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8:00 a.m. Spoken – Chapel
10:00 a.m. Choral – In the Nave
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7:30 p.m. Informal - Chapel

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

12:10 p.m. Wednesday & Friday In Chapel

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A Season of Celebrations, Transitions, Farewells

This time of year is big on transitions, and we at St. Mark's have more than our share of them. This issue of the Lion highlights several. Some mark comings, some goings and some a change in status or situation.

We honor all of our graduates, and you can find those who sent us their details listed on page 4. We're marking the June 2 Ordination of Jason Alexander to the priesthood when he presides at St. Mark's for the first time on June 10.

This Spring we have celebrated the Confirmation of Nina Kelsey, Charley Robinson, Stephanie Beckman and Yit Arn Teh in April and look forward to that of Tamara Green on June 9 (11a.m. at Grace Cathedral, if you'd like to be there).

On Pentecost we celebrated Rector Robbin Clark's twenty-fifth anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood and welcomed three new babies into the parish family in Holy Baptism: Madeleine Louise, daughter of Sean McConnell and Susan Portugall and sister to Patrick; Lauren Marie, daughter of Jeff and Diana Pace and sister to Jack and Henry; Gregory Everett, son of Dan and Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski. They were joined by a delightful gaggle of God-parents, relatives and well-wishers.

Another transition is that of Anna Roope out of official Field Education status. We are fortunate that we will not lose her completely. She will serve here monthly during her senior year at CDSP. (See her note on pg. 7)

We also had/will have some tough goodbyes to say this Spring/Summer, and they bear witness to the ever-changing nature of the Body of Christ as it lives through this congregation. Whether it's been many decades or only a few years, the bonds we share in Christ have drawn us close. Our affection runs deep, and well it should. These folks have given of themselves to enrich, support and guide our common life, each in their own way and out of the riches of the particular gifts God has bestowed upon them. None of them can be 'replaced', but we live in hope that the same wind of the Spirit that brought them to us will continue to carry new people to St. Mark's to grow and serve here as these and so many others have up until now. (continue pg. 2)

Ian Webster, Kate Adams and Lydia and Charlotte came to us from Edinburgh just as the new millennium dawned. They jumped right in at St. Mark's, giving of themselves in myriad ways. Kate single-handedly provided YEAH shelter meals weekly throughout the 2005-6 season and has been a stalwart volunteer with Family Ministry events. Both girls have served as Acolytes. Ian has not only been the backbone of our Sunday School teaching staff for years, but also served on the Vestry, including a memorable term as Senior Warden, and is even now on Personnel Committee and spear-heading our redevelopment efforts. As they return to their native England (Somerset this time), we bid them Godspeed and hope to see Ian when his business brings him back to the Bay Area monthly.

Kate, Jason and Luke Alexander leave us this month for Little Rock, Arkansas, where both Kate and Jason have clergy positions lined up. Luke will continue his present ministry of being adorable. Kate, who was both confirmed and ordained from St. Mark's, found us as she began her doctoral studies at the GTU. She has blessed us by her teaching, her pastoral work and preaching and her liturgical leadership, including designing and initiating the Sunday evening Informal Eucharists. She and Jason met right here at coffee hour and were married here. He has enriched our life by his musical gifts, his computer/website/sound system expertise and by his diaconal service these past six months.

Anne, Keith and Kate Smith find themselves heading to Eugene, Oregon, where Keith has been offered a 1-2 year teaching position. Anne is seeking ways to continue her seminary education at some distance from CDSP. All three Smiths joined the Episcopal Church at St. Mark's. Anne has sung in the choir and been on Vestry, with leadership responsibility for Family Ministry. Keith has served as an Acolyte. We certainly hope to see them back in a year or two.

