



The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont

October 2007



**Did someone say
"Pumpkins"?**



That's right. October means "Pumpkin Patch" time once again at St. James'. As we have done for the past few years, we will once again host a pumpkin selling booth out in the park at the front of the church. While this project raises funds, its primary purpose is to raise the visibility of St. James' in our community and neighborhood. And so, as we do each year, we need your help to make this project a success.

First, we will be unloading the pumpkins after church on Sunday, October 14, beginning about 12:30 pm. So plan to come to church that day in your "work clothes" to get our pumpkin patch all set up. Also, beginning on Monday, October 15, we will be staffing the pumpkin patch from 12 noon until 8 pm each day. We ask you to sign up to work a two-hour shift during our selling days. There are always two sellers at a time, so it's a great chance to partner up with a spouse, loved one, neighbor, or friend to staff the booth. The sign-up sheet is located in the parish hall. Please find it... so that it doesn't have to find you!!!

Won't you please sign up for one or more shifts?
Bob Honeychurch

Diocese of California 158th Annual Convention

Information

The annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California will be held on October 19th & 20th. The following are the Resolutions that will be voted on by your delegates:

1. Proposed Appointment of an Assistant Bishop.
2. Sudan Divestment.
3. Protection for Immigrants and their Families.
4. Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
5. The Five-Year Strategic Plan for Ethnic and Multicultural Ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of California, 2008-2012.
6. The Liturgical Covenanting, Blessing, and Sending Forth of Couples in Committed Same-Gender Relationships
7. Building the Beloved Community in the spirit of Transparency, Communication and Mission.

Your delegates will be meeting and discussing the Resolutions. If you would like more info about these resolutions please contact any of your delegates.

Deanery delegates/Diocesan Convention delegates are:

1. Bob Bell
2. Jan Brandt
3. Brad Hoffman
4. Marnie Hartmann
5. Joan Kimber

Stewardship Corner

Reflections on Making a Financial Commitment to St. James' Church

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

This statement comes from Paul's letter to the Hebrews. It summarizes the Christian responsibility to be generous, to share a portion of what they have received from God. In October you will receive a letter asking you to make a pledge to provide support for St. James' in 2008. You have more than 4 weeks to calculate what portion of your income you wish to share with the church and with those in need.

To be a Christian requires a certain level of discipline. You are asked to attend worship on a regular basis. You are encouraged to read and study the Bible. You are expected to love your neighbor and welcome your neighbor into your church. Jesus tells you to care for the sick, the poor and those in prison. The Bible instructs you to tithe or give 10% of your income to the church. I find that by doing these things, my life as a Christian grows in depth. I am strengthened by being more committed to my Christian faith. I find the discipline of managing my finances so that I can tithe to the church and still give to groups that help the poor, the sick and those in prison makes me a better person. I continue to fight against the materialism of my society. Having the newest and most expensive model of anything has become less important to me. I am so blessed with what I have; a roof over my head, food to eat, clothes on my back, friends and family, a place to worship God, a beautiful outdoors to enjoy that I desire to show God how grateful I am for this abundance by making a financial commitment to my church.

I make a financial commitment to St. James' not only because this strengthens me as a Christian but also because I know that St. James' will use this income to continue its good works and to meet the needs of its members. The evangelical churches that we see flourishing around us do so because their members are willing to tithe to the church. Their members are willing to provide the resources to provide staff for many internal and outreach programs. We need to do the same. Our church needs to have funds to be a voice of moderation, inclusion and reason in our community. We need the funds to attract young families so we can educate them to be

the Christian leaders of the future. We need funds to maintain our buildings so that future generations have a place to worship.

We can accomplish many things within our church with the time and talent of our members but to achieve this, our members need special training and support of clergy and staff. All of this requires funds provided by our pledges.

