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The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont, CA

Called to serve in new and loving ways

June 2021

After 63 Sundays worshipping together apart, we are now able to worship together in our sanctuary, in person.

- **PHASE I: May 30, 9:30 AM**
  The vestry will worship in-person as our "test run" with the rest of the congregation worshipping at home.
- **PHASE II: June 6 - July 11, 9:30 AM**
  The wider parish is invited to register to worship in-person for our single service.
- **PHASE III: July 18, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**
  We will move to our two service schedule for in-person worship.

Registration and health forms are required to attend.
Go to saintj.com/seats4church

We will continue offering a virtual, live-streamed service

A Note From Rev. Bill

If what we say and do on Sunday means anything in our lives, it will be found in how we interact with the other people we encounter all seven days of the week. Our activity in church motivates and directs our actions with others, which in turn, reflects our love and service to God. While the action of living out our faith is crucial to the Christian life, our spiritual growth to full maturity also requires thoughtful searching into the meaning of what we do individually and as the Body of Christ.

So much of our *liturgy* (literally, "the work of the people) involves *prayer*, listening to and talking to God. But whenever we reflect upon those Scriptures, or study them, or take time to hear and deeply consider what our prayers mean for us, or how God is present and alive to us as we live out our lives, we are engaged in *theological reflection.* This can include something as simple as wondering about the meaning of Sunday's Gospel during our week. Whenever we seriously engage the teaching of the Church and seek what it means to us, we are engaged in *theology* (literally, "God talk"). This will leave you with more questions than answers. It will yield occasional epiphanies, where our vision of God and God's presence become quite clear. It probably will also complicate what we had taken to be simple and unquestionable, but that struggle is part of moving from spiritual childhood to mature faith. (Hebrews 5: 12-13)

Do not turn away from the challenge to be "everyday theologians." We all need to become ever more familiar with the basis of our faith with is found in regularly reading of Scripture, even if it is only choosing to read over and again each week's lectionary passages. We all can—and should—learn what other faithful teachers have learned in their struggles to understand God and the mission of Jesus the Christ. But you will soon find that their questions are the same as your questions, while their answers may enlighten your understanding without being the final word which resolves all your issues.

Finally, to live in today's world is to be awash in a tempest of conflicting and confusing beliefs, theories, challenges, and even destructive counter -narratives which can destroy our hope and our faith. Only by committing to do the work of growing in your own faith can you hear the voice of the Lord calling us forth to true life and the way of love. Do not let the flame of God's call within you dampen and grow cold due to neglect, but rather engage in the struggles of personal theology—which is to create a space in yourself for a reasoned and vibrant relationship with God through Christ. Do not fear to face the challenge which will take the faith given to you by others in the Church and, by study, prayer, and honest struggle, to make it your own. Only then can you "bear fruit" as you mature in faith and share that faith with others.

~Bill+

Grief Support Group

St. James' is offering a Grief Support group for any who wish to attend. Our parish has lost a number of members over the past 15 months, and in addition, many parishioners have losses of their own among friends and their families—many of whom have been denied the usual memorial rites and rituals due to the pandemic. Grief and loss are a part of life, but current conditions have aggravated the pain which loss includes. We therefore hope to provide a place and time where we can share one another's losses and alleviate some of the pain. Beginning on **Monday, June 7th at 2:00 PM**, Rev. Bill Hale, former grief support person for Odyssey Hospice in Michigan, will facilitate the group. Please contact Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for more information.

WORSHIP, FORMATION, FELLOWSHIP
The Ways We Are Church Together

WORSHIP

Worship At Church! We Are Regathering! (with limited attendance for now)
Register to attend live services beginning June 6 at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. All the details and the online registration form are here.

Sunday Morning Service Live Stream!
Join our service live-stream at 9:25am on Sunday at saintj.com, or join our Zoom "watch party" (see below). The service can be joined at any time on Sunday from 9:25am, or watched during the week.

Watch Party on ZOOM at 9:30am
Watch the Sunday Morning service with others! Log into Zoom at 9:25am to watch with others, and then stick around for coffee hour. Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for the Watch Party/ Coffee Hour link.

Wednesday 10:00am Service on ZOOM
Gather together for our Wednesday morning - a regular service minus Holy Communion. We explore the upcoming Sunday lessons, gather our prayers for those in our community, and pass the peace. Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for more information or find the link on our website.

Wednesday 1:00pm Connecting with Others Bible Study Join a rich conversation about our sacred stories with other parishioners. Email Rev. Lori at lori@saintj.com if you'd like to join us.

Morning Prayer 8-8:30am. Monday-Friday
Join Rev. Bill for Morning Prayer via Zoom. Contact bhale@saintj.com for the link.

FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Coffee Hour on ZOOM at 10:15am
Our coffee hour follows our Watch Party, and is a great way to check in and say hello to others. Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com to get the information.

Thursday 12:00pm Home Alone Group
For those who are living alone, meet us on Zoom Thursdays during lunchtime to say hello. Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for information.

