



Church Mouse

News & Events from St. John's Episcopal Church • Oakland, California

July Calendar

- June 28 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.
- June 30: World Refugee Day
12:30-4:30 Laney College
- July 2 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Berkeley Bach Cantata Group
- July 5 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.
- July 9 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m.- Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m.- Paul Brumbaum: Refugees in Greece
10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist
Sunday School
2:00 p.m. - Berkeley Cantata Group
- July 10 - Ministry Catalyst Meeting
6 p.m.
- July 12 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.
- July 16 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m.-Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Prayer: TBD
10:00 a.m.-Family Service
2:00 p.m. -Sacred Space
- July 18th - Men's Group Dinner
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Men's Group Meeting
- July 19 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.
- July 22 - "Now Is The Time"
screening, 2 p.m.
- July 23 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Prayer: TBD
10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist
Sunday School
- July 26 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.
- July 30 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist (Chilcott's Jazz Mass)
Sunday School

August Calendar

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Rector and Vestry Look Forward



There is a tension between the "now" and the "next". Living in the now is hugely important, so much so, that some have called it a spiritual discipline. Working on this makes us more present to others and opens up a deep sense of gratitude for all the many gifts that surround us.

One could argue that the genetic make up of the church is that it has a dominant "now" gene. The early church was geared into the immediacy of the now, so much so that the scriptures are filled with a deep sense of the end of all things. If the end is near, the now becomes elevated. The emerging church believed that the energy and renewal that they were feeling was quickly building up to the culmination of history. As the adage goes: Why would one repair deck chairs on the Titanic?

What is evident today is that the main line churches lack the "next" gene. This posed a challenge to the early church when it realized it had no plan for a future it did not anticipate. The recessive "next" gene had to be acknowledged and embraced and it needs to be embraced today as well.

This is all to say that I am truly grateful that the vestry is hard at work on a 5 year strate-

gic plan. We are all asking, "What's next?" We have always had a solid operational plan that moves us through a year at a time. What we have not had is a plan that envisions what all the ministries of St. John's could look like in 5 years. Expanding the plan beyond one year has a way of opening up our vision and developing a "next" gene. And a long-range plan builds community because it is vibrant and expansive and requires inviting others into an adventurous journey. It moves us away from simply asking people to sustain what is, and stirs us up to be co-creators with God.

The "next" does not diminish the "now". In fact, it elevates the importance of being present to what is right in front of us. A sense of moving into the future inspires and depends on a deep ability to be present. But being present also inspires us to look ahead and envision a future worthy of who God created us to be. The two crucial questions of the church today are; "Where are we?" and, "Where are we going?" We ask these questions as a church, but our success will be dependent on asking ourselves these questions as individuals as well. We just might be surprised how well our personal search fits nicely into our congregational plan.

Scott+

Summer of Compassion: Wednesday Nights at St. John's



In days where there seems to be endless headlines of mayhem in the world, why not spend a summer focusing on stories of human compassion?

Wednesday nights during the summer we will be starting a new type of church service called Dinner church. It is focused around a meal and fellowship and ends with a simple Eucharist. This summer's theme for Dinner Church is Compassion: Learning to love like God. We will be exploring each week a different story in the bible centered on compassion.

We hope that dinner church is a chance to spend some time getting to know others at St. John's and a chance to worship with all ages around a table. It is time to explore the biblical stories through the stories of our own lives.

Dinner church starts with food and a biblical story. It is followed by some discussion questions for the dinner table and we conclude with a short Eucharist.

Last Wednesday volunteers reenacted the story of Sarah and Abraham when they were visited by three strangers. The story was about the compassion Sarah and Abraham had for three strangers and the hospitality they shared with them.

Summer of Compassion

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We told stories where we had experienced hospitality. At my table, I heard how Carolyn Cahoon moved to Japan and how she was taken care of by strangers. I told the story of my time in the Peace Corps and how receiving guests had its own word na gosti. Hosting guests and being a guest was an important part of the Bulgarian culture and how I was welcomed into my community through these invitations.

What a great way to combat the morning headline dramas. I hope you will join us in our summer of compassion!

Krista+

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*It ys a sotyll mouse that slepyth
in the catty's ear.*

—Hilles *Commonplace Book*, 1530

The Year in Worship

Eucharistic Lectionary: A
Daily Office Lectionary: Year A
Advent 2016 to Advent eve 2017

Senior Warden

Hello Friends!

