



The Window

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

July 2010



Bridges

by Kathy†

One Sunday in June, E.J. Hilliard sang the old gospel hymn, "Deep River." I was singing that hymn all

of the next day. The image of standing on a bank, looking over this body of water and seeing the other side, was a kind of meditation on the hymn itself.

I envisioned the shore I was standing on as a starting point. The opposite shore would mark an ending point. Everything else, in between, was moving water.

My mind raced through the ways I could connect images with experiences. If the shore lines are birth and death, my whole life is on the river. The shore I see now in May will not be the spot where I land

since currents can send you downstream before you reach the opposite shore.

I am feeling the pull of that river these days. My time at St. James' is winding down. I will be setting out for a different shore, a shore that I do not see at the moment. I am leaving your shore and putting my boat out into the deep water. [I hope I have some time for fishing.] The leaving is poignant for me and for us.

You are winding down your time of "searching." For St. James', you will have your new rector. That person will put in his/her boat at your shoreline and the time for new ministry will begin. The welcome for the new priest will be joyful and filled with anticipation and excitement. Our journey of faith is about conquering our fears, of putting out into deeper as the speed of the currents shift, the shoreline changes or fades from sight. It is our faith in God and our float buddies on the river that will be constant.

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Hi, I'm Mike and I'm an Episcopalian.

By Mike Scrutton

Or at least that's what I wanted to say when I stood up at the 10:30am service on June 13th, the day after Jan and I had been received at the cathedral. Jan and I had already been confirmed as teenagers when we were living in the UK, and as the Church of England is in full standing with the Episcopal Church, "being received" isn't something that we needed to do – being Anglicans felt a bit more like a blood group than a passport. As it says at

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Summertime!

Summer is finally here! I hope everyone is enjoying the traditions of the season -- hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill, baseball, backyard get-togethers, water sports, and maybe even taking a vacation to visit family, friends, or just to enjoy a change of pace. Vacations give us an opportunity to take a break from work or from our normal schedule. It's a time to be together and do things as a family. Everybody needs a vacation, even if it's just a day or two away with your family.

But did you ever wonder what it would be like if God took a vacation? Think about it -- how would you feel if one night, as you were saying your prayers, you got an "out of office" reply that God was on vacation? The *Good News* is that God never takes a vacation from loving you and me, from watching over us, from providing for our needs. God is always there to hear our prayers and to give us the love and strength we need.

Aren't you glad God doesn't take a vacation from us? Even as we get away from our regular activities, let's not take a vacation from spending time with God. Let's also not forget that the work at St. James' continues through the summer whether or not we are on vacation. So, be sure as you make preparations to be away this summer, you don't forget to keep your pledge up to date. Remember that God never takes a vacation from taking care of us, and we never have to take a vacation from loving God.

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

Gail Blalock
Stewardship Chair

Neither Complicated nor Costly!

Perhaps you occasionally have thought that you would like to include the church in some way in the final distributions of goods that takes place when we leave this world. However, you were prevented from actually doing so by the feeling it might be complicated. It need not be!

1. Make Your Church a Beneficiary of Your IRA/401k/403(b). Just call the toll-free number on your monthly plan statement and ask for a "Change of Beneficiary" form. Or download it online. Add "My Church, My Town, CA" as a % beneficiary. (No attorney needed!) You continue to access these funds for as long as you live; but when you no longer need them, they may pass tax-free to the church.
2. Make Your Church a Beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy. Just call the insurance company and ask for a "Change of Beneficiary" form. Or download it online. Add "My Church, My Your Town, CA" as a % beneficiary. (No attorney needed!)
3. Leave a Bequest to Your church. Add a codicil to your will or an amendment to your trust, providing a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the remainder—for example, "To My Church, My Town, California, I leave 10% of the remainder of my estate."

There are many different ways to include your church in your personal legacy. The best way for you depends upon your circumstances and your intentions. To further explore your options, contact your Gift Planning Officer or visit www.EpiscopalGift.org.

