

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## ***ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!***

### ***Mom's Morning Out (MMO)***

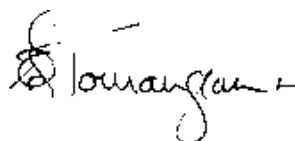
The next MMO is Tuesday, November 7th from 9am until 11:30am. Susan Chandler will be providing childcare. If you are interested in utilizing this ministry, please contact either Nolie Parnell or Kelley Bailey.

### ***Parent's Night Out***

Back by popular demand! On Friday, November 17th from 5:30-8:30pm, Parent's Night Out will be held. This is a free ministry offered to parents with children of ALL ages. While the children are enjoying time with their peers, parents are given child-free time that they can utilize any way they choose. Children will be fed a light meal and participate in various age-appropriate activities. If you are interested please contact Nolie Parnell, Kelley Bailey or sign the sheet outside the nursery. You must register in advance! This will ensure that we have an appropriate child-sitter ratio.

## ***A View from the BIG Pew***

Forgive the absence! I had personal business in Montana. Be back next month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Loungans" with a horizontal line above the name.

### ***Quiet Day December 2***

Come, relax, pray, meditate, read or write during this day of quiet before the rush. The day will begin at 8:30 and end at 3:30. There will be short opportunities for learning about prayer alternated with longer times for prayer, reflection, meditation, reading, and writing. During the reflection times there will be resources available containing prayers and about prayer as well as beads to make your own Anglican rosary. The schedule lends itself to coming for half the day if that fits your schedule better. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Chapel so that we can plan to have lunch for you..

8:30 first session  
9:00 reflection time  
10:00 second session  
10:30 reflection time  
11:30 noonday prayers  
12:00 lunch  
12:30 third session  
1:00 reflection time  
2:00 fourth session, evaluation  
2:30 reflection time  
3:30 evening prayer and dismissal

## ***New Adult Education Offering Beginning December 3***

Starting December 3 there will be an Adult Education offering specifically for parents and caregivers of the children in our church school but all adults are welcome. The Gather'Round curriculum, used by the church school, offers *Connect*, a book for adults that studies the same Bible stories as the children. The adult curriculum is designed in order to nurture a genuine partnership between congregations and families for the faith formation of our children. Our families - not our church schools - are the primary setting for faith formation and this class is intended to strengthen and support families by giving training to parents and caregivers using the same stories the children study but discussed at an adult level. The goal is to "minister *with* families, not *for* them or *to* them (Gather'Round Handbook)." This class is open to all adults and will be facilitated by Maggie McClure.

## ***Evensong Speaks to Many***

At Evensong on October 8<sup>th</sup>, 101 people worshiped in our church as the late afternoon sun glowed in the west windows of the nave – one of the simple reasons how evening worship speaks to us. A delightful concert by *The Amber Trio* preceded the liturgy and prepared the congregation for the service. Hymns and anthems were sung and we learned about the education services of Planned Parenthood. \$556 was received and forwarded to them – another channel in which St. John's reaches beyond its walls.

Like most Christians, our principal worship time occurs during the morning and is a wonderful way to begin our day and week ahead. However, attending worship in the evening can provide different experiences: relieving stress from a busy workday, preparing ourselves for a quiet evening at home, and really allowing us to appreciate "light", especially when it is not shining in the window.

Evensong will be sung next on **Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15pm** (next week)! This service will celebrate All Saints' Day, one of the principal feast days of the church year. This liturgy will be brief (30-35 minutes) and will focus on remembering those who have gone before us, whether it be Saint John or someone you may have known personally.

So why not try attending church in the evening. You may experience something different, whether it be the sun shining in the west windows or being calmed by the Holy Spirit, even after a bad day.



## ***Jubilee Christmas***

***December 16, 2006***

Sign up sheets for Jubilee Christmas will be available on Sunday, November 5th. There are volunteer opportunities for greeters, hosts set up, wrapping and last but not least volunteers to make the all important goodies to eat, enjoy and get into the Christmas spirit. Look at the sign up sheet for complete list of all opportunities to get involved.

