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The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church, Fremont

August 2007

Annual BBQ & Sing-Along with Hillside Care Center

What has become an annual summer event at St. James', a BBQ and sing-along with special guests from Hillside Care Center in Fremont, is scheduled for Sunday, August 12, after the 11 o'clock service (approximately 12:30 pm.) Everyone is invited to join in; please sign up on the list in the Parish Hall (beginning July 15), indicating the number of attendees and whether you will be contributing a salad or dessert. St. James' will provide hot dogs and beverages. Pat Vlastelica will be at the keyboard again this year; vocal direction will be provided by George. If you can assist in the transportation of our guests, or for more information, please contact Sandra Motley (656-4224) or Arlinda Cosby (792-2041).

Welcome to the Nursery Suzanne!

As many of you are already aware, our beloved Kate Pyatobratova will be leaving the St. James' nursery in August to begin college at George Washington University in Washington D.C. Kate is anticipating moving in mid- August and will let us know as soon as possible when her last Sunday will be. She will be greatly missed!

However, we are also happy to announce that Kate's last two weeks in the St. James' nursery will be Suzanne David's first two weeks. Suzanne is a lifelong member of St. James' who will be in her junior year of high school next year. She comes to us with a great deal of experience in babysitting, and she served last year as one of the members of the Cabrillo Park Elementary tutoring ministry. Suzanne is the daughter of Kem David, and if you don't already know her, please take a minute to meet her and to welcome her to this new ministry at St. James'.

St. James' Fall Round Up

Here is just a quick note asking you to mark your calendars now for September 16, 2007 for the *St. James' Fall Round Up*.

As we all come back from summer and the church gathers to begin our program year, we'll celebrate with a "round-up". Information booths for many of the ministries at St. James' will also be available. As a new treat, we'll also have a Chili Cook-off competition between St. James' ministries.

The church will provide BBQ chicken & hot dogs and requests that the congregation bring potluck side dishes and deserts.

So once again mark your calendars for September 16th, 2007 from 12:30 – 3 pm and look for a fun time together. More information will be forthcoming as the *Round Up* date approaches

Your Hosts,
The Stewardship Committee

Receiving Diocesan News at Home

On any given week there are more programs and special opportunities within the Diocese of California than any of us have time to participate in. Many of these are great learning opportunities, often at affordable prices or even for free. Consider subscribing to the diocesan weekly e-newsletter and taking advantage of some of those great opportunities. Subscription to DioBytes, the weekly diocesan e-newsletter, is open to all. Subscribe at www.episcopalbayarea.org.

Special Thanks to Playground Landscapers

Over the last six weeks, we have completed the majority of our landscaping around the playground. We would like to acknowledge and thank our fellow St. James' parishioners for their help on this wonderful project.

First: a special thanks to Chris Perry, Pegeen Perry, and Brad Hoffman for their time and energy in executing the plan for the playground landscaping.

And a very large and sincere thank you to the following parishioners for their time and energy on the project:

Tim Spencer • Pat Spencer • Laura Winter
Burtin Hart • Greg Miller • Charlie Dickenson
Dave Nelson • Tim Young • Gregg Feeney
Ruth Poole • Jim McConnell • Jan Brandt
Tom Blalock • Mark Evans • Penny Trant
Ken Trant • Bob Honeychurch • Sylvia Sweeney
Cathy Knotts • Robert Lacy • Sandra Motley
Barbara Dabney

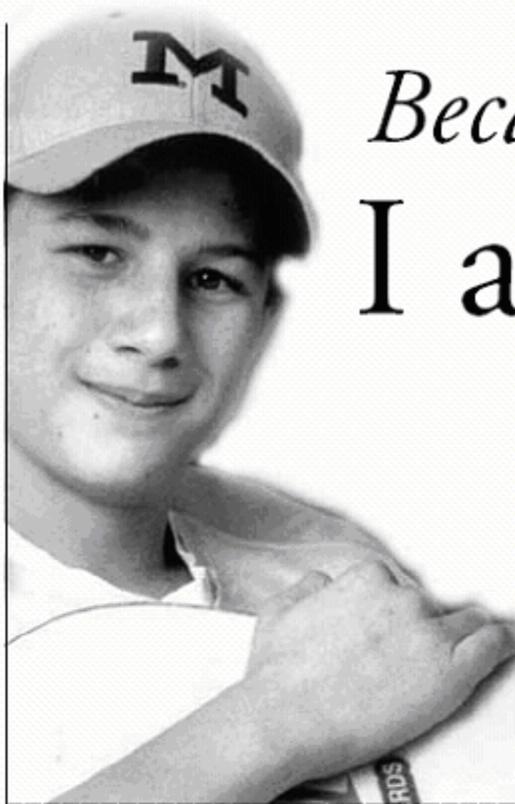
Pulpit Swap to Take Place

What's a "pulpit swap"? No, we're not moving furniture.