Thursday Night 7:00pm Social Hour
Grab a drink and link in to Zoom to socialize with others and see how everyone is doing. Email Jennifer Ravera at music@saintj.com for details.

Looking for a Zoom link:?
With so many zoom gatherings happening during the week, it can be difficult to keep track of all of the links. A reminder that all of our zoom links can be found on our website, **www.saintj.com**. Look for the calendar on the right on our home page.

Audio Sermons and Online Resources
While we have limited attendance worship services, you can still experience Sunday's service and sermons. Go to our website for online worship resources, or subscribe to our weekly sermon podcast on iTunes. You may also subscribe on Spotify and/or TuneIn. We compiled a library of links to curated resources on the website to enrich our life in community while apart. Subscribe to our YouTube channel for the latest.

May Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them

A spiritual community finds its identity, in part, in being able to gather as the Body of Christ. We gather to worship God through Jesus Christ, to celebrate new life and baptisms, and to grieve those who have died. In this time of pandemic, our ability to physically gather has been stunted. However, this does not mean that we cease to worship God, celebrate new life, or mourn our dead. We do what we can to lift up the occasions for gathering, knowing that while we are not physically together, we are always spiritually together.

It is in this spirt that we honor those who have died in 2021. We miss them, we pray for their families, and we have the sure confidence that one day, we will all be united again.

~Lori+

Ann Jamison (April 6, 1935—December 31, 2020)

Ann lived her early years in Hollywood as her father worked in the movie industry. When she was about fifteen the family moved to Eugene, Oregon. Ann graduated from Oregon State University and moved to the Bay Area. She met and married Don Jamison and they moved to Fremont. Ann was a stay-at-home mom, raising their children Doneen and Laura, and Ann's stepdaughter Debbie. Ann became a Brownie leader to her girls and their friends, teaching them many life lessons, especially good manners. Ann went back to work after the girls were grown up. She worked at Cal State Hayward, assisting several deans in different departments.

Ann and Don attended St. James' for many years. She could always be found in the front pew on the left of the Little Church, first with her husband, and after his passing in the late 90's, with good friend Betty McCoy. All through her life, she loved to garden. She enjoyed being part of the Memorial Garden committee at church. The pancake supper was one of her favorite events and she attended each year. She often provided goodies to other gatherings at church. Ann's daughter said her mom was a very shy person – and at St. James' she found a comfortable place with good friends.

Margaret Rainey (October 9, 1923—February 26, 2021)

Margaret was born in Fremont, Nebraska on October 9, 1923. It is so coincidental that during their time in Nebraska, the family attended St. James Episcopal Church in Fremont, Nebraska. Her family moved to Oakland, CA in 1940 and Margaret attended UC Berkeley and received a B.A. degree in English literature. From there, the family moved to Pleasant Hill and then to Fremont in 1968. So she has been a member of St. James' since that time.

Her career was as a social worker and she was the chief of Alameda County Welfare Division in Fremont. Margaret married Bill Rainey Sr. in 1975 and they spent many wonderful years travelling until Bill's death in 2010. Her career as a social worker demonstrated commitment to the most vulnerable populations and from there she went on to help spearhead the movement that led to the Tri-City Homeless Coalition and the Alameda County Child Welfare Club.

At St. James', Margaret held leadership positions in the Altar Guild, Sunday School, and vestry and was one of the first members of the morning Bible Study. She was the Altar Guild Directress for many years

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Margaret Rainey (cont.)
and guided the group with class and reverence. She and Bill could be found at most church activities, always pitching in where an extra pair of hands was needed.

She moved to Vacaville in 2012 and attended services at Church of the Epiphany. Margaret became involved in what was then Brookdale Senior Living as the "Greeter" for new residents and gathered the Episcopalians together twice a month for services at the facility. Margaret's abiding faith and life of service were an inspiration to all who knew her. Margaret's online obituary is here.

Peter Ernest Norman (August 11, 1942 – March 7, 2021)

Peter was born in Wheat Ridge, CO to Eileen and Telfer Norman. He is survived by his siblings Mary Anne (Norman) Newell, Judith Eileen (Norman) Mann, Woody Norman, Paul Norman and his daughter Eileen Norman.

Peter graduated from Wheat Ridge High School, Wheat Ridge Colorado in 1961. In High School he participated in various sports such as wrestling and skiing. He was a very accomplished skier, was extremely popular, and had many friends. Peter graduated from North Eastern Junior College in 1963. He was always interested in electronics and built his own ham radios as well as electronic testing equipment. He put his knowledge of electronics to use later in life while working for Lockheed in its Aerospace Division.

Peter was adventurous in all aspects of his life. He decided that he needed to try living in California and went out there by himself to see what living in another state was like. Out there he joined Little People of America (LPA) and it was though LPA where he made lasting friendships and social connections. He met his former wife Kathy through LPA. They had two lovely daughters, Kate and Eileen. Kate predeceased Peter, which was a big loss in his life.

