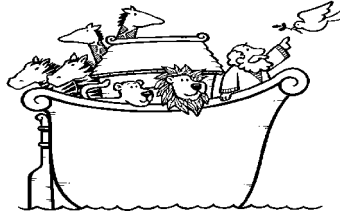


“THE ARK”



St. John's Episcopal  
Church  
Fallbrook, CA

June 2007

## The Canon's Corner

THE  
FALLBROOK  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
WELCOMES  
YOU

Dear People of St. John's Episcopal Church,

William Willimon tells about a church in a town the size of Fallbrook that he visited years ago. According to the newspaper, the church was having an all-day meeting of church's "medical auxiliary." Willimon figured this was a meeting of church folks who occasionally volunteered at the local hospital. He was wrong. A friend of his, someone who knew more about the church and its denomination than he did, told him that was not the case. He said, "the medical auxiliary" consists of those persons who handle the stretchers, help carry people out, and try to revive people who have gotten so heated up, or emotionally overcome during the Sunday service that they needed medical attention."

I don't think I've ever been in a worship service where people got so overwrought that they had to be carried out on stretchers. I have thought about employing paramedics to check out some people to see if they are still alive in some worship services I was Celebrant at, but that's another story.

Actually I prefer our more reserved Episcopal form of worship, and yet, as I come to this particular Pentecostal Season, I wonder if we haven't lost something in the church. It would be nice to have the joy, the togetherness, the sense of Divine power that characterized that group of people so long ago.

You know the story, Acts 2:1-11. And it is actually powerful in your own reading of it wherever you are right now. If we don't resemble the church at Pentecost, there are probably some good reasons. It's sad, perhaps, but there are some ways in which we are not like them. We don't pray like they did. We don't love like they did. And we don't have a passion for service like they had. They were on a mission from God. And that mission has something to do with the world for which Christ died.

There is something exhilarating about a unified group of people joined in the common task of serving others. You know what I'm talking about. **On Sunday, June 10h at 11:00am we will be back to serve the Lord in Fallbrook**, as we have the last 116 years. We have something to celebrate and when we are engaged in doing good there is an **esprit de corps**.

We will feel good about ourselves. We will feel good about one another. And we will feel God's Spirit among us.

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I don't necessarily want to assign **Doctor Bob Watson** to train the ushers on how to set up stretchers bearers outside the Fallbrook Community Center who have passed out from excitement, but it would be wonderful to experience the joy, the unity, the commitment that characterized the early church. And I believe it can be ours if we pray more and love more and serve Christ and our community more. Then the Holy Spirit will flood any room we are in and who knows what might happen then.

Kathy and I are really **looking forward to our move back to Fallbrook with all of you. Sunday June 10 at 11:00am, Fallbrook Community Center**, let's talk it up and invite anyone the Lord moves you to invite!

Always in Christ,

Canon Wayne+

The Rev. Canon Wayne F. Sanders +

## **REASONS FOR CELEBRATION & MANY THANKS**

**St. John's RETURNING TO FALLBROOK ON JUNE 10th**

**In the Community Center auditorium  
service from 11:00am to Noon  
with Reception to follow.**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR  
GRADUATES THIS MONTH..**



***"MANY THANKS TO OUR HARD WORKING VESTRY & CANON WAYNE  
FOR MAKING OUR RETURN TO FALLBROOK POSSIBLE".***

**It has taken many hours and many meetings to have this move happen.**



## *THOUGHTS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN*

I am always amazed and humbled by the resilience, determination and resourcefulness of pioneer peoples. It was only one year after the great American historian, Frederick Jackson Turner, had proclaimed the Western Frontier "settled" when in 1891 a group of pioneer Episcopalians in a dusty remote little crossroads named Fallbrook decided that they needed a proper church. No doubt their effort to found and nurture the St. John's Episcopal Church we know today was a community effort which drew upon the skills and talents with which each was endowed, and no doubt a lot of sweat and frustration accompanied their work.

Today, I am amazed and humbled by the resilience, determination and resourcefulness of the present pioneer Episcopalians of Fallbrook with whom God has granted me the privilege to be associated. As we have slowly but steadily made our way back to Fallbrook, I am often surprised by the skills and talents I have seen emerge within our congregation. Not only am I surprised, but think too that many members of St. John's are often quite astonished to discover that they possess such wonderful abilities. In my eyes, every member of our parish is a true pioneer, using his or her gifts to help usher in God's Kingdom in our little square of the wilderness we call the World.

