

The Sunday Readings

October 3

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-10
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 10 St. Francis Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 148:7-14
Galatians 6:14-18
Matthew 11:25-30

October 17

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 24

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-6
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 31

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-8
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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

Noon Worship Schedule

Healing Eucharist

every Wednesday

Friday Requiem Eucharist

the last Friday of each month

First Annual All Parish Budget Meeting

October 3, 11:30 to 1:00 PM

Dearly Beloved

Please attend a town hall gathering after services on Sunday, October 3, to share with the Vestry and Rector in a conversation about the finances and needs of our church. The budget challenges are not a Vestry issue or a Rector's issue; they are an issue all of us share and own as part of belonging to St. James by-the-Sea.

St. James has shared in the struggle all of us are having in this economy, now starting to look more like a new economy than a period of recession. As we have tried to be faithful stewards we see encouraging signs of strength in the midst of major challenges. The most encouraging signs come from the continuing strong financial support from those who give to St. James. In fact, the average annual gift to St. James increased last year.

The challenges, though, are many. The greatest challenges come from the fact that many of our members give no recorded financial support to St. James; that our endowment has suffered market losses in two of the last three years; and that total giving to our church has not increased since 2005. Costs, especially in health care, increase.

This all parish budget meeting has two purposes — to share accurate information with all who are interested, and to get feedback on some of the options the Vestry is exploring. The agenda will touch on the following, plus your thoughts:

- ◆ *The Rector's philosophy and faith in ministry and money's role*
- ◆ *Good News: Thank God for Endowed Ministries*
- ◆ *Budget Issues for 2010 through 2015*
- ◆ *New Income projections for the St. James Hall*
- ◆ *Projections for our endowment*
- ◆ *Options for balancing income and expense*
- ◆ *Input and ideas from those present*

Our meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 in the Van Schaick Room. We will have coffee and scones in the Van Schaick Room — and also on the patio. Please come to this all parish meeting and take part.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randal' with a plus sign.



Continue Your Spiritual Formation

By The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth, Sr. Associate Rector

Last month I asked you to meditate upon the question, “**What do you need or hope for to further develop your own sense of spirituality?**” What did you find? What actions did you take? Opportunities for spiritual formation and education abound in life and at St. James. Did you join us for our September Adult formation offerings?

We thank Dr. John Scavulli for his excellent presentations of “*Body, Mind and Spirit,*” at our 9 am Sunday Adult Forum offering in September.

Please invite friends and neighbors to our Adult Formation programs. It is a wonderful way to introduce them to our life together at St. James.

We hope you learned more about Alzheimer’s from Dr. Teresa Shanahan’s presentation, and thank her for joining us. We will continue to bring you programs that focus on the issues of health and aging.

Our new series for the 9 am Adult Forum, “*Gardner on the Gospel of Matthew*” with the Rector, began on September 26 and continues through **Sunday, October 24**. Use this opportunity

to engage with The Rev. Dr. Gardner, and one another, and learn more about the Gospel readings we will encounter in the coming liturgical year.

This month, don't miss our Wednesday evening workshop—three important evenings with Dr. Sharon Lund— exploring our life with a focus on “*Sacred Living, Sacred Dying.*” We begin at 6 pm in the Van Schaick room with a simple supper, followed by the workshop, ending about 8:30 pm.

On Sunday mornings at the 9 am Adult Forum in **November** we resume and complete our summer series, “*The Great Courses: The Historical Jesus*” a video lecture by Prof. Bart D. Ehrman, which I will again facilitate.

Go forward in your spiritual formation with an **Advent December** opportunity; have supper with the community, and engage in **Dr. Fred Boynton’s** intriguing series: “*How Many Universes are There?*” on **Wednesday evenings, December 1, 8, and 15**. We begin at 6 pm in the Van Schaick room with supper—then the program—ending about 8:30 pm.

Blessings, Eleanor+



Increasing awareness of the Good Works of Episcopal Relief & Development

St. James will celebrate ERD SUNDAY November 21

By Judy Ray, Parish Representative for ERD

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church of the United States. **ERD** takes its mandate from the words of Jesus found in Matthew 25:40: “*just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me*”.

