THE WINDOW

St. James' Episcopal Church | Fremont, CA

October 2021

Dialogues on Race: Examining Racism in the American Church

We are called to be One Body in Christ, to be image-bearers of God who are able to see the Image of God in others. We are called to create communities of equality and equity, and we are called to be a prophetic voice against all forms of oppression and degradation. If this is the case, how can we do so, how can we move forward, without taking a close examination of our past sins and the sins of the church? While we feel we do not directly perpetuate racism, it is no secret that racism has and continues to permeate the American Church.

And, we cannot heal until we acknowledge this reality.

To that end, I and the St. James' Social Justice Task Force invites you to an adult faith formation class on race and its existence in Christianity.

During this seven-week course, we will utilize the film **White Savior: Racism in the American Church** to examine the history of race in the American Church and the ways the bible has been used to perpetuate systems of racism and to erase or diminish various ethnicities and genders.

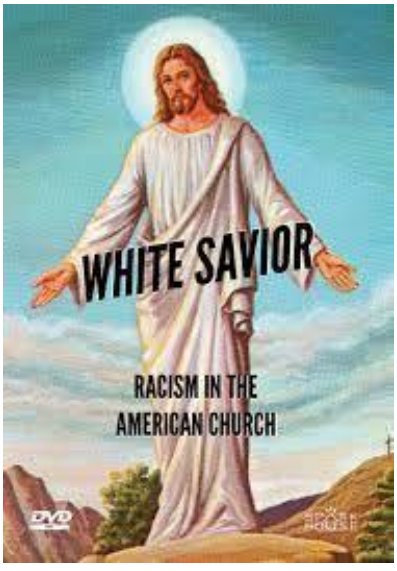
I commend this program to you and hope that you will join us. This topic is critical to our ongoing formation as a Beloved Community, and while it may be difficult to examine, I am confident it will be life-giving.

When? Seven Tuesdays. November 2, 16, 23, 30, December 7, 14, 21.
Where? On Zoom. Link will be provided prior to the first meeting.
Commitment? We encourage attendance at all seven sessions but understand that things come up. There is reading to be done between sessions.
How? Sign-ups and zoom link coming soon.

This course will serve as our pre-Advent and Advent faith formation class, and is sponsored by the St. James' Social Justice Task Force.

I look forward to seeing you in the zoom room.

~Lori+



The Ways We Are Church Together

WORSHIP

Worship At Church!
We have returned to TWO Sunday services at 8am and 10:30am! Coffee and light snacks following each service. PROOF OF COVID VACCINATION REQUIRED.

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
Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word with prayers and sermon discussion in real time on Zoom. Join us! Email Rev. Bill at bhale@saintj.com. Link can also be found under "Upcoming Events" on the right side of our website.

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

Monday 11:00am Bible Study
Join with others to catch up and wrestle with some of the sacred texts of the Bible. We meet every Monday on zoom. Everyone is welcome. Email lori@saintj.com or find the zoom link on the home page of 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.

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
Zoom links for all of our offerings can be found on our website, saintj.com. Look for the calendar of events on the right side of our home page. If something is not listed, email the leader and they will make sure you have what you need. 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 and Instagram!

Vestry Voices: Growing Faith in a Changing World

by John Butterfield

Growing faith. Does that mean ...

- increasing the number of people who have faith in God?
- creating a more active faith community at St. James'?
- increasing the depth of my own faith in Christ?

For me, in these time of change, it means saying ***YES*** to new ways of being faithful.

Faith is a journey. A journey requires taking steps, in bunches or one step at a time. Since Covid shut things down almost 18 months ago it has been SO easy to wander off, or to NOT to take steps at all. We withdrew into our bubble for the sake of our health, our family's safety and the good of our community. A great excuse to avoid contact, to say no. But as I emerged, it was into a changing world.

And St. James' was changing, inviting us to new things.

Would you like to watch the service on You Tube?
Church stopped ... we isolated. St. James' started streaming the Sunday service. I thought video would be like watching a TV preacher. Not the church experience I was comfortable with, so I said no. But as time wore on and many churches were going the same way I came round to check it out.

