



The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont

June 2007

Final Phase of Playground Installation Underway

It's been a long time coming, but the final phase of the St. James' playground installation is finally underway. Work to finish the site with landscaping, concrete and an outdoor baptismal area kicked off at the May work party and will continue through June.

Volunteers are greatly needed to help pour concrete, lay sprinklers, install ground cover, plant flowers and help create the new rose-covered baptismal area. If physical labor isn't your thing, how about helping to shuttle plants and flowers from the store to the site, or preparing lunch for hungry workers? There's plenty to do, and many hands make for joyful work!

Plan to join us for one (or more!) of these weekend workdays...

- Saturday June 9 * Install sprinklers
* Frame and pour concrete
- Saturday June 16 * Install ground cover
* Rebuild and install picnic table
- Saturday June 23 * Planting
* Install baptismal area
* Final clean-up

Work begins at 9 am each day, and lunch will be provided. Come out and help put the finishing touches on our wonderful playground! For more information, contact Chris Perry, Brad Hoffman or Pegeen Perry.

Confirmation Congratulations Rebecca and Rachel!

Please join Rebecca Fuller and Rachel Whitaker on Saturday June 9 at 11:00 am at Grace Cathedral. Rebecca and Rachel will both be receiving the sacrament of confirmation at that diocesan service. This is a very important moment in a person's faith journey, the moment when one affirms for the first time as a mature person that the vows made for them in childhood are vows they are now taking on by their own decision. Please let them know that they are loved and supported by their faith community as they take this next big step in their life of faith.

Anyone at St. James' who is at least 14 years old and interested in learning more about confirmation, please talk to Sylvia Sweeney about participating in next year's confirmation program.

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Ducks for Bucks Benefit Raises \$1166.

Thank you all for your wonderful support in our 3rd annual participation in the "Ducks for Bucks" benefit race held on April 28th 2007 in Lake Elizabeth, here in Fremont.

On May 15th 2007 I attended the Kiwanis club meeting and received a check for \$1166.00 that we earned for the operating fund here at St. James. We had 418 ducks in the race and received funds for 354 ducks totaling \$1166.00 (the additional 64 ducks were "free" ducks from the buy 5 ducks and receive a 6th duck free, as a bonus).

The "check" will be formally presented to the Parish at the single 10 AM service on May 27, 2007

Thank you all again and we are looking forward to your continued support next year in our 4th participation in the 14th annual "Ducks for Bucks" benefit race.

Lead Ducks: Brad Hoffman and Tom Blalock

What It Takes To Be a Vibrant Church

A vibrant Church is “pulsing or throbbing with energy or activity.” It is a church that has learned to do as well as to be. The role of stewardship is to care for the church; to ensure that it not only survives but also grows. Jesus commands us to share his message with others. We can only do this if we bring new members into the church. A vibrant church creates opportunity to attract new members. To create a vibrant church we need to have:

❖ **Shared leadership.** This means that leadership occurs at all levels, not just on the Vestry. The Vestry’s role is to make administrative decisions for the church and provide leadership in carrying out these decisions. The Vestry members can not do all the work and they need to be supported by other leaders who will take over small areas of responsibility. For example: The Vestry leaders for Parish Life need a leader for Coffee Hour.

❖ **Mission and vision of future.** There is a written mission statement and vision statement that is shared by the parish and evaluated on a regular basis. The majority of the church activities are centered on carrying out the vision statement.

❖ **Willingness to move forward and act the size St. James’ wants to become.** Our church is in transition between a pastoral church and a program church. This is an awkward period in our church life, much like being a teenager. To become truly a program church we must act like one. We, as members of the church, need to take over more of the responsibility of ministering to the needs of church members. We also need to support the church financially so that we can have adequate staff and resources to carry out our vision.

❖ **Willingness to learn from others and to accept help.** There is a large volume of information available on how other churches have turned themselves into vibrant churches. We need to learn from this information as well as take advantage of help from our dioceses and national church.

