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Message From The Rector

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU" AND OTHER MATTERS

Since we arrived in late May, we have been the recipients of lovely bottles of wine, beautiful strawberries and cherries, and numerous other hospitable offerings and gestures. And we are enjoying getting to know you better and hearing your stories.

There is no search process that will create an environment in which a congregation and a candidate for rector really have any more than a sense of who the other is. Now that we are here and getting settled, it is important to us to learn more about you, your history, (especially recent history), how you see God moving in your lives and in the life of St. John's, as well as anything you might believe about what God is calling the people of St. John's to do at this time.

Therefore we are hoping that each and every person will join us in the home of one of your fellow parishioners for just such an occasion. This is an opportunity for us to meet with you in a small group setting on Wednesday evenings or Thursday afternoons in July and August.

Your host or hostess will provide food or refreshments appropriate to the time of day. You need only bring your hopes, dreams and questions about St. John's mission in this community. Don't let the summer pass without going to one of these events! See the article on page 10 of this newsletter for more information.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets in Anaheim, California July 8-17, 2009. The media will focus its attention on what the General Convention might do about attention-grabbing matters around sexuality.

In a few words, the current situation is a precarious understanding that churches within the Anglican communion will continue to affirm bans on same-gender blessings, consecration of partnered gay and lesbian people as bishops, and cross border interventions (example: provinces in the Global South offering diocesan affiliations for conservation parishes or dioceses in the US which wish to sever ties with the Episcopal Church USA.)

I believe it's fair to say that both the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Rowan Williams, and our Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori would hope to see the present legislative understandings preserved, while "moving the ball forward" toward full inclusion of all people in the church.

Also before the Convention this year is a measure to enter into full communion with the Moravian Church. The Moravians are considered to be "the oldest church in the first reformation. They are intensely missional, highly relational, have a rich musical and liturgical heritage, and are led by a deeply pastoral episcopate." The Moravians will consider an identical measure at its Provincial Synods in 2010.

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Needless to say, many other issues will come before *General Convention*. The Episcopal Church is providing in Internet feature called the "media hub" so that you can keep up with all the goings-on.

The hub will include videos, blogging, short Twitter feeds; Flickr photos and live web casting. This will augment the coverage offered on the Episcopal Life Online website and in the *Convention Daily* print publication, produced each day at convention.

They make it easy for us to stay informed, and I hope you will.

Blessings,

Fr. Harold+



Summer Music Camp

Applications are now being accepted for our Ninth Annual Summer Music Camp, sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church will take place July 20-24, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The camp is for children who have completed first grade through eighth grade. Students are involved in music learning through choir, handbells, recorder playing, music theory, recreation, snacks and more! This year, composers George Frederic Handel and Michael Bedford will be studied and their music performed. Pre-registration is required; \$50 per child, after July 10th \$70. For more information call 369-3381.

Vacation Bible School

We had 32 children attend our Vacation Bible School, themed Friendship Trek. The children learned about Jesus, created beautiful keepsake crafts and played fun games in the sun!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success! Barbara Krengel, Ruth Diekman, JoEllen Fortenbury-Ford, Steve Augusto, Becky Loiacono, Sandy Stevens, Elizabeth Diekman, Caire Beckman, Colleen Walton, Deb Shook, Edyth Ledbetter, Faith Ford, Kathy Girard, Kelly Osborn, Mitch Addler, Randy Knuston, Robin Kuntson, Jonas Knutson, Vanadeane Brooks, Jordan Kafton, Payton Luiz, Alyssa Ospital, Lauren George, and Mary Knutsen.



Feeding the Children

We will start feeding the children who will not receive breakfast or lunch at their schools during July, this coming June 29th. We are asking every one to bring bread and jam to church on each Sunday through July. The food will be taken to the Salvation Army and distributed to the qualifying families each Monday. Remember there are nine churches helping with the food, so bring what you can.

St. John's has signed up to help distribute food on July 6th and July 20th with Grace Presbyterian and Calvary Bible Church. We need 3-6 members each Monday from 9am to 12pm to hand out the food. We also will be handing out our St. John's "Welcome" pamphlet so the people can become familiar with St. John's.

There are sign up sheets at the back of the church for volunteering. We look forward to having St. John's help with this community need!

Pat Fehling
Compassion Ministry

Children Formation Meeting

Fr. Harold would like to invite all who have served as Sunday School teachers and/or who are interested and concerned in the future of children's spiritual formation at St. John's to join him so that he can learn your thoughts and ideas on Saturday, July 11, at 10:30 am. The meeting will not go past noon.

