (younger children should be accompanied by a parent who can join them in this experience) Please RSVP to jan@scrutton.org.uk to allow us to plan.

Jan Scrutton

Youth Easter Breakfast

Young People 6th-12th Grade are invited to the first St James' Youth Easter Breakfast at 8am on Easter Sunday, April 24. We will gather at 8am to share a breakfast of eggs, pancakes, waffles, bacon and fruit and celebrate the Easter morning and resurrection. We'll then hide the eggs in preparation for the egg hunt for children after the morning service and we'll worship with the whole community at 10am.

RSVP to jan@scrutton.org.uk to book a seat.

Jan Scrutton

Financial Summary 28 February 2011

Fund Balances	**2/28/2010**	**2/28/2011**
Operating Fund	34,861	50,598.71
Building Fund	15,769	25,965.75

Year To Date Summary Operating

	2/28/2010	**2/28/2011**
Pledges Budgeted	38,317	38,988
Pledges Paid	35,838	34,949
Unpledged Contributions	643	2,256
Other Op Income*	4,642	2,772
Total Operating Income	41,122	39,977
Total Operating Expenses	43,442	41,142
Income less Expense	**(2,319)**	**(1,165)**

*Inc Fundraising

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

Alameda Deanery Meeting

Three St. James' deanery representatives, Alice Johnson, Jim McConnell and Scott Whitaker, attended a Deanery meeting at Christ Church Alameda in order to participate in a discussion of the Anglican Covenant. The idea was to draft a covenant to provide a basic framework to sustain the minimal conditions which allow the Churches of the Communion to live together in harmony and unity. After many meetings, discussions and revisions, the covenant is now with the Provinces of the Anglican Communion for formal consideration for adoption by each Province through appropriate processes, which will occur during the Episcopal General Meeting in 2012. See www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/covenant/final/text.cfm for final text.

Due to all the controversy surrounding this covenant, it would be good for the covenant to be discussed amongst the parishioners and to make their feelings known. This deanery discussion is a first step.

The following questions were posed for reflection:

1. In what ways does the Anglican Covenant strengthen the corporate life of the Episcopal Church?
2. In what ways do you think the Anglican Covenant strengthens the common life of the Anglican

   Communion?
3. Which sections (or concepts in) of the Covenant do you find useful in defining the life of the Anglican Communion?
4. Do you find the Covenant's understandings of "unity," "the Church," and "authority" adequate? Why?
5. The Preamble to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church define the Anglican Communion as a "fellowship" of churches. In what ways might the Anglican Covenant redefine The Episcopal Church's understanding of the Anglican Communion?

The discussion revolved around how we perceived the covenant's effect on the church in the US. The group had varying opinions and questions including:

1. Was the covenant a done deal?
2. How and where did the authoring group get its authority?
3. Was this a punishment for the US and Canadian churches?
4. Would a schism have unintended benefits in the US, e.g. increased membership?
5. Would the Anglican Communion suffer from the loss of the US church and its diversity?
6. Would we suffer by being in separation from the Communion?
7. What happens to companion dioceses?
8. What happens to US church aid to African nations?

The meeting notes and questions will be submitted to the Diocesan Office.

The Rev. Kathy Crary closed the meeting with prayer.

Alice Johnson

The Center of Living

Thomas Kelly

Strained by the mad pace of our daily outer burdens, we are further strained by an inward uneasiness, because we have hints that there is a way of life vastly richer and deeper than all this hurried existence, a life of unhurried serenity and peace and power.

If only we could slip over into that Center! If only we could find the Silence which is the source of sound.

We have seen and known some people who seem to have found this deep Center of living, where the fretful calls of life are integrated, where No as well as Yes can be said with confidence.

We've seen such lives, integrated, unworried by the tangles of close decisions, unhurried, cheery, fresh, positive. These are not people of dallying idleness nor of obviously mooning meditation; they are busy carrying their full load as well as we, but without any chafing of the shoulders with the burden, with quiet joy and springing step.

Surrounding the trifles of their daily life is an aura of infinite peace and power and joy.

Source: A Testament of Devotion

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

First Ever Imposition of Ashes & Confession for Children

On Shrove Tuesday, we had our first ever Imposition of Ashes and Confession for Children. Gathered together in the Little Church on pillows on the Altar steps, the children selected a confession stone and thought about what what they might want to do better. When they were ready, they raised their hand in the air and placed their stone in the bowl where we washed them with water, symbolizing the way that God's love washes over them. After their confession, they all knelt at the altar rail to receive ashes on their foreheads, understanding that the ashes marked in the shape of a cross and were a reminder that they are Christians, people who learn about and try to follow the teachings of Jesus. The short service was meaningful and sweet, and we look forward to sharing it with the children again next year.

