



# THE CHIMES

October 2008

## Sunday Readings

### **October 5 Pentecost 21**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### **October 12 Pentecost 22**

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### **October 19 Pentecost 23**

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### **October 26 Pentecost 24**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**7:30 am** Traditional Eucharist

**8:45 am** Childcare, 2nd floor

**9 am** Bible Study; Adult Forum

**10 am** Choral Eucharist,  
Children & Youth Programs

*Children are escorted to Sunday School after the "Blessing for the Children," at the beginning of the 10 am service.*

## Noon Worship Schedule

**Wednesday Healing Eucharist**

**The last Friday of the month  
is a Requiem Eucharist**

## Monday Evening Prayer

**5:30 pm** In the Chapel

## Responding to Our Blessings

*By Mary Kay Chandler, Stewardship Chair*

In preparing to write this article, I found myself mired in these two questions: *What important ideas do I want to convey? What words will I use to convey them?*

At this point, it seemed like a good time for my morning walk. My usual custom is to take our little dog along, let my mind go, pray as we walk, and allow my thoughts and prayers to flow as they may. As we trekked up the street, my mind began to still. I prayed for clarity.

After a few more steps, I experienced a keen awareness of the cool morning breeze and the smell of eucalyptus trees, the sight of safe homes lining the street, neighbors waving as they drove by, the dog's tail wagging with the joy of the walk, a small girl calling out to her mother from inside a living room window, "Mommy, mommy, look, a puppy." Without thinking I offered a prayer, "Blessings! Thank you, God, for each of these blessings." As the walk continued, a quote of Winston Churchill's came to mind, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The initial questions fell away. The central question came to mind, "What will I give?"

"*What will I give?*" is the question that each of us is asked to respond to during this month when we submit our 2009 Estimates of Giving here at St. James by-the-Sea.

Just as our relationships with God are individual and intimate, our answers to the question will be individual and personal. It is important that we begin to acknowledge that all of life's blessings, from moments in time, to the air that we breathe, to the talents we have, and the paychecks we receive, really are gifts from God. In making that acknowledgement we can be transformed. We become free to make a commitment to being good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us all of the time.

Our Rector has said, "*Seeing life as a string of blessings reminds us that 'all things really do come of thee, O Lord.'*" It's a very positive way to live in concert with each other and with God. Just think, if each of us makes a prayerful commitment to giving joyfully and generously in celebration of our blessings, we as the congregation of St. James by-the-Sea will collectively answer God's call to ministry both here at St. James and in the World. Your Vestry is entirely committed to being the first respondents to God's call. Come join us!



Joyful Living

*Celebrating Blessings  
Giving Joyfully in Faith*

As we begin to prepare ourselves for the prayerful study of how we respond to and celebrate our blessings during this year's stewardship program, you'll notice a new logo design. This design incorporates the wholeness and continuity of our stewardship philosophy here at St. James.

# You won't want to miss any Sundays in October!

Don't miss Church, Sunday Adult Forums or the

## October 5 All-Parish Lunch in St. James Hall

...or the Lunch Bunch & Dinner Groups  
or the first of Religion & Geo-Politics— all in October



### Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>


#### All Parish Lunch - 11:30 am in St. James Hall.

Join us for a fun time with music from the band of our own Michael DeClouet (read about him in this Chimes)—the “Pappion Louisiana Band.” Come learn a few steps of the Cajun/Creole/Zydeco dance style. This music will have you moving and grooving....popping to the beat!

There will be a healthy lunch, and some surprise gifts.

This is the last day of the Sunday Adult Forum at 9 am with The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth's 3-week presentation on “The Book of Common Prayer: Why You Need It.” You can still join in.

The Youth continue their study of The Epistle to the Philippians” at 9 am, and “Nooma” at 10 am in St. James Hall.

Randal Gardner preaches at 7:30 am and 10 am on this Sunday. 


