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The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont

January 2007

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8 AM Rite I (1867 Church)

9 AM Contemporary

11 AM Rite II

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ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 28 Follows Single Service at 10AM

Please mark your calendars to attend this important meeting on **Sunday January 28**. One of the requests we have heard expressed often during our visioning process was the request to have opportunities to gather together for one worship service on some Sunday mornings. On January 28 we will be holding one service at 10 am. which will be followed by our annual meeting and potluck lunch. St. James' will provide beverages.

Come be a part of this important day of planning and visioning for our church. The 2007 budget will be presented for approval. Four new vestry people will be elected as well as our delegates to our Diocese.

Take this opportunity to meet members of the community you have never met or to reconnect with members you don't see very often.

See your January Sunday bulletins for further details.

Being a Christian takes Practice

Last month I presented some ideas on practice as an important part of being a Christian. These ideas are from Marcus J. Borg's book "The Heart of Christianity." January is a wonderful time for setting goals for 2007. Perhaps the practices that Borg describes as "Formation and Nourishment" will fit into your goals for 2007.

❖ **Being part of a church:** Borg believes the "single most important practice is to be part of a congregation that nourishes you even as it stretches you." The kind of church that nurtures you depends on your background and temperament. If you are nourished by a sacramental and liturgical worship then St. James' will meet your needs. Your intellect also needs nourishment and that is where the Christian Education program can enrich your self through out the year. St. James' offers a choice of three types of liturgical structure for your worship and classes at 10:00 most Sundays. In addition there are special evening classes through out the year. Most of us make plans so we can eat three meals a day to nourish our bodies. We also need to make plans to nourish our spiritual self by attending church and Christian Educational programs regularly.

❖ **Prayer:** Prayer takes many forms. Prayer is part of "paying attention to God." The most common is verbal prayer, whether out loud or to ourselves. Verbal prayer commonly takes the form of praise, thanksgiving, confession, intercession and petition. Verbal prayer provides us an intimacy with God by allowing us to share our day, our concerns our needs and our joys. The other two types of prayer provide means to listen to God.

"Meditation involves reflecting on an image or phrase, sitting with it, holding it, remaining with it." Traditionally meditation has been centered on Biblical text. "Contemplation is the prayer and practice of internal silence." The use of a mantra is meant to give the mind focus so the rest of the self can sink into silence. "Centering prayer" is a type of contemplative prayer.

❖ **A Daily Discipline:** This involves setting aside a time each day to pay attention to God. It can include prayer of any or all types, Bible reading and/or

reading from a religious writer. For me this is the most challenging practice.

❖ **Practice in the "Dailiness" of life:** We can remember God in many simple acts through out our day or week. The book "Practicing Our Faith," Dorothy C. Bass, ed., offers some suggestions:

- "Honoring the body, including, for example, washing one's face 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'"
- "Learning how to say no for the sake of saying yes to God."
- "The practice of hospitality, individually and as a church."
- "Testimony-telling one's story and listening to others tell theirs."

❖ **Christian Fellowship:** Borg describes this as 'Christian companionship'-having one or more friends with whom one can share intimately about one's Christian journey. A friend recently told me that she joined such a group of 12 women who meet once a month for contemplation and to share their experiences as Christians. I would like to know if anyone is interested in forming such a group.

Next month I will share Marcus Borg's thoughts on the practice of compassion and justice.

Lynn Locher

Financial Summary

	<u>11/30/2006</u>	<u>11/30/2005</u>
Operating Cash	\$19,180	\$26,753
Building Cash	\$2,116	(\$4,084)

Year-to-Date Summary

Pledges budgeted	\$226,378
Pledges paid	229,802
Contributions	10,011
Other operating income	<u>27,833</u>
Total income	\$267,646
Total expenses	<u>\$285,587</u>
Income under expenses	(\$17,941)



Support Your Parish and Yourself in 2007

Now there is a brand new way to make a gift to your parish that will also pay you life income: a gift annuity. On November 14, 2006, the Diocese received authority from the State of California to begin issuing charitable gift annuities.