Senior Warden's Message

We begin the second half of the year with the congregation of St. John's being spiritually led by Father Harold. As families grow and mature, they work through changes, and St. John's too will most likely experience changes in the future. Your vestry and staff have begun the process of exploring some new thoughts and ideas proposed by Father Harold; they are exciting and challenging. As these ideas are developed, we will keep you informed in a timely manner through announcements, bulletins, and this newsletter

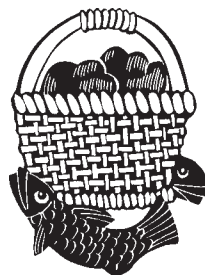
First, we must all get better acquainted. Father Harold needs to have a better understanding of St. John's past, of whom we are today, and what our hopes for the future are. St. John's congregation likewise needs to know more about Father Harold and his vision. To start this process, a number of neighborhood meetings will be scheduled in July and August. About twenty people at a time will gather in homes of parishioners and discuss with Father Harold their dreams, aspirations and visions for St. John's. All are welcome to these forums. Sign up sheets will be available so you can choose the meeting that fits your schedule.

Because of the extreme importance of the subject, I'm going to repeat what I wrote in the June newsletter about our finances. First of all your vestry recognizes the financial challenges of our economy. Secondly, your vestry is thankful for all of the financial support the congregation gives to St. John's. Again, Thank You. That being said, the reality is that transitioning from a half-time Interim Rector to a full-time Rector presents a challenge to our operating budget. This was explained at our Parish Meeting in January, 2009. Your vestry and St. John's is challenged with an income shortfall of about 15%. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support to St. John's and if possible, immediately increase your support by 15%. History proves the generosity of our parishioners and our understanding that the Lord does provide. Thank you for your consideration and understanding of our challenge.

If you have not noticed the canopy on the west lawn area between the chapel and the church, please take a look. This addition will be very helpful for events such as vacation bible school, church picnic, boutiques, etc. This canopy was donated to St. John's by the Geweke Family. We thank them for thinking of the needs of our congregation. As circumstances allow, we may consider additional sides for the canopy to shelter it from our cooling Delta breezes. The canopy is mobile, so it can be located to other sites on our property. Again, thank you to the Geweke Family.

As we anticipate our exciting future, let us continue "to extend the love of Christ from within the Episcopal tradition", let us pray for guidance, strength, faith, love, understanding, and reconciliation. Pray for Father Harold, Father Ray, Bishop Jerry, Cannon Mark, our Episcopal Diocese, Presiding Bishop Katherine, the National Church, St. John's, your Vestry, Wardens, Staff, and for all volunteers. Let us always be thankful for the gifts God has given to us and remember challenges are a gift. Thanks be to God.

John Ledbetter
Senior Warden



Compassion Meeting

What is Compassion Ministry at St. John's?

"...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40b

Many new members are wondering about what the Compassion Ministry here at St. John's is all about. Some of our in-reach and out-reach programs are outlined here for everyone's information.

In-reach consists of monthly food gathered from the parishioners and taken to the Salvation Army, Meadows Depot, OB Clinic, Lodi Community Center, and families that we know are in need. Compassion also sends cards to parishioners with illnesses, after surgery and additionally, congratulatory notes when indicated.

We organize two Blood Drives during the year; respond to National disasters such as Katrina with monetary donations, take meals to families under the Helping Hand umbrella (which functions independently), support Coats for Kids in December, arrange for the Christmas Angel tree at Christmas, organize the cooking at the Salvation Army, and historically supported and organized St. John's Mission to New Orleans. We are presently helping to "Feed the Children" in Lodi with the Mission Committee Churches of Lodi at the Salvation Army.

Our fund raisers are selling Christmas Wreaths in December, Cookies & Kisses in February, and last year making and selling Episcopal prayer beads at our own Boutique. From our parishioners' support and others, we make about two thousand dollars a year.

This money is then given away. We have given to: Lodi Center for Abused Women, Lodi Salvation Army, Our Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras, the Heifer Program, Martin Bunsey's school in Laos, ERD in New Orleans, Mary Graham Scholarship program, Breakthrough Project in Lodi, and the Millennium Development Goals.

Our wonderful supporting members are: Jeanne Canwell, Jeanne D'Angeli, Beth Elwood, Sharon Farnsworth, Pat Fehling, Elfonda Filomeo, Linda Garing, Paula Saubolle, and Patrice Tait.