Would you like to join a Watch Party?
Another new thing. I said Yes. And here was coffee hour reimagined. A way to interact and connect with the St. James' community, to see each other in our homes, to encourage each of us, to share and pray about our week, our family, our work, our play --- and our faith.

Would you like to serve on Vestry via ZOOM?
Yes! I've served before but this time we will be helping St James' navigate the return to an in-person community while maintaining an online presence – a new hybrid going forward. I was energized to be able to be part of leadership stepping out in faith as God guides us forward.

Would you like to usher St. James' services with Covid protocols?
Yes! It will be strange, with waves and fist-bumps instead of hugs and handshakes. Yet by helping with our shared rituals of Christ's love, faith grows; energized by the faith of others and hearing the word from Reverend Lori and Bill in person.

Would you like to help improve the park area of St. James' campus?
Yes! Returning to St. James' makes me realize that the campus can offer a "sacred space" a place for contemplating and growing our faith. We are exploring ideas for the grounds around our existing labyrinth that might inspire and support faith journeys in our parish and local community. Working on the new park restores and reinvigorates my faith.

What else would you like to say yes to?
I don't know but saying yes does not mean I have answers. I take a step in faith amidst the questions.

Where is your faith leading you to say yes?

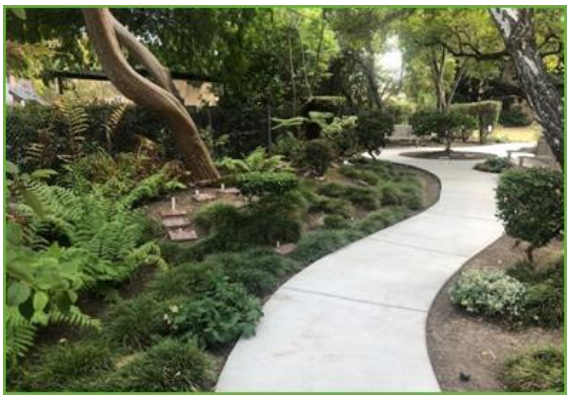
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." ~Isaiah 43:19

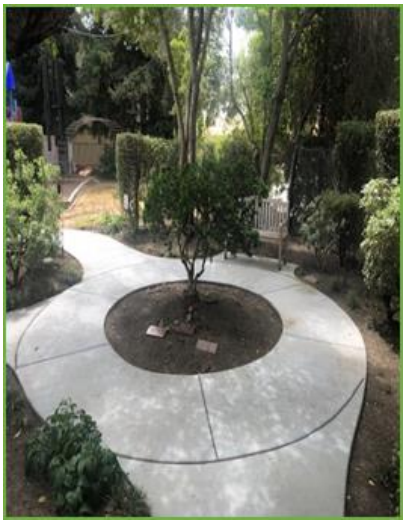
A Walk In the Garden
By Ruth Poole,
Memorial and Columbarium Chairperson

How many of you have walked through the St. James' Memorial Garden? I do frequently and think of the song "I Come to the Garden Alone." However, as you walk through this memorial garden, you are never alone. You may recognize the names of family and friends who were members of St. James'. Hopefully, you may experience happy memories and maybe a few tears will be shed! Regardless, you will not be alone. God and the memorial family will be walking with you!

We are looking for new members to join the Memorial and Columbarium Committee that meets three or four times a year to review interment and memorial concerns and assist with garden maintenance. (The garden maintenance is minimum, but so rewarding.) Please contact Ruth Poole at ruth.poole@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested.

Hopefully we will see you in the garden soon!





Upcoming Events

Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations

It is traditional for folks interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or those interested in reaffirming their spiritual commitment to Christ, to do so when the Bishop makes her/ his visitation. These Rites are a public proclamation of one's faith, specifically through the lens of the Episcopal Church. If you have not been confirmed in a different denomination, then you would be confirmed. If you were previously confirmed in a different denomination, then you would be received. A reaffirmation of faith is for those who have previously been confirmed or received, but want to make a public commitment to follow Christ.

Bishop Marc Andrus will be visiting St. James' on **November 21st**, during the Feast of Christ the King. If you are interested in these Rites, please speak with Rev. Lori as soon as possible.