Together with the worldwide Church and ecumenical partners, **ERD** rebuilds after disasters and empowers people by offering lasting solutions that fight poverty, hunger and disease, including malaria and HIV/AIDS, and is achieving the Millennium Development Goals. The latest ERD Newsletter highlights work in Haiti and the Gulf Coast.

Many of you have been active supporters of the agency over the years. This year we hope to increase awareness of its work. **Beginning in October** we will sell *Bishops Blend* coffee and tea at our Sunday after services coffee hour on the **2nd Sunday of each month**. 15% of the sale will go to ERD. *Bishops Blend* coffees and teas are organic, shade-grown and certified fair trade, protecting the earth while ensuring that farmers are paid a living wage and have access to affordable credit. (*Bishops Blend is also available in the Gift Shop.*)

An Update on St. James Hall

The "Available" sign in front of the St. James Hall will soon come down. The Vestry approved a proposal to lease the Hall to a San Diego business whose work will nicely complement our own ministry and mission. Watch your mail for a letter regarding the full details.

Thank you!—to our St. James Hall Committee for good work, long hours and faithful stewardship to the church and this important asset.

Members of the committee are Tom Fetter (our coordinator), Doug Gordon, Janay Kruger, Paul Benton and the Rev. Randal Gardner. Thank you as well to Eric Knowles, who works with church real estate as a ministry, and his associate Rachel Nelson, both with CBRE Realtors.

A Special 25th Anniversary Event

Sunday, October 17, after the 10 am service, please join us in the Van Schaick Room to honor the **25th anniversary of the ordination of our Rector, Randal Gardner.**

We will have cake and celebrate...and surely, speeches and toasts you all do so well!

You Are Invited

to join the Wolterstorff Society,
the Legacy Community of St. James by-the-Sea

Members of the Wolterstorff Society have planned to make a continuing gift to St. James, usually through estate plans (will or trust) or with a designated gift to the church endowment.

Enroll by letting the Rector know that St. James is included in your estate plans, or speak to him about various ways to make a gift to the St. James Endowed Funds in your lifetime.

Members of the Wolterstorff Society

are invited to attend

The 2010 Wolterstorff Society Dinner

Sunday, November 7, 2010

All Saints Sunday

The Van Schaick Room, Six o'clock PM

Contact Walter DuMelle, 858 459-3421 x103

VESTRY NOTES

By Charleen Boyd, Jr. Warden

The Minutes of July were approved; the Financial Statements and the Rector's Report were received; and the Vestry approved the resolution to create a Flower Fund. A Vestry retreat will be held October 30th for the purpose of discussing strategic planning.

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign begins soon. The Vestry will provide the leadership for the campaign and will engage members from the parish.

The Finance Committee reported that we continue to need to raise additional funds and contain expenses. The Health Ministries Committee reported on their plans to educate the congregation regarding its mission. The next vestry meeting is October 26.



ST. JAMES GIFT SHOP NEWS

Celebrate All Saints Day this October

By Karen Fast, Manager

October is the month that the buzz begins in the Shop for the upcoming advent and Christmas season. New items arrive every day, and it is always exciting to see what the new season will bring. We are well-stocked with advent calendars, wreaths and candles. The children's department is alive with great new books, puppets, and toys.

One of the things I have grown to love about October is **All Soul's** and **All Saints Days**, or **Day of the Dead in Mexico**. When I first heard of *Day of the Dead*, my traditional nature was uncomfortable, not understanding the skeletons, etc. Now that I understand more, I celebrate it!

Throughout Mexico, around the second week of October, the families begin to clean their homes from top to bottom in preparation of *Dia de los Muertos*. They prepare many kinds of their favorite foods, a special home altar, and freshen the grave sites with flowers.

On the eve of October 31, they create a trail of marigolds from their homes to the cemeteries so the spirits can follow them home. An all-night candlelight vigil is held in anticipation of the visit of their beloved's spirit.