Come join our faithful members in reaching out to others. We meet at 6:30pm on the first Thursday of the month at the church.

In His Service,
Compassion Ministry members



Agape Group

Agape group continues to distribute pamphlets about the Episcopal Church once a month before Sunday services. We have already distributed "The Episcopal Church - A Faith for Thinking People" and "The Episcopal Church". If you did not receive either of these pamphlets there are a few on the Welcoming-Worship Table in the Narthex.

We continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the church. We are currently starting to put together a welcoming folder to introduce St. John's to visitors and as a refresher course for those of us who are continuing at St. John's.

We are also currently helping to organize the hosts and hostesses for the Meet the New Rector and Beverley that will be held in volunteer's homes. See other articles for the dates and places. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the Church.

Let's keep happy and busy as we Step Forward into New Beginnings and continue to try to be an example of a Christian family.

Edyth Ledbetter



Notes From The Church Mouse

We pray that God will bless Dave Pina's new ministry in Knoxville, Tenn and for CJ's new teaching position at the High School in Knoxville.



We give thanks for the life of Mary Wimberley, mother of Enoyse Sommer home, who died May 30, 2009.

We give thanksgiving for the baptism of Jackson Christopher Garing, grandson of Linda and Tom Garing.

Adornments of the Liturgy

- July 12 Gretchen Nelson in loving memory of her father Harold Hagler for his birthday July 10.
- David and Diana Martin in celebration of the birthday of their son, Matthew James, on July 11
- July 19 Trude Glaves in loving memory of her mother, Anna Riedl-Pokormy, for her birthday July 17
- July 26 Donald and Elfonda Filomeo in loving memory of their grandson, Brandon Baker, for his birthday July 28
- Roxy and Steve Woodard in loving memory of his mother, Clem Woodard for her birthday July 28



Coffee Hour

Thank you to those of you that hosted coffee hour in June. They include Ann Marie Addler, Martha Scott, Bob and Jeanette Clottu and Vinita Shinn.

The sign up sheet is located on the table next to the receptionist desk at the rear of the church. Please sign up to share your sweet treats during this brief time of warm fellowship.

Helping Hands

We thank Ruth Diekman for assisting Helping Hands in the month of June.

Helping Hands for the month of July will be Lila Smith.

If you know of a family or individual who is in need of a meal, please call Lila.

Rummage Sale Wrap-Up

Thank you all for a very successful rummage sale. We had many compliments on how organized we were. Thanks to everyone who donated items, donated time and donated money.

St. John's Small Groups

Any month is a good month to join a small group. New participants are always welcome. Please call the group leaders for details.

Agape Group - for information, please contact the church office or Mary Knutsen. Agape wants to welcome new members, create the feeling of a loving family, and become committed to God, St. John's and each other. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the church kitchen.

Cursillo Reunion Groups meet on Mondays at noon year-round. Contacts are Frank Pegg, 369-9610 and Marilyn Cook, 334-3197. All interested persons are welcome.

Green Piece urges you to come on out and spend some time in the garden. Pick a task that suits your ability, skills, and time commitment, or send your gardener. You may also make a special donation to the garden fund. Give Rich Shook a call, 327-8406 for additional information or directions.

Men's Barbeque Group will meet for its bi-monthly barbeque Sunday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. John Ledbetter is the contact.

Women of St. John's conducted the annual rummage sale and Vacation Bible School in June. Thanks to the gentlemen who helped with these projects. Contacts are Mary Knutsen, 366-2449 or Kathy Girard, 333-1570. The next meeting will be a summer supper at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27.

The following groups will be recessed during July:

Singles Supper Club

St. John's Bridge Tournament - contact, Ruth Diekman, 369-2938

St. Margaret's Group - contact, Claire Lima, 334-4047

Study Group II - contact, Ruth Diekman, 369-2938

Women of Faith Study Group - contacts, Barbara Jones, 368-6361 or Gretchen Nelson, 369-3952.

Yoga for Christians - contact, Patsy Gorczyca, 367-1812

Ruth Diekman, Small Groups Coordinator, 369-2938



Guest Preacher on July 26th!

One of the joys of Beverley and Fr. Harold's time in Tucson was getting to know the Reverends Susan Anderson Smith and Anne Sawyer, co-founders of Imago Dei School, in Tucson, a private, independent, tuition-free Episcopal middle school that serves children who are economically disadvantaged.

