



# THE CHIMES

November 2010

Episcopal Church

## New Partner, Fresh Opportunity, New Possibilities

Dearly Beloved,

At the September meeting of the Vestry we endorsed a lease agreement for the Abbey Catering Company to become the full time occupant of our St. James Hall. The documents were reviewed by the Diocese, and near the end of October all the papers were completed for this to take place. As of writing Abbey has received their permits and have already begun to work on the improvements on the kitchen and to create the office spaces that they need. Their full time occupancy begins November 1.

We began moving in the direction of this agreement because of the pressing need to convert the Hall from a resource that costs us funds into a resource that helps us provide revenue for our other ministries. The delightful surprise, after nearly a year of effort, is that the Abbey Catering Company takes over this space in such a way that it holds out the promise to create a partnership for ministry as well as a beneficial financial arrangement.

Some basics of our agreement include:

- ◆ Abbey will pay St. James an escalating rent, providing \$63,000 in 2011 and \$132,000 in 2013-2015. At that point the lease may be renewed at the going rates for similar properties. Not only does the rent come to St. James as income, but the church will no longer be paying \$20-\$35,000 per year in expenses for the Hall.
- ◆ Abbey is paying for all the improvements they will make to the building, but their plans include preserving the essential design and structure of the hall.
- ◆ Abbey will provide to St. James up to twenty uses of the Hall per year at no cost. They are considering the possibility to set aside the Hall for a whole week to accommodate the White Elephant Sale.
- ◆ Abbey will provide church members or church users a discount of 25% from their usual price lists.
- ◆ Abbey takes over full maintenance, upkeep and operating expenses for the building starting Nov. 1.
- ◆ Abbey plans to name the venue *Cuvier Park Club at the St. James Hall*. Once established as an identifiable venue they may reduce the use of the St. James Hall designation.

There are, of course, some tradeoffs for us. Our ability to house the Interfaith Shelter is reduced, even though we will still be able to staff and serve the Shelter at another site. Shared parking requires us to pay for parking spaces for several staff members, and La Jolla Presbyterian Church has been most agreeable to accommodate us. The storage for White Elephant Sale items will need to be off site and will increase the costs for having the sale. And most significantly, we will no longer have the Hall available as backup meeting space or for last minute arrangements.

Still, we are delighted with the new arrangements. The benefits to our budget will be minimal in the first year, as we have some front end costs we will have to pay. By the end of 2012 the monthly rental income will provide significant revenue for our ministry and mission.

Most importantly, though, is that we feel that we can have a cordial and mutually supportive relationship with Abbey. My dream is that this relationship will enhance our fellowship and ministry possibilities in ways that matter more than money alone can provide, and I feel God has blessed us with this new partnership.

Faithfully yours,

PS: Check out the wonderful Abbey Catering website: [HTTP://THEABBEYCATERING.COM](http://THEABBEYCATERING.COM)



### Church & the World and Adult Formation

By The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth



### Eradicate Malaria? Only \$12

In October the Rector's excellent Adult Formation course on Matthew prepared those in attendance to learn more about the Gospel readings for the coming Lectionary year, which begins in Advent.

#### NOVEMBER Adult Forum offering

On Sunday mornings at the 9 am Adult Forum in **November** we resume the popular summer series, *The Great Courses: The Historical Jesus*, a video lecture by Prof. Bart D. Ehrman, which I will again facilitate. In November we will conclude the series and segue into the season of Advent. November 7, 14, and 21—we complete *Historical Jesus*; then November 28—ADVENT I is a “Banquet Sunday” (no adult forum)

#### ADVENT Sunday 9 am Adult Forum

I am looking forward to presenting *Spirituality and Gifts of Hildegard of Bingen* on December 5, 12, and 19.

December 26, the *First Sunday after Christmas* Day we will not have a 9 am Adult Sunday Forum.

#### ADVENT Wednesday supper & program

Please reserve Wednesday evenings in ADVENT for: *How Many Creations are There?: An Advent Challenge* a series with Dr. Fred Boynton. 6 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday's, December 1, 8, and 15. If you need Child Care, please let the office know. Provided. Sign up after the services for this program and supper or call the church office.

#### EPIPHANY and LENT

For your continued Adult formation in 2011 we look forward in Epiphany to a series during the Adult Forum hour with David Moseley, Ph.D. and a series in Lent with The Very Rev. James Carroll.

Blessings, and enjoy learning!