❖ **Good pastoral relationship-**This is where the clergy likes the people and the people like the clergy. Division in the church reduces the vibrancy of a

church. Dissent is natural but needs to be addressed so that it does not prevent the focus on the vision.

❖ **Fellowship with participation and sense of belonging.** Activities of the church should be inclusive, not exclusive. The only exception to this would be Shell Society events or support groups. The focus of coffee hour needs to be to include all people in conversations.

❖ **Spiritual meaning.** The spiritual meaning of the church needs to be reflected in worship and in the activities of the church. The vision should also reflect this spiritual meaning.

❖ **Multi-generational community.** A church with only elderly people is not going to attract younger families. Our younger families’ presence in church is not only beneficial to the young families but also to the vibrancy of the church. These families will be like magnets for more young families.

❖ **Multi-ethnic community.** This is especially important in the Tri-City area where we have a very diverse population. We need to be culturally sensitive to these populations so they feel welcome and want to remain as part of our community.

St. James’ Church has many assets that can be put to work to create a vibrant church. The main asset is its members. Each one of us has the responsibility of contributing to creating a vibrant church.

Cross Culture Sensitivity at St. James’

“The only race is human. The rest is culture.” These words on the board in the Vestry Room spoke to a few of us who are about raising cross cultural sensitivity at St. James. We are folks looking for a group to join us!

If these words speak to you, come be a part of helping St. James improve in life-changing ways. Anyone who enjoyed the wonderful “We Are the World” stories during Lent could bring new ideas to our discussions. We especially want to help the Vestry in its stated goal to: “Increase leadership opportunities for people of color.”

Our new vision statement for St. James has boosted our imagination. Help us grow. Join us in a meeting June 24 after the 11 o’clock service, 12:30 to 1:30 in the Vestry Room. Questions? Call Valle Brokes, 793-6210.



A Double Inheritance for Children

Research has confirmed a common observation that sudden wealth is seldom well-spent. Winning the lottery or suddenly inheriting a substantial sum often produces unforeseen difficulties. On the other hand, a steady predictable income is for most of us far easier to manage well.

For these reasons many parents are choosing to leave their children's inheritance in a twofold form: partly as an outright sum of money, and partly as a steady stream of income for a limited number of years.

This "double inheritance" approach offers multiple advantages:

1. Since some people handle money better than others, this lessens the danger of an heir "blowing" an inheritance all at once.
2. Children may receive quarterly "gifts from Mom and Dad" for 10 or 15 years after their parents' demise.
3. The trust that pays the income to heirs may at the end of its term of years transfer the remaining principal to the church and/or other charities—a charitable remainder trust.

This is sometimes referred to as a "Give It Twice Trust" because it first gives the income to the family and then gives the remaining principle to charity. This will result in a charitable income and estate tax deduction—possibly lowering taxes. In addition, the eventual gift to charity may establish a permanently named endowment fund. Thus parents may spread their children's gratitude over many years and then have their church's gratitude forever as their endowment fund goes on doing good in their name in perpetuity.

One excellent asset to use to fund such a "Give It Twice Trust" is an IRA, 401(k) or other retirement plan, since this approach may minimize heirs' income taxes.

For more information about a "Give It Twice Trust" or for a complimentary custom illustration, contact your Gift Planning Office. We are here to serve you and your parish.

The good news is that you need not choose between remembering family or church in your plans—here is a way that you may benefit both your children and your church.

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St. James' congratulates our graduates for 2007

St. James Parish would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following:

- ❖ Kelcey A. Peterson, Washington High School.
- Daughter of Johanne LaRocque & Michael Peterson
- ❖ Molly Sweeney, Washington High School, Fremont
- Daughter of Bob Honeychurch and Sylvia Sweeney
- ❖ Sylvia Sweeney, Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
- ❖ Angelina Miller, Laurel Springs High School.
- Daughter to Greg Miller and Elaine Vallecillo-Miller
- ❖ Kate Pyatybratova, High School,
- St. James Nursery attendant
- ❖ Chris Ma, U. C. Santa Barbara, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
- Son of Sylvia Ma.
- ❖ Leo Colbert, Excelsior Middle School - Byron Discovery Bay, CA
- Grandson Bob & Bobbie Tomkinson
- ❖ Kathryn Morgan Cummings Fike, Ursuline Academy in Santa Rosa
- God-Daughter to Val & Al Brokes
- ❖ Yvonne Vlastelica, Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, Mt.
- Daughter-in-law to Pat and George Vlastelica