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St. James' Episcopal Church Honors the Graduating Class of 2010

*“The Past is a source of knowledge, and the future is a source of hope.
Love of the past implies faith in the future.”
Stephen Ambrose, 1936~2002*

College Graduates

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| <i>Enid C. Jesse</i> | <i>University of California, Fresno</i> | <i>Jack & Enid Williams ~ Grandparents</i> |
| <i>Michaela T. Jesse</i> | <i>University of California, East Bay</i> | <i>Jack & Enid Williams ~ Grandparents</i> |
| <i>Jacob S. Calabretta</i> | <i>University of California Poly Technical San Luis Obispo</i> | <i>Jack & Enid Williams ~ Grandparents</i> |
| <i>Catherine Shalar Skinner</i> | <i>St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN</i> | <i>Maggie Schalar ~ Parent</i> |
| <i>Laura Marie Castaneda</i> | <i>San Jose State University Bachelor of Arts, English</i> | <i>Nancy Castaneda ~Parent</i> |
| <i>Laurel “Polly” Nelsen (Kirley)</i> | <i>Samuel Merritt University, Oakland</i> | <i>Dave & Linda Nelsen ~ Parents</i> |
| <i>Marlene E. Benedict</i> | <i>University of California, Santa Barbara</i> | <i>Marlene Salmon-Benedict ~ Parents Harold A. Benedict</i> |
| <i>Ian Miller</i> | <i>California College of the Arts Bachelor of Fine Arts</i> | <i>Greg & Elaine Miller ~ Parents</i> |

High School Graduates

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| <i>Renee Whitehouse</i> | <i>Irvington High School, Fremont Drama II Award</i> | <i>Rod & Jackie Whitehouse</i> |
| <i>Emma Rose Feeney</i> | <i>Moreau Catholic High School, Hayward Daughter's of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, National Honor Society, President's Education Award, Community Service Award ~ Cub 200, Prudential Spirit of Community Award</i> | <i>Gregg & Darcia Feeney</i> |
| <i>Tianna Lee</i> | <i>Academy of Personalized Learning Redding, CA</i> | <i>Ralph & Lynn Locher ~ Grandparents</i> |
| <i>Jack Finney</i> | <i>Tracy High School, Tracy, CA</i> | <i>Brad Hoffman ~ Cousin</i> |
| <i>John Paratore</i> | <i>Washington High School, Fremont Eagle Scout Court of Honor</i> | <i>Charlie & Vivien Paratore ~ Parents</i> |

Junior High School Graduates

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| <i>Beth Scrutton</i> | <i>Hopkins Junior High School</i> | <i>Mike & Jan Scrutton ~ Parents</i> |
| <i>Chanelle Francis</i> | <i>Walters Junior High School</i> | <i>Ashley & Claudelle Francis ~ Parents</i> |
| <i>Robyn LaHaie</i> | <i>Freshwater School</i> | <i>Marnie Hartmann ~ Grandparent</i> |

Kindergarten Promotions

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| <i>Samuel Avery</i> | <i>Skinner St. Anthony Elementary, St. Paul, MN</i> | <i>Maggie Schalar ~ Grandparent</i> |
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Recognition of Participation

Children's Choir: *Bryneth Fuller, Claudia Noddin, Iris Noddin, Jillian Fisher, Olivia Nabukeera, Emma Thomas, Meghan Thomas, Madison Gordon, Melissa Gordon, Ronald Gordon, Luke Scheuffele*

Cursillo Corner

By Debbie and Bob Czerwinski

Did you know that our very own Bishop Marc Andrus is a Cursillista? As such, he is very supportive of the Cursillo movement in the Bay area. He even makes time out of his very busy schedule to co-celebrate the Eucharist at the closing of the East Bay Anglican Co-ed Cursillo weekends. The next question may be “Why?”

Early on, Bishop Marc realized how Cursillo enhances the church community. As a Cursillista, he became aware how Cursillo strengthens the laity and empowers each to be church in the world without undermining the role of the priest or the mission of the church itself. He has seen personally how Cursillo enriches the church with members who wish to be active and responsive within the church as well as the community. And he values the ideals of God’s grace and love, which are important messages passed on during the Cursillo weekend.