Krista recently preached on the issues faced when preaching on Trinity Sunday. Tough for her; wonderful day for me! I was back in church after several weeks away. It was a delight to see you all and of course, I just love Trinity Sunday.

Perhaps it's the music. I am a sucker for "Holy, Holy, Holy." I leaned over and confided to Karen Knotsund that, like many other hymns, it reminds me of so many services in the pews with my mother. And shouldn't it? The Trinity is our holy family. It is what we believe. Difficult for a preacher to square I guess, but not for me. One "Lord" expressed in three.

I am simply a man with limited capabilities. Notions of an expanding and contracting universe; a universe that was created; or, that was and ever will be, are too much for my limited cranium. But thankfully, I have always been able to accept the Trinity on faith but recently I have truly seen the Holy Spirit in action.

Lawyers like evidence. Like every Sunday, the Spirit was present in our St John's community on Trinity Sunday. When I arrived at 9:15 or so, I walked in to grab a cup of coffee and promptly witnessed the Spirit at St John's listening, affirming and responding to an Oakland resident in need; in need of something to eat and shelter, but more importantly an ear, and a friendly hand. That day, the Spirit was named Martha and Kendace, and together they reached out to help this member of the greater flock. I was moved to tears. I have cried a lot lately.

As many know we received the worst telephone call a parent can receive on May 11 at 10 a.m. My wife Lori and I learned our little Clara (now 26) was involved in a major auto accident; an oncoming pick-up crossed over and hit her at 50 mph on Highway 89 in Tahoe. Every part of her, from her toes to her skull, was fractured but the airbag deployed and her brain and spine were spared. Thankfully, Clara is on the mend – many months of rehab ahead. A long road but, with your prayers we will get there. We are truly blessed.

I mention this not to just Thank You, but because in addition to the people of St. John's, over the last month I have seen the

Holy Spirit in action out in the world. I have seen Angels – and believe me, they are everywhere! Not just the fantastic surgeons who put Clara's arms and legs and hip, etc. back together, but every dang ICU nurse, every tech, every nursing assistant, rehab staffer, OT, PT professional. And they weren't just caring for Clara but also



for Lori and me. I don't know how these people do it; Angels every one.

And, it was amazing to watch that while completely distraught about her own baby, Lori soared. She befriended a biker clan whose members were run off the highway in central Nevada. Little did I ever know that Lori would become such a comfort and patient advocate for the families of "Speedbump" and "Motown" now on the mend in San Diego. I watched her befriend a woman whose daughter had suffered a brain injury and was taken off life support; trying to handle her own grief as they both moved ahead.

The ICU waiting room lends itself to the need to comfort, but when Clara was temporarily transferred to an ortho wing, Lori found "Helen" an elderly patient on a gambling junket from Houston who had fallen and broken her leg. When Lauren overheard a staffer reading a chart talking to Helen, but addressing her as "Betty", of course "Lauren the angel" stepped in and corrected the staffer and then dragged me out shopping to ensure Helen had appropriate clothing (from underthings to a Reno "Aces" baseball shirt) to wear home to Houston."

Because Clara was treated in Reno we needed a doctor to follow her as she mended at home. One call to my internist Dean Nickles and a call back: "I will do whatever you and Clara need, period." Clara arrived home by ambulance. One call and the Piedmont Fire Dept. showed up immediately in full force to carry her up 20 steps and into the living room and ensconce her in her hospital bed. Dean,

Senior Warden

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with small doctor's bag in hand arrived for a house call. Angels everywhere!

It is easy for me to see that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been so blessed. I thank you, every one of you - each an angel, for all the prayers and support and all the good work you do for all the flock- every day, without fanfare, just because. Angels everywhere!

Grace and Peace,

Scott Tate, Senior Warden

August Calendar

August 2 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.

August 6 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (or Transfiguration?)
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist
Sunday School

August 9 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.

August 13 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
10:00 a.m. - Choral Eucharist
Sunday School

August 14 - Ministry Catalyst Meeting, 6 p.m.

August 15- Men's Group Dinner
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Men's Group Meeting

August 16 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.

August 19 - Vestry mid-year retreat

August 20 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
10:00 a.m. - Family Service
11:00 a.m. Mental Health Class
11:30 a.m. - Sacred Space Team Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - Sacred Space

August 23 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.