Regretfully the following graduate of 2006 went unacknowledged in *The Window* last year:

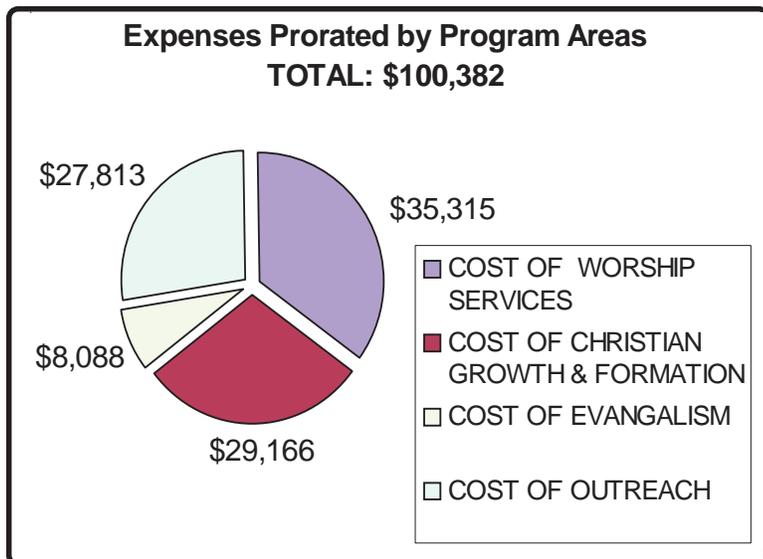
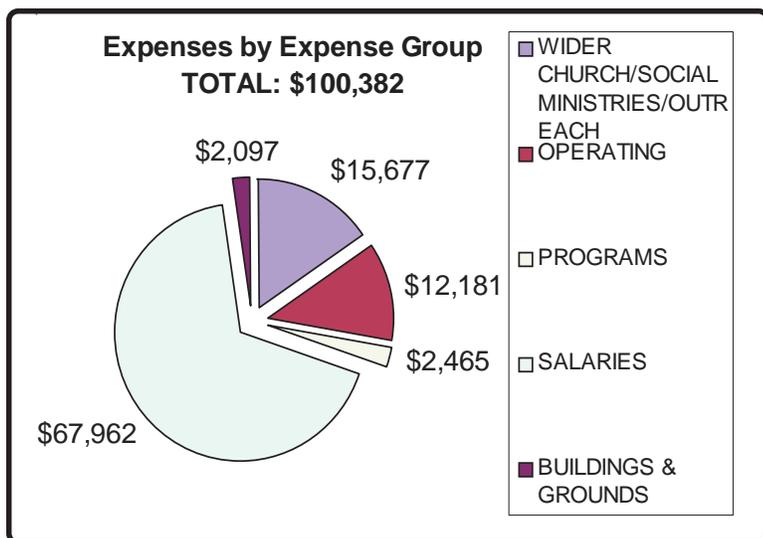
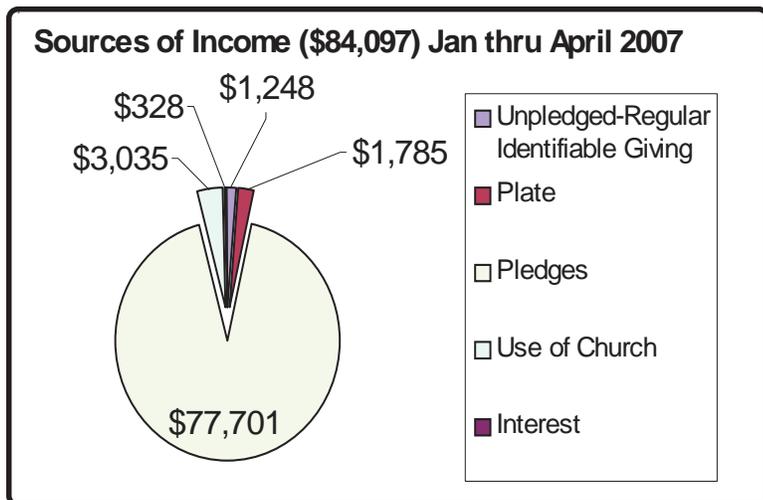
- ❖ Alicia Wilson, Foothill High School, Pleasanton
- Granddaughter to Pat and George Vlastelica
- ❖ Kayla Vlastelica, Bigfork H.S., Bigfork, Mt
- Granddaughter to Pat and George Vlastelica

