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St. John's Episcopal Church Newsletter

August 26, 2010

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Ecumenical Council
September 4, 2010**

**Welcome Back
Sunday/Youth Sunday
September 12**

**Finance Committee
September 13**

**Vestry Meeting
September 22**

**Opening of
Sunday School &
Adult Forum
September 19**

**Adult Bible Study
September 21**

**Parish Quarterly
Meeting
September 26**

**PARISH
COMMUNICATIONS**

A Stewardship Moment

"Stewardship is organizing our life so that we can give it away."
-Unknown



Welcome Back Sunday

We are delighted to welcome back:

**Our Church Choir
Sunday School Registration
Adult Forum Registration
The First Mission Statement Sunday**



Join the fun and help bring the future of the Parish into Focus for the Future!

Food Ingathering

Just a reminder, don't forget to return your ingathering grocery bags filled with food for the food collection in support of our food collection program for the South Bay Community Center. Please



bring the bag to the altar during the announcement time as an outward and visible sign of our offering and as a reminder to others of our food gathering each week. Thank you!

Parish Quarterly Meeting



Mark your calendars! Quarterly Parish Meeting is on September 26, after 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Since last Fall,

The Rev. John Goddard is responsible for all Parish communications.

The Rev. Canon Jenny Vervynck is responsible for all School communications.

For Parish News or calendar events, please send to Wendy Romo at wendyr@saint-johns.org.

For School News and calendar events, please contact Sandra Martinez at sandy@saint-johns.org.

For the weekly E-News, please have information to Wendy by Wednesday of the week of publication and for the Eagle Newsletter by the 15th of the month.

Thank you!

St. John's Vestry

The Rev. John Goddard

Senior Warden
Ana Garcia

Junior Warden
David Dennehy

Bill Cheney
Treasurer

Vestry Clerk
Judy Butcher

Bob Bailey
Bill Cheney
Mark Higginbotham

the parish has been holding quarterly meetings as a way of sharing what is going on during the Transition Time. Our next gathering will be September 26. Please join the parish as we journey together into the future.

Mission Statement Rewrite

Who will write the new Statement?

This process includes the entire parish. On Sunday Sept 12, 19, and 26, each of us will be asked to share what are our personal values. The process will be completed during worship, so plan one of the Sundays to be a part of the Mission Statement of the Parish. Each of us will share our ideas and values in three different ways: Celebrations, Pains and & Concerns and Dreams.



Mission Statement Rewrite

After the three Sundays, a Task Force will sort through the offerings of each member and then again share it with the parish on October 3. This way everyone will see the values and ideas of all of the parish.

Then after, the Task Force will consolidate the top 20- 30% of all of the values into three categories. From this 'Super List', the ideas and values of the parish will be put into a preliminary form. Finally, it will become the Proposed Mission Statement of St. John's.

The Proposed Mission Statement will be shared with the parish before it goes to the vestry for final approval. This will be a time to comment and begin to own the Mission Statement that has been built from all the member's ideas and values. We hope to have this completed in the shortest amount of time to enable the beginning of the Search for our new Rector.

If this process seems confusing to you, just come and see how it will work on **Sept 12, 19, or 26**.

Your Mission Statement Task Force will be: Joyce Vogel, Chair, Flora Balin, Gregg King, Gretchen Jordan, Karen Duignan, and Fr. Goddard - Consultant.

Feeding of the Homeless

Volunteers are needed to help feed the homeless and needy on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the South Bay Community Center on Bay Blvd. The feeding starts at 5:00 p.m. Please arrive at 4:30 p.m. to



Mark Jordan
David Laufer
François Maurice
John Schilpp
Adrienne Shaw
Robert Smalley
Joyce Vogel

help set up. Contact Rene Malle for information at 619-395-3750. Please bring peanut butter and/or jelly to help with feedings. Brownies are needed for desert and can be brought to Nale Hall during the week or at Sunday Services a week prior to feeding. Thank you very much for supporting this worthy cause.

Keeping up with Church Pledges

Just a reminder to continue to keep your pledges current during the remainder of summer. The ministries and related expenses of the parish still continue on. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!



Habitat for Humanity

Women, get your hammers, screw drivers, and tool belts ready for the women only build. The Women Build date has been changed to November 20. Watch for more information to build homes in National City .



Also, San Diego Habitat for Humanity is partnering with San Diego City Fest on September 11th, 2010 at Mission Bay Park. Habitat for Humanity will be hosting two booths at the event and will need 60 volunteers, each working a three hour shift during the event.

The shifts are 9am-12pm, 12pm-3pm, and 3pm-6pm. The event is free of charge.

Throughout the day, everyone will be building tool boxes with visitors, promoting Habitat for Humanity's mission to the community. The day will be filled with fun activities and entertainment for the whole family.

You can contact John Pulliam at 619.283.4663 ext. 316

The Women of Saint John's

The Women of Saint John's, with the leadership of Lucy Troncoso, make quilts to be taken to people who are in need of our prayers and support. Please contact Lucy at (619) 427-6837 if you would like to donate fabric scraps including usable



clothing that can be made into squares for quilting blankets for abandoned and abused children.

Please Remember in Prayer

Please remember Frank Small who passed away at the age of 97 last week on August 18, 2010 at Sonora, CA. He was accompanied by his daughter Pauline. He was known as the creator of the glass stained windows at St. John's. His daughter is currently writing a book about them. A short interment service will be held for the family at the Columbarium in October.

His obituary will be displayed on the Union Tribune this Sunday August 29. If interested on sending a donation in his honor, please send donation to :

**Hospice of the Sierra
PO Box 4805 / 20100 Cedar Road North
Sonora, CA 95370**

Please keep his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.



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