### Learn more on ERD SUNDAY November 21

By Judy Ray, Parish Representative for ERD

On the second Sunday of November, the 14th, *Bishops Blend* coffee and tea will be available for purchase (it makes a nice hostess gift). The money raised by this sale supports the good work of ERD.

The following Sunday, November 21, is **ERD SUNDAY**. We will bring you information about the agency's work to support the Millenium Development Goals, in particular *The Nets for Life Inspiration Fund*, the official channel for the Church's support of the MDG's. A net will be on display in the patio.

#### Why Malaria Nets?

Focusing on malaria prevention enables progress on all of the MDG's, for progress cannot be made on reducing extreme poverty, educating children, empowering women, or many other priorities if people are sick. You can purchase Mosquito nets for Christmas in someone's honor for only \$12 from the *Gifts for Life* catalogue which we will have on hand ERD Sunday. Please take a home a catalogue and consider the choices for your Christmas gifts.

#### Mite Boxes for the children, and a challenge to the adults

As a blessing gift, the Sunday School children will receive 'mite boxes' (a little savings box). The boxes will be presented on Epiphany Sunday. After counting the funds in the mite boxes, the children will choose purchases from the *Gifts for Life* catalogue. Adults are challenged to follow their example and add to the mite boxes also.

We hope you will take advantage of the many ways in which you can support ERD: by ordering gifts through the *Gifts for Life* catalogue or a malaria net from *Nets for Life*, by contributing to a mite box for the Epiphany presentation, by a direct contribution to ERD, and by purchasing *Bishop's Blend* coffee and tea on the second Sunday of the month.

## ON MONEY AND PRAYER

*Pete Seymour, Senior Warden*

Recently I read a book by James Finley, *Merton's Palace of Nowhere*.

As some of you know, I have an interest in Merton, a Catholic monk who wrote extensively about faith in the 40's, 50's and 60's of the last century.

Finley was a novice at the monastery where Merton trained all the novices. He tells the following story about his mentor:

"From time to time a forest fire breaks out in the wooded hills surrounding the monastery. When this would occur the monks usually joined with neighboring farmers to put out the blaze. On one such occasion I was in a group of novices being led by Merton over the hills with brooms and shovels to put out the fire.

Suddenly, just as we were approaching the fire, we could here the Angelus ringing in the distance. At the time the custom was for all the monks to say the Angelus [a traditional Catholic prayer recited three times a day in monasteries] by facing the church, kneeling, bowing over, and placing their knuckles on the ground. Much to my surprise, upon hearing the Angelus, Merton yelled out, "Stop, let's all say the Angelus!" And so with the flames in the near distance we all

knuckled down and prayed."

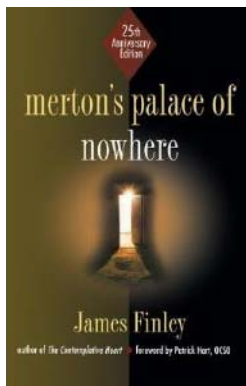
What could be more absurd than praying while a fire menaces nearby? However, what devotion it shows to pray even at the risk of literally burning up! It reminds us of our duty as Christians to always keep praying, no matter what. However, in the end the monks turn around and fight the fire.

While St. James is not about to be consumed by flames, we do face challenges in maintaining our church as we know it. As most of you know, we have been drawing on invested funds to keep our church going but the rate at which we are drawing on those funds is not sustainable. So hopefully all of us will dig a little deeper and do what we can to help the church keep our current level of service.

I make this appeal in part out of selfishness, because St. James has been such an important part of my life-providing stimulation, fellowship and inspiration. However, I know many of you feel as I do and have already made sacrifices to help out.

For those of you who haven't increased your contribution to St. James, I hope you will consider doing so. Our church is a wonderful resource to us and the community and I would hate to see that resource diminish.

So give more if you can. If you can't, then God bless you and keep praying.



## VESTRY NOTES

### For September

*By Charleen Boyd, Jr. Warden*

Minutes were approved and Financial Statements and Rector's Report were received.

Approval was granted for the expenditure for replacement of the roof on St. James Hall. Approval was given to hire Spectra Engineering to start repairing the surface cracks on the stone surface of the chimes tower and the pillars at the entrance to the nave.

The St. James Hall Committee reported and recommended that the lease agreement for the Hall be approved by the Vestry and signed by the Rector. The Vestry approved the signing of the lease.

