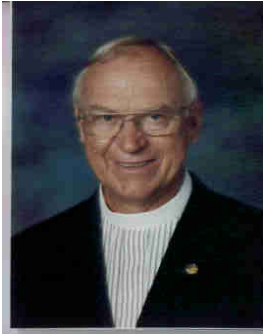


# St. John's Episcopal Church Newsletter

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## The Canon's Corner



This is our first Newsletter and a start of a new period in the life of this Episcopal Parish. You'll notice I keep repeating we are St. John's Episcopal Church and I am doing that intentionally to remind us who we are in the Body of Christ. It is still a broken body and that is one of the reasons I think the Bishop sent me to be Priest-in-Charge at St. John's Episcopal Church. One of my passions is for Church unity. I wholeheartedly believe that our Lord wants us to be one as He and the Father are one as He prayed in John's gospel, chapter 17:20-23 "to become one heart and mind – Just as you Father, are in me and I in you, so they (meaning us followers of Jesus) might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me."

I also love the statement by the eminent Ecumenical Theologian Hans Kung when he writes: "There will be no peace in the world unless there is peace among religions. There will be no peace among religions unless there is unity among Christians."

After retirement our Bishop asked me to be his Canon for Ecumenical and Inter-religious affairs for our Diocese. I take that commissioning very seriously and promise to do my best while your Priest to be the reconciler Christ has called me to be. My other passion is for Children's ministry as I wholeheartedly confess I love all God's Children. In

that direction I am the chaplain for All Saints' Episcopal pre-school in Hillcrest and a Volunteer Chaplain at Children's Hospital here in San Diego. I also get to spoil our three grandchildren who I hope you all get to meet around the Holiday season as I will baptize our youngest, Claire, December 31, the first Sunday after Christmas, at the 9:30 Eucharist. Please come and meet the rest of the Sanders family.

My wife, Kathy, and I look forward to serving you thru these next days and however long it takes before you get a full time Rector to do the task that he/she is called to do at St. John's Episcopal Church. So as this Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Season fast approaches I want all of you to dream of a church in which all members know surely and simply God's great love, and each is certain that in the divine heart we all are known by name. In which Jesus is very Word, our window into the Father's heart; the sign of God's hope and his design for all humankind. In which the Spirit is not a party symbol, but wind and fire in everyone; gracing St. John's Episcopal church with a kaleidoscope of gifts and constant renewal for all. Thank you all for allowing Kathy and I to join you on this journey of faith. Thank you all for the wonderful Reception party you gave us at Pala Mesa, Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November. Your loving gift of hospitality will always be deeply appreciated. A Blessed Holy Season to each and every one of you. We are looking forward to deepening our friendship with you and your families as we are blessed to do God's work together.

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.

## Holy Days

December 24, Christmas Eve: There will be a 9:30 a.m. Advent/Christmas family communion service. It will include a youth program. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a Festive Chorale Eucharist.

December 25, Christmas Day: There will be a 10:00 am service.

## Share Your Heart With A Friend

We are truly blessed and give thanks for the dignity of Bishop Mathes, The Rev. Canon Wayne F. Sanders, The Rev. Canon Richard Lief, and The Rev. Leigh Jacobsen for their guidance and prayers. Their sermons each week have been outstanding and a comfort to us. We are also grateful to The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck for her guidance and prayers.

We deeply appreciate being able to worship and share our heart with our new friends at All Saints Episcopal Church and St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

## 114 Years in Fallbrook

St. John's Episcopal Church has been established in Fallbrook for over a century. Our eyes are on the future. When we look back in our wonderful history we will remember those who lived, toiled, fought, and died for the Lord they loved and knew. It is our legacy to carry on for so many of those members no longer with us. We had the privilege of knowing them and they will always remain in our hearts. The torch always passes so this will be our work to maintain the Episcopal tradition in Fallbrook.

## Remember When?

Remember when Fr. Lief was our Interim Priest in 1996 and he walked into the kitchen to find a raccoon in residence? Tyler Pearson and Michael Prall wrote a story about "The Recalcitrant, Religious, Raccoon," who was amusing the Sunday school children. These two young men are grown now. Tyler is on the Vestry as a Youth Advisor for the Episcopal Church at Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo. He will be home for the holidays.

## Birthdays

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

## Called to Serve

Vestry 2006  
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

Vestry meetings are held at Gail and Steve Jones home at 362 Vista del Indio at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are Open unless otherwise stated.

We want each of you to know how important you are to our church family and we will do our best to keep you informed.

We are negotiating for a temporary location **in Fallbrook** so we can worship together and serve our Lord. We will let you know as soon as this is finalized.

## Ministries/Outreach

### Altar Guild

Ann E. Gregg will be ordering poinsettia's to decorate the Altar for Christmas. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Greeters table as you enter the church. Make checks payable to All Saints and write poinsettia in the memo area. The suggested donation is \$20. When you sign-up you can dedicate the poinsettia 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 reached at (760) 721-3083.

## Community Life

Angel Tree is a special ministry for children whose parent(s) are incarcerated. Food and gifts are being collected in the Parish Hall after services. A party for the children and families will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at All Saints.

## 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. She will get your prayer request into the bulletin and out to the prayer chain community. If you would like to receive a copy of the Prayer List please let her know.

## Have You Hugged An Angel Today?

Our deep appreciation to **Rick Barclay** who has devoted his time and expertise to set up a website for us. Check us out at [www.stjohnsepiscopalfallbrook.com](http://www.stjohnsepiscopalfallbrook.com).

Our heartfelt thanks to **Patty Campbell** for faithfully maintaining and sending out our Prayer List each week.

“Who is Sylvia and what is She?” begins the title of an old song. Well we know our Sylvia much better as **Peggy Johnson**. She is and has been for many years our most outstanding and creative party planner. She is noted for the St. John’s Episcopal 100 Year luncheon event in 1991 which some of us were fortunate to attend, to three recent events for us following knee surgery no less. The tea honoring **The Rev. Canon Wayne Sanders** and his wife **Kathy** was artfully presented and we were impressed. Peggy inspires us and is a cherished asset.

Our gratitude to **Marion New** for supporting the church by researching important information that may eventually assist us in our quest for a permanent church.

Our deep felt thanks to the **Rev. David Fenton**, Rector Emeritus of St. John’s, for providing us with much historical information on our church.