So my fellow pioneers, we have before us another river to ford and another mountain to climb, these are: 1) Doing our best for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at our benefit Rummage Sale on June 9, and 2) Holding our first worship service at the Community Center on our return to Fallbrook, June 10. I am pleased that so many of you have already volunteered your time, talent and treasures to make these milestone activities a success. Even if you are a pioneer that does not like to get your feet wet, all you have to do is be sure to contribute your gently used household items to the sale, and arrive at the Community Center ready to worship our gracious and merciful Lord at 11:00 AM, June 10.

I am so proud of you all. As Jesus in Matthew 6:34 reminds us not to worry about tomorrow, let us remember that all we now do is a work in progress. If we do not "get it right" today, the Lord will help us get it right tomorrow.

Dale New, Your Servant



## CHEERS TO ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL!!!

To pick up the phone and hear **Dora Kraul's** voice from Hawaii was a special treat. It was even better to know she has recovered so well from her back surgery, and is able to pursue her activities in the Episcopal church. Through Dora and **Syd**, former 8 o'clock worshipers, live in Hilo, they attend Diocesan events on Oahu in Honolulu.

Our long-time talented St. John's organist **Don Corbett**, and his wife **Jacqueline** are now at home in Grant's Pass, Oregon. They made the move from Temecula with two large dogs and their cat and Jackie said that went smoothly. They are getting settled slowly, with most of the unpacking completed. Don is the organist for the Episcopal church there and he and Jackie were welcomed at a nice reception already. The church did not have an organist for a few years, so our loss is a benefit for them, and we send best wishes to all. Jackie said the dogs are adjusting but missing the avocados to snack on. Their postal address is P.O.Box 1243 Merlin, Oregon 97532. Phone is (541) 955-7264 and Don's e-mail address is bigdon@lasercom.net

Wonderful also to hear from **Blanche Spurlock** and we hope we can get her back with us in Fallbrook. She contributed her time to many events and was a part of our bridge group and most knowledgeable about the game. Blanche is a Bonsall resident.

We have frequent phone visits with **Marilyn** and **Don Luck** from their new location in Las Vegas. It was very special to meet with them for breakfast in Temecula following their Mother's Day weekend with their son in Corona. Always active in our church they are now at Grace In The Desert Episcopal Church and working for improvements there.

Blessings, Janet Watson

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If we knew how to listen to GOD, we would hear Him speaking to us.  
For GOD does speak. He speaks in His Gospels. He also speaks through life—that new gospel to which we ourselves add a page each day.

Michael Quoist



**USED TREASURES SALE TO BENEFIT**  
**Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at Camp Pendleton**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 9th**

St. John's will be holding a giant one-day rummage sale on Saturday, June 9 from 8 a.m., to noon in support of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at Camp Pendleton . East Brothers Grove Service, at the corner of Aviation and Main , has generously donated their parking lot as a prime location for the sale. **Ruth Mowat**, (760) 451-1385, **Debbie Chaney** (760) 728-6408, and **Priscilla Mowry** are heading up this event for St. John's Episcopal, and if you can help out the day of the sale, beginning at 6am with another shift at 10am. let one of them know right away.

Meanwhile, they are looking for items to sell like knick-knacks, dishes, small appliances (working, please!), furniture, clothing, costume jewelry, toys, books, and much more! Those wanting to donate their gently used items for the Used Treasures sale should bring them soon to the patio in front of **Kathy Witkoff's** house at 2936 Via del Robles (760) 723-4315 or to church at All Saints next Sunday. If you need pick-up of large or bulky items, call St. John's church office at 599-3404. And don't forget to come by on the morning of Saturday, June 9, to see if somebody else's donation is your treasure!

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**MAIL...MAIL....MAIL...AND MORE MAIL**

Are you tired of getting mail that you don't want? Did you ask to receive this mailing? If you don't want to participate in the news and goings on at St. John's Episcopal Church, all you have to do to save us the postage is to right this minute call me (760) 728-4542 and leave me a short message (your name) on my machine to please stop sending this unsolicited piece of wonderful, newsy, informative mail. Just trying to make it as easy as possible for you. On the other hand if you want your neighbors, your kids, your parents, and all of your friends to receive this exciting, fun filled piece of mail, let me know that too!!

Your innovative editor, Jane



**“AFTER THE STORM FORWARD INTO MISSION”**

**June 1 & 2 at St. Timothy’s**

**10125 Azauga San Diego (858) 538-1267**

“**On the Other Side of the Storm**” was the theme of a conference for the “remnant” churches of San Diego diocese on the weekend of May 18 and 19. Several St. John’s people attended and found the worship to be very inspiring and the discussions encouraging and helpful for our situation. All nine of the “reborn” churches of the diocese were represented, and there were opportunities to share our experiences in small groups and to talk over our plans for finding and doing God’s will in our journey forward. While all the other churches had suffered, too, they also testified to finding joy and spiritual growth in the experience.