The parishioners of St. James' Episcopal Church congratulate all of the graduates and pray for continued success in all your challenges in life.

The parish of St. James'

Financial Summary: January - April 2007

The 3 pie charts below show our sources of income and how it is spent in the the operation of our church and also by program areas.



St. James' Needs a new Librarian

After many years as our church librarian, Janet Fischer has retired. We are in need of a well organized person to take over the "care and feeding" of our small library collection.

The collection is cataloged, but needs someone to keep it up and keep the books in order. If you are interested, please contact E.J. Hilliard through the church office.

Thank you.

Summer Camping Trip

Save These Dates

This year's church camp-out will take place at the beautiful Emerald Bay State Park in Lake Tahoe starting on Thursday, August 16, and going through Monday, August 20. We have reserved four sites, one for four nights, two for 3 nights, and two for two nights. Campers do not have to stay all four nights. Trip cost and food will be worked out as we get closer to the trip date.

Sign up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall on June 24th.

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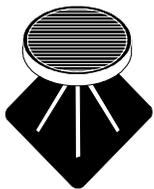
Thank you from Marnie Hartmann to the Disciple Builders for producing the program "This Fragile Earth , Our Island Home". Thanks to John Maloney, Sylvia

Sweeney, Alice Johnson, and Bruce Roberts for their inspiration, suggestions, planning, and support; to Meg Williams for all the publicity: to Ralph Locher for set up, clean up, audio/video guru, and transportation.

Thank you to St James; especially to Lynn Locher for co-chairing, hosting and providing food, to Margaret Broun and Bob Bell for hosting and providing food, to Laura Winter for transportation, to Greg Miller for tending to the facilities , to Bud Pearson as audio/visual guru and to the others I have omitted. Most importantly thank you to those who attended one of more of the programs.

This was hopefully a community out reach and we did have several attendees from outside our community each evening. Comments and suggestions are welcomed by any member of this great adult education team.

Graduation Sunday Picnic



At all services on Sunday, June 10, we will be recognizing the many students that are graduating, our Sunday School attendees, teens moving on to higher grades, our acolytes, and Sunday School teachers for their faithful service and much more. So, it's a good time for a potluck picnic to celebrate their achievements.

The picnic will start at 12:15 pm, right after the Sunday 11 am service. Parish Life Committee will grill chicken and hot dogs and provide beverages. We are asking those who plan to come to bring side dishes and dessert.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you can attend.

The Parish Life Committee

Thank you notes

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone for the sympathy cards that you so kindly sent me after the death of my husband. They were truly appreciated.

Sincerely, Frances Streckfus

Dear Friends and Hooks,

Enid, I and all our family are so thankful for all your prayers and well wishes. Our grandson, Lance Cpl. Kyffin Jesse, has just recently returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq with the Marines. He is safe and sound despite the loss of his best friend, Raul Bravo, and other comrades. My daughter, his family, and his girlfriend greeted him home with his unit at 29 Palms Marine Base in California the 21st of April.

Please pray for all his comrades and others that were not so fortunate.

Thank you again and please know that we are forever grateful.