McCutcheon Concert—SAVE THE DATE!

John McCutcheon will be at St. James', **in person**, for our concert on
Monday, January 17, 2022,

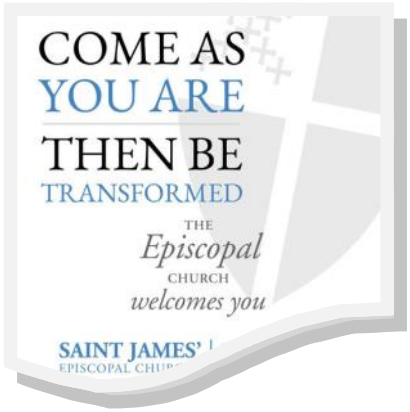
St. James' Social Justice Task Force

Contact the SJTF at: socialjustice@saintj.com

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

OCTOBER-- For justice and mercy for indigenous peoples

"O God of infinite mercy, we live in a land where the native peoples were moved, often by force, from the bountiful lands they inhabited to places of desolation. Help us to support them now as they seek to retain their rich native cultures. Open our eyes to the poverty and despair that so often accompany them through life, and give us the courage and will to change the systems that perpetuate injustice, for the sake of your Son our Lord." **Amen.**



Children & Youth Ministries

Sunday School and Family Activities

Our Children and Youth Minister Jan Scrutton is meeting for a short time with the **Sunday School during our 10:30am service**. The children leave their families in church after the Gospel is proclaimed and meet for a story and conversation outside on the grass. We rejoin our families in church in time for the Eucharist.

Any high schoolers interested in helping out occasionally at Sunday School should contact Jan jan@saintj.com for more details and information on the short online training course

Our back catalogue of Sunday School book readings can be found HERE.

St. James' Youth Group for 6th – 12th graders meets next October 10th from 6-8pm. Episcopal Youth Fremont (EYF) welcomes all young people interested in gathering for fun, fellowship, and faith-based conversations in addition to preparation for confirmation for those who are ready to make that decision. Look out for information soon.

Men's Trip 2021 - Arnold / Dorrington

The Men's Group had our annual trek to the mountains with a smaller crowd due to scheduling conflicts, bad air from the fires, and Covid-19 concerns. Seven of us shared a large house in Dorrington which is quiet and close to Calaveras Big Trees. Our trip is about good food and fellowship and we try to bring up a new member or an old member that likes to be out in nature and away from the crowds of the SF Bay Area.

The first night we go out to a local restaurant/tavern and kind of plan the rest of the weekend. Al Casas purchased the food and we started out Friday before golf with breakfast burritos that Al made. We returned from golf to see the nice group of trout caught by Dave Nelsen.

On Saturday, the group split off to play golf, fish and wine tasting. We finished Saturday with a nice spaghetti dinner with all the fixin's to go with it. The small group made meal prep easier and clean up a cinch.

Next year we may change it up and go to a new area that will not be impacted by fires and large crowds. There is talk of going up the coast by the coastal redwood region along Hwy 101. We have a year to research and come up with a plan. We are open to suggestions and you could forward them to me via email: dgfeeney@comcast.net or call/txt to 510-506-2303. ~Gregg Feeney

Vestry Meeting Highlights

Submitted by Jim McConnell, Jr. Warden

The Vestry meeting was held on September 16, 2021. Janet Fischer led with opening prayer.

Jim McConnell has reached out to FABS HOA about sharing the cost to repave Cabrillo Terrace.

Lori opened discussion about attending the January Deanery Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch. While we all love the Bishop's Ranch, cost and Covid are concerns.

Sylvia Ma is contacting the Diocese about correct application ofAssessment relief and Pension relief funds.

The following items were approved:

- Minutes for the August meeting.
- The August financial report.
- Staff and Ministry reports.
- The vestry approved, via email vote, the allocation of $500 to the City of Fremont for Afghan Resettlement
- The vestry approved, via email vote, $22,000 for the Little Church siding repair.
- The Social Justice Task Force requested $500 to be donated to the Cabrillo Elementary School Library, Approved.
- The Little Church Organ needs repair, the vestry approved up to $2800 to cover the repairs and a new back rest.

