# The Window

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

***Called to serve in new and loving ways***

**August 2021**


## Finding Community in Regathering

The group that attends the Wednesday Bible Study has gotten used to pondering the deep and sometimes hard questions. Each week, we watch a short video that brings up a particular topic and explains a portion of the Bible. After the short video, we begin to ponder. What does Good News look like? Why does God allow suffering? How can we forgive those who have hurt us? Where do we find strength for the journey?

Inevitably, the conversation always, without fail, lands on one particular point: community. We do not go this road alone, and without our spiritual companions, we risk wandering off into nowhere or getting stuck in a ditch somewhere. What makes our lives rich in meaning is not what we own or earn, but who we encounter. The way we find peace with the difficult questions is that we wrestle with them together, not alone. We may not have the answers individually, but collectively, we can more easily sit in the mystery.

The Wednesday Bible Study and other zoom gatherings have been lifelines for many because in the midst of isolation, they have provided windows that allow us to remain in community. I am sure this has been said before, but I believe it is worth repeating. Community is a lifeline.

Even still, there is only so much a virtual relationship can satisfy. A two-dimensional person will never take the place of a three-dimensional. A wave at our screen will never be the same as a hug along the road. When I think about what I have most missed during the time of pandemic, I think about laughter. Of course, we can, and we have, laughed virtually. But somehow it isn't quite the same as the spontaneous eruption of in-person laughter that rises to the rafters and lifts us along with it. I have missed that joyfulness and welcome its return.

If this time has taught us anything, it is that we are meant to connect with others. Now, of course, community comes in many forms. We have relationships with coworkers, with old friends we've known for years, with family members near and far, with walking buddies and book group buddies. There is no limit to the relationships we can build. However, I would propose that it is the Christian community, the relationships we build when we are gathered for common worship, for the common purpose of glorifying God, for the shared experience of wrestling with the Big Questions of life that is of the most importance for a follower of Jesus. When we say we are a Christian, we are also saying that we are relationships with companions along the way, just like the early disciples were in relationship, not just with Jesus, but with each other. And, when we live our Christian lives in community with other Christians, we are known at a deeper level because of our shared language, desires, and walk.

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We are back to our regular two services at 8:00 and 10:30, which means we now have at least two opportunities to reconnect with our spiritual family. But let us not stop there and leave it at that. Our seminarian, Dan Carlson, and parishioner, Tim Fortescue, have been leading us in a conversation about sharing the Good News. Through this class, we are all learning the language of sharing this life-giving resource of Jesus Christ with others who may be hungry for community, thirsty for living water, and longing for a place to wrestle with the Big Questions that come with simply being alive.

So, as we gather back in person (and it is my fervent hope that you will gather with us, whether you've previously been present or not), let us remember to look around to see who else might benefit from connecting with others in a way that enhances their lives and brings them closer to God. This gift is not for hoarding. It is for giving away freely and without expectations. If you know of someone who seems a little disconnected, or who seems as if they are searching for something, take a chance, and invite them to come to church with you. What do you have to lose? Even if they decline, the offer speaks volumes.

~Lori+

# A Note From Rev. Bill

One of the things which drew me into the Episcopal Church was the joy of having Eucharist celebrated every Sunday. Beyond the message found in the various readings, the learning I could take away from the sermon, and the sense of community embodied in the prayers, there was the power of being drawn to the altar where the Real Presence of Christ was palpable—not only as liturgical action, but as a reality that breaks forth in our midst and then is shared in a very personal way with all the congregation. That experience includes hearing about Christ's sacrifice made on our behalf, then culminates in our participation, the receiving of Jesus by eating the spiritual food of his body and blood. The whole *celebration* (in all senses of the word) of the Eucharist was then and has remained for me emotionally overwhelming.