The Finance Committee presented a revised budget for 2010 which was approved by the Vestry. We will continue to raise money.

November 7 is Stewardship Sunday.



The next vestry meeting is November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Stewardship letters and Giving forms were mailed out in October. If you did not receive yours, please contact Walter at the office. 858 459-3421 x103.

## Vestry positions are open for Nominations from Electors

The Nominating Committee of St James is soliciting and encouraging nominations from qualified parish electors for four Vestry members to serve a three year term from February 2011.

### THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee consists of the Rector and those Vestry members whose term of office expires at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on February 6, 2011. The Nominating Committee this year is Peter Seymour, Charleen Boyl & Mary Kay Chandler.

### SUBMISSION DETAIL

Nominations should be submitted directly to a member of the Nominating Committee by December 1, 2010.

Each nomination should be supported by the signatures of six **parish electors** (*see below*), as well as a statement that the nominee has agreed to serve. Self nominations are permitted with supporting signatures.

A short biographical sketch should also be attached with the nomination, including evidence of the candidate's active participation in the life of the parish.

### A QUALIFIED PARISH ELECTOR MUST BE:

- *At least sixteen (16) years of age;*
- *A regular attendant of worship at St. James;*
- *Registered for the previous 60 days in the congregation as a baptized person or communicant;*
- *A regular financial contributor to the parish as verified by the records.*

TO BE CONSIDERED AS A NOMINEE FOR THE VESTRY, A NOMINEE MUST:

- *Be qualified as a parish elector and be at least eighteen (18) years old;*
- *Enjoy a reputation for active participation in the life of the parish;*
- *Be committed to principles of Christian stewardship and be willing to participate actively in the stewardship program of the parish;*
- *Be willing to work to build consensus even while representing a particular voice or point of view.*

### TIMELINE & CONSIDERATION OF NOMINEES

In December, the Nominating Committee will begin consideration of all nominations. After the December Vestry meeting, the list of qualified nominees, their biographical sketches, and their answers to specific questions regarding their call to serve on the Vestry will be published.

Nominations will be closed eighteen (18) days prior to the Annual Meeting to be held on February 6, 2011. Election of the qualified nominees shall be by ballot at the Annual Meeting, in accordance with Diocesan Canons and the St James By-laws.

### DELEGATES FOR THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Nominating Committee will also nominate people to serve as delegates for the Diocesan convention in February, 2012. Any qualified parish electors who are interested in being a delegate (must be at least 16 years of age) for the 2012 convention should contact a member of the Nominating Committee. (*See below*).

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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<i>Mary Kay Chandler</i>	marykay.chandler@gmail.com
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# Results of our First Annual Budget Meeting

## Money and Mission

*By The Rev. Dr. Randal Gardner, Rector of St. James by-the-Sea*

Our first annual budget meeting featured lots of information as well as good conversation among about 60 members of our church. The information we shared, in greatly abbreviated form, was:

- ◆ We are fortunate to have many ministries of our church endowed by former members.
- ◆ We have maintained strong giving support from about 45% of our members in spite of the recession.
- ◆ We have more members that do not support our church financially than is true for most Episcopal Churches.
- ◆ We have dramatically reduced our annual withdrawal of invested funds since 2008, but we are still spending those funds too rapidly. The funds in our General Endowment were designated for that purpose by the Vestry, and they currently provide about 20% of our annual budget. We want to be clear that we rigorously adhere to all designations made by donors.
- ◆ Without increases in regular giving or increases in the contributions to our endowment we will deplete our reserved funds in five to seven years.

The conversation reflected several points of consensus:

- ◆ Members agreed with the Rector's philosophy that it is unwise to balance the budget by reducing expenses in ways that significantly reduce our ministry.
- ◆ We need to teach and emphasize the importance for all members to support the mission of the church financially, recognizing that for some a small gift represents great faith and generosity. Every gift supports the church's work.
- ◆ We need to increase engagement and a sense of belonging among those who give minimally or give nothing.

- ◆ We need to preach and teach that giving is part of Christian faithfulness, and that giving for the work and mission of the church is essential.

Our help for the church in the final weeks of 2010 is vitally important.

- ◆ For those who are able, making a "13th month" gift would be a great help – making an additional contribution in the amount of the regular monthly gift.
- ◆ For some the designation of this year's IRA distribution to St. James may provide some tax advantages for you and would be a great help to the church.
- ◆ For those who have not been supporting the church financially, a gift of \$100-\$200 by the end of the year could lift us out of our deficit and keep us from having to borrow money to finish the year.

