



"The Ark"

St. John's Episcopal Church
Fallbrook, California
February 2009



Dear friends at St. John's Episcopal Church,

I believe that obedience to God is a pathway to joy. But in order for us to obey God's commands, we must understand God. And that requires a relationship with God, a relationship that, in fullness, is only available through knowing God's son, Jesus Christ. When we know God, then we know that sincere worship and devotion flow from a sense of joy, not obligation. As Jesus explained to his followers in John 10, "I have come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." in fact, in Mark 2, Jesus is declaring himself to be the "life of the party." He is saying to those who are fasting and mourning and trying so hard to please God, "You are in the presence of God. Enjoy it. Get in on the party. Celebrate with me while you have a chance."

This Lenten season I would like to invite you to come along with me and discover what the Disciples saw in Jesus. We will meet at **Steve and Kathy Wood's** home 3447 Oak Cliff Dr. on the **6 Wednesdays** following Ash Wed (Feb. 25th). from 7 to 8:00pm. It is sort of a follow up on the Phillip Yancey book, "The Jesus I never knew." This book is called "Watching the Disciples--Learning from their mistakes." Sometimes, the disciples missed the mark. Sometimes they stumbled.

Examining their journey of the Disciples thru the Scriptures can help us to assess our own discipleship in order to see where we may need strengthening. During these weeks of Lent, as we join the Twelve in their on-the-job training to become disciples of Jesus, we can find guidance in understanding what our Lord meant when he said, "I am the Resurrection and I am Life."

We will have directions to the Wood home and the books will be available for \$7 dollars next week.

I hope you are looking forward to the last part of our journey in the wilderness and our coming home experience very soon.

Until I go or He comes - I am,

Father Wayne+

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“If I speak in the tongues of man and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can not fathom all mysteries and knowledge, and If I have a faith that can move mountains but have not love, I have nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. LOVE NEVER FAILS.” 1st Corinthians, 13:1-8

Love is the theme for February, and for our return and new beginnings at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Love comes in many forms and types: romantic love, parental love, brotherly love, love-thy-neighbor, love for humanity, love for the Earth, love of oneself, and love for our Lord—His love for us.

I ask all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to go forth in these times of flux and change with LOVE. With love, we will succeed!

“Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice for God” Ephesians 5:1-14

In Christ’s love, Kathy Wood, Senior Warden





Annual Meeting Sunday, Feb. 8th

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ANNUAL MEETING AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, FEBUARY 8th.

Will take place after the worship service. The coffee hour will feature finger food so that people can return to their seats quickly.

The chairpersons of the various Ministries will present orally as to the accomplishments of the past year and the need for additional help in the coming year. They should be no

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**WOODPECKER
MIGHT HAVE TO
GO!!!**

ABOUT ST. JOHN'S FAMILY



Our members carry on their ministries each Sunday and through the week also. This was brought to my attention by **Marilyn Luck** who received a beautiful prayer quilt, made by **Mary Mazy**. Because of **Mary's** work schedule and studies we have not seen her for awhile, so we did not realize she was creating her quilts. The quilt was meaningful to Marilyn because she was instrumental in starting this ministry many years ago. As Marilyn begins her chemo and radiation therapy in Las Vegas she will feel close to St. John's members. **Marilyn** and **Don Luck** were very active and also started a bridge club. **Marion New** mailed the quilt and in doing so had her opportunity to speak with the wife of a serviceman standing in line in front of her at the Post Office who was mailing some items for her husband in Iraq. Marion mentioned that at St. John's Episcopal Church each Sunday we prayed for our troops. Then Marion took Marilyn's quilt and also accompanied the wife of the serviceman to the window and paid for the package to Iraq also. Just a thank you which shows our members are cheerfully doing each day what we are taught from the Bible on Sundays.

Each week our members who set up the altar and arrange for our refreshments have work involved during the week, including doing the Sunday Bulletin. Involving these activities so we do want to acknowledge them for their extra duties and express our heartfelt thanks.