Whether in Colorado or California, Peter had many friends. He volunteered as a Peer Counselor for the City of Fremont, belonged to harmonica, ham radio, East Bay Peoples Choir, Cursillo, St. James' Episcopal Church and other groups, all of which gave him great joy in life as well as many friends.

Marilyn Joan (Ford) Kimber (October 29, 1933 - March 8, 2021)

Joan Kimber was a member of St. James' over 50 years, sitting in the same pew of the Little Church right next to her loving husband John. She participated at church in many ways, especially as a Deanery representative, and as a reader of the lessons.

Joan grew up a sixth-generation Californian in Sacramento, and spent lots of time with her grandparents in Grass Valley. She earned her nursing degree in the mid-1950's, and thirty years later received a degree in Health Services Administration from St. Mary's College. Her career took her through many areas of nursing, from working in private practices to volunteering after Hurricane Katrina. **(cont. next pg.)**

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Marilyn Joan (Ford) Kimber (cont.)

Joan and John were very involved with the local Rotary Club. Twice they led groups to Brazil, and they remain friends with many people they met down there. Joan loved to travel, and they journeyed to many places all around the world. Her favorite place to escape to was their cabin in the Sierras, in the town of Pioneer. That's where she loved to spend time with her family and friends. At home Joan kept a beautiful garden. She often brought freshly picked fruits and vegetables to church to share, and her roses often graced the coffee hour table in the Parish Hall.

Joan and John moved from Fremont to Livermore in 2004. They continued to travel back to St. James' for church, getting up earlier than most of us to attend the 8:00 service in the Little Church. Joan's graceful presence and beautiful smile will be missed by all who knew her. Joan's online obituary is here.

Dwarka Pershad (DP) Sankar (March 1, 1932 – March 22, 2021)

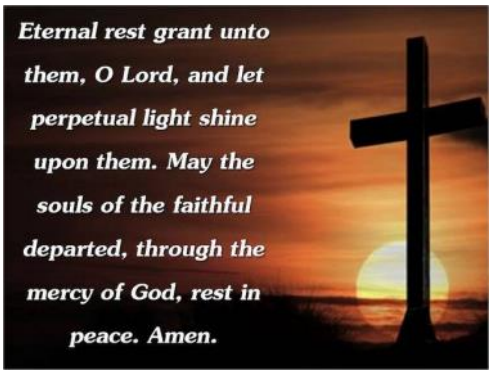
Dwarka was born and raised in Guyana, South America. He worked for the Guyana Sugar Company. His biggest contribution was improved working conditions for all the employees with strong efforts over many years. He was so effective as the worker representative that the owners promoted him to management in 1968. They wanted him on their side.

Dwarka moved his family (Ivy and their three children) to the United States in 1986. For many years he traveled back and forth between the US and Guyana, continuing to work in industrial relations and always looking to make life easier for the other workers. He enjoyed playing cricket, dancing, and visiting with friends, talking on all subjects for hours.

Ivy started attending St. James' shortly after moving to the US. In 1995, Dwarka retired and moved to California permanently. He became an auxiliary Altar Guild member, helping Ivy and the team by moving the flowers and lifting heavy items. They regularly attended the 8am service, and I recall always seeing him with a big smile on his face.

Dwarka was described as a kind man who loved spending time with his family, and one who effectively fought to improve the lives of those who needed a voice to speak for them. He touched many lives and made the world a better place.

We thank family members and friends who contributed information and photos, and also Laura Winter, who compiled and typed up these memorials.



The Endowment Fund: What Is It, and Why Does St. James' Have One?

By Tom Blalock

Maybe you've heard of the "Endowment Fund" at St. James'. It was established by the vestry over 20 years ago. Then Treasurer, Charlie Gallagher (long-time Treasurer and local CPA), was looking for some advice and ideas concerning the church's finances so he called an ad hoc committee together to bounce some ideas around. If memory serves me, John Kimber, Lon Doty, Dick Aston and I attended. I don't remember what happened to Charlie's specific issues, but "the Committee" conjured up the "Endowment Fund" idea. The purpose was to build a fund that would grow and attract money to safeguard the future of St. James'.

We did the background work of researching how to create an "Endowment Fund." The package was presented to the vestry, and they made modifications before adopting. I recall that we also created the Operating Rules for vestry approval. The goal was to grow a fund that would outlast us all – to be there in hard times as well as provide seed money for new programs or projects without invading the "principal". Gifts to the fund are acknowledged and are also documented on giving statements. Gifts may be given for remembrance, celebrations, and thanks. This last year there were many memorial gifts. The principal in the fund now exceeds $200,000.

The Endowment Board is appointed by the vestry to serve three-year terms. The Treasurer is an ex officio members of the Board. The first Board was comprised of five past Senior Wardens with Jan Pearson as its Chair. The Board manages the money which is deposited with the Episcopal Church Foundation. The Endowment Board recommends to the vestry each year how to use the growth in the account. Some years the growth is not touched.

