



The Window

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

December 2009

Music Program for Advent and Christmas

Lessons and Carols

In addition to the traditional Advent Lessons and Carols that were performed on November 29, the Adult Choir will perform Christmas Lessons and Carols on January 3rd at 4:00 pm in the Big Church.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols by Hal Hopson contains many of the traditional Christmas Carols including, O Come all Ye Faithful and Joy to the World. The congregation will be provided music to sing along with the choir. This will be the premiere performance of this contemporary setting of lessons and carols at St. James' Church. The texts and musical arrangements have been modernized and were published in 1997.

After the Service of Lessons and Carols, the choir will host a reception in the hall. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Music

All of the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will have music. The Children's Choir and soloists from the Adult Choir will sing at the 7:00 pm Service. Eric Maltez, our favorite trumpet player, will play at both

the 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm services. The Adult Choir will lead Christmas Carol singing at 10:30 pm followed by the 11:00 pm Service.

The Christmas Day 10:00 am Service will have organ accompaniment. We look forward to celebrating a Joyous Christmas at St. James' Church.

Katherine LaRose, Director of Music

Christmas Eve Service at Ardenwood Farms

I want to invite you to an "experimental liturgy" for Christmas Eve at 2:00pm in Ardenwood Farms for an outdoor Christmas nearer to the earth, the animals, man-gers and hay. We will gather in the Ardenwood Farms Blacksmith and Barn: You can obtain a map when you enter the Park. The fee is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 4-17 years. (If you need funds to cover the fees, please see Rev. Kathy prior to the event.)

This will be a quiet service with singing and a reading of the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke. We will read the lesson twice, once in the quiet of the barn-yard and a second time with our stick puppets from last year, with everyone having a part (mostly as angels or shepherds). I have been assured we do not need to have a special permit to gather and at the last check I made, the park will be open at that time. I know the park

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- December 23 Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist in the Little Church
- December 24 Thursday 2:00pm Family Service at Ardenwood Farms
- December 24 Christmas Eve 7:00pm Eucharist in the Main Church
- December 24 Christmas Eve 10:30pm Carols in the Main Church
- December 24 Christmas Eve 11:00pm Eucharist in the Main Church
- December 25 Christmas Day 10:00am Eucharist in the Little Church
- December 27 Sunday After Christmas 10:00am in the Main Church

Support the Future

By Lynn Locher

This is the last article I will write as the chair of the Stewardship Committee. These last 7 years as chair has been a wonderful time for me because I believe that being a good steward of our church, the community, the world or the environment is one of our callings as a Christian. I take great joy in being able to share a portion of my income with my church and with many causes that I believe will benefit all. I have asked the members of St. James' to do the same. Over the last 7 years many of you have grown as stewards. This last year has been difficult for some with loss of job or reduced income. Our pledge drive reflects this. I hope that as the circumstance of each of you improve that you will feel inspired to share your increased income with the church and with causes that you believe in.

I am reminded in Mark 12:41-44 of the story of the Widow's offering that she gave out of her poverty, not her wealth. I do not know poverty nor do I feel that I have great wealth, but I have learned that having "things" is less important in life. What things I have I have learned to make last. I do this so that I can help others who have nothing. I do this so I can tithe to the church. I do this so the church and others will have a future.

St. Clare's Church in Pleasanton has a prayer: "The service I give is the rent I pay for the life God has given to me." Please remember this when you give your time, talent and treasure to the church.

For those who have not turned in a pledge, I am going to adapt the text used by another church written to the tune of "There ain't nothing like a Dame."

David's † Last Sunday with us is December 27th.

Our Interim Co-Priest, the Rev. David Abernethy- Deppe has tendered his resignation due to personal reasons. The Vestry regretfully accepted it. David's tenure at St. James' will conclude at the end of this year. His last Sunday will be December 27th.

St. James' has been very blessed to have David as our Co-Interim for 14 months. David not only helped us in our interim process but also took care of our pastoral and spiritual needs. We are very grateful for his ministry. Thank you, David.

To celebrate David's ministry with us, we will have a single service at 10am followed by a potluck lunch on Sunday December 27th. Please come and express your thanks to David and wish him Godspeed..

The Vestry has asked the Rev. Kathy Crary to take on a full-time interim position at St. James', starting in January 2010 to which she has agreed.

As we move forward in our journey together, the Vestry asks for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

Sylvia Ma, Senior Warden

There ain't nothing like your pledge!

