The Window

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

February 2011

During an interview on Speaking of Faith in 2007, Rachel Naomi Remen, writer and physician, recounted a story her grandfather used to tell her (emphasis mine):

"In the beginning there was only the holy darkness, the Ein Sof, the source of life. And then, in the course of history, at a moment in time, this world, the world of a thousand things, emerged from the heart of the holy darkness as a great ray of light. And then, perhaps because this is a Jewish story, there was an accident, and the vessels containing the light of the world, the wholeness of the world, broke. ***And the wholeness of the world, the light of the world was scattered into a thousand, thousand fragments of light, and they fell into all events and all people, where they remain deeply hidden until this very day.***

Now, according to my grandfather, the whole human race is a response to this accident. ***We are here because we are born with the capacity to find the hidden light in all events and all people, to lift it up and make it visible once again and thereby to restore the innate wholeness of the world.*** *It's a very important story for our times. And this task is called tikkun olam in Hebrew. It's the restoration of the world.*

And this is, of course, a collective task. It involves all people who have ever been born, all people presently alive, all people yet to be born. We are all healers of the world. And that story opens a sense of possibility. It's not about healing the world by making a huge difference. It's about healing the world that touches you, that's around you."

This image, the image of a thousand fragments of light exploding forth and falling into all people and all events, came to my mind just as the final dismissal was pronounced at the Renewal of New Ministry Service (Installation Service) that took place on January 15. As one body, the expression of joy and love elevated and rose into a crescendo that surely produced fireworks in heaven. Not all of Saint James' was there, but all of Saint James' was there, if that makes any sense. We proclaimed God's goodness and blessings in the midst of and with people throughout the Diocese in a way that illuminated the Saint James' ethos of hospitality, love, and downright fun. Thank you for being exactly who you are.

Lori

Stewardship Corner

New Beginnings. . .

As I looked around the filled-to-capacity sanctuary on the Saturday morning of Lori's installation, I couldn't help but feel proud that I am a member of this wonderful community at St. James' Fremont. Several times during the celebration service, I had to wipe a tear from my eye. It was such a beautiful experience sitting among the many people whose lives Lori has touched in her ministries. The people of St. James' had gone over the top in making preparations to make sure this was a very special and memorable day for Lori, and I was very proud. As the Bishop and the many visiting clergy processed in, I thought what a wonderful tribute to Lori and what a challenge for me and for you, the members of St. James'.

As I reflect back on that Saturday morning, January 15th, I can't help but think what St. James' Church means to me. It is a place where I feel at home giving thanks and worshipping God. It is a place where my faith has grown, and I am constantly challenged. It is also a place filled with many wonderful and caring people that I have come to love. We enjoy praising God together and shouting those Alleluias! I have often heard the words "family" and "community" used to describe St. James'. It is like a family because people look out for each other, help and support each other, and worry about each others' well being. An easy way to experience this for yourself, if you haven't yet, is to stay for coffee fellowship after a service and get acquainted with other parishioners, attend a Faith Formation class, or volunteer to help with a task like the monthly work party, a fund-raiser (the McCutcheon Concert comes to mind, maybe for next year), or volunteer in the kitchen for a special event, or help the Memorial Garden committee with a gardening task. There are many opportunities; begin slowly and you'll be surprised where it leads you!

As we celebrated the Renewal of Lori's Ministry, we are challenged to rejuvenate our own relationship with God and see where *New Beginnings* lead us. Alleluia!

Gail Blalock, Stewardship Chair

Sunday, January 2, 2011
Blessing of the new organ in the Little Church

Saturday, January 15, 2011
Renewal of Ministry and Installation of
The Rev. Lori Walton

From the Senior Warden

As my three year term on the Vestry comes to an end, and my year as Senior Warden many people are asking if I'm counting the days/weeks and I laughingly respond with an exact count! I should be clear knowing the number of days is not a countdown to the end of a sentence but an awareness that at that point I need to account for myself at the annual meeting! And by that point those jobs left outstanding need to have been done!

Serving on the Vestry at St James' has been an honor and a pleasure and being trusted this year as your Senior Warden has been amazing. I have had the pleasure of serving as part of three different vestry teams, all of which have faced different challenges as St James' has moved through an interim period and to calling a new rector. All that I learnt working in the first 2 years has been applied this year and I thank those people who I served with before for the wisdom and knowledge they shared with me. Particularly to Sylvia and Janet who left us in great shape with policies and documents and to Jan who has always explained things to me when I've needed to understand, be they financial or historical.

