The Window

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA
CALLED TO SERVE IN NEW AND LOVING WAYS.

October 2009

Report from the Transition Team

The Transition Team was commissioned to create the Parish Profile for this congregation as part of the process in calling a new rector.

We first met to become acquainted with each other and our shared talents. The tasks of gathering community data, church history, programs, attendance, and finances were divided up. This might be called hard data.

The results of the Harris Congregational Life Survey were collated and presented to the parish on St. James Day–more facts and information on our spiritual lives (135 responses).

Some members of the congregation engaged in the Lenten Discussions - listened to the presentations by Dr. Michael Pepper, viewed the movie on Fremont and religious diversity and shared their personal reflections.

After reviewing this input from members of the parish, five questions were presented to as many of the parishioners as we could contact. These questions were answered by over 200 people.

Thank you for all the surveys you have completed, the dialogues you have entered into, and your personal discussions with individual members of the team.

We have the first draft of our parish profile. This will be the document used to attract suitable rector candidates and the information needed to support the Search Committee in their discernment process. We want to get this right so be patient as we go through the revisions and final drafting.

Keep the "T-team" in your prayers.

Marnie Hartmann

!! Reserve your place for brunch !!

Dedication Sunday and Celebration Brunch

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Reservation Deadline: October 11th

Stewardship Corner

"Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; Sing all you who are upright in heart."

Psalm 32 v11

In her wonderful book, ***The Wealthy Spirit***, Chellie Campbell describes how, when she was a girl, her mother taught her to play 'The Glad Game.' On days when Chellie came home from school complaining about something - a bully on the playground, a harsh teacher, a skinned knee, or difficult homework - Chellie's mom would hug her, kiss away her tears, and then suggest, "OK, enough complaining. Let's play 'The Glad Game.'

The Glad Game' is another name for a Gratitude List. The Glad Game helps you focus on what's *right* in your world today, instead of what's wrong. Chellie's mom was a very wise woman, teaching her that no matter what your troubles, there are still plenty of things to be grateful for: a sunny day, good food to eat, a loving family, a house to live in, a family pet to love, a handful of friends to enjoy, and much, much more.*

Now is the time to play 'The Glad Game' as you discern your pledge of giving to St. James' Church for 2010. It is a time to look at all that you have and be grateful. This last year has created some financial stress for many of our members. That is why the Episcopal Church fosters proportional giving that can be adjusted with changes in income. This time of year, as we enter the fourth quarter of the year, is a good time to review your income and your spending habits. I have decided that I need to make more vegetarian meals as a way to save money and improve my eating habits. I have also decided to reduce my spending on clothing.

Reducing expenses is one way to enable you to move closer to tithing so that you can dedicate yourself to God's work in and through St. James'. Your pledges will provide the resources needed to serve not only our own faith community but also the greater community. We have children who need programs that will help them grow in their faith. We have elderly that need support and guidance. We have a community that will be suffering from the loss of a large employer. You and I can support these programs by our collective giving. We all can insure the financial health of St. James'

The clergy that consider applying for the position of Rector will be looking at our financial health. They will be interested in knowing if St. James' can support not only their position but the position of an Assistant Rector. They will want to know if the church has funds for programs within the church and within the community. Each member of the church can do their part to make St. James' financially healthy by looking at all their blessings and sharing a portion of their income in gratitude.

Your Vestry and Stewardship Committee will be asking you to complete a pledge card on Dedication Sunday, October 18th. This is a joyous occasion that will allow you to show your thanks for all that you have. Please be prepared to complete a pledge card. In the event that you cannot pledge on October 18th there will be a place to indicate that on the pledge card. All are welcome to come and be inspired by The Rev. Ronald Culmer, our guest preacher, at the 8AM and 10:30AM services on October 18th. Those who are unable to attend Dedication Sunday will receive a letter and pledge card after October 18th. Please complete your pledge card and return it to the church as soon as possible. You will not be called about your pledge.

Lynn Locher, Stewardship Chair

* *The Wealthy Spirit: Daily Affirmations for Financial Stress Reduction* by Chellie Campbell, Sourcebooks Inc.

Bridges

by Kathy✞

In reality the church still exists in a bazillion places on the planet where priests are few, far between or non-existent. And while it is true that we have been a hierarchical church historically, in reality participation in the community of the faithful is everyone's business.

We look at church a pyramid structure with lay people on the bottom, church leaders in the middle, and in diminishing numbers, moving to the point at the top of the triangle, you have ordained deacons and priests, bishops and the presiding bishop.

I think that model is going away. As the church is more scattered, its members pulled and torn every which-way by schedules, technology, transportation and economic challenges, we find it harder and harder to gather together in one place.

