

Sunday Readings

August 2 Pentecost 9 Proper 13

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

Psalm 51:1-13

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 9 Pentecost 10 Proper 14

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 16 Pentecost 11 Proper 15

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 23 Pentecost 12 Proper 16

1 Kings 8:(1, 5, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

August 30 Pentecost 13 Proper 17

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Monday Evening Prayer

5:30 pm In the Chapel

Project 158

Let's Bring our Church Budget Home

by Randal Gardner, Rector

Our church has hardly been immune to the economic crunch of this year. Yet, through the generosity of our members and the diligence of Vestry and Staff in cutting costs, we are close to balancing our budget for 2008.

I hope you will take a moment to appreciate how significant this is. Our first budget draft for this year showed us more than \$400,000 in the red. The Vestry aggressively trimmed spending and opted to use every possible source of revenue we could take without spending down the endowed funds we hold as a trust for the future. The staff took a cut in pay. And you, the members of the church, maintained a level of giving that will probably surpass what you gave in 2008. We really deserve a big cheer and pat on the back and thank you's all around.

Even so, we still show a deficit projection of about \$77,000. That figure is a hold-the-line number that won't restore salaries or laid-off staff. However, if we can raise that \$77,000 now we will be so much better off as we begin our budget building process for 2010.

Here's where Project 158 comes in. If every household of the church would give an additional \$158, — just \$158 — we'll erase that deficit and balance our budget. Look to the insert in this *Chimes* for a brochure that has a mid-year report and a giving card for taking part. Please help make Project 158 a success, and while the rest of the world shows red ink, let's put our church in the black. 🌍

A Personal Note:

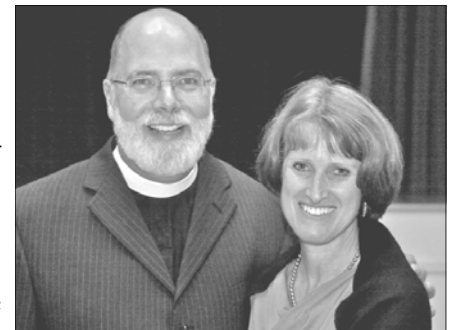
Thank you for your kindness and care

My mother's death at the beginning of July was a terrible blow for my whole family. She was a great lady who spent most of her adult years caring for the smallest and weakest in the society. Just a few months ago she helped to host the first Tent City in her community — kind of like our Interfaith Shelter but with the public display of tents on the church lawn. She scoffed at the hate mail she received and spent every afternoon visiting the tents where families down on their luck — out of a job, indebted by a hospital bill, disabled by an injury — created a small community of hope and friendship. Not bad for a 79 year old widow.

Her death also brought the church's light into the darkness of our grief. Here at St. James and in the midst of her church on Mercer Island we have been sustained and blessed by the generous outpouring of care and sympathy. So many cards, so many expressions of care, so many offers of hugs and even tears.

It may seem a small thing to express compassion, or a token thing to drop a card in the mail. But on the receiving end it does so much to build up strength, to cushion sadness with kindness, to renew hope in the midst of loss. We are kind to each other in the church because it is a way to show the love of Christ. And we show the love of Christ because we have been loved by him first.

We thank you for your kindness and your care. It has been a gift beyond the value you could imagine.



Randal, Cathy, Chris & Clair, and Michael

Church and the World

Environmental Stewardship Continues

By Eleanor Ellsworth, Sr. Associate Rector

Over the years, St. James has partnered with other organizations to provide housing for those in serious need of basic shelter. In recent times we, St. James, have partnered with Icology Group to build in Mexico. Icology is unique with its emphasis on environmentally sound techniques, materials and leadership.

We are invited to again join with Icology in late August for a build in Mexico. (Please read the excerpted letter below). If you are able to volunteer, call the church office to sign up for the St. James team. * Note that there is a \$300 per volunteer fee which is paid to YWAM, the host organization. If the fee is problematic, but you would like to participate, contact me right away at 858 459-3421 x105.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a volunteer or contribute financially may send checks to St. James, Attention *Eleanor Ellsworth*, and made out to *St. James*, with *Icology Build* in the memo line.

Blessed Summer!

The Rev. Eleanor Ellsworth, Sr. Associate Rector



The 2nd I Home™ to be built in Rosarito, August 22—23

Excerpts from a letter from Icology Group

Icology Group's (I Build™) partner and host is again *Youth With A Mission - San Diego/Baja*. Through their "Homes of Hope" program, they will provide transportation, dorm-style accommodations, and meals at their campus, plus logistics support for the entire weekend. We leave San Diego Friday evening, build the I Home on Saturday, and hand the keys to the family at noon on Sunday, returning that afternoon.

Every penny and every person counts. Please support us in whatever way you can as we work to bring affordable, quality and ecologically sound housing to those most in need. Whether you choose to make a financial contribution or join us to experience first-hand the excitement of building a home for someone in need, we welcome you and family members. You will be making a huge difference to the low income family-of-7 who will receive this I Home.

Please see our website at www.icologygroup.com.

Jacky Vel, President, Icology Group, Inc.
jackyv@icologygroup.com (760) 402-1696.

St. James Green Initiative Icon Contest

St. James is looking for an artist to draw or create an icon that will mark our commitment to environmental stewardship. This image will become a part of how St. James expresses our dedication to this worthy cause. If interested, please submit an icon on a sheet of paper that is no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches. Color is optional. All ages are welcome to participate. Submissions due no later than August 30. Please submit your icon to Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families, chris.bernard@sjbts.org. P: 858 459-3421 x120.

