



The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont

December 2007

Christmas Programs and Services

Christmas Eve is one of the most joy-filled celebrations during the entire year. It's a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and family to church, and introduce them to all the goodness and grace which is "St. James'."

Lessons and Carols Set for December 16

One of the great services in preparation for Christmas each year is our *Lessons and Carols* service. This year, *Lessons and Carols* will be celebrated at our 11 am service on Sunday, December 16. That morning, our 8 and 9 am services of Holy Communion will also be held as regularly scheduled. *Lessons and Carols* is a music-filled service where we hear the great Old Testament stories which lead us into the Christmas Season. We look forward to having you join us for this special service at 11 am on December 16.

Children's Christmas Service

Christmas is a special time for children, and helping them understand how the birth of Jesus is central to Christmas is important work for Christian communities. On Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. we will have a special Christmas Eucharist designed with the young and the young at heart in mind. Join us as we hear the story of a mother and a father who bring their baby into the world in a stable surrounded by shepherds, animals and angels. Pray with us as we pray for the



children of the world and their families. Eat and drink with us as we share a meal much like Mary and Joseph would have eaten that night, and much like Jesus ate with his friends on the night before he died.

Christmas is a holy time with a simple message of God's love for the world. That's a message that young and old alike can share in!



Christmas Concert Scheduled

A special concert of *Christmas Duets for Organ and Piano* is planned for St. James' on Friday evening, December 21, at 7:30 pm. The performers for this wonderful concert will be the St. James' music director, pianist Katherine LaRose, along with organist David Sundahl. Come be a part of this special event here at St. James' as we usher in the Christmas Season with an evening of great music.

Christmas Eve Services

In addition to the 4 pm Children's Service on Christmas Eve, St. James' will also be holding two other Christmas Eve services that night. Our first evening service will be held at 7 pm. The St. James' Children's Choir will be singing as a part of that service. Later that evening, our Christmas Eve Midnight Mass begins at 11 pm. Carols singing begins at 10:30 that evening. The St. James' Adult Choir will be a part of the late-night service.

In Praise of a Cheerful Giver

Earlier this fall I met with the Vestry, Stewardship Committee and Clergy to ask that they turn in their pledges in September to show of support for the Pledge Drive. These wonderful people took my request very seriously and turned in their pledges on the day they were requested. They all signed the statement of support that is on display in the Parish Hall and was published in the October issue of *The Window* (see <http://www.saintj.com/window/window200710.pdf>). Their pledges reflected their understanding of the need to financially support the church. I describe these individuals as part of the cheerful givers club.

To date, November 20th, St. James' has received 77 pledges, 35 less than last year at this time. A number of these pledges reflected a generous portion of people's income whether that income is large or small. These members are also part of the cheerful givers club. Many of the other pledges are such that I might wonder whether these people are reluctant givers or experiencing more financial difficulties than the average Tri-city household. It is never too late to increase a pledge.

The cheerful giver understands that their commitment is a spiritual act of thanksgiving for all of God's gifts. It is an act of graciousness, of appreciation for God's work throughout their daily lives. They recognize whatever income they receive as abundant and are generous in returning to God a portion of what God has given them. They do not see their pledge as a statement for or against clergy or Vestry.

I like the way The Rev. Charles Cloughen, Jr talks about maturing our attitude towards giving. "As children, we are born selfish. The first words most children learn after Mommy and Daddy are my and mine. As followers of the way of Jesus, we learn to share and to do good. Through our stewardship-the giving of our time, abilities and money-we break this guise of selfishness. Me and mine becomes ours. We

give to do God's work in the world." I urge all of St. James' members to join the cheerful givers club and turn in a pledge to St. James' for 2008.

Lynn Locher
Stewardship Chair



Hey! Got Talent?!

Here is a great chance to share and show off your talents, be they instrumental, voice, dance, drama, comedy, magic etc.

A fundraising show has been tentatively scheduled for the first part of January 2008. Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Ringmaster Mark Evans at (510) 793-2420.

