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| <h1>St. John's Episcopal Church</h1> | St. John's Episcopal Church<br>Fallbrook, CA |
|                                      | <b>MAY 2007</b>                              |

## The Canon's Corner

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I hope everyone has received the invitation to the 2 Conferences coming soon on **May 18th and 19th** and **June 1st and 2nd** ". They are entitled. **"On The Other Side Of The Storm"** and **"Your Kingdom Come."** We will be talking about the church at its best -- cutting across the lines that separate people from one another. Here is what I believe God intends the church to be -- a fellowship that reaches out to all. The church was never intended to be a cloistered elite. We are called to connect people—all people to God.

Rabbi Wayne Dosick tells an ancient story of a man who approached the high priest at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. This man begged to be allowed to enter the Holy of Holies, "the most sacred place in the entire Temple." This sacred space was said to be the place where the high priest went to meet God. This simple man so desired to see God. But long ago, God had decreed that only the high priest might enter the Holy of Holies. So the high priest turned the man away.

The man continued to beg, so the high priest made a deal with him. If the man would serve in the Temple for the next 20 years, then he would be allowed into the Holy of Holies. Amazingly, the man agreed to the deal. So the High priest assigned the man the most menial tasks, such as sweeping the floors and taking out the garbage. He fully expected the man to give up and go home. but the man continued faithfully in his work for 20 years. Finally the high priest had to admit the man to the Holy of Holies. He took the man to the secret door in the temple and announced, "Open this door and walk through it. On the other side, you will enter into the Holy of Holies, the place where you will meet God." The man turned the knob and stepped through the sacred door. And there he found himself outside, on the dusty streets of Jerusalem. vendors were selling meat and carpets. Children were chasing one another. mothers were gossiping and fathers were haggling. And it was as if the man were walking on holy ground. For the first time in his life, he saw God in the midst of ordinary chaos.

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This is church at its best. We are not an otherworldly faith. We don't seclude ourselves in cloistered enclaves where we shut out the rest of the world while we prepare ourselves for a heavenly voyage. Some saints do that, and they have their reward.

Our calling, though, is to reach out to the world. When the disciples bore witness to their faith, they spoke in languages that the everyday passerby could understand. This was a sign to us—we are not the church turned inward on itself. We are the church reaching out to the world. These early believers ate together, sang together, prayed together, and they looked after widows and orphans in their midst. A major part of the strength of their witness was how they lived out their love for one another.

I know we've all heard this before but it's good to remind ourselves each year at Pentecost of the ties that bind the body of Christ together.

Always in Christ,  
Father Wayne+

# ***CONTEST***

## **A NAME FOR THE NEWSLETTER!!!**

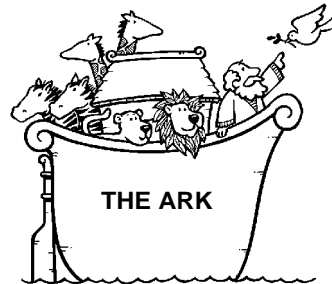
We need a name for the Newsletter—

What can you think of that would be catchy and appropriate...

There has been one suggestion submitted:

"Obviously a Biblical reference where things have been a bit stormy and chaotic BUT everyone was WELCOMED in and made it all the way to a RAINBOW experience. We are in God's hands and he will guide and protect us all the way"

**ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS OR  
COMMENTS!!??**



Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

# PICNIC

*A Celebration of Diversity*

*Saturday, May 12, 2007*

*11:00—3:00*

*Balboa Park, San Diego*

*(Across from the Cathedral between El Prado and Quince)*

Bring your own picnic: (food, non-alcoholic beverages, tableware)

Informational booths provided by congregations about ministries,  
programs and events

Entertainment provided by our congregations

Fun and Games for your whole family!



Diocesan picnic for  
all congregations to  
celebrate our diversity  
as we work together  
toward our common goal.



**HEAR YE1 HEAR YE1  
GATHERINGS OF OUR  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH**

**Diocesan picnic in Balboa Park, across the street from St. Paul's Cathedral. Bring a picnic lunch and your lawn chair.**

**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK, JULY 6TH**

**Episcopalians from around the diocese will gather for Episcopal Night at the Padres. This popular event returns after a year's break, and Bishop Mathes will throw out the first pitch!!!!**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

**An evening with the Bishop is planned. Bishop Mathes will share his plans for the Fall and recognize several congregations.**

**DETAILS of these and other events will be on the website [www.edsd.org](http://www.edsd.org), or call the Office of the Bishop at (619) 291-5947**

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game.