Enid and Jack Williams, Hook #13

St. James' Hosts Diocesan Altar Guild Spring Meeting

On Saturday, May 12, the St. James Altar Guild hosted the Diocesan Altar Guild's Spring meeting. The meeting started with registration at 9:00am. Altar Guild members provided home made "goodies" with coffee during this time. At ten a service was held in the big church followed by a talk by Elisabeth Comu, Conservator for the San Francisco Museums. The meeting ended with luncheon.

Kudos go to Barbara Johnsen and her assistant Pat Vlastalica for a luncheon, not only delicious but beautifully arranged. The Parish Hall never looked lovelier with tables covered in purple and flowers on each table covered in pink paper and ribbons. Assisting Barbara and Pat in the kitchen were Joan Roberts, Dorothy Balderston, Connie Rux, Margaret Broun, Henrietta Sih and other Altar guild members. Our guests were impressed with our arrangements but also our campus, especially the "little Church" and the Memorial Garden.

Margaret Rainey



ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

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

- For those who need continued healing: Kirk, Bob, Elizabeth, Alice, Rachel, Joe, Virginia, Pat, Jodi, Arcy, Nadine, Rod, Rose, Barbara, Rachel, Elaine, Charlie, Lane, Virginia, Dick, Yvonne, Beth, Debbie, Steven, Pamela, Jennifer, San Juan, Stephen, Jonathan, Keith, Mike, Denna, Jean, Jenni, Kenzie, Pamela, Tammy
- For those who need comfort and strength: Martie, Robin, Micki, Katie, Lisa, David, Bernadett, Karolina, Deja, Carol & family, Mari, Catherine, Marci, Robert, Nina, Kristine, Robert, Carletta,
- For those who need guidance and direction: George, our president, Arnold, our governor, Barbara, Shaun, Aaron, Qi Family, Estelita, Doug, Margaret,
- For those in the military: Kurt, Jarrod, Matthew, John, Kiffen, Fred Jr., Shakar, Robert, Joseph
- For those enduring the conflicts in the Middle East
- For healthy and safe pregnancy: Holly, Paula, Martin, Saikham, Allison, Fauzia



JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

1	Sanjay Henry Gupta	19	Beverly Sanders
	Shirley Schader		Margaret Allen
3	Max Whitaker	20	Diana Camille Duncan
	Charles Paratore	21	Al Brokes
	Bryneth Fuller		Megan Thomas
4	Kitty Reed	22	Mark Locher
	Dorothy Balderston		Tim Spencer
	Nancy Castaneda	24	Arlinda Cosby
5	Ivy Sankar		Pam Rice
8	Daniel Black		Anzel Perilla
9	Harold Benedict		Suheyla Yoksuloglu
	Beverly Sanders	25	Joshua Wonycott
10	Beth Newbrough		Rand Smedley
	Alison Dalmasso		Ginny August
	Elsworth Finley		Heather Holguin
	Michael Dunn	26	Rita Hoy
12	Alyssa Lenart		Gregory Miller
	Nancy Krall	27	Marlene Benedict
14	Rhonda Singh	28	George Vlastelica
15	Megan Vlastelica		Pat Vlastelica
	Matthew Vlastelica	30	Tom Aston
16	Christopher Lubwama		Emma Rose Feeney
18	Jesca Nakku		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

12	Patrick & Jill Broun
	Arthur & Gayle Culver
	Fred & Tammy Schlag
19	Dick & Jan Aston
21	Anne & Richard Wilcoxon
	Karen & Tim Koonze
	David and Judy Colby
26	Grant & Tina Davis
f	Keith and Sherea Westra
27	John & Joan Kimber
28	Tim & Pamela Young
29	Margaret & Bill Rainey

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

4	The Rev. Jo Evans
4	Mary Ellen Gallagher
30	The Rev. Arlinda Cosby

The Window on St. James'

Next issue will be in July. We welcome your comments, pictures, essays, poems, cartoons, artwork, newsworthy items of interest, and group activity information and reviews.

July Issue Deadline: June 15

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