The Vestry is grateful for the consideration, support and sense of shared responsibility for our church affirmed and expressed in the meeting on October 3. We are grateful for the love shown for the sake of being St. James by-the-Sea, and we are confident that information like this serves all of us well as we share in the ministry entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.

The November 7th  
Wolterstorff Society Dinner  
has been postponed and will be  
re-scheduled.

If you have questions about the event or about this program, please contact  
Walter DuMelle, 858 459-3421 x103

# Lunch Bunch & Women's Dinner Group & More

## NOVEMBER LUNCH BUNCH

### Alyssa Osian

Development & Communications Director for ECS  
Wednesday Noon, November 17

Come meet Alyssa Osian, a delightful woman! She will share some stories from her experience with ECS, and tell how support from St. James has made an impact. Make your reservation prior to noon on November 15th by calling the church office (858 459-3421) or signing up after church on Sunday. Lunch begins at noon in the Van Schaick Room, catered by the Girard Gourmet. Cost is only \$7. Bring a guest!



## Daughters of the King Are You Called?

*For His Sake....*

*I am but one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
What I can do, I ought to do.  
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.  
Lord, what will You have me do?*

If this speaks to you, perhaps you are ready to become a Daughter of the King. We would love to hear from you. Please call Pat Franco 456-2226, Cindy Covell 459-9054 or Nan Thomas 549-2322.

## Evensong for Lawrence November 28

Join us in St. Mary's Chapel on the campus of The Bishop's School on Sunday, November 28, at 5PM. The service will be offered to the Glory of God and in memory of Father Lawrence Waddy.



## WOMEN'S DINNER GROUP

*We want to know our neighbors!*

### David Moseley, Ph.D

Tuesday, November 9  
6 pm – 8:30 pm in the Van Schaick Room

## ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP NEWS

### Nov. 7 Open House & Champagne Thursdays

*By Karen Fast, Manager*

Please join us in celebrating the *wonder of the Christmas season!* Our Holiday Hours beginning December 1 will be 9 am to 6 pm every day. On Champagne Thursdays, we will be open until 8 pm!

Come in for our **Annual Open House Sunday, November 7 from 10 am to 4 pm.** We will feature surprises and joyful choices that will warm hearts. We have *Nativities and Angels; wonderful ornaments from around the world; Advent calendars and Christmas stockings; and candles to bless the season of light; books, handcrafted and antique jewelry; beautiful textiles and clothing, Leather goods; dinnerware, and an unforgettable selection of one of a kind art pieces!*

We are an outreach center, helping artists, craftsmen, schools, and families here and around the world. Your purchases make a difference in their lives. Looking forward to seeing you.

The Women's Dinner Group continues our theme, "Getting to Know Our Neighbors" with a visit from David Moseley, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at our neighbor, The Bishop's School, and *Theologian-in-Residence* at St. Paul's Cathedral.



Dr. Moseley, born in England, has undergraduate and graduate degrees in law, philosophy, and theology from Magdalen College, Oxford University; and a doctorate in theology and music from Jesus College, Cambridge University.

Our dinner is \$15, catered by Girard Gourmet. If it is your first time...please let us know and your dinner is on us. Sign up after the services on Sunday, online, or call the office to add your name to our RSVP list. The office number is 858 459-3421.

# Youth Notes

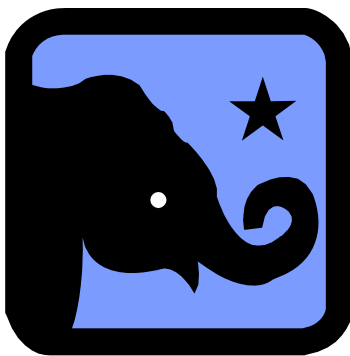
By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

## Heroes

Over the next few weeks and months, the youth group will learn about the real rock stars of the Christian faith, the people that were so inspired, moved, and changed by Jesus that they literally transformed the world around them. The stories told will highlight some of the most favored saints of our beloved communion, but the stories shared will not always be in tune with the myths and legends surrounding them. The women and men that are remembered in our histories were as broken and frail as we are now, but it is in their brokenness where hope is found. As we transition to the new 9 o'clock education hour, we will have a combined class filled with conversation, sacred questioning, and doughnuts.