August 27 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 a.m. - Early Eucharist
10:00 a.m. - Eucharist
Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Mental Health Class

August 30 - Dinner Church, 6 p.m.

Upcoming:
September 9- Church Auction, 5 p.m.
Fall Back into St. John's
September 10- Pride Sunday
September 17- Quesadilla Sunday

"Our" Refugee Family Arrives in Oakland



Members of St. John's and family's cousins meet family at airport

Adventures with Afghanis

Our family arrived in on May 31, and several of us just spent all day helping them move into their apartment. Trip to Costco for food, etc, buying rugs and couches, and a quick trip to the local ethnic market for a few necessities.

So, I am in the Afghani market across the street from St Augustine's and I ask for

some Afghan bread. "All sold out", says the owner. I tell him we are working to resettle an Afghan family of seven who just arrived from Afghanistan, and TWO people, a woman and a young man who couldn't of been more than 20, insisted on giving me some of their bread. One even asked for a hug. I was verklempt! And Afghani bread IS different!! One of the loaves was even still warm! These people thanked me for helping this family, and the woman asked if she could give me a hug! Of course!!! The goodness of people astonishes me sometimes.

Cheers,

Kathy Araujo

Editor's note: If you can help the family adjust to American life with financial advice, budgeting, job resumes, computers and computer training, please contact Kathy at kathyaraujo123@gmail.com



Lili Cook, Martha Helms, Kathy Araujo, and Kathie Heller ready apartment for our family.

St. John's Legacy Society

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." Pericles (Greek statesman of Athens who died in 429 BC).

Have you considered a gift for St. John's in your will? We who are members of this vibrant community are right now, today, the beneficiaries of generous members of St. John's who came before us.



Congratulations! Confirm not Conform class was confirmed at Grace Cathedral on June 3 after finishing its 9 month program.

CnC Plants with Purpose at St James

Edited from May 9 DioBytes article by Dani Scoville

Fulfilling its Confirm Not Conform outreach pledge on May 6, more than 50 people came together to plant trees and create a community garden at St. James Episcopal Church (aka Santiago) in East Oakland. Members of Santiago and St John's, Oakland supplied the hard work, together with Episcopal Impact Fund board members and community volunteers. The volunteers, led by our community partners, Urban ReLeaf and Indigenous Permaculture, planted 16 trees and built 15 large garden containers with soil, ready for planting.



The tree planting and garden projects are primarily funded by a grant from the California Department of Forestry to the Episcopal Impact Fund, as part of the state's effort to combat climate change and serve disadvantaged communities. The new trees will sequester a significant amount of carbon and beautify the neighborhood. The garden will grow healthy produce for congregants and neighbors of Santiago and supply the on-site food bank.

The day started with a blessing from the Rev. Mauricio Wilson, rector of St. Paul's Oakland, and a Native American sageing ceremony led by Guillermo Vasquez of Indigenous Permaculture. Kemba Shakur and Kevin Jefferson explained the importance of the urban tree canopy and Urban Releaf's mission to plant trees in underserved parts of Oakland. The morning concluded with a festive barbecue, courtesy of the people of Santiago and Melissa Ridlon.



Many thanks to the Confirm not Conform class, their families, and men's group at St John's for their fundraising and digging prowess! Their work and CnC's fundraising of \$7500 (with \$2000 from CDSP's Celtic Cross Society) will help Episcopal Impact fund meet the 20% match required under the state grant.

Next steps will include garden maintenance and additional tree planting in Oakland. If you or your congregation would like to be involved or learn more please contact Kathleen Piraino at kpiraino@episcopcalimpact.org.



Workday Spruces Up Our Church

The work day on May 27th was well attended. Bryan Culp spent most of the day on the roof cleaning the solar panels, Bob Davidson and Tony Koo re-stripped the parking lot after Gordon Everett spent several days filling the pot holes. Several people, including Peter Freeman and Molly Marion, cleaned all the folding tables. Susan Merrill, Jim Hasler and Lilah Greene worked in the garden and also trimmed the walk on Thornhill. Others working included John and Lea Seals, Sandra Ahn, Carolyn Calhoon, Jun Kim, Steve Baronian,

Jim MacIlvaine, Walter Marion, and Kendace and Scott Denman.

My apologies if I have not included your name. I was leaving on a cruise to Alaska the following day and my thoughts may have been on packing! We then had a nice turnout for the barbecue which followed.

Next work day is on September 4th of Labor Day weekend.