Now is the time to look at what you are giving the church as a percent of your income. Does this reflect your gratitude to God for the abundance in your life? Does this reflect your gratitude for the support your church has given you? “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

Lynn Locher
Stewardship Chair

Financial Summary 31 August 2007

	<u>8/31/2006</u>	<u>8/31/2007</u>
Operating Cash	\$ 35,311	\$ 20,892
Building Cash	4,081	5,423

Year-to-Date Summary

Pledges budgeted	\$ 168,667
Pledges paid	162,151
Unpledged Contributions	4,696
Other operating income	<u>10,832</u>
Total income	\$ 177,680
Total expenses	<u>\$ 194,232</u>
Income less expenses	(\$16,553)

All Mortgage Balances	\$ 6,061
Sewer Loan Balance	14,754

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ST. JAMES' CHURCH
PLEDGE DRIVE**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, VESTRY AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN FREMONT, CALIFORNIA, PUBLICLY STATE OUR SUPPORT OF THE PLEDGE DRIVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008. WE BELIEVE:

- ❖ **AS ACTIVE CHRISTIANS, WE ALL SHOULD BE CHALLENGED TO LEAD MORE GENEROUS LIVES.**
- ❖ **THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IS TO:**
 - **REACH OUT TO EVERYONE, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE ST. JAMES' COMMUNITY.**
 - **EDUCATE BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN ABOUT JESUS' MESSAGE**
 - **PROVIDE A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP GOD.**
- ❖ **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHURCH MEMBERS IS TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO ENABLE THE CHURCH TO FLOURISH.**
- ❖ **WE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE TITHE AND ENCOURAGE ALL TO WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL OF GIVING 10% OR MORE OF THEIR INCOME.**
- ❖ **AS LEADERS OF OUR CHURCH, OUR GROUP OF 19 PLEDGE UNITS HAVE PLEDGED A TOTAL OF \$ 101,284.00.**

SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Robert Honchel *Lynn Lecher* *F. Bradley* ~~FF~~
Barbara Dabney *Inez Fisher* *Connie J. Rux*
Meg Wilbur *Ed Peppard* *Scott Whitaker*
Sylvia Hubel Ma *Ralph Lecher* *Ann E. ...*
Gaie Blaber *Elizabeth Fert* *James ...*
Johanne LaRoque *Ch. ...*
Sandra Motley

Disciple Builders Activities



Upcoming Events in and around St. James'

November, all month: Winter Relief for TriCty Homeless Coalition. On-campus.

Sunday, December 2: All-ages Las Posadas celebration, on campus, 5-7pm.

Monday, January 21, 2008: Live concert featuring folk singer John McCutcheon. On-campus, 7:30pm.

(Specifics on these and other events will be shared in various means as dates approach.)

“this fragile earth, our island home”

The diocesan Commission for the Environment (COE) has been revitalized. Its mission is to address the intersection of environmental concerns and Biblical stewardship.

Celebrate St. Francis Feast Day Sunday October 7

Bird Watching and Holy Eucharist

Where: Crissy Field San Francisco

7:30 am Bird watching – bring binoculars and meet at bridge over lagoon

8:15 am Holy Eucharist lead by Rev Sally Bingham under the Cypress trees

Upcoming: Friday December 7 at St. Stephens in Orinda

Meet the authors of *How Many Light Bulbs Does it Take to Change a Christian*. Details next month.

For more information about COE, contact Marnie Hartmann <mlr@value.net>.

Disciple Builders Events for October & November

Christian formation is the continual lifelong process of deepening one's understanding of his or her faith. Christian education is a large part of this formation process. All classes are held Sunday at 10am, in Room EB1, unless otherwise noted.

October 7

“Caring for God's Creatures”

Jennifer Delmasso will explore with those who attend the spirituality of caring for our brothers and sisters of the animal world.

October 14

“St. James the Greater”

Charlie Dickinson will deepen your knowledge and understanding of parish's patron saint, St. James the Greater. (And maybe he'll enlighten you about St. James the Lesser!)

October 21

“St. Paul”

Bob Honeychurch will discuss Christianity's “Apostle to the Gentiles” and his key role in the development of the early church. *Check on date of class for location information.*

“Meditation with Barbara”

Experience the riches of meditation in Barbara Lyon's on-going, monthly meditation class. *Check on date of class for location information.*

October 28

“Intergenerational All Saints: The Workshop”

All are invited to participate in a workshop for families and individuals to prepare a project to honor the living or departed bringers of blessings in your life. This is in preparation for the upcoming church feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Conducted by Elaine Miller and John Maloney. *Location: Vestry Room.*

November 4

“Intergenerational All Saints: Sharing the Projects”

Display and share, or come see the projects from the October 28 workshop, as part of our celebration of All Saints and All Souls feast days. The projects will be displayed in the Parish Hall.

