

# "The Ark"

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Fallbrook, California  
October 2008



**OCTOBER**

Dear Friends at St. John's Episcopal Church,

Checked with St. Peter's today and everything is set for revival of our, "**Wednesday Night Live**" to return on **Oct 1 at St. Peter's Parish Hall**. Please make every effort to come to attend and learn more about this complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith. We will start promptly at 6:30pm with one of our famous Pot-Luck suppers and then proceed to be challenged by Dr. Yancy in the short but interesting segment of the video we will be watching together. I suggest you park in the School parking lot and you will see the new Church being built right before your eyes and just right of the new building will be the Parish Hall where we had a previous Pot-Luck with St. Peter's and a Compline service immediately after. The rest of our gatherings will be in the Upper room and I will point that out to everyone at some point after dinner.

Last Tuesday I attended a first ever, faith based disaster preparedness meeting with most of the mainline and mega-churches attending. What a neat experience that was! Yes that was a first and it took a disaster to get us working together. Well good things are going to happen and Thank you Lord! I would like us to gather together on Sunday October 19 to honor our survivors and have them tell us, if they want to, how things are going. I also will be happy to show you my survivor backpack that I am starting to put together after this meeting.

Please be aware of the Diocesan Ministry Day that will be happening on Sat October 25 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at St. John's, Chula Vista, 760 First Ave. Chula Vista, CA. Child care will be available and the \$25 pre-registration and lunch payment is required by Thursday, Oct 16. See the Diocesan webpage [www.edsd.org](http://www.edsd.org) for more details and online registration and payment.

Love and Prayers,

Always in Christ, Fr. Wayne+  
The Rev. Canon Wayne F. Sanders

**“WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE”**

**October 1st –**

**6:30<sub>pm</sub>–8<sub>pm</sub>**

**St. Peter’s Catholic Church In The Community Room**

**POT LUCK**

**PROGRAM—”THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW” by Philip Yancey**

**All the rest of the WEDNESDAYS in October will be in the Upper Room**

**DON’T MISS THIS EXCITING SERIES**

In happy moments praise God

In difficult moments seek God

In painful moments trust God

In quiet moments worship God

In every moment thank God

***THE NEXT VERSTRY MEETING IS SET FOR***

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH , AFTER CHURCH***



by Patty Campbell

### FOR ONE MORE DAY

by Mitch Albom. Hyperion, 2006.

Have you ever wanted to go back and spend a day with someone who's died—to make amends and ask forgiveness? In this wise little novella, Mitch Albom, author of *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, gives us a portrait of that experience.

Chick Benetto, a former professional baseball player, has messed up his life royally ever since his mother died suddenly, while he had secretly been off trying to salvage his failed career. Ravaged by guilt over this and the way he had treated her as an adolescent, he ruins his marriage, alienates his daughter, and finally drives down a freeway ramp in the wrong direction to a devastating collision with a truck. As he lies bleeding, suddenly his dead mother is there with him in their old home, casual and ordinary, cooking him the food he remembers and admonishing him for his grammar. The story of the day he spends with her is touching and lovely, but kept from descending into sentimentality by the mother's interesting character and her tough and realistic attitude toward her beloved son as she goes about her daily work as a hairdresser for homebound elderly women. Remembering how he had rejected his mother to get even for his own hurt at his father's rejection, Chick begs to be forgiven, and one of the ladies sums it up beautifully: "A child embarrassed by his mother is just a child who hasn't lived long enough."

"Although this book is a short, quick read, it is rich with such insights and the bittersweet humor that comes from looking at life—and death—straight in the eye."

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd @4pm**  
**WHAT'S UP?**  
**PUT THE DATE IN YOUR MEMORY**  
**BANK!!**



That's no Elephant



Don't you know an Elephant?

ELEPHANT BINGO AND PIZZA PARTY

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

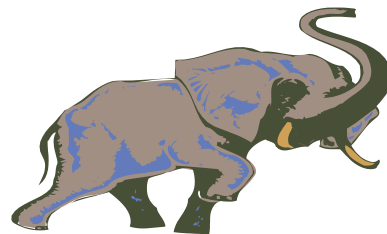
You may ask, "What the heck is an 'ELEPHANT BINGO?'"

I just happen to have an answer! The Prizes for the adults will be brought by YOU. Find something in your house or yard or garage that you don't want anymore (maybe you have redecorated, and the colors don't match, or you are just plain tired of it, (even tho it's still nice) bring it with you and each adult that has a Bingo can go and pick one thing that they can't live without. EASY, FUN and FUNNY.

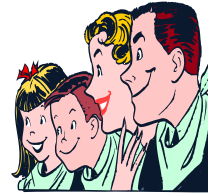
As for the kids, (children) there will also be games and PRIZES for each game. More FUN!

So, families, set aside this date and bring your kids, your friends, and your neighbors. It will be held at Kathy Witkoff's home, and for more info call **723-4315**

Now, that's an ELEPHANT!