I wish everyone at St James' could have seen the inner workings of this year's Vestry at it's best. When they read and reread the Parish Profile to try and understand completely what the parish needed, not just what they as individuals wanted. When they took on the thorough reports of the Search Committee and used them to determine what else they needed to find out about each candidate. When they interviewed three candidates and discussed openly and equally the skills of each. When they all gave their opinions openly and listened carefully to each other. And finally when they celebrated a unanimous decision. Of course the nature of the process is everyone cannot see the inner workings but I want to repeat that I was never prouder than at the moment we completed the decision making process.

Calling a new rector was not our only achievement this year and the annual report is the place to list all those things that have been done. St James' has not sat still during the interim process and Lori has arrived to a place that is full of life. We need now to make sure we allow her to do what she was called to do, to lead us. Vestries working with a rector are by their very nature different to those in interim time and I know with Mary Casas as Senior Warden and Lori in place the team will continue to be strong.

Thank you again for allowing me the pleasure of these last three years. As Penny, Charlie, Scott and I step down I know we will miss some of the action of the last three years but I'm sure you'll find us busy somewhere!

Jan Scrutton
Senior Warden

McCutcheon Concert

Every year as I write the Sunday John McCutcheon Announcements, I wonder if I take it too far in build-up of the show that John McCutcheon puts on for us. Every year after the show, I wonder why I had had any doubts. Whether one regards his musicianship, his storytelling, his point-of-view, or his ability to connect with us folks, I throw away all those doubts as we sign up to have him back for another year. If he wouldn't call it quits for the night, we would probably keep him on stage until the wee hours.

Just a few notes on the performance. My favorite story (and the first among the many) had to be about Fr. Duffy vs. John, his banjo and his faith. I'm sure you each have your favorite McCutcheon song or songs. His performance of Woody Guthrie's "Pastures of Plenty" while accompanying himself on the hammer Dulcimer had to be my favorite this year. Young Jack Merrell's favorite tune must have been "Kindergarten Wall." I watched Jack sing all the words with John from the front row. It could have been a duet. What a performance, Jack.

A note from Mark Noonan, John's Road Manager. He said that John was pleased with the 'house', (that's us, folks). He liked that we were so engaged in the performance, especially in the sing-alongs. As John said, he hears himself a hundred performances a year, it's nice to hear us instead.

This concert could not have been pulled off without the performances of a lot of St. James' folks. The jobs ranged from leader to leaf-blower, from ticket sellers to ticket takers, from seat placers to seat sitters (all who bought tickets to enjoy the show), from advertising to applause, from food preparation (we provide dinner to John and the Team) to snack bar to floor taping, from prize donations to organizing the prizes to prize winning, from setting up the artist's dressing room to waiting for the artist to show up, from set-up to tear-down, from lighting the patio tree to managing the parking lot, and many more jobs.

From cross-trained veterans to the novice Team Members, cooperation reigned and spirits stayed high from our first meeting back in November to stage-return this week. Special thanks to Sylvia Ma, our Team Leader.

Special thanks also to the Rev. Lori Walton who was thrust into the unknown position of being John McCutcheon's introducer. After her spirited introduction by Mike Scrutton, Lori used the McCutcheon website verbiage to introduce an unknown (to her) performer. During John's performance I watched Lori's expressions of delight and laughter. She realized what she said in her introduction of John, were true.

Bruce Roberts

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Imposition of Ashes
March 9th

The Season of Lent begins with this most somber service where we are invited into a time of penitence, fasting and self-examination.

Join us at one of the two services offered on this day: 12:00 pm in the Little Church and 7:00 pm in the Main Church.

Lori

The Rev. Jerry Drino Receives Jefferson Award

The Sudanese Ministry has recently received regional acclaim. The Rev. Jerry Drino has been given the Jefferson Award for Public Service for his work as Executive Director of Hope With Sudan. Jerry founded Hope With Sudan and for the last several years has been actively involved with "the lost boys of Sudan" and the larger Sudanese Community in the Bay Area.