There are three funds in our Endowment Fund for St. James' – the General Endowment Fund, the Little Church Endowment Fund, and the Memorial Garden Endowment Fund. Each is entitled to draw project funds annually as reported at the Annual Meeting of St. James'. Funds are only drawn down for deserving projects that can be sustained, and the draw is limited to not exceed that year's growth.

The Endowment Fund Board also sponsors special events at St. James'. There have been Will Writing seminars; another was put on by our own Rev. Karin White about writing "The Last Letter." It's a method to resolve personal issues with those friends or family that you feel need to be explained or resolved (before you go!).

Why contribute to the Endowment Fund? It's a way of celebrating achievements of any kind (marriages, memorials, graduations, promotions, bonuses, milestone anniversaries, and other recognitions). Most recently, there have been several gifts of remembrance for parishioners we have lost. Including a bequest in your will is another way of supporting the Endowment Fund. Giving to the Endowment Fund is after, and in addition to, your Annual Pledge to the Church. Gail and I have contributed in memory of family and friends who have passed away or to celebrate someone or something special in our lives. We might do this if we get an unexpected tax refund or other bonus income we may have received, and when our personal finances make it possible. It is an individual decision for each of us.

It you have questions or would like more information on the Endowment Fund, please contact me or any of the Endowment Board members (Mary Casas, Jino Joseph, John Butterfield, Craig Gentner, Tom Blalock). To make a contribution, your check should be made out to "St. James' Episcopal Church Endowment Fund" and indicate in the "memo" section to which specific fund (General Endowment, Little Church, or Memorial Garden) you would like to donate. I hope you will consider the Endowment Fund.

Volunteer Appreciation Event - Saturday, June 12th

The vestry of St. James' invites everyone to celebrate our amazing volunteers, saying thank you to all the wonderfully generous people who dedicate their time and energy to help make St. James' the remarkable community we love. The past year (and more!) has brought unique challenges and we are especially grateful for everyone who has helped keep our congregation informed and engaged.

Since we can't yet gather in the Parish Hall for our traditional cake or ice cream, we invite you to come by the church instead for a drive-by treat!

Date: Saturday, June 12
Time:10-11:30 AM
Where: St. James' Parking Lot

Please enter the parking lot at the far entrance near the office, stay in your car, and wear your mask. Members of the vestry will be handing out treats of cookies and fruit.

And there's more! Along with the treats, the St. James' Disaster Preparedness & Response Team will be there as well, handing out emergency goodie bags containing a whistle and emergency-related literature. You can also pick up a couple Blessing Bags to hand out.

Hope to see you there! ~Meg Amouroux, Samir Kalitta, Sylvia Ma

Let Us Be Prepared!

What's new? Well, we changed our name: from Disaster Preparedness Team to **Disaster Preparedness & Response Team** to reflect our goal and mission to St. James' parishioners and our neighbors. On Volunteer Appreciation Day, **Saturday June 12,** DPRT members will be handing out a goodie bag, full of emergency-related literature and a whistle with a Whistle Distress Code card. Each member of your family will receive an empty plastic draw string bag so they can put their shoes and flashlight by their beds as well as a whistle. The "Emergency Financial First Aid Kit" (EFFAK) is to be kept in the DPRT's Goody bag, so you can grab and go in case of an evacuation. So, stop by our table. It will be nice seeing all of you.

~ St. James DPRT

Thornton Avenue Park Task Force Forming

The vestry is moving ahead with plans to renovate our park area out front. The task force currently consists of Rev. Lori, Meg Amouroux, John Butterfield, Janet Fischer, Patty Lacy, and Sally Morgan. We invite others to join us, especially people with either project management or landscaping experience.

The charge of the task force is to plan and supervise improvements and any installations, after vestry approval. This will be a long-term project, and will be tackled in stages. We have approximately $15,000 in seed money donations to begin. If this is something that interests you and you want to be part of, please contact Rev. Lori at lori@saintj.com. Thank you!

St. James' Social Justice Task Force

A YEAR OF PRAYERS TO END RACISM: THE DIOCESAN COMMISSION TO END RACISM

June—For justice in the criminal system: "Lord, you suffered at human hands the pain of false arrest, torture, and unjust punishment, and you commanded us to comfort those in prison. Build a fire in your people, Lord, that we may never learn patience with prejudice or make peace with oppression, but that we may burn with zeal for justice, proportion, and equal protections under law for all people. In the Name of him who died condemned." Amen.

WE THE PEOPLE ….in order to form a more perfect union.

From my heart to yours with joy in the love we have for each other here at St. James'.

I suspect most of us are in "shell shock," reeling from a growing awareness of violence: more than 147 mass shootings in the first three months of this year; the violent storming of the capital; shootings of unarmed citizens; all followed by little or no action from political leadership.

I affirm that **WE THE PEOPLE of the United States**, one nation under God, have the power to make our country the place of social justice we envision!!! The key is that WE act instead of waiting for someone else. Many thousands of prayerful, considered acts for good add up, can have a startling effect.

