



The Window

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

August 2010

Looking Forward as We Call our New Rector

On Sunday August 1st the Vestry was pleased to announce that they had called, by unanimous consent, the Rev. Lori Walton to be the next rector of St James'. We look forward to her joining us in early October.

This whole process began two years ago when we called Kathy+ and David+ to be our interim rectors and then appointed our transition and search teams. The Transition Team drew together our parish profile. It reflected who we are and what we were looking for in a rector. The Search Team then had the task of advertising, interviewing and short listing, a role they completed with great skill and professionalism. I have heard compliments about the work of both the Search and Transition Teams from many of the people who have been in contact with them and their work during this process. Thank you again to all of them.

The consequence of our interim time coming to an end is the need to say good bye to Kathy+. Since January she has served as our full time interim having joined us in October 2008, sharing the role with David+ (I won't use the phrase part-time here, I never saw it that way!). Kathy+ has so effectively cared for our congregation and allowed us to let the search process take the time it needed.

Intentional interim ministry is different from regular parish ministry. Interims don't arrive like new rectors, waiting to get to know a congregation, before initiating change or pursuing a long term agenda. They help congregations by holding up a mirror to help them see themselves more clearly. They take on day to day roles to serve congregations and enable them to initiate change where needed. They support when wanted and a good interim helps a church become more of what it wants to be and see where God is guiding it.

So as we look forward we should be better prepared for the arrival of a new rector in part because of the intentional interim ministry we have received. Kathy+ and David+ have given us the support to grow and develop, and not stand still and as we waited to call a new rector.

St James' will miss Kathy+ very much when she leaves but the greatest tribute we can give to the work she has done is to be ready to welcome our new rector. We will have time to celebrate and say our thank yous and goodbyes and I know Kathy's praises will be sung by many of you. As we do this, remember the highest praise will come in the coming months when St James' welcomes a rector called from a knowledge of who we are and what we can become.

More information will be available via the website, email and green pages in the next few weeks about how we will celebrate Kathy's time with us. We hope everyone will come and party in true St James' style.

Jan Scrutton ~ Senior Warden

Looking Towards Fall

As August approaches, it's really difficult to begin thinking about Fall, but that's exactly what your Stewardship Committee has been busy doing. We have selected Sunday, October 24, 2010, as "Pledge Sunday." Between now and October 24th, we are planning several *Cottage Dinners* (and one luncheon) at church to celebrate St. James' "New Beginning" with our new Rector.

Cottage Dinners are small gatherings of about 20-30 parishioners coming together to share a meal and learn more about the vision of our parish, consider the concept of stewardship and the tithe of talent, time and treasure and then listen to what parishioners have to say in response. Our ultimate goal is to provide an evening of Christian fellowship and to reinforce the message that every gift is indeed important. It is our hope that these gatherings will help each of us to grow spiritually in our relationship with God through the faithful management of all that God has given us.

The dates for the dinners will be announced soon. Volunteers will be needed to help with this program, so if you are willing to be a host/hostess (at the Church), provide some of the food for the dinner, help with set up or clean up, we would like to hear from you. Contact me or any member of the Stewardship Committee (Brad Hoffman, Sandra Motley, or George Vlastelica).

We are sad to say goodbye to Charlie Dickinson as he leaves to move to Reno. Charlie has been a tireless worker and huge inspiration to us all, and we are going to miss him immensely. He leaves a huge void on our Committee that I'm convinced will take at least three people to fill! Thank you Charlie for your dedication, support, and love over the years. Our prayers go with you and Sally as you begin a new chapter in your lives.

If you would be willing to take on only one third of what Charlie has done, we need you and would love to have you join us!

So, please mark your calendar to be at church for Pledge Sunday, October 24, 2010 (there will be two services). Remember, *every gift is important*.

Gail Blalock ~ Stewardship Chair

Family Nature Summits

Lynn, three of our granddaughters and I have just returned from this year's Family Nature Summit at North Lake Tahoe. You may ask, "What is a 'Family Nature Summit'?"

In 1970 the National Wildlife Federation decided that it would be a good idea to bring families and interested people to a beautiful spot in the US to show them some of the wonders of nature through both talks given by naturalists, outdoor activities, e.g. walks, hikes, biking trips and the like. The different activities are arranged by age group so we usually only saw our grandkids at breakfast and dinner as they went off with their group for the day's program, which could also involve rock climbing, kayaking, camping and arts and crafts

In 2004, NWF changed some of their focus and decided to stop their sponsorship. Thanks to many dedicated Summiteers, Family Nature Summits was reorganized as a nonprofit organization and the summits have continued. Their website is www.familysummits.org/.