"*Take, eat—this is my body given for you*." "*Drink this—this is my blood of the New Covenant.*"

Gathered in the midst of other believers, called to witness the mystery of the Lord's Supper, you and I can hear Jesus himself offering the invitation, presenting the sacred food and drink, and replacing any faith that is lacking by the immediacy of sharing his life in this way. In the celebration of the Eucharist, first as a congregant and later as a presider at the altar, I have found the holiest of moments in my week—the actual nourishment of my body and spirit by the Bread of Heaven by which Christ personally presents himself to me and to you.

This August, we shall visit with Jesus from the perspective of John's gospel for four consecutive Sundays. Don't miss the chance to read that account (in chapter 6), where Jesus first fed the multitude with bread and then made the ultimate declaration that he himself as the Bread of Life. Take time to reflect on the ways in which Jesus offered to his hearers then--and to us now--the personal invitation to share his life's substance, and in so doing to receive life eternal from him. As Jesus makes himself known by declaring, "I am the Bread of Life," prayerfully meditate on his words—hear them as a call to your heart to know him in the same deep, personal, and intimate way he offers himself to us. Then carry this precious connection with you as you next receive Christ's body and blood, opening the door to knowing him as he is continually present "in the breaking of the bread."

Peace to you,

~Bill+

# The Ways We Are Church Together

## WORSHIP

**Worship At Church! We Have Regathered!**
**We have returned to TWO Sunday services at 8am and 10:30am!** Coffee and light snacks following each service.

**Sunday Morning Service Live Stream!**
If you cannot attend church in person, you can join our 10:30am service live-streamed on Sundays at saintj.com. The service can be joined at any time on Sunday from 10:25am, or watched during the week on our YouTube channel.

**Wednesday 10:00am Service**
Gather together for our Wednesday morning - a regular service including Holy Communion. We explore the upcoming Sunday lessons, gather our prayers for those in our community, and pass the peace.

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

**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.

## FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday 12:00pm Home Alone Group Continues on Zoom**
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 Continues on Zoom**
Grab a beverage and link in to Zoom to socialize with others and see how everyone is doing. Email Jennifer Ravera at music@saintj.com for details.

**Grief Support Group Mondays @ 2pm on Zoom.**
Rev. Bill Hale, former grief support person for Odyssey Hospice in Michigan, facilitates the group. Please contact Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com for more information. This group is open to all, not just for St. James' folks. Share the word.

**Audio Sermons and Online Resources**
All of our zoom links can be found on our website, saintj.com. Look for the calendar of events on the right side of our home page. Sunday's service and sermons are also online. 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. Like us on Facebook!

# Vestry Voices: Growing Faith in a Changing World by Tim Fortescue

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.*
-Hebrews 11:1-3.

I first walked through the doors of St. James' about four years ago. I remember that because it was just after our now 4 year old twins Lucy and Jules were born. It's crazy that it's been four years and the time sure has flown. Walking through the doors of the little church at that first 8 am service with two small kids took courage and faith. However, that courage and faith was met with open and loving arms. Beginning with Rev. Lori having someone hand me a prayer book opened to the right page. The prayer book and liturgy was foreign to me coming from a non liturgical background. Eventually our whole family started attending St. James', and it still took faith and courage. For me it took courage to fumble along and figure out the liturgy; for Tessa, it took faith that the Episcopal church was different from the Catholic upbringing that she was used to. Through it all, we were continually met with open arms, grace and love.

Hebrews 11 gives us a definition of what faith is. Being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. When our family discovered St. James', we had a hope for community. We had struggled to find a faith community where we felt comfortable while still being uncomfortable at times and challenged to learn and grow. St. James' has provided us this gift. Jan and the children's programs has also provided a gift and a solid faith formation for us to build on at home. We're so grateful for a church with such loving and open arms.

We are so grateful for St. James' and will be sad to leave. However, over the past year, Tessa and I have had a lot of time to reflect on our life and family. In our reflection, we've decided that now is the time to make another transition that will require courage and faith as we did when we began attending St. James'. We've decided to move closer to Tessa's family in Wisconsin. It is our "hope" that we will find a church family there that will accept us with grace and open and loving arms much like St. James' when we move at the end of August.