<p>We built a church here in Fremont We've got Christ's spirit at St. J. We've got fellowship hour where You can pick treats off a tray! We've got the best of staff and clergy With lots of Bible knowledge... What ain't we got? <u>We ain't got your Pledge!</u> There ain't no services without your Pledge,</p>	<p>There are no services without your pledge! And no music without your Pledge! There ain't no formation without your Pledge! There ain't no outreach without your Pledge! And nothing works without your Pledge, <u>So, nothing works like your Pledge!</u></p>
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Bridges

by Kathy✚

We've just left November.

We celebrate the demise of the Berlin Wall in November. We welcome the Abode Services' Winter Relief program in November. We bow our heads in thanksgiving in November. We remember those who have served and died in the armed forces of this country in November. And though we think of it as a winter/December season, we begin Advent in November.

The collapse of the Berlin Wall and our 20th anniversary of the wall coming down caused me to consider the barriers that exist to all kinds of accomplishments.

We have tried to take down all barriers of accessibility at St. James', making our campus welcoming and accommodating to everyone with physical mobility issues. We work to break down barriers that may exist between the cultures that worship here, together, as part of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church in the United States. We have engaged in conversations with people of other faith communities to better understand their faith and practices as well as our own.

This leads to me think about our faith in God, in Jesus, God's Son, and in the workings of the Holy Spirit. Barriers can exist here, too. In the coming months, including the Advent/Christmas season and beyond, I urge all of us to consider the ways we've erected boundaries and barriers between ourselves and others and between ourselves and God.

Prayer, worship, fellowship, good deeds, social justice ministries, service ministries inside and outside of the congregation, all of these are a testimony to our belief in God and in our love for one another. As we approach two New Years, one in Advent and another in calendar reckoning of January 1, I would like to encourage everyone in the parish to take on a new thing, a new project, a new direction in ministry and a new faith practice in 2010, with the only objective being a closer relationship to the God we serve.

Vestry Update

Highlights from the November Vestry meeting

- ◆ The painting of the exterior of all buildings will likely be completed by the time you read this.
- ◆ Our new kitchen stove has been back-ordered, but will likely be installed by the time you read this.
- ◆ The Vestry is working on a Vestry Handbook listing duties and a calendar of when certain things need to be done so new Vestry members won't have to reinvent the wheel.
- ◆ The Parish Profile is finished, and the Search Committee has begun its work. The Vestry sends a huge "Thank You!" to the Transition Team, the writers, and especially to Meg Williams for her expertise in formatting the final product and incorporating so many beautiful photos into the finished profile.

Janet Fischer
Jr. Warden

2010 Pledge Cards

The Vestry is working on our 2010 budgets. If you would like to turn in a pledge card and have not done so, please do so as soon as possible. It would really facilitate our budget planning effort. Pledge cards are available in the office (510-797-1492) or at the back of the churches. You can turn in the pledge cards in the offering plate or mail it to St. James' with attention to Stewardship. Your pledge is not binding and can be adjusted anytime when circumstances warrant by talking to our Treasurer, Jan Brandt.

Thank you so much for your continuing support.

Sylvia Ma



ViewPoint

by David†

As you read this, we will be well into the Season of Advent. Advent is a time for looking both backward and forward. We look backward as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Before that birth, people looked forward, longing for the coming of the Messiah. We can identify with that ancient longing as we look forward to Christ's coming more fully into our daily lives, as well as his coming again at the close of the ages.

With that longing for restoration in mind, we recognize in Advent a time of preparation and anticipation. What we celebrate as having happened in the past, points to what we anticipate for the future. Advent is a season that prepares us to discover new birth, happening over and over again for us, in and through Christ. We celebrate that anticipation in our acclamation during the Eucharistic Prayer as we say: "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, that new life has already begun for us here at St. James'. Over the past year we have been busy looking back over the ground we have traveled, letting go of those things which have held us back and re-affirming those things which we have done well. We also engaged in a process of looking forward, as we claim our vision and mission for the ministry that lies ahead and the calling of our new Rector. By definition, Advent is "the coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important." Indeed, we are in Advent.

How do we continue this journey? With prayer and with Christ's presence in our lives each and every day. That's the Episcopal way of life. As the Search Committee engages in its task, we will want to pray for them each and every day. Pray for them the gift of the Spirit. Pray for them the gift of discernment and insight.

And pray for yourself as you celebrate the gift of Christ's presence in your own life. As St. Patrick of

old, pray: "Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger"

Happy Advent!

John McCutcheon returns to St. James'!

Folk artist John McCutcheon will play another all-ages one-night-only show at St. James' oat 7:30pm on Monday, January 18, 2010. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, December 6, at our sales table in the parish hall and via will-call to the church office. Tickets will be for sale each Sunday through January 17, from 9am - 12 noon. This will be his seventh concert at our venue, performing annually since 2004.