“Dancing and running shake up the chemistry of happiness.”  
Mason Cooley, *American Aphorist*

### Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon Stephen Wendfeldt**

#### 9 am—Special Sunday Adult Forum: “*Nurturing Our Generosity – Moving from Scarcity to Abundance*”

The Rev. Steve Wendfeldt is well-versed in business and marketing. Ordained in 1982, took a sabbatical from the ministry in 1985 (working in marketing and venture capital firms), then returned to full-time parish ministry.

In 2001 he was called as rector of St. Peter's, Del Mar, CA, until late 2007. Now serving the Bishop of San Diego as *Canon to the Ordinary for Mission Development*, we are pleased to have him join us for guest preacher and the Sunday Adult Forum. 

**Metanoia** - hearing God's call to live out of the abundance that God provides, rather than from the model of scarcity which the world provides. Only when this metanoia is being lived by a congregation will the Church become all that God has called us to be, the reconciling agent for God's Kingdom Plan.

### Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Preacher: Phyllis Strupp**

#### 9 am—Special Sunday Adult Forum: “*Why Church is Good for Your Brain*”


Phyllis Strupp is a “Brain fitness coach, with a MBA in Finance from Columbia University and author of the award-winning “*The Richest of Fare*,” about the evolution and purpose of the human brain and consciousness.

Learn how to grow your most important asset —your brain—(at **any age**) and grow closer to God at the same time.

### Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Randal B. Gardner**

9 am—Special Sunday Adult Forum: “*Money & Freedom*” presented by Michael Bernard, Wealth Management Advisor, and Rachael Johnson, Financial Advisor.

**After the 10 a.m. Service: Financial Planning Workshop:** Book personal time with a certified financial planner. Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the office to reserve a space. 

### What's the difference between Zydeco, Creole, and Cajun music? Read on!

Michael DeClouet's band, Pappion will play their feel-good, wonderful music for us on **October 5th at the All-Parish Lunch**. The Pappion Louisiana Band plays Zydeco, Cajun and Creole tunes. The band formed after Michael reconnected with his childhood friend, Dempsey Pappion, from Lake Charles, Louisiana, near the birthplace of Zydeco music.

Zydeco originated in French-speaking Louisiana from Afro-Caribbean folk music, Cajun music and blues— and “La La” - music with only accordion and washboard (frottoir) that is worn like a vest. The music accompanied waltz and 2-step that used “lots of sway.” Also the roots include a form of music called “Jure,” a cappella music with body slapping and hand clapping.

Cajun music was born in the rural Creole community of Louisiana. Household items such as washboards, spoons and triangles joined with fiddles. Most lyrics were sung in Acadian, antique French dialect, and danced in waltzes and two-steps. It is a living and evolving tradition.

Creole music has a heavy bass and rub board rhythm rather than the lighter bass beat and triangle of Cajun.

The Pappion Louisiana Band, the only Cajun band in La Jolla, has several members. Sean Henahan (a magazine editor) on guitar, Tom Dillon (an engineer) on fiddle, Carol Jergenson (a medical technician and also a member of St. James) on Bass guitar, Steve Guillory (professional drummer) on drums, Julian “J-Dawg” Schroeder (UCSD Biology Professor) on harmonica, Dempsy Pappion (Conoco-Phillips) on accordion, and Michael DeClouet (developer) on frottoir (rub board). The back-up drummer is William Linnik, (emergency room physician).

San Diego has an active Zydeco culture—on Mother's Day weekend **the Bon Temps Social Club** sponsors a smashing fun “**Gator on-the-Bay**,” a 2-day family event with fabulous bands from all over the USA, Cajun food, dance lessons and more. They also teach dancing and coordinate dances throughout the year. 🎵

### St. James Member—Michael DeClouet Restores Famous Dance Club in Louisiana

Michael DeClouet has followed a dream, overcome obstacles, and brought back into reality one of the nation's most famous dance clubs. The club, formerly known as **Richards'** in Latwell, Louisiana, is credited as the birthplace of Zydeco. The



The new name, **Zydeco Hall of Fame**, was the result of a lawsuit by a member of the Richards family preventing its use by someone other than a family member. DeClouet is still hoping to recover the Richards name for its historical significance.