**-GOD-**



## All Fear Is Past And Only Love Is There

By Deacon Ellen Deuel

Most of us are confused about what is real. Even though we sense there is something more, we attempt to settle for a reality based exclusively on feedback from our physical senses. To reinforce this "reality," we look to what our culture defines as normal, healthy and therefore real.

Yet where does love fit into this scheme of things. Wouldn't our lives be more meaningful if we looked to what has no beginning and no ending as our reality? Only Love fits this definition of the eternal. Everything else is transitory and therefore, in the deepest sense, meaningless.

Fear always distorts our perception and confuses us as to what is going on. Love is the total absence of fear. Love asks no questions. Its natural state is one of extension and expansion, not comparison and measurement. Love, then, is really everything that is of value, and fear can offer us nothing because it is nothing.

Although Love is always what we really want, we are often afraid of Love without consciously knowing it, and so we may act both blind and deaf to Love's presence. Yet, as we help ourselves and each other let go of fear, we begin to experience a personal transformation. We start to see beyond our old reality as defined by the physical senses, and we enter a state of clarity in which we discover that all minds are joined, that we share a common self, and that inner peace and Love are in fact all that are real.

With Love as our only reality, health and wholeness can be viewed as inner peace, and health.

**I love you. I love you. I love you. GOD-**

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast Love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.



## THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!

The Great 50 Days of Easter culminate in another great feast day -- Pentecost. The term "Pentecost" comes from the Jewish celebration of The Feast of Weeks, which falls 50 days after Passover. Early Jewish "followers of the Way of Jesus" gathered in Jerusalem and were touched in a dramatic and significant way by the Holy Spirit. We read the Gospel in a very different fashion on Pentecost and look for ways to make it a colorful (**everybody wear red!**) and dynamic service.

This year, Pentecost is May 27th, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. It is one of the four specific times of the year that Baptism is an integral part of the service.

### WEB MASTER FOR ST. JOHN'S



**Rick Barclay** is the webmaster for St. John's Episcopal Church. If you have not visited the website yet, we encourage you to do so.

He keeps us up to date on the happenings at St. John's and our progress for coming back to Fallbrook and other interesting information. He does a great job.

For those people that have computers the address is: [www.stjohnsepiscopalfallbrook.com](http://www.stjohnsepiscopalfallbrook.com). If you have some news that you think would go well on the web site, and you would like to send it to him,

his address: [is\\_www.barclay\\_zone@yahoo.com](mailto:is_www.barclay_zone@yahoo.com)



***Dear Lord,***

Memorial

DAY May 28th

**As the sun sets on another day, glowing softly in the west. Please set a special place aside for our wonderful country's best. For the selfless men and women who knowingly give their all...Who stand Guard round our banner... and shall never let it fall.**

**They leave behind both spouse and child, to protect and preserve our land. They leave behind both hearth and home, in service great and grand, they endure heartache and hardship for an occasional word from home, they endure sharp criticisms, and they often feel alone.**

**But Lord, please touch their souls tonight, somehow let them know that we care, that we're standing right behind them, even when they're "over there". And Lord, touch them if they're wet and cold in the darkness of a wild and rolling sea, or sweltering in the desert sands, and waiting patiently...**

**If they're soaring through the silver clouds, or standing guard out in the rain, if they're laughing, living, loving... or in quiet, heartfelt pain.**

**Please, Lord, tonight embrace them, soldiers, sailors, one and all, for they dearly love their country, and they daily give their all.**

**For the young airman away from home for the first time in his life, and the officer far away from children and his wife, to the women dressed in olive drab instead of skirts or jeans, because when you say "Patriot"... they can tell you what it means.**

**And Lord, if before this night is through, heaven's gate should open wide, and a soldier, airman, sailor or marine should step inside, if he straightens to attention with a clicking of his boots, and proudly states his presence with a textbook sharp salute, embrace him, Lord... and love him... in your great and perfect way.**

**For he was one of the best, dear Lord... the Pride of the USA.**



**THANK YOU ONE AND ALL**

Thanks goes to everyone that walked and gave to the 2007 Crop Walk.