Notes from the Music Director:



Choir News

First of all, let me say that I am very happy to be your new Music Director. Everyone has been very nice and helpful to me and I think that we are going to work well together.

We had our first adult choir meeting on Thursday, September 6 and determined that Thursday was not such a good choice of times to rehearse. So the 11:00 am choir will rehearse on Wednesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. There is still time to join. So if you are interested in singing with us, simply come to a Wednesday evening rehearsal and sign up.

We will also need instruments from time to time both as additions to the choir and as soloists or ensemble groups for special music on Sundays. If you are interested in performing with us or as either a soloist or as an ensemble player, please let me know. We can use singers and players for either the 9:00 or the 11:00 am services.

Our Children's Choir starts on September 23 and will rehearse from 10:00 to 10:30 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. They will sing in Church on the following Sundays: November 4 - All Saints Day, December 16 - Lessons and Carols and December 24 - Christmas. In 2008, they will sing on February 24 - Lent, March 23 - Easter and May 11 - Mother's Day.

We are accepting children ages 6-12 or grades 1-6. Children's choir is an extension of "Godly Play". So children enrolled in Godly Play will automatically be included in children's choir.

All three choirs: 9:00 Footprints, 11:00 Chancel Choir and the Children's Choir are preparing for Lessons and Carols and Christmas Services.

Please come and join us!

Katherine LaRose

"All Creatures Great and Small." Blessing of the Animals Celebration"

In honor of St. Francis Day, on Sunday afternoon, October 7, beginning at 4 pm, St. James' Church, in conjunction with St. Paul's United Methodist Church, will be hosting a Blessing of the Animals celebration at the labyrinth at St. James'. We invite you to bring your favorite and beloved animal friends to the labyrinth that afternoon for a special service focused specifically on them, and on their impact in our lives.

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors for a fun and casual worship event. We'll have a simple reception afterwards with treats for all of our human and non-human friends present that day. If you are able to bring some cookies or other goodies that day, it would be greatly appreciated. See you all on the labyrinth on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 4 pm.

Kitchen Crew Update

We have had some changes (already!) to the Kitchen Crew. The Coffee Hour Coordinator is now Ruth Poole. Thank you Ruth, for stepping up to the plate. Thank you also to Brad Hoffman who has given so much time and energy to Coffee Hour and the running of the kitchen in the last year. Fortunately he is joining us. He will primarily be in charge of maintenance and inventory/purchasing of supplies.

Many thanks to all the ministries that signed up to do Coffee Hour. We have every Sunday until the end of the year assigned. If you are part of a ministry that didn't have an opportunity to sign up, the calendar of Sundays in 2008 will be posted in the Parish Hall. With the formation of new ministries all the time, each one will probably only have the responsibility of one Coffee Hour a year.

Barbara Dabney



Hope with Sudan

An invitation to join their hope

Building community to strengthen the potential of children and youth through education in reestablishing the society of southern Sudan.

On Sunday, September 9, the Rev. Jerry Drino, along with about 10 members of the Sudanese community, came to St. James' to share the powerful story of the resettlement efforts underway to bring many of the "Lost Boys and Girls of the Sudan" to the South Bay. Their testimony was a powerful tribute to the undaunted spirit of the people of Sudan in the face of great tragedy and persecution. This is a wonderful ministry which speaks to the heart of the St. James' Prayer: "... to embrace the potential of this community... to serve you in new and loving ways... to work together with love for our neighbors... to welcome and accept all people."

If you wish to learn more about this ministry, visit their website at www.hopewithsudan.org.

"Octoberfest Revisited"

Some of you will remember the wonderful programs we had with Elaine Culverwell during our "Exploring the Mysteries of the Mind" Faith and Science Series in 2006. We have invited Elaine back for a one night program titled "Octoberfest Revisited" on Monday, October 22 from 7 to 9 pm in the parish hall.

As residents of the Bay Area we are all very aware of both the wonderful and tragic role that alcohol can play in the lives of our families, friends, neighbors, and members of our faith community. We are aware that many members of St. James' were raised in alcoholic families. Others struggle to know how to support an addicted person within their own nuclear family. Still others of us wonder what we can do to help neighbors and community members or even ourselves when alcohol becomes a destructive force rather than a constructive force in one's life.