Ken Fuller

Understanding Mental Health Through the Lifespan

Summer Presentations on Anxiety, Addiction and Alzheimers – Fall Class for Families Facing Challenges

There is a great deal of suffering caused by misunderstandings about mental illness--what it is, how it occurs, how it is treated, and how we may inadvertently perpetuate the stigma about it through our ignorance. This year our offerings will help us learn about some recent findings concerning what mental illness can look like at the different stages of life and give us ways to understand and empathize with those who struggle. There will be 3 presentations after the 10am services on 8/13, 8/20 and 9/10 with a subject matter expert and a member of St. John's to personalize each topic. This will be followed in the fall by a free 12-week NAMI Family-to-Family class open to anyone with one or more family members (or close friends) dealing with a mental illness. This highly successful class was given here 2 years ago and will meet on Monday evenings from 9/25 to 12/11 in the Reception Room.

3 After-Church Presentations/ Q&A sessions

8/13/17: Anxiety and Mental Illness – Childhood and Beyond

Dr. W. Keith Sutton, Psy.D. will guide us through what is now understood about dealing with anxiety, particularly focusing on childhood anxiety and the risks it can pose to the development of healthy coping and adaptation skills. Anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the United States. Research shows one in five young adults has experienced an anxiety disorder in the past year. Anxiety is a normal and natural emotion which we need for motivation, protection, avoiding danger, etc., but it becomes a disorder when it leads to the avoidance of normal life challenges--which then brings on more distress and anxiety and interferes with learning things like basic social and negotiation skills. These childhood disorders, which mostly begin between the ages of 6 and 12, were only officially recognized in the 1980's. They include fears that are not just a phase that will go away, but gateway diagnoses, and the evidence-base for them was not published until 2009. According to Dr Anne Marie Albano in a Charlie Rose show segment on 4/20/17, "Every

adult epidemiological study of mental illness in this country has shown that anxiety in childhood predicts every mental health condition in adults, from bipolar disorder to schizophrenia." Dr. Sutton is a clinical psychologist, founder of Bay Area Therapists Specializing in Adolescents and director of the Institute for the Advancement of Psychotherapy and its Bay Area Center for Anxiety. You can watch the segment from the Charlie Rose show at <https://charlierose.com/videos/30395>. Dr. Sutton will be introduced by Bruce Elgin.

8/20/17: "Addiction" or "Substance Abuse"?

This is widely recognized within the medical community as another form of mental illness. A disease, not a choice. This session will discuss the neurobiology of addiction, treatment methods, family and codependency relationships, and public health policies towards substance abuse. Peter Freeman will introduce Martha (Marty) Wunsch, who oversees Kaiser's Substance Abuse programs.

9/10/17: Dementia and Aging – Recognizing Symptoms, Managing Care and Transitions

Memory issues are often part of the terrain that comes with aging. But simple forgetfulness and difficulty in grasping for words and names is very different from the type of memory loss associated with Dementia. This session will explore key observable symptoms of more significant memory loss, as well as exploring key transitions to consider in managing care for a person suffering from Dementia (including Alzheimers). Jim Hasler will introduce Grace Liu from the Alzheimers Association.



Fall 12-week Family-to-Family Class

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a nationwide grassroots advocacy group, representing families and people affected by mental illness in the United States. NAMI provides support, education, and research for people and their families impacted by mental illness through various public education and awareness activities. The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free 12-week course specifically for family and close friends of individuals with mental illnesses. The courses are taught by a NAMI-trained family member of a person diagnosed with a psychiatric disorder. Our class will be taught by Mary and Bruce Elgin, who led 4 classes before moving to the Bay Area and one class two years ago at St. John's.

This class will cover mood and cognitive disorders including anxiety, depression, bipolar illness, OCD and schizophrenia and goes over various treatments including the benefits and side effects of psychiatric medications. Special workshops in the course teach problem solving, listening and communication techniques. A list of Alameda County resources is provided along with guidance on locating support groups and services in the local area. For some, the most important benefit is the opportunity to get to know for mutual support other families impacted by the frustrations and complexities of mental illness.

At one of the class sessions we have a speaker who has lived through one or more of these illnesses who gives a first-hand account of their experiences. If there is any one at St. John's who would be willing to offer their story in support of helping others understand what it was like, please contact one of us (below).