A gift annuity pays a fixed income for a lifetime, and then becomes a gift to your parish or whatever ministry you name. The rate of income is especially attractive for seniors or for those who delay income.

For example, an 80 year old donor may receive 8% fixed payout. Because most of this income may be received tax-free, the equivalent payout is 9.7%. A 55 year old, who delays income until age 65, may have a fixed payout of 9.9%, with an equivalent taxable payout of 12.3%— and get a big income tax deduction in the current year.

Can you see why gift annuities are so popular?

Some seniors have used a CD or appreciated stock to buy an annuity and have tripled their retirement income from what they were getting in interest or dividends. Unlike interest or dividends, annuity income will not vary but is fixed and secure for life.

To find out what your rate of income from an annuity would be, call (415) 869-7812. Or, go to www.EpiscopalGift.org, "Create Your Own Plan."

A gift annuity can be a win-win for both you and your parish. Why not allow its benefits to empower your generosity?

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP

Gift Planning Officer, Diocese of California

Tracking Down St. James' Roots

For some time now a group has been working on a history book of St. James' as part of the 140th anniversary of our church, which we will be celebrating next year. It's an exciting task, and one that has taken considerably longer time than we had anticipated.

Newer members of the parish may not realize what a rich history we have here at St. James' and how it has been woven into the history of Fremont and this part of the Bay Area. There is so much in the church's files. Most of it is bits and pieces of significant events accumulated over the years from newspaper clippings and scrapbooks filled with photos of special occasions to letters and correspondence between St. James' and the diocese. There are also details about the daily routines of tiny St. James', from its time as a mission church through its moves to different sites around Fremont before settling down here on Thornton Avenue. There are family names that have played significant roles in the history of St. James', names found on the stained glass windows in the little church and on other parts of the buildings.

In short, we have a lot with which to work, and we hope to pull it together to have a history of St. James' for all to share. While we step forward, moving as a church and community into the future with our goals and dreams, we must not forget our roots and those who came before us who made St. James' the unique church it is.

The committee would welcome any suggestions, information or direction. If you have any information or historical tidbit to share, please feel free to contact anyone on the history book committee. They are: Margaret Broun, Janet Fischer, Betty McCoy, Genore Schaaf, Nancy Svenson, Bobbie Tomkinson, Doris Whitaker and Connie Rux.

We hope to have the book completed by next year, in time for the 140th celebration. We ask for your prayers and your help. St. James' is special to all of us, and this book will help us remember where we came from as well as where we are going.

Connie Rux

Folk Singer John McCutcheon to Return in January



St. James' is proud to announce the return of popular, Grammy-nominated folk singer John McCutcheon for a one-night-only concert on Monday, January 15, 2007. The show, enjoyed by children and adults of all ages, will begin at 7:30 PM, and will include drawings for fantastic door prizes.

His mastery of American folk music and instruments, complemented by "story telling that has the richness of fine literature" (*Washington Post*) weave intimate, insightful and often hilarious canvasses. His song writing, rich in detail and broad in scope, have created a catalog of hundreds of songs covered by performers throughout the world. His classic "Christmas in the Trenches" has been repeatedly cited as "the greatest anti-war song ever written" and is the subject of an annual, coast-to-coast special on CBC.

New this year. Door prize tickets are also available for purchase—win a great gift! The drawing for door prizes will be held at the upcoming McCutcheon concert. Among the prizes are an iPod shuffle, an 8-digit desktop calculator (large keypad with LCD screen with a multiple-time-zone-clock and polished wood cabinet), and more. Join the fun!

This is McCutcheon's third visit to the St. James' stage in as many years. The show will draw, as it has in years past, many visitors to our campus from all around the Bay Area and northern California. John has a loyal and diverse following, and will feature his skillful and seemingly effortless artistry on vocals, and such instruments as the hammer dulcimer and keyboards.

