



"The Ark"

St. John's Episcopal Church
Fallbrook, California
February 2010



Dear Parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church,

February is r almost here and I do not know how the stores are going to sell all they have on display for St. Valentine's day shoppers. Tons of candy, Valentine cards of all kinds, funny, romantic, specific, generic you name it they have it! A lot of thought and effort has gone into making this Valentine's Day a financial bonanza. And I hope it is. I hope everyone feels a bit more loved and gives some sort of warm fuzzy to all of those they love. May I take this moment to wish everyone at St. John's a very loving and Happy Valentine's Day. I will be praying for each and everyone of you.

And then a couple of days after that special day comes the "Downer", Ash Wednesday. Or is it a "Downer"? Comparatively speaking not that many people will attend the evening service on Ash Wed. I know there are a lot of good excuses out there. And I believe the statistics prove that this is not a favorite Service time for many people let alone Episcopalians, but let me just say one very positive thing about this very important day. The Ash Wednesday service is at 7pm. Feb. 17. It is a very traditionally beautiful simple Communion Service with the imposition of ashes right after the Homily. It sets the theme for the next 40 days and 40 nights.

One of the men responsible for many of the Liturgical renewal liturgies in the Episcopal Church was The Rev. Dr. Samuel R.D. Massey. I went to a lecture of his when I was entering the Episcopal Church and I was impressed. He told a story that happened to him some years ago while visiting the Washington Cathedral. Certain that he was walking in the right direction he started walking boldly the wrong way. He became aware of a very short African American man beside him, speaking to him. The passing traffic deafened Fr. Massey so he couldn't hear what the man was saying. He had already passed many beggars asking for handouts, he decided this was just one more. So, he picked up his pace. Soon, however, he reached a busy street corner and had to stop. At that moment, the man stepped in front of Fr. Massey and put his hand on his arm. Now he had no choice; he had to hear what the man had to say. He bent down toward the shorter man while attempting to protect his wallet at the same time. "Young man," The African-American gentleman said to him "I don't know where you are going, but I can assure you that this is the wrong way. You are headed into the wrong part of Washington and putting your life at risk. Turn around now and go back to where you came from."

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In other words, repent. That is the true meaning of repentance--turn around. The African-American man was an angel of sorts. And Fr. Massey went on to say how thankful he was for the persistence of the man he thought was being a pest.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every time a young person was headed in the wrong direction an angel of God could get in their face and say. "Young man, or young woman, I don't know where you are going, but I can assure you that this is the wrong way." Some of us may need to hear that voice this Lenten season. There's someone hanging on a cross who is grieving your situation and who is offering you a chance to make a new beginning. The cross is not only a call to repentance. It is the most powerful symbols we have of grace. For some reason I do not think we have to worry about the secular world taking this Lenten Season and making it into a commercial boon like they have with some of our other very Holy days.

In order to have a meaningful Easter you must have a very meaningful Lent. Please take this opportunity to join us this Ash Wednesday evening and receive your ashes on your forehead as your symbol of repentance. Can children attend? I ask why not? It is not even a full one hour service and unless they get to bed before 8pm and have their homework done already they will be ready for bed as soon as they get home. That of course is your call. But it is a good teaching opportunity for one and all.

Respectfully and Humbly, Always in Christ, Father Wayne+

LENTEN STUDY

The Book and discussion selection this year for the Lenten Season will be: "The Secret Message of Jesus" uncovering the truth that could change everything by Brian D. McLaren (See Page 3)
I will try to have them available soon for purchase for \$15.00

Discussion will start the Wed after Ash Wed at 6:30pm If we will have food of some type is still pending.. So starting with **Feb 24** and carrying thru every Wed for the next 4 Wednesdays **March 24th** being the last.

This year we will celebrate **Maundy Thurs April 1st** and **April 2nd, 7pm Good Friday at Noon-3pm** with no Easter Vigil but **April 4th, Easter Service** with Sunday Eucharist of the Resurrection at 10 am

I am looking forward to a very Holy Lent. Please join me if you can..

Always in Christ
Fr. Wayne+

BOOKLOOKING

By Patty Campbell

The Secret Message of Jesus:

Uncovering the Truth that Could Change Everything

By Brian D. McLaren. Thomas Nelson, 2006.