Howard Browne, who would have been 90 this June, passed from us on April 15 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. A huge crowd gathered April 28 to pay tribute to this remarkable man- a loving husband and father; an accomplished musician; a professional engineer and avocational 'fixer-upper' and handyman, a tireless community volunteer and a multi-faceted leader and supporter of this parish community. *(The following tribute is from his memorial program)*

Howy was born in Canada and raised in Washington & spent his adult years in the Berkeley Area. He met his wife June, met in the choir of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. They both sang in the choir for over 60 years. A graduate of the University of Washington, he worked at the Lawrence Berkeley Nat'l Lab. at the University of California for 33 years until he retired in 1981. He was president of the EX-Ls and of the Northern California Chapter of the Amer. Inst. of Chemical Engineers, the Dad's Club of Kensington Grammar School, Senior Warden of his church, Big Sir of the Sons in Retirement, and Cubmaster of Pack 82. Howy won one of the first personal computers, an Apple, in a lottery at the Lawrence Hall of Science in the 1970s. He helped many neophytes get started with their computers and produced newsletters, flyers and mailing labels for charities. He was an avid photographer and lawn bowler.

Howy is survived by his wife June; sons Jack, Arthur, Henry & Sidney; daughters-in-law Penny & Cherilyn; grandchildren Jessica, Sidney, Alexander, Mollie & Jordan. He was loved by his friends & family for his quiet sense of humor, his patience, and kindness. He touched the lives of many people & made each one richer.

At St Marks Howy served in many capacities, most notably as senior warden twice, junior warden, stewardship chair several times. He wrote the specs for the first Parish Administrator and served as PA several times including when the PA was on maternity leave and then again when she quit to spend more time with her child, Then it all happened again with the next PA!

He was also on the board of the Canterbury Foundation and reorganized their books as treasurer. He also served on the Mealy Music Memorial committee, computerizing their mailing list and making flyers. And, of course, all this time he sang tenor in the choir from 1943 to 2004.

Howard, Howy, Pop, Papa "B", Poppy; The husband...; The photographer that enjoyed capturing a moment and was so good at finding it; The father that sons looked up to as the man that could do anything; The scientist that worked on the most innovative projects of his time; The grandfather that would sing to lullaby a restless grandchild; The volunteer that would spend hours formatting (and folding!) a bulletin; The father-in-law that would give you a "wink" to let you know he loved you; The friend that would lend a helping hand wherever there was a need; The grandfather that would sit patiently while his hair was done by a granddaughter pretended to be Mr. Maurice the hairstylist.; The party-lover that would don his plaid pants and drink a toast to a good time; The father-in-law that enjoyed ice cream after any dinner The grandfather that was so loved and will be missed so much. [The] words by John Muir embody many of the things that my father enjoyed and celebrated in life, the Sierra Nevada mountains and their elegance and spirituality, quiet reflection of one's self, music and the beauty of song, children and their sweet voice, and the peace that is pervasive in this world - however difficult it may be for us to see it staring us in the face in our lives. He showed this appreciation in the photography he so enjoyed and excelled at. And in the majesty of a good root beer float.

A Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

How can I thank you for the wonderful celebration of my anniversary of ordination? Twenty-five years is a long time. Yet, despite the thousands of times I have done it, I still am thrilled by presiding at the Holy Eucharist. Church tradition has it that liturgical objects are appropriately dedicated by being put to their intended use. So, if I can put myself in that category, it was entirely fitting for me to re-dedicate myself to the priesthood by presiding at Sunday's Eucharist and baptizing three gorgeous babies, another of my favorite acts of being a priest.

The party following the service was great and I'm eagerly looking forward to using the Spa Day gift certificate. And I was deeply touched by the kind words spoken and sent. Such moments of affirmation are balm for the soul. They carry us through the daily struggles and empower us to reach our full potential. Thank you very much indeed.

Liturgical News and Notes

There is always a lot going on with our liturgical guilds and worship committee. Here is a miscellany of recent decisions and developments for your interest and information:

- With Anna Roope's moving on from her Field Ed position, Deacon Ellen will again offer leadership and support to our lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Cornelius Pickett has joined the acolytes, for which we are very grateful, since we're losing Lydia and Charlotte Webster and Keith Smith to geographical relocation. Is there anyone else who'd like to help fill up the ranks?
- We have two new brass torch stands that match our banner stand so that, when we're short on acolytes (see above), we can set the torches in place a bit more elegantly.
- Following the custom of many Episcopal churches and contemporary liturgical emphasis on the Book as the focal symbol of the Gospel procession, we will be using the verger rather than a crucifer to lead that procession for the season of 'Ordinary Time'.
- To help themselves stay in top form for their England tour, the choir will sing through June.
- To accommodate low numbers (of servers and congregation) over the summer, we'll have fewer people administering communion.
- Interim head of Lectors/Bidders Barbara Oliver has begun meetings of the Guild and issued new guidelines, developed by Worship Committee.

