

"The Ark"

St. John's Episcopal Church
Fallbrook, California
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Dear St. John's Episcopal Church,

The world needs a new vision. Critics of the war in Iraq clamor for a Vision of how we can extricate ourselves honorably from this bloody conflict. All of us look at the challenge of terrorism and long for a vision, a cure for this deadly scourge. People of conscience look at our public healthcare system and cry for a new vision of how to care for the uninsured. Scientists look at the troubling signs of rising global temperatures and hope for a vision of how to stave off a potential crisis. Many of us long for a vision that will again unite us as a people. This vision thing is very important. Some of us get bogged down in a sea of guilt and regret. Others feel something is missing from our lives. If only we could see something that we haven't seen before. The Magi were searching for something real too. Something that would transform their lives. God loves searchers! It is very appropriate that we members of this faith Community called St. John's Episcopal Church should begin a new year with an epiphany, a new way of seeing, a vision, an image of what our part of the world in Fallbrook, CA can be, of what our lives can be. Like the magi of old, we need to open our minds, stretch our imaginations.

There is Epiphany! Seeing life with new eyes. Vision. Seeing in the world new possibilities.

That is what I wish for each of us this day. The magi came searching. Their search took them on a journey of faith. When they found the newborn king they offered him gifts, gifts that represented the best that was in them. This is the kind of vision we need as we begin this New Year -- a vision to build new lives and a new world right where we are.

Your friend and fellow Searcher in Christ,

Father Wayne+

The Rev. Canon Wayne F. Sanders

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

WARDEN'S WORDS

I am not musically inclined. In fact, my only claim to fame in music is that Sir Paul McCartney (the former Beatle) and I share the same birthday, June 18. Actually, Paul and I have a lot in common. Neither of us can read music.

If I was a great singer, however, I would sing you my rendition of the current country-western hit, "I'm a Lucky Man." In this song, a man counts all of the common but important things he has to be thankful for in life and sings the refrain, "God's given me a pretty fair hand." I love this verse because it reminds me that God has also given me a "pretty fair hand" and that I should be grateful for it.

Now, if I were to look over the cards that God has dealt me in life, I would have to say that one of the "aces" is the people of St. John's Episcopal Church, Fallbrook. Looking back over 2007, I simply marvel at how generous, talented and helpful you are to one another. Were it not for the wonderful Vestry and congregation with which I work, my card as Senior Warden is likely to have been the one I would like to toss back to the dealer (God) for a new one. I thank you all!

As we enter 2008, let us resolve to continue our progress as a church family. If we remain faithful to our work of building up our little corner of God's Kingdom, I know that He will continue to guide and strengthen us. Keep your ideas coming. Your Vestry thrives on the inspiration of God's people at St. John's.

Taken from the Collect for the First Sunday After Christmas, and I think it is very appropriate here:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

What about that Prayer List?

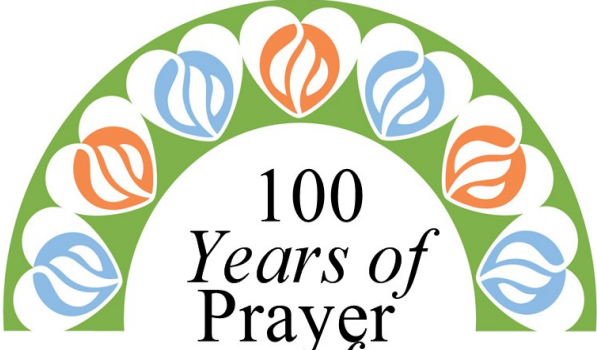
A while ago a member of our parish asked me, “What am I supposed to do with this prayer list? I mean it kindly, but I really want to know.”