Here's a book that our own Bishop Matthes has recommended to all of us. Unlike the "secret" in *The Da Vinci Code*, this secret is real and vitally important. What is it? Brian McLaren carefully analyzes the sayings of Jesus, using the searchlight of modern Bible scholarship, and finds a hidden (and not so hidden) message behind every parable, every sign and wonder and mysterious instruction to the disciples. That message is the surpassing value and beauty of the Kingdom of God, not as something to be longed for in heaven, but as a reality that is all around us right now—"at hand," as Jesus has said—just waiting for us to enter it.

As McLaren brings meticulous attention to developing this idea, it gradually emerges in its full glory as a political, radical, even revolutionary state of being that could—as the subtitle maintains—change everything. I particularly like what he says about war:

"It is time, I believe, for people who have confidence in Jesus and his message to lead the way in imagining what could happen...if increasing percentages of our budgets were diverted from peacekeeping through weaponry to peacekeeping through actively addressing the underlying causes of conflict—causes like injustice, lack of compassion, racism, corruption, lack of free and ethical press, and poverty—and the fear, hatred, greed, ignorance, and lust that fuel them. Either way, the cost will be high; it's just a question of which kind of cost we would prefer to pay."

This book is so rich, so full of new insights and fulfillment, that it is an injustice to McLaren to attempt to summarize it in a few words. So let me just join with our Bishop in recommending that we all read it. You'll find a copy in the church library this week—if somebody else doesn't get there first

February's Doings At St. John's

Tuesday, February 2nd Ground Hog Day

Wednesday, February 3rd 4pm Healing Eucharist

Sunday, February 7th—9:00 am Adult Bible Study

11:30am Parish Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 14th—9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Valentines Day

Monday, February 15th –Presidents Day

Wednesday, February 17th—Ash Wednesday

Service—The Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 21st—1st Sunday in LENT

Wednesday, February 24th 6:30pm—Lenten program studying the book

“ The Secret Message of Jesus” (See page 3 for a review of this book)

Saturday, February 27th Men's Breakfast 7:00am at Church

Wednesdays March 3,10,17,24, at 6:30pm—Lenten Study at church, come and join us.

Sunday, March 28th Palm Sunday Service 10:00am

Thursday April 1st Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm

Friday, April 2nd, Good Friday at Noon to 3:00 pm.

Sunday, April 4th, Easter Service with Sunday Eucharist of the Resurrection at 10 am



Ash Wednesday Feb. 17th



IN LENT
February 21st



Beginning Feb. 24th @ 6:30pm
every Wed thru March 24th



You Count

T I M E
Talents
 T R E A S U R E

**Sign up**

Do You have this years ST. JOHN'S "MY OFFERING" envelopes?

Did you know that by having made a pledge and getting this years envelopes you are counted by the Diocese as a unit? If you say, I never PLEDGE I always put money in the collection. I never know how much I can give each week/month. That's OKAY, Pledge a \$1.00 a week and if you make it, wonderful AND you will be counted as a unit by the Diocese.. Let's ALL pledge so we can be counted.

It is never too late,

Get your envelopes on any Sunday!!!

All you have to do is ASK an usher. Step up and be counted !!!!

1ST PRIZE

STEVEN WOOD

NEWS ITEM

Our Sunday school teacher, **Steve Wood**, has been selected "Teacher of the Year" for Cottonwood School in Aguanga. Steve teaches fifth grade and directs the fifth grade camp for his school. This is the second time in ten years that Steve has received this accolade from the Hemet School District. (2001, also) Congratulations,

Steve!

