



ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

CONNECTION connecting all to our vision
A Community Center with a Congregation at Its Heart.

ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY

On March 7, St. John's will be celebrating its 140th anniversary. Come for food and fun after worship. We will also be honoring our Sunday School Teachers. More info on page 4.



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PASTORAL MUSINGS

During the season of Lent, most think about something to give up — a sacrifice that will remind them of the temptations of this world.

Temptations much like Jesus faced in the wilderness for 40 days. At face value, it appears that Jesus is tempted with hunger, power, and glory. These seem like basic human temptations we all face. Therefore, Jesus wasn't being tempted on human weakness, but on his very identity as the Son of God.

With that identity came a specific call and vocation that he was born to do. Likewise, those who are his followers are tested concerning their baptismal vocation. Through baptism, we are called to be obedient and to serve God with all our heart, soul, and mind. But our faith is tested throughout the course of our lives. And we have comfort in knowing that God remains faithful, even if we fail.

As a faith community, we strive to be God's loving presence in our community. One way we show

God's love is through our Harvest program, where we provide supplemental groceries to over 250 families in need. We do this because this is what the church is called to do. Through Harvest, we live out Christ's call to feed the hungry and provide for those in need. And this does not go unnoticed.

Walgreens and San Francisco Chronicle chose Harvest as a recipient of \$2,600 — recognizing the positive presence and service we provide in our community. This donation will feed over 250 families for ten weeks.

Our kids are also following in these footsteps. Last month, the held two

bake sales in order to raise money for Harvest. On one Sunday, they raised over \$370 with the baked goods they made with their parents. This money will help feed 350 families for one week.

You all are truly an inspiration as you continue to live out your baptismal vocation of sharing God's love.

Pastor Theresa.



John Templeton, John Anderson, and faithful volunteers accept a check from Randy Johnson, Manager of Walgreens at Laurel Heights.

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**NORMAL
OFFICE HOURS**
Mon: appointment only
Wed: 10am - 5pm

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CELEBRATION connecting all to God's presence

10am Worship Celebration
THE LIGHTHOUSE (CHILDCARE): Each Sunday, 9.45 – 11.30am in the chapel
March

Season of Lent

- 7 Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9
- 14 Joshua 5.9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32
- 21 Isaiah 43.16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

Palm Sunday

- 28 Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 19.28-40

PARKING

Seniors: white zones. Guests only: Dble Prkg on Lake. (Police enforce complaints of blocking cars.) Prkg @ St Anne's - 3rd & Lake until 11.45am in parking lot.

LENT & EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Palm Sunday, March 28
10am Holy Week Pageant

Good Friday, April 2
6.30pm Worship of Reflection & Music

Easter Sunday, April 4
7am Worship at Crissy Field Picnic Tables

10am Worship with Trumpets
Easter Egg Hunt following 10am worship

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is 40 days (not counting the six Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. It is a time of preparation for Easter – the most important festival of the church year. The English word "Lent" is derived from the word "lengthen" because, in the northern hemisphere, where the season as we know it today developed its present character, Lent occurs at the time of year when the days are lengthening after the short, dark days of winter. The color used throughout Lent is purple, indicating a time of repentance.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

March 7 daylight savings begins. Don't forget to set your clocks forward the night before.



OPEN ANTHEM SUNDAY

Is this you?

- I like to sing in the shower
- I've thought about singing in a choir
- I don't read music
- I can't be in church every week



If so, we have a deal for you. We call it "Open Anthem Sunday." On the first Sunday every month we'll pick a fun, easy anthem, give you the music in advance, and provide you with an online lesson on our Web site. All you have to do is send me an e-mail at (kcirwin@stjohnssf.org) or talk to me after Sunday service and I'll send you the link and that'll be that no pressure, no pain, no long-term commitments.

COMMUNITY connecting each to one another

GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Men's Group - Meet first Saturday of every month at 8:00am at Lucky Penny (Geary & Masonic). Info: John Lenox, 752-1365.

Faith on Tap - Meet at The Bitter End pub (441 Clement St. b/w 5th & 6th Ave), March 17, Wed., 6.30-7.30pm. Faith not required, just a curiosity to explore. See pastor John for info.

Gospel Bites - Let's together chew on the images of St. John at the Bitter End pub (441 Clement, @ 5th & 6th) March 3 (1st Wednesdays), 6.30-7.30pm. See pastor John or just show up.

AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

St. John's Library Collection On Website — St. John's library is on the web! Check out a list of our collection. Feel free to check out books any time.

Desire Prayer? — If you are interested in leading the prayer chain, please contact Evelyn Ho, eyho@usfca.edu or 422.0662.

KNITTERS & THE WORD

Every Tuesday, 7-8.30pm, knit and study the Scripture. Experienced and knitting novices are welcome to join.