For several years now, Bob Honeychurch has been a part of a clergy support group comprised of himself, along with the rectors of St. Clare's in Pleasanton, Holy Cross in Castro Valley, and All Saints' in San Leandro. One of the ideas they have talked about for some time now is a "pulpit swap", where they trade places for a Sunday, and preach in one another's churches.

The first "pulpit swap" involving St. James' is about to happen. On Sunday, August 12, Bob will switch places with Rob Droste from All Saints' in San Leandro. That day, Rob will be a guest preacher here at St. James', with Sylvia Sweeney serving as the celebrant of the day. So, come on out to hear Rob Droste, as he joins us for the morning, while Bob Honeychurch makes the trek to San Leandro to join their congregation for the day.





*Because of people like you,
I am here today.*

Saint James Episcopal Church BLOOD DRIVE

MATTHEW

During a school trip, I had a snowboarding accident, which resulted in a lacerated kidney and immediate medical treatment.

Fortunately, donated blood was available when I needed several pints of it. Thanks to blood donors like you, I am OK and can snowboard again.

Sunday, August 26, 2007
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

LOCATION:
Parish Hall



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The Rector's Message

My word to all of you this August is "Thanks." Thanks for the many ways in which you have prayed for me and with me through the discernment process that I was a part of with the Diocese of Nevada as they search for a new bishop. Several members of their search committee were here at St. James' on the weekend of July 13-15, and I know that many of you were able to meet and visit with them. I am sure that most of you have heard by now, but I was not included in their final list of candidates. Nevertheless, the whole process was a very affirming and clarifying time for me, and I think for many of you as well. The committee which came to Fremont was most impressed with the life and ministry of this community. We all presented ourselves well to our guests that weekend. And, I think, both for me personally and for us corporately, we are a little clearer about where our passions lie, what is really important to us, and how we see God moving in our midst. These opportunities for discernment are always important, because they help us to use our resources – our time, our energy, our money – as wisely as we might, as we share with God in the transformation of all creation. So thanks... thanks to God, and thanks to you for this next step along the journey.

Faithfully,

Bob

Babies, Babies Everywhere

St. James' is blessed to have three new babies in our midst: Jeffrey Jamison, son of Saikham and Johnathon Jamison; Lucy Helen Ferro, daughter of Allison and Stephen Ferro; and Dwight Osha, son of Fauzia and Aldrin Osha. We give thanks for these three newest members of our community. May God bless their lives richly, and may God bless us and all the world through their life and ministry with us.

Ladies Flatlanders

Ladies Flatlanders is a fun, relaxing, long weekend of camping for the great women of St. James'.

The dates are September 5 – 9, and the location is Thousand Trails in Hollister. This is camping in style! Enjoy a heated pool, hot showers, and relaxation!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall, and we will need to give *Thousand Trails* the names of all the campers in our group. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate in contacting Mary Casas (510) 790-8942, Nancy Castaneda (408) 946-3614, or Jackie Whitehouse (510) 651-0302.

"Education for Ministry" Coming to St. James'

Are you looking for an opportunity that might just change your life forever? "Education for Ministry", often called simply "EfM" is a program of intentional study, prayer, and reflection designed to help all people grow in the sense of their Christian vocation in the world today. An "EfM" group meets weekly for a nine-month period with a trained mentor to engage in a meaningful process of integrating the story of God's action in the world (the Scriptures), Christian story (as revealed in the history and culture of the church), and the individual stories of the participants into one great story of how God is at work in us and in our world today. The cost for the "EfM" program is \$340/year, and scholarship money is available to help offset the expense. If there are a minimum of six participants, St. James' will be up and running with its own "EfM" group in September. For more information, please speak with Bob Honeychurch right away.

Social Ministry Committee

The St. James' Social Ministry Committee has now been well-established and has had a great start in organizing, evaluating, and planning new and existing ministries. Thank you for the following people who have graciously given their time for making this committee happen:

Alice Johnson
Barbara Dabney
Bud Spalding
Cathy Knotts
Sandra Motley
Bobbi Thomkinson
David Fuller
Donald Razzolini
Michael Aquino (Committee Chair)
Scott Whitaker (Vestry Representative)
Johanne LaRocque (Vestry Representative)
Bob Honeychurch (Ex Officio Member)

The Social Ministry Committee does not do the ministries themselves; rather, members work together, in conjunction with the individual ministry coordinator, to ensure that the ministry has the support it requires. All meetings take place every fourth Sunday of the month and last no more than one and a half hours. New members or guests are welcome to attend. For additional info, or if you have an idea for a social ministry, send an e-mail to socialministries@saintj.com or contact Michael Aquino at (408) 306-1282.