Then, November 1 and 2, they celebrate with the souls of their deceased loved ones, reminiscing joyfully.

The altars in the homes are traditionally laden with foods, photos, water for the journey, candles, and always marigolds, in hopes that the scents will entice the deceased to visit.

What a joyful way to honor our loved ones!

Help us celebrate this year by bringing a photo of your loved one to place on the altar in the Gift Shop.



Day of the Dead Altar in the St. James Gift Shop
Bring in a photo of your loved ones

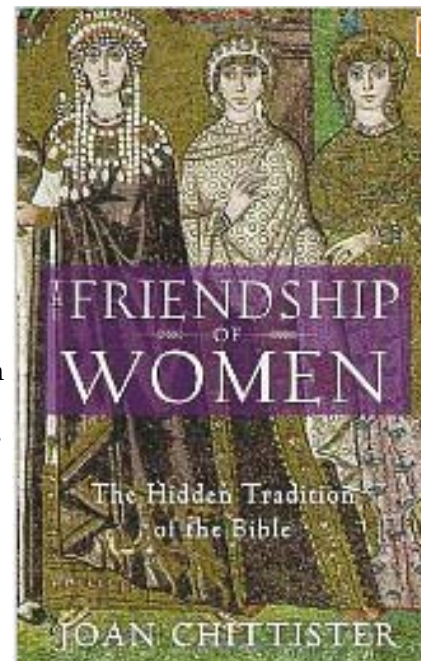
"Soul Searchers"

The St. James Bookshop Book Club

Friday, October 8 at 9 am

We meet again on Friday, October 8 at 9 am in the St. James Bookshop. Coffee and pastries will be served.

For October, we are reading *The Friendship of Women: the Hidden Tradition of the Bible* by Joan Chittister. "This compelling work explores the sacred dimension of friendship through the lenses of faith, tradition, and scripture..." It's available at our bookshop— Please say you are reading it for our book club and you will receive a 10% discount.



We look forward to sharing our delicious pastry breakfast and literary musings with you in October.
Happy Reading!

Lunch Bunch & Women's Dinner Group & More

OUR FIRST LUNCH BUNCH OF THE FALL

WE WELCOME

AMBASSADOR ROBERT ELLSWORTH

"How to think clearly in a time of transformation"

Wednesday Noon, October 20

Van Schaick Room

Once again, *Lunch Bunch* is very pleased to announce our speaker for the first luncheon of the fall season will be Robert Ellsworth, former U. S. Ambassador to NATO and Deputy Secretary of Defense.



Bob has chosen as the title of his speech *"How to think clearly in a time of transformation."* This is a challenging topic indeed! Always a most stimulating speaker, his talk is two weeks before the mid-term elections and the media will have generated widespread interest in house seats, Senate seats, governorships, two active wars, budget deficits and spending at every level - plus Glenn Beck.

Ambassador Ellsworth is the President, Robert Ellsworth Company, Inc. A former congressman from the state of Kansas, Ambassador Ellsworth has served as U.S. Ambassador to NATO (1969- 71), Assistant Secretary of Defense (1974-75) and Deputy Secretary of Defense (1975-77). He has also served as Director of the Atlantic Council of the United States and the American Council on Germany. Ambassador Ellsworth was a key advisor on foreign affairs to Senator Robert Dole during the 1996 Presidential campaign.

Reservations are a must. Make yours prior to noon on October 18th by calling the church office (858-459-3421) or by signing up in the patio after church on Sunday. The lunch starts at noon in the Van Schaick Room and will be catered by the Girard Gourmet. Cost is only \$7. Please bring a guest.

Author & Speaker
Dr. Sharon Lund

Sacred Living
& Sacred Dying

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
OCTOBER 6, 13, 20
6 pm—Supper,
6:45—8:30 Workshop

Women's Dinner Group

We want to Know you!