Lori

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 **8:00 AM** Holy Communion (LC) **10:30 AM** Holy Communion (C) **1:30 PM** Philippine Independent Church (LC) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**28** **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**29** **6:00 AM** 6am Bible Study (OC) **6:00 PM** Lenten Series (EB1)	**30** **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class (PH) **7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**31** **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	**1** **10:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**2** **10:00 AM** Children's Holy Communion Class **10:00 AM** Comforters Guild (VR) **10:00 AM** Healing Ministry (ST)
3 **8:00 AM** Holy Communion (LC) **9:15 AM** Memorial Garden Mtg (VR) **10:30 AM** Holy Communion (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**4** **12:00 PM** Blood Centers of the Pacific (PH) **5:30 PM** Faith Formation Meeting (VR) **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**5** **6:00 AM** 6am Bible Study (OC) **11:00 AM** Washington Women's Club (PH) **6:00 PM** Lenten Series (EB1)	**6** **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class (PH) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**7** **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	**8** **7:00 PM** Adult Faith Formation - Movie Night (EB1) **10:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**9**
10 **8:00 AM** Holy Communion (LC) **10:30 AM** Holy Communion (C) **6:00 PM** Evening Service (LC) **6:00 PM** Interactive Stations of the Cross **7:00 PM** Youth Group (EB2) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**11** **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**12** **6:00 AM** 6am Bible Study (OC) **6:00 PM** Lenten Series (EB1)	**13** **11:00 AM** Job Seekers **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class (PH) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**14** **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST) **6:30 PM** Vestry Dinner/Mtg (PH)	**15** **10:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**16**
17 **8:00 AM** Palm Sunday (LC) **10:30 AM** Palm Sunday (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**18** **12:00 PM** Blood Centers of the Pacific (PH) **6:30 PM** Endowment Mtg (VR) **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**19** **6:00 AM** 6am Bible Study (OC)	**20** **10:00 AM** Women's Bridge Club (PH) **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class (PH) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**21** **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST) **6:00 PM** Maundy Thursday (PH)(C) **6:00 PM** Rancho Coronado(VR)	**22** **12:00 PM** Good Friday/Jesus' Seven Last Words (LC) **2:00 PM** Good Friday/Stations of the Cross Outside **8:00 PM** Good Friday/A Tennebrae Serv. of Readings & Music (LC) **10:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**23** **8:00 PM** Easter Vigil (C)
24 **10:00 AM** Easter Service (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**25** **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**26** **6:00 AM** 6am Bible Study (OC)	**27** **11:00 AM** Job Seekers **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class (PH)	**28** **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	**29** **10:00 PM** Narcotics Anonymous (PH)	**30** Ducks for Bucks

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for:

Those Who Need Continued Healing: Joy, Brad, Geri, Emily, Phil, Patricia, Karen, Annie, Margaret, Florinne, Del, Samantha, Ginger, Robert, Gina, Shelley, Tom, Jewel, Samuel, Michael, John, Chris, Jaime, Clarence, Jan, Billie Jo, Dorothy, John, Nancy, Marty, Liza, Sue, David

Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: Pam, Linda, Spalding Family, Wolford Family, Frank, Marty, Mark, Lauren, Marie & Family, Diane & Family

Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Kenny, Shaun, Aaron, Barbara

Those Suffering Economic Hardship: Tim, Candace, Lisa, Claudia, Iris, Heather, Aaron, Harnack Family, David

Families Who Are Expecting Children: Bob and Denise

Those in the Military: Scott, Jarrod, Angelina, Ryan, Bryan, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Mitch, Tim, Louis, Emily, Military Children of ACBSM, the families and Marines of Dark Horse Battalion, Darren

Those Who Are Traveling: Laura, Amy, Craig

Those Who Have Died: Ena, Christine, Harold, Samuel, Larry

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

April Birthdays Celebrations

3 Renee Lenart
5 Isabella Decker
6 Ann Jamison
7 Ian Fuller
8 Renee Whitehouse
Heather Merrell
10 EJ Hilliard
Loren Merrell
Bob Bell
11 Riley SophiaWhite
12 Madeleine Dakin
14 Martin Silge
Tim Feeney
15 Steve Thomas
16 Claudelle Francis
17 Tom Scrutton
18 Jimmy Singh
19 Daniel Wilcoxon
20 Ruth Poole
21 Jan Aston
22 David Noddin
23 Carmelia Cravatt
Marty Noll
26 Elizabeth Hart
27 Fred Schlag
28 Al Casas
Marnie Hartmann

April Anniversaries

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

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