The focus is on educating young people in the Sudan, and assisting the Sudanese here as well as Episcopal Clergy in the Sudan. Jerry has joined us at St James' on various occasions over the last few years. Many Sudanese young men have also shared their stories with us and we have been graced to hear them sing their songs.

The Jefferson Award for Public service was founded in 1972 by Jacqueline Onassis, U.S. Senator Robert Taft and Sam Beard to establish a Nobel Prize for public and community service. The local nominees are received by CBS and local affiliate KPIX.

This is a timely award as the election in the Sudan continues. This will decide whether Sudan separates into two countries or remain as one. The northern portion is primarily Muslim and the southern is primarily Christian.

For more information, please visit:

info@hopewithsudan.org
or
ww.hopewithsudan.org.

Alice Johnson

The next issue of ***The Window*** is in March. 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
March Deadline: Feb 15th

The Saint James Film Series

On the second Friday evening of each month, beginning in February, we will show movies in EB1 that raise interesting questions regarding faith and our lives. Following each movie there will be a group discussion. We will start at 7:00 pm and finish around 9:30 pm. Please keep in mind these movies are not geared for children.

February 11th, 7pm - Between Two Worlds (1944)
An odd assortment of people find themselves on a passenger ship as WWII is breaking out. What they don't realize (at first), is that they are all dead and the ship is taking them to be judged. The movie stars Paul Henreid, John Garfield, Edmund Gwenn as the ship's porter and Sydney Greenstreet as the one who arrives
to judge them.

March 11th, 7pm - Strange Cargo (1940)
This movie stars Clark Gable and Joan Crawford. At the surface the movie it's about a group of convicts trying to escape through the swamps of Devil's Island. But one of the convicts is an enigmatic man who may or may not be Jesus.

April 8th, 7pm - On Borrowed Time (1939)
Lionel Barrymore stars as an aged grandfather who is concerned for his grandson's future. When Death comes to call for him, in the guise of Mr. Brink, (Cedric Hardwicke) the grandfather tricks Death, trapping him in an apple tree. As long as Death is stuck in the tree, no one on earth can die.

St James' Book and Media Sale

Saturday 5th March 10am - 4pm
in the Parish Hall
St James' Episcopal Church
at Thornton and Cabrillo, Fremont

Donations of gently used books, CDs & DVDs accepted 9-12 Tues- Fri or Sunday mornings

"Available for Lunch" Sunday Feb. 27th

Come and celebrate the 2011 Lunar New Year (Year of the Rabbit) with us for some delicious Chinese food at the Newark Buffet on Sunday, February 27th at noon. Newark Buffet is located in the shopping center at the corner of Cedar Blvd and Newark Blvd, a few doors from the Ranch 99 Market.

You pay for your own lunch and we enjoy some great fellowship together. Cost of the buffet is $15; drinks (tea, soda or beer) are extra. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Sylvia Ma at 510-552-6549.

Please join us if you are "Available for Lunch".

Available for Lunch Ministry
Sylvia Ma and Meg Williams

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 8th

Yes, it's that time again. Come and join Friends and Family for an evening meal of pancakes, sausage and eggs. Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence. It is the last day before Lent begins.

Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself and to use up the foods that aren't allowed during Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

It has been a tradition at St. James' that the men of the Church prepare this meal and clean up after. Please join us on March 8th from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall for Shrove Tuesday.

Suggested donation:
Adults $5.00, Children 5 – 12 $3.00

Dave Nelsen

St. James' Library

There have been a lot of new books added to our library over the past couple of years. I would like to say thank you for all the generous donations of literature and media.

Please stop by after church or during the week, and take a look at some of the newer additions and the other wonderful books we have to offer. I will be updating our catalogue and the look of our library over the coming months.

Oh, one last thing, if you should notice any of the books needing repair, please place them in the box marked "Library Doctor" and fill out the R_X form.

I hope you will continue to enjoy our library.

Penny Trant

FEBRUARY DATES
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 6th — Annual Parish Budget Meeting 9:15 am in the Parish Hall

Feb. 13th — Single Service/Annual Parish Meeting 10:00 am Big Church

Feb. 20th — Faith Formation resumes with the third class in the 5 series on "Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What it Means to be a Christian

Feb. 27th — "Available for Lunch" Meet at the Newark Buffet at Noon. $15.00/ person

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

Imposition of Ashes for Children
Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm
in the Little Church

Ash Wednesday Services are often too "adult" for children to get a full experience of the ritual. Following the Shrove Tuesday celebration, we are offering a child-oriented service where we will introduce the concepts of Lent and offer ashes to the children. Though youth and parents are welcome to participate as well, note that this service is specifically for children and not meant to replace the traditional Ash Wednesday services taking place the following day.