Look for donation envelopes the following Sundays: November 12, 19, and 26th.

The dates and times for set up are Tuesday December 12 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Wednesday, December 13 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 15 will have 3 sessions. They are as follows: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This will give everyone an opportunity to help.

## ***St. John's Book Club***

St. John's book club will wrap up its fall season of reading and sharing on Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00 in the commons. This month's book is March by Geraldine Brooks. This book is the imagining of the life of John March, the absent father in Louisa May Alcott's Little Women. This carefully researched novel explores military, cultural, and philosophical clashes during the time of the civil war in America through characters who are torn between the realities of life and the demands of principal. A "lushly written and wholly original tale," March was honored with the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

## ***UTO***

Well, we certainly have had a lovely fall, weather-wise, for which we can be thankful. This morning my windshield needed to be scraped because of our first autumn frost. Soon winter will be upon us. Except for occasional power outages we will be warm and have lights in our homes, twenty four hours a day. I wish all peoples of the world could be so sheltered and protected. We are so blessed with various items that we can easily forget there are others who struggle for enough food, needed transportation, necessary medical and dental care, sufficient clothing, etc. Your daily offerings of prayers and gifts of thanksgiving for the many blessings we have support United Thank Offering grants. These grants help others meet their needs for adequate food, clothing, shelter, etc.

Our fall UTO Ingathering is happening now at St. John's. ALL monies collected are used for grants! The grant list s for 2006 are in the Parish Hall, plus other UTO materials. Please help yourself to what you wish to take home.

Yours in Christ,  
Mary Louise Davis



The happy walkers from St. John's who participated in the Hunger Hike in September

### ***Liturgical Calendars***



Follow the course of the church year at home with the Episcopal Church Calendar for 2007. The calendar is edited to conform to the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, with the calendar dates in the proper color for the day.

On the back of each month's calendar sheet are printed the lessons and psalms for each Sunday and major feast days, along with liturgical notes and suggested concluding collects for the Prayers of the People. Under the calendar pad is found Tables of Feasts and Fasts, together with useful information about lessons and psalms.

Call the parish office by November 18th at 742-4079 to reserve your calendar at the cost of \$5.00 each. Calendars will be ordered **only** for those who request them.

## ***Memoirs of a Geezer***

***Jack L. Albright***

*(The Oxford Dictionary of Current English – “Geezer” – Slang for person, especially an old man. Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language – “Geezer”- Slang - an odd character.) Further definition is “old foggy”, “old coot”, etc.*

### **Make Up Your Mind**

Many people, geezers included, are not that clear-headed about making up their mind(s). Many mumble, “I dunno.” As a young child one of the very best moments ever spent happened at the table of the Levaggis, an immigrant Italian family in Oakland, California. Since Dario was my best boyhood friend, we spent a great deal of time together playing baseball, going to school, catechism at the Roman Catholic Church and being altar boys. One time over Sunday dinner, I was invited to take part in the Levaggi family dining. Mrs. Levaggi was handing out seconds. As she asked me, “Jackie, would you like some more spaghetti?” I said, “I don’t care.” Her immediate retort was, “You don’t care, you don’t get any.” As hungry and defeated as I was, I thought long and hard about my inability to make a decision. But I thought about it and was ready. The next time Dario’s mother asked me “If I would like some more spaghetti.” I said in an almost adult voice, yes, please Mrs. Levaggi.” As I grew up, this story never left me. It has been used over and over again in raising two daughters, grandchildren, students and just about anyone within earshot.

Years later, I happened to be in the Oakland – San Francisco area and met dear Mrs. Levaggi. I had just enough preparation and warning from Dario to purchase the best box of candy in San Francisco. As I handed it over to Mrs. Levaggi, little did she know what kind of an impact she had on my life back then as well as now. She died shortly afterwards, but I had the satisfaction of doing the right thing for the right lady before it was too late.

(This the first of, what I hope will be many, contributions from you Eagle readers. Special thanks to our friend, Jack. Send some extra love and prayers for both Jack and Lorraine. They are two very special people.)