Having fallen into disrepair, the club was closed in 2006. DeClouet purchased it, refurbished the building to current safety codes, and re-opened in August. Opening night was marked with a mile-long backup of cars and so many in attendance that hun-

dreds gathered on the lawn surrounding the small club, hoping for a chance to get inside.

“While I was working on the building, people stopped by and told me how their parents met there, the famous musicians they saw there....I heard so many wonderful stories I started a notebook.” said Michael.

Wonderful articles in The Daily World and The Independent can be found online with a Google search for Michael DeClouet.

Ministry is not just the things we do for the church. Michael has taken up a ministry to the community and to the continuing value of culture in that community. Good go, Michael!

And Michael, thanks for being and Usher and a Greeter on Sundays! 🎵



## Vestry Actions in August

By Cindy Trowbridge, Jr. Warden



## Sponsor an ECS Family for Christmas!


Can you sponsor an ECS family this season?

It is a very difficult experience to bear, knowing that this Christmas, because of a downturn in circumstances, you will not be able to give presents to your children.

ECS has several families from the Head Start Program that could use a generous douse of Christmas cheer and an angel.

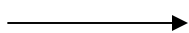
Anne Dick knows the feeling of joy shopping for an "adopted" family. She describes her experience saying, "It was a significant event in my life to see our grandchildren, at such young ages, reach out to a less fortunate family—it put new meaning into our Christmas."

Please contact Anne Dick if you would like to be an "Angel" from St. James. She has all the information to help you find just the right family and children to help. She will have the names, ages, sizes...even the "wish lists by this November.

Call and chat with her about the details...she would love to hear from you! 

Anne B. Dick, Vice President, ECS Board of Directors  
(858) 453-2601

PS—Check your ECS calendar that was in last month's Chimes.



Rector Randal Gardner narrated a Power Point presentation on stewardship which included the theological understanding of stewardship; education; motivation and invitation; as well as ways to grow our giving; and trends for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Stewardship Chair Mary Kay Chandler distributed a stewardship timeline to the Vestry; discussed her personal commitment to stewardship; and asked the Vestry, as Parish leaders, to make their pledges first, to set an example for the entire congregation.

A resolution was passed unanimously by the Vestry approving the Rector's proposal to move Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth from part-time to full-time status on the Parish's Clergy Staff. Reverend Ellsworth's compensation will be based on her experience and Diocesan guidelines.

The Vestry discussed possible uses for the funds provided by Bishop's Wolterstorff's bequest, including but not limited to, uses related to the Parish's children, Civil Rights, and rebuilding Bishop's Lodge at Camp Stevens. No decisions were made concerning the use of the funds.

**Don't forget to check your ECS Calendar each month.**


*In October, we will collect items to fill the ECS Homeless needs:*

*Toothpaste & brushes, soaps, shampoo, combs, baby diapers, lotions, and deodorant.*

Finance Committee Chair Howard Young reported the Committee will start the 2009 budget planning process in November, after early results of the current Stewardship Campaign are determined. The Vestry requested the Investment Committee report at the next meeting and invite a staff member of Dowling & Yahnke, the investment advisors, to attend as well.

Peter Seymour, Chair of the Adult Education Committee, gave an overview of the rich adult education offerings planned for the coming year. A calendar will be published to inform the Parish and community.

Clare Friedman, Chair of the Liturgy Committee, reported they will be scheduling training and logistics for lay readers and acolytes.

Cindy Trowbridge, Chair of the New Service Task Force, reported January 2009 is the target start date for a new service. 



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# MUSIC NOTES!

## 2008-2009 St. James Music Series

The St. James Music Series will open with a performance by **CHANTICLEER** on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4PM.