## November Calendar

- November 7: All Saints Day - Baptism Sunday
- November 14: John Polkinghorne at PLNU (2:30 PM to 4:30 PM)
- November 21: "Conversations with" (4 -7 PM)
- November 25: Thanksgiving



## The Elephant Thanks YOU !

Many, many thanks to the army of wonderful workers (there were 126 of you!), donors and shoppers who made the

78th White Elephant Sale a success.

We took in \$38,800 for outreach which will bring grateful smiles to the many recipients of our funds.

God's peace be with you -

Nan & Lyn

## St. James Music Series

Did you get your tickets?  
Now Available on-line



**New York Polyphony**  
**Sunday, Nov. 14, 4 pm**  
*"These guys sing like angels"*



**Aulos Ensemble**  
**Saturday, Dec. 11, 4 pm**  
*"There are minds and hearts at work here-leaves you smiling and up-lifted"*



**Chanticleer**  
**Sunday, Jan 30, 4 pm**  
*"The world's reigning male chorus"*



**Voces8**  
**Sunday, Feb. 20, 4 pm**  
*"An exhilarating freshness of sound"*

Call 858 459-3421 X109 to order tickets...or easier yet go to [www.sjbts.org](http://www.sjbts.org) and click in the upper right hand corner yellow 'order tickets' button to order securely on-line.

Season tickets for all 4 concerts are available now for only \$60! Save 40% over individual ticket prices. Individual concert tickets are \$25.

# October's Children's Ministry Event

## Father Waddy's Birthday Tribute: A Wonderful Night!

By Amanda Davis Wischkaemper

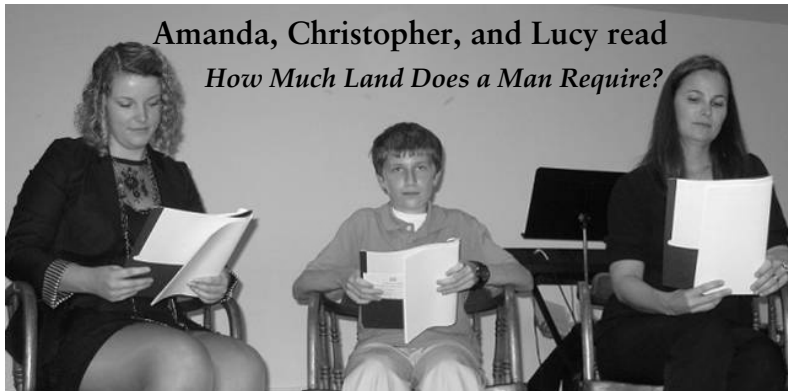
On October 5, the Van Schaick Room was filled with friends, love, music, and drama as we remembered and celebrated our dear friend Father Waddy on what would have been his 96th birthday. After dinner, selected scenes and songs from Father Waddy's many plays, including *Jonah*, *Martin the Cobbler*, *Job*, *The Good Samaritan*, and others, were performed by a live band, two singers, and seven "alumni" of four decades of summer Bible Drama Schools! It was a delightful and meaningful time. Thanks to everyone who attended and all who keep alive the ministry of Bible Drama!

### Many, many thanks to:

Sue Adams, Chris Bernard, Lucy Smith Conroy, Christopher Fluharty, Polly Fluharty, Amy Young Garrett, Lisa Gordon, Amanda Guest, Patrick O'Connor, The St. James Staff, Tiffany Tesch, John Tessmer, Laurie Waddy, Martha Jane Weaver, and Mark Wischkaemper.



John, Mandy, Lucy, and Amy:  
Bible Drama friends for over  
three decades!



Amanda, Christopher, and Lucy read  
*How Much Land Does a Man Require?*



Martha Jane performs *Who am I?*

### Finally! New Carpet for our Sunday School

The last two months have been a whirlwind for Children's Ministries. We've been consumed with preparing for our long-awaited new carpeting upstairs and have been culling, cleaning, packing, moving...then moving again, un-packing and finally settling in! The project is *almost* complete. We're excited! Two classrooms have switched, thanks to growing class sizes, the "kids' hangout room" and children's chapel received mini-makeovers, and our library has been re-organized!

A special **THANK YOU** to all who've pitched in to help, especially Chris Bernard, Mary Kay Chandler, Clair and Chris Gardner, Catherine Sowards, Tiffany and Debbie Tesch, and my husband Mark Wischkaemper. *Hooray!*



Tiffany and John read a  
powerful excerpt of  
*Martin the Cobbler*.

