



The Window

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

April 2010

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

As I sit today trying to write this article it is raining outside, something it seems to have done regularly recently and that I'm sure is meant to make me think fondly of English weather. Rainy days, that so often keep us warm and snug inside, are also used to describe difficult times and we are encouraged to save for them. For many this is difficult and an unexpected bill or run of unfortunate events leads to no back up or emergency funds being available.

In the current economic climate those people without a rainy day fund or who are experiencing times in their lives where it not just rains but pours, are stuck sometimes with dire or immediate needs. There are many ways we at St James' can help those in need and I know many of our congregation are committed to supporting organizations such as Abode and ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) but there is another way we can assist here in our community.

You may be aware of our special interest fund titled 'Rector's Discretionary Fund'. It exists so that our Rector, currently Kathy+, can respond directly to the needs of those in our congregation and community as she feels fit. The idea of such a fund is rooted in the church in the first millennium and makes possible the alms' to the less fortunate.

Today the fund is there to help those for whom the rainy days have drowned out hope or for whom Kathy+ can be the best source of help. When Kathy uses this fund she does so without having to account to the Vestry, Wardens or Treasurer as to exactly where money has gone but she usually indicates the type of assistance that was given.

The economic situations so many people find themselves in at the moment lead us to believe that this fund will be very important again this year. If you are able to help with even a small monetary donation to this fund, it will be used where it most needed. Please mark your checks or cash with a note that it go for the "Rector's Discretionary Fund".

Thank you to those people who already give beyond their pledge to this fund from me and from those who it supports.

Jan Scrutton
Sr. Warden

Stewardship Corner

We've been promoting "year round" Stewardship at St. James for some time now. All of us should be allocating some portion of our time and talent towards the Lord's work and His environment. By doing this, we have accomplished a lot at St. James' because many people have given of their time, talent, and treasure (money). But we can't become complacent and let "others" carry the load. Remember that you cannot truly enjoy the glory of God's work if you do not help to make it happen.

Most of us are familiar with the song from *The Lion King* that says we should not take more from the circle of life than we return. There are so many wonderful opportunities for you, as a member of the St. James' Community, to give back to the circle of life by expanding your Christian growth through *Education*, your Christian caring through *Fellowship*, your Christian love through *Outreach*, and your Christian giving through *Stewardship*. These can only be yours if you are sincere in your desire to grow in Christ. Stewardship allows you to let God work through your goodwill.

I invite you to join our Stewardship Committee meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Vestry Room.

Gail Blalock
Stewardship Chair

THANK YOU!

For many years, Jodi Benson has served St. James' as one of our lectors and more recently as a Eucharistic Minister. As we know, the Bensons have moved to Colorado, and while they have been involved in many areas and have been a vital part of our corporate life here at St. James', I would like to personally thank Jodi for her many years of service at the lectern. The entire lector team has appreciated her flexibility and willingness to fill in above and beyond her regular scheduled times and we have all appreciated her lovely reading voice.

Thank you, Jodi! We shall miss you and we wish you blessings in your new adventures.

Janet Fischer
Lector/EM Coordinator



Shell Society Luncheon

The Endowment Board will be hosting a luncheon for the Shell Society on April 18th when four new members will be welcomed.

Our guest speaker will be Margriet DeLange. She will present a workshop on Memoir writing "Stories Unfolding".

Members of the Shell Society have included St. James' in their will or trust or have established another form of planned giving to St. James'. If you would like to know more about the Shell Society or about different forms of planned giving please speak with Kathy + or a member of the Endowment Board.

Submitted by Dave Nelsen

Eucharistic Visitors Needed

The Episcopal Church licenses Eucharistic Visitors to visit and bring communion to parishioners who, for whatever reason, are unable to attend church.

At St. James' we want to increase the number of our Eucharistic Visitors by an additional 2 to 3 participants. To be a Eucharistic Visitor you need to be a Eucharistic Minister at the altar on Sunday service and then, with the priest's sponsorship, complete the Eucharistic Visitor training. A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the consecrated elements at a celebration of Holy Eucharist.

If you are interested in participating in this vital and needed ministry please contact your Congregational Ministry Vestry Team; Brad Hoffman at 510-299-1635 or Andy MacRae @ 510-589-5003.

REMINDER

April 4th - Children's Easter Egg Hunt; please meet in Parish Hall at 9:30am.

April 11th - Congregational meeting at 9:30am in the Parish Hall to hear plans for the new stained glass windows.