If you would like to see for yourself why and how you, as a member of the laity, can be enriched in your relationship with Christ, thereby enriching your life at St. James’, the following are the upcoming Cursillo weekends. Please note that they all take place at the Cursillo Center (CASA) in San Francisco:

- September 23 – 26, 2010 SF/SM Men’s Cursillo
- October 7 – 10, 2010 SF/SM Women’s Cursillo
- May 12 – 15, 2011 Next East Bay Anglican Co-ed Cursillo

For those of you who have already experienced your Cursillo weekend and would like to renew and revive your original experience while learning more about the actual mechanics of the Cursillo weekend, there is a co-ed Leadership Workshop occurring at CASA, May 23 – 25, 2010.

For further information, feel free to contact us at (510 793-6427).

Nice Day for a Hike

On May 15th, a group of us from St James’ (plus a friend) hiked from Sunol up to Mission Peak and then down the Fremont side of Mission Peak. It was a beautiful day for a hike. All the wild flowers were out in all their glory. We've never seen so many varieties at one time. As we descended the Fremont face of Mission Peak, we came upon an Indian grinding rock with three holes cut deeply in to it. We felt that it was a sign.....'The Trinity'..

We had a great time and are planning to have more hikes. They will vary in level of hiking ability. Thanks to Scott Whitaker for putting this event together and for planning future hikes. We hope to see you all there.

Submitted by Debbie Fuller



Calendar Highlights

July 25th: St. James’ Feast Day

2nd Annual St. James' Feast

“My Favorite Things”

On July 25th we will celebrate our Patron Saint James Day with the 2nd Annual St. James' Feast. The Philippine Independent Church will join us again this year and we are told they are bringing the much enjoyed roast pig.

Last year we had the “Festival of Nations” as our theme and we were treated to some great cultural dishes. The theme this year is “My Favorite Things.” So whatever your favorite dish, pasta, fried chicken, even Peanut Butter and Banana sandwiches, bring that dish that you so much enjoy.

A sign up sheet will be posted on the Parish Life bulletin board. Please indicate how many will be attending and if you can bring your “Favorite Thing” dish.

There will be one service at 10 am and the celebration will follow. We look forward to another wonderful day of fellowship.

Penny Trant
Parish Life

Are you Available for Lunch on Sunday July 18?

Available for Lunch Ministry is planning another get-together. Please join us for a summer outing for some wonderful Afghan food on July 18, 12:15pm at Salang Pass Restaurant, 37462 Fremont Blvd (510 795-9200). We each pay for our own lunch and have a great fellowship together. Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions or need a ride, please give Sylvia a call (510-552-6549)

Sylvia Ma and Meg Williams
Available for Lunch Ministry

May Walk-A-Rocka-Thon

raises \$800.

Last month we held our annual Walk-A-Rocka-thon to support our Winter Relief program for November in conjunction with Abode services.

The seven Walkers were Peter Maina, Laura Winter, Mary Casas, Andy MacRae, Jan Scrutton, Tom Scrutton and Beth Scrutton and one Rocker, Brad Hoffman. They all teamed up to raise approximately \$800 for this vital program.

We wish to say Thank You to all the participants and to the Parishioners and others who supported our Walker/Rockers with pledges and assistance during the race.

Brad Hoffman

Financial Summary

| | <u>5/31/2009</u> | <u>5/31/2010</u> |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Operating Fund | \$ 38,182 | \$ 33,383 |
| Building Fund | \$ 23,269 | \$ 21,469 |

Year To Date Summary

| | <u>5/31/2009</u> | <u>5/31/2010</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pledges Budgeted | \$ 109,097 | \$ 95,792 |
| Pledges Paid | \$ 92,395 | \$ 89,300 |
| Unpledged Contributions | \$ 5,685 | \$ 2,425 |
| Other Operating Income* | \$ 9,784 | \$ 9,150 |
| Total Operating Income | \$ 107,864 | \$ 100,874 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 109,037 | \$ 104,672 |
| Income less Expense | (\$ 1,173) | \$ (3,797) |

* Includes Fundraising

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Hi, I'm Mike and I am an Episcopalian.

the bottom of the page on www.episcopalchurch.org, "Member of the Worldwide Anglican Communion". Many of you will remember our family being received as members of the St. James' community one Sunday while Sylvia and Bob were still here. Yet as fate would have it, we found ourselves considering what it meant to be 'members of the Episcopal church' in the same week that happened to include the confirmation service at Grace Cathedral.