In a recent conversation, an individual made it clear that we are having Godly Play at the wrong time. Believing that Sunday morning was a time for a family to be together, this family splits up for Godly Play and worship (which overlap) and spend two hours at church instead of 1½ hours. I wasn't really sure how to respond. I could write off the person. I could chuckle and say two hours isn't too long a time. I could ask if this is the only family time their family has (between 10:00-12:00 on a Sunday morning).

What I pondered was the difficult position each person is in when deciding whether or not to get out of bed on Sunday morning and show up. I want you here because YOU WANT TO BE HERE. Guilt - "I have to get up because it's my turn to (fill in the blank) or other obligatory promises regretfully made, these may make us show up, but how do we recover the sense of thanksgiving and joy of worship on a day that starts this way?

I would like you to think about these things. No need to submit a "plan". But I think it behooves (isn't that a great old word) the whole church to think about hierarchy in the church and hierarchy of time, especially its impact on the hallowed Sunday morning worship. Is there another way that the church can be that allows one family to have religious instruction and worship sometime other than on Sunday morning and that the family attends because the whole family WANTS to attend? At hand is the issue of carving out the sacred time on Sunday or any other day. How do we do this? How do we encourage this with others?

It's something to think about - bridging history into the 21st Century.

Vestry Update

Highlights from the September Vestry meeting

Upgrades to the kitchen are progressing. A new stove has been purchased and installed and a new garbage disposal and dishwasher are next.

We have three bids for the painting of the exterior buildings; we'll proceed with that shortly.

The deadline for the insurance inventory is November 1. If you have been assigned a portion of church property to inventory, please have your information in to Laura Winter by November 1.

A Vestry nominating committee has been formed with the out-going Vestry members, Sylvia Ma, Janet Fischer, Jim McConnell and Tim Young. If you are interested in running for the 2010 Vestry, please contact one of us.

Our next ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for **January 31, 2010**. Please mark your calendar.

Janet Fischer
Jr. Warden

Available for Lunch

Fifteen of us had a wonderful time enjoying each other's company and lunch on August 23 at Cabrillo Park Café.

Our next outing will be on November 15th, so mark your calendar. We will gather at a Vietnamese restaurant in Newark. Sign-up sheet will be up in November.

Hope you can join us.

Meg Williams
Sylvia Ma

ViewPoint

by David+

This month, the Transition Team will put the finishing touches on our Parish Profile, turn it over to the Vestry (and the Diocese) for approval, and, if all say "OK," the Team "can rest from their labors" . . . and labor they did: Town Hall meetings, Advent and Lenten programs, a major "Congregational Life Survey," and a "What are we looking for in a Rector" survey. They kept after us (especially if you didn't turn in your survey on time) and got the information we need to call our new Rector. Their meetings were open: we talked, they listened and we all asked lots of questions, and, for the most part, found the answers. We owe the Transition Team a big, BIG, thank you! Well done!

Now, we begin part two as the Search Committee begins its work. This will be a very different process. Meetings will not be open, and there will be very little communication between them and us, except for an occasional brief report. And that's not going to be easy for those of us who like to "be in the know." And so, in this month's "ViewPoint," I want to talk about the importance of "Maintaining Confidentiality" (this article is based on the book: *Beginning Ministry Together: The Alban Handbook for Clergy Transitions*, copyright © 2003 by the Alban Institute.).

Maintaining confidentiality during the search process is absolutely essential, not only for the members of the Search Committee, but for all of us . . . and, like I said, that's not going to be easy for us. Many of us enjoy being the first to learn a piece of news: a tidbit here; some chitchat there . . . a title . . . a tattle . . . you know how it goes . . . We thrive on that. And so, I want to remind all of us about the importance of confidentiality: the Search Committee will keep all information strictly within the committee . . . **and** we, the members of this congregation will not—WILL NOT!—ask committee members probing or leading questions, or prod out of them teeny-weeny pieces of information, or offer them our excellent and valuable advice. We did a good job of putting together an excellent Search Committee; now we need to leave them alone so they can do their job..

So . . . do not Probe! Prod! or Pry! But rather, be Patient! Pray! and Praise! In the end, the highest tribute a congregation and a Search Committee can receive is: "I never knew any details of the search, and now I'm happy to meet the new Rector without any preconceptions."

St. James' Youth Space

Thank you to everyone who made the opening of the new St James' Youth Space possible. Many people were involved with tidying, cleaning, painting and shopping! The space was dedicated and officially opened on Sunday 13th September after both morning services and everyone got a chance to see the new room while a few took the opportunity to play air hockey! Meanwhile in the Parish Hall root beer floats and ice cream were served to celebrate the start of a new school year. In the evening the Youth Space was open again for the monthly meeting of the, as yet, unnamed youth group. A small group joined the 6pm service and stayed on to play and chat. Everyone in 5th-12th grades is very welcome to join in on the second Sunday of every month after the 6pm Service until 8.30pm. For more details contact Jan Scrutton (jan@scrutton.org.uk) or Kathy Crary (kathy@saintj.com)

Greg takes onTom in air hockey.