Well, there is no “supposed to” in prayer; it’s a private matter between you and God. But I gave her my ideas, and then asked around as to how other people responded to the weekly prayer list. A few diligent souls went down the list name by name every day and asked God for healing for each person. Others incorporated it as a whole in their morning (or evening) prayers by simply lifting those folks who are in trouble all together up to the Lord. And some just looked the list over for news of people they knew and made special appeals for them, as well as phoning or sending cards to express their concern. The most unusual, and sensible, use of the prayer list was the practice of a member who posted it on her bathroom mirror so that she could pray for the sick while she did her hair and makeup for the day. And one dear soul told me she tucks the folded list into her blouse so it rests next to her heart all day.

All of these are the “right” ways to respond, even just holding that piece of paper (or email message) in your mind for a moment or two when it arrives. But it is important, as Jesus showed us, to have faith when you pray that these folks can be healed—perhaps not always in the manner that you visualize, but in the way that is best for them in God’s plan.

--In His Love,

Patty Campbell



100
*Years of
Prayer
for*
Christian Unity

CELEBRATION

St. John's Episcopal Church and St. Peter's Catholic Church will celebrate together on **January 24th at 6:30 pm** for a service of Compline (evening service) led by **Kathy Wood** with music provided by St. Peter's

Included in our celebration will be a Pot Luck supper with St. John's providing the food as follows:

A thru C please bring Drinks
D thru M please bring a Main Dish
N thru S please bring a Side Dish
T thru Z please bring a Desert

We have been told to expect 100 people. St. Peter's will provide the paper goods. The Service and Pot Luck will be held in St. Peter's community room.

This will be an observation of Christian unity week. After the meal our senior warden, Dale New will explain who we are at St. John's Episcopal Church. We will then all join together in celebrating Compline

Father Sanders will be praying for us at his National Cursillo meeting in Charleston, South Carolina and he will be back Sunday, February 3, 2008



Arthur, Alexander and Rebecca Brown

Arthur is on the ballot for the Vestry.

PROBLEMS, THANKS, GOD!

God, there really are a lot of problems around, aren't there? I just can't wait to get to heaven to see how people live without problems. I just can't imagine how that will be. But I know it'll be great!

Do I have more problems than most people, God? I really don't know how one tells, but maybe that's not the important thing. Maybe the key is in how we look at life.

God, help me to have the right attitude towards life. Help me to see that You didn't promise me a rose garden. Even if You did, you also said that there would be plenty of thorns in it!

Let me look to You as the source of power and comfort when problems hit. Let me remember my baptism each day and remember that You are with me, no matter what. And that's great news!

Help me to be like another person I heard about the other day. They were wearing one shoe, and another person said, "Say, did you lose a shoe?" And the first person said, "No, I just found one!" It all depends on how we look at life.

God never asks about our ability or inability...

only about our availability



Blessing of the beautiful Food Baskets made by **Peggy Johnson**, **Marion New** and **Ruth Mowat** for the Elderly at Christmas.

Along with our new acolyte **Alexander Brown** and **Fr. Sanders** with our guest preacher **Fr. Wendfeldt** on Sunday, December 16, 2007.



Peggy Johnson and Marion New, (Ruth Mowat was missing for the picture) with the beautiful baskets for the Elderly for Christmas..



Celebrating the Eucharist both child and adults.

Fellowship at the Smorgasbord Luncheon Sunday, December 20, 2007 Left to right
Kathy Witkoff, Kathy Sanders, Franya Sidoroff, Rebecca and Arthur Brown



Thanks Aplenty!

Thank you to everyone who contributed so many dishes for our Christmas Smorgasbord. Since we do not have the use of the kitchen it worked out quite well.

One day perhaps, in the not too distant future, we can have ovens for warming and drawers full of utensils again, even so, everyone did a superb job. There were requests for **Virginia Corison's** broccoli salad and it is here for you. Should anyone care for any of the others let us know and we will print them in the newsletter.

BROCCOLI SALAD

4 Cups broccoli flowerets (cut in small pieces, not chopped)

1 small onion (cut in small pieces)

8 Strips bacon (fried crisp and broken up)

MIX together and pour cooled dressing over all.