February is heart month and we like to review each year at this time the book, "**Heart**", by author **Gail Godwin**, who also wrote "**Evensong**". A book many Episcopalians are familiar with. This is the description of heart. "What is heart? It is the muscle of life, sending our vital fluid coursing through our veins to every hungry part of our being. It is what keeps us striving against impossible odds: that fortifying something that is the cornerstone of every triumph. It elates us when we discover love and pains us greatly when that love is lost or proves unrequited. It is a gentleness that colors what we give to others. It is a symbol that we see on greeting cards: A small red shape that was drawn on the wall of a cave in Spain more than 12,000 years ago." The author spans the history of civilization including literature, myth, religion, philosophy, medicine and so on.

So we have a heartwarming report from **Frankie Schenderman** that Granddaughter Isabella has received some hopeful news from the doctors and was allowed to return to school. However, because her immune system is fragile she managed to get an infection so we hope that will prove to be short term, for this young girl who has had difficult treatments to endure.

A wedding will be coming up for **Sue Ortler's** daughter in the Bay Area and Sue is being called on for assistance, so she will have her time filled with that for awhile.

The ARK must go to press so we hope most of you will be able to experience the Super Bowl Party if you enjoy football and may you experience many gifts of the heart this month and evermore.

Blessings from the Heart, Janet Watson

Observations from Henri Nouwen's book***"THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON"***

"Somehow I have become accustomed to living with sadness and so have lost the eye to see the joy and the ears to hear the gladness that belongs to God and which is to be found in the hidden corners of the world. I have a friend who is so deeply connected with God that he can see joy where I expect only sadness.."

Joy never denies sadness, but transforms it to a fertile soil for more joy."

"(God's joy) is the joy of belonging to the household of God whose love is stronger than death and who empowers us to be in the world while already belonging to the kingdom of joy."

"People who have come to know the joy of God do not deny the darkness, but they choose not to live in it. They claim that the light that shines in the darkness can be trusted more than the darkness itself and that a little bit of light can dispel darkness."

"Every moment of each day I have the chance to choose between cynicism and joy. . Every thought I have can be cynical or joyful."

"Here on earth, joy means the absence of sorrow and sorrow the absence of joy. But such distinctions do not exist in God. Jesus, the Son of God, is the man of sorrows, but also the man of complete joy, We catch a glimpse of this when we realize that in the midst of his greatest suffering Jesus is never separated from his Father.

"His union with God is never broken even when he 'feels' abandoned by God. The joy of God belongs to his sonship and this joy of Jesus and his Father is offered to me...'I have loved you, just as my Father has loved me,' Jesus says. ' I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy complete."

Let's do life.—GOD

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"

John 10:10

FEBRUARY 2009**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE YEAR B**

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel	LEM
Feb. 1	Dale New Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Dale New 111	Keith Goard 1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1: 21-28	Rebecca Brown Franya Sidoroff
Feb. 8	Gail Jones Isaiah 41:12 12-9	Gail Jones 147:1-12	Jane Millsap 1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1: 21+28	Keith Goard Dale New
Feb. 15	Rebecca Brown 2 Kings 5:1-14	Rebecca Brown 30	Patty Campbell 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Mark 1:40-45	Jane Millsap Gail Jones
Feb. 22	Franya Sidoroff 2 Kings 2: 1-12	Franya Sidoroff 30:1-6	Frankie Schwenderman 2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9	Keith Goard Dale New
Feb. 25 ASH WED.	Gail Jones Isaiah 58:1-12	Gail Jones 103:8-14	Patty Campbell 2 Corinthians 5:20-6-10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21	Jane Millsap Dale New

Psalm is read by the First Reader

Prayers of the people are led by the 2nd reader

A Wing and a Prayer: A Message of Faith and Hope.

by Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, . Morehouse Publishing, 2006

“Reconciliation takes a different kind of dying. If we want to learn to live with the folks who make us most angry, we have to learn to value the differences between us, and maybe even their hate toward us...