Lion Editor Karalee Harding Steps Down

This is the last issue of the Lion under the editorship of Karalee Harding. She has served faithfully for two years and now is ready to give someone else a turn. The Rector and Vestry member for Communications, Tim Sullivan, are in process of seeking a successor to Karalee. Suggestions are welcome. The job includes determining, with Robbin, what stories need to be told, recruiting people to write them, reminding regular contributors of the deadline, editing submissions and selecting items to include and doing a bit of writing from time to time. Layout and production are handled in the office.

Many thanks to you, Karalee, for a job well done.

A Few Words from the Deacon . . . Take Time for the Spirit, Those Less Fortunate

I wish all of the St. Mark's family a restful and joyful summer. Whether you are traveling, singing in England, staying home and cleaning out the garage, looking for a summer job, or taking time to pick up a project left idle for whatever reason, take time for God. You will be in my prayers as I hope I will be in yours. Nothing much going on this summer for me - I'm going to let the Spirit lead on this one. In September, I'll share my revelations.

With God's love and mine,

--Ellen+

When the Spirit Moves You

On Sunday, May 27, we celebrated Pentecost with great music, liturgy and a party--three things that St. Mark's does particularly well. There were many things to celebrate, including the baptism of our three newest members and the 25th anniversary of Robbin's ordination, and I think we did it up right. The party featured champagne and cake, beer and BBQ, speeches for and by Robbin, some fine piano work, and a few great moments of comedy and drama.

If you were not there, you cannot know, but here are some hints of what you missed:

1. Kevin FitzPatrick served as grill master extraordinaire, working his magic on simple hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as chicken and some magnificent marinated lamb. (Thanks for the lamb, Charlotte.)
2. Scott Sullivan served God and Bacchus, presiding over a bustling drinks table, and dispensing champagne for the toasts, wine for musing, and an excellent assortment of beers to complement the BBQ. (Thanks for the beers, Jason.)
3. Wayne Ritchie lined up an outstanding group of speakers, which included greetings sent from the Bishop of Hong Kong, Len Johnson, Kate Alexander ("Rasta"), Rabbi Ferenc Raj from Temple Beth El, a message from Ellen, and some peculiar remarks from the undersigned.
4. An anonymous (and generous) group of parishioners contributed towards Robbin's present, a spa package at the Claremont Hotel and Spa.
5. Gerry Roybal tickled the ivories.
6. Andrea Foley brought the cake, and those bringing salads, sides and soft drinks included Bob Kolenkow, Bruce Alexander and Tim Sullivan (your vestry in action).
7. Bob Williams, in his customary manner, did far more than anyone could expect, and did it with remarkable grace.
8. KJ worked like a fury. Other notables in the pitching up and tearing down included Caroline Rone (always the last to leave), Scott Sullivan, Kevin FitzPatrick (whom everyone present should make a point of thanking), William Barclay and the hard-partying women at table five.

Thanks to all!

--John Harding, Senior Warden

Congratulations, Graduates!

Miriam Bellows is graduating from U.C. Santa Cruz with a Master of Science Degree in Bioinformatics. She plans on working for a Biotech firm in the Bay Area.

Alexander C. Caruthers graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Spanish and Hispanic Studies from Hobart College in Geneva, New York. He will be the front desk manager of the Hotel@MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Adrienne Hayes receives the MA degree from the University of Washington. Her major is Scandanavian Studies and International Relations. This summer she will teach Norwegian at the university and has an Internship at the World Affairs Council in Seattle.

Chrissie Grover-Roybal will be graduating from Lick-Wilmerding High School this June. She will continue her education at the University of California at Los Angeles in the fall.

Jerry Walker has completed the four-year Education for Ministry program, a lay theological education curriculum from Sewanee.