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

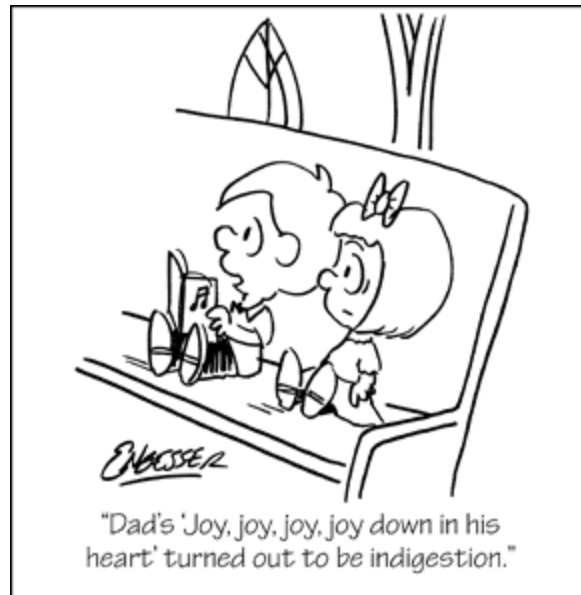
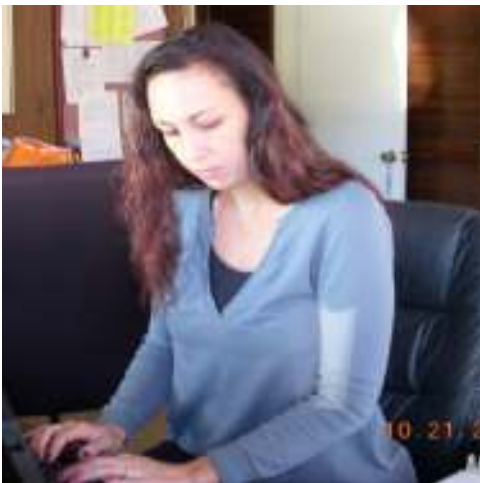
"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly,

" It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"



Our beautiful Altar for Christmas

*Our faithful volunteer doing our
Sunday Bulletin. Amy Burchard*



Help Haitians Devastated by the Earthquake

Following a catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, on January 12, Episcopal Relief & Development is reaching out to the Diocese of Haiti to both address immediate needs and prepare for long-term rehabilitation work.

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Your partnership is critical in protecting the people in Haiti who are in a very vulnerable situation. Without your help, our work to reach those in need would not be possible.

Please donate to the **Haiti Fund** by filling out the coupon and mailing it with your check or credit card information. You may also call **800.334.7626, ext. 5129**, or visit **www.er-d.org**.

My Haiti Response

I want to follow Jesus' call to serve those who are suffering. Enclosed is my gift to assist the people of Haiti:

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Please make checks payable to: **Episcopal Relief & Development**
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THIS PICTURE IS AMAZING. A GENTLE REMINDER

JESUS is Lord...by His Passion and Death on the Cross.....He brought LIGHT our of Darkness, LIFE out of Death. Today, Let us see Jesus and the Spirit alive in Haiti and Haitians living His Passion and Death once more....but carrying us all to the Glories of His Resurrection. Let us join them all in prayer and Discover the Mystery among us: Paul to Colossians "I MAKE UP FOR IN MY OWN BODY WHAT IS STILL TO BE UNDERGONE BY CHRIST FOR LOVE OF HIS BODY, THE CHURCH." **Did you not SEE TOUCH, HEAR JESUS** in those frail little children, in those broken women and men, in all who mourn their loved ones, their friends, their teachers, their Spiritual Mentors....**Did you not see HIM?????**..

A picture speaks a thousand words....This cross is untouched in the earthquake



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PARENTING

Luke, whom to me is the disciple of the written word, tells us: "And a voice came down from heaven, You are my Son, the Beloved, and with you I am well pleased."

Those words, and a sermon built around them recently by Father Wayne, have sheltered me amid some difficult moments of late. They have been a verbal fortress in a storm that has battered my self-confidence.

I guess I should admit from the onset that parenting has never been my forte. I was always frightened by the responsibility, and fearful that someday someone whom I loved so fiercely could be ripped from my life.

It was not until after my mother died in 1987 that I began to feel the tug. I was my parents' only son. Our line would continue or end with my decision.

I was 38 years old when I found myself in a delivery room. It was there that complications occurred, fears mounted and my child's mother was whisked into an operating room for an emergency caesarean section.

I turned a ghastly green as the doctor, with smooth precision, quickly sliced open my wife's abdomen and used massive forceps to pull the thick walls apart. My knees buckled as the nurse swabbed off my tiny son and gently placed him in my arms. To my knowledge, it was the first time I had ever held a baby.

I thanked God and promised to be the best father I could. What I knew about parenting would barely fill a thimble. The universe was not large enough to contain what I did not know. From the start, though, I gave it my best.

I was elated later when, after taking my son's pulse and temperature, a nurse wrote in his hospital chart: "Father handles baby well."

My son quickly grew and I marveled as one milestone leapfrogged another: his first steps, day care, kindergarten, Little League, music lessons, a driver's license and band concerts. I changed countless diapers, held him in my arms when he was ill or couldn't find sleep, drove untold miles and cheered myself hoarse at his games and concerts.