# ABOUT ST. JOHN'S FAMILY



Condolences to **Patty Campbell, Jerry Cowen**, her brother died recently following his long battle with colon cancer.

On a happier note, Patty's son, **Fred Campbell Craven** was newly appointed to serve on the Tax Franchise Board of the California State Bar.

We are pleased to have **Anita Province** joining us for our services, and we missed her when she was on vacation in the Pacific Northwest. Summer Vacationers are drifting back with some members taking off for fall trips.

**Nance Wilshire** returned from several weeks in Montana only to have an unpleasant experience with a spray which made the Wilshire's and their dog feel ill.

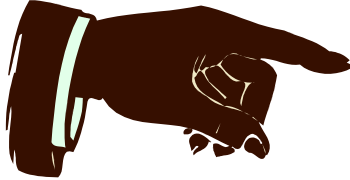
That brought up the question where are Dr. **Steve** and **Gail Jones** who were on a get-away with their boat and perhaps cruising down some waterways. Gail's mom, **Ruth Mowat**, said last she heard they were on the Colorado river and if I had known I could have told them about a deluxe bed and breakfast in that area. Gail might have been ready for a spa and chocolate treats on the pillow.

It was a pleasure to have Dr. **Charlotte McCutchen** back on a recent Sunday to worship with us. She has been on our prayer list, along with others for health problems. We pray that **Debbie Chaney, Diana Lee**, and **Barbara Paster** will be back with us soon.

**Carol Pearson** mentioned that she spoke with **Julie Peck** who is also missed. We hope Julie and her husband are making some progress in settling all that had to be done following the loss of their home in the fire a year ago.

Condolences to **The Rev. Canon Steve Wendfeldt**, whose wife **Kate** died on Friday, September 26th, after suffering from cancer. Funeral to be held October 6th, at St. Peter's church in Del Mar where he served for six and a half years. Our condolences to the whole family.

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables,  
what is baby oil made from?



## OCTOBER IS OUR MONTH AT THE FOOD PANTRY!

The Fallbrook Food Pantry was very pleased to sign us up officially as the church to contribute to their shelves in October. This is a season of before-the-holidays scarcity for them, so they are very glad to have us. As always, they want nonperishable food in cans or packages, like baby food, vegetables, spaghetti and taco sauce, pasta, beans, cookies, Ramen noodles, and lots of protein. We all realize how grocery prices have increased, so the need to keep the shelves filled is important.

Bring your contributions to church any and every Sunday in October and we'll truck them over to the Food Pantry first thing Monday morning.

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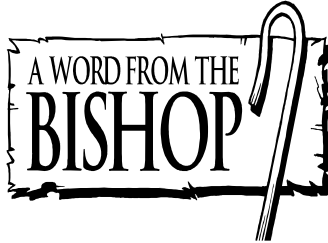
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Fr. Sanders, Mike Hire, Director of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Ruth Mowat, and Gail Jones met on September 25, 2008 at the Navy – Marine Corps Relief Society's regional office to present a check for \$2,000.00 which represents the amount of money raised at St. John's Episcopal Church's second annual Used Treasure Sale this past summer. Mike Hire extended the invitation for St. John's members to meet with him at his office where he showed us how the funds are used to assist the service members and their families. He impressed upon us that the need is great especially at this time with so many service members being deployed overseas. There are very few paid employees and most of the work is accomplished by trained volunteers. The society considers one of its most important functions to be educating those in need to the discipline of financial budgeting.

Heartfelt thanks to Ruth for chairing this important outreach program for the second year in a row.



Presenting the Used Treasure  
Sale check held last May  
to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief  
Society, Mike Hire



## Diocesan Ministry Day

### A Plentiful Harvest:

#### Growing Healthy Congregations through Effective Ministry

Key verse: Matthew 9:38 "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

When: Saturday, October 25, 2008

Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church  
760 First St.

Chula Vista, CA 91910

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

- An opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops about creating healthy churches
  - A chance to enhance your current and future ministry with resources, ideas and hands-on learning
  - A place to ask questions of people who are seasoned in church leadership
  - A time to consider how all aspects of your congregational life can become healthier and more vibrant

YOU should attend if you . . .

- occupy a leadership position in your congregation
- currently provide ministry and seek to deepen your knowledge and skills
- are considering future leadership in your congregation or the greater Episcopal Church
- are eager to experience a day of learning with people throughout the diocese
- want to meet people who may be involved in a similar ministry at a different congregation

GOD NEVER ASKS ABOUT OUR ABILITY OR INABILITY

ONLY ABOUT OUR AVAILABILITY



St. John's celebrates with you on your birth.  
Look with favor we pray, on your servants

Pam Stephens	7th
Peggy Johnson	9th
Don Peck	17th
Charlotte McCutchen	31st

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



Blessing of Pets

## ST. FRANCIS DAY

(closest to actual day Oct 4th)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th**

**SECOND ANNUAL**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Time to get "Fluffy" fluffed, "Mr. Bangles" trimmed, and change the water in "Wally's" fish bowl—all in preparation of our St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. We invite all our animal friends to church at 11:00 to be blessed and pampered by all. For those unfamiliar with this tradition, we invite pets to bring their humans to church that day and spend time in God's house to be blessed at the Altar just after communion



## HALLOWEEN—ALL SAINTS DAY EVE

**OCTOBER 31st**



All Saints Day  
Halloween  
October 31st

Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in).