Financial Summary 31 October 2007

	<u>10/31/2006</u>	<u>10/31/2007</u>
Operating Cash	\$ 21,729	\$ 14,416
Building Cash	4,931	5,095

Year-to-Date Summary

Pledges budgeted	\$ 210,833
Pledges paid	201,217
Unpledged Contributions	5,718
Other operating income	<u>12,554</u>
Total income	\$ 219,471
Total expenses	<u>\$ 242,599</u>
Income less expenses	(\$23,128)

Mortgage Balance	\$ 0.00!!
Union LOC	904
Sewer Loan Balance	11,073

Folk Singer John McCutcheon Returns in January



Does your job, your profession, bring you joy? Does it bring other people joy? Can you make other people laugh and cry? In 1972 John McCutcheon began playing and singing folk music professionally. He has admitted that he can't believe that he is getting paid for something he loves to do. He connects with his audiences on a personal, family level. He is singing just for you.

He has sung for the St. James' audience four times before. Has the concert ever been the same? Not a chance—it is different every time. He tailors the concert just for us. He loves the size of the St. James' venue because he wants us to feel like the performance is just for us, which it is. He wants us to go home afterwards with the knowledge that he has given us his best.

Forget that he has six Grammy nominations. Forget that John has been playing and singing professionally for over 35 years. Forget that he is the best at what he does. Just come to be entertained, come to laugh, come to sing along if you like to, come to enjoy yourself Monday night, January 21, 2008, here at St. James' at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20, cash credit card, or check. Our "ticket office" is located in the Parish Hall from 9-12:30 each Sunday morning starting

December 2.

Remember to call the office at 797-1492 if you are able someone a lift to the concert, or if you need a ride to the concert yourself. Come join us and have a great time!

St. James to Share Christmas with Hillside Care Center Again

As is our tradition, St. James will again this year provide individual gifts for all the residents of Hillside Care Center in Fremont and deliver them, with Christmas caroling, on Saturday, December 15, at 1:30 p.m. Watch for the giving trees in both churches (beginning November 25). The trees will be decorated with name tags, each with an appropriate gift suggestion on the back. Take a tag or two home, purchase the gift, wrap it, place the tag on it, and bring it to St. James for tallying **NO LATER THAN NOON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.**

There will also be a signup list posted in the parish hall for those who can help distribute the gifts and sing carols on December 15th. Please sign up if you can join us. We will be carpooling from St. James at 1:15 p.m. (or meet in the facility parking lot at 1:30 p.m.)

Questions? Call Arlinda at 792-2041.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild members prepare the church for the three Sunday services, the Wednesday service and any additional services such as weddings or memorial services. Currently there are nineteen members divided into four groups. Each group is responsible for one week a month plus a fifth Sunday once a year. A group usually meets on Saturday morning at which time they polish the brass and silver, if necessary, and prepare the two churches for the Sunday Eucharists. On Sunday at least one member of the team is available to set up and clean up after each of the services. After each service they will wash up the vessels used in that service and prepare for the next service, if it has not been done on Saturday. One person takes care of all of the linens, washing and ironing them each week.

New members are welcomed. If you are interested in finding out more about this important service contact Margaret Rainey at 792-2562.





Upcoming Events at St. James'

Sunday, Dec. 16: Parishioners' Christmas Creche displays, Parish Hall

Friday, Dec. 21: Christmas Concert featuring Katherine La Rose, 7:30 pm

Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services. 4pm, 7pm, and 11pm

Monday, Jan. 21: John McCutcheon In Concert at 7:30 pm

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

Meet Our New Secretary



Our new parish secretary is Linda LeGere. She comes to us from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakland, where she worked as the Administrator for almost 7 years. Before that, Linda worked for the Navy Public Works Center in Oakland for 25 years, as a Worker's Compensation Administrator. Linda and her husband Mike live in Alameda and have two grown children and two grandchildren.

Disciple Builders December 2 & 9 "The Wesley Boys"

They are two of the most important figures in American religious history. Did you know that the two founders of Methodism were Anglicans? These two 18th century Anglican priests complained that the church was dead and that worship was lifeless and boring when it should be full of joy and passion.

Come hear why they earned the monikers "Methodists" and "Enthusiasts." Join us as we discuss what important insights they might have to offer Episcopalians in our own day.

St. James has STUFF to buy!