Elaine Culverwell is a passionate, articulate family therapist who specializes in working with addicted persons and their families. Come be a part of a wonderful exploration with her of how St. James' members as a community and as individuals can better understanding the effects of alcohol, both positive and negative, on both a community and the lives of those we care about.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

and SILENT AUCTION of Gift Baskets

to benefit



AN EPISCOPAL MINISTRY TO
CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS
(AEMCH)

Saturday, October 13, 2007

All Saints Episcopal Church
911 Dowling Blvd.
San Leandro
(510) 569-7020

5:30 -6:30 pm

Reception & Silent Auction

6:30-7:30 pm

Spaghetti Dinner (by reservation only)

suggested donation: \$25.00

For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Jephtha Boone at (510) 521-3434 *after Friday, September 1, but no later than Monday, October 8!!*

To contribute a gift basket (or basket contents), contact Mrs. Richard (Fran) Carlson at (510) 526-9545.

For transportation needs (carpooling or directions), contact Mrs. William (Ray) Riess at (510) 653-9531.

A benefit for

AN EPISCOPAL MINISTRY TO CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS
1700 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 521-3041

2007 FALL ROUND-UP



For the second year, parishioners came together on the St. James' campus for barbecued chicken, hot dogs, and wonderful side dishes to celebrate the end of summer and welcome the fall. Over 20 informational “booths” were set up under shade covers on the lawn and provided an opportunity to learn about the many ministries and activities taking place at St. James'. A list of 22 questions, such as “what is under the veil on the altar on Sunday mornings?” (chalice, purificator, paten, and host wafer), or “where do you find the phrase ‘*this fragile earth, our island home*’?” (Eucharistic Prayer C), or “how many years has the 6am Bible Study group been meeting? (27 years), or “what is the significance of black rosaries?” (for people serving in the military) were answered as people wandered among the tables

learning about the various opportunities to become involved in the life of St. James'.

The Parish Hall was brightly decorated by Linda Nelsen in a classic western motif. Many people came wearing their western hats, boots, denims, and bandanas. The weather was perfect, and the Church grounds were neat and trim, thanks to the hard work of the Work Party on Saturday. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with St. James' members you hadn't seen for awhile — to hear about summer vacations and plans for the fall.

A special addition to this year's Round-Up was a Chili Cook-Off competition with 11 entries. Judging the contest were retired Newark Fire Chief Bud Spalding and retired Fremont Fire Chief Dan Lydon. They really took their job seriously and tasted, took notes, conferred, and finally agreed the award winning chili was submitted by Carol Day on behalf of the Counters group. Other delicious chili entries included: Elaine Miller (Liturgical Design), Ruth Poole (Memorial Garden), Charlie & Sally Dickinson (Tri-City Homeless Coalition), Lynn Locher (Endowment), Connie Rux (Sunrise Village Dinner Team), Brad Hoffman (Stewardship), Burtin Hart (Ushers), Greg Miller (Vestry), Chris Perry (Work Party), and Fred Schlag. Needless to say, there was plenty of chili and chicken and hot dogs for everyone! Comments about secret ingredients, special types of peppers, and plans for next year's pot of chili were overheard as everyone enjoyed tasting and picking their favorite entry.

Door prizes included Macy's and See's gift certificates, bottles of wine, candles, rosaries, a beautiful plant, tickets to the AEMCH spaghetti dinner, the latest Harry Potter book, a McCutcheon concert ticket, computer keyboard, and dinner at Sunrise Village. Lucky prize drawing winners were Jan Pearson, Esther Visaya, Valle Brokes, Norm Day, Chris Lubwama, Heather Merrell, Ruth Poole, Jodi Benson, Ian Perry, Rebecca Fuller; Barbara Johnsen, Margaret Rainey, Mary Gifford, Laura Winter, and Jonathan Maske.

A big “*Ye-haw & thanks, pardner*” to everyone who helped make the BBQ a huge success — those who helped set up and/or clean up, brought BBQ grills, donated items for the prize drawing, hosted an informational booth, grilled chicken/hot dogs, made chili for the cook-off, brought a potluck dish, and especially everyone who attended. The Fall Round-Up is hosted by the Stewardship Committee and the Vestry, and we welcome your comments and suggestions. Thanks be to God for a wonderful afternoon!