When Jan and I were at University twenty years ago, we worshiped at the University Chaplaincy where another couple, George and Barbara, were Church of England chaplains. George and Barbara were partners in ministry: they led worship, hosted bible study, provided lunches and discussion groups and gave copious amounts of pastoral care as befitted their role ministering to a campus community. They fulfilled their roles equally, with one exception; at this time, women were not ordained Priests in the Church of England and so it was George who presided at the Eucharist (though he'd often hand the platen of bread over to Barbara at the end of the prayer, this was a student congregation after all!) It seemed strange that someone who preached so beautifully, so obviously full of the Holy Spirit was allowed to wear a collar but not to serve to the full of her abilities. We were thrilled only a few years later when the synod of the Church of England voted to ordain women priests and when Barbara was one of the first in the country to be ordained.

Fast forward twenty years to Fremont, California. While some members of the Anglican church still struggle in their personal responses to women priests, the concept is widely accepted and there are many women priests in both the UK and the USA. Sadly, women are still not ordained bishops in the UK but surely that time will come before long (legislation is being discussed this month); the Episcopal church is more progressive in that area, with not just bishops who are women but even with a female Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori.

A more divisive subject is the ordination of priests and consecration of bishops who are LGBT; a heated issue of great controversy within the

Worldwide Anglican Communion. In our time in the US, we've delighted in all the friends we have made and rejoiced in the fact that sexuality is no more a topic of division than gender, race or economic background. At the same time we've got to know and love several priests, most recently DavidU and KathyU. We're reminded of the strangeness that someone so full of Christ's love, so touched by God's hand might somehow be considered 'second class.' And so we wanted to put the politics of the international and national churches aside and focus on the immediacy and relationships of the relationships we enjoy at St. James'. To me, standing up as an Episcopalian isn't about rejecting our Church of England upbringing; it's about embracing the values that the Episcopal church demonstrates and saying "yes, we hold these truths to be self-evident".

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT
8:00 AM AND 10:30AM
WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM
ADULT EDUCATION AT 9:15AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 AM



St. James' Prayer List

For 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)

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For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: Ritter family, Nancy, the Veltrop family, Richard, Myrtle, Phyllis, Nancy, Bill, Anna, the Scheuffele family and friends, Barbara

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Dean, Kenny, Lim, Michael, Randy, Ronald, Duncan, Phil, Steve, Joey, Greg, Alyssa, April & Eric, Bob, Michael, Victor, Daniel

For Those Suffering Economic Hardship: Greg, Jaydee, Jane, James, Edward, Bob, David, Lini, Francis, Chad, Candace

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

For Those In The Military: Scott, Jarrod, Theresa, Erica, Bryan, Chris, Kate, Caitlyn

For Those Who Have Died: Tony, Ken, Deborah, Jerry



July Birthday Celebrations

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| 3 | Johanne LaRocque | 15 | Jordan Singh |
| 4 | Jennifer Larsen | 17 | Mary Mitchell |
| 6 | Doris Whitaker | | Jessae Rae Hedvall |
| | Lloyd Benedict | | Angela Casas |
| | Jullian Fisher | 18 | Anne Blalock |
| 7 | Tim Koonze | 19 | Fred Gifford |
| 8 | Benjamin Canada | | Jack Rux |
| 9 | Rodney Girard | 21 | Jackie Whitehouse |
| | Karri Lammers | 22 | Jack Dean Merrell |
| | Thomas Duncan | 23 | Tod Whitaker |
| 12 | Rod Vlastelica | | Elsa Benedict |
| | Lon Doty | 26 | Jonathan Benson |
| | Grant Davis | | Jill Lyon |
| 13 | Lucy Ferro | | Jen Dalmasso |
| | | 28 | Jan Pearson |

July Wedding Anniversaries



- 18 Charlie & Mary Ellen Gallagher
- 20 Mike Peterson & Johanne LaRocque
- 24 Don & Marilyn Rose
- 29 Philip & Beverly Sanders

Please note: If your birth month or anniversary is in this month and your name(s) is not listed, please email the appropriate information to the church office.



For the most recent St. James' calendar, Go to Saintj.com/calendar



Calendar Highlights

July 25th: St. James' Feast Day

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.

August Deadline: July 15th



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