DRESSING

1 cup mayonnaise,

2 tablespoons wine vinegar

1/4 cup sugar (a substitute of Splenda can be used)

BRING to a boil

COOL then pour dressing over broccoli mixture and mix well

ADD

1/2 cup golden raisins, 1/2 cup cashews, 1/2 cup sunflower seeds

COMBINE all three and add to salad just before serving

Around and About St. John's

January 20th we will have an instructed Eucharist which means, **Fr. Sanders** will take a little time during the service to explain some of the history of why we do what we do in the Liturgy. Good time to invite someone who doesn't know what or why we do such and such for example the Priest washing his fingers at the offertory. Do know the real reason?

Frankie's granddaughter **Isabella Deborn** would like return addresses on the cards and letters that you send to her to cheer her up so she can respond.

After being burned out by the fires, **Bill** and **Sunny Blackmore** have found a good home in Vista, where they are living in Green Oaks Motorhome Park. Bill says it is hidden and forested, there are only about twenty other families, and they get electric hook-ups and water and THREE MEALS A DAY for \$550. Such a deal! Needless to say, they will not be returning to Fallbrook, but would love to hear from you all. Their cell phone is 310-8465.

Many of our members were vacationing but we enjoyed seeing a few faces we had not seen for awhile. **Franya Sidoroff** had son **Ryan** and daughter **Sarita**. We found that Sarita is soon to graduate from Humboldt State University in Arcata as an Art-History major which she hopes to use in her teaching career. So nice to see those we knew in the past as youngsters become articulate adults.

Tyler Pearson was also home from his studies at Cal-Poly in San Luis Obispo.

Peggy and **Ken Johnson** were in Mexico with their family for their annual get-together.

Peggy, **Marion New** and **Ruth Mowat** did an outstanding job of assembling those very beautifully decorated Christmas baskets.

Some of our other members that were off for the holidays were **Susan Ortler** heading north with her family, and **Mary Mazy** was also taking time off, and **Kathy** and **Steve Wood** are taking a much deserved rest from their teaching and church duties to visit down south with friends.

Nice to have news of **Felice** and **Risque Benedict**, former active members and 8 o'clockers, that they are doing well in Maryland and will be heading to Florida for awhile to escape the cold

Don and **Marilyn Luck** also sent greetings from Las Vegas where they remain as active as they were here in their Episcopal church.

Of course our Rector Emiratis, **David Fenton**, wife **Jean** and son, **Jon** sent their Christmas message from their home in Eugene, Oregon.

Our altar looked beautiful with the poinsettias everyone brought and **Pam** and **John Stephens** and **Kathy Witkoff** worked their magic as they do each Sunday in setting up, along with the other helpers who are responsible. We do not want to take them for granted and we appreciate their efforts so very much. **Steve** and **Gail Jones** were there early one Sunday assisting even though they had tickets for the Charger game that morning.

As the year ends we look back in gratitude to all the contributions everyone has made and with this group we will meet the challenges of the year ahead.

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Check out these dates

February 8th and 9th...THE 34th ANNUAL CONVENTION

in Palm Springs at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. The theme is "EMPOWERED FOR MINISTRY" A new and important offering this year is the Spanish Translation equipment that will be available free. **Fr. Steve Wendfeldt** will be installed as our new Canon To The Ordinary for Mission Development.

Representing St. John's as delegates will be Patty Campbell and Jane Millsap.

February 17th, **Bishop Mathes** will be at St. John's to Celebrate and attend our Annual Meeting. We will be voting on three (3) new members for the Vestry at the meeting. They are:

Arthur Brown...Mary Mazy Jane Millsap

The next Vestry meeting is **January 9th** at St. Peter's at 7 pm. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to attend and see what makes St. John's run so smoothly, planning, financially and forming community.

January 20th Fr. Sanders will conduct an instructed Eucharist. This would be a good time to bring anyone interested in knowing just what is it we do in "The Episcopal Church".