The NAMI Family-to-Family program was added to the SAMSHA National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs as significantly enhancing the lives of families affected by mental illness. This free program will meet Monday evenings 7:00-9:30 in the Reception Room from 9/25 through 12/11. To enroll, contact Liz Rebensdorf at NAMI East Bay, 510-524-1250.

For more information about any of these offerings, contact Mary or Bruce Elgin: 510-817-4519 or mbelgin@pacbell.net.

Youth Notes

Church School Volunteers

For Sunday morning CHURCH SCHOOL during July and August, VOLUNTEERS are needed each Sunday from 9:45-10:30 a.m. We are using a no prep lesson plans that feature Legos, a simple bible story and a great poster coloring project. Please sign up one or more Sundays by texting Kellor 510-219-3156 or emailing her at Kellor@stjohnsoakland.org

Kellor thanks you, and the children of St. John's thank you.

Take-Out Church

On the go this summer? Pick up a box of TAKE-OUT CHURCH for activities and social media opportunities. Where will Flat Jesus show up this summer? Boxes are in the Narthex under the communication screen. Inside each box you'll find prayers, games and a Flat Jesus to color and take with you to snap photos together. Post your pictures #flatJesusOakland -- Jesus is always with each of us!



Nursery Care Help Needed

NURSERY CARE HELP NEEDED: We are in need of staff for the month of July on Sundays from 9:45-11:30 a.m. It pays \$30 per Sunday and the person needs to be 16 or older.

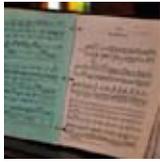
Please text Kellor at 510-219-3156.

We are also looking for a nursery assistant starting mid-August for Sundays from 9:30-12 noon.

English speaking and experience with infants and toddlers is required.

Please contact Kellor.

Music Notes



On June 18, the adult and youth choristers were honored for their contributions to St. John's music program during the 2016-17 season. Youth choristers received medals for their accomplishments in the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCM) curricula.

Summer choir starts on Sunday, June 25th. All are welcome to join in "come as you are" style choir throughout the summer (August 13th is the last Sunday).

Invitation is open to all. Rehearsal takes place on Sundays before the service (9:00 am) in Fischer room.



Molly and Olivia Friedrichs compare medals.



Dinner Church Is Open

On June 21, St. John's began a summer program on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. to provide dinner, a family eucharist, and a community gathering place.

Through August 30, there will be family friendly meal (it was pasta on June 21 and a taco bar on June 28), and activities for all ages.

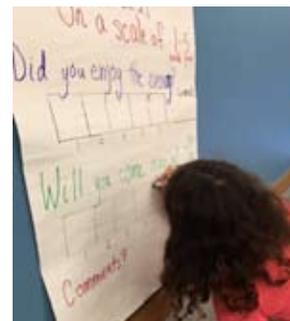
Rev. Krista describes the program in more detail on page 1.

Come experience Dinner Church and give us your feedback.

St. John's staff and Church School Committee



Ainsley Weir is enchanted with Dinner Church.



Parish Retreat Is An Overflow Success



On Mother's Day weekend St. John's parish family celebrated our annual retreat at Bishop's Ranch. With 100 people, accommodations were tight as we did not have use of Harrison House. The weather was perfect, not too hot. Due to traffic conditions the barbecue on Friday night started late, followed by a campfire for the kids.

In addition to our regular activities we were joined by the McQueen wedding party. Saturday there was bread baking, softball, swimming, an art project, black smithing, hiking, ping pong, scavenger hunt, massages, and more. No bee keeping this year as they were waiting on new bee hive activity. Saturday night we once again gathered outside the Swing Pavilion for a social hour before dinner, and later had board games and another campfire.



We are already looking forward to next year and are confirmed for 2018 with use of the entire Ranch from May 11-13, 2018. Please think about what activity you would like for that Saturday night.

Ken Fuller.

Fall Back Into St. John's Auction

On Saturday, September 9th, St. John's will have a cracking good time as we celebrate our congregation, talents, generosity of spirit, and outreach to our community through our FALL BACK INTO ST. JOHN'S silent and live auction.

Join us from 5-9 p.m. to eat (chef Kerry Heffernan is catering again!), sign up for fun parties, participate in an auction for services, getaways, treasures, and listen to great music. Tickets are \$50 online and \$60 at the door and may be purchased online or on the patio in August.