Gail Blalock
Stewardship Committee



Changing Patterns of Giving

At each service, my mother would give me and my brother each a dime so that we would get in the habit of putting something into the offering plate when it passed us. After we were confirmed, we each had our own box of offering envelopes to use.

The traditional pattern of making an offering by placing one's gift in the plate has been changing. Some people now prefer to fulfill their pledge by other means. Some of these alternatives to a weekly check in the plate offer significant advantages. This can make it easier to give more without it costing more. For example:

❖ Paying annual pledge in advance. If you are able to pay your pledge for the next year before December 31 of the current year, you will obtain your full charitable income tax deduction a year sooner, saving on this year's taxes. This is why some tax advisors recommend paying one's real estate tax in full before year end—the deduction comes sooner. Think of this deduction as a rebate on your giving.

❖ Paying annual pledge out of one's IRA. Until December 31, anyone who is already taking out required minimum distributions (MRD) from their IRA can pay their pledge directly from their IRA, let this count toward their MRD, and pay no income tax on it. Don't miss out on this if you can do it!

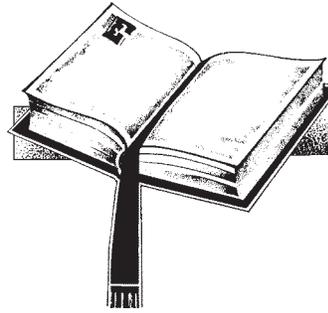
❖ Paying annual pledge with appreciated securities. Donating appreciated securities directly to the church bypasses having to pay capital gains tax and therefore lowers the after-tax cost of the gift.

What is the impact of these changes on the parish? Most congregations are pleased to receive pledged funds upfront and in advance. Just make sure when you pre-pay your pledge to make it clear that this is what you are doing.

Paying next year's pledge before the end of this year may help both you and your church. Giving smarter may allow you to give more. Let these strategies empower your generosity. For more information, contact the Gift Planning Office.

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP
Gift Planning Officer, Diocese of California

Synthesis Bible Study



While sitting in Church on Sunday, have you found yourself asking, what did that lesson mean? Have you felt as if you had very little sense of the history, context of meaning of these lessons?

Looking for help, we invite you to Synthesis Bible

Study @ St. James'.

The Synthesis Bible Study program allows individuals to learn more about the lessons heard on Sunday morning through 2 page summaries followed by discussion questions. We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 07:00 PM until 08:30 PM in the Canterbury room between the big church and office.

The next 5 classes will be; September 27th, October 11th & 25th, November 8th & 22nd.

For questions please submit them to Brad Hoffman @: fbhoff@yahoo.com

News from St. Anne's

The congregation at St. Anne's Episcopal Church (2791 Driscoll Road in Fremont) invites us to join them on **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** for a service of **Evening Prayer**. This is a simple prayer service with psalms and readings that has been celebrated, in one form or another, since the second century. Please join us!

On **Wednesday, October 3rd** the service will be held outside on the labyrinth, and it will include a **St. Francis Day** celebration with a **Blessing of the Animals**. For more information contact The Rev. Lauran Pifke at 510-490-0553 or email rector@stanneschurch.org.

Stewardship of Our World

Many of us are taking actions to help take care of this world that God has given us. In that same light, the Diocese of California has a proposed resolution your delegates will be voting on at Convention concerning the use of CFL's (Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs) at our facilities. As each of us takes these actions we also need to evaluate other steps we can act on to further take care of this planet our home, Earth.

Here are some actions that are being put in effect at St. James' as of **October 1st, 2007**.

- ❖ **CFL bulbs** need to be disposed of at a proper recycling facility due to these bulbs containing mercury, an environmentally harmful substance. Allied waste our waste disposal company has a program to ensure these items are recycled properly.
 - **There will be a box Marked CFLs next to the cartridge recycling basket for Parishioners to bring in their CFL bulbs and they will be taken to Allied Waste.**
- ❖ Household Batteries AA, AAA, C, D and 9 volt are environmentally harmful due to the chemicals they contain. Allied waste our waste disposal company has a program to ensure these items are recycled properly. [This program does NOT include Car Batteries.]
 - **There will be a box Marked BATTERIES next to the cartridge recycling basket for Parishioners to bring in their Batteries will be taken to a Allied Waste.**

These actions are just one more step for us to continue to work together and continue to protect our world, it animals and ourselves.

