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# The St James' Beacon

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and  
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April 2010

### Fr. Jeff's Commentary:

#### **RISEN TODAY**

So often our celebration of the resurrection ends up looking at the past (the resurrection of Jesus), or the future (our own after we die). But, for me, the main issue is what *is* resurrection, not what *was* or what *will be*. We sing “Jesus Christ is risen *today*”, and that’s the only place we really live....today.

For me the biggest change in my thinking about resurrection came with the realization that God isn’t limited by time at all. Time is part of our limited nature. We live, at least in our present state, moment by moment. God, however, by definition, live in the “fullness of time”, in its wholeness, without past of future, in what Paul Tillich called the “Eternal Now”.

Since I believe that resurrection is life in the presence of God, I see resurrection in that same, timeless way too. It’s not so much an “after” life, where we continue to have experiences in the same, moment by moment, way that we do now. It’s, rather, *true* life, in its wholeness, experienced (if that’s the right word) for the very first time. It’s not so much that we will meet, once again, those we’ve loved in the past. Rather, we will be aware, again for the very first time, that we’ve been fully connected with them all along; that our experiences, thoughts, and emotions,

conscious and unconscious, are contiguous with theirs in the one great structure of God’s eternity.

This sense of the relativity of time and the ultimate unification of all reality (past, present, future, material, moral, spiritual, etc., etc.) is at the heart of much that I’ve been reading in physics and psychology as well.

We see now, of course, only “through a glass darkly”. But the little that I see in that dim glimpse gives me joy and hope beyond the telling.

Happy Easter. The Lord is Risen indeed.



#### Easter Schedule

**March 31 Healing Service  
10: 00 AM - 6:00 PM Seder  
Followed buy Potluck**

**April 1 Maundy Thursday  
10:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

**April 2 Good Friday 12:00  
Noon Stations of the Cross  
12:00 & 7:00 PM Eucharist**

*April 4 Easter Sunday*

#### Worship

Sunday: 8:00 AM Rite I Eucharist  
10:00 AM Rite II Eucharist

Wednesday: 10:AM Rite I Healing Eucharist  
Forth Sunday Rite II with celebration music

**2009 Vestry**

Senior Warden—  
Carl Chan  
Junior Warden—  
Heidi Sullivan

Tina Carpenter  
Ellie Clarkson  
Rob Eaton  
Lynn Paduck  
Linda Kingsley  
John Ruiz  
Heidi Sullivan

Treasurer—Liz  
Williams  
Vestry Clerk—  
Diocesan Liaison  
Contact — Beverly  
Anderson

**Clothing Donations on the way to Haiti:**

“Refugees in Hinche need clothes and other personal items!” The call came out from Rev. DeCamps after the earthquake on January 12<sup>th</sup>, as refugees poured into Hinche. St. Andre’s Ministry Team mobilized a clothing drive, and clothes began arriving from parishioners, Rippling River residents, Tularcitos School, and St. James Episcopal Church, Monterey. The next, much more difficult problem was how to get all these items to Haiti and hopefully upcountry to Hinche. It didn’t seem possible, but then, after months of diligent effort, a Team member finally made contact with the director of Sirona Cares Foundation in San Francisco and an opportunity began to take shape.

Sirona Cares, with support from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, was working with the U.S. Coast Guard to transport items they were collecting to Haiti, and they invited us to join their effort. Thus, last week our team drove two vans full of 30 large plastic containers, packed with a wide variety of clothes for all ages, to a San Francisco warehouse. The containers will soon be on their way to Hinche.

Thank you, again, St. Dunstan’s.

**Facebook Announcement**

This past month Father Jeff set up a “Facebook” page to help reach out to a wider Saint James community. It’s what is called a “fan page.” You need to be on Facebook to log into the page, but it is a way to communicate with people who are. Its usefulness grows as people become fans, so, even if you yourself are not on Facebook, please share the following site with those who are:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Monterey-CA/Saint-James-Episcopal-Church-Monterey/106905259327321?ref=ts>

If you are on Facebook, or want to join, please become a fan and share the site with your “friends.”