Youth members Ami, Tom Beth and Rachael.

Jan Scrutton

Fall In-Gathering for United Thank Offering (UTO)

Please take a few minutes each day to reflect on the many blessings in your life, to offer prayers of thanksgiving, and if you are interested, make contributions in the familiar little United Thank Offering (UTO) box or blue envelope. Your thank offerings enable UTO grants to meet national and international community needs. UTO boxes or envelopes can be picked up at St. James'. Just return your box or a check made out to St. James' with UTO in the memo section and place this in the offering plate before Sunday, October 4th. If you are interested in participating in the Fall UTO In-Gathering, which will also be combined with a Diocesan Altar Guild meeting tentatively scheduled on October 10th at St. Mark's in Berkeley, please let me know.

Cathy Knotts (510-487-0624)
UTO Coordinator for St. James' Fremont
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Financial Summary Aug 31, 2009

Cash	8/31/2008		8/31/2009
Operating Fund	$ 15,560		$ 27,679
Building Fund	$ 10,489		$ 28,646

Income and Expense
Year to Date Summary

	8/31/2008		8/31/2009
Pledges Budgeted	**$ 170,667**		**$ 174,555**
Pledges Paid	**$ 160,008**		**$ 141,447**
Unpledged Contributions	$ 6,306		$ 6,371
Other Operating Income*	$ 15,408		$ 12,670
Total Operating Income	$ 181,722		$ 160,488
Total Operating Expenses	$ 207,107		$ 172,164
Income less Expense	**$ (25,385)**		**$ (11,676)**
* Includes Fundraising			

Ladies Flatlanders

We had another great year of "camping"! Thank you to all the women who made this year's trip a memorable event. This year's campers pictured above were left-to-right: Seated—Nancy Casteneda, Heather Merrill, Linda Nelsen, Dorothy Balderston, Mary Casas, Shryl Romero; Standing: Marilyn Rose, Johanne LaRocque, Joan Roberts, Laura Winter, Sylvia Ma, Karin White, Jackie Whitehouse, Jodi Benson, Lynn Locher, Julie Gaynor, Jan Pearson, Molly Lubwama, Sally Dickinson, Cathy Knotts and Karen Koonze. Photographer: Jae Parker.

We had a lot of fun! We even had a cowboy ride into camp and serenade us on Saturday. Now that was a first. If you weren't able to join us this year, mark your calendar for next year's trip - **September 8-12, 2010**. We would love you to join in the fun.

Mary Casas

Help Needed

St. James' needs your help to organize a **Book and Media Sale** in December.

With everyone's help, we had a very successful sale last year and we certainly could use some extra revenue this year. Please give this ministry some prayerful consideration and let me know if you could help.

Thank you.

