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The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont

February 2008

Ash Wednesday Services Set

You are invited to join with your sisters and brothers as a part of the St. James' community to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent, as the Church has done for hundreds of years, by receiving the mark of Ash Wednesday on your foreheads. We will offer three services on Wednesday, February 6 — all of which will include the imposition of ashes — at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm. Please do build space into your hearts and into your schedules on February 6 to enter in to this holy time and space. Please note, the regular 10 am service will not be held this day.

We Belong!

We belong to God first and foremost.
We belong to the human race.
We belong to the one holy catholic
and apostolic church.
We belong to the Diocese of California.
We belong to St. James'.
We belong to our families.
We belong to ourselves.

Holy Week and Belonging Schedule

February 10	Ash Wednesday and Lent as Preparation for Holy Week
February 17	Palm Sunday and Belonging
February 24	Maundy Thursday and Belonging
March 2	Good Friday and Belonging
March 9	Easter and Belonging

Belonging is one of the most basic of human needs. Humans are by their nature social beings. We are not meant to live our lives in isolation, and we are most deeply ourselves when we live our lives supported by networks of caring, nurturing relationship. Join us this Lent as we explore what it means to belong and how we come to belong.

During this Lenten Season we will offer two adult study programs to help us explore this issue in dramatically different ways. On Sunday mornings in the parish hall from 10:05 am to 10:55 am, we will explore the history and meaning of our Holy Week liturgies. These liturgies have been shaping our understanding of ourselves and our sense of belonging since as early as the 3rd century. Come learn about how Holy Week helps to shape the identity of Christians and their sense of belonging to God...and to one another. This year's evening Lenten program will explore what it means to belong to different faith traditions, and how our neighbors understand their sense of belonging. Four leaders of different faiths will talk about their respective religion and what it means to them. This series of talks starts on Thursday, February 21 and go through the next three weeks. Please see page three for details.

A complementary event to all these discussions is "The Beloved Community in Conversation" taking place at St. Paul's Oakland from 5-9 pm on February 24. As members of this diocese this is our opportunity to take part in the important visioning process going on in this diocese and help shape what belonging looks like for members of the Diocese of California. Don't miss this chance to let your voice be heard and be a part of the visioning and imagining of our future together in diocesan life. For more information on this evening go to

www.episcopalbayarea.org/belovedcommunity

Door Prizes Galore!

Thanks to generous donations of fabulous items, 20+ door prizes were awarded at the 5th John McCutcheon concert on Monday, January 21st. Prizes were varied and including an electric grill, original photographs by Bruce Roberts, wine, gift baskets, bath and body lotion sets, candles, music, jewelry, artwork, and gift cards.

Congratulations to the lucky winners at this event, who included: Patty Lacy, Bob Bell, Barbara Dabney, Bob Honeychurch, Bud Pearson, Brian Cochrane, Bobbie Tompkinson, Marnie Hartmann, Lauren Doherty, Tim Young, Ruth Poole, Pat Vlastelica, Barbara Johnson, Pat Spalding, Darcia Feeney, Dave Nelsen, Iris Mae Link, Alice Johnson, Ricky, and Robert Knopf.

If present, winners chose their preferred prize from among the items displayed on the prize table. If not present, the committee selected a prize and set it aside for the winner. The McCutcheon concert team thanks everyone who supported this St. James' fund raising event, and especially the individuals who donated prizes for the drawing, including **Bruce Roberts, Barbara Dabney, Marnie Hartmann, Sylvia Ma, Jan Pearson, Jan Brandt, Pegeen Perry, Jodi and Craig Benson, Michael Aquino and Donald Razzolini.** 100% of the money raised from the drawing was deposited into the operating budget to support ongoing activities at St. James'.