Lori gave a preview of a form Narrative budget to be sent out during Stewardship appeal.

Bev Mosier gave a status on the Balderston Memorial. She is looking for more assistance with setting up canopies and general clean up after the reception. Volunteers are requested to arrive by 9:00am on September 25 for setup.

A Mutual Ministry Review was conducted on September 12. Lori led a discussion on fleshing out our goals moving forward.

Janet Fischer closed the meeting with Compline. Next vestry meeting is October 21.

Financial Summary for August 2021

Fund Balances	8/31/2020	8/31/2021
Operating Fund	$107,593.76	$60,768.48
Building Fund	$33,659.08	$74,538.03
Pledges Budgeted	$228,709.32	$236,860.00
Pledges Paid	$241,041.57	$233,297.66
Unpledged Contributions	$11,421.44	$12,422.07
Other Op Income	$60,432.20	$1,771.53
Total Operating Income	$312,895.21	$247,491.26
Total Operating Expenses	$254,881.67	$244,177.39
Income less Expenses	$58,013.54	**$3,313.87**

Ask Anything! Saturday Morning Gatherings

Do you have questions about religion, the Episcopal Church, or how or why we do things? From "What does the Episcopal Church think about the virgin birth?" to "Why does the priest wear that poncho thing and what is it called anyway?", no question is off-limits. Engage in what is sure to be a lively conversation about who we are.

Join Reverend Bill on Zoom, **Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00, beginning September 11 through November 20**. Email Bill directly to get the Zoom link, or find it on the "Upcoming Events" calendar on our website.

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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. See the article on page 6.

Bible Studies

Monday 11:00am Bible Study
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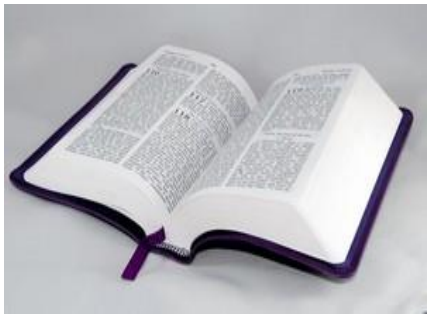
Wednesday afternoon @ 1:00pm
Bible Study at 1:00pm, also via Zoom. Lori will send out a link to a short video and discussion questions. Email Lori to be added to this list as well.



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

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

Calendar

Access the church calendar for October 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 October

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, Josephine, Mary, Polly, Alice, Bozena, Angela, Darcia, Mary, Tammy, Mana, Natalie, Dr. Johnathan, Megan, Gerald

For Those Expecting Children:

Jeffrey & Erica

For Those Who Need Comfort and Strength:

Balderston Family, Kinnaird Family, Amy, Lillian, Michelle, Rony Family, Paiz Family

For Those Who Need Guidance and Direction:

Marcus

For Those Who Need Healing:

Ron, Julie, Gail, Craig, Linda, Diane, Barry, Jim, Paul, Julie, Phoebe, Karen, Nancy, Mercedes, Cliff, Jim, Bobbi, Concha, Ralph, David, Mary

For Those Who Have Passed Away:

Tim, Viola, Edward, Karen

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.

10/1	Jeffrey Bert
10/6	Lynn Locher
10/7	Mary Casas
10/8	Keith Westra
10/9	Beth Scrutton
10/10	Cathy Knotts
10/19	Bud Pearson
	Sherea Westra
10/22	Samir Kalitta
	Alyssa Koonze
10/23	Marilyn Rose
	Lauren Zarovy
10/25	Gloryanne Bryant
10/28	Leticia Rodarte
10/29	Kyler Westra

10/15	Dave Nelsen & Linda Zetterholm-Nelsen
10/20	Meg & John Amouroux

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Wednesdays & Thursdays
10 AM to 1 PM

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Services:
In-Person at 8 AM and 10:30 AM
Live-streamed at 10:30 AM, recording available to view thereafter.

Wednesday Service: 10 AM on Zoom

Morning Prayer: 8-8:30 AM
Monday-Friday via Zoom. Contact bhale@saintj.com for the link.

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