Earthlink ISP Users

If you have an Earthlink address, you are more than likely NOT receiving e-mail from the St. James' group list. Please be aware that, for unknown reasons, Earthlink is blocking our emails as spam. You will have to contact Earthlink and advise them to allow email from stjameslist@saintj.com into your box. Thank you.
Janet Fischer 796-0158 janetfischer@yahoo.com.

St. James' Summer Book Club: Building Discerning Communities

How do we get from vision to reality... from our dreams for our community to actual experiences that match our dreams? During her years as Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of California, Sylvia Sweeney did extensive research into how churches throughout the country are finding ways to recognize, celebrate, and realize their deepest spiritual potential. *Building Discerning Communities* is the short, easy-to-read group discussion guide that grew out of that research.

Join us in the next of our summer book club offerings, *Building Discerning Communities*, as we explore some of the ways in which a community can become more intentional by growing in spiritual wisdom and discernment.

This book club offering will take place on the Sunday mornings of August at 10 AM on the patio. Through a special arrangement with the author, this book will be available for \$5 and the proceeds will go to provide children's books for our young Winter Relief guests in November.

New Vestry Members

Welcome Connie Rux and Johanne LaRocque to the Vestry, who have stepped in to fill the vacancies on this year's Vestry. Connie joins Tim and Ralph on the Parish Life-Facilities Cluster, and Johanne joins Scott on the Social Ministries-Congregational Care Cluster. We look forward to their contributions as St. James' continues to move forward. Please take a moment to say thanks to Connie and Johanne (and the rest of the Vestry) for all that they do and for the leadership they bring to our community.



ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST



-For those who need continued healing: Annie, Luke, John, Jerome, Joyce, Blake, Valle, Alan, Bobby, Arcy, Don, Joe, Mary, Mayday, Carla, Kristine, Peter, Merle, Marisa, Debbi, Patricia, Kirk, Bob, Elizabeth, Pat, Jodi, Barbara, Yvonne, Beth, Debbie

-For those who need comfort and strength: Katie, Joy, Kerry, Linda & Family, Douglas, Carolyn, Martie, Robin, Jim, Tom, Cary, and Bruce

-For those who need guidance and direction: Rhonda, The church and the Evangelists, Daniel, Greg & Yvonne, Ziggy, Paul

-For those in the military: Carrisa, Kurt, Jarrod, Matthew, John, Kiffen, Fred Jr., Shakar, Robert, Joseph

-For healthy & safe pregnancy: Holly, Paula, Martin

-For all who are travelling

-For all those enduring the conflicts in the Middle East

-For the repose of the souls of Ken Martin, Pete Wilson, Tammy Faye Messner, and Bruce's Mom

AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| 1 Bill Rainey | 22 Elizabeth Evans |
| Thomas Wilcoxon | 23 Marsha Reeves |
| 2 Ralph Locher | Daniel Amadi |
| Abigail Varella | 24 Jackie Duncan |
| 5 Molly Lubwama | Harriet Nabbaale |
| 6 P. Christopher Svenson, Jr. | 25 Cindy Spalding |
| Shalini Lutricia Singh | Bill Harrison |
| 7 Jim Lieb | 26 Rachel Whitaker |
| 9 Sylvia Wessel | 27 Bobbi Tomkinson |
| 11 Molly Sweeney | Barbara Johnsen |
| 13 Jodi Benson | 28 Alice Stewart |
| 16 Lori Hedvall | Mary Ann Svenson |
| Valle Brokes | Vanessa Loera |
| 17 Leona Athearn | 29 David Nelsen |
| John Becker | Gianna Lynn Varner |
| 18 Becky Whitaker | 30 Frank McNulty |
| 19 Charlie Dickinson | Mitch Newbrough |
| 20 Michael Egan | Timothy Sanders |
| Pat Larsen | Leo Tucker, Jr. |
| Corwin Pon | |
| 21 Vivienne Paratore | |
| Katie Lynn Powell | |
| Phyllis Williams | |

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 Bryant Hicks & Carmelia Cravatt |
| 7 Charlie & Sally Dickinson |
| 8 John and Florinne Becker |
| 15 Steve & Orietta Hardy-Sayles |
| 18 Karen & Andrew Romeril |
| 20 Ward & Hazel Newcomb |
| Marty and Donna Noll |
| 22 Steve & Suzanne Thomas |
| 24 Al & Valle Brokes |
| 25 Frank & Rose Hoffman |
| 26 Scott & Martha Kennedy |
| Martin & Ellen Silge |
| 30 Gregg & Marsha Reeves |

When is the Next Newsletter Deadline?

Submissions for the September 2007 newsletter are due on **August 15, 2007**.

The editors request that your submissions be **print-ready** (i.e., electronic). If this is not possible, please have someone with a computer prepare your material.

For questions or for submitting material, use the newsletter e-mail address: [window@saintj.com](mailto>window@saintj.com).



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11AM Rite II, (Main Church)

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