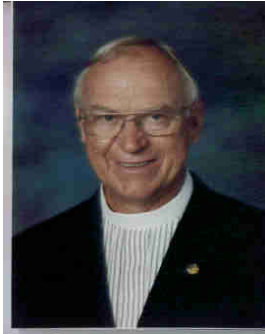


St. John's Episcopal Church Newsletter

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The Canon's Corner



One of the many benefits of being the Canon for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious affairs for the Diocese is that I get invited to attend the Workshop for Christian Unity held usually in the first quarter of the year at one of the large cities in the U.S. This year the workshop was in Washington DC. Next year it will be held in Chicago, not a bad city to be from!

While going to and from the workshop I was able to read a delightful book by Katherine Jefferts Schori, our newest Presiding Bishop and first woman presiding over the Episcopal Church, ever! Her book, "A Wing and a Prayer" is also subtitled...A Message of Faith and Hope...You have to obtain a copy. Morehouse Publishing, Harrisberg, New York, publishes it. It would make some good spiritual reading for this Lenten season.

Following up on her theme of Faith and Hope we at St. John's Episcopal Church are going to have a great Lenten season. I invite all of you to St. Peter's Catholic Church School Library on Stagecoach Lane in Fallbrook for Ash Wednesday services on February 21 at 7:00 p.m. Our Bishop Mathes will lead this service and I will assist. This will also begin our journey back home to Fallbrook. It is also a good time to look at our beginnings as a Faith Community.

At 6:30 p.m. at St. Peter's on the following Wednesdays of Lent we will continue the long standing tradition of St. John's Soup, Supper, and

Teaching: February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28. I will be leading the evening sessions to look at who we are as an Episcopal Church rooted in the Bible and Anglican tradition. Yes, it will include looking through the Scriptures and what Jesus did and said to help us follow him. It will also include watching an excellent video about our history and growth into the Episcopal Church. Something some of us might have taken for granted but what a jewel this church has been and continues to be. The 1-hour teaching session will take place after we have eaten and will start around 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in this very important season of Lent, as we become a church reaching out and discovering a God much larger than we can ever imagine, St. John's Episcopal Church.

In God's love and
Always in Christ,

The Rev. Canon Wayne F. Sanders
Priest in Charge of St. John's Episcopal Church,
Fallbrook, Ca.

Words from Rector Emeritus,

Fr. David Fenton

St. John's Episcopal Church Newsletter
February 1996.

"As I look back over the years, I would like to say thanks for what we have done together. It is easy to see what we have done with the building and grounds. It is not quite so easy to see what we have done, for and to the people to whom we have ministered—both those who have found a home in St. John's and those who have been helped by the outreach ministries of both the Parish and the Thrift Shop. We hope we have been a blessing to all."

Father Fenton finished with the following from one of his favorite poems:

"Lead kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on; The night is dark, and I am
far from home; Lead thou me on; Keep thou
my feet; I do not ask to see The distant
scene; one step enough for me."

"Not the glaring, harsh, and almost blinding
brightness of a searchlight that can pierce
the darkness, but the warm, friendly light that
glows from a person and illuminates the
gloom and gives us all the light we need to
take the next step. If we can do that, the
future will take care of itself."

We hope you will join us in our first steps.

Birthdays/Births

Please call (760) 599-3404 and leave your
name, month, and day of your birthday for
future publication in this newsletter.

Happy Birthday Mary Mazy, February 24th!

Congratulations to Jackie and Bob Edgerton,
on the birth of their first grandchild. He was
safely delivered following a few stressful
months prior to his arrival.

Called to Serve

Vestry 2007

Sr. Warden/Dale New – 723-1608

Jr. Warden/Dick Goodlake - 723-0633

Clerk/Patty Campbell - 723-6184

Vestry Members

Keith Goard

Gail and Steve Jones

Carol Pearson

Robert Watson

Kathy Wood

On January 21, several members of
John's Vestry attended a Sunday
service at St. Timothy's in Rancho
Penasquitos to show their support for
that congregation. Keith Goard
presented a \$100 check to St. Timothy's
from St. John's.