Some members of the Social Justice Task Force here at St. James' have felt a call, not to change the people and cultures of others, but to understand our own "whiteness" as the air in which we live and breathe, mostly unconscious of our complex system of beliefs and actions and how that system inevitably affects others. The course on racism called Sacred Ground, books like Jesus and the Disinherited, Waking Up White, and White Fragility (all in the church library) have helped. So have earnest discussions with each other, and now is the time for choosing action. Just one action in concert with others of like mind has unexpected positive results. The Task Force is starting a quarterly prayer service in support of social justice for everyone to enjoy. We will also be having "watch parties" followed by discussion to enrich our lives and to increase St. James' unity.

There are dozens of small actions people of good will can undertake. One or more of them might resonate with you and your friends. Perhaps your first action is to increase your awareness (as it was our first action), followed by an act of kindness creating social justice on a personal level. Perhaps it is finding and joining a grassroots organization dedicated to your choice of action. Perhaps it is praying, or talking to family and friends about that most difficult subject -- our own conscious or unconscious racism, or maybe just deciding to open doors with a nod and a smile for people who wouldn't normally be in your social group.

Running for local office, letters to the editor, volunteering at an ESL class or elementary school … there are so many ways to reach out and make a difference. Asking God for guidance can take us in wonderful and surprising directions. St. James' is a remarkable community – already a fine example of **We the people** united to bring good to the world. What do you think might be **your** way to help bring social justice to our local and national communities?

~submitted by Diane Morninglight

Vestry Voices: Growing Faith in a Changing World by Meg Amouroux

None of us has ever truly walked this way before. But if there is no map, no route, no arrowhead to follow, there is sometimes a star. And we do not make our way without companions. As the road unfolds we travel side by side, and we share the shift from darkness into light. - Excerpt from Call the Midwife (a BBC television series)

When the Covid-19 pandemic made it to the US in early 2020 and got close enough that my workplace was forced to close and we were instructed to quarantine at home, I initially felt ok being asked to stay home for a while to help prevent the spread of the virus. Early on during that closure, I thought, "I'm an introvert. I've been training for this my whole life! I love being home!"

Except as we would all learn, we were not on vacation.

My workplace isn't one that can be done remotely from home, so our 2-month complete closure last spring had me thinking about to how to spend this time of isolation. News reports continued to be grim, so not knowing how long I'd be home, I knew needed to figure out how I could see this extreme world-wide slowness as something positive.

Initially, time at home was spent on exercise and crafts, I read books and watched classic movies, attended online education classes. The home garden was tended, and homemade bread was baked. All of these were things I could do without venturing out, staying safe at home.

As time went on, it was clear this was going to last awhile. I needed more than what seemed like entertainment.

I was reminded of lessons learned at church: we can do so much more in community. But if I can't leave my home, how? If I am to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world, I needed to find ways to reach out safely beyond my isolation. I thought of my mom, who lives alone, and how I might find ways to help her and others in her same situation – and all of us – to hang on, stay positive, improve ourselves, and help each other until we can safely regather in person.

This is where my church family helped me grow.

While safe at home, I found myself grateful for online church services and social gatherings, and requests for volunteers to help with church-related tasks. Many of us were able to participate in an in-depth online course about race and racism (Sacred Ground), which I found to be educational, inspirational, and awakening. I was encouraged by the various prayer and service offerings to start a daily intentional prayer time myself, which has grown into more frequent check-ins with my extended family, friends, and neighbors through letters, phone calls and video chats.

We are fortunate to have a community of leaders and friends among us who work hard to keep us connected when we're still so far apart. St. James' has clergy, staff and volunteers that go above and beyond to keep us energized, inspired, and moving forward in our faith.

Most St. James' annual traditions needed new approaches over the past year, and we have risen to the challenge.

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From communion distribution and online participation throughout the week, to seasonal activities and classes during Lent and Christmas, St. James' continues to give us opportunities to grow our faith, and stay in community.

"It is in community that we can discover God most profoundly, even when community is a headache, which it often can be, but the truth is that we actually need each other. We are at our best when we come together." Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Even in hard times, we can grow. Together.

Save The Date

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH

2:00 p.m.

Inaugural Diocesan Feast Day Celebrating Juneteenth

Please join Bishop Marc Andrus, the Afro American Commission and

the Vivian Traylor/Northern California Chapter

of the Union of Black Episcopalians

Grace Cathedral

both live and live streamed

For information coming soon

Vestry Highlights

Submitted by Jim McConnell, Jr. Warden

The vestry meeting was held on May 20; Sylvia Ma led with opening prayer.

An audit of the church finances for 2019 and 2020 was conducted by the Diocese on May 12. Lynn Locher, Bruce Roberts, Jan Brant and Ron Cook were in attendance.

Gregg Feeney has permission to construct a composting bin in the rear of the church property. He will handle construction and maintenance. The vestry had no objection.