Cathy Knotts

Circle of Prayer

The Circle of Prayer is a small group of parishioners who pray daily for anyone who asks for particular prayers and/or who are in crisis. We pray for them for approximately 30 days unless a shorter or longer time is needed. Any information the group has concerning a particular individual is kept in strict confidence. We recognize that all God's people need prayer, but we spend time every day holding each individual up to God in prayer. You may request prayers from the Circle of Prayer by visiting the website at <http://saintj.com/prayerrequest.html>.

Saint James' Email List

It's never too late to sign up, and it's an easy way to stay informed. If you have email, you can stay up-to-date on events around St. James' and the wider community by subscribing to our email list. Subscribe by doing this:

1. Send an email to: majordomo@saintj.com.

Do not put anything in the subject line.

2. In the body of your email type:

subscribe stjameslist youremailaddress

for example:

subscribe stjameslist janetlfischer@yahoo.com

Once processed, you will be added to the group email list. You can then post an email to the group list by sending it to: stjameslist@saintj.com. The kinds of e-mails that are appropriate for our list are:

* Prayer requests

* Church news and events

* Community events of interest

We ask that you please not post jokes, cute stories, or chain letters.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Janet Fischer

JanetLFischer@yahoo.com

510-796-0158 (eves.)

Dear St. James' Friends

As most of you know, I retired as the Chaplain/Coordinator of An Episcopal Ministry to Convalescent Hospitals (AEMCH) at the end of December, after 27 years! I founded the program in 1981 (two years after my ordination to the Diaconate) and it has been very hard to say goodbye to all the friends and church communities I have worked with so long. My relationship to St. James' parish family is different. It pre-dates seminary, ordination, and AEMCH, and I am expecting to return to St. James' as an active parishioner after a six-month sabbatical from all church-related activities.

In the meantime I want to thank all of you who sent cards and well wishes on the occasion of my retirement and to tell everyone that it has been an honor and privilege to share my ministry with you these many years.

With much love, Arlinda Cosby

Lenten Series: Faiths in Our Neighborhood

Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00

Have you ever wondered about your neighbors? Where and how they worship? What it means to them to belong to a faith community? We have four speakers lined up to help enlighten us.

Feb 21: On Belonging to the Fremont Hindu Community - Mrs. Leela Mathur

Feb 28: On Belonging to Temple Beth Torah - Rabbi Avi Schulman

Mar 6: On Belonging to the Buddhist Temple Community - Rev. Dr. Shoyo Tanaguchi

Mar 13: On Belonging to the Suni Moslem Community - Imam Mohammed Majeed



Endowment Events

Affairs Faire March 30th: The endowment board will hold an "Affairs Faire" covering how to talk with your doctor, pharmacy issues and end of life issues. A free lunch will be available for those who sign up. Time is 12:30 for lunch; 1:00 for the program.

On Sunday, April 27th, the Shell Society will gather with Bishop Marc Andres as our guest. Those of you who would like to join the society may do so by letting Bob Honeychurch know you have remembered St. James' in your estate plans. The date is firm and further details will follow.

Financial Summary Final 12/31/2007

	<u>12/31/2006</u>	<u>12/31/2007</u>
Operating Cash	\$37,444.99	\$46,367.19
Building Cash	\$5,009.27	\$12,282.85

2007 Summary

Pledges budgeted	\$253,000.00
Pledges paid	269,192.64
Unpledged contributions	9,333.35
Other operating income	<u>17,232.08</u>
Total income	\$295,758.07
Total expenses	<u>\$286,835.87</u>
Income less expenses	8,922.20
 Mortgage Balance	 -----
Union LOC	-----
Sewer Loan Balance	\$9,535.78



6 am Tuesday Bible Study

The 6 am Bible Study has resumed their usual schedule 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.

Enrich Yourself -- Give

It appears that our country is heading for a recession. Most of us have lived through a number of recessions. Of course a recession is hard on us all, but we know that better times will come. From what I have read, the main cause of this recession stems from too many people spending more than they earn. Many were tricked into sub prime mortgages. Others are defaulting on their credit card payments. Banks are hurting due to large number of home loan and credit card defaults. Merchants find their sales down because people are so over extended. The lack of sales impacts manufacturers. All of this has affected employment. People who lose their job are unable to pay their mortgage or credit card payments. The cycle goes on.