Bridges

By Kathy †

I don't know if this copy of *THE WINDOW* will go out during Holy Week or immediately after Easter Day. What I do know is how many people work hard hours and plan and think and do the heavy lifting around Holy Week celebrations.

Art, our sexton, works very hard in getting the campus in tip-top shape. Easter is made more glorious with the nice lawn, the clean buildings and the vacuuming and scrubbing of floors and carpets. It is a never-ending job but I know he takes special care during the holiday seasons.

Linda, our secretary, has to keep track of the priest, keep track of which services we've printed up and which ones still need corrections and which ones have to be produced in proper order to make this flow smoothly once we are in worship. Did I tell you I think phone calls have increased substantially. She is able to juggle and route calls and take messages for all sorts of reasons. She also produces "The Flowers are Given By" inserts for all who made special remembrances and donations to Easter flowers.

Katherine, our music director, and the choir plan and work on music weeks and weeks ahead of holidays and festivals of the church. Trying to make the music appropriate (both in tone and in text) for the special commemorations is quite a big task. Being ready to sing all of it is big, too.

Altar guild makes things happen up front. Working with Liturgical Design, the altar area is prepared for all kinds of worship services, each one carrying different meanings. With each service the set-up is different and that, in part, is the joy (and challenge) of Altar Guild membership. Preparation of bread and wine, cups and bread plates, vestments, altar hangings, candles, well, the list goes on from there. They get the lilies and place them around the altar, too.

Thanks to the Audio Visual/IT team who checks the overhead, checks the microphones and the drop-down screen to make sure they work. They replace batteries in assorted microphones and the little handheld control for the projector. They adjust sound volume, lights and projectors for the best experience

continued ~ *Bridges*

possible in worship. Janet Fischer has taken on the task of formatting and preparing all PowerPoint presentations so pictures and service parts are on the screen, especially for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Kitchen folks make coffee, arrange the goodies, wash dishes, set out plates, purchase the paper and other needed kitchen supplies, wash counters, put stuff away, hunt up napkins and generally set a marvelous tone for receptions and coffee hours after worship.

The Hillside Convalescent Center team makes sure the residents in this care facility are remembered and visited at Christmas and Easter. This year we decided to skip on the sugar, nuts and general 'carbo' loads of candy in favor of a plant in each person's room. Thanks to Maggie, Alice and Sandra for their efforts.

Countless others lend a hand and donate money to make the Feast of the Resurrection a feast for hearing, seeing, tasting, looking and smelling. Filled with familiar hymns and anthems, we smell flowers and coffee, the smells and coming warmth of spring and the goodness which God has set before us on this holy, awesome and wonderful Feast of the raising of Jesus from the dead. Thanks, and God bless all of you in this journey together.

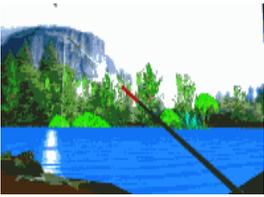


ST. JAMES' AFFAIRS 'FAIR' Sunday May 16, 2010

The Endowment Board will be hosting a luncheon followed by an informative program (still in the planning stage). Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm and the program will conclude by 3:00pm. This event is open to all St. James' parishioners.

Please mark your calendar for this event and we hope to see you there.

Dave Nelsen



MEN'S GROUP 3rd ANNUAL TRIP

The Men's Group at St James' needs to mark their calendar for 07/29 - 08/01 for our 3rd annual trip to Arnold. It's a fun time we spend in cabins getting to know new and old members. There is great food, great company, hiking, golf, fishing, and its just plain relaxing. Last year we had about 16 members attend and no *complaints*.

We hope you can join in this wonderful opportunity with the men of St. James'. If you have any questions, please give me a call 510-795-1870 or send an email to dgfeeney@comcast.net.

Gregg Feeney

SHEPHERD NEEDED

Do you work well with kids and teens? Do you appreciate a smooth-running liturgy?

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions (preferably both of them) then please consider becoming the new leader for our team of acolytes. St. James' is in need of a new shepherd for the acolytes to help recruit them, train them (with clergy and other assistance), schedule them, remind them, and keep them motivated.

Nancy Castaneda has been scheduling the acolytes for many years, and is ready for a well-deserved retirement. Many, many thanks, Nancy, for all of your hard work!

If you are interested in stepping up to this role, please contact either of us: Janet Fischer, Worship Committee or Laura Winter, Vestry, Worship and Christian Formation.