John McCutcheon performs around the world, bringing together professionals and factory workers, folk music veterans and novices, kids and grandparents alike, who find his blend of song and story, humor and insight, contemporary and traditional folk music to be an exhilarating, celebratory evening. His first concert for us in 2004 drew a sellout crowd of St. James' folks and people from around the Bay Area. Audience reviews have raved about each of his concerts, which have played to a full house.

This is an incredible way to support St. James'. Ticket prices are the same as last year, namely \$25 for adults, \$15 for kids 5-12, and children under 5 are admitted free. Tickets to John's show make popular holiday gifts! And back by popular demand - a fantastic drawing to be held during intermission for special prizes. Tickets for the drawing will go on sale beginning on December 6 as well.

Save the date, January 18, 2010, for an inspiring evening of songs, stories and smiles.

The McCutcheon Team

PLEASE CONTACT SYLVIA MA OR JOAN ROBERTS IF YOU CAN HELP SELL TICKETS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR DISTRIBUTE PROMOTIONAL FLYERS.

Winter Relief

We had another successful year with our guests from Abode Services Winter Relief Program. The average number of guests was 21, consisting of 11 adults and 10 kids. St. James' parishioners pulled through again to make the stay at our facility as comfortable as possible.

Our guests were also lucky to have the support of Harbor Light Church and Fremont Christian School for making the great weekend meals and providing lunches 6 days per week. I saw the food that they brought in and it looked quite appetizing. Speaking of food, a hot breakfast was provided each Saturday morning by my kitchen cooks, Al Casas, Scott Whitaker, Laura Winter and her crew. I also helped by making my famous Sour Milk Pancakes from a 50 year old family recipe. Also on the first two Saturday mornings, we had no gas stove to cook on, just a hot plate, microwave and electric griddles. But no guest left hungry.

This program had a multitude of folks pitching in. I want to thank Scott Kennedy for keeping the furnace going, Art Gallardo for keeping the place clean and especially Sandra Motley, "Keeper of the Kitchen". Brad Hoffman did his yearlong campaign of collecting recyclables for Winter Relief and spear heading the Thanksgiving Breakfast at Cabrillo Cafe. Our overnight volunteers have been great and include the following: Ken Trant, Bob Bell, Al Casas, Darcia and Emma Feeney, Mike Scrutton, Kathy Crary, Tom Blalock, Scott Whitaker, Andy MacRae, Ralph Locher, Evelyn Martinez, Bob Reed, Barbara Lyon, Bruce Roberts, Jodie Benson, Marilyn Rose, Tim Young, Jim McConnell, and Peter Maina; Weekend lunch makers: the Casas Family, the Feeney Family and Laura Samuels; Car shuttle drivers: Ralph Locher, Joan Roberts, Brian Cochran, Scott Whitaker and Nancy Culberson; Our homework tutors: Jill Buono and Patty Lacy.

Lastly, I want to thank St. James' parishioners, David† and Kathy†, Vestry members for all the cash and food donations and for allowing us to take over the parish hall during November.

I know St James' will respond positively if we are asked to help again next year.

Gregg Feeney



The
Amazing, Incredible,
Holiday
**Used Book
& Media
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December 6
9am - 1pm
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Financial Summary

	<u>10/31/2008</u>	<u>10/31/2009</u>
Operating Fund	\$ 11,433	\$ 27,511
Building Fund	\$ 2,208	\$ 40,364

Year To Date Summary

	<u>10/31/2008</u>	<u>10/31/2009</u>
Pledges Budgeted	\$ 213,333	\$ 218,193
Pledges Paid	\$ 192,262	\$ 176,687
Unpledged Contributions	\$ 6,966	\$ 8,380
Other Operating Income*	\$ 18,051	\$ 14,501
Total Operating Income	\$217,279	\$ 199,568
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 246,791	\$ 218,373
Income less Expense	(\$ 29,512)	\$ (18,805)

* Includes Fundraising



Calendar Highlights

- December 6:** Las Posadas at 5pm, in the Main Church.
- December 27:** Single service at 10am followed by a potluck lunch to celebrate the Ministry of David† at St. James'.
- January 18:** McCutcheon Concert at 7:30pm.
- January 24:** 2010 Budget discussion led by Treasurer Jan Brandt at 9:15am.
- January 31:** Single service at 10am followed by the Annual Parish Meeting and potluck lunch.