You may wonder what this has to do with stewardship. Jesus told a number of parables that deal with the wise use of money. Money represents the bounty that God has given us. God expects us to use our money responsibly. This is part of our responsibility as Christians. We know that we need to use our money for the basics-food, shelter and clothing. This does not mean that we should eat out most of the time or buy the fanciest house or dress in designer clothes. Carol Pope, Sierra Club's executive director, reported in the September/October issue of Sierra magazine on attending a multid denominational program where world religious leaders shared their concern about the cult of consumerism. He described it this way "Its God is Mammon, its temples shopping malls, and its altars constructed of dollars, euros, yen and rupees. As for its teachings, they consist of a sole commandment 'Buy more!.' We as a society must learn to manage our money so that we have enough to care for our church and for others in great need.

Terry Parsons, the stewardship leader of the National Episcopal Church is in the process of writing a course on Christian Money Management. She plans on holding training sessions for those who wish to teach her course. I hope I will have the opportunity to become one of the teachers of her course. I know that I have had to reevaluate my financial priorities over the years. I would like to help others to create a more Christian approach to their finances. I believe that by doing so we can help move

members of our community from debtors to savers, from using money for wants rather than needs and from thinking of self and not of others.

On the note of thinking of others, next month I would like to highlight members of St. James' who donate their time to community organizations that improve the lives of others. Please let me know what you are involved with. I can be reached at 792-2248 or lelocher@aol.com.

Lynn Locher

Eucharistic Visitors Ministries

Many of us find ourselves welcoming changes with the arrival of the New Year. Some of us make resolutions to continue making changes throughout the New Year.

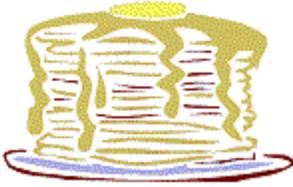
The Eucharistic Visitors ministry team is also undergoing changes with the New Year. We welcome **Lynn Locher** as the newest member of our team. We look forward to **Barbara Dabney's** return in February. And, we say goodbye to **Annie Blalock**.

After several years of coordinating the Eucharistic Visitors, Annie has been called to another ministry. Thank you, Annie, for all your lovingly given time and energy! **Kae Romeril** has come forward to server as the new EV team coordinator.

Lynn Locher, Barbara Dabney, and Kae Romeril are serving as your Eucharistic Visitors. If you, or a friend, are unable to attend church services, a Eucharistic Visitor can bring church services to you! To arrange a service home delivery, call Kae Romeril at 791-6478, or the church office at 797-1492



Pancakes? For Supper??



Yes, once a year on Shrove Tuesday we meet together to share a feast of pancakes, eggs and sausage – but why?

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. If a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do?

Solution: Use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes. And lots of 'em.

This year Shrove Tuesday lands on **February 5**. Many good hearted men will be preparing this special meal and we will start serving at **6:00 in the evening**. The kitchen will close at 8:00. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. We hope you will join us at this fun event!

Dave Nelsen

DioBytes: Weekly Newsletter

Did you know that our diocese, the Diocese of California, has a free, weekly email newsletter? Read DioBytes for up-to-date news and resources from the Bishop's Office, other diocesan congregations, and the greater community.

To subscribe to DioBytes, visit EpiscopalBayArea.org, and click the Subscribe graphic on the left of the page. You may also send an email to subscribe@diocal.org, and put "DioBytes" in the subject line.



Choir News

The Children's Choir has begun meeting every week instead of every other week. The rehearsals are at 9:30 am in the Little Church. We are rehearsing for Lent, Easter and Mother's Day. Children ages 6 through 14 are welcome to attend. Boys whose voices have changed should sing with the Adult Choir.

