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St. John's Episcopal Church E-News

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Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday!

January 26, 2012

St. John's Annual Meeting

St. John's Annual Meeting will take place this Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 11:15 a.m. in Nale Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service. Copies of the Annual Report will be available on Sunday in Nale Hall. St. John's community will hear reports on the status of the parish and school, to elect members of the Vestry, and to elect delegates to next year's diocesan convention. A light lunch will be served by Christ Church.

Candidates for Vestry Positions

We are blessed with the below fellow parishioners who have felt the calling to assist our parish as Vestry members:

Name: David Dennehy

Date: January 18, 2012

1. Please briefly discuss your involvement in parish life and church activities:

- Usher, Lector
- Member Men's Group
- 3 Terms on the Vestry
- Served on numerous ad hock committees over the years

2. Briefly discuss the goals you envision for St. John's:

- Right now there is one goal that must supersede all others.

- Make OUR Church once again self-sustaining with a new permanent Priest.

3. What skills would you bring to the Vestry:

Vestry experience with strong leadership skills.

Name: Paula Maule

Date: January 22, 2012

1. Briefly describe your involvement in parish life and church activities.

- I have been a constant and regular member at St. John's church for the past twenty-one years.
- I am currently a member of the Usher Committee and have performed this service steadily and consistently for approximately fifteen years.
- For one year I was a Sunday School teacher for the pre-teens class.
- Served on the Vestry committee for three years during a very difficult time for our Parish (the burning down of our church), and during the rebuilding of this current and fantastic church facility.

2. Briefly discuss the goals you envision for St. John's.

- For our Parish to have a vibrant, healthy, and growing church congregation.
- Having the ability to attract young families to visit our church and become new members of our parish.
- Implement a Youth Group program that will stimulate, attract teenagers, and keep them coming to our church.
- Gain the membership of families who have had their children baptized in our church and families with children whom attend our Parish Day School.

3. What skills would you bring to the Vestry?

- Organizational , Supervisory and Managerial skill sets.
- Processes a "Can Do Attitude".

- Have the ability and capabilities to lead others to obtain desired results.
- Maintains and displays a positive attitude and even distribution.

Name: Michael Morris

Date: January 11, 2012

1. Briefly describe your involvement in parish life and church activities.

I am currently involved in the following church ministries: Altar Guild, Chalice Bearer, Men of Saint John's, Worship Committee, and Vestry. I also volunteer and help with other parish activities as needed.

2. Briefly discuss the goals you envision for St. John's.

There are many goals that I have for Saint John's. The most important one is calling a new Rector for the parish and day school. We need to continue working with the finance committee and Vestry to move the church and day school to finance health. Growing the congregation is also of importance and more involvement from the members of the parish in the ministries that are important to the parish life here at St. John's. The day school here at St. John's is also of importance to the parish. We need to have stability in the administration and leadership of this ministry. The Bishop has extended a hand to help us reach these goals and find I myself wanting to continue to serve the needs of the parish and day school as a member of the Vestry.

3. What skills would you bring to the Vestry?

My willingness to volunteer my time to serve the needs of the parish and day school. My professional background is in the information technology industry. I have problem solving and business skills.

Name: Jeremy Colton

Date: January 21, 2012

1. Please briefly discuss your involvement in parish life and church activities:

My family and I have been attending St. John's since July 2009. In our time here we have made numerous friends and believe St. John's is a wonderful church filled with devout and hard working parishioners. I have attended numerous church activities and multiple Vestry meetings in an effort to help with the search for a Priest in Charge. I have also attended a school

board meeting to learn more about the structure of the church and day school.

2. Briefly discuss the goals you envision for St. John's:

The first goal is one that I have been pursuing since becoming a member of St. John's which is to assist in bringing a Priest-in-Charge to St. John's. A Priest-in-Charge will give a much needed morale boost to the congregation and a sense of stability. Second, I would like to assist in the stewardship program. We need to incorporate a year round philosophy that doesn't primarily focus on money. This approach has been proven to not only improve giving but also spiritual well-being. Third, I would like to work with St. John's outreach to our local community and to potential church members. This will grow our membership and our standing within the community.

3. What skills would you bring to the Vestry?

I am a US Navy Chief with 18 years of leadership experience. I have a BS in Public Administration and I am pursuing a MS in Organizational Leadership. I am a certified Chef through the American Culinary Federation and have been working in kitchens for 23 years. I have served on the governing body for two non-profit organizations which focused on alcohol and drug abuse prevention and work place fundraising. I also bring a strong desire to assist St. John's in continuing its stated mission and vision.

SUP Up for Super Bowl!

No matter which team you favor for the Super Bowl, join your St. John's church family for a day-early kick-off to the Big Game on Saturday, February 4, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in Nale Hall. Come for soup and bread and then line dancing! Bring a can of soup or two for the South Bay Community Services food bank.



"Mark the Ball" on the Feb 4th Yard Line and stay tuned for more details.....We'll have a soup-er time!



The Pledges 2012

Your pledge is very important in many ways which allows St. John's to make important budgeting decisions and be a good steward of its resources. Also, making a pledge can be a spiritual practice that helps connect us to God and to our ministry for St. John's. Show your spiritual practice and support by picking up a pledge card in the Narthex. You can place the pledge form in the offering plate or mail it to the main office.



Daughters of the King

Please consider this organization **ESPECIALLY** during this time in the life of St. John's. We pray for the Vestry, our church, the U.S., the world, and others.

The Daughters of the King is a Prayer Order for women. Members take a vow of the Rule of Life incorporating prayer and service in their daily lives. Daughters undertake a life-long program of daily prayer, service, and evangelism. We are dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthen of the spiritual life of our parish.