Thank you!

Janet Fischer



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 6th year in a row!!

The Vestry has authorized participation again this year in the "Ducks for Bucks" 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 the guys in the duck aprons. They will have Duck Race forms and be happy to answer any questions. 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 24th) at Lake Elizabeth where 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.

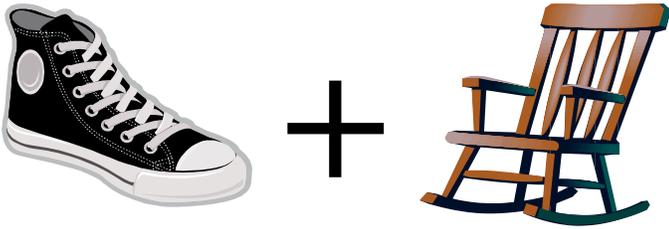


Bowl for Breast Cancer Cure



Griselda Prather and Evelyn Martinez would like to invite our St. James' community to a fun event to raise funds for the Avon Breast Cancer walk. This event is a Bowl-a-thon scheduled for April 17th at Cloverleaf Family Bowling in Fremont, CA. Event check-in time is 12 noon, and the event starts promptly at 1 pm to approximately 4 pm. Cost is \$20 for three games and includes shoe rental. There will be a baked goods sale and raffle prizes.

Please join us to have fun and at the same time help raise funds for a great cause. If you can join this event, please call Evelyn Martinez at 510-713-8964 to RSVP by April 10th so we can reserve enough lanes for this event. Hope to see you there!



Walk-a-Rock-a-thon 2010

The sixth annual Spring Walk-a-Rock-a-thon to benefit the Winter Relief Program is on May 1st at 8 AM. We are still working on the 3.5 mile route and will keep you updated. [We are hoping to work in conjunction with St. Anne's, our sister parish in south Fremont].

Needed:

- Walkers to walk the 3.5 mile route (still to be determined)
- Rockers to man the Rocking chairs in the St. James' Parish Hall
- Sponsors for our above athletes
- Volunteers to pass out water and encouragement

Athletes: Begin to train now!

Pick up sponsor sheets and begin to work for your sponsors now. Please be a part of this exciting event to raise funds for such items as: Bus tickets, food and retail gift cards, toiletries and more for the families in Winter Relief.

For more information contact the Social Ministries & Congregational Care Vestry cluster Brad Hoffman 510-299-1635 or Andy MacRae 510-589-5003.

Financial Summary February 28, 2010

Fund Balances	<u>2/28/2009</u>	<u>2/28/2010</u>
Operating Fund	39,813	34,407
Building Fund	15,361	15,769
Year To Date Summary Operating		
	<u>2/28/2009</u>	<u>2/28/2010</u>
Pledges Budgeted	43,639	38,317
Pledges Paid	34,960	35,837
Unpledged Contributions	2,660	643
Other Operating Income*	<u>4,882</u>	<u>4,643</u>
Total Operating Income	42,502	41,122
Total Operating Expenses	<u>42,043</u>	<u>43,895</u>
Income less Expense	458	(2,773)
*Includes 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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 Only One Service at 10am Palm Sunday 9:15 AM Palm Formation, (BB#1) 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal, (C) 10:00 AM Gody Play, (BB#4) 10:00 AM Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) 11:45 AM BB#1 Received 1:30 PM Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>29 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (VR) 8:00 PM Blood Drive (PH)</p>	<p>30 6:00 AM Bible Study (GC) 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Chapel)</p>	<p>31 10:00 AM Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting (VR) 6:30 PM To Chi Class (PH) 7:30 PM Choir Practice, (C) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>1 12:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group (ST) 7:00 PM Naury Thursday (C)</p>	<p>2 7:00 AM Good Friday (Chapel) 12:00 PM Good Friday Stations of the Cross (Chapel) 7:00 PM Good Friday (C)</p>	<p>3 Holy Saturday 8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter (C)</p>
<p>4 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Rite II Worship w/Music (Chapel) 9:15 AM Palm Formation, (BB#1) 9:15 AM Memorial Committee Meeting (VR) 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (C) 10:00 AM Gody Play, (BB#4) 10:30 AM Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) 1:30 PM Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>5 12:00 PM Blood Drive (PH) 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (VR)</p>	<p>6 6:00 AM Bible Study (GC) 11:00 AM Washington Women's Club (PH) 6:30 PM Palanca Party, (PH)</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting (VR) 6:00 PM Worship Committee (VR) 6:30 PM To Chi Class (PH) 7:30 PM Choir Practice, (C) 7:30 PM Rehearsal (VR) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>8 12:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group (ST) 1:00 PM Eucharistic Visitors Meeting, (Office) 6:30 PM Varsity Dinner and Meeting (PH)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18 8:00 AM Rite II Worship w/Music (Chapel) 9:15 AM Palm Formation, (BB#1) 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal, (C) 10:00 AM Gody Play, (BB#4) 10:30 AM Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) 12:00 PM Shell Society Luncheon (PH) (C), (BB#1) 1:30 PM Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>19 12:00 PM Blood Drive (PH) 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (VR)</p>	<p>20 6:00 AM Bible Study (GC)</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) 10:00 AM Women's Bridge Club (PH) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting (VR) 5:30 PM Palm Formation Meeting (VR) 6:30 PM To Chi Class (PH) 7:30 PM Choir Practice, (C) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>22 12:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group (ST)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 8:00 AM Rite II Worship w/Music (Chapel) 9:15 AM Palm Formation, (BB#1) 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal, (C) 10:00 AM Gody Play, (BB#4) 10:30 AM Contemporary Service w/Choir w/Music (C) 1:30 PM Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (VR)</p>	<p>27 6:00 AM Bible Study (GC)</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) 11:00 AM Staff Meeting (VR) 6:30 PM To Chi Class (PH) 7:30 PM Choir Practice, (C) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (PH)</p>	<p>29 12:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group (ST)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1 8:00 AM Walk & Rock a Thon</p>