# The Secret Life of Our Parishioners

By Sue Adams, Minister of Communications & Programs

**Who: Carole Jergenson**  
**Secret Life? Zydeco Bass Player, Kayaker, Mountain Climber!**

Carol is reinventing her life again...for about the fifth time.

This slender, quiet, and shy woman of Japanese descent was the loving partner of the outgoing and charming Michael DeClouet, a recent St. James vestry member, usher, and lead singer in his Zydeco band, *The Mojo Dawgs*. Michael passed away from cancer in June of this year.

"Just before I met Michael I made a list of all the attributes I wanted in a boyfriend...Michael didn't fit my list at all," she laughed. Instead, he opened her life to the world of the culture, music, family, and friends of his Louisiana roots.

Carol almost refused to be interviewed. "I am not a good candidate. I'm hardly in church since Michael died, unless I am scheduled to usher." (She took on Michael's usher commitment when he died.) "I don't feel very connected and my faith isn't very strong—even though I'm constantly asking God to help me with my problems...like selling the Louisiana properties in Michael's trust." She smiled at hearing her own admission of doubt and faith in the same breath.

I suggested that an interview was exactly what she needed to connect with her "St. James family." Because of her shyness, few people know much about her, and sharing her life in print would allow us to relate and connect with her. Thankfully, with some tears, she courageously accepted the opportunity, offering quite an interesting story.

In the early 1800's her great-grandparents travelled from Japan to Italy to create a business in the silkworm egg trade. They became Christians (one son became a Methodist minister) and learned European farming and business practices. Returning several years later to the still feudal Japan, they expanded their small Japanese farm to "European-sized" extensive landholdings, and their business thrived.



As the younger sibling in a culture that passed on all inheritance to the eldest son, Carol's grandfather left Japan around 1900 for the United States, settling in Los Angeles; finding work in the hotel, tuna, and rice industries, and a spiritual home in the Methodist Church. He married a Japanese "mail order" bride, as was the custom at the time, and his family thrived until WWII.

Carol's young father, George Tajima, had just become engaged to her mother when, as her mother says, came "the saddest day of her life." They and their families were sent to separate internment camps, based on their membership at different Methodist churches.

Toward the end of the war, George was allowed to leave the camp to work in Chicago. There he signed up for the Army Signal Corps and was sent to the now-occupied Japan, appearing on the doorstep of the beautiful ancestral family estate in his Army uniform. Ironically, this Christian, westernized Japanese family, was forced to give away their lands by the decree of the American Occupying government. Just last May, Carol and Michael took their final trip together to see the family home, complete with its top floor silk worm hatchery. The estate was recently donated to a Methodist Church in Japan.

George returned to the U.S. to marry and earn an engineering degree from UC Berkeley, building a home in Oakland, then another home for his wife and three children in Los Angeles, where Carol grew up. "I was in an almost all-white school. Although my parents faced great prejudice, for me it was mostly bullying and teasing the shy girl about her Japanese eyes."

Carol, just 20, married an older man of Norwegian descent. She lived for 19 years in Santa Barbara, attending UCSB, and building a career in medical imaging. She said she "awoke" at 40 years old and realized she was still emotionally 20 years old...a dependent woman in a time of great independence for women.

"I read *Annapurna: A Woman's Place*, (Arlene Blum's story of 13 women climbing this Himalayan mountain and the 'mountain' of prejudice they had to overcome) and I had to do something like that for myself. I wanted to be a risk-taker"



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## Community Building at St. James

### *The Secret Life of Our Parishioners, continued*

Carol left the safety of her relationship and, as her family had done before her, set out for adventure and accomplishment. She travelled for the next 10 years... Nepal, Thailand, Borneo (where she climbed Mt. Kinabalu, a UNESCO World Heritage site), Singapore, and of course, Japan, visiting her family home and climbing Mt. Fuji. She became a backpacker and kayaker...exploring western Canada down through Baja. Her memories are filled with the beauty of the natural world, such as camping on the sands of Bahia de los Angeles, the famous whale mating waters of Baja, listening to "the sound of whales calling and singing to each other in the night."

Again she re-invented herself. "I landed in Portland, Oregon with the intention of getting a degree in business, but my parents, who had moved to San Diego, needed me to help in my father's electronic manufacturing business.