.An invitation. Close your eyes for a minute. Think of somebody whose opinions or actions or very self you reject, find repulsive, or someone with whom you are really angry....Hold that person in your mind's eye. Look well. This is a child of God. This is God's beloved, even if it's not easy to see that just yet. If you can't let go of your anger with this person right now, your prayer could be for understanding. 'O God, let me see your image in this person I find so difficult. May this person see your image in me as well.'”

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, Feb. 1st—SUPER BOWL PARTY at Frankie Schenderman's home at 3268 Sumac Road. Pot Luck, bring your own drinks, & snack. After church it will get started

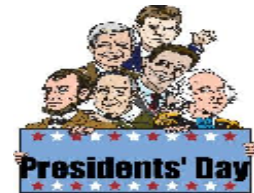


MONDAY,, Feb. 2nd is the annual GROUND HOG DAY....

SUNDAY, Feb . 8th Guest Preacher, The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck at the 11am Service. AFTER church will be the ANNUAL MEETING—Get your coffee, then a LUNCHEON. It is also BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

SATURDAY, Feb. 14th—VALENTINES DAY

MONDAY, Feb. 16th is PRESIDENTS DAY (a holiday)



February 16th

TRANSGURATION
of the Lord



SUNDAY, Feb. 22nd is Transfiguration of the Lord.

SUNDAY, Feb. 22nd The Fallbrook Food Pantry is having a Fundraiser. "Music From The Heart: A musical afternoon. See page .8

WEDNESDAY. Feb. 25th is ASH WEDNESDAY with a Service at St. Peter's Catholic Church Service will begin at 7:00pm in the LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, March 4th, Lenten Bible Study at Steve & Kathy Wood's Home at 7pm And each Wednesday **March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 1st.**



Frankie Schenderman
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5th, PALM SUNDAY

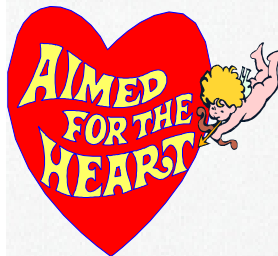
FRIDAY, APRIL 10th GOOD FRIDAY



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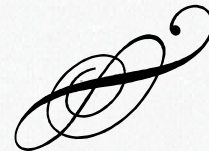
"MUSIC FROM THE HEART"

Benefit Concert for the Fallbrook Food Pantry

February 22, 2009

2:00-4:00 pm

Fallbrook United Methodist Church
1844 Winterhaven (at Green Canyon)



SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO COME! Enjoy a delightful Sunday afternoon that will warm your heart, lift your spirits and help feed the hungry. There will be live entertainment that will include popular, classical, and jazz music. Several local and regional musicians and groups have agreed to volunteer their time and talents. All proceeds will benefit our local Fallbrook Food Pantry. There will be a free -will offering and a silent auction. A reception will immediately follow the concert.

YOUR NEW VESTRY MEMBERS FOR 2009

Kathy Wood, Senior Warden	1 year—2010		
Steve Jones—Jr. Warden, -	1 year -2010		
Carol Pearson—Treasurer	3 years 2012		
Patty Campbell Clerk,	3 years -2012		
Arthur Brown	2 years 2011		
Jane Millsap	2 years 2011		
Marion New	3 years 2012	Gail Jones	3 years 2012
Victor Baker—	1 year 2010	Jim Massman	3 years 2012



For Your "YES"

CHURCH BELL HEARLDS HOPE, JOY, AND PROMISE

I'll start this column with a bit of full disclosure by reporting that Jane Millsap's recent e-mailed request contained a wisp of desperation. In her note, she asked: "Maybe you could write something on your perspective of our moving over to the church and some of the things in your mind that we will be facing. Or, whatever."

Well, kind reader, in the hopes that you don't judge this column too harshly, here goes.

Oddly enough, my first thoughts about returning to the little church jumped to its bell. I thought about how sparingly the bell had been sounded in the past – mainly just on Sunday mornings for services – and how silent it had become in my heart and in the spirit of our little town known for its rolling hills and its luscious green fruit.