The program entitled **Wondrous Free** celebrates the 250th anniversary of the first American song, *“My Days Have Been So Wondrous Free,”* penned by Francis Hopkinson in 1759.



Chanticleer lends its signature sound to a program of song in America in the context of song throughout the world. Highlights from the program include works by William Billings, Juan de Lianas, Juan Gutierrez de Padilla, Paul Chihara, Samuel Barber, and a newly commissioned work by David Conte. —————>

## EVENSONG

Evensong will be held at 5PM in St. Mary’s Chapel on The Bishop’s School Campus from October through March. The dates this season are October 12, November 9, December 21, January 11, February 15, March 15.

Sunday evenings seem to be a time when even the busiest of us may pause, take a breath, and collect our thoughts for the coming week. Time to pray, time to listen, time to think- these are some of the many gifts offered by Evensong.


Chanticleer performs again for us  
November 2, 2008 at 4 pm.

The full program may be found on the web at <http://www.chanticleer.org/documents/WondrousFreeProgram.doc>


Season tickets are available now for all four concerts including:

- Baritone, Rod Gilfry, on February 8<sup>th</sup>
- The Vienna Boys Choir on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- the Australian Chamber Orchestra on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Season tickets are only \$60 which includes all four concerts.

Single tickets for this concert will go on sale on October 21<sup>st</sup> for \$25.00 each. Tickets may be obtained by calling 858 459-3421 X109. 

**October** brings several special offerings to the **10 am Sunday** service. On **October 12<sup>th</sup>** the choir will present “Rejoice in the Lord Always” by Henry Purcell. Accompanied by strings, this baroque motet draws its text directly from the *Letter of Paul to the Philippians*. **October 19<sup>th</sup>** we are blessed to have Susan Barrett, principal oboist with the San Diego Chamber Orchestra playing prize winning, “Ornament of Grace.” On **October 26<sup>th</sup>** John Cox, Principal Horn with the Oregon Symphony, joins us. His selections includes works by Camille Saint-Saens.

The American Guild of Organists (AGO), a national organization that promotes the organ and its music, designated 2008-2009 as the International Year of the Organ (IYO). Highlighting the IYO will be the **“Organ Spectacular,” October 19, 2008**. Over 250 global concerts will showcase the organ and its history. In San Diego there will be a 7PM concert at First United Methodist Church by Ken Cowan, Assistant Professor of Organ at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Millennia Consort (brass and organ) which often plays here at St. James by-the-Sea will present a 3PM concert at Trinity Episcopal Church in Escondido. The program will include a world premier and a wine tasting follows the concert! 

**Tuesday, October 14 at 6 pm— Women's Dinner Group begins the year with Terri Mathes**

We meet October 14th, welcoming Terri Mathes, wife of Bishop James Mathes. Her topic is "Lambeth: the Unauthorized Version."

Call the Church office to register...all ages welcome and Mrs. Mathes said she would welcome men too! As usual, the low cost of dinner, catered by Girard Gourmet, is \$15

6:00 Wine & Cheese Gathering-In time: 6:30 Dinner, followed by the presentation and discussion. Women's Dinner Group normally concludes by 8:00.

Volunteers are needed for the new year: please contact Eleanor Ellsworth+ if you are willing to serve in this wonderful ministry.

**Special "HEADS- UP" for November:** Women's Dinner Group WILL NOT MEET on its regular November 11th (Second Tuesday) time. It is National Holiday and the Church will be closed.

However, on November 5th, the Men's Dinner Group welcomes women to attend the dinner and talk by Bishop Mathes!

Women: please mark your calendars and register for these terrific opportunities. Call the office or sign up after the services.