The weather was marvelous and a special time together was had by all of those who walked from St. John's. There were 13 people and approximately **\$500.** was raised from our church.

There were **420** people from all over San Diego county and **\$60,000** was the total raised, with **25%** of that to stay in Fallbrook.

Congratulations to all the participants.

More encouraging words from Presiding Bishop Kathryn Jefferts Schori's wonderful book, ***A Wing and a Prayer***, as we go forward on our mission to return St. John's Episcopal Church to Fallbrook:

1. What is your mission? What has the master sent you to do? Mission comes in as many different forms as there are Christians. Your mission right now may be as a parent, or a teacher, or a medical worker, or a student, or a guitarist, or a copy editor. Our mission at election time is to vote for the candidates we believe will work to make a more just society. At this time in the world's history, all of us have a mission to work and pray for peace—in Iraq, in Israel and Palestine, in the Sudan—wherever there is

strife or division in human society..

2. Our particular mission may change from year to year...God is continually asking us to wake up and pay attention to new ways of being missionaries. Where are you building the reign of God? What's your mission right now? How are you working to transform your family, or your work environment, or your community, into something more like the dream that God has for all of creation? Mission is about how we live every day of the week.



We plan to have a rummage sale in late spring or early summer and would like people to start saving their "treasures" for resale. The vestry has asked that the proceeds be donated to **Navy Marine Corps Relief Society** as one of our church's outreach projects. A date and place have yet to be determined. If you would like to help with the organization of this very worthwhile endeavor, please contact **Ruth Mowat** at 451-1385. There is much that can be done to make this a very successful project and an opportunity to make light work with many hands. Gail Jones

The women of St. John's Episcopal Church will be honoring the unique antiquity of their church by sharing in a celebration with the residents of the **Fallbrook Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility**. St. John's Episcopal Church is 116 years old this year. The ladies have prepared a basket filled with gifts for each resident and will be sharing a birthday cake to commemorate the occasion. (Jane, if you have any questions or ideas about this, please call **Peggy Johnson** at 723-4467. She may be able to tell you more about the gifts. Peggy and **Janet Watson** have organized this and several members including **Ruth Mowat**, **Priscilla Mowry** and **Marion New** helped them prepare the gifts. Perhaps there are others and I am not sure what the gifts are. They will actually do all of this on April 29th. ☺



Father, to You I raise my whole being,  
A vessel emptied of self. Accept Lord  
This my emptiness, and so fill me  
With Your Self, Your Light, Your  
Love, Your Life, that these Your  
precious gifts may radiate  
through me and overflow  
the chalice of my heart  
into the hearts of all  
with whom I come in  
contact this week  
revealing  
to  
them  
the  
beauty of Your  
JOY  
and  
the  
Serenity  
of Your Peace  
which nothing can destroy  
SO BE IT WITH ME..AMEN



suppers to continue

We plan to continue our once a month soup – supper teachings.

On the schedule for **MAY 2nd** will be a **POT LUCK** supper to talk about programs for the rest of the year.

What do folks want to study in depth or brush up on. We will meet at the same place, in the conference room at St. Peter's.?

Starting on **June 6th** I will be sharing an office at **St. Peter's** free of charge, hours will be flexible but for a start I will be there from **1 to 4 o'clock every Wednesday** in June till I leave for vacation **June 19th thru July 9th**.

Always in Christ,

Fr. Wayne+



### **"The War of Knives"**

**NEW BOOK  
JUST OUT!**

A second nautical adventure by **Patty Campbell's** son **Broos**, has just been published, and the critics are saying good things about it like "his characterization is both acute and realistic, his dialogue witty and shrewd...a delight to read."

The first book in this series, *No Quarter*, established the lead character, young naval lieutenant *Matty Graves*, and the setting—the fledgling American navy's involvement in the turbulent events in the Caribbean around 1800.

An interview with *Broos* is featured this month in the magazine *Quarterdeck*, and is available from the website of *McBooks Press*: ([www.mcbooks.com](http://www.mcbooks.com))

**DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS MAY 21st.**



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**Sunday Services begin at 9:30 am**



**May 3rd Day  
of Prayer  
for Christian Unity**



**Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 13th**



**Ascension  
OF THE LORD  
May 17th**

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