An Examination of Holy Communion
Saturdays, March 26 and April 1 at 10:00am

This class, covering two mornings, will lead our children in an examination of what Holy Communion means, and why we participate in it each week. Using the concepts of family meal, storytelling, prayer, manners and holy things, this is an excellent opportunity for children to gain a better understanding of the sacrament of Eucharist, whether or not your child(ren) currently receive communion. Note – attendance at BOTH classes is required. There is a $10 fee for materials. Look for more information soon.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 24
following the 10:00am Easter Service

Easter wouldn't be Easter without an Easter Egg Hunt! Bring your basket so you're well prepared to find eggs following the principal Easter Service Sunday Morning!

EVENTS FOR YOUTH

Examination of the Table
Saturday, March 5 at 9:00am
In the Main Church

This event is for all youth (5th grade and above unless you speak with me first), and is particularly important for acolytes or those who are thinking about being acolytes. We will gather to examine the Liturgy of the Table, it's meaning and the particular role of youth, through fun and instruction. And, I promise doughnuts! **email Lori (lori@saintj.com) to let me know you're coming!**

Experiencing the Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 17 at 6:00pm in the Main Church

At the start of Holy Week, we will explore the Passion of Jesus as we experience an interactive stations of the cross. This service will replace the regular casual evening service. Though geared towards youth, all ages will find this experience meaningful. Following the service, all youth 6th grade and above are invited to stay for Youth Group from 7:00-8:30 in the Youth Room.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hiding
Sunday, April 24 at 8:00am in the Parish Hall

All youth grades 6th and above are invited to join our Youth Group for breakfast Easter morning followed by the very important task of hiding Easter eggs for the younger children to later find!

A Very Sincere Thank You My Friends to St. James'

I would like to take this opportunity to express my Thanks and my Appreciation for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and the well wishes I received in the time I was in the hospital and since coming to my parents to rehabilitate. I felt your prayers and love everyday I was in the Hospital and since coming home to my Parents to rehabilitate.

Your prayers and love have meant so very much to me and I continue to feel the presence of God in my healing, gaining of strength and endurance.

Once again, THANK YOU all for your continued prayers and support as I rehabilitate.

Your friend in Christ
Brad Hoffman

AEMCH Celebrates 30 Years!

Please join Bishop Marc Andrus and Sheila Andrus as they celebrate 30 years of service to convalescent hospitals on Saturday, February 12th beginning at 5:00 pm at All Souls' Parish, 2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley.

Please rsvp to Jan Robitscher at jbrobit@aol.com

Financial Summary December 31, 2010

Fund Balances	**12/31/2009**	**12/31/2010**
Operating Fund	37,180	51,764
Building Fund	24,556	23,639
Year To Date Summary Operating		
	12/31/2009	**12/31/2010**
Pledges Budgeted	261,973	229,900
Pledges Paid	237,973	230,994
Unpledged Contributions	9,497	6,997
Other Op Income*	18,533	16,390
Total Operating Income	266,003	254,381
Total Operating Expenses	268,178	239,798
Income less Expense	**(2,175)**	**14,584**

*Inc Fundraising

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Methods of Electronic Communication

A large part of the ministry of Church is to communicate within our membership and to those not yet formally members what is happening on a weekly basis. Today, the most effect means of communication is through a weekly electronic transmission such as email.

To that end, we have two distinct email communications that you can be a part of.

The Saint James' Yahoo Groups:
by being part of the yahoo groups, you will receive informal notices regarding prayer requests, notices of potential happenings outside of church, parishioner news, etcetera. This email group allows you to stay connected on a more personal level, and also gives you the ability to email relevant information to the group yourself. If you are not already a part of this group and wish to be, please drop an email to Janet Fischer: janetlfisher@yahoo.com or sign-up in the Parish Hall.

The Saint James' Weekly Email (coming in February!):
by being subscribed to the weekly email, you will receive a once-a-week email directly from St. James' letting you know what is happening in the upcoming weeks and months. This email will include the Sunday lections, special events, and important news. It is meant for both parishioners and those interested in our church. This email is "read-only". No replies will be posted to the list. To subscribe to this email, send Aimee Garza an email: admin@saintj.com or sign-up in the Parish Hall.