**RESERVATIONS are requested. Call the Church Office at 858 459-3421.** 

**Poker Night at Men's Dinner Group!**



**Wednesday, October 1 6 pm in the VS room**  
*(Bishop Mathes will speak to this group in November!)*

Our first Men's Dinner Group on **October 1, features Peter Day**, local proprietor of the Brick and Bell Café *and professional poker player!* Peter will share the stories of how he came to love poker enough to play it professionally and then will give pointers and instruction to the rest of us as we take a turn or two.

**November's Men's Group feature Bishop Jim Mathes** sharing his thoughts and reflections with us on the Lambeth Conference.

This is our bishop's first visit to this once-a-decade gathering of the worldwide Anglican Communion. What did he learn? What enriched his life? What gives him new insights or concerns for the future? *This will be one of our special event gatherings, and guests of the female sort are welcome.*

Men's Dinner Group starts at 6PM with refreshments and socializing. Dinner is at about 6:30, and the program begins at 7:00. We absolutely adjourn by 8:30. **Please call the church office to reserve a spot by the Sunday prior to that month's gathering.** 

**The Lunch Bunch is Back**




**Noon, October 15th**

*By Muggie Harris, Publicity Chair*

Come join the Lunch Bunch at noon in the Van Schaick room for our first fall meeting—a very special one!

Our focus is *on India*. This colorful and timely program will be presented by **Dr. David Moseley of the Bishop's School**.

Dr. Mosely is an enthusiastic and engaging speaker. He will be assisted by a few of his students who recently traveled to India with him. We welcome this opportunity to learn more about a country so very much in the news. Your guests will enjoy this program.

Girard Gourmet will cater for \$7 per person. We must emphasize how important it is to make a reservation. Please contact the Office at 858 459-3421 by Monday, October 13. 



**Daughters of the King meet after the 10 am service the 4th Sunday of each month.**

**Join in the Quilting Ministry. It is in the 3rd Tuesday of each month.**

## Excellent Programs for You and Your Guests

By Eleanor Ellsworth, Sr. Associate Rector

### Religion and Geo-Politics Series

This year we begin our series with The Honorable Robert F. Ellsworth on October 19<sup>th</sup>

Ambassador Robert Ellsworth will stretch us to consider the inter-relationship between our national politics and the role of religion on the international stage.


Be part of the conversation! This is a grand opportunity to invite your colleagues, friends and neighbors. *(Please see the article on the right for more detail).*

### Join us for an Advent Day of Reflection and Joy

"It is that life itself, fully awake, fully aware that it is alive. It is spiritual wonder. It is spontaneous awe at the sacredness of life, of being. It is gratitude for life, for awareness, and for being. It is the vivid realization of the fact that life and being in us proceed from an invisible, transcendent, and infinitely abundant Source. Contemplation is, above all, awareness of the reality of that Source." *Thomas Merton*

In December we host an ADVENT Weekend focusing on the writings and teachings of the trappist monk, Thomas Merton. Jonathan Montaldo, Associate Director of the Thomas Merton Institute, will be our guide. The retreat will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday, December 6 until 3 pm. The \$20 fee includes a lunch. Please sign up by calling the Church office at 858 459-3421.

### Bridges to Contemplative Living

We will follow our Merton experience with a 6-week small group study on "Bridges," a program of the Merton Institute, led by Dr. Peter Seymour and The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth. We begin Sunday, January 11th at 8:45 am to 9:45 am. \$15 fee. Please RSVP to the office by January 3, 2009. 858 459-3421. 

"We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God." *Thomas Merton*

### Religion & Geo-Politics Series

## *The Territory Ahead: America, the World, and Religion*

with

**Ambassador Robert F. Ellsworth**

Terrorism, globalization, the rise of other Great Powers such as Russia and China—these are the main challenges for the new American President, and the place of religion in American politics has become a salient and potent issue.


Join us on Sunday, October 19th at 5:30 for a stimulating discussion and lecture. We will meet for a reception from 5:30 to 6 pm in The Van Schaick room. The program will begin at 6 and end at 7:30 pm. There is no cost, but a free will offering for the reception will be taken.