The Ministry of Music

George Anton Emblom, Director of Music

The twenty-first season of the **Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series** continues **Sunday, June 10**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. **The St. Mark's Choir will sing the Evening Office** (*Responses: Richard Webster, Psalms 130 and 131, Evening Service in C: Bryan Kelly, and Expectans Expectavi – Charles Wood*), followed by a recital by seventeen-year old Salesian High School Young Artist **Charles Guiam**. Charles began formal organ lessons with Jean Fisk under her Organ Scholar program supported by the United Methodist Church in Pinole (PUMC). Charles has been playing the organ for about four years now, and this past February, he was awarded first place in the San Francisco American Guild of Organists Chapter Competition of the Regional Competition for young organists. In June, he will compete against five other finalists from the West Coast. **He will perform works by Gilbert Martin, Paul Manz, J.S. Bach, Charles Guilmant, and César Franck.** A festive reception will follow the program. In addition, the roster for next season will be announced. A free-will offering will be received for the Tour Scholarship Fund.

St. Mark's Choir to sing at Grace Cathedral: The St. Mark's Choir will offer Choral Evensong at Grace Cathedral on **Sunday, June 17** at 3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend. They will offer: *Preces and Responses: Webster, Psalm 42, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – Leo Sowerby and Come, Holy Ghost – Sowerby.*

Please keep the choir in your prayers as they prepare for their second tour to England, July 13-July 27. They will be singing in Lincoln and Durham Cathedrals. **Deepest thanks to the many supporters of the Scholarship Fund. Additional donations are still most welcome.**

Got Music? Have you been thinking about joining the choir? Did you know that there are benefits for people involved in music ministry at St. Mark's? Some of these include:

- Singing fantastic music representing the best styles from all eras.
- Learning about various aspects of liturgy, church history, and hymnody.
- Being part of a valuable team who work together to help enrich and enhance worship.
- Being able to make new friends and have social time together.
- Strengthening positive feelings of self-worth when members strive to offer to God the best of what has been given to them.
- Regular participation in a church music program helps provide access to caring and supportive individuals who get to know each other over a long period of time.
- Making music together helps to foster leadership in people as they engage with others through the medium of sacred music.

It may be the time...to JOIN THE CHOIR!

Contact the Director of Music at 510.845.0888 or at music@stmarksberkeley.org for further information.

Family Ministries – Summer Sunday Fun in Jerusalem

With the end of the regular Sunday School year, the Family Ministries committee is preparing an exciting summer of Sunday morning activities for the children of St. Mark's.

We will again offer the popular "Jerusalem Marketplace" beginning Sunday, June 10. Children are invited to gather at the marketplace tent that will be constructed on the church patio near Hodgkin Hall. Over the course of the summer, we will explore what life was like in the time of Jesus. How did they dress? (Costumes will be available.) What did they eat? (We'll even make some snacks to share at coffee hour.) What games did they play? (We'll learn to play some of them ourselves.) What musical instruments did they have? Did they go to school? Did they have pets?

We will be asking for ten adult volunteers to give two Sundays each, preferably consecutively, to assist with the marketplace. There will be two adults per Sunday--one adult will take the lead, and the other will assist. Then, the adult who assisted will take the lead the next Sunday, and a new assistant will come in, who will take the lead the next Sunday, and so forth.

I will be leading a forum on Sunday, June 3, to discuss the Jerusalem Marketplace and other summer activities for the kids. Please contact me if you are interested in joining us for a fun, and educational, journey through the marketplace. I can be reached at lbkey@mac.com.

--Lisa Key

Other Summer Fun with Families

All are welcome to join in these summer activities sponsored by the St. Mark's Families. Bring your inner child, or a neighbor or friend or a visiting grandchild, or just come along to get to know and enjoy the marvelous children of St. Mark's!