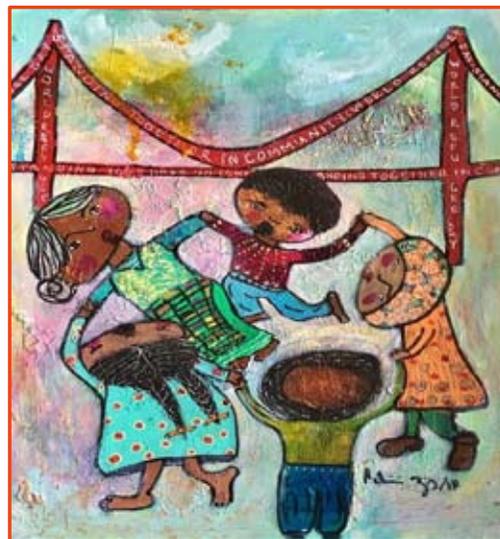
The auction page for tickets, donations, and information is <http://www.stjohnsoakland.org/auction-2017>, and there are paper donation forms in the Narthex near the front door.

If you have questions, direct them to Kathy Araujo, Ken Fuller, any Vestry member or Ministry Catalyst.



EAST BAY REFUGEE FORUM

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2017 "STANDING TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY"



WHEN
Friday, June 30th
12:30pm-4:30pm

WHERE
Laney College
Student Center and Quad
900 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94607

FREE ADMISSION

Cultural Food | Art for Youth | Zumba | Yoga | Tai Chi | Games | Raffles | Resources | Dance | FREE Gifts | FREE Zoo Tickets | EZ Pass Coupons

PERFORMANCES

Steal Pan Drum
Bhutanese Youth Performance
Afghan Music
African Storytelling
Mexican Dance

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#refugeesmatters
#welcomingrefugees



St. John's Family

CHRISTOPHER CRAUN helped emcee the 40th Anniversary Gala of her elementary school Park Day School. "It taught me pretty much everything I need to know about being in the world. Except how to spell..." MARTHA MILLER has moved to Seattle to become an Associate Project Manager with her current company, Crown Castle...



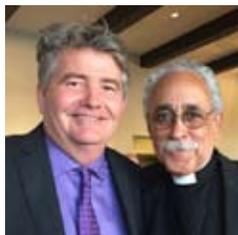
RACHEL MCQUEEN and Jacoby Puglisi were married on May 12 in a beautiful beach ceremony surrounded by family and loved ones, including their niece and nephews...



TRACY LANDSTROM (center) and CAMILLE CAUCHOIS (right) met up at another high point in their lives. Actually, Camille reports, they "survived four hardcore days in the jungle, a few near fatal river crossings and what must be the majority of the insects in South America," on their trek to the Lost City, Columbia.



SUSAN PIERPOINT and LAURIE BENNETT covered a lot of Scottish kilometers in May. Here they are posing in front of their cottage in the Isle of Skye...



Rev. Scott Denman attended Rev. Kwasi Thornell (interim pastor at St. Augustine's) retirement party in May...



MARY LIM-LAMPE took the church out of our building, and wearing her Genesis Exec director's hat and probably a few others, preached on "Holy Agitation" at First Congregational, Oakland, where Genesis' office is located.

Former St. John's Music Director, DOUGLAS JOHNSON, now retired Professor Emeritus (Trinity College, Hartford CT) and a music therapist in Hartford, conducted the choral anthem on June 18 with current director, JUN KIM at the piano.



The choir celebrated its most recent year of service to the parish and the schedule now moves to Summer Choir. All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fischer Room to be part of this casual summer program.



Mellissa Brauer has moved to Portland, Oregon and begun a new job with Kaiser. On June 4, Rev. Scott presented her with the Tipping Pew Award for her decades of service to St. John's as Senior Warden, parish retreat coordinator, women's group organizer and more and more...

Letter from Paul Brumbaum



Brothers, greetings from Greece, and a HUGE thank you to those who responded with such generosity to our appeal to build a youth center here in the Ritsona refugee camp.

As of June 5, we have built a deck (using pallets as the substructure!) and a fiberglass roof structure over it, some benches and tables (also from pallets!) and also shelves for the art workshop. (photo attached)

This week we are working on building a rudimentary kitchen (small fridge, cooktop, sink), and then hardscape and landscape for a garden, smoker's corner (a lot of the kids smoke), and quiet space for meditation/solitude.

We are trying to involve the youth as much as possible in the work - some of the young people are quite skilled in construction, painting etc. and obviously, they have a lot of time on their hands.