The author of Hebrews closes chapter 11 after sharing examples of those in what some refer to as the "Hall of Fame of faith" like Abraham, Sarah and Moses. The author states that "yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect." Our family will deeply miss this community. However, I hope that we will all continue to be a people of faith and hopeful in the midst of uncertainty and change. Knowing that we can trust that "we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses" cheering us on. My hope is that we will all "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfector of our faith who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Bearing witness with you in faith,
Tim Fortescue

# School for Deacons Focus Has Evolved Toward Social Ministry

Submitted by Ron Cook, Parish Administrator

In the past several decades Episcopal deacons have increasingly focused more attention on social ministry in their communities rather than traditional duties at the church altar.

Few have had a closer view of the ministry's evolution than Sister Pamela Clare Magers of the Community of St. Francis, who has worked at the School for Deacons in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1982 and started teaching a course on "contemporary social issues" in 1984. Prior to the introduction of that course, the curriculum for the school focused on the educational topics required of priests, and the liturgical role of deacons serving at the altar.

But the early to mid-1980s saw a shift toward "practical" issues such as visiting patients at nursing homes, helping people with addictions, and prison ministry. The dean of the school felt that Sr. Pamela's background as a Franciscan, as well as her PhD in Anthropology, would add significantly to the postulants' growth. After several years, study of social ministry became a requirement for all students at the school.

"The student body of the School for Deacons began to change in the mid-1990s," recalled Sr. Pamela. "Students came into the social ministry class already convinced that social ministry was part of their calling. My job was to help them see that they could indeed do social ministry as a deacon, but the unique role of the deacon was to facilitate social ministry for the rest of the church, especially the laity. That means advocating, preaching, teaching, nagging, nurturing, supporting, as well as modeling."

Second-year students must complete two semesters on leadership in social ministry. "The first semester deals with social issues that challenge society and how the church is/isn't/could be involved with meeting the challenge," Sr. Pamela said. "The second semester deals with social ministry in the parish—in other words, getting the congregation more involved with social ministry opportunities in their local community...The students look at church history, the identity of the congregation, the social context of the neighborhood, who is 'The Other' for that congregation, and the story of social ministry in the past and present with an eye to the future development and nurture of social ministry in the congregation."

Her background as a Franciscan heavily influences her teaching.

"The Community of St. Francis (CSF) consists of the Franciscan Sisters, who are part of the Society of St. Francis (SSF), an international religious order in the Anglican Communion. The Brothers SSF, the Third Order TSSF, and the Poor Clares (in England) make up the other parts. CSF began in England in 1905 and is the oldest of the components of SSF," Sr. Pamela noted.

Beyond her teaching for the School for Deacons, Sr. Pamela works extensively with people in need in several San Francisco neighborhoods.

"My own ministries have been mainly with the Latino immigrant community (for 25 years), then with the Care Through Touch Institute (for 17 years), which provides therapeutic massage for poor, homeless, and marginalized people at various social service agencies in the Tenderloin, South of Market and the Mission."

Sr. Pamela added, "For Francis, the love of God was foremost, and this love extended to all people, indeed all creatures, whom Francis considered to be his brothers and sisters."

To learn more about the curriculum at the School for Deacons, see the school's website at https://schoolfordeacons.org or contact the Rev. Hailey McKeefry at ops@schoolfordeacons.org. If you are considering entering the discernment process to study for the Diaconate, contact Amy Cook at the Diocese of California, at amyc@diocal.org.