If you have any questions please contact Brad Hoffman @ fbhoff@yahoo.com.

Mortgage Update

The good news is that St. James' is on track to paying off the mortgage that was taken out for the parish hall remodeling over ten years ago. This should occur with the October payment and the line-of credit debt will be zeroed out the following month. Watch for plans to hold a mortgage-burning celebration.

On another happy note, you have been very generous in extra donations to retire the Sewer Loan in response to the announcement that an extra \$50 donation/month would help pay off the loan in 50 months. To date, these extra donations have totaled \$1,614, which have helped reduce to the loan balance to \$14,754.

So as you prayerfully consider your pledges to the Operating Fund and Building Fund of St. James' for 2008, keep in mind that our campus could greatly benefit from some capital improvements and repairs. Some of these are:

- remodel the bathrooms in the big church.
- repaint and repair the little church.
- replace the 'temporary' lighting in the big church.
- replace the broken and uneven sidewalks.
- reduce our energy consumption by:
 - installing ceiling fans in the big church
 - double-pane windows in the office and parish hall.
- replace (or repair if possible):
 - the ailing freezer
 - non-operable sanitizer/dishwasher in the kitchen
- establish an emergency repair fund.

These are just some of the items that jump immediately to mind and I know that you have other recommendations. However, we would be remiss if we did not remind you that our first priority is to compensate our clergy and staff and to pay the bills and so keep our doors open for worship. These expenses ordinarily consume 90% of our total income. The vestry has been very frugal in their spending because we have a deficit budget and will not change just because we have paid off our mortgage.

And so as every good steward (and homemaker) knows, the work never ends.

Ralph Locher, Connie Rux and Tim Young
Parish and Facilities Cluster

A MEDITATION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven.

Help me to believe this day that there is a power to lift me up which is stronger than all the things that hold me down.

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Help me to be sensitive to what is beautiful, and responsive to what is good, so that day by day I may grow more sure of the holiness of life in which I want to trust.

Thy Kingdom come.

Help me to be quick to see, and ready to encourage, whatever brings the better meaning of God into that which otherwise might be the common round of the uninspired day.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Help me to believe that the ideals of the spirit are not a far-off dream, but a power to command loyalty and direct my life here on our real earth.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Open the way for me to earn an honest living without anxiety; but let me never forget the needs of others, and make me want only that benefit for myself which will also be their gain.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Make me patient and sympathetic with the shortcomings of others, especially of those I love; and keep me sternly watchful only of my own. Let me never grow hard with the unconscious cruelty of those who measure themselves by mean standards, and so think they have excelled. Keep my eyes lifted to the

highest, so that I may be forgiving, because I know how much there is of which I need to be forgiven.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Let me not go carelessly this day within the reach of any evil I cannot resist, but if in the path of duty I must go where temptation is, give me strength of spirit to meet it without fear.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE

From *The Treasure Chest* © 1965 Charles L Wallis



If You Have Remembered the Church...

Then Bishop Marc wants to thank you in person. If you have

remembered the parish or another ministry in your will or estate plan, please let the Gift Planning Officer know at Richards@diocal.org or (415) 869-7812. He would like to invite you to The Bishop's Society reception with Bishop Marc on Sunday, October 28 at the Cathedral.

The Rev. Richard L. Schaper, CFP
Gift Planning Officer
Episcopal Diocese of California

Thank you

Dear Rev. Honeychurch,

My brother, Tom, my sister, Chris, and I want to thank you for the beautiful service you did for our Father's memorial service. You and the church were and are blessed, and we thank you for being there for us. Thank you so very much. Please accept this donation for the church in our Dad's memory.

Maureen Bryon
Tom Clark, Jr.
Chris Allison



Dreaming the Way Home

A Woman's overnight experience
in Grace Cathedral

The 20th Anniversary Women's Dream Quest 2007 offers women the opportunity to spend the night in the sacred space of Grace Cathedral and to join in celebrating women's spirituality through song, meditation, labyrinth, large and small group activities.