The Collect for Stewardship of Creation

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O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Simple way to save \$ and Reduce Energy Usage

By Mark Wischkaemper

Here's a fact I bet you didn't know: a modern television uses more power while turned off than a 1950's television used when it was on. The same is true with a number of modern household appliances, including DVD players and stereo amplifiers. Your television is currently sucking 8 ohms of electricity an hour, just sitting there, unwatched. Also, anything with an LED clock or a little red light is devouring juice, regardless of use.

Fortunately, there's an easy fix to reduce this energy usage – and the big advantage is it saves a substantial amount of money on your electricity bill. Simply plug all your entertainment appliances into a single power strip with a surge protector, and turn off the power strip when they're not in use. (If you have a DVR, you'll need to plug that directly into the wall. That has to be on all the time to work properly.)

My power bill was lowered by more than 50% with this single change – and went down even further when I did the same for my desktop computer and microwave. Cell phone chargers and laptops should be unplugged when not in use, too.

I love it when going green actually saves me money!

St. James Gift Shop

Busy, Busy, Busy!!

We have lots of things planned
for the rest of the year !!

August 1 and 2... a huge Patio Sale to clear the way
for our new fall merchandise-- 50 to 75% off selected
items— including folk art, religious art, jewelry, cards, mir-
rors. 10 am to 4 PM both days

TRUNK SHOW

Wednesday, August 12

2 PM to 6 PM

Featuring ~~

- Alfredo Franco Vara of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with his handcrafted jewelry
- David Fast, watercolors and acrylic paintings

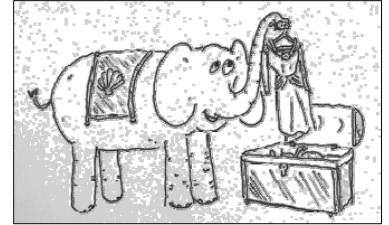
*Join us at the home of
David and Karen Fast
1419 Vue Du Bay Court
San Diego, 92109*

There will be trunk shows on: *Wednesday, Septem-
ber 9, Wednesday, October 14, and Wednesday, Novem-
ber 11. Mark your calendars, these will be really fun to
attend~ wine, cheese and meet great talented people.

Lots of surprises!

**homes, artists and locations to be announced later*

The 77th Elephant Sale!



Again we ask... What's in Your Trunk?

*Want to volunteer, or just get to know the
'Elephant people' better ?*

Come to the volunteer tea
August 15th, 3 -5 pm in the VS room.
Please RSVP to the front desk (858-459-3421)

- Friday the 18th is First Choice Night—5:30 -7:30
\$10 advance admission, \$15 at the door, 20%
added to prices, complimentary wine & cheese.
- Saturday the 19th is the main sale from 9 am - 3
pm with the Holy Smoke grill open from 11am
until the food runs out.
- Sunday the 20th is Half-Price Afternoon from 12
noon to 3 pm

Thanks to all who have donated so far, and to you
who are planning to bring wonderful things to us any day
now. It is a win - win situation where you regain space in
your storage areas and we collect the treasures that turn
into funding for St James' outreach programs.

We're collecting your donations through August at our
donations door - in back of St James Hall, down the alley
off Silverado (by the dumpster - such a landmark!) . You'll
find us there between services on Sundays or by appoint-
ment; we can easily schedule an appointment- so don't
hesitate to call.

Again, we are looking for antiques, collectibles, art-
work, decor items, better clothing & shoes, nice linens,
both 'real' and costume jewelry, CDs, DVDs, and books
(please no textbooks or encyclopedias). We want furni-
ture, but hope you can hold on to it until we move into the
Hall on Labor Day Monday. Call us if you need it removed
before then. If you have questions, please call.

Help us to make this our best sale ever. *Word-of-
mouth* publicity is the best kind. Tell your friends about
the wonderful sale at your church.

Questions ? Call or email Nan 858-549-2322,
nan.giraffe@gmail.com or Lyn 858-246-6237,
lgansc@yahoo.com. Check out this information and
more on the church website stjamesbythesea.org

Youth Notes

By Chris Bernard, Pastor for Youth & Families

August Calendar

- August 7-9: Art of Latin America
- August 15: Car Wash Fundraiser
(more info coming)
- August 22-23: YWAM House Build
- August 29: Lock-In – St. James Hall
- September 6: Parent Meeting at 9:00 AM

Contact Chris Bernard for more information at:
459-3421 x120 or chris.bernard@sjbts.org



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The following publications are available: Books: *Memories and Stories of WWII*; *Boiled Egg Homilies* (40 short sermons); *The Faith of America*; *Abraham to La Jolla* (10 talks, 2005-2006).

DVD's from St. James presentations: Note: they are not professionally done, but good quality, (except for a period in *The Family of Man*. Go past it, the rest is good!) *Damien* (1990); *Shakespeare Remembers* (1991); *Now With The Morning Star* (2004); *The Faith of America* (1994); *The Family of Man* (1995). All sell for \$10, including tax. To order, call the office or email Father Waddy at lawrencewaddy@yahoo.com. A free copy of *JOB*, the 1963 award-winning musical produced by the BBC is free with each order. (We cannot sell these.)



Our Stewardship of Creation

St. James went GREEN on St. James Day,
July 19th. What does this mean for us?

and
PROJECT 158???