- June 23 (6 PM) – S'mores and Bible Stories @ St. Mark's- Meet at Hodgkin Hall for roasting s'mores in the fireplace. Bring your favorite Bible story to read aloud to the group. We'll supply the fixings.
- July 21 (1:30 PM) - Help Set Up Hot Meals @ St. Mark's- Bring your kids to help set up Hot Meals in July. I'll confirm anything to bring for this community service event as we get a little closer to it. I'll also notify you if there's anything you can bring to contribute that evening.
- August 18 (Noon) - St. Mark's Family BBQ @ St. Mark's- We'll have BBQ stuff for grilling burgers and dogs (both meat and non-meat) and grilled veggies. You can bring side dishes, drinks, plates, utensils, etc. As we get closer to the date, I'll do a running inventory of needs.

--Jeff Pace, St. Mark's Vestry

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL RETREAT NOVEMBER 9-11

Now is the time to mark your calendar and plan 2007 to attend our annual Parish Retreat for all ages at the lovely Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg. We're planning a great program, but the best part is just getting away for a relaxing weekend with good friends (old and new), yummy food and beautiful scenery. We'll need to firm up numbers 90 days ahead, so this summer is the time to sign-up. The cost is \$150/person for adults, with children half-price and babies free.

Musings from a field ed seminarian...

It's hard to believe that a year of field education has already gone by!

I started out just visiting St. Mark's when I arrived in Berkeley in the Fall of 2005. I was amazed by the choir and curious about how liturgy in a large setting happened. Soon I knew St. Mark's was where I needed to be for field education!

What does one do in field education? Sometimes it's more about observation and reflection than actual doing. I felt like I had a lot to learn about how and why St. Mark's works. I found myself asking questions about how the guilds work, how major worship decisions were made, and how come the copy machine never copied my Sunday School materials the right way. Soon enough I was brought into the Stewardship and Worship Committees, assisting with Hot Meals, and leading Lay Eucharistic Minister training. Suddenly observing became not just reflecting, but doing—putting into practice what I was learning in school.

One of the things I enjoyed most about my field education experience was doing home visits with several of the congregation families. It was such an incredible experience to be welcomed into people's homes, share stories, and occasionally provide communion for them. I quickly discovered that in these visits Jesus was truly present with us.

So now what happens? Well, this summer I will continue my field education experience at St. Matthew's in Sacramento. I will be there three days a week working with their outreach ministries in the form of a food pantry and clothes closet. I will also be leading their Vacation Bible School teacher's workshop, as well as parts of the Vacation Bible School program. Sundays I will assist in their three services, one of which is a Spanish-language / Bilingual service. In the fall I will become a commuter once again, but this time splitting my time between weekdays at CDSP, and weekends between Los Angeles, Portland, and Berkeley. I hope to make appearances at St. Mark's at least once a month.

Thank you St. Mark's for all you've done in my continual learning process and discernment. You will always be in my prayers! Peace,

--Anna Roope

Fellowship Groups Report

We're growing the personal connections within our Parish family. A number of our new fellowship groups are off to a strong start and several more are in the making. A partial list:

1. The Theology Discussion Group is now meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30. [Up to 20 of us have declared interest and attendance is about 10 per meeting. Check your calendar. We'll be having lively discussions all summer. See Jay Gaskill.]
2. Our new Hikers & Walkers Group has been out on the trail several times, and more outings are on the map. [New members are signing on all the time! Check with Carolyn Albiston & David Hall.]
3. The Legal Lions (our new community of legal professionals, para-professionals and students) held their first welcome gathering and we discovered that there is an active group of Christian law students at Boalt! [Contact Jay Gaskill or John Harding for more information.]
4. The women's meal & a movie group is going strong. [It's called "Chick Flicks @ St. Mark's". Contact Robyn Gaskill.]

Among the new groups in the process of forming up: A new Bible Study Group. [Call Mark Koop.] A spiritual direction group. [Check with Bruce Alexander.] The Bridge Group is almost ready. [Ask at the connections table.] Want to find or found a new group? Do stop by our Welcome & Connections Table and spend some "quality face time" with our visitors. Tim Sullivan has prepared attractive tri-fold brochures describing our ministries, guilds and fellowship groups. Check them out.