Tuesday, October 12

6 pm—8:30 pm

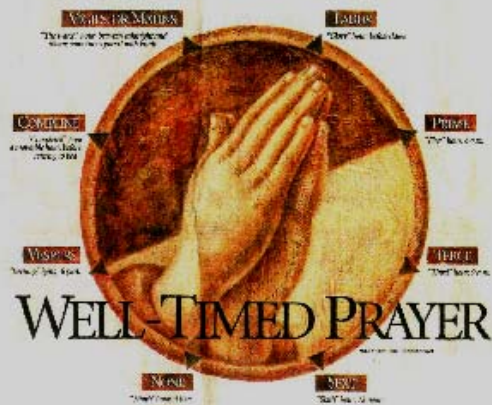
Van Schaick Room

The Women's Dinner Group has a new focus this year. Our theme is *"Getting to Know You."*

We will be inviting speakers from the local area, getting to know our neighbors—but this October, we will not have a speaker...we have someone really interesting....YOU!

We will meet at 6 pm in the Van Schaick Room and begin our social evening of fun and getting to know you all better.

Our dinner will be only \$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. 858 459-3421.



EDUCATION & INTEGRATION

For St. James' Worship Leaders & Ministers

These workshops are designed to encourage and deepen the ministries of our

- ❖ Chalice Bearers
- ❖ Lectors/Readers
- ❖ Intercessors
- ❖ Altar Guild
- ❖ Greeters
- ❖ Lay Eucharistic Visitors
- ❖ Ushers
- ❖ Vergers
- ❖ Acolytes

SPECIAL SESSION TO BE ANNOUNCED! We're lining up a Rabbi to come teach the Torah for a Lenten Series. That will substitute for the winter session on the scripture. The Lenten Series is for all parishioners.

Saturday, November 13, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

A Walk through Worship

An all hands Saturday with special attention to some of the details of our movements and actions in the chancel and chapel.

Lenten Series – Dates & Times to Follow

Reading the Torah with Rabbi Avi Libman

Readings from Genesis and Exodus are a major part of Lent and the summer season. Rabbi Libman will offer his scholarship on the Torah and how the rest of scripture is built upon it.

Saturday, May 7, 2011, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

Prayer for Grounded Living

Prayers of intercession, contemplation, petition and confession are central to the historical teachings of the church. How do we deepen our knowledge of these ways of prayer, and how do we reflect prayerfulness in our worship services?

St. Francis Celebration

October 10 at The Bishop's School

As part of our Sunday morning liturgy at 10 am, we will celebrate the life of St. Francis with music and the lessons for "The Feast of Francis of Assisi, Friar 1226." The music will reflect the love St. Francis had for animals and creation, including *The Seal Lullaby* by the brilliant young composer Eric Whitacre, *For I Will Consider My Cat Jeoffry* by Benjamin Britten, and the beloved *Prayer of St. Francis*. Organ music will include transcriptions of *The Swan* by Saint-Saens and *Sheep May Safely Graze* by J.S. Bach. Come join us for this memorable liturgy!

October EVENSONG Honors *The Women of St. James*

Put it on your calendar! *Evensong* will be held at 5 pm on **October 24, November 28, January 23, February 13, and March 20**. All services will be held at St. Mary's Chapel on the campus of The Bishop's School. The October Evensong will be offered in honor of The Women of St. James.

Behind the Organ....Our Alison Luedecke is playing her heart out

We thought you might be interested in two Celtic concerts coming up in October and November. *Millennia Consort*, a very talented group consisting of our very talented Associate Organist, Alison Luedecke, and the Presidio Brass Quintet and Percussion, (who often perform at St. James), will perform with the head piper of the Cameron Highlanders, Charlie Rosenberger. The programs, **Sunday, October 3, at 4 pm, Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church**, and **Sunday, November 7, at 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church, Mission Valley, San Diego**, will feature *Scotland the Brave*, *Highland Cathedral*, *Amazing Grace*, and a new arrangement of *Hyfrol*. Alison will perform an organ solo called "Outer Hebrides: A Fantasia on Three Celtic Tunes," by Paul Halley. The concert will feature percussion, brass quintet, solo bagpipes, trumpet, and organ.