George Martin was our facilitator, and his presentations skillfully helped us find new insights and understandings, as well as laughter and enjoyment. The singing was led by a delightful folk guitarist from North Carolina . The people of St. Timothy’s provided a delicious dinner Friday night, and a Continental breakfast and lovely lunch on Saturday. The small group discussions, and also a very interesting exercise in bibliodrama, focused on Matthew 14:22-30, the passage in which Jesus walks on water. We came to see ourselves as the disciples in the small, storm-tossed boat, and our ventures into the future as stepping out into the waves, upheld by Jesus, to reach the other side.

A second conference on **June 1 and 2**, titled “**After the Storm: “Forward into Mission”**”, will help us explore how we can find our witness and outreach in our newly reborn churches. This will take place again at St. Timothy’s in San Diego on a Friday evening and all day Saturday. There is no charge, but reservations must be made by May 30. On the basis of the first conference, we highly recommend attending for an uplifting and enlightening experience.

Patty Campbell

P.S. Without knowing the special relevance that we were finding in the story of Jesus calming the waters, Kathy Sanders at the very moment we were discussing this at the conference was led to a lovely ceramic figurine of that scene at Wal-Mart and bought it for us as a symbol.

## JUNE 2007

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

(Modified to show both All Saint's & St. John's)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Prayers</b>
June 3	All Saints	Dale New Isaiah 6:1- 8	Susan Hayes Rev. 4:1-11	Kathy Wood Psalm 96:1-
June 10	All Saints	K.Evans 1Kings 17:17-24	R.McCarthy Galat. 1:11-24	Psalm 30:1-6, 12-13
June 17	St. Johns Fallbrook Community Ctr.	Dick Goodlake 2 Sam.11:26-12:10, 13:15	Galat. 2:11-21	Psalm 32:1-
June 24	St. John's Fallbrook Community Ctr.	Bill Blackmore Zachariah 12:8-10 13:1	Galat.3:23-29	Psalm 63:18
July 1	St. John's Fallbrook Community Ctr.	Kings 19:21	Galat. 5:1,13-15	Psalm 16 5-11
July 8	St. John's Fallbrook Community Ctr.	Isaiah 66:10-16	Galat. 6:1-10)14-18	Psalm 66:1-8
July 15	St. John's Fallbrook Community Ctr.	Deuter. 30:9-14	Colos.1:1-14	Psalm 25: 3-9
July 22	St. John's Fallbrook Community Ctr	Genesis 18:20-33	Colos.2:6-15	Psalm 138

### *An Invitation*

As a member of St. John's, you are cordially invited to attend our Vestry meetings. With all that our congregation has had to do recently, we are holding them every other Wednesday at 7pm in the conference room at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Just ask me or one of my fellow Vestry members for the next meeting date. If you cannot attend, but wish to have a copy of the meeting minutes, please e-mail the Clerk of the Vestry, Patty Campbell, at [pcampbell@stjohnsepiscopefallbrook.com](mailto:pcampbell@stjohnsepiscopefallbrook.com) and she will send them to you.

Dale New, Senior Warden



## OUTREACH MINISTRY

St. John's Episcopal Church members commemorated its 116th Birthday on April 29th. (1891-2007)

Our OUTREACH MINISTRY provided an elaborate birthday cake and individually wrapped gifts (of boxed tissues) for all 80+ residents of Fallbrook Skilled Nursing Facility, in honor of this historically significant date in our church.

Staff reports that the occasion was greeted with enthusiasm and enjoyed by one and all.

Current plans call for the next Outreach Benefit event to be the Used Treasures Sale of June 9th, with other imaginative ideas being explored for future involvement in our community. Peggy Johnson



Our wonderful Fallbrook Music Society had an outstanding concert to mark the end of the 29th season on May 6th and the Founders of the Society were recognized and former St. John's Episcopal founders included **Vernese Thompson**, and **John and Cynthia Cruzan**, no longer with us but in our thoughts and prayers for all of their contributions not only to our church but to the community.