Spark's @ St. Mark's (for now, just Jay Gaskill & the Vestry Host of the Day) will be working all year to coordinate and support all the fellowship groups. [Help is needed for this important ministry. Contact Jay -- jgaskill@yahoo.com]

Let's make every day a special Welcome Day for all our visitors and newcomers. This summer provides us with a golden opportunity to grow the network of the communities that bind us together as a congregation at St. Marks!

--Jay Gaskill

Williams Hall Tenancy Update

Progress on the new tenant's move-in has gone slower than either party had hoped, but is proceeding. While it is now apparent that the summer session that the Montessori School operator had aspired to offer will not start in June as planned, that could still happen later in the summer. Meanwhile, furnishings for the language school that had been stored in Room 8 have all been relocated to the upstairs rooms of Williams Hall and exploratory demolition and discovery have been undertaken preparatory to opening the wall between Rooms 7 and 8. Property Manager Courtney Storm is working closely with the new tenant on this and both he and the undersigned believe that the new tenant is proceeding responsibly on this front. Under the terms of our agreement, most of the property improvement costs accruing to St. Mark's will not do so until the new tenant achieves full tenancy and rent payment status.

After being apprised by the Berkeley Fire Dept. of limitations on some planned use of the Youth Room in the Parish Hall basement, the new tenant approached St. Mark's about the possibility of incremental rental of Hodgkin Hall for weekday use, as had been the case with Arrowsmith during their latter years here. Recognizing the potential conflicts this could create with other needed uses of Hodgkin Hall, Tenant Relations and church staff met with the tenant to outline restrictions and costs that would pertain to such use. At press time, no response has yet been received from the tenant to our limited offer.

Finally, a joint meeting was arranged in late April between the Montessori School operator and Lisa Key, representing St. Mark's Sunday School and children's programs, to open communications surrounding shared use of Room 7. Happily, it appears that there is a likelihood of some symbiosis between the tenant's use and St. Mark's, as the new Godly Play curriculum planned for the Sunday School has some Montessori roots.

--W. Wayne Ritchie, Tenant Relations Committee

Stewardship Thoughts

Summer is upon us with its long days and expansiveness. Vacation! Possibilities rush in. Also the possibility, I hope, of doing less, of taking 'down-time'. Lately I've returned to garden composting. Amazing how all I have to do is put the kitchen scraps and garden gleanings in the bin, add water and stir! Then sit back and let nature do its work. It's been my theme in a lot of areas lately, back off, wait and see. I marvel at how many things work out without my help and interference, or only a slight stir here and there, not a great heaving effort. The best ideas come out of the corner of my eye, when I'm taking a walk rather than sitting at my desk with a frown on my face. I like to think the Holy Spirit is playful and likes to be outside and may be impatient with worry and planning, rather like a four-year-old or a frisky dog. Yet down-time, too, demands a stewardship, in my case a need to limit media consumption and curb my tendency to drop and pick up projects. But I'm convinced that our lives, like our gardens, need composting, and that if we allow time for nature to do its work with a stir here and there good things will grow and the harvest be abundant.

--Linda Moyer, for the Stewardship Committee

The 3rd Sunday INASMUCH offerings for the summer will be:

June: Oasis California: Oasis is our Diocesan ministry to and with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Tran-gendered persons. St. Mark's is an official 'Oasis Congregation', witnessing to our long support and advocacy for the full inclusion of GLBT persons in the life of the church and in society. This offering is a great way to celebrate Pride Month.

July: The Dresbach Mission: Michael and Mona Dresbach have been serving the Diocese of Panama as official Missionaries of the Episcopal Church for some six years now. Michael, now the rector of the largest parish in Panama, got his start at St. Mark's as a field ed student. Mona sang in the choir here and now is doing special ministry with orphaned girls. Your generosity helps them support themselves and meet some of the pressing needs they encounter daily.

August: School for Deacons: St. Mark's has sent three students to the School and continues to benefit from Ellen's marvelous ministry. Jan Robitscher and others from St. Mark's have taught there. This program prepares

people to serve as deacons in a three-year weekend format that enables them to continue their career and family responsibilities while in seminary.

Look for more information about these programs in the weekly bulletins.