Tickets are currently on sale. In addition, tickets to win door prizes will also be sold, and those who purchase concert tickets prior to January 18, 2006, will receive 2 free door prize tickets. Visit the ticket table in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings, or call the office at 510-797-1492 and leave your information for concert staff to assist.

If you need a ride to the concert, or if you can offer rides to someone, please contact the church office at (510) 797-1492.

Preliminary Results of the Church Services Survey

The following preliminary Survey results were communicated to the Vestry during their last meeting. These tallies are for the services on December 3 and 10 and will be repeated on December 17 for those who did not complete one earlier. The participants were asked to prioritize the reasons why they preferred or attended the service in which they were participating on that Sunday. Since the most important priority was assigned a value of 1, the LOWER the average score, the GREATER the importance.

8am Service (32 responses)		9am Service (56 responses)		11am Service (65 responses)	
Avg. Score	Reason	Avg. Score	Reason	Avg. Score	Reason
2.63	Time	1.73	Time	3.00	Time
3.09	Little Church	3.61	Music Style	3.31	Trad. Organ music
3.47	Rite I	4.59	Contemp. Language	3.35	Choir
4.88	Brevity	4.70	Projected Service	3.63	Rite II
5.16	Friends	5.04	10am Ed. Program	4.85	Friends
5.44	No music	5.64	Friends	5.06	10am Ed. Program
6.09	Breakfast	6.36	Childcare	6.03	Childcare

Thank You for a Successful Winter Relief Program

On behalf of the staff of the St. James' Winter Relief Coordinating Committee, the staff of the Tri-City Homeless Coalition Hope Project, and the residents of the Winter Relief Program, I would like to thank you for making this year's Winter Relief Program at St. James' a great accomplishment. Thank you to everyone who donated anything on the Needs List, clothing, or any other supplies.

While everyone at St. James' contributed in some way towards a welcoming atmosphere for our guests, I would like to name the following individuals who served as overnight volunteers, transportation volunteers, meal preparers, storytellers, Thanksgiving Day organizers and officiants, and/or donors-in-kind.

Andy MacRae	Andy Romeril
Annie Blalock	Barbara Dabney
Barbara Lyon	Bob Bell
Bob Czerwinski	Brad Hoffman
Brian Cochran	Bruce Roberts
Burtin and Michael Hart	Byron Bader
Carol St. John	Charlie Dickinson
Cliff Blenheim	Donald Razzolini
Fred and Tammy Schlag	Gail Blalock
George Vlastelica	Gigi Casino
Greg Miller	Gregg Feeney
Jim McConnell	Jodi Bensen
Kerri Williams	Laura Winter
Maggie Shalar	Margaret Broun
Marnie Hartman	Meg Williams
Pamela Young	Patty Lacy
Phil Sanders	Ralph Locher
Rose Hoffman	Russell Schnurr
Sandra Motley	Scott Whitaker
Susan Thomas	The Paratore Family
Tim Young	Tom Blalock
The Rev. Mary Ellen Gallagher	

Thank you for your time, your talents, and/or your treasure! The residents and Hope Project staff were very grateful and elated with our efforts and generosity.

The residents of the Winter Relief Program have been staying at Corpus Christi Church during the month of December. While our obligations at the St. James' campus are now over, our responsibilities in serving low-income, homeless persons and for finding solutions to end homelessness and its stigma continue wherever our lives and faith journeys take us. Please consider volunteering at any of the Winter Relief locations between now and April 2007. Contact me through the St. James' office (510) 797-1492, or e-mail me at mjaquino@sbcglobal.net.

Or because of the variety of ways to serve Christ, perhaps you feel especially called to another social ministry other than Winter Relief? If so, feel free to share your idea with me or any member of the Social Ministry Vestry cluster (see back page for names and telephone numbers.)

Peace,
Michael Aquino

Appeal from LIFE ElderCare

December 2006

Dear Church Member,

A short appeal to ask you, if you have two hours from 10:30 am-12:30pm once a week, Monday through Friday, to help deliver Meals on Wheels to the frail, elderly Seniors in the tri-city area. We need volunteers desperately to help with this program. I will give you one-on-one training, explain the program, and let you know in no uncertain terms that this is a wonderful way to give back to the community.