See Deb McGuire (dmcguire@stjohnssf.org) for more information.



ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

are responsible for the overall function & mission of the church.

- Lisa Bazinet
- Brian Co
- Steve Heminger
- Evelyn Ho
- Kim Kwok
- Fiona Ma
- Jesse Medlen
- Carol Ogilvie
- Doug Olds
- Mark Palmer
- Anne Warren

DEACONS

are responsible for the individual needs of the congregation.

- Jackie Autry
- Susanne Dunnigan
- Rick Harris
- Matt Reno
- Suzanne Reno
- May Lyn Tam
- Dale Walker
- Andy Woodard

Meetings are usually the 4th Monday of every month, 7-9pm.



March 25, 7pm, come for food and conversation at Il Fornaio (Italian) @ 1265 Battery (b/w Broadway & Pacific). Contact pastor Theresa for more information, to suggest a restaurant, to get on the email list, and to RSVP so that we can make a reservation.

APRIL 22 — Mai's Authentic Vietnamese

MAY 27 — Pagan (Burmese)

JUNE 24 — Elite Cafe (Southern)

For a list of more restaurants and information, go to www.stjohnssf.org/alphabet_diners.com.



ST. JOHN'S 140th ANNIVERSARY

St. John's will celebrate its 140th anniversary on **March 7**. Although St. John's has been in the Richmond District for 100 years, it has been in existence for 140 years, moving three times. The first location was originally St. James Episcopal Church at Post St. near Mason. It was built in 1866. In 1870, St. John's purchased the building for \$45,000 and began worshipping there on March 6, 1870. In 1888, St. John's moved to its second location on California & Octavia and finally landing in its present location in 1906. **Join us on March 7 as we celebrate our church's birthday after worship with food and fun.**

Bring a dish to share. Names starting:

A-G – Vegetable/Side Dishes

H-O – Fruit/Salad

P-Z – Bread/Cheese



ST. JOHN'S EVENTS 2009/10

March

- 7 St. John's 140th Anniversary
- 14 Daylight Savings Begins
- 28 Holy Week Pageant

April

- 2 Good Friday
- 4 Easter, 7am (Crissy Field) & 10am
- 11 All-Family Worship

May

- 9 Mother's Day
- 23 Pentecost

June

- 13 New Officer Ordination/Installation
- Sunday School ends
- 20 Father's Day

July

- 18 AIDS Walk

September

- 5 Sunday School Begins

October

- 3 World Communion Sunday
- 17 All Church Picnic

November

- 7 Daylight Savings ends
- 27 Saturday, Greening of the Church

December

- 19 All-Church Christmas Pageant
- Tenderloin Caroling
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 4.30p & 7p

January

- 30 Commitment Sunday

February

- 4-6 Annual Lake Tahoe Snow Trip

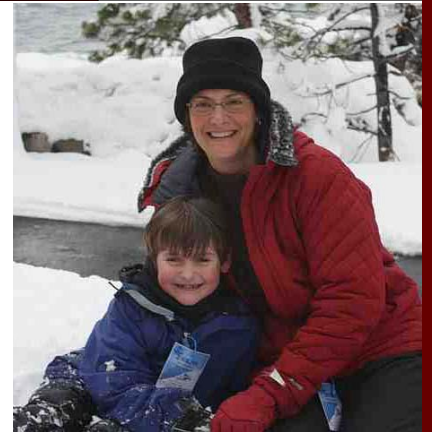
For more photos of the Snow Retreat at Zephyr Point, go to www.stjohnssf.org/photo_album.html



Dominic, Dan, Lucy, & Lukas build an impressive snowman.



Dominic showing off his snowball throwing form.



Peter & Lisa

PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



The Bazinet's



Snowball Fight!!



Chuck & Tai all dressed up for the snow.



Peter making a snow angel.

The Bacho's enjoying a wonderful time in the snow.



COMMITMENT connecting all to one's faith

"Continue God's Work"

2009 St. John's Commitment Card



I am grateful for all that God has given me and give to God a portion of that which belongs to God. With prayerful consideration, I make my commitment as part of my personal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to St. John's.

Name: _____



God's Treasure

I offer back to God my gift of . . .

\$ _____ a week month year



God's Time and Talents

I offer back to God my gift of . . .

- Volunteer at Harvest (Circle choice)
Monthly Quarterly Willing to Lead
- Contact email: _____
- Help with office work, i.e. mailings, plant care, etc.
- Visits to Hayes Convalescent Home
- Be on a Session team
- Be a Sunday School Teacher /Youth Group Leader
- Participate in a small group: (Circle choice)
Group Outings Bible Study St. John's Cinema
- Sing in Choir Play musical instrument
- Help with finances Work on building
- Lay Care ministry Other: _____



____ I want to save time and administrative costs by visiting www.stjohnssf.org, clicking "Commitment", then "Give" then "eGive".