# St. James' Social Justice Task Force

Contact the SJTF at: socialjustice@saintj.com

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

**AUGUST-- For appreciation of diverse cultural contributions**

"O God of all nations and peoples: We live in a nation of immigrants, and one in which the diverse gifts of many peoples have contributed to our energy and strength. Yet it is one in which some immigrants are discriminated against because of the color of their skin, their language, or the country of their origin. Help us, by your grace, to offer hospitality to all strangers, as our Father Abraham did in the desert. Grant us the wisdom and skill to enact just and merciful immigration reforms so that the hospitality and access to this great land may be offered equally to people of all colors and races and nations." **Amen.**

**What has the St. James 'Social Justice Task force been up to?**

The task of addressing social injustice is daunting; simply speaking the wrongs is overwhelming. And although inequity exists in many forms, the task force is currently focusing on racism as an extension of the themes presented in the Sacred Ground series. The team has decided to pick small topics for each calendar quarter and present these to the parish in three ways. First is education. This can take the form of lists of suggested links, watch parties for documentaries, book discussions and posters at church. Second is engagement. This is the process of engaging the parish and encouraging people to become active in the local community. Currently because of restrictions and concerns around COVID, this will focus more on organizations and individuals that need specific types of support from the St. James' community. And third is action. The task force will sponsor quarterly prayer meeting that focuses on the selected topic and as COVID concerns decrease, the team will also look for opportunities for parishioners to participate directly in community programs that reflect the Church's call for equality and inclusion.

What is the Q3 Focus?

The selected focus for Q3 is disenfranchised children in the Tri-City community. Children of color across America are more likely to live below poverty level than white children and the Bay area is no different. The task force asks your support as it grapples with how to bring God's grace from our hearts to reality in serving our community's children.

- Our educational outreach this quarter will include a Frontline documentary in August on the impact of poverty on children, a reading group in September focusing on the effects of poverty on children, posters presenting local facts and programs that support the underserved in our community, and links to articles and programs for your consideration.

- The focus of our engagement activities is specific needs for children in the Tri-City area. First is food insecurity. We will have a fund drive to support the Tri-City Volunteers Food Bank and Mobile Pantry which receives food from the Alameda County Food Bank and distributes it to our local community. Second is Title 1 schools in our area. The plan is to purchase specific items through donorschoose.org for a classroom at one of our local Title 1 schools to support education in underfunded schools.

- A Prayer Service has been scheduled for **September 22**. It will focus on all children as beloved of God and our responsibilities to our community.

The team asks that you remember us in your prayers and that you will thoughtfully consider our suggestions and petitions as they come your way. With God's guidance, we hope we can offer a little inspiration to you to be the Light.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

~Mary Frances Leopold

# Worship Is A Good and Joyful Thing

Reflection by John Wagas

In these past few months of exploring the Anglican tradition, the Episcopal Church, and the community of St. James', I have come to recognize and appreciate the centrality of worship in our lives as people of faith—as Christians, as Anglicans, as Episcopalians, as members of the Jesus Movement. Whether it be Morning or Evening Prayer, Compline, or the Holy Eucharist (amongst other acts of worship found in and beyond the Book of Common Prayer), it is these acts of corporate and personal worship that *unite us* as the Church—the mystical body of Christ—rather than solely relying on defined doctrines and teachings to bind us together.

We do not cast away our emotions or our intellect when we approach the altar or open our prayer books; we do not disregard our sentiments or our doubts when we approach to receive Holy Communion or walk through the labyrinth. We are free to bring the entirety of ourselves—mind, body, and soul—to worship, allowing ourselves to be vulnerable for God to whom "all hearts are open, all desires known" in the words of Rite Two of the Holy Eucharist. Is that not then a "good and joyful thing"—for God has given us the capacity to engage in worship bearing the capacity to offer God rightful praise utilizing our gifts and talents, and then be sent out to witness to his love to all of creation.

Worship, in all its rightful manifestations, is "good" because we are strengthening our relationship with God; in the creation account found in Genesis, God declared all that was created to be "good" for they were formed out of God's desire to unite all of creation with himself. So too, is it then, that worship is "good" for we are ever-united with God in adoration and thanksgiving. And it is "joyful" because, even in moments of sorrow and grief, we must remember that God has and will always remain faithful to us, and that ours is a God who remains a mystery yet is ever-present beside us on our life's journey.