I thought back to my marriage to Margaret at the church. I recalled my son's baptism there. I remembered when my father, stepmother and my two sisters – both of whom have since died – prayed beside us in its welcoming pews.

I thought about the great American song: "If I Had a Hammer," written by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays. I thought about how a simple bell, perhaps even a church bell, can ring out danger, ring out a warning and ring out love between my brothers and my sisters, all over this land.

My thoughts turned to John Donne, pastor, poet, lover, husband, father and ardent critic of religious contentiousness. It was Donne who spoke in one of his most famous sermons, now known as Meditation XVII, of "this bell," and how in humble dignity it called people to work and to prayer.

It was Donne who said that all men are diminished when one falls, and how the bell is called upon to mark the passing of each man unto his maker.

A snippet of my favorite line from that sermon reads: "... as therefore the bell that rings to a sermon, calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come; so this bell calls us all ... "

And, finally, my thoughts shifted to a trip that Margaret and I took to Amsterdam, Holland. It was our second trip there. During the first, we stayed at a wonderful older hotel along one of Amsterdam's magical canals. On the second trip – in which we had less time to plan a night's lodging – we stayed in a third-floor room of a more modern hotel that provided lackluster views.

But that hotel room offered a sound window onto the city's centuries-old churches, and we were bathed in a symphony of bells morning and night. Margaret and I found ourselves spellbound as each voice, each bell, seemed to speak to our hearts and souls.

I, for one, am looking forward to our return to our little church, sometimes referred to as St. Johns by the Laundromat, to reawaken our bell. Perhaps we can use it to ring out a welcome to the community and to our breakaway brothers and sisters who drifted so far away from the Episcopal communion.

Perhaps the bell can help us mend old rifts and heal old wounds. Perhaps it can also help us forge closer ties to other Fallbrook churches. I have envisioned all of Fallbrook's churches that have bells ringing them in unison. Perhaps all those bells could join in song. Perhaps "Silent Night," a simple but poignant melody, could someday be played by all.

Perhaps there could be a ministry of the bells in Fallbrook.

I am indeed anxious to return to our little church. Upon our return, let's all go and ring that bell. Let's ring out danger, warning and love between our brothers and sisters, all over this land.

Tim O'Leary



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

FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE VESTRY

DR. BOB WATSON

DALE NEW

KEITH GOARD

MARY MAZY

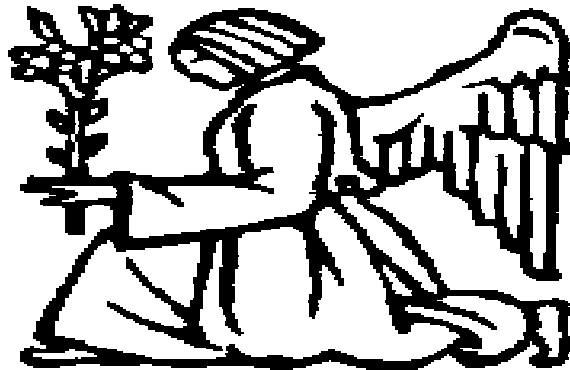


A message from Don Luck:

"During the holiday period Marilyn noticed a small lump in her left breast, the result of an examination was that it was cancerous. As a result, this past Friday, it was removed, a mass of some 1.5cc and 7 lymph nodes were removed, two of which were cancerous. She has what they call, stage 2 cancer, which will result in 18 weeks of chemo, then probably 5 days of radiation and 5 years taking a pill. This treatment will begin around the middle of February. We were hoping for something better but she is in very good spirits and health otherwise. So, we will just tough through, whatever is to be in the coming weeks. Do keep Marilyn in your prayers and best thoughts, we both thank you. In a positive note, I know she will be ok!

When you're down to nothing

GOD is up to something



Worry looks around

Sorry looks back

FAITH looks UP!

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Cursillo—Kathy Wood
Daughters of the King—Kathy Wood
Directory—Mary Mazy
Healing—Patty Campbell, Jane Millsap,
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Kathy Wood & Kathy Sanders
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Prayers & Squares—Mary Mazy
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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.