____ I want to make my gift the old fashioned way by either cash or check periodically.

We accept online contributions in an easy, secure way: St. John's uses eGive for secure electronic giving. Click on the eGive button on our website to sign up. You may give a one-time gift to or set up regular recurring commitments to be automatically drafted from your checking account.



You can also set up a draft to contribute weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, or in any fashion you desire. This method is safe, secure and you won't have to worry about writing a check each week or mailing an offering when you are away. You can use this online giving method to tithe, give to missions, or give towards any other purposes you specify. **Don't forget to fill out a commitment card.** You may download a commitment card at www.stjohnssf.org.

For more information, please contact our treasurer, David Miller at 673.4810.

Giving Example Chart



Weekly Giving

Weekly Income	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$ 300	9	15	21	30	45
500	15	25	35	50	75
700	21	35	49	70	105
1,000	30	50	70	100	150
1,500	45	75	105	150	225
2,000	60	100	140	200	300
3,000	90	150	210	300	450
4,000	120	200	280	400	600



Annual Giving

Annual Income	3%	5%	10%	15%
\$15,000	45	750	1,500	2,250
25,000	750	1,250	2,500	3,750
35,000	1,050	1,750	3,500	5,250
50,000	1,500	2,500	5,000	7,500
80,000	2,400	4,000	8,000	12,000
100,000	3,000	5,000	10,000	15,000
150,000	4,500	7,500	15,000	22,500
200,000	6,000	10,000	20,000	30,000

COMPASSION connecting all to service

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

SF Food Bank — Bring non-perishable food for S.F. Food Bank barrel.

Hayes Convalescent Home — Share with residents in worship, 2-2.45pm, 1250 Hayes St., each 3rd Sunday of month. For information: David Miller, 673-4810.

Harvest — Saturdays, 7.30-10am pass out groceries here to our hungry neighbors. Info: John Templeton at blackmoneyww@gmail.com. Each week, 15 volunteers are needed.

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA

FREE, EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM

Pete Seeger: The Power of Song — March 4, 2010

Filmmaker Jim Brown blends archival footage, interviews and home movies to paint an affectionate portrait of pioneering folk singer and political activist Pete Seeger, best known for the classic anthems "If I Had a Hammer" and "Turn, Turn, Turn." Highlights include candid conversations with legendary artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan and Joan Baez, who weigh in on Seeger's far-reaching influence.



Upcoming Movies For descriptions of upcoming movies, go to www.stjohnssf.org.

April 1 *Death in Gaza*

May 6

Young @ Heart

June 3

Food, Inc.

July 1

Standard Operating Procedure

The films we choose for St. John's Cinema are intended to give our neighborhood insight or inspiration, maybe education, or perhaps just some joy. We hope the shared adventure of viewing these films will foster discussion and a new perspective. The views or opinions that may be expressed in these films are not necessarily those of St. John's or its members. We encourage participants to form their own opinions.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding in Haiti. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already sent funds and is working in cooperation with our ecumenical partners on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies. Please pray for those affected and give to the ongoing relief through PDA account number DR000064.

Gifts can also be made by phone at (800) 872-3283, and checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

St. John's is all about connection — to God, our faith, each other, our world, and our vision. Being connected is vital to the life of St. John's because when we feel connected, we feel empowered to participate in the life and call of St. John's. The 5 C's of Connection — Celebration, Commitment, Community, Compassion, and Connection represent the different areas we connect in church. They are not isolated, but interconnected.

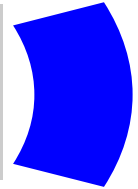
COMPASSION
connecting all to
service



CELEBRATION
connecting all to God's
presence



CONNECTION
connecting all to our vision
A community center with a congregation at its heart.



COMMUNITY
connecting each to
one another



COMMITMENT
connecting all to
one's faith

VISION CLASSES

Call pastor John by 10am the day of the class to reserve your space. If you cannot attend one of the dates mentioned, call one of the pastors to set up your own convenient time. Childcare is provided upon request.

Commitment Class - Come explore what it means to take a 1st step in a journey of commitment to Christ & consider making St. John's your spiritual home, being a committed part of it, indicate your interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know about an upcoming class.

Community Class - Once we have committed ourselves to Christ, we discover what it means to live out our faith in the church, the body of Christ, what we call "Community." This class (taken after Commitment Class & joining the church) will assist you in making commitments to growth through study, prayer, giving and fellowship. Next class: Monday, **April 5** from 6.30-7.30 pm in the Library. This class is offered 3 times a year.

Compassion Class - This class (taken after Community Class) shows how to discover the gifts God has given you and begin to imagine ways to express your unique, spiritual gifts. Next class: Monday, **March 1** from 7-8 pm in the Library. This class is offered 3 times a year.

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