Furthermore, it truly is a "good and joyful thing" to give back to God what is rightfully God's, offering our gifts, our prayers, our memories, our emotions, and the fruits of our labor as we recognize that God is "Almighty" and the "Creator of Heaven and Earth" and is therefore worthy of being adored. Worship truly embodies the principle of "both/and" as it encompasses action *and* words, sound *and* silence, our hearts *and* minds, our joys *and* sorrows, our thanksgivings *and* our petitions.

Whenever we worship God (however we may be doing so), let us remember and reflect on the words "a good and joyful thing," reminding ourselves that "it is right" for us to come and fall into God's embrace knowing that we come as we are, yet willing to be transformed ourselves and then going out to transform the world.

**Executive Council June 2021 Talking Points– Submitted by Elaine Vallecillo-Miller**

- The Bishop reminded the group of the upcoming Juneteenth Mass.
- The Bishop suggested that folks go to the DioCal website to get updated information on regathering
- Jeannette Dinwidee-Moore updated the Council on the Bishop's Task Force on Diocesan Leadership
- Nominations are open and close end of July – get your nominations in now!
- We had a great discussion about virtual and hybrid worship and how we will all move forward.
- Reverend Jon Owens led a discussion of portions of the book *We Shall Be Changed*.

Reminder: Diocesan Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee. Hopefully, all rectors and their Congregational Disaster Coordinators completed the worksheet I sent for the benefit of Rev. Jane McDougle, our Diocesan Disaster Coordinator.

# Report from the Park Task Force

Submitted by Meg Amouroux

The Park Task Force is a group formed in the vestry, with parishioners joining in. The task force has been created in response to a need to make better use of the area of our campus between Thornton Ave and the parking lot, known by many as "the Park." Current members of the Park Task Force include Rev. Lori, Meg Amouroux, John Butterfield, Janet Fischer, Patty Lacy, Sally Morgan, and Jasmine Reynolds. Our first meeting as a group was held on June 23, 2021.

Sketches and ideas from brainstorming sessions from earlier (pre-2021) vestry discussions were reviewed. A fund for this project has been established via donations, with the goal to update the area. We recognize the lack of sacred spaces and quieter places for contemplation in Fremont, and we agree that we can use this space as a place where we can create that sacred space. With that, we hold this as our task force's mission: *"The creation of a sacred space for rest, contemplation, and fellowship."* This mission statement, along with a preliminary sequence of what we might accomplish, will help guide our conversations and decisions, and keep us on track to complete the task.

Breaking down the project into phases allows us to remove options that don't appear viable, as well as organizing the steps needed to complete the project. The following phases reflect our preliminary approach to transformation of the Park area.

> **Phase 1:** Labyrinth and associated instructional signage. Benches/seating may be part of this phase. Seating may include benches, a low stone wall, collections of seating options for small groups. We agree to begin with this phase without delay (see below).
> **Phase 2:** Clearing Park of unwanted elements, placement of benches and Peace Path. Perhaps add an accessible green belt from Memorial Garden to Park.
> **Phase 3:** Outdoor Columbarium for the Homeless and memorial wall or garden.
> **Phase 4+:** Earthen mounds or berms to help with Thornton Ave. traffic noise reduction. Addition of native and drought-resistant plants. Street and property signage.

Our first steps of Phase 1 are underway as we are contacting local labyrinth artist for an on-site visit and conversation about options, style, costs, etc.

We're happy to receive suggestions both for ideas, donations for the project, and for anyone wishing to join the Task Force! Our group email is park@saintj.com.

# The Phillips HeartStart AED Orientation via Zoom

## (Automated External Defibrillator)

**Mark your calendar: Monday, August 30, 2021, from 7: 00 PM to 7:45 PM.**

Your St. James' Disaster Preparedness & Response Team has scheduled the Orientation Class where Neal, the Manager of Life Support Services West of Fremont, CA, will provide basics of the AEDs – what they are, what they do, and who can safely use them. He will review legal consideration of all Good Samaritan laws, and show a short video and an AED demonstration. We strongly encourage everyone to attend from your Livingroom. A Zoom link will be given in the E-Weekly Bulletins in August. Look out for it!