I have a lot more to say about the project as well as the overall situation here, which is quite complex - that will have to wait



until I am back home. But for now, let me just say THANK YOU again for all your support - moral, spiritual and financial - for this effort!

Best, Paul Brumbaum

Join the Party! You are invited! Join Glenview Area Groups for Action and the 13 PAGES Healthcare Action Committee for a showing of the documentary—



Single Payer Film Screening

Saturday July 22, 2017, 4–6 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church
1707 Gouldin Rd., Oakland CA 94611

Now is The Time—

Access to high quality healthcare is a right of all people and should be provided equitably as a public service rather than bought and sold as a commodity. Under a single-payer system, all residents of the U.S. would be covered for all medically necessary services, including doctor, hospital, preventive, long-term care, mental health, reproductive healthcare, dental, vision, prescription-drug and medical-supply costs. Through interviews, animations and exposé, this new documentary film tells the story of the drama, struggle and success of the movement towards healthcare equity. After the showing of "Now is The Time," people from the Healthcare Action Committee will answer questions about the film, about single-payer, and about California's statewide campaign to pass SB562 to bring guaranteed universal healthcare to California.

Refreshments provided; donations accepted. No one turned away. Please RSVP to ensure a seat and write for more information to tango.lindygirl@gmail.com.



“Now Is The Time” For Healthcare

Please mark your calendar for a screening of the documentary Now is the Time, a new video about the struggle for healthcare equity. The viewing will be followed by a moderated conversation about California's statewide campaign to pass Senate Bill 562, to guarantee universal healthcare in our state. Saturday, July 22, 4–6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. RSVP to Margaret Copi at tango.lindygirl@gmail.com. This event is co-sponsored by 13 PAGES and the Glenview Area Groups for Action. All are welcome.

Editor's note. California's Assembly leadership tabled SB 562 on June 23, but the legislature intends to continue the discussion to pass a single payer plan.

Saints and Sinners Softball



Spring practice has begun!!! There's plenty of space on the roster. Come on OUT!!!

The Saints & Sinners 2017 Herb Johnson Memorial Softball Season is upon us and the schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, June 21: WIN 5-4
- Friday, June 23: LOSS 2-1 to dreaded Muffintops
- Wednesday, June 28 (6:00 p.m.)
- Monday, July 10 (7:15 p.m.)
- Wednesday, July 12 (7:15 p.m.)
- Monday, July 17, (7:15 p.m.)
- Friday, July 21 (7:15 p.m.)
- Wednesday, July 26 (6:00 p.m.)
- Monday, July 31 (6:00 p.m.)
- Friday, August 4 (7:15 p.m.)

Playoffs will be held the week of August 7th. All games are held at Coaches Field off Moraga Road in Piedmont. Come on out and support the team as they sport new gear donated by Linda Manzi and new shirts donated anonymously. Please contact Sarah Jones at sarahcjones@sonic.net for more information.



St. John's Bulletin Board

Mouse Newsletter Deadline

Do you have news, information, pictures, events, and opportunities for St. John's newsletter? The deadline for the September issue is August 15. Send pictures and articles to Laurie Bennett at lebennett1950z@gmail.com.



Here's Your Chance To Host

There is a new link to access our summer coffee hour host schedule. To sign up and get more information, follow this link:

<http://signup.com/go/FgITmLk>

If you have difficulty with the link, you can email Laurie Bennett (lebennett1950z@gmail.com) your hosting date, and she will sign you up for the email reminder.

Bishop's Ranch Events

October 7 – Fall Service Day, 8:30-12:30. Enjoy a Saturday morning helping to enrich the environment of The Bishop's Ranch through hands-on projects. Participants will work with Ranch staff around the grounds, in the gardens, or on the trails.

October 21 – Fall Hike, 9:30-3. \$17 per person includes lunch. Take a guided walk along the little-known trails of The Bishop's Ranch and explore its many habitats.



Thanksgiving Feast

Back by popular demand, St. John's will host a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23. Ken Fuller is leading the festivities and will happily take your support. Contact Ken at thunder572002@yahoo.com

Save the Date

On September 17, the clergy makes lunch for the congregation on "Quesadilla Sunday". It's our traditional kick-off to the Fall season at St. John's and comes complete with jumpy house for kids, fellowship and information for adults, and really yummy quesadillas and side dishes.



St. John's Auction

Saturday, September 9th, 5-9 p.m.

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