"My father had negotiated a five million dollar contract to build black box recorders for the U.S. Air Force when he became too ill to manage the company." When he subsequently died, Carol took over and decided it was best to sell while they had the contract. "I negotiated to sell the company, and that experience, and the stress of managing the employees made me realize that I didn't want to be in business."

Carol took care of her mother for five years until her death. "She met Michael and really liked him. He was so funny and wonderful, you couldn't help liking him."

Another world opened up with their blossoming relationship. In Carol's words, a "rich world" of humor and love and music...and participation at St. James. "He took me to Lake Charles, Louisiana where he grew up, and told me wonderful stories about his childhood...where it wasn't unusual for families to have 9 or 12 children!"

"We went to these 'Trail Rides'- a Black tradition in Louisiana. Hundreds of people gather to ride horses through the countryside then end up at a barn dance with Zydeco music and great food. It was all ages together...a family event. And there were many family events at dance halls and churches. A great experience."

When Michael began playing in a small band in Long Beach at the *New Orleans Grill*, Carol's childhood interest in music (flute and piano) was revived. She began guitar lessons, then found an "affinity" with the bass guitar. Michael started singing and *The Mojo Dawgs* were born.

It was a blessing to be invited to their home to eat the rich gumbo made by Michael's mom, dance to the lively and funny *Mojo Dawgs*, and listen to Michael's sweet musical tributes to Carol, that *always* brought me to tears.



*In 2008 the band played for a St. James gathering on the lawn.*

Still grieving for Michael, Carol, true to her courageous self, is re-inventing again. She's learning karate "to bring out my Samurai spirit to face the world," and lives by three new rules: "Never to complain or feel sorry for myself; never judge others; and to always be grateful."

She invited two 17 year-old Serbian students into her home—then helped them move from a bad experience at La Jolla High, to a happy experience at the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts. Not only did she have to battle with the school authorities to help them, she now drives them to the bus stop each morning at 6 am. (I only know this because we ran into each other waiting for the grocery store to open and ended up at my house for a fun morning chat.)

"I don't know if you can call me a surrogate mom, but it's great to feel I am making a difference in the girl's lives... and they sure are in mine! And now I am exploring Serbian music."

As for the future, Carol will continue to improve on her bass guitar (a beautiful work of art itself), play in the band, take care of the girls, continue to explore her faith, and surely, re-invent herself again.

She might even give you one of her shy and wonderful smiles when she sees you in church.



## Share with Others this Opportunity to Reach a Great Community

### Advertise in The Chimes!

This publication is mailed to almost 700 homes each month—and also viewed online. This may be a good opportunity to advertise your business to a supportive community. We are selling business card-sized advertisement for \$20 per month, or \$200 per year. Call Sue Adams to set up your account at 858 459-3421x110.

Thanks to the folks who are participating, and to you for telling others about this opportunity. The advertising supports the printing and mailing costs of *The Chimes*.

Please keep these vendors in mind when you need these services!

### OCEAN-VIEW CONDO FOR SALE

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Call: Jennifer Piscopo, DRE # 01851403  
Cell: (619) 851-3979  
Office: (619) 460-6600  
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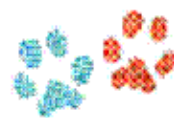
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## The Sunday Readings

### November 7, All Saints, Baptism & Stewardship Sunday

Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

### November 14, Proper 28

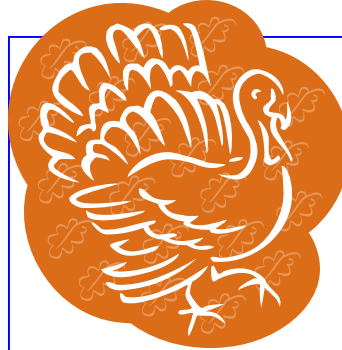
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Canticle 9  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### November 21, Christ the King (ERD & Alt. Gift Sunday)

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Matthew 25:31-46

### November 28, Advent I

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 122  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:36-44



## Thanksgiving Service

11 am  
Thursday,  
November 25

## Sunday Worship Schedule

7:30 am Traditional Eucharist  
8:45 am Childcare, 2nd floor  
9 am Bible Study; Adult Forum  
10 am Choral Eucharist,  
Child & Youth Programs

## Weekday Worship Schedule

**Healing Eucharist** *every Wednesday, 12 noon*

**Residential Community Services**  
(Casa, White Sands, Wesley Palms)

*Monthly on Wednesdays, varied times*

**Friday Requiem Eucharist**

*the last Friday of the month, 12 noon*