# Meet A Ministry: Summer Camp

From 2011 to 2019 each summer for one week of mornings St. James' has been home to our Summer Day Camp, previously called Vacation Bible School. Themes have included fish, trees, and mountains in addition to feasts and even Christmas in July. Each of our summer camps is written especially for us, taking into account Episcopal theology and our volunteers' strengths.

While campus may have been quiet in 2020 and 2021 summer camp isn't forgotten and we look forward to being able to gather again next year to celebrate our 10th summer.

If you were to join us for any year of camp you'd find us starting off in church with a story, and some teaching, often with the space decorated to match our theme – and of course we'll all be wearing our camp t-shirts! We then enjoy some fun songs – and everyone from the youngest camper to the oldest volunteer joins in the actions. We head outside for games, including our annual treasure hunt (where on earth did Jill hide those spoons!) and maybe we make use of some of the strange things you have donated to help us – cardboard box relays were very popular one year, and teams had to build structures that were as tall as they could make with the boxes they collected.

Snack time sees us enjoying a break on the patio, and our snacks often match our theme as well! After this we find out what crafts and activities are available to try this morning. We try to let the children decide if they want to paint, sew, decorate, play with clay or another activity and just encourage them to finish something before they move on. Children are so often directed as to what to do when and the space we create tries to give them choices and chances to try new things. For many of the kids this is the reason they return each year (to quote one mother, 'they love doing crafts with grandmas')

Our summer camp volunteers are a wonderful, welcoming team and you are very welcome to ask about joining us next year. Don't think you are skilled enough? Don't worry! Each year we find ourselves learning and practicing new crafts, teaching each other and then the campers. We all learn together the skills we need to deliver the program we make.

Each year we have served between 20-50 young people with a team of 12-25 volunteers. The children come from our own congregation, our extended families, our community, and friends. Many return year after year. For some we are their only contact with church.

While we may have a new theme and a color each year some threads run through every year – God loves you, we love you and the church doors are open to you.

I'm so grateful for the support that St. James' gives summer camp, not just for the wonderful volunteers but for the collections of boxes, jars, cans, tubes and whatever else I've asked for. And the financial support to keep our costs manageable for all families.

At the end of a week of camp I confess I am exhausted, but usually by Thursday night my family start hearing mutterings about 'next year's theme' and little planning notes are being made. There are so many ways to help out with summer camp and those who spend time with us often have as much fun as our campers. Once we start planning for next year, I hope a few of you might consider joining us! And I really look forward to seeing our old team back together again.

~Jan Scrutton, Children & Youth Minister

# Vestry Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Jim McConnell, Jr. Warden

The Vestry meeting was held on July 15, 2021. Bob Bynum led with opening prayer.

Approvals:

- Minutes for the June meeting.
- The June financial report.
- Staff and Ministry reports.

Oral Communications:

- Sylvia thanked Dan Carlson and Tim Fortescue for leading a group discussion, "The Good News" on Tuesday evenings.
- Lori announced that the Fortescue Family will be moving to Wisconsin. This will be Tim and Dan's last vestry meeting.
- Lori noted that John Wagas will join the Social media and web site team
- Lori is in talks with our copier vendor on a new contract.
- Memorial Garden landscaping project is completed.

Elaine Miller presented an update on AED training. There will be a Zoom presentation on **August 30 at 7:00 pm**. The presentation will cover an introduction to the AED and its features. A separate in-person training will be held later for certification on AED/CPR, the cost will be $55 per person. Financial scholarships will likely be available.

The John McCutcheon Concert is scheduled for **Jan 17, 2022**. The vestry approved proceeding with contracts and planning.

Vestry approved spending up to $2000 from the residence special interest fund for repairs/painting of Lori's home on Shady Hollow. This is the church's portion of the repairs under the equity sharing agreement.

Mike Scrutton has purchased (and installed) a new remote-control camera for the big church sanctuary. The vestry approved reimbursing him $1,900 out of memorial special interest funds.