**Please register by calling the St. James office by Oct. 15th: 858 459 3421**

### Biographical information on Robert F. Ellsworth

Ambassador Robert F. Ellsworth is co-founder and Managing Director of HamiltonBioventures, a San Diego life sciences venture capital fund since 2000. Ellsworth was Deputy U.S. Secretary of Defense in the mid-1970s, U.S. Ambassador to NATO in the late 1960s and early 1970s, a General Partner with Lazard Frères in New York, had a consulting business and served as Chairman of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) from 1990 to 1996. He is now a Vice President for life of the IISS.

As a member of the U.S. Congress for three terms in the early 1960s, he served on the Joint Economic Committee. In 1968 he was national political director of Richard M. Nixon's successful presidential campaign and a founding member of the Nixon White House staff. Ellsworth served at sea and ashore in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies of the University of California (UCSD) and on the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Community Services of San Diego. He is an active member of St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in La Jolla, and a Knight of Honor in the Knighthly Order of St. John, an international religious and charitable order. 

## Youth Notes: Stories and the Lost Big Bird

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

Lately, I have been thinking about the importance of stories and this one memory keeps floating to the front of my mind. I remember being a little boy getting ready for bed – I'm sure I was wearing a blue onesie, the kind with teddy bears or fire trucks, with freshly spilt toothpaste on it. And as I was getting ready, I remember my dad picking me up and tucking me into bed and asking if I wanted to hear *Count All the Way to Sesame Street* again.



Of course I said, "Yes, please."

And his voice would transform and say, "Greetings. I am the Count. And this is a story of One Big Bird, and yes, Big Bird was his name..." All of sudden, Count von Count would be in my room telling me the drama of one big bird being lost and then being found.

The more I have thought about stories, the more I have realized that telling stories is one of the most intrinsic parts of being human. There is something within us that pays attention when we hear "Once upon a time..." or "Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away..." or "In the beginning..."

Telling stories is what we do. It's what humans do. And telling stories helps us discover who we are, what we believe, what we know to be true. The kind of stories we are attracted to reveals something deep within us – whether it is painful or joyful. Stories are just important.

This particular story of Big Bird reminds me of another more ancient story, a story about a son who tells his father he want his inheritance now (essentially saying he wished his father was dead) so he could run off and live the life he wanted to live. After hearing the request, the father gave the son what he wanted and let him go. The son went off, lived an indulgent life, and spent everything. Penniless, he came crawling back to his father begging for forgiveness and his father's only response was one of joy. The only thing the father wanted was his son to return home and nothing else mattered because his lost son was now found.

In the end, both of these stories are stories of hope. Both the lost son and Big Bird find their way home. And in an age of cynics and skeptics, what could be a better than sharing a simple story of being lost and then being found? What could be better than sharing fond memories of loved ones? What could better than sharing a message of hope? Knowing that hope is real and even though sometimes we loose our way, God still calls us home. That is what I call good news. 

### Important Dates:

- September 30: Mexico Forms Due (turn them in ASAP!)
- October 3-5: Happening Retreat
- October 25: "A Plentiful Harvest"
- October 31: Halloween
- November 14-16: Mexico Missions Trip

## Parent Notes

### Mexico Trip


If you haven't registered, turn in your paperwork! And join us on an amazing weekend where we will build two houses on **November 14-16**. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Bernard.

### eNews: Youth Edition

Are you always on your computer? Are you so plugged in your kids e-mail you or text you when they want to know what's for dinner? Then you need subscribe to eNews: Youth Edition. Contact Chris Bernard and find out what's going for the Youth of St. James.