Ministries/Outreach

Healing Ministry

A healing ministry group has been formed at our
church. Currently members are Kathy Sanders,
Patty Campbell, Jane Millsap, Peter Wasley, and
Kathy Wood. All those who are interested in
learning more about the practice of Christian
healing prayer are invited to join us. A prayer
team from the group will be available every
Sunday in the chapel area during and after
communion to pray confidentially with those who
have mental or physical health concerns for
themselves or others. Those seeking the
comfort of prayer can go directly to that part of
the church after receiving the healing of the
Eucharist.

Patty Campbell

Youth Group

There will be another Youth Camp "Happening"
from March 2–4, at the Green Oak Ranch in
Vista. Eleventh and twelfth grade students are
invited to send in their application for prayer and
study for this event to Fr. Sanders. More
information may be given by calling Keith Goard
at (760) 277-0060 or going to the Episcopal
Church Diocese web site: www.edsd.org.

Sydney Nocon, Carol Pearson's nine year old
granddaughter completed her acolyte training
and served for the first time on January 21 at All
Saints in Vista. We should mention that Norma
Pearson is the great grandmother, and Pam and
Rory are the parents so they were also proud.
Carol was the news source so she received first
mention.

Altar Guild

Ann Gregg will be ordering lilies to decorate the Altar for Easter. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Greeters table as you enter the church. Make checks payable to All Saints and write lilies in the memo area. The suggested donation is \$20. When you sign-up you can dedicate the lilies to a loved one or it can be in memory of a loved one. If you have any questions or would like to help Ann decorate the Altar she can be contacted at (760) 721-3083.

Prayers Go Up Blessings Come Down

Patty Campbell maintains our Prayer List. Please contact her if you have a loved one you want lifted up in prayer. She can be reached by phone (760) 723-6184 or e-mail shorecam@aol.com.

“A recent bout of shoulder pain (now healed, thank God!) has shown me how uncomfortable it is to put yourself on the prayer list. We pray for friends and relatives and friends of friends, but when it comes to ourselves, we feel it is just between God and us. But all of us who love you want to join in lifting you up to the Lord, so don't be shy---let me know when you are hurting and I will put you on the prayer list. Also, don't forget to let me know about healings so we can rejoice and give thanks and praise to God.”
Patty Campbell

Thank you Patty for being efficient each week with sending the prayer list out so we can contact people we know in addition to keeping them in our prayers.

Have You Hugged An Angel Today?

Janet and Bob Watson artfully wrapped a bounty of local avocados, citrus, persimmons, and dates in a king-sized wicker basket for silent auction at the San Diego Ecumenical Council's 22nd Annual Tribute Dinner on January 17, 2007. A member and officer of the Council, Father Sanders, transported the basket to the event and presented it in the name of our parish. It must have been a hit, for the Council reported that the basket and all of the other donations received helped to net the Council a total of \$20,000 for use in its humanitarian work on behalf of those in need. Hats off to Patty Campbell, Gail and Steve Jones, and Janet and Bob Watson for contributing the fruits of the land and the creativity needed to play our part in the success of this important fundraising event.

Recognition

Patty Campbell and her husband, David Shore, are celebrating the birth of two new books, which are on display on the “Local Authors” shelf at the Book Nook in Fallbrook. There is a new addition of their travel book, “Europe by Van and Motor Home, and Patty's study of the leading young adult writer, Robert Cormier, “Daring to Disturb the Universe.”

Travels

Steve and Gail Jones enjoyed their trip to the Galapagos Islands and will be happy to tell you about the rare birds and animals they encountered.



“Live in harmony with one another. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves but leave it to the wrath of God.” Romans 12: 16-17
Submitted by Patty Campbell

“Good Christians can be liberal and good Christians can be conservative. A Church that practices reconciliation must be inclusive enough to welcome both. But today's conservative Christians do not practice reconciliation. They are combative, and they are divisive. So, I believe, it is important for Christians across the political spectrum to recommit themselves to the ministry of reconciliation, and to do so in words and actions.” Senator John Danforth, *Faith and Politics*.