Park Redevelopment: The committee will meet with Lars Howlett of Discover Labyrinth to discuss options for replacing the current labyrinth. Replacing the labyrinth is Phase I of the project.

Saint James' day is July 25. There will be a mini party between services in the patio. It is also our seminarian Dan Carlson's last day with us.

Mutual Ministry Review is scheduled for 9/12 from 3-5. We will meet in person. Next Vestry meeting is Aug 19th. Our September meeting will be in-person on September 16.

Bob Bynum closed the meeting with Compline.

## Men's Trip to Arnold
## August 19-22

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 Calaveras 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.

If you have an interest, please 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

# Camp Stew For Two

Recipe from Jim Cunningham

Serves 2 with enough to freeze for 2 more
Time – about 1 1/2 hours start to finish

When I was growing up, camp stew was always served as a side dish with barbeque. Barbeque was served at dinner on the ground along with potato salad by the people of the local church. Camp stew was made in large quantities, usually 5 to 10 gallons. This recipe is a more user friendly amount.

**Ingredients:**

1 – ¼ lb pork loin steak
2 – chicken thighs, bone in with skin
¼ cup frozen corn
¼ cup frozen lima beans
1 – med. onion sliced thin
1 – clove garlic sliced thin
1 – can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes
1 – can (14.5 oz.) beef broth
½ bottle of your favorite barbeque sauce
Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions:**

1. Roast the pork steak and chicken thighs (skin side down) in 350º oven 20 minutes, flip then roast 20 more minutes, saving the drippings. Remove and allow to cool.
2. With 2 forks and a knife, cut and shred the meat from the bones and set aside with the drippings.
3. In a medium size pot, put in 2 to 3 Tbs. pan drippings and heat. Saute the onions about 2 minutes then add the garlic. Saute another minute then add the the beef broth. Stir in the tomatoes then add the corn and lima beans.
4. Add the barbeque sauce and simmer into mix.
5. Add the pork and chicken with 2 to 3 Tbs. drippings.
6. Taste test and add salt and pepper as needed.
7. Simmer about 20 minutes. Check the lima beans for doneness then serve when tender.

**Summer Gardening Tip**

Organic treatment for tomato wilt and squash powdery mildew: Spray plants with a mix of 1 gallon water, 3 Tbs. baking soda, 2 Tbs. Vegetable oil and 2 Tbs. Liquid dish soap (Dawn).

# School Supply Drive

A new school year, a fresh start, a new pencil and notebook – we all have memories of those first days of the school year and this year will be particularly significant for so many young people who haven't been in school since March 2020.

This year we will again be supporting Abode Services and Union City Family Center in providing essential supplies to children in need, helping them return to the classroom prepared for success.

Please support our appeal with your donations of school supplies (backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, coloring pencils, folders), $25 gift cards (Target, Safeway or Walmart) or cash/check (payable to St. James', memo line: "Children's outreach", and include pledge number if possible). We will be collecting until mid August.

Any questions?
Contact Jan Scrutton, Children & Youth Minister, jan@saintj.com

# Catching Up on Your Pledge

| Financial Summary June 2020 | | | |
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| **Fund Balances** | 6/30/2020 | | 6/30/2021 |
| **Operating Fund** | $107,679.20 | | $44,489.21 |
| **Building Fund** | $61,296.99 | | $74,539.71 |
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| **Pledges Budgeted** | $171,531.99 | | $177,645.00 |
| **Pledges Paid** | $197,257.24 | | $177,634.87 |
| **Unpledged Contributions** | $7,831.99 | | $3,754.80 |
| **Other Op Income** | $43,811.55 | | $732.42 |
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| **Total Operating Income** | **$248,900.78** | | **$182,122.09** |
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| **Total Operating Expenses** | $190,808.67 | | $187,224.40 |
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| **Income less Expenses** | **$58,092.11** | | **($5,102.31)** |

# Ladies Flatlanders 2021—Women's Beach Trip

*Dear Women of St James',*
Are you ready to go out into the world again, to see good friends and meet new ones? We are planning our annual Ladies Flatlanders weekend, otherwise known as four days of Fellowship, Friends, Faith and Fun at Pajaro Dunes on Monterey Bay, **September 16-19** this year. The Diocese says as long as everyone is vaccinated, we are allowed to restart some of our traditions.