April 4th to 6th.....Just a heads up for your planning. An exciting event will be going on in San Diego. The Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori will be in San Diego. We are abundantly blessed that she will be with us. "this will be a time for the diocese to learn about the Presiding Bishop and her work. In turn, she will come to know us as a diocese," said Canon Howard Smith.

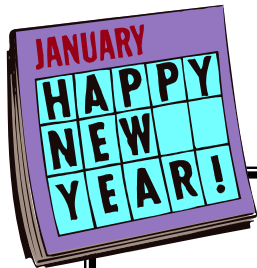


All are welcome to attend St. James', La Jolla, on Sunday morning to hear her sermon. More information coming soon.

“WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE”

HAS BEEN POSPONED

Hear this...already. Ash Wednesday...is FEBRUARY 6th, We will meet at the same place where we met last year when we first came back to Fallbrook. At St. Peter's School Library which is located in the, you guessed it...in the School area. Remember they too have an evening Mass, so come early and get a parking space.



2008 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Date	1 st Lesson	Psalm	2 nd Lesson	LEM
Jan. 6	Keith Goard Isaiah 60: 1-6	Keith Goard Psalm 72:1-7,10-14	Dale New Ephesians 3:1-12	Victor Baker
Jan. 13	Patty Campbell Isaiah 11: 1-10	Patty Campbell Psalm 29	Franya Sidoroff Acts 10: 34-43	Keith Goard
Jan. 20	Rebecca Brown Isaiah 49: 1-7	Rebecca Brown Psalm 40: 1-12	Frankie Schwenderman 1st Corinthians 1: 1-9	Dale New
Jan. 27	Debbie Chaney Isaiah 9:1-4	Debbie Chaney Psalm 27:1, 4-9	Jane Millsap 1st Corinthians 1:10-18	Frankie Schwenderma

Psalm is read by the First Reader

Prayers of the people are led by the 2nd Reader

Birthdays of the Month



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

Look with favor we pray, on your servants

Janet Watson 1st

Jim Massman 11th

Virginia Corison 18th

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

COGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

What Did I Learn In 2007?

What have I learned this last 12 months and how can I apply the lessons learned in the coming 12 months?

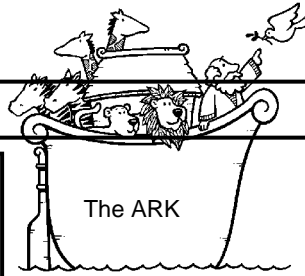
One very obvious thing that I've learned is that "Church" is not always what I imagine it to be and it still works! St. John's has taught me that one very clearly. Every Sunday at the Community house IS CHURCH. I never would have thought it possible. I have again felt the presence of God there, when we sing, when I serve or receive communion, when I can stop for coffee hour after church, God is very present in all the people. The caring, the smiles, someone bringing flowers, another bringing fruit to go along with all of the sweets. Every week I look forward to Sunday to "Fill My Tank" with all of the love and caring there, so I can go back home and spread that which has been given to me so freely.

I have learned to know my new husband better and to love him more each day. I have learned tolerance by accompanying him to his church, and have actually found that we are really one in the spirit, and God loves each of us. That's really neat...thanks God, and thanks to all of you

In His Love, Jane

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Jane Millsap, Kathy Wood

Hospitality—Susan Ortler

Internal Communications—Gail Jones

Liturgy & Music—Keith Goard &
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Newsletter—Jane Millsap, Janet Watson

Outreach—Bob Watson—Peggy Johnson

Parish Life—Peggy Johnson, Bob Watson

Pastoral Care—Bob & Janet Watson

Phone Tree—Gail Jones

Prayer List—Patty Campbell

Prayers & Squares—Mary Mazy

Treasurer—Carol Pearson

Website—Rick Barclay

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Fallbrook Community Auditorium at 11:00am**

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