Our Bishop has promoted the use of new technologies for the church, especially those that may reach a younger audience than that currently represented in our pews.

We also have our website at [www.saintjamesmonterey.org](http://www.saintjamesmonterey.org).

**Any feedback on either of these ventures will be most appreciated.**

**Women’s Book Review Group:**

The next meeting of the women will be at Phyllis Meurer’s house April 15th beginning at 6:30 PM. All women of the church are invited. Contact Phyllis at 484-5640 for directions and information about the group.

The book they are currently reviewing is “*The Tortilla Curtain*” by T.C. Boyle

**Book Review****THE POWER OF HALF**

By Kevin Salwen and Hannah Salwen

This is a book about one family’s decision to stop taking and start giving back. It is written by a father and daughter. It all started when Hannah and her father were driving home one day and while waiting at a traffic signal Hannah, then a fourteen year old teenager, noticed a homeless man on one side of their car and a fancy Mercedes on the other side. Suddenly she had a “Eureka” moment. She said to her father, “Dad, if that man had a less nice car, that man there could have a meal.” And so began a journey in the Salwen family to reevaluate their life and ended up with a family decision to sell their large home in the nicest part of Atlanta, buy a smaller home and take half the profit and give it away. It is an amazing story from the reaction of their friends, “what are you crazy?” to the challenges of deciding what to do with the money. Their journey eventually led them to Ghana but along the way the Salwens learned it isn’t the amount of money you give, it’s the act of giving that changes your life, and others. They had hoped to make a small difference in the world and ended up transforming themselves.

*I thoroughly enjoyed the book and highly recommend it.*  
Rachel Mueller

**Men’s Breakfast:**

I sent out a questionnaire regarding frequency and interest in continuing men’s breakfast. What feed back I did receive indicated a quarterly meeting would be of interest. Unfortunately I let the month of may slip by without arranging things, so we are going ahead with the breakfast on April 3rd, the Saturday before Easter. This will be a pot-luck with Stan Cook supplying Waffles and strawberries etc. Joe Pagano is bringing Juice, **do I have an offer of bringing Sausages or ham ?**

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Please let me know in advance so that we know how many and how much.

Larry Email at larrys-sidecomcast.net.

### *Outreach Food Donations*

#### FROM SOUP TO NUTS

Let's focus on soup – any kind of soup – bean soup, lentil soup, tomato soup, cheese soup, chicken noodle soup, beef and barley soup, broccoli soup, pea soup, carrot soup – you get the idea. Bring whatever you can. And if you don't want to bring soup, bring nuts – peanuts, walnuts, pecans, almonds, brazil nuts, hazelnuts, pine nuts. Nuts are a great source of protein and don't require cooking so they are great to give folks who don't have cooking facilities. Your Outreach Committee thanks you!

### *ST. JAMES' OUTREACH COMMITTEE*

#### *A Review of 2009*

Continuing to build upon the work of the past several years, 2009 was another full year of Outreach activities.

During Lent we sponsored five soup dinners with speakers on various projects within our community. These projects included a presentation about Interim, a group that provides supportive services and quality housing to people with mental illness; a presentation by Fr. Jon Perez on the Outreach projects and activities at Epiphany Lutheran in Marina including their Food Pantry; a program about Easter Seals presented by Tracy Chappell, Director of Development and Mark Wenzler, Director for Autisim Programs; an update by Bill Sullivan on The Bulisa Project in Uganda; and a program by Fred Meurer on the many and varied programs in Monterey County for the elderly and less fortunate. We were also included in the Salvation Army Open House.

The committee, with the approval of the Vestry, divided our budgeted funds between international support and local projects. On the international scene, the following projects were funded:

**The Bulisa Project** received \$2,000 to continue our support of Heidi and Bill Sullivan and their work in Uganda.

**Tanganyika School** received \$500 for scholarships to support five (5) students for public school.

**Haiti Scholarships** received \$150 to sponsor two (2)

students at St. Andre's Episcopal School in Hinche, Haiti.