Please note - anyone already setup on the yahoo groups will automatically be subscribed to the weekly email. You will have the option to unsubscribe from both the yahoo groups or weekly email if you wish.

For all that is going on at Saint James'

we want to make sure we

Get the Word Out!

Please Note these Instructions and Deadlines:

To make sure your announcements are included in the
WEEKLY EMAIL
and in the
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET
email your text (preferably no more than 6 lines) to
admin@saintj.com

by WEDNESDAY EVENING

Something That Won't Go Away

"I want to give something that won't go away and I don't know what to call it but someone told me that maybe you could help me," the voicemail said. "Is that a charitable remainder trust?' Barbara asked when I met with her the next day. "No," I responded, "It's not a charitable remainder trust; it's an endowment fund."

Barbara was nearing the end of a courageous 21-year struggle with cancer and had sold her home and moved into an assisted living facility where she was receiving hospice care.

"Why, Barbara," I asked, "are you deciding to do this now?"

"Last year, I met with my two sons," she told me, "and I told them: 'I'm going to give you each $5,000, and I want you to come back next year and tell me how you have spent it.'"

"How like a parable of Jesus!" I thought to myself.

"Well, the younger one spent it on mostly alcohol and drugs, he struggles so. My older son who is married used it for some special family vacations. That is fine, but it's gone. I've decided that I want to leave each of my children with a sum of money; and the rest of my estate, I want to be something that won't go away, something that keeps giving on into the future."

"What would you like to give to?" I asked.

"My parish, the Nature Conservancy, Catherine's House for women coming out of prison, and an international charity for children," she said. "Will you help me?" "I'll be glad to," I replied.

Working with her attorney, we set up the mechanism needed to accomplish "something that won't go away."

I reflected on Barbara's sense of stewardship. She had given serious thought to how what she left behind would be used—by her children, by her church and by her favored charities.

Stewardship is not just what we do with our current income and the hours God gives us to live. Stewardship also includes thoughtful planning about how what we leave behind will be used by others.

A gift for endowment is something that will never go away, a permanent legacy of generosity. A gift to an endowment fund can be of any size. Whether small or large, it will last forever.

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper
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St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for:

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

Those Suffering Economic Hardship: Tim, Katee, Candace

Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Michael, Catherine, Kenny, Shaun, Aaron, David, Barbara,
Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: Pam, Donna, Sumita and Family

Families Who Are Expecting Children:

Those Who Need Continued Healing: Joy, Brad, Geri, Emily, Genore, Phil, Patricia, Frances, Dick, Ivy, Roger, Jenny, Mitch, Frary, Ann, Sue, Caroline, Michael, Roger, Karen, Thomas, Sandy, Sara, Annie, Samuel, Debra, Nicholas, Mariah, Robert, Elizabeth, Harold, Karen, Annie, Gina, Margaret, Florinne, Del, Samantha, Ginger, Tom, Robert, Shelley, Samuel

For Those Who Are Traveling:

For Those Who Have Died: Rosemary, Nancy, Richard, Donna, Bithika, Lon

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

February Birthdays

1	Chris Svenson
3	Claudia Noddin
	Mike Scrutton
4	Bruce Roberts
	Paul Lenart III
7	William Dickinson
	Michael Mitchell
	Linda Nelsen
8	Sally Dickinson
10	James Rommelfanger
	Angelina Miller
11	Donna MacRae
	Darcia Feeney
12	David Colby
13	Katie Nelsen
14	Barbara Duncan
	Danika Brown
15	Joan Roberts
16	Kian Ng
18	Margaret Broun
	John Kennedy
	Jennifer Kennedy
20	Amos Muwonge
	Rebecca Dunn
22	Anne Wilcoxon
	Isaac Kazibwe
24	Scott Kennedy
25	Jeffrey Lucero
26	Scott Whitaker
	Francis Lennon Singh
	Charlie Peeler
27	Chris Ma
28	Mike Peterson

February Anniversaries

11	Bob and Debra Czerwinski
16	Chris and Pegeen Perry
18	Brian and Janet Whitaker
24	Charlie and Vivienne Paratore

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