Available for Lunch

The Available for Lunch ministry concluded our 2009 outings with a lunch at Nguyen Vu Restaurant in Newark. The eight of us had a great time sampling Vietnamese appetizers, noodle and rice dishes and enjoying each other's company.

In 2010, we are planning to revisit the Chinese buffet and try an Afghan restaurant. Look for detail information in upcoming issues of the Window.

Thank you for your support

Meg Williams
Sylvia Ma

The Window is going Green.

As mentioned in the November issue of our newsletter, starting in January 2010, we will only mail *The Window* to those who requested it. If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please email or phone the office (510-797-1492) and leave your name with Linda, our secretary. You can also pick up a copy from the office, the narthex of the Big Church or from the Parish Hall. On or before the first of each month, a new issue of our newsletter will be on our website www.saintj.com, which you can read at your leisure.

Sylvia Ma

Ways you can help with our book sale.

Invite your friends and family to:

- ◆ Donate used books, CDs and DVDs by dropping them off at the office or lobby.
- ◆ Donate empty boxes for sorting books. Please bring them to the office/lobby.
- ◆ Come to EB#5 to do some last minute book sorting. If you don't have a key, Linda or Art is there in the mornings.
- ◆ Come and help at 3pm Saturday December 5th to move books into the Parish Hall/EB#1 and set up for the sale. If you have a dolly, please bring it. Pizza will be provided after the set-up.
- ◆ Come and shop at the Preview Sale at 5-6pm, Saturday, December 5th after all the books are set out.
- ◆ Donate non-book items for sale. For examples: cookies/brownies in small bags for \$1 or \$2. Please bring them to the Parish Hall on Sunday December 6th before 9am.
- ◆ Come and shop on Sunday December 6th from 9am to 1pm.

We have a giant collection of fiction and non-fiction books, including an estate donation of vintage romance novels (thanks to Kathy† for acquiring them for us). Most hardbacks are \$2 and most paperbacks are \$1. They make wonderful holiday gifts. Cash and local checks are accepted.

Thank you.

Sylvia Ma

Thank You Note

The Congregational Care and Social Ministries Cluster would like to thank all the members of the parish who have helped out this year with the winter relief program. BIG THANKS are due to Gregg Feeney and Scott Whitaker for providing the leadership and help for the 21 guests sheltered last month. Also thank you, Brad Hoffman, for organizing the Thanksgiving Day Breakfast at Cabrillo Café.

Mary Casas and Tim Young



St. James' Prayer List

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: Jewel, Sandra, Marc✙, Caylyn, Michael✙, Marina, Jennie, Alyssa, Bill, Janet, Annette & Jason, Pat, Raymond, Susan, Penny, Pamela, Kitty, Mary, Karen

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength: James, Alyssa, Family and friends of Jeffrey (son of Genore Schaaf), Verna

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction: Dean, Kenny, Lim, Harold, Michael, Randy, Ronald, Alyssa, Zelda✙, John✙, Barbara, Shaun, Aaron, Duncan, Cody, Paul

For Those Suffering Economic Hardship: Dean, Greg, Chad, Greg, Craig

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

For Those Who Have Died: Jeffrey

For Those In The Military: Greg, Melissa

Christmas at Ardenwood

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can change things at the last minute but I do want to "make a go of it." Pray for clear weather!! If it rains, we will gather in the church at 2:00 pm.

We will create a telephone message on the church telephone that will be updated Christmas Eve morning. Just call the church office number and follow the prompts to the Ardenwood Christmas option.

Kathy✙



December Birthday Celebrations

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| 1 Courtney Whitehouse | 21 Ray Hedvall |
| 2 John Kimber | Chris Perry |
| 5 Steve Sayles | Jill Buono |
| 6 Paul Svenson | 22 Bud Spalding |
| 8 Genore Schaaf | Karen Koonze |
| 9 Merry Creed | 24 Imelda Gibbs |
| Paul Dileanis | 25 Mary Williamson |
| 11 Joyce Bowman | 27 Fran Streckfus |
| Pegeen Perry | 28 Jason Brown |
| 17 Barbara Gifford | 30 Bob Tomkinson |
| 18 Phil Johnsen | Gary Newbrough |
| Rick Wilcoxon | Cynthia Fisher |
| 19 Kelsey Peterson | 31 Marlene Benedict |
| Doris Cailliet Brunzie | Tammy Schlag |
| Adrian Madsen | Brad Hoffman |
| Donald Razzolini | |
| 20 Sylvia Ma | |

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Penny and Ken Trant



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



For the most recent St. James' calendar, Go to Saintj.com/calendar

The next issue of *The Window* is in January. 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.

January Deadline: December 15th



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