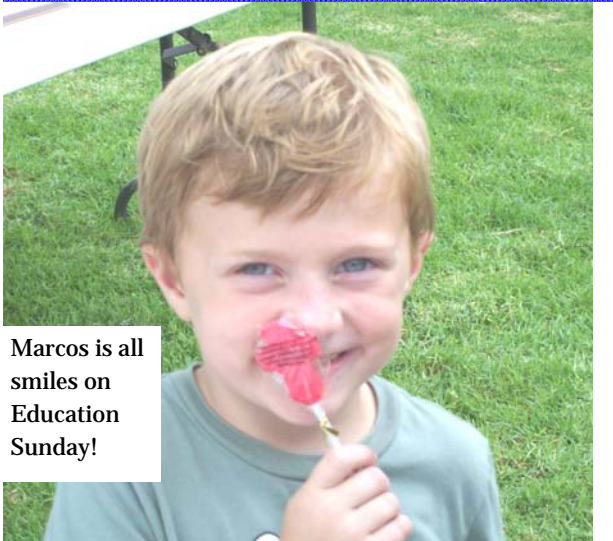
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### A Plentiful Harvest: Growing Healthy Congregations Through Effective Ministry

Are you looking for a way to get more involved in the life of St. James and don't know where to begin? Well, on October 25, people from throughout the Diocese will participate in "A Plentiful Harvest: Growing Healthy Congregations through Effective Ministry." This day of workshops, prayer and fellowship will be at St. John's, 760 First St., Chula Vista, 91910, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Workshop leaders include Garth Howe, Chris Bernard and the Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth. 

**For more information, go to <http://www.edsd.org/MinistryDay.htm>**

## Children's Ministries—Seeking Wisdom/ Rally Sunday Fun!

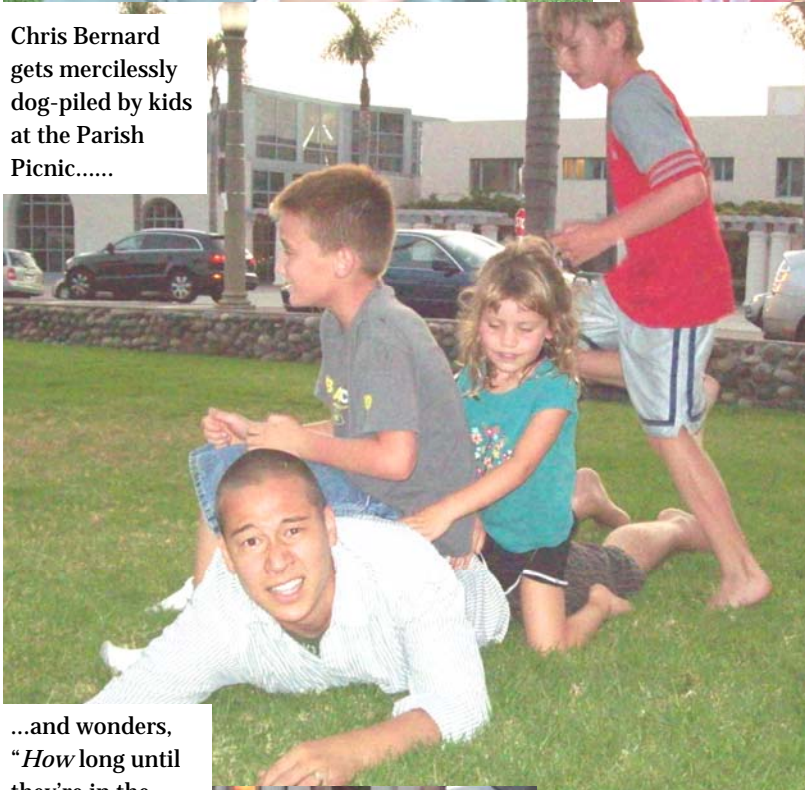


Marcos is all smiles on Education Sunday!



Jump for Joy: Caroline gets airborne in the Bounce House!