Sylvia Ma

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 **8:00 AM** Rite II Worship w/music (Chapel) **9:15 AM** Adult Confirmation Class (VR) **9:15 AM** **10:00 A** **10:00 AM** Godly Play, (EB#3) **10:30 AM** Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) **12:00 PM** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel) **1:30 PM** Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**28** **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**29** **6:00 AM** Bible Study (OC) **6:00 PM** Fremont Easy Bridge Club (PH)	**30** **10:00 AM** Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class(PH) **7:30 PM** Choir Practice, (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**1** **10:00 AM** Staff Meeting (VR) **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	**2**	**3**
4 **8:00 AM** Rite II Worship w/music (Chapel) **9:15 AM** Faith Formation, (EB#1) **9:15 AM** Memorial Committee Meeting (VR) **10:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal, (C) **10:00 AM** Godly Play, (EB#3) **10:30 AM** Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) **12:00 PM** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel) **1:30 PM** Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**5** **12:00 PM** Blood Drive (PH) **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**6** **6:00 AM** Bible Study (OC) **11:00 AM** Washington Woman's Club	**7** **10:00 AM** Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) **5:30 PM** Faith Formation (VR) **6:00 PM** Worship Committee (VR) **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class(PH) **7:30 PM** Choir Practice, (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**8** **10:00 AM** Staff Meeting (VR) **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST) **1:00 PM** Eucharistic Visitors Meeting, (Office) **6:30 PM** Vestry Dinner and Meeting (PH)	**9**	**10** **10:00 AM** Comforters (VR) **10:00 AM** Perry Party (Private) (PH) (K) **5:00 PM** Harbor Light Church using parking lot **5:00 PM** Leadership Luncheon Set Up (PH)
11 **8:00 AM** Rite II Worship w/music (Chapel) **9:00 AM** Greeters Meeting, (Chapel) **9:00 AM** Leadership Luncheon (PH) **9:15 AM** Faith Formation, (EB#1) **10:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal, (C) **10:00 AM** Godly Play, (EB#3) **10:30 AM** Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) **12:00 PM** Children's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel) **1:30 PM** Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) **2:00 PM** Leadership Meeting (VR) **5:00 PM** Brown Bag Dinner, (PH) **6:00 PM** Informal Eucharist **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**12** **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**13** **6:00 AM** Bible Study (OC)	**14** **10:00 AM** Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class(PH) **7:30 PM** Choir Practice, (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**15** **10:00 AM** Staff Meeting (VR) **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST) **6:00 PM** Rancho Coronado(VR)	**16**	**17** **9:00 AM** Church Work Party **10:00 AM** Loving Hands (VR) **5:00 PM** Set Up for Dedication Brunch (PH) and (EB#1)
18 **8:00 AM** Dedication Brunch Set-up (PH) and (EB#1) **8:00 AM** Rite II Worship w/music (Chapel) **9:00 AM** Blood Drive (PH) **9:15 AM** Faith Formation, (EB#1) **10:00 AM** Choir Rehearsal, (C) **10:00 AM** Godly Play, (EB#3) **10:30 AM** Rite II Worship w/Choir/Music (C) **1:30 PM** Philippine Independent Church (Chapel) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**19** **12:00 PM** Blood Drive (PH) **7:00 PM** Overeaters Anonymous (VR)	**20** **6:00 AM** Bible Study (OC)	**21** **10:00 AM** Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel) **10:00 AM** Women's Bridge Club (PH) **6:30 PM** Tai Chi Class(PH) **7:30 PM** Choir Practice, (C) **8:00 PM** Narcotics Anonym (PH)	**22** **10:00 AM** Staff Meeting (VR) **12:00 PM** Women's Spirituality Group (ST)	**23** Women's Retreat at Bishop's Ranch	**24** Women's Retreat at Bishop's Ranch
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St. James' Prayer List

We pray for:

For the Transition Team: Jodi Benson, Margaret Broun, Gloryanne Bryant, Allison Ferro, Ashley Francis, Marnie Hartmann, Cathy Knotts, Johanne LaRocque, Steve Maina, Greg Miller, Joan Roberts, Connie Rux, Meg Williams, EJ Hilliard (Chaplain)

For the Search Committee: Gail Blalock, Valle Brokes, Nancy Castaneda, Barbara Dabney, Alice Johnson, Pegeen Perry, Donald Razzolini, Bruce Roberts, Greg Scheuffele, Mike Scrutton, EJ Hilliard (Chaplain)

For Those Who Need Continued Healing: Steve, Arlene, Elaine, Merle, Delfina, Norma, Jenny, John, Linda, Paul, Stephanie, Jewel, Everett, Kyffen, Mathius, Hanni, Cherie, Jackie, Roly, Teresa, Jim, Patricia, Sandra, Eleanor, Annie, Jessica, Arlene, Alex, Tony, Barbara, Andrew, Aaron, Allen, George, Bill, Alyssa, David, Juanita, Gonnie, Rose, Jim, Marc, Kerry, Pete, Anne, Will, Roy

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: Joan, Tom, James, Kim, Sandra, Verna, Vikki, Kate, Marnie, the family of James Abernethy, the family and friends of Correy Fedor, the family and friends of James Dearborn, the Family and friends of Bill Tucker, the family and friends of Mary Orwig, the family and friends of Juanita.

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Dean, Kenny, Lim, Harold, Randy, Ronald, Cody, Angelina, Adrian, Paul, Jordon, Paul, Gina, Deja

For all those suffering economic hardship, especially the unemployed: Dean, Kristen, Greg

For Families Who Are Expecting Children: Kenny & Michele, Janice

For those in the Military: Daniel, John, Ryan, Cammy, Kurt, Jarrod, Matthew, Joseph, Robert, Tim, Clinton, Joshua, Tony, Valerie, Alex, Vincent, Johnny, Angelina, Adrian, Chas, Eric, Davie, Moe, Theresa, Erica, Kenny, Patrick, Joshua, Frederick, Tammy, Ashley, Christina, Trinity, Malaina, Chris, Robert, Kirk, Scott

For those who have died: Herbert James, Correy, James, Bill, Mary

Please note: If your birth month or anniversary is in this month and your name(s) is not listed, please email the appropriate info to the church office.

October Birthday Celebrations

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

Wedding Anniversaries

2 Jim and Cathe Lieb
15 Linda and David Nelsen
22 Jack and Enid Williams
27 Deidre and Nick Laino

The next issue of *The Window* is in November. We welcome your **comments**, **pictures**, **essays**, **poems**, **cartoons**, **artwork**, **newsworthy items of interest**, **any group activity information and reviews**.

Email your submission to window@saintj.com.

November Deadline: October 15th

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