If you have time available, please call me, Barbara Proctor, at 510- 574- 2094. Looking forward to your call.
My best,

Barbara Proctor

Coordinator of Volunteers for Meals on Wheels

!!!THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

TO THE ALTAR GUILD
TO THE ACOLYTES
TO THE READERS AND LECTORS
TO THE CHOIR, ORGANISTS, AND FOOTPRINTS
MEMBERS
TO THE DECORATING TEAM
TO MARYELLEN, MAGGIE, AND MARY
MITCHELL
TO JOHN MALONEY AND ERICA RIOS
TO ARLINDA AND THE AEMCH VOLUNTEERS
TO THE CAROLERS
TO LINDA NELSEN
TO THE GODLY PLAY TEAMS
TO THE DECEMBER WORK PARTY
TO SYLVIA WESSEL
ALL THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR
DECEMBER OUTREACH EFFORTS
AND TO ANYONE ELSE WE MAY HAVE
FORGOTTEN
FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE THANKSGIVING,
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SO WONDERFUL
HERE AT ST. JAMES'!

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH EPISCOPAL NEWS

Do you sometimes find out a day after the fact that our new Presiding Bishop was on TV again? Do you wonder what people are talking about when they discuss the current exodus of Episcopal churches and even one diocese from the Episcopal church? Do you wonder what will come of all that? When you heard Jerry Drino discuss the situation in the Sudan, did it make you wonder if the Episcopal church is helping in any way?

In this age of technology it is now possible for us to be connected to events happening in Anglican churches across the country and across the world. The national church office offers a news service that provides concise, readable information about events in the Anglican communion.

You can access that website by going to
<Episcopalchurch.org/ens/>.

Bob Honeychurch

Disciple Builders Events, Spring 2007

Sundays at 10 am:

January 7, 14 & 21: *The Gospel of Luke*. Presented by Mary Ellen Gallagher.

January 28, February 4 & 11: *Godly Play for Grown-Ups*. Presented by our Sunday school teachers.

February 18: *History of Ash Wednesday*. Presented by Sylvia Sweeney.

February 25 – March 25: *10am Lenten Series*. Presented by Sylvia Sweeney and Bob Honeychurch.

April 1: Palm Sunday. *No Sunday 10am Disciple Builders classes*.

April 8: Easter Sunday. *No Sunday 10am Disciple Builders classes*.

April 15: *Celtic Spirituality, St. David of Wales*. Presented by John Maloney.

April 22: *Celtic Spirituality, St. Brigid of Ireland*. Presented by John Maloney.

April 29, May 6 & 13: *Worldwide Plight of Orphans*. Presenter(s) to be announced.

May 20: *Making a Difference*. Presented by Alice Johnson.

May 27: *St. James' Memorial Garden Fete*

June 3: to be announced.

Weekday Evening Series, Spring 2007:

February 21-March 28: *Ancient Future Church*. Organized by Sylvia Sweeney.

May (dates to be determined): *Science and Spirituality, The Environment*. Organized by Marnie Hartmann.

Thanks to All Who Participated in St. James' Christmas Outreach to Hillside Care Center

Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts, to the women of "The Comforters" who sewed lap robes, to the drivers Paul and Nancy Svenson and Sandra Motley, to the carolers Bill and Margaret Rainey, Jack and Connie Rux, Jan and Bud Pearson, George and Pat Vlastelica, to the musicians Bob and Debra Czerwinski, to CeCe the Monkey, and to that jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus (a.k.a. David Gamble).

Got-mail?

News and events are always happening around St. James'. With a free and easy sign-up to the St. James' Yahoo Email List, you can have a simple way to get reminders, send prayer requests, share and learn local and international church news, and more.