Less than three years after its doors opened to a handful of fifth grade students, Imago Dei has for a second year in a row sent a team of students to a national design competition in Washington D.C. Last year, they finished third; this April the team won the national "School of the Future Design Competition." Imago Dei truly is a very exciting school.

Our guest preacher on July 26 at both liturgies will be the Rev. Susan Anderson-Smith. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from The University of Mississippi, and a Masters of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. She has close to 30 years of experience working with children and youth in a variety of settings.

The Rev. Anderson-Smith is currently Chaplain, Religion Teacher, and Dean of Students at Imago Dei Middle School. The Rev. Anne Sawyer is Head of School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from The University of Arizona, a Master of Arts in Social Service Administration from The University of Chicago, and a Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in Boston. Before attending seminary, she worked with low-income families in Chicago for ten years in the fields of program development, research, and fundraising.

In addition to Susan preaching on the morning of July 26th, there will be some informal gathering time after the later liturgy to hear more about Imago Dei School and ask Anne and Susan questions about their work.

Getting to Know You

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Available Dates

Wednesday, July 1
Thursday, July 9, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 5, 7:30 pm
Thursday, August 13, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, July 8 6:30 pm
Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 pm
Thursday, July 23, 4:00 pm
Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 pm

MEN'S BARBEQUE



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

5:00 PM

BRING A FRIEND



***St. John's mission: to Celebrate and Extend the
Love of Christ from within the Episcopal Tradition***

Graduates

We congratulate our 2009 graduates for their accomplishments and wish them success and happiness!

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Name of Relative</u>
Aubrey Bell	Humboldt State	Kathy and Jay Bell
Zachary Boscoa	St. Marys High School	The Clottu's
Meryka Brophy	Galt High School	Kathy and Pete Girard
Dorothy Bunn	University of Pacific	Bunn Family
Jillian Dockter	Lodi High School	Frank Pegg
Jeff Jones	Corna Del Mar High School	Barbara Jones
Jordan Kafton	Millswood Middle School	Dan and Sarah Kafton
Ryan King	Middle School	Robin Knutson
Edward Knutsen	University of Pacific	Knutsen Family
Michael Lewis	Delta College	Kathy and Pete Girard
Andrew Litfin	Los Altos Christian Middle School	Susan Burke
Nick Malvini	Sacramento State University	Ann Marie Addler
Kelli Okayaki	Millswood Middle School	Pat Fehling
Kristin Paisley	Church Divinity School of the Pacific	Andee Zetterbaum
Dayna Marie Pichetto	High School	Joan Krack
Elizabeth Sabo	Sonoma State University	Beverley Clinehens
Dana Skeels	Galt High School	Robin Knutson
Megan Slater	Tokay High School	Robin Knutson
Jonah Sonner	Middle School	Robin Knutson
Erin Toomey	Booksher Middle School	Susan Burke
Allison Williams	Univeristy of the Pacific	Williams Family



Summer Music Camp 2009

For the ninth year, St. John's Episcopal Church presents our Summer Music Camp for children who have completed first grade through eighth grade. Our camp is a one-week, half-day experience with opportunities both for students brand-new to music reading and for students who already read music and have studied privately.

We are fortunate to have a staff of three instructors who love children, know their instruments and music very well, and enjoy working with children during the year and for this intensive week. During our camp, students will spend time learning to read music or furthering their skills. (The information you give us on the application helps us to determine which Musicianship class they will be in). Campers are also divided into three groups of similar age and/or ability for the study of singing, handbells or choir chimes, and recorder and Orff (percussion) instruments. Each of these groups performs in our concluding concert. We also encourage students who play an instrument to consider playing in this concert (with notice on the first day of camp to the staff). Faculty Randy Knutson, Director of Music Robin Knutson, Independent Music Teacher Agnes Littfin, Music Educator, LUSD

APPLICATION

(Please fill out completely (include city, zip, etc.))

NAME: _____ GRADE COMPLETED: _____

ADDRESS: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Indicate with an X which number to call in an emergency during Summer Music Camp hours:

PHONE: _____ 2nd PHONE: _____

CELLPHONE/PAGER: _____ E MAIL: _____

Everyone Must Circle One of the Musicianship Levels Below
Musicianship (**Theory/Core**):

Level I (Students new to music) Level II (Music readers) Level III (Advanced Music readers)
I have studied music as a student of: _____ (teacher's name)
I am able to do a solo a) Singing _____ b) Playing the _____
I have a soprano recorder _____ I would like to purchase a soprano recorder through music camp for \$7.00 _____
(I have enclosed money for a soprano recorder)

“ Checklist “

\$50 Tuition (\$70 after 7/10) \$ _____ Soprano Recorder (\$7) \$ _____ Total \$ _____
(checks payable to St. John's Episcopal)

Please complete and return with payment to St. John's Episcopal Church.