This is a reminder to mark your calendars for **The Concert-On-The-Green**, held at the Grand Tradition on **Thursday, August 23rd**. This year the San Diego Symphony will feature American Pops and Light Classical Favorites. There will be a BBQ dinner offered or you can bring your own picnic. Tables can be ordered to share with friends or you can bring blankets and picnic on the lawn. If you want to find out about tables or tickets for this you may phone (760) 451-8644 or go to the internet at [www.fallbrookmusicsociety.org](http://www.fallbrookmusicsociety.org)

Musically speaking... Janet Watson

**BOOKLOOKING**by **Patty Campbell**

The book I am reading this month for morning devotions was recommended by my dear daughter-in-law Kate, a woman who takes no nonsense from anybody. The title is *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* by Richard J. Foster (Harper San Francisco, 1998). Kate's church is using it for a study, but it can be read in small daily doses for contemplation. I say "small doses" because this is a deep (but quite readable) study of the how and why of bringing spiritual discipline into your life. Foster thoughtfully guides readers into an understanding of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study as inward disciplines; simplicity, solitude, submission, and service as outward disciplines, and confession, worship, guidance, and celebration as the corporate disciplines. Definitely not an easy beginner book, but highly rewarding for seeking to move closer to God.

A passage from Foster's chapter on prayer leaped out at me as being relevant to our situation as we ask God's guidance in returning to our mission in the town where we began 116 years ago.

"In our efforts to pray it is easy to be defeated right at the outset because we have been taught that everything in the universe is already set, and so things cannot be changed. And if things cannot be changed, why pray? We may gloomily feel this way, but the Bible does not teach that. The Bible pray-ers prayed as if their prayers could and would make an objective difference. The apostle Paul gladly announces that we are "co-laborers with God"; that is, we are working with God to determine the outcome of events (1 Cor. 3-9)".

"This comes as a genuine liberation to many of us, but it also sets tremendous responsibility before us. We are working with God to determine the future! Certain things will happen in history if we pray rightly. We are to change the world by prayer. What more motivation do we need to learn this loftiest human exercise?"

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***You can never consent to creep when you feel an impulse to soar.***



Dietrich Bonhoeffer said: “We are silent at the beginning of the day because God should have the first word, and we are silent before going to sleep because the last word also belongs to God.”

That seems O.K. to most people—whether or not any particular individual follows the idea with action. Silence in a relationship with God is one thing—but certainly that shouldn’t have to pertain to our relationships with other people. Should it? Silence, after all, is a time for listening and listening means that someone has to stop talking.

Do we pay close attention to those who talk to us or do we spend more time talking to them? Do we use the time they are speaking to plan our response? Can we really respond if we haven’t listened? Do we hear only what we want to hear, mentally editing out comments and statements from others? How well do we listen to even our best friends?

A good exercise to improve listening is to repeat statements said to us, almost as if we were reflecting them back like a mirror. Say to a person, “I heard you say...: is that what you meant?” It may sound silly, but try it. Too many times we pay more attention to our own thoughts and do not let in words spoken to us. As we think back over the conversations of the day, we may find we can only recall bits and pieces of conversations with family and friends, or coworkers. If we find this to be true, we probably did not carry much away with us in the way of new ideas.

What is true in our relationships with others is also true in our relationship with God—coming back in a circle to the first concept in this writing. In prayer and in times of scriptural study and reflection, are we practicing good listening skills?

If we begin the listening exercise and use it every day, not only in our relationships with others, but with the Lord, we may find our relationships growing and improving by leaps and bounds.

Blessings, The Rev. Ellen Deuel

## " WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE"

**June 6<sup>th</sup>— 6pm—8pm**

**St. Peter's Catholic Church**

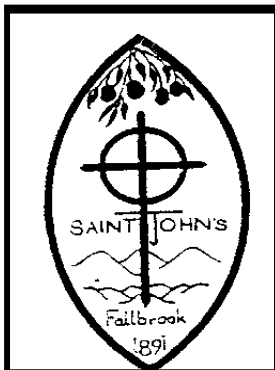
**In The Community Room**

After a delicious Pot Luck beginning at 6:30pm, we will gather around much like they did in the early church and talk about what the Prophets of old, Jesus and the apostles said about life and apply it to today.



We will take the Lessons from the third Sunday on June 17. They are 2nd Sam 11:26—12:10, 13—15, Galatians 2:11-21 and Luke 7: 36-50.

If you can remember, bring a bible, but if I remember correctly, St. Peter's has plenty of Bibles. Any translation will be fine. I like to see the variety of ways things are said from the King James to the most contemporary version of "The Message". I think it is important to end on time at 8pm so however far we have gotten with the lessons we will close with a prayer and thank everyone for their sharing of the Word, something we do not usually do on Sunday in our tradition.



### ST. JOHN'S OWN LOGO

We have our own unique St. John's Episcopal seal that was designed for us with our date, avocado tree and terrain of our village. Our Rector Emeritus David Fenton thought it would be good to use. Some of our folks already have it on stationery and envelopes.



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