Yet my parenting confidence never grew despite Patrick's transitions. And there were times – my divorce, my struggles with anger and alcohol, a house lost to fire, losing a job I had held for 17 years – when he seemed to help me more than I helped him.

Over the years, I found myself fathering my son like my dad fathered me. There were many flashes of anger as my father helped raise three children. He struggled with alcohol and had difficulties with my mother. Yet he was always there for me. And he let me set own my course in life.

I was determined, though, to go past the point my father had difficulty venturing beyond. I vowed to tell my child that I loved him. I vowed to frequently tell my child that I was proud of him.

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My wife, Margaret, entered Patrick's life when he was 9. She has done much for him. She has interjected untold time, money and love into my son's life. Recently she has agonized as Patrick has entered what I call his "aimless years." I know them well. I stumbled through them myself four decades ago. They are like the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, a time at which Christ grappled with uncertainty, confusion and Satan's false promises.

Margaret and I differ sharply over how deeply I need to plunge myself into helping Patrick chart his future. He turns 18 in two weeks and will finish high school soon. He doesn't have a job. He hasn't applied for any colleges. The cheap, little car that I bought for him when he got his driver's license died an agonizing death months ago. Margaret espouses the 'tough love' approach to parenting. I don't.

Father Wayne, in the recent sermon in which he reiterated Luke's words, spoke of humility and parenting. I thought I heard Father Wayne say that gentle love, not tough love, is the best path for parents to follow. Margaret thought she heard Father Wayne say that parents must be loving, yet firm. In order to learn from Father Wayne's wisdom, and to better walk with the Lord, Margaret and me have asked him to elaborate on that sermon and explore some of the difficulties that we face.

When we meet, I will have many questions. How does a square peg fit into life's round holes? Is it not best to let my son find his own path? Haven't I found small ways, with the help of my loving family at St. John's, to subconsciously give my son glimpses of God's great glory and guidance?

My son asked his mother for a Bible for Christmas. This weekend he is participating in a youth camp at Murrieta's Rock Church.

I will ask Father Wayne if I can briefly lead us in prayer when he and Margaret and me gather soon. If my request is granted, I will read this prayer:

God give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed
Courage to change the things
which should be changed
and the wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

ABOUT ST. JOHN'S FAMILY



2010 marks the beginning of our 21st year as members of St. John's and during that time we have come to appreciate the diversity of our members. Several of our members has much longer associations with our church, but all of us have memories of people who made their lasting impressions on us and of children who were young and now are adults.

When we saw **Renee Jones** as a most attractive adult we realized our mind still had her in her teens, along with her brother **Malcolm**. Renee has been the assistant to the President of the Berkeley College of Music in Boston, and expressed her desire to return to California; and that would please her parents **Dr. Steve and Gail**.

Some of the first people we met when we came to church were **Ida** and **Charles Hawley** who were both very active and now **Nelson Hawley** is following their pattern by devoting so much time to our Thrift Shop, which was one of his mother's projects.

Having **Don** and **Jackie Corbett** with us for the November 29th service made us remember their dedication to St. John's for so many years. **Peggy Johnson** arranged a very lovely luncheon reception and we found out about their life in Oregon. **Tim O'Leary** wrote a wonderful article for the Village News about Don and his training as an organist. We spoke to a couple from Whittier who had seen the article and decided to attend our church that day since they appreciated organ music. In spite of the talk about newspapers becoming obsolete, some people do still read them.

Gail Jones is our Energizer Bunny. She and her helpers worked a bit of magic for the Halloween party which the children and everyone enjoyed. (see pictures on page 6-7) Gail also was a huge help for the Smorgasbord on December 20th. Thank you to all who brought such an interesting array of food and to those who offered assistance in the kitchen for clean-up. The Altar Guild had our sanctuary looking beautiful and we hope that some photos were made (see photos on page 6-7.) That could be a possibility for our own St. John's Christmas card. I know some computer creative person could do that because our daughter made some fantastic note cards from some of her photos. Thanks to you who create floral arrangements for us each Sunday.

Between Thanksgiving and Christmas we had many travelers but only managed quick conversations about their trips. **Norma Pearson** was in Nebraska for a visit and then we learned she had a hospital visit due to a medication problem after she returned.

Ruth and **Bill Mowat** made the Panama Canal passage, and of course **Jane** and **Pen Millsap** were off on another adventure to New Zealand and Australia. They missed Thanksgiving and Jane's birthday, but the trip was worth it.