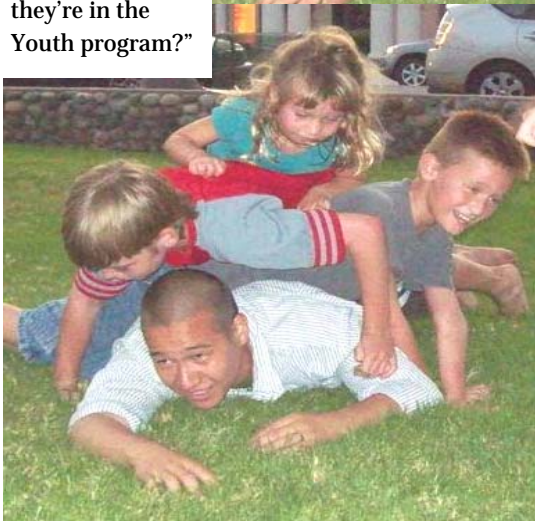
Chris Bernard gets mercilessly dog-piled by kids at the Parish Picnic.....



...and wonders, "How long until they're in the Youth program?"



Can we have lollipops and a Bounce House every Sunday?



### Children's Ministries—October, 2008

**October 5— Children's Chapel on Father Waddy's 94th Birthday.** Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will celebrate a Children's Eucharist together with Father Waddy after they are dismissed to Sunday School. Be sure to wish our biggest "kid at heart" a very happy ninety-fourth birthday today! Go to the All-Paris Lunch after the service.

**October 26: *All Hallows Eve* celebration** Once again we will celebrate an early All Hallows together at Sunday School. Children are invited to come to church in costume! (Please leave "props" like swords, staffs, and light-sabers at home ) Children will learn more about the early-Christian history of their favorite spooky holiday and enjoy worship, crafts, and snacks together. Afterwards we'll attend Communion as a group before re-joining our families in church.

# Garrison Keillor on Episcopalians

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalian-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach!.....And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.



Keillor was raised in a family belonging to the Plymouth Brethren, a fundamentalist Christian denomination he has since left. Currently an Episcopalian, previously a Lutheran. His religious roots are frequently worked into his material. Listen to his *Prairie Home Companion* on weekends on KPBS.

Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.

Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.

Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are a Episcopalian when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye . .



# The Diocesan Ministry Day is for everyone!

## A Plentiful Harvest: Growing Healthy Congregations through Effective Ministry



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)

### SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 - 9:25 am Opening Prayer and Bishop's Address

9:30 - 10:50 am Workshop Session 1

10:50 - 11 am Break

11:00 - 12:20 pm Workshop Session 2

12:20 - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 pm Workshop 3

3:00 - 3:30 pm Closing Prayer

Who should attend? 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
- want to learn about a new ministry

For information on the wonderful sessions go the the website, <http://www.edsd.org/MinistryDay.htm>



## Would you like to honor someone with Altar Flowers?

St. James by-the-Sea is blessed with an extraordinary Flower Guild who purchase and arrange our altar flowers each week. If you would like to contribute funds for the Sunday flowers as a memorial to someone special, or in thanksgiving of a special event, please use this form for your request. Mail or bring it to the office with your check. We suggest a gift of \$50-\$150. Gifts of any amount are gratefully received. (Please print each line, thank you!)

From: (name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed; \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to contribute to the flowers on the altar on: (date) \_\_\_\_\_

The Sunday Program should state: (check one)

The Altar Flowers today are given "in loving memory of": \_\_\_\_\_

The Altar Flowers today are given "in thanksgiving for": \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other communication to the Flower Guild or office?



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## ***Called to Serve!***

For the past several months I have been surprising and highlighting members of St. James who have volunteered their time as they felt called by the Holy Spirit to do so.

There are so many of you who follow that urge and find a real contentment in your heart. You may have someone you would like to honor on this page. Please feel free to let me know...with a few paragraphs and a photo if you have one.

Of course, the entire Golden Elephant Sale folks should be here...what a great job they did! I am sure we have something about them after they have a chance to rest!

Call, email, or write me... and we will work together to honor those folks who have been "Called to Serve."

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