Payments and Registration received after July 10 will be at the higher price!

Questions? Please call St. John's Episcopal Church, (209) 369-3381 and speak to Randy Knutson, the Music Director, or email him at randyknutson@sbcglobal.net.

Summer Music Camp reserves the right to not accept or to send home (with a full refund) students who interfere with the orderly function of our camp.



Members and Friends of St. John's will receive a \$10 discount on Summer Music Camp 2009 by presenting this certificate with their registration.

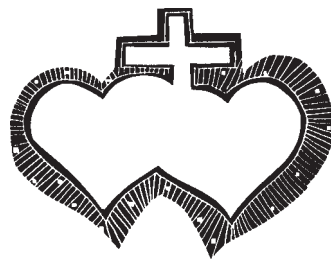
This certificate is going out only through the St. John's Newsletter!

July Birthdays

- 1: Christopher Diekman
- 2: Alex Cober
- 9: Steve Cook
Sperry Utz
Katy Walton
- 13: Rick Loiacono
- 14: Erin Garcia-Morgan
Dennis Langone
Marlene Loseth
- 15: Sarah Gay Platt
- 16: Lindsey Williams
- 17: Charlene Freund
Frank Mills
- 20: David Baker
Nathan Bond
- 21: Matt Bronson
Wesley Mitchel Watson
Father Eric Yeoman
- 22: Joseph McDonald
Claire Stone
- 23: Martha Carter
- 26: Haley Joy Raught
- 28: Father Harold Clinehens
Brian Martin
- 29: Tad Platt
- 30: Aleathea Langone
Samantha Patten
- 31: John McLord
Dorothy Snyder

July Anniversaries

- 3: Martha and Jack Carter
- 12: Donna and Robert Hoffman
- 14: Michelle and Harry Hakala
- 22: Carrie and Scot Martin
- 25: Karen and Jim Kuykendall



A Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his/her days increase; bless and guide him/her wherever he/she may be. Strengthen him/her when he/she stands; comfort him/her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him/her up if he/she falls; and in his/her heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Events In July

Friday, July 3:	Office Closed for Independence Day
Sunday, July 12:	Men's BBQ, 5:00 pm
Wednesday, July 15:	Newsletter Deadline
Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24:	Summer Music Camp, 8:30 am

(Please call the church office, 369-3381, for specifics on any of the above.)



Ongoing Events

- Sundays:** Holy Eucharist: 8:30 am
Nursery Care: 8:30 am to noon
Holy Eucharist: 10:30 am
Preschool Class: 10:30 am,
Sunday School Program:
Pre-school, Nursery (ages 3 and 4)
Grades K- 3, Hospitality Room
Grades 4 - 6, Breezeway
Men's BBQ: 5:00 pm, church (first, alternate months)
Youth Bells: 6:00 to 6:45 pm, church
Youth Group: 6:45 to 8:00 pm, church
- Mondays:** Morning Prayer: 8:30 am, chapel (Monday - Friday)
Cursillo Men's group: Noon, Frank Pegg
Cursillo Women's group: Noon, Marilyn Cook
Evening Prayer: 5:30 pm, chapel (Monday-Friday)
St. Margaret's Group 7:00 pm, Claire Lima (first and third)
Yoga for Christians 10:00 am, church, Patsy Gorczyca
- Tuesdays:** Study Group II: 9:15 am, church
(second and fourth)
Agape 10:00 am, church (third week)
- Wednesdays:** Choristers Group: 4:30 pm, church
Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 to 8:30 pm, church
- Thursdays:** Women of Faith Study Group 9:00 am, Barbara Jones (first and third)
Holy Eucharist: 12:10 pm, chapel
Fellowship Ministries: 7:00 pm, Mary Knutsen and Kathy Girard
(third)
Compassion Ministries: 6:30 pm, Hospitality Room (first)
- Fridays:** Singles' Supper Club: 6:00 pm, Sara Heberle
(fourth, alternate months)
- Any day or time:** Green Piece, church garden upkeep