Our dedication at St. John's is to pray daily for all those on our intercession list, for our clergy, to those who are baptized at our church, the diocese and all who request prayer. We take three month training classes previous to installations.

If you feel you are being called by God or if you just want to learn about being a Daughter of the King, please contact Rose Peters at (619)267-7575

or roseanddean@cox.net. We wear silver crosses. We welcome a chance to talk to you.

Volunteers Opportunities

A great way to get involved with St. John's is by volunteering in one of our ministries. There are openings for Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Altar Guild, and much more. You can help serve coffee in between services with the Hospitality Ministry on Sunday mornings, help arrange flowers with the Flower Guild, sing along with the choir, or become a Lay Eucharistic minister by taking communion to those who cannot come to church. Your involvement will bond you with your spiritual connection with God and fulfill Matthew 25:34-41... "What you have done unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me". There are tentative plans to have a Ministry Round Up Sunday in near future. There you will have the opportunity to meet members of several ministries and find out information about what each ministry does and how to get involved. Keep posted for more information.



Prayers List

If you have a special intention you would like to add to our Prayers of the People, please let us know by sending an e-mail to Wendy Romo at wendyr@saint-johns.org or call the office at (619) 422-4141 ext. 11. Please make sure to give the first and last name for whom the prayer is intended for. Intentions must be received by Wednesday of each week. The names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.



Updating Your Information At St. John's

We are on a Mission Update! It is very important to update your information at St. John's so you can receive updates, important newsletters and emails on what is going on with St. John's family. See a church member with a clip board before or after services or please pick up a Change of Address Card in the Narthex and return it back to the Business Office or place the card in the offering plate. You can also email Wendy Romo at wendyr@saint-johns.org.

\$ Talent Search \$

Now that 2011 is behind us and we are rolling full speed ahead into 2012, our Vestry and St. John's Church Family needs a special volunteer. If you have a strong financial background, ie. CPA, Accountant, Financial Analyst; we need your talent and skill on the Finance Committee. The committee works closely with the Vestry and Business Office helping enhance and revise process, controls, and communication between all stake holders in our Parish and School.

If your personal talents and gifts match our needs, please consider the value you can add to strengthening our church community. Call Karen Duignan at (619) 470-1647 or Tom Morelli at (619) 838-3218.

Proof Reading Ministry

We would like to welcome our new members from the Proof Reading Ministry Dale Evans, Diane Gustafson, and Celia Vasquez who will be sharing their time and talent with St. John's. if you have a strong talent in editing and proofreading, we need someone to help proofread bulletins and newsletters. Members of the Worship Committee and all others are encouraged to share their talent. Proofreading can be done electronically. If interested, please contact Tom Morelli at (619) 838-3218.

Events at St. John's

Sunday, January 29 @ 11:15 a.m.- Parish Annual Meeting in Nale Hall
Saturday, February 4 @ 5:00 p.m.- SUP Up for Super Bowl in Nale Hall
Wednesday, February 8 @ 7:00 p.m.- School Board Meeting in Nale Hall
Monday, February 13 @ 6:30 p.m.- Women of St. John's Meeting in Nale Hall
Wednesday, February 15 @ 4:00 p.m.- Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 15 @ 6:00 p.m.- Buildings and Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, February 15 @ 6:30 p.m.- Vestry Meeting
Friday, February 17 @ 11:30 a.m.- Lunch Bunch at Marie Callenders
Sunday, February 19 @ 9:00 a.m.- Daughters of the King Meeting in Staff Lounge
Monday, February 20- President's Day Holiday; Business Office Closed in observance of holiday
Monday, February 20 @ 6:00 p.m.- Men of St. John's Meeting
Wednesday, February 22- Ash Wednesday

Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts for Life

Why not give a gift that transforms lives of people living in extreme poverty? Give Gifts for Life from Episcopal Relief and Development. A share for a flock of chickens



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Camp Stevens Retreats and Workshops

There are several upcoming retreats at Camp Stevens. If you are interested on attending any of the retreats, you can find more information at <http://www.campstevens.org/>

Weekend Retreat: What We Talk About When We Talk About God (February 3-5 at Camp Stevens) Each person has something unique to say about what God is up to in their lives and the world. When we talk about God from our own life experience, we are claiming the tradition of scripture. Join the Rev. Gary Hall and Episcopalians from around southern California for a weekend retreat where we'll look at scripture and other texts as models for our own theological truth telling. \$200 includes accommodations and meals.

Weekend Retreat: Camp Stevens Annual Women's Retreat (March 9-11 at Camp Stevens) Join women from around southern California for a rejuvenating weekend in the mountains of San Diego, as we reflect on the seasons of our lives and the rhythms we experience. Led by Rev. Kay Sylvester, the weekend features organic meals, spiritual reflection, hiking, music, and time to chat with new friends, or explore nearby quaint Julian. All activities, materials, meals and accommodations are included in the retreat fee of \$140.

Weekend Workshop: Introduction to Organic Gardening (May 18-20 at Camp Stevens)

Save the Date!

Memorial Day Family Camp (May 26-28 at Camp Stevens)

Upcoming Garden Workshops

Benefit from Camp Stevens' expertise, and experience the joy of getting your hands dirty in one of these worthwhile one-day workshops: Growing

Vegetables from Seed & Making Compost (March 31); Build Your Own Wood-Fired Oven (May 5); Pruning & Care of Deciduous Fruit Trees (June 2). All workshops run 10am-2pm, and include lunch for \$45/person. They are also running three one-day mosaic workshops, led by Eleanor Warner, who has worked extensively with renowned artist James Hubbell. Find out more and register at <http://campstevens.org/year-round-programs/workshops>

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