Millennia Too! featuring Alison Luedecke on piano and Susan Barrett on oboe, perform two concerts—"Go Rococo" with works by Johann Ernst Bach, Johann Christian Bach, and more composers who bridged the gap between the Baroque and Classical periods. **Monday, October 25, noon, at the Lyceum Theater, Horton Plaza**, and **Monday, November 1, noon, at the Athenaeum, La Jolla**. (www.epresskitz.com/millenniatoo)

St. James Music Series

Did you get your tickets?

New York Polyphony is one of the finest classical vocal ensembles of a new generation. These four men deliver dynamic performances in a wide range of styles.

From simple plainchant to complex modern works, the

NYP sound is strong, unified and polished. They have an active performing schedule in major concert series and festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe.

They will be with us only Sunday, November 14, 4 pm. Contact Steve Townsend for tickets at 858 459-3421 x 109. For more information on this ensemble, go to their website at: newyorkpolyphony.com



Youth Notes

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

October Youth Calendar

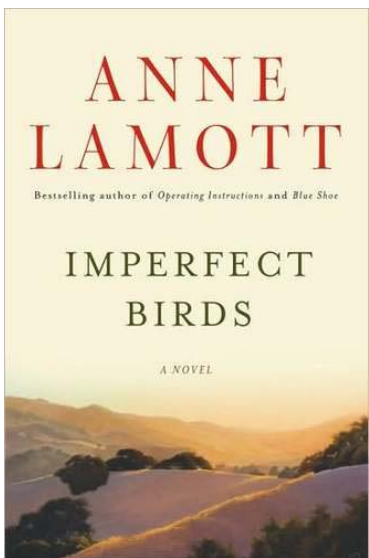
- October 2: New Carpet Work Party (10AM)
- October 5: Father Waddy Celebration (6PM)
- October 24: "Conversations With" (4PM)
- October 31: Reformation Day (All Day)

Recommended Reading: "Imperfect Birds"

Anne Lamott is like a prophet in the wilderness. She is either the reassuring voice that proclaims good news to the broken or the terrifying whisper every parent tries to suppress.

Her newest novel is flawlessly imperfect and utterly mesmerizing.

Imperfect Birds is filled with love, humor, honesty, and sorrow. More importantly, it is a book every parent should read for two simple reasons: life is never as clean as we would like— and that's okay.



Heroes

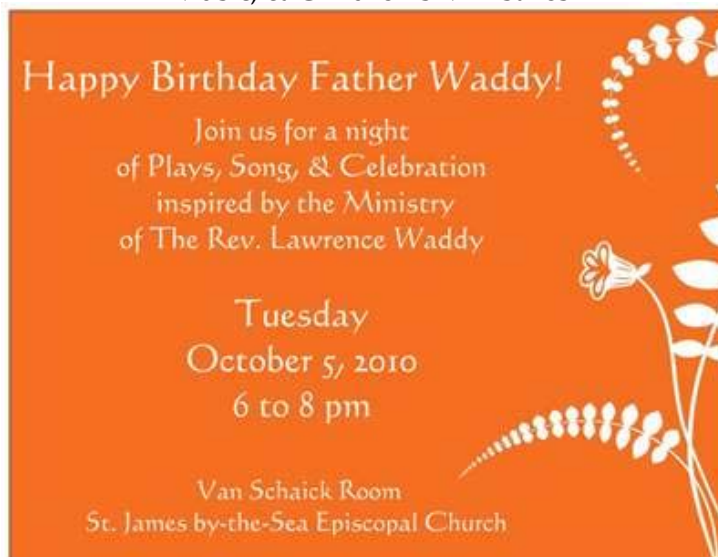
Over the next few weeks and months, the Youth Group will be hearing about the real rock stars of the Christian faith—those so inspired, moved, and changed by Jesus that they literally transformed the world around them. The stories will highlight some of the most favored saints of our beloved communion, thought they not always be in tune with the myths and legends surrounding them. The women and men that are remembered in our history 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.

Children's Ministries Celebrate the Birthday of the late Father Waddy A Celebratory Evening of Music & Drama Readings

Tuesday, October 5 at 6 pm

A fundraiser for the Waddy Fund for Bible Drama, Music, & Children's Ministries



Mrs. Lawrence Waddy & Children's Ministries invite you to a celebration dinner and tribute to Father Waddy. All ages are invited!