The following were approved: April vestry minutes; April financial report; the March financial report was corrected to show correct amount in building cash; staff and ministry reports; we are filing an Assessment Relief Appeal request to the Diocese which the vestry approved; reinvestment of the Schwab CDs was tabled for the finance committee to review; Endowment Board management updates were approved; Memorial Garden landscaping project was approved for up to $7000, pending a review of AB5 rules.

Parking Lot Maintenance: Bruce Roberts presented bids from five contractors to resurface the church parking lot. Black Diamond Paving's bid was approved for up to $9000 to spend from the Building Fund.

Regathering: Our first in person gathering will be May 30 at 9:30 AM. Vestry and their families should arrive by 9:00 for procedure review.

Janet Fischer has volunteered to take on the role of bookkeeper. Volunteer Appreciation Day is on June 12 (see p.8). St. James' day is July 25. There will be a small party between services in the patio. It is also our seminarian Dan Carlson's last day with us. A Mutual Ministry Review is scheduled for September 12 from 3 -5. We will meet in person with the facilitator from the Diocese. Sylvia Ma closed the meeting with Compline.

The next vestry meeting is June 17.

Money Words From Your Treasurer

Bruce Roberts

Of course, the new St. James' Treasurer needs to say a few words about money, but he was hoping that the following words were not his first greeting words.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Church's income is not what was forecast so far this year, so we are now behind in our income; it could be worse as our expenses have not been as "expensive" as budgeted. Still, at the end of April we are nearly $8000 "in the red" as they say. (See the Accounting Summary on the right.)

So, I'm asking everyone to please keep up with respect to your pledge. We will find a way to get through this situation if we all do our part.

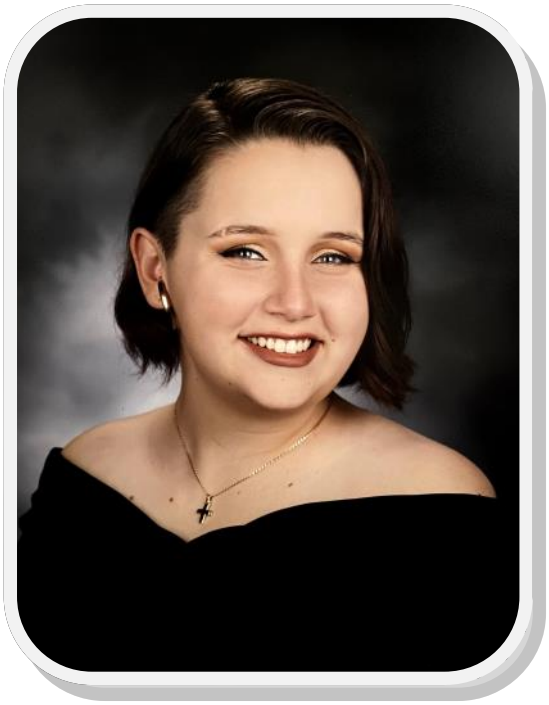
Ways to keep up with your pledge:

- **Use Bill Pay** through your bank.
- **Drop off** checks in the offering plate when you attend services.
- **Mail** a check to P.O. Box 457, Fremont, 94537-0457.

Thank you for reading this message.

Financial Summary April 2021			
Fund Balances	**4/30/2020**		**4/30/2021**
Operating Fund	$ 86,856.77		$ 123,190.67
Building Fund	$ 69,437.30		$ 44,370.25
Pledges Budgeted	$ 114,354.66		$ 118,430.00
Pledges Paid	$ 143,648.06		$ 114,093.39
Unpledged Contributions	$ 4,852.20		$ 2,554.80
Other Op Income	$ 5,153.53		$ 212.67
Total Operating Income	$ 153,653.79		$ 116,860.86
Total Operating Expenses	$ 116,588.54		$ 124,810.99
Income less Expenses	**$ 37,065.25**		**$ (7,950.13)**

Our Graduating Senior!



Every year at St. James' we try to celebrate our graduating high school seniors. This year, two of our young people will graduate high school. Malorie Guzior graduates from John F Kennedy High School and Olivia Carini from Irvington High School, both in Fremont. Next month we will hear from Olivia, but this month I asked Malorie to share with us a little about herself.

Malorie and her family joined us for worship regularly when she was 11, and she was a regular Sunday School member, and young helper. She trained as an acolyte and served in that role regularly, working her way up to being a mentor for young acolytes. She could be relied on to help a service run smoothly and enjoyed the routine.

Among Malorie's favorite memories of her times at St. James' are the overnight trips to Grace Cathedral, which included walking across the city to join the MLK Jr March. Malorie also served as a young volunteer for St. James' Summer Camp, turning her hand to actions for songs, games and helping with crafts.

Malorie was confirmed by Bishop Marc at St. James' as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations. Sports and music have both occupied Malorie's time. As a 4-year choir student at high school, she even got to sing at Disneyland as part of a class competition at Music in The Parks. She played softball for 8 years, through Fremont Girls Softball, and for her school. She has played guitar for 9 years including appearances at many Mission Coffee Open Mic Nights, and for five years she volunteered, with her family, at the Candle Lighters Ghost house at The Hub.