Lynn and I have been lucky enough that we have been able to take granddaughters to eight Summits, which have been held at such places as the YMCA of the Rockies in Rocky Mountain National Park, (New Brunswick), Snow Bird Ski Area in Utah, Mount Hood in Oregon, YMCA of the Appalachia in North Carolina, and Lake George in the state of New York.



Next year the Summit will be held at the [YMCA Trout Lodge](#) in the Ozarks on beautiful Sunnen Lake in Missouri from August 1st to August 7th. We are definitely planning to go and we would like to talk to anyone interested in taking their children or grandchildren for a wonderful week's experience.

Ralph and Lynn Locher



Bridges

By Kathy †

The St. James' family has done a lot this summer, campus cleanups (darn weeds), interviews, the regular ministry of the church that is year-'round, walk-a-thons to raise money for research against disease, meetings, planning and the Vestry interviews of candidates for Rector.

Then there is the stained glass project. What an amazing and whirlwind ride this has been from the discussion with the wardens that we need to take on a step or two to use the money given to us for stained glass, to the planning, the ideas, the location of the windows, the faceting of glass, the installation of doors and windows and the blessing.

I called Wesley Hogan to the front of the church on the Sunday of blessing stained glass: Wesley, the man with the vision and the craftsmanship to make this dream happen. I opened my oil stock which has a little ball of cotton in it soaked in holy oil. I had him turn his hands palms up to bless them, dipped my thumb into the oil and with it a blessing of his good heart and his strong faith. And I lost it. Tears in my eyes (and his) we prayed for his strong witness through his artistry. And in his hands I saw the little hairline scars that means he works in glass. And I thought, way back in my head, except for the nail prints, these are the hands of Jesus, an artisan and a craftsman in his own right, creating out of wood and rising above a wooden cross.

It is a reminder for me, and for us, that we are the Body of Christ, the face of Christ and the hope of God in a world that needs all of our gifts, strengths and artistry, our offering of all of ourselves to the glory of God and the building of the Kingdom. And some times we get a little "knicked up" in our good work.

God bless Wesley for this new vision he has given me, that he has given us in our new stained glass entryway.



USS LYMAN K. SWENSON 22nd ANNUAL REUNION

From September 30th through October 3rd, 2010, Pres "Bud" and Pat Spalding, will welcome Navy veterans who served on board the USS Lyman K. Swenson (DD 729) during World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. These veterans are coming to the Newark Hilton from all over the USA to celebrate the 22nd annual reunion of the ship's company. Some will be coming a few days on either side of these dates.

The DD 729 Sailors Association endeavors to carry its own weight when holding the annual reunions. However, the assistance of local businesses and citizens has always been welcome. Typically, assistance has been offered such as discounted prices for products, services or donations. Such Products and/or services **might** be:

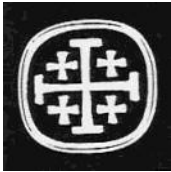
- * Clerical, Copy, and Printing Services that might include possibly assembling a Memory Album and/or photos of attendees at Saturday's Banquet.
- * Supplies and Materials for a hospitality room or suite.
- * We would like to also borrow a couple of large ice chests and other items (yet undetermined).

The visitors always like to return home with some souvenirs to remind them of the great time they experienced. In the past, franchises of national business chains have donated door prizes such as discounted lodging and meals. We are grateful for any donations or assistance you can offer.

If you are able to help Bud or Pat in this endeavor, please give them a call at (510) 796-0789.

Thank you,

Bud and Pat Spalding



Confessions of a Shoplifter

When I realize how full my basket is, and how little I have paid for, it's hard not to feel that I've been shoplifting my way down the aisle of life. I had no choice in selecting the family into which I was born—I just landed there and scooped it up. So much of my college education was funded by dead people who made gifts to the college endowment fund. I had no role in paying for the holy space in which I worship—it was built entirely by parishioners who preceded me.

Do you see why I feel like a shoplifter? I could go on naming what's in my basket, but there's nothing at all in it for which I paid full price. There's nothing in my basket does not have someone else's fingerprints on it. Not to mention the freedoms I enjoy as citizen of this country—paid for largely by people who gave their lives.

The truth is that I cannot possibly pay for what I have received. I can only be grateful for what I have received—AND seek ways to pay for what others after me will receive.

This is why it is so important to name my church—among other charities—in my will and estate plan. Having the church in my plans gives me the satisfaction of knowing that I will at least pay forward a tiny portion of the abundant blessing that I have received.

I wish you this satisfaction as well. It is easy to accomplish. Ask me how.