Selections of his Bible Drama and music will be performed by Amy Garrett, Amanda Guest, Tiffany Tesch, John Tessmer, Mandy Davis Wischkaemper, Mark Wischkaemper, and others!



Suggested donation of \$20 per person. Children 10 and under are free. **RSVP to Mandy Davis Wischkaemper at (858) 459-3421 x108 or email amanda.davis@sjbts.org by Sunday, October 3.**

The Secret Life of Our Parishioners

By Sue Adams, Minister of Communications & Programs

Who: Thomas (Tom) Grunow

Favorite Sunday Service: 7:30 am

Career: Builder **Secret Life? Read On!**

Although his 30's Spanish-style home has a La Jolla address, Tom Grunow doesn't really live there.

This is a man who lives in and from his soul.

The late French Priest, André Rochais, stated that who we truly are, the person created by and for God, resides deep within us, in our *Inner Being*. It is here where we meet the Transcendent. When we access our inner Being, our soul, we find peace, calm, integrity, and our deepest sense of gratitude. It is from this place where Tom speaks, listens and lives.

This was not the "secret" life interview I had been prepared to write about. I thought I was going to just write about his love of surfing—peacefully and prayerfully enjoying the sensations of the ride, the water, the endorphins, and the "camaraderie of exhilaration" with others—especially the "old souls," as he calls the surfers his age.

Recently, hearing a promise of a good summer south swell in Baja, this "addiction" as he calls it, had him catch a flight from Tijuana to La Paz, then drive four hours to his favorite surf spot in Baja, the

small fishing village of San Juanico; only to return in time for the Vestry meeting, as the chair of our Building & Facilities Committee.

But there was more to write about.

Tom strives to blend peacefulness and joy into each day. Gratitude is a major theme for him.



"I moved here in 1986 from Connecticut and established my construction company (Grunow Construction). I have worked for and been welcomed into the homes of so many wonderful people. This community has been so good to me and it makes me feel good to give back." He volunteers 5 to 6 hours a week. Tom is chairman of the Facilities Committee and a member of the Board of the La Jolla Historical Society. He also volunteers his time as an usher and chair of the Building Committee for St. James.

"I have really been surprised at the great feeling my volunteer work has given me. When I retire I'd like to use my skills to help people...A friend recently told me that they were going to Haiti to help and I was jealous; this seems exciting to me!"

Retirement is on hold now until his son Dan, 28 years old (also a surfer), is ready to take over the company. His other son, Charlie, age 30, is pursuing his passion as a car mechanic in San Diego. Tom's daughter, Alyssa, is 33, lives in Philadelphia and is busy raising his two beloved grandchildren, Georgia and Daisy-Alanna.

Tom is satisfied with the accomplishments of the Facilities Committee over the last few years. Two years ago, the committee completed the planning and construction of the beautiful new bathrooms in the base of the bell tower. "Last year we oversaw the replacement of the flat roofs on the church which had leaked for years."



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The Secret Life of Our Parishioners, continued

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Currently they have finished the detailed analysis for the renovation of the stone veneer on the bell tower and the entry columns and have selected a contractor. Additionally, the groundwork has been laid for several future major repairs – the roofing of the Church and Hall, design and preliminary bids for lighting the fountain courtyard, repairs to the fountain and plans for seating/planter around the patio palm tree. Tom, loving St. James, has overseen the drafting of a preliminary master plan for the entire St James facility including a new entrance to the office with much-needed handicap access, and a plan to open up the dark, almost unusable basement rooms to the outdoors and courtyard. “We don’t have the funding right now, but we are ready to move forward.”

Nine years ago was a turning point in his spiritual life (he was raised in the Episcopal Church). Tom faced esophageal cancer (only a 5% survival rate of one year for patients with metastasizes) and made a solemn vow, in a hospital chapel of the Mayo Clinic, to use his life and talents for God. Most people who undergo the invasive surgery are told that they will never have the energy to work again, or in Tom’s case, work, surf or practice yoga. He practiced, very mindfully, using yoga techniques and his new-found spirituality to regain his health in only two years.