Just in time for your Christmas shopping, St. James has set up a store at CafePress.com/saintj. Please visit the store to purchase shirts & sweatshirts for adults and kids, mugs, stickers, magnets, tote bags, bumper stickers, note cards and more with our St. James logo emblazoned for all to see! Proceeds benefit our operating fund.

Visit CafePress.com/saintj on the web today!

6am Tuesday Bible Study



The 6am Bible Study will start on their usual Christmas Holiday Schedule, which means no meetings, starting Tuesday, December 18. Meetings will resume on January 18 at 6am at the home of Genore Schaaf. We shall begin studying the Sunday lessons for Epiphany.

This group welcomes anyone who is interested in discussing how the Bible can help us live our daily lives

Annual Diocesan Convention Report

The 158th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California was held on October 20th, 2007 at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, CA.

The following positions were filled by ballot:

- Elected to Standing committee Class of 2011
 - Nina L. Pickering (Clergy)
 - Richard C. Johnson (Lay)
 - Jay Luther (Lay)
- Elected Ecclesiastical Court, Class of 2010
 - Ellen Ekstrom (Clergy)
 - Nancy G Eswein (Clergy)
 - Geral Learn (Lay)
- Elected Secretary of Convention
 - David A. Frangquist
- Elected Treasurer of Diocese
 - Elizabeth Munz
- Elected Board of Directors, Class of 2010
 - The Rev. Paul Fromberg
 - Margaret Greene
 - The Rev. Mary M. Gaines
- Elected Provincial Synod 2008
 - Leslie Nips (Clergy)
 - Carol J. Lee (Lay)
 - Vik Slen (Lay)
- Elected General Convention 2009
 - The Rev. Michael Barlow (Clergy)
 - The Rev. Vanessa Glass (Clergy)
 - The Rev. David Y. Ota (Clergy)
 - The Rev. Katherine Salinaro (Clergy)
 - Roderick Dugliss (Lay)
 - Sarah E. Lawton (Lay)
 - Holly McAlpen (Lay)
 - Warreb J, Wong (Lay)

These Resolutions were all passed:

- Appointment of an Assistant Bishop -
Resolved: That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California hereby approves the creation of the position of Assistant Bishop and authorizes the bishop of California to appoint a Bishop for that position, whose appointment is subject to the consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of California.
- Sudan Divestment -
Resolved: That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California urges the Executive Council to exhort the Church Pension Fund (CPF) to

divest all holdings of companies that are doing business in Sudan from any retirement plan, directly or indirectly controlled by the CPF

- Protection for Immigrants and their Families
Resolved: That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California condemns the U. S. Government's singular focus on immigration enforcement without any corresponding reform to allow undocumented aliens a reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency, and further to condemn the mounting efforts at every level of society to remove all undocumented immigrants from this country and to deprive undocumented immigrants of their livelihood, Constitutional rights and human rights.

- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Resolved: That the 158th Convention of the Diocese of California encourages each congregation and diocesan institution with a building or buildings to change one light bulb to a compact fluorescent light bulb by December 31, 2007.

- The Five-Year Strategic Plan for Ethnic and Multicultural Ministries In the Episcopal Diocese of California, 2008-2012
Resolved: That the 158th Diocesan Convention adopts the Five-Year Ethnic and Multicultural Strategic Plan, concluding with the 163rd Convention, to grow vigorous ethnic-specific, multicultural, and multi-ethnic ministries by rebuilding vitality in our already existing ministries; planting at least two vital, new ministries; fostering reconciliation to help heal the history of marginalization of these ministries; nurturing leadership for these ministries at every level of the Diocese; and building advocacy and support for immigrant and indigenous communities and all in need in the Bay Area.

If you have any questions on the action taken at the convention, please talk to any of your Deanery delegates/Diocesan Convention delegates, who are:

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

To Show We Care

A proposal has been submitted to the Endowment Board asking that a designated endowment be created to provide funds for maintenance, refurbishing, and protecting our historic Little Church from the ravages of time. This money would be over and above the amounts made available by the Vestry, since the age of the church makes its needs unique and deferred maintenance is an issue.