So as we begin another New Year we remember those in our past, such as **Gail Benson**

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St. John's celebrates with you on your birth.

Look with favor we pray, on your servants

David Shore 12th

Tyler Pearson 14th

Mary Mazy 24th

as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

May the love that began these relationships continue to be nurtured by Almighty God

Patty Campbell & David Shore

7th

Mary & Tim Mazy

27th

Franya & Greg Sidoroff

9th

Amy & Eric Burchard

13th

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who had to be pleased to have her two daughters at St. John's over Christmas and to know **Kathy Woods** has been helping to lead us through our journey back. So we toast them all..too many to mention, but we will drink a cup of kindness to them and thank them for paving the way for us as we do now for our newcomers whom we welcome.

Late information that **Carolyn Hubbert** passed away on Christmas Day. She was a member in the early days when Hearts and Hands, a group she was involved with did creative work such as making the aprons and caps we wore for our 100th anniversary celebration.

Courage and Peace for 2010 **Janet Watson**

(editors note) In our phone conversation, **Janet** has informed me that she will no longer be doing an article for the ARK. Even after much pleading she said "no" that someone else should take it over. If there is anyone out there that would like to take on this important enterprise, please let me know, **Jane Millsap**

YOUR VESTRY MEMBERS FOR 2010

Gail Jones	3 years 2013
Carol Pearson—Treasurer	2 years 2012
Patty Campbell Clerk,	2 years 2012
Arthur Brown	1 year 2011
Jane Millsap	1 year 2011
Marion New	2 years 2012
Jim Pick	3 years 2013
Kathy Wikoff	3 years 2013



For your dedicated service.



TO our Senior Warden **KATHY WOOD** and our
Junior Warden **STEVE JONES** and Vestry member
VICTOR BAKER

**FOR YOUR 3 YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE ON THE VESTRY**



COME ON DOWN!!

It's happening—it's real—NOW—the LAST
Saturday of the month.

Morning at 7am at church.

FOR MEN—BY MEN

A hearty breakfast and great companionship with those you know
slightly—and now have an opportunity to know much better in fun.

JOIN US AND EAT TOO!

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven"...

FEBRUARY 2010

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE YEAR C

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Gospel	LEM
Feb. 7	Kathy Wood Isaiah 6:1-8	Franya Sidoroff 1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11	Dale New Kathy Wood
Feb. 14	Rebecca Brown Exodus 34:29-35	Gail Jones 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 3:15-17	Wm. Sumner Jane M.
Feb. 17 Ash Wed.	Margaret O'Leary Isaiah 58:1-12	Patty Campbell 2 Corinthians 5:20	Matt. 6:1-6	Dale New Frankie S.
Feb. 21	Margaret O'Leary Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Jim Pick Romans 10:8-13	Luke 4:1-13	Frankie. S. Keith Goard
Feb. 28	Marcia Pick Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Patty Campbell Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35	Dale New Rebecca B.

Prayers of the people are led by the 2nd reader from their seat.

SUPPORT OUR KIDS

Franya Sidoroff has MAJOR MARKET Script for sale. The script is the same as cash and it comes in denominations of \$20.00. If you shop at Major Markets, why not support our kids sports programs by using Major Markets script.

Franya is still collecting the receipts from Major Markets when you shop there with your script.....It's a win, win situation.

There is a percentage of the total from both script and receipts given to the sports program on a regular basis.

All proceeds from your purchases go to support in particular "Fury Boys U-18" Soccer Team

A BIG "THANK YOU" from Ryan Sidoroff, team member.



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Directory—Anita Province-Jane Millsap
Healing—Patty Campbell , Kathy Sanders,
Jane Millsap, Kathy Wood
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Communications—Gail Jones & Patty
Campbell
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Kathy Wood & Kathy Sanders
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Pastoral Care—Bob & Janet Watson
Phone Tree—Gail Jones
Planning—Arthur Brown & Dale New
Prayer List—Patty Campbell
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VISION STATEMENT

We are committed to welcoming, teaching, and inspiring others with the Good News of Christ. . We strive to restore people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ, by equipping God's people for ministry and caring for God's world.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's mission is to serve Christ in others by gathering all with open arms into the Kingdom of God and celebrating Christ's transforming power in our midst. We seek to reach out in justice and compassion, both to the world and to each other.