“Cancer is not a ‘blessing’ as some people may say, but I did learn from it. You have to find a way to live with the constant anxiety and yet, find peace.” He continues to live up to his vow, including attending a weekly breakfast bible study group.

His faith, strength of being, and the practice of calmness that he learned from his cancer, was put to the test only two years ago. Within a single year he

suddenly lost “his Alanna” - his wife of 30 years, then his brother Steve, to esophageal cancer, then his secretary of 20 years, and finally, a young employee his son’s age. “I thought - how much can I take?”

He found out how strong he had become, able to cope and stay self-aware, and to find a way to express gratitude and thankfulness for his family and this beautiful community. “This community was there for me...with cards, meals and support.”

Sunday is a day for rest, spirituality, yoga, surfing, and gardening. His Sunday practices bring him a source of peacefulness that helps to carry him more calmly through the entire week.

“Calmness is my anchor – it is a theme for me. I work at being calm and balanced to handle the demands of my business, volunteer time, changed life, and family. Each morning I meditate before I get up, letting the thoughts come and go. It gives me a fuller appreciation of life...gratitude for the added time I have been given here on this earth.”



Tom at a favorite Baja Surf Spot

He takes a vacation every 6 weeks, usually to Baja, Hawaii, or to visit his granddaughters

After this interview I am now *really* sure we are blessed to have Tom Grunow at St. James. And, I am excited for his future and look forward to knowing how God will further use this grateful and willing man.

Building Committee Chooses a Contractor to Repair the Bell Tower's Stone Veneer

By Tom Grunow, Chair of the Building & Facilities Committee

The focus of the Building Committee's September 15, 2010 meeting was to review the three bids for the refurbishing of the bell tower stone and entry columns. Over the years the salt air has caused the reinforcing behind the stone to rust and expand; this has caused the stone to crack. The bell tower's structural integrity is not a concern; the stone is a veneer.

Over the past 7 months the engineering firm of Curry, Price and Court has studied the conditions and identified specifications and plans for the work. The findings of the engineering study recommend the work be done in the immediate future. The rusting will only progressively get more extensive and the resulting cost and extent of work will escalate. The engineers thought the cost of the work could double if not performed in the next 5 to 10 years.

Three bids were obtained. The lowest bid is for \$172,000 from Spectra Company, a company with a long track record of performing this type of work.

At the September 21 Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved the Building Committee's selection of Spectra and authorized the committee to meet with them to review the details of their bid and to negotiate a contract for the work.

The proposal entails scaffolding the bell tower and wrapping it with a windscreen for a period of approximately 5 months. During this time, the paint on the lower bell tower would be repaired and the

porch roof into the nave would be replaced. The bookstore roof will also be scaffolded. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$275,000. The church does not have the funds at this time to undertake this work.

The shingle and flat roofs of St. James Hall are nearing the end of their useful life spans. There are several leaks caused by the roof-mounted heat duct system. The shingle roof is losing its mineral surface thus exposing the underlying asphalt to the sun's UV rays. This will lead to the cracking and curling of the shingles, making their inevitable removal difficult and much more expensive. With the pending lease of the Hall, the Vestry has authorized the funds to have this work done now. The building committee will obtain competitive bids from qualified roofing contractors and then oversee the work.

Several months ago, a donation of \$5,000 was made to St. James for building a poured-concrete bench and planter around the palm tree in the fountain patio area. The cost to construct the planter, including installing electrical wall and tree lighting, is \$8,000. The balance of the funding for this project is being sought.

The upgrading of the fountain exterior and cap has also been estimated and bids obtained. If you would like to make a significant difference to the patio, please contact Father Randal or Tom Grunow, the building committee chairman.

Finally, it is recognized that when evening events are held in the nave, the outdoor lighting on the patio is inadequate. The building committee has developed a plan and budget for this work. Your donation could make improvement become a reality and be a source of pride for you!





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