Follow these steps to join the St. James email list:

1. On the web, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stjames/>
2. Click on the button on the left: **JOIN THIS GROUP.**
3. You will need to create a Yahoo ID. (If you already have a Yahoo ID, just sign in.) Below the sign-in box, click on the link **SIGN UP.** Follow Yahoo's directions for creating your ID. Remember, this is to use the Yahoo service and it is not something that St. James keeps track of or has control over. We do not know your password. Write down your ID and password. You will need it in the future.

NOTE: You do NOT have to create a Yahoo email address. Just unclick the box that reads, "Create my free Yahoo! email address." Type your preferred email address in the box that asks for "Alternate Email."

4. You will receive an email from Yahoo asking you to confirm what you've just done. Once you do that, an email will be sent to St. James to add you to the list.
5. After this process is completed, you'll be added to the email list and will begin receiving emails from St. James.

This list is for the purpose of posting church news, prayer requests, seeking a substitute for readers or chalice bearers, and the like. We ask that you please not post jokes, cute stories, chain letters, prayer requests from people you do not know (these are generally chain letters or hoaxes) or arguments. Thank you!

Janet Fischer, List Manager
JanetLFischer@yahoo.com

Los Posadas

About 40 participants turned out to reenact the pilgrimage of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their search for shelter for the night. They sang songs on their journey accompanied by musicians John Maloney on an Irish tin whistle and Rod Whitehouse and Bob Honeychurch on banjo. After a Mexican dinner, four of John's students from the Sacred Heart Nativity School in San Jose serenaded the audience on their tin whistles.



ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST



In our parish, we pray for our brothers and sisters:

- For those who need continued healing: Virginia, Shirley, Marilyn, Debbie, Rachael, Gretchen, Cody, Jenni, Ann, Carmel, Bob, Ruth, Cooper, Chris, Zak, Bobby, Kenzie, Pamela, Michael, Trudi, Eleanor, Luke, Peter, Arsenio, Jodi, Don, Gerry, Madeline, George, Joan, Frank, Scott, Michael, Mr. & Mrs. Romero, Mike, Don, Colleen, Tammy
- For those who need comfort and strength: Robert, Nina, Kristine, The San Joachim dissenters, Robert, Ray, Barbara, Priscilla, Jennie, Carletta, Tammy, Fred, Martie
- For those who need guidance and direction: Paul, Vernam, Chris, Barbara, Shaun, Aaron, Jordon, Deja, Irene, Doug, Rodney, Aldrin, Fauzia, Don, Nancy, Alan, Manju, Bryant, Tammy, Fred
- For those in the military: Kiffen, Fred Jr., Shakar, Robert, Joseph
- For those who are traveling: Sandy, Barbara, Bud,
- For those enduring the conflicts in the Middle East
- For the repose soul of Johanna
- For healthy & safe pregnancy: Fauzia



JANUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

1	Mary Ellen Gallagher	19	Andy Hedvall
5	Orietta Hardy-Sayles	20	Stephanie Casas
	Laura Winter	22	Deborah Schupner
	Gayle Culver	26	Byron Bader
6	Thomas Blalock	27	Ian Miller
7	Guy Downing	28	Maggie Shalar
9	Mark Holguin		Bob Crawford
	Brandon Hoffman	29	E. Thomas Clark
10	Caylyn Ramsamy	30	Kassy Menke
12	Rose Girard	31	Dorothy Lugo
13	Ingrid Benedict		Bruce Menke
14	Dianne Abram		

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Chris & Frank McNulty
4	Mike Aquino & Donald Razzolini
12	Fred & Barbara Gifford
16	Craig & Jodi Benson
19	Rod & Jackie Whitehouse

Please note: If you do not see your birthdate or anniversary date listed above, please call the church office so we can add it to the lists. We apologize for the inconvenience and we thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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The Window on St. James'

Next issue will be in February. We welcome your comments, pictures, essays, poems, cartoons, artwork, newsworthy items of interest, and group activity information and reviews. Please remember the deadline and e-mail your item directly to a member of the staff or to the EDITOR at <window@saintj.com> or leave it in *The Window* mailbox.

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