The Celtic, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, The United Kingdom, and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1. This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31, they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops. Celts thought that the presence of the otherworld spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort and direction during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities.

During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes. When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

By the 800s, the influence of Christianity had spread into Celtic lands. In the 17th century, Pope Boniface IV designated November 1 All Saints Day, a time to honor saints and martyrs. It is widely believed today that the pope was attempting to replace the Celtic festival of the dead with a related, but church sanctioned holiday. The celebration was also called All hallows or All-hallowmas (from Middle English meaning All Saints' Day) and the night before it, the night of Samhain, began to be called All-hallows Eve and eventually, Halloween. Even later than A D 1000, the church would make November 2 All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with big bonfires, parades, and dressing up in costumed as saints, angels, and devils. Together, the three celebrations, the eve of All Saints', All Saints', and All Souls' were called Hallowmas-Halloween.





**Join us for Flavors of Fall**

### Enjoy the Flavors of Fall

St. John's, Chula Vista, welcomes all people of the diocese to a buffet lunch on Saturday, November 1, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. \$7.00 purchases one lunch, a beverage and a dessert. Chicken baked in fall colors, roasted seasonal vegetables, cider cake and spiced teas are on the menu.

Purchase tickets by phone at: 619-267-1755 or email: [eaglenews@cox.net](mailto: eaglenews@cox.net). Purchase a table of 8 and bring your friends for \$50. Bring your Christmas list for the Holiday Bazaar in Nale Hall. All proceeds benefit the ministries of the Women of St. John's.

## OCTOBER 2008

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE YEAR A

Date	1st Lesson	Psalm	2nd Lesson	Gospel	LEM
Oct. 5	Jane Millsap Exodus 20:4,7-9,11-20	Jane Millsap 19	Patty Campbell Philippians 3:4-14	Matthew 21:33-46	Frankie S. Keith Goard
Oct. 12	Franya Sidoroff Exodus.:32::1-14	Franya Sidoroff 10:1-6,19-23	Gail Jones Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14	Frankie Dale New
Oct 19	Rebecca Brown Exodus 33:12-23	Rebecca Brown 99	Keith Goard 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22	Jane Millsap Keith Goard
Oct 26	Dale New Deut.34:1-12	Dale New 90:1-6,13-17	Frankie Schwenderman 1 Thessalonians2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46	Rebecca B. Keith Goard

**Psalm is read by the First Reader**

**Prayers of the people are led by the 2nd reader**

Sept 30th to Oct. 1st Jewish New Year Rosh Hashanah, is the day in which the Jews submit to the divine sovereignty and crown God as the King. It is always a festive event.

**Oct. 6th 10 am. St. Peter's in Del Mar Funeral Service for Kate Wendfeldt**

Oct, 9th Yon Kippur Atonement and Holiness a 24 hour period of fasting

Oct. 13th Sukkot Unity and Joy The Four Kinds, the "Water Drawing Celebrations" the meaning of unity, the dynamics of Joy, the Kabbalah of the willow.

Oct. 13th Columbus Day

Oct. 16th Boss's Day

Oct 21st Simchat Torah Celebrating the Torah The last portion of the Torah is read and since they never finish the Torah reading, they begin the reading from the very beginning again to show the Torah is beloved like a "new command to which everyone runs," This is a very happy occasion.

Oct. 25. Saturday Diocesan Day of Ministry

Oct. 26th Mother-in-law Day

Oct. 31st Halloween

Nov. 1st All Saints Day **Standard Time begins at midnight**

Nov. 2nd **See page 4– Very Important for one an all!!!**



**Saturday, Nov. 1st**

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

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Choir—Kathy Wood, & Kathy Sanders  
Christian Education—Steve Wood  
Clerk—Patty Campbell  
Cursillo—Kathy Wood  
Daughters of the King—Kathy Wood  
Directory—Mary Mazy  
Healing—Patty Campbell, Jane Millsap,  
Frankie Schwenderman  
Hospitality—Susan Ortler  
Internal Communications—Gail Jones  
Liturgy & Music—Keith Goard,  
Kathy Wood & Kathy Sanders  
Newsletter—Jane Millsap, Janet Watson,  
& Patty Campbell  
Outreach—Bob Watson—Peggy Johnson  
Parish Life—Peggy Johnson, Bob Watson  
Pastoral Care—Bob & Janet Watson  
Phone Tree—Gail Jones  
Planning—Arthur Brown & Dale New  
Prayer List—Patty Campbell  
Prayers & Squares—Mary Mazy  
Sunday School—Steve Wood  
Treasurer—Carol Pearson  
Website—Rick Barclay  
Youth—Keith Goard



## 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.

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