Next year Malorie will be navigating her way through the college freshman experience at CSU Monterey Bay as a Marine Science major. She shared her hope that in the future she can, "Be a part of the movement that helps repair the damages done to our planet in any way that I can, whether that be with coral reef restoration, environmental programs to reduce human waste and its impact on our oceans or discovering new ways to coexist with the other life that we share the planet with."

I asked Malorie what she had learned while at St. James' that she hopes to remember in the future and she said, 'God is more than the people you attend church with. He is more than the building you worship in. He does his good work through all of us and the way we treat others and the world around us.' Thank you Malorie for all you have been involved with at St. James'. Our congratulations on your graduation and love and prayers for the future. Stay in touch!

~Jan Scrutton, Children & Youth Minister

The Quarterly Executive Council Talking Points

Submitted by Elaine Vallecillo-Miller

I was elected at the South Alameda Deanery meeting in December 2020 to be your deanery representative on the Executive Council. Richard Patenaude, member of Holy Cross, is our other deanery representative and president of the EC. I am submitting the Talking Points for January, February, March, and April meetings.

January Talking Points:
New CFO appointment; Alameda Deanery's universal Wi-Fi access resolution; St. Dorothy's Rest update

February Talking Points:
Update on the Bluebird Village project, located in Brentwood, CA; Welcome the new CFO Rev. Michele Racusin; Search for Multicultural Ministry Officer

March Talking Points:
Nominations are opening for committee soon; St. Dorothy's Rest is gearing up for the camps this summer at half capacity. Katie Evenbeck, the Director, has returned from sabbatical; Universal Wi-Fi access. Padlet brainstorming session. https://padlet.com/alamedadeanerywebsite/wssktd9eip10gluq

April Talking Points:
The Sabbatical Working Group presented their proposal for sabbaticals for Intentional Interim Rectors. The Executive Council provided comment and feedback to allow input into the budgeting process as outlined in the resolution from the last convention; The board of St. Dorothy's Rest presented their business plan. Executive council approved the distribution of $200,000 from the Expanding Horizons Campaign to Saint Dorothy's Rest. This brings the total distribution from Expanding Horizons to SDR to $395,000 and illustrates the real difference the Expanding Horizons capital campaign has and is making in the life of the Diocese.

Men's Trip to Arnold This Summer

Last year we had to cancel the Men's Trip due to the pandemic. This year we are looking at the possibility of going again. This is subject to our Diocesan Guidelines and approval from Rev. Lori.

If you are new to St. James', then please consider joining us for a great trip to Arnold. It's a short drive from Fremont and many of us carpool. It is now our 13th year for the Men's Group headed to the Mother Lode country of Alpine County. The size of the group ranges from 13- 20. The Arnold area truly has a lot to offer a diverse group of guys from age 21-80+ who like to hike, play golf, fish, beer & wine taste, swim, kayak, shoot pool, tell stories, and eat good food.
I am just now exploring the area again since many rentals have been taken off the market due to the pandemic. If you have an interest, then then email me so I can get a head count. It would be nice to return to the mountains. Thank you and stay well.

~Gregg Feeney 510-506-2303 cell | dgfeeney@comcast.net

Vegan Marinara Farro with Chickpea

by Meg Amouroux

Looking to add more meatless meals to your dinner table? Let me introduce you to farro!

If you haven't met yet, farro is an ancient grain which appears prominently in Mediterranean cuisine. Easy to prepare, it has a nutty flavor and chewy texture, and is cooked much like rice or barley. Its nutritional profile is higher in plant protein and fiber compared to rice, and is adaptable to many types of dishes.

This recipe is Italian in inspiration, and can be eaten as a side dish, or as an entree. While not gluten-free (farro is a wheat product), the recipe is 100% vegan, and 100% delicious comfort food.

Though we changed it slightly, credit for the original recipe (and the photo seen here) goes to www.fooduzzi.com. For more vegan recipes, we highly recommend lovingitvegan.com.

Vegan Marinara Farro with Chickpeas (Yield: 3-4 servings)

1 cup dry farro (we use Bob's Red Mill brand)

3/4 cup your favorite marinara (or up to half of 25 oz. jar)

2 heaping Tbsp. hummus

Seasonings to taste (I typically add granulated garlic and onion powder. Other options are red pepper flakes, and/or salt & ground black pepper)

1.5 cups or 1 can garbanzo beans (chickpeas), drained and rinsed

(Optional) 1 large or 2 small zucchinis, cut into coins and quartered

(Optional) 1 Roma tomato, chopped

Garnishes, if desired: Fresh basil, toasted and chopped cashews, and/or grated vegan Parmesan-style cheese

DIRECTIONS:

Cook the farro according to package instructions. When tender, drain any excess water* and stir in marinara and hummus. Warm the chickpeas (microwave ok) and stir into mixture. If adding the zucchini and/or diced tomato, warm or steam them separately and stir them into mixture last. Gently mix everything well to combine and heat through, taste and adjust seasoning as necessary. Plate, and garnish as desired. Serve immediately, or refrigerate for later (it reheats wonderfully!)