The Adult Choir is looking for a few more voices for Easter. We especially need sopranos but all voice parts are welcome. It's not too late to join. The Adult Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. They sing at the 11:00 am Service on Sundays. Please come and Join us!

Thanks, Katherine LaRose

Used Book and Media Sale

Sunday March 2, from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations of gently used books, VHS movies, and DVDs accepted until Sunday February 24th.

FEBRUARY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 12:30 PM Annual Meeting 2:00 PM Phil. Ind. Church (LC) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonym(EB#1)	28 10:00 AM Tri City Bridge Club(PH) 7:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous (EB#1)	29 6:00 AM 6AM Bible Study (OS) 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (ST)	30 10:00 AM Wednesday Eucharist(LC) 6:30 PM Tai Chi Class(PH) 7:30 PM Choir Practice (C) 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonym(EB#1)	31 11:00 AM Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	1	2 12:00 PM Tri City Bridge Club(PH)
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Regular Sunday Services are at 8 am, 9 am and 11 am, with our Education Hour (with programs for adults and children) at 10 am. Childcare is available from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.



ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

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

For those who need continued healing:

Will, Roy, Lois, Katie, Steve, Susan, Elaine, Merle, Marisa, Alyssa, Paul, Delfina, Norma, Donna, Benjamin, Jack, Bette, Lori, Brenda, Michelle, Carmen, Jan, Jerry, Brenda, Katherine, Marilyn, Bobbie.

For those who need comfort and strength:

Joyce, Helen, Family & Friends of Michele Luksin

For those who need guidance and direction:

Deja, Jordon, Angela, Anthony, Shawn, Aaron, Barbara, Daniel, Victor, Michael, Kenny, Robine, Daniel

For those in the military

Daniel, Cammy, Ryan, Carrisa, Kurt, Jarrod, Matthew, John, Kiffen, Fred Jr., Robert, Joseph, Tim, Clinton, Joshua, Tony

For a safe pregnancy:

Jocelyn, Rowen and Sara.

For those enduring the conflicts in the Middle East.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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| 1 | Chris Svenson | 15 | Joan Roberts |
| 3 | Hazel Newcomb | | Kerry Elizabeth Powell |
| | David Callaghan | 16 | Kian Ng |
| | Claudia Noddin | 18 | Margaret Broun |
| 4 | Jennifer Gallagher | | John Kennedy |
| | Bruce Roberts | | Jennifer Kennedy |
| | Paul Lenart, III | 20 | Rebecca Dunn |
| | Mary Patrician | 22 | Anne Wilcoxon |
| 7 | William Dickinson | | Isaac Kazibwe |
| | Michael Mitchell | 25 | Jeffrey Lucero |
| | Linda Nelsen | | Nathaniel Ames Willson |
| 8 | Sally Dickinson | 26 | Scott Whitaker |
| 10 | James Rommelfanger | | Francis Lennon Singh |
| | Angelina Miller | | Linda Harris |
| 11 | John Phillips | | Paul Fanning |
| | Donna MacRae | 27 | Chris Ma |
| | Darcia Feeny | 28 | Mike Peterson |
| 12 | David Colby | | Gregory Callaghan |
| 13 | Katie Nelsen | | |
| 14 | Barbara Duncan | | |
| | Matthew Barlow | | |
| | Christopher Lucero | | |
| | Christina Lucero | | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11 | Bob and Debra Czerwinski |
| 16 | Chris and Pegeen Perry |
| 18 | Brian and Janet Whitaker |
| 24 | Charles and Vivienne Paratore |
| 26 | Shaun and Kasey Duncan |

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The Window on St. James'

Next issue will be in March. We welcome your comments, pictures, essays, poems, cartoons, artwork, newsworthy items of interest, and group activity information and reviews. Email [window@saintj.com](mailto>window@saintj.com)

March Issue Deadline: February 15



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