For those who have not been, we rent a townhouse on the beach, and spend time together chatting, walking along the shore, eating lots of good food, sharing our stories, and playing cards and dominoes. A group of women usually goes exploring one day – Capitola, Pacific Grove, Monterey Aquarium have all been destinations in the past. Others hang out at home base. The water's edge from our townhouse is closer than the distance from our church to Thornton Ave. The beach is right outside our door! We welcome all ladies aged 21-99. Some have attended every year, others for one or two, and we are always looking for new people to join us. If the house is full, the cost is approximately $170 each.

We need to know how many are attending **by August 15**, before the final rental payment is due. Again, each person must be fully vaccinated to attend the weekend. Some of you are ready to go now, and some may be hesitant to gather in such close quarters. We understand both positions and want to hear from you. There is a possibility for some to drive down and participate only on Saturday if you cannot attend the whole weekend. Please let us know if that appeals to you.

**Please contact one or all of the organizers right away if you are considering this year's festivities:**

Nancy Castaneda ncastaneda@icloud.com
Mary Casas marcasas@comcast.net
Laura Winter laura.winter@comcast.net

Let us know if you want to go or have questions. We encourage ideas as to how we can make the weekend happen safely and comfortably.

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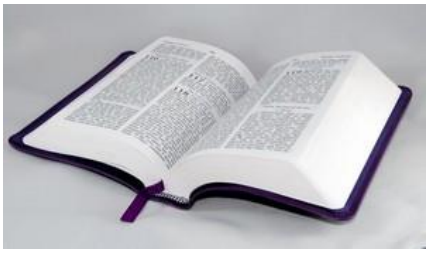
## Children and Youth

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 **September**. We welcome your **comments, essays, poems, photos, book reviews, newsworthy items, and any group activity information**.

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

## Calendar

You can access the church calendar for August 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 during office hours, Wednesdays & Thursdays 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 August

## 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, Mana, Tessa, Natalie, Gwen, Dr. Johnathan, Evan, Guy

**For Those Expecting Children:**

Alex & Phoebe, Jeffrey and Erica

**For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength:**

**For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:**

**For Those Who Need Healing:**

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Jim, Pat, Brice, Tom, Carol, Derek, Julie, David, Lorenzo, Lauren

**For Those Who Have Passed Away:**

Jim, Alex, Todd, Denise, Pat, Bridget

**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.*

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| 08/02 | Ralph Locher |
| 08/04 | Adam Locher |
| | Griselda Prather |
| 08/06 | Shalini Singh |
| 08/10 | Joey Carini |
| 08/18 | Becky Whitaker |
| 08/20 | Ella Rodarte |
| 08/21 | Vivienne Paratore |
| 08/23 | Monique Manjarrez |
| 08/26 | Paul Cudlip |
| | Joseph Jones |
| | Ken Trant Jr. |
| | Rachel Whitaker |
| 08/27 | Barbara Johnsen |
| | Roberta Tomkinson |
| | Steve Vacchieri |
| 08/29 | Dave Nelsen |
| 08/30 | Anthony Prickett |

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| 08/06 | Mike & Jan Scrutton | |
| 08/08 | Judy Gough & Ella Lentz | |

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IN PERSON AT 8:00AM & 10:30AM
LIVE-STREAMED AT 10:30AM, RECORDING AVAILABLE TO VIEW THEREAFTER.

WEDENSDAY SERVICE: 10:00AM

MORNING PRAYER 8-8:30AM
MONDAY-FRIDAY VIA ZOOM.
CONTACT bhale@saintj.com FOR THE LINK

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