Setting up such an endowment requires a minimum of \$15,000 in donations specifically earmarked for this purpose. Since the principal must stay intact, only the earnings of the investment can be made available for the above uses. It is the hope of the Board, that if the fund is set up, it will grow, over time, into a significant amount, with additional donations.

Diocesan rules specify setting up any new fund on the last day of a calendar quarter. Our hope is that we might be able to start 2008 with at least the minimum amount in place. We have a significant amount already, though not enough for the required \$15,000. The donors invite you to join them in this mission. All donations are welcome, but they must be specified as being for the proposed endowment of the Little Church.

For those of you who are required to take "Required Minimum Distributions" from your IRA, and haven't done so, we can show you how to maximize your benefits by donating before the end of 2007.

If you have any questions, please speak with a member of the Endowment Board. Thank you for considering this opportunity for stewardship of our facilities.

Endowment Board Secretary, Betty McCoy
Board Members: Janet Pearson, Chairman
Lynn Locher, Dave Nelsen, Betty McCoy

Thanksgiving Breakfast for Our Winter Relief Guests

Through your generosity we were able to host 6 families, 23 guests in all including 13 children for Breakfast at Cabrillo Cafe. Thank you again for your generosity and continued support for this wonderful ministry.

Your friend in service,

Brad Hoffman

Childrens Choir Debuts



The newly organized St. James' Children's Choir made their singing debut at our 11 a.m. All Saints' Day service on Sunday, November 4. Members of the choir include (left-to-right) Allison Dalmasso, Bryneth Fuller, Chanelle Francis, and Gloria Amadi. There is always room for more members of this fun and exciting group here at St. James' for kids between the ages of 6 and 12. For more information, contact Katherine LaRose, Music Director.

Reminder - Family Creche Display

You are encouraged to share your family creche with all of our Parish. This will take place on



December 16th. Our hope is to have them in the Parish Hall following the 8am service and will remain there until after the 11am service. Most creches have their own story and we want to know about yours. If you have not done so already, please let us know if you will

share in this special project.

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ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST



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

- For those who need continued healing: Steve, Merle, Marisa, Dionne, Herb, Elaine, Susan, Alyssa, Michelle, Jim, Brenda, Sylvia, Jodi, Jackie, Laney, Nathaniel, Al
- For those who need comfort and strength: Sue, Laura, Dean, Richard, Rod, Jeanne
- For those who need guidance and direction: Erica, Deja, Edward, St. Matthew's Church in San Andreas, Kenny, Adrian, Sandy, Doug, Kelsey.
- For those in the military: Daniel, Cammy, Ryan, Carrisa, Kurt, Jarrod, Matthew, John, Kiffen, Fred Jr., Robert, Joseph, Tim, Clinton, Joshua
- For those enduring the conflicts in the Middle East.
- For a safe pregnancy: Cindy and Jeff, Jocelyn.
- For those who are traveling: Laura, Janice, Dexter, Jianna



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Courtney Whitehouse | 20 Sylvia Ma |
| 2 John Kimber | 21 Ray Hedvall |
| 5 Steve Sayles | Chris Perry |
| 6 Paul Svenson | 22 Bud Spalding |
| 8 Genore Schaaf | Karen Koonze |
| 9 Merry Creed | Norm Day |
| Paul Dileanis | Sylvia Sweeney |
| 10 Mary Beth Powell | 24 James Leslie |
| 11 Joyce Bowman | Imelda Gibbs |
| Pegeen Perry | 25 Mary Williamson |
| 17 Barbara Gifford | 27 Fran Streckfus |
| Courtney Dearborn | 28 Jason Brown |
| 18 Phil Johnsen | Bryan Duncan |
| Rick Wilcoxon | 30 Bob Tomkinson |
| 19 Kelsey Peterson | Gary Newbrough |
| Doris Cailliet Brunzie | Tim Perras |
| Adrian Madsen | 31 Marlene Benedict |
| Donald Razzolini | Tammy Schlag |
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Penny and Ken Trant
 31 Ginny August and Chuck Black

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 The Rev. Jim Lieb
 13 The Rev. Bob Honeychurch

The Window on St. James'

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

November Issue Deadline: December 15

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