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Financial Summary June 30, 2010		
Fund Balances	<u>6/30/2009</u>	<u>6/30/2010</u>
Operating Fund	33,840	29,990
Building Fund	24,615	24,512
Year To Date Summary Operating		
	<u>6/30/2009</u>	<u>6/30/2010</u>
Pledges Budgeted	130,916	114,950
Pledges Paid	107,066	100,641
Unpledged Contributions	6,255	2,575
Other Op Income*	<u>10,920</u>	<u>10,479</u>
Total Operating Income	124,241	113,695
Total Operating Expenses	<u>129,755</u>	<u>121,884</u>
Income less Expense	(5,514)	(8,190)

*Inc Fundraising

Sharing The Gift of Love

The ENDOWMENT BOARD would like to give thanks and acknowledge the gifts given in the quarter ending June 30, 2010.

Donations were received in memory of Bill Rainey and in celebration of Mary and Al Casas' 25th Wedding Anniversary.

Joan Roberts



6 AM Bible Study

The 6 am Bible Study will start again on Tuesday, September 14th. Bible study is open to all parishioners and anyone in the community who are interested in bible study and the current lectionary.

If you would like to be part of this study group or want further information, please contact Brad Hoffman at 510-299-1635 or by email at fbhoff@yahoo.com.

Summer BBQ Picnic

August 28

**Sponsored by
the Southern Alameda Deanery**

at Shadow Cliffs Park & Water Slides,
2500 Stanley Boulevard in
Pleasanton, CA.



Beginning at 11 A.M.

**With a joint liturgy, followed by BBQ picnic
& games**

No cost!

**Please RSVP at the Welcome Center by
August 25,**

**or call the church office:
510-889-7233**



St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God, we pray for:

Those Who Need Continued Healing:

Sandra, Pat, Doris, Sally, Egan, Joshua, Sharon, Robyn, Viola, James, Randy, Anne, Claudia, Jim, Brad, Anne, Mary, Wendy, Carmelia, Barbara, Joanne, James, Rolando, Joy, Emily, Sue, Lea, Deloris, Susan, Jewel, Samuel, Rose,

Those Who Need Comfort and Strength:

Nancy, Bill, the Scheuffele family and friends, Barbara, Jan, Elizabeth, Joe, Amy, Joy, Anna, family and friends of Toni Thompson Barfield, Jane, Jason, Gary, April & Eric, Amy, Margo, Nina, Phylliss

Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:

Dean, Kenny, Lim, Michael, Randy, Ronald, Duncan, Phil, Steve, Joey, Greg, Don, Jaydee, Mickee, April & Eric, Tim, Jean, Bob

Those Suffering Economic Hardship:

Greg, Jaydee, Jane, James, Bill, Fred, Chad, Candace, Megan

Families Who Are Expecting Children:

Janice, Jocelyn, Mandy, Ginger, Sierra, Kelly & Gersson

Those In The Military:

Scott, Jarrod, Bryan, Chris, Kate, Caitlyn

Those Who Have Died:

Ken, Deborah, Jerry, Toni, Esther, Ibarra, Genie, Gretchen, Geri, Vince



Congratulations to proud parents Stephen and Allison Ferro and big sister Lucy on the birth of Gavin James Ferro born July 19th.

The next issue of *The Window* is in September. 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

September Deadline: August 15th



August Birthday Celebrations

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| 1 Thomas Wilcoxon | 21 Phyllis Williams |
| 2 Ralph Locher | Vivienne Paratore |
| 4 Griselda Prather | 22 Elizabeth Evans |
| 5 Molly Lubwama | 23 Marsha Reeves |
| 6 Paul Svenson, Jr. | Daniel Amadi |
| Shalini Singh | 24 Harriet Nabbaale |
| 7 Jim Lieb | 25 Cindy Spaulding Geibig |
| 9 Sylvia Wessel | Bill Harrison |
| 13 Jodie Benson | 26 Rachel Whitaker |
| 16 Lori Hedvall | Ken Trant, Jr. |
| Valle Brokes | 27 Bobbie Tomkinson |
| 17 Leona Athearn | Barbara Johnsen |
| John Becker | 28 Alice Stewart |
| 18 Becky Whitaker | Mary Ann Svenson |
| 19 Charlie Dickinson | Vanessa Loera |
| 20 Michael Egan | 29 David Nelsen |
| Pat Larsen | 30 Frank McNulty |
| | Mitch Newbrough |
| | Timothy Sanders |



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| 3 Bryant Hicks and Carmelia Cravatt |
| 7 Charlie and Sally Dickinson |
| 8 John and Florinne Becker |
| 15 Steve and Orietta Hardy-Sayles |
| 18 Andrew and Karen Romeril |
| 20 Marty and Donna Noll |
| 24 Al and Valle Brokes |
| 26 Scott and Martha Kennedy |
| Martin and Ellen Silge |
| 30 Greig and Marsha Reeves |

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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