St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for:



April Birthday Celebrations

The Search Committee: Gail Blalock, Valle Brokes, Nancy Castaneda, Barbara Dabney, Alice Johnson, Pegeen Perry, Donald Razzolini, Bruce Roberts, Greg Scheuffele, Mike Scrutton, EJ Hilliard (Chaplain)

Those Who Need Continued Healing: Jewel, Sandra, Pat, Doris, Jerry, Sally, Egan, Susan, Rachel, Joshua, Ann, Darlene, Sarah, Geraldine, Allan, Michael, Annie, Angelina, Alice, Jim, Samuel, Rose, Dick, Tammy

Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: Joan, Tom, Edna, James, Alyssa, Erica, David, Margaret, Paul & Lucinda and their new born Jamie, Alex, Monique, Cathy, Michael, the Awana family, Lisa, Margaret Rainey family and friends, Dick Aston family and friends,

Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Dean, Kenny, Lim, Harold, Michael, Randy, Ronald, Duncan, David, Winnie and all the relief responders in Haiti and Chile, Margaret, Jordon, Ann, Kim, Andrew, Andrew Jr., Barbara, Shaun, Aaron, Fred

Those Suffering Economic Hardship: Dean, Greg, Jaydee, Jane, James, Andy & Kae, Chad, Candace, Francis, The NUMMI employees, Edward

Families Who Are Expecting Children: Janice, April & Eric, Jocelyn, Kelly & Gersson, Stephen & Allison, Mandy, Ginger, Sierra

Those In The Military: Scott, Phillip, Robert

Those Who Have Died: Doris, Joanne, Helen, Marcus, Bill, Harold, Art

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| 3 Renee Lenart | 16 Claudelle Francis |
| 5 Isabella Decker | 17 Tom Scrutton |
| 6 Ann Jamison | 18 Jimmy Singh |
| 7 Ian Fuller | 19 Daniel Wilcoxon |
| 8 Renee Whitehouse | 20 Ruth Poole |
| Heather Merrell | 21 Jan Aston |
| 10 EJ Hilliard | 23 Carmelia Cravatt |
| Loren Merrell | Marty Noll |
| Bob Bell | 26 Elizabeth Hart |
| 11 Riley Sophia White | 27 Fred Schlag |
| 12 Madeleine Dakin | 28 Al Casas |
| Kerri Williams | Marnie Hartmann |
| 14 Martin Silge | 29 Charlie Gallagher |
| Tim Feeny | 30 Omar Yoksuloglu |
| 15 Steve Thomas | |

April Anniversaries



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|------------------------|----------|
| Mel & Alice Johnson | April 9 |
| Ivy & Dwarka Sankar | April 11 |
| Bud & Jan Pearson | April 19 |
| Enrique & Jen Dalmasso | April 24 |

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 office@saintj.com



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8:00 AM & 10:30AM

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WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AT 6:00 PM

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