**Friday, October 26, 7pm to Saturday,
October 27, 11am**

Cost: \$120 per person

Information: 415-561-2921 or fax 415-561-2933.
Registration accepted by mail, fax or phone. Registration form is also available at:

<http://www.veriditas.org/programs/wdq2007.pdf>

Healing in the Imaginal Realm: Veriditas Labyrinth Pilgrimage

The use of the imagination in healing our hurts, reconciling our past, and opening our creative impulses has been all but forgotten in Western culture. The labyrinth serves as a sacred space to guide the flow of our thoughts and imaginings. This workshop will explore the nature of the imagination and guide participants to use it in addressing the concerns of our lives as we walk the spiritual path. The Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, a leading force in the Labyrinth Movement, will lead the "urban retreat".

Through lecture and discussion, small group sharing, networking over meals, and walking the labyrinth, the weekend will provide deep reflection to make space for the divine mystery. Friday, there will be an enchanting accompaniment for the evening labyrinth walk, and on Saturday evening a private harmony labyrinth walk using hand bells on the labyrinth to close our time together. Dinners for Friday and Saturday are included.

When: November 2 and November 3;

Times:

Registration: 2:30 pm Friday

Duration: retreat begins at 3:30 pm. and ends
after dinner Saturday at 9 pm.

Where: Grace Cathedral

1100 California St. (at Taylor)

San Francisco

Cost: \$275 per person

Contact:

Questions: email - contact@veriditas

Tel: 415-561-2921

To register:

[http://www.veriditas.org/programs/
grace.shtml](http://www.veriditas.org/programs/grace.shtml)

Thoughts on Stewardship

- ❖ To be formed as a Christian is to be Christ like. That is giving, generous.
- ❖ Miser and miserable are from the same root word. Misers are miserable people especially when they have to spend.
- ❖ Giving what is left over does not create joy.
- ❖ Only when we give do we get the life we want, a happier life
- ❖ Stewardship is giving out of the love of God in gratitude.
- ❖ What is the role of money in my life, in relationship to my spiritual life?
- ❖ How will we use our time, talent and money to spread God's word and love?

(From a presentation given at the Conference on Stewardship and Growth, March 2007)



Go to:
<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/>
for current calendar.



ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

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

- For those who need continued healing: The Healing Prayer Ministry, Al, Beverly, Julie, Mike, Tom, Norman, Dave, Dick, Virginia, Joe, Shirley, Harry, Margaret, Pauleen, Pat, Sylvia, Brenda, Barbara, Doug,

Blake, Valle, Arcy, Pat, Jodi, Yvonne, Beth

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- For those traveling: Katie, GFail, Eliazbeth, Maggie, Gwen, Nadine, Emily

- For the repose of the soul of: Paul Young.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| 1 Brian Whitaker | 16 Timothy Lieb |
| Christopher Black | 17 Jennifer Newbrough |
| 2 Abe George | 19 Sherea Westra |
| 3 Emilia Loera | Dylan Colbert |
| 4 Kyle Baxter | Bud Pearson |
| 5 Nancy Culbertson | 20 Aaron Duncan |
| Larry Robinson | James Dileanis |
| 6 Robert Culbertson | Meshack Ogonji |
| Lynn Locher | 22 Cathe Lieb |
| 7 Martie Davis | Alyssa Koonze |
| Mary Casas | 23 Marilyn Rose |
| 8 Chimaobi Aginam | Ashley Francis |
| 9 Margaret Rainey | 24 Ruby Pike |
| Moriah Kreeger | Chigozie Aginam |
| 10 Gary Hicks | 25 Glory Bryant |
| Cathy Knotts | 26 Rebecca Willson |
| Robert Sigmon | Sydney Joanna Larsen |
| 11 Gwen Metz | 28 Florinne Becker |
| 13 Judy Colby | Amaya Bader-Rios |
| 14 Richard Kostick | 29 Joan Kimber |
| Marianne Gifford | Donna Noll |
| Jessica Lenart | 30 Jack Williams |
| Megan MacRae | |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Jim and Cathe Lieb |
| 15 | Linda and David Nelsen |
| 22 | Jack and Enid Williams |

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