**Hope With Sudan** received \$100 to support schooling for four (4) orphan children for a year.

On the local scene we gave \$500 to **Gateway Center**, an organization that supports persons with developmental disabilities in Pacific Grove, California.

**I-HELP**, a Shelter Outreach program received \$500 to continue our support of providing hot meals and shelter to homeless men in Monterey County.

In September the St. James Texas Infirmary All Star band donated their time and talent at the Monterey Deanery Santa Maria Barbecue to celebrate the companion dioceses of Western Tanganyika and Gloucester.

At Thanksgiving we set aside \$250 for assistance within the parish in the form of gift cards for food and food baskets. In addition we helped Epiphany Lutheran provide a Thanksgiving dinner for over 200 homeless by supplying 50 pounds of baked ham, 50 pounds of roasted carrots, 10 pounds of roasted yams, 25 lbs. of canned vegetables, a lug of persimmons, a green bean casserole and 14 lbs. of roasted root vegetable casserole. Parishioners also helped serve the food.

At Christmas we supported the **Monterey County Mental Health Department's Children's Division** by providing food and gift packages to six families. In addition we contributed \$300 toward gift cards for food to supplement those packages.

Individual parishioners further supported the international work of the church in East Africa through **African Team Ministries**. All together \$100 was collected through purchase of their arts and crafts. We also collected 15 pounds of "Snacks" to send to Joe Gilliam, a member of the Air Force deployed in Iraq and husband of our parishioner Holly Gilliam.

Recapping 2009, we spent \$4,300 in Outreach. Of the \$2,750 we gave internationally, \$2,000 went to support the work of two of our parishioners. Local Monterey County organization received \$1,550 plus our donations of food.

And last but not least, we filled our food baskets at

the back of the church with canned food over and over. This food was distributed to the Thomas Carman Food Pantry at Epiphany Lutheran in Marina. And we continue to support the numerous non-profit groups that meet in McGowan House by maintaining the building and making it a warm and inviting place for meetings.

*Respectfully submitted: Cathy Gordon, Beverly Anderson, Heidi Sullivan, Audra Krebs, Tina Carpenter and Rachel Mueller, committee members.*

Further it should be noted that in 2010 our donations of food will be going to support the food bank that is being established in the basement of the McGowan House.

### *Commission on Vitality and Growth:*

Sunday March 28th Mrs. Pat Williams and her husband The Rev. Bob Williams attended the 10:00 AM service. Pat and seven others from throughout the diocese have been commissioned by the Diocese of El Comino Real to visit all churches within the Diocese to brainstorm on how better to serve the community and successful ideas for church growth. Thus far they have 14 ideas that other churches have worked with, and in the coming news letters we will be sharing those ideas with our own members.

*“Church vitality is a condition we all hope to experience in our local congregation. When a congregation has vitality there is a sense that anything can happen here! There is a spirit of belonging, purpose, willingness, engagement, joy, authenticity, friendship and care. There is a unmistakable sense that God is among us and our soul’s spiritual and emotional yearnings will be satisfied and healed. The people who attend congregations that have this vitality also experience a deep satisfaction through their experience of corporate worship, learning, community service and ministry. All in all they feel a part of a community and near to the heart of God. The essence of vitality is practically overwhelming when we think about it. As wonderful as the description above sounds, is not near complete. That’s the unfathomable nature of vitality. Now the natural question... How is vitality created? And what will happen when it has filled the atmosphere of your parish and of this diocese?”*

Taken from the commissions web site.

## Happy Birthday

### April

Larry Sublet – 8  
 Rachel Mueller – 7  
 Richard Mueller - 10  
 Maradeane Adler – 11  
 Beverly Anderson – 13  
 Jeff Kohn – 18  
 Pat Feore -18

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AND, AS ALWAYS, I WANT TO REMIND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT YET FANNED OUR CHURCH ON FACEBOOK TO DO SO