*Draining the water here is important so that the farro mixture doesn't get too watery. The marinara will get a bit watery when it heats up, so to counter that, a well-drained farro is a must!

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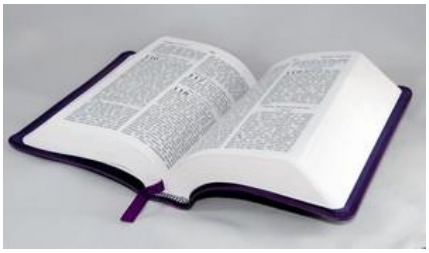
Children and Youth

Check current events at:
https://saintj.com/wp/ministries/childrens-programs/
or email Jan Scrutton, jan@saintj.com.

Contact jan@saintj.com for the date and Zoom link for the next Episcopal Youth Fremont gathering. All young people 6th - 12th grade are welcome to join us. Some of our young people are preparing for an outdoor Eco confirmation this summer - please keep them in your prayers.

Bible Studies

Monday morning Bible Study continues via zoom meetings, 11:00-12:00 each Monday. Our guide is *Our Journey With Luke: The 50 Day Bible Challenge,* by The Rev. Marek Zabriskie. Contact Rev. Lori by emailing lori@saintj.com to get the link to the Zoom meeting**.**



We have a **Wednesday afternoon** Bible Study at 1:00pm, also via Zoom. Lori will send out a link to a short video and discussion questions. Email Lori to be added to this list as well.

The next issue of ***The Window*** is in **July**. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, book reviews, newsworthy items, and any group activity information**.

Email your submission to newsletter@saintj.com by: **June 15th**

Calendar

You can access the church calendar for June here.

Blessing Bags for Distribution

Let us remember those who have no shelter. Our Blessing Bags are available for you to give away. Each bag contains toiletries, water, food, socks, and a mask. We're using reusable cloth bags that can also serve as a backpack.

Please note we are not taking donations other than monetary donations. *This allows us to purchase what we need and to be consistent with what we are offering.*

Blessing Bags are available for you to pick up most Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the office hallway.

Chair Exercise Class on Zoom

Please join Sylvia Ma for a weekly Zoom class on chair exercises on Breathing/Qi Gong and Tai Chi/Hsing I movements. No experience is necessary. Sessions held **Tuesday mornings** from **10:00 to 11:00 AM**. Please spread the word. All are welcome. If you are interested, email Sylvia at srwarden@saintj.com and she will send you the link. The link will also be found on the calendar at St James' website https://saintj.com.

News For June

St. James' Prayer List

Most Holy God we pray:

For Those in the Military:

Jarrod, Megan, Erica, Theresa, Mark, Tim, Louis, Caitlin, Emily, Robin, Adam, Dave, Shawn, Ethan, Paul, Matthew, Johnny, Johnathan, Darren

For Essential Workers:

Evelyn, Jeff, Brian, Samir, Mary Frances, Josephine, Mary, Polly, Alice, Bozena, Angela, Darcia, Melissa, Mary, Tammy, Heidi, Mana, Tessa, Natalie, Gwen, Dr. Johnathan, Evan, Guy

For Those Expecting Children:

Bailey & Steven, Alex & Phoebe

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength:

Delores, Molly, Jill, Matt, Marilyn

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:

For Those Who Need Healing:

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Jim, Revena, John, Tim, Linc, Jean, Mel, Johanne, Alfred, Glenn, Eva, Don, Paul, Marisela, Kulwant, Joginder, Bud

For Those Who Have Passed Away:

Debbie, Johnny

And for all of us impacted by the current pandemic.

To add someone to the "Special Prayers" list, please call or email the Church Office. After six weeks, names are removed from the list. Please renew your request as needed. Thank you.

06/02	Callie Patton
06/03	Charles Paratore
06/04	Nancy Castaneda
	Kitty Reed
06/05	Ivy Sankar
06/08	Patty Lacy
06/09	Bob Doherty
06/14	Christopher Jones
06/16	Bruce Prickett
06/17	Safa Fortescue
06/18	Jennifer Evans-Bodenrader
06/20	CeliaMay Baldwin
	Timothy Prickett
06/22	Mark Locher
06/23	Ian Kalitta
06/26	Greg Miller
06/27	Marlene E. Benedict-Gonzalez
06/28	George Vlastelica
06/29	Julie Guzior
06/30	Emma Feeney

06/04	Craig & Linda Gentner
06/22	Charles & Judy Peeler
06/24	Sherea & Keith Westra
06/25	James & Frankie McLeod
06/30	Alberto & Marie Verdin

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HTTP://SAINTJ.COM

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CONTACT bhale@saintj.com FOR THE LINK

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