--Christie Grover-Roybal and Robbin Clark

Street Hospitality

"I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"
(Isaiah 6:8)

As I attempt to look, with open eyes, and open heart, at the magnitude of the suffering of body, mind, and spirit, in our world today, I often find myself *pleading*, not merely singing, the words addressed to Jesus in one of our great hymns of petition for social justice: "Come walk the city streets again." Then from somewhere deep inside (and long ago), I hear lines from another hymn we young people sang each morning at summer camp, "Christ has no hands but our hands, to do His work today. He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way," and I look down, in awe, at my own hands, lying in my lap or holding the hymnal--*no hands but our hands!?! Lord help us! Lord have mercy on us! I ponder again. I have no choice in my response, "Lord, here am I, send me."*

We hardly need further reminders of the ways in which our world is broken, troubled, hungry, suffering, and profoundly isolated--from self; from each other; and from God. Our challenge and our most insistent question is, "What can we do? What can *I* do?" We *are called* to respond affirmatively. The question for each of us--the question we promise, in our Baptismal vows, to live into--is *how*; in what way or ways; with whom. As baptized Christians, we *are* His hands and feet in our pleading world. We are His instruments. He can and will use us to heal our world in some way if only we earnestly begin a process of discernment--if only we respond, "Here am I, send me."

One evening around dusk, I had a chance encounter with a young, homeless black woman, who happened to be sitting on the sidewalk beside Longs drugs on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. She was alone, seemed cold, and was whimpering quietly. Something told me to turn aside and ask permission to approach her. Thus, in the ensuing hour, began a small "ministry of hospitality" which I have continued for almost two years.

I feel sure that the above scene is familiar to you--perhaps you witness it every day; someone sitting on a curb, or standing by a freeway ramp, asking, "Spare a little change?" This person--this child of God--is probably suffering, physically, emotionally, spiritually. Have you ever wondered, as you pass by, what can I--what should I--do? Have you longed to help, but not known how? Have you tossed a quarter or a dollar in the stranger's cup and walked on by, feeling somehow inadequate or guilty?

I would welcome the opportunity to tell you about that night and what has ensued. There are a number of things I would be happy to share to "get you started" if this is a ministry that calls out to you--various things, from courteous ways of boundary keeping, all the way to suggestions for small bags of simple supplies, and resource cards, etc., which you might offer to the homeless whom you encounter.

I invite you to team up with me and others in a ministry of street hospitality. Join me in the library for an hour on **Tuesday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m.**, if you feel that you might be interested in learning more about street hospitality--a simple ministry in which you can contribute as little or as much of your time, talent, and resources as feels right for you. "Street ministry" requires no robes, no vestments, no wealth, and very little training. It offers no material or worldly rewards, yet it brings the incomparable joy of being an instrument of God's love and peace to someone who may have known little of God's love--today, this week, this year. *You* may be the one, perhaps the only one, who makes that Love real to the person you encounter.

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
"Here am I. Send me."

--Ann Claire Smith, PhD.

A Double Inheritance for Children

Research has confirmed a common observation that sudden wealth is seldom well-spent. Winning the lottery or suddenly inheriting a substantial sum often produces unforeseen difficulties. On the other hand, a steady predictable income is for most of us far easier to manage well.

For these reasons many parents are choosing to leave their children's inheritance in a two-fold form: partly as an outright sum of money, and partly as a steady stream of income for a limited number of years.

This "double inheritance" approach offers multiple advantages:

1. Since some people handle money better than others, this lessens the danger of an heir "blowing" an inheritance all at once.
2. Children may receive quarterly "gifts from Mom and Dad" for 10 or 15 years after their parents' demise.
3. The trust that pays the income to heirs may at the end of its term of years transfer the remaining principal to the church and/or other charities—a charitable remainder trust.

This is sometimes referred to as a "Give It Twice Trust" because it first gives the income to the family and then gives the remaining principal to charity. This will result in a charitable income and estate tax deduction--possibly lowering taxes. In addition, the eventual gift to charity may establish a permanently named endowment fund. Thus parents may spread their children's gratitude over many years and then have their church's gratitude forever as their endowment fund goes on doing good in their name in perpetuity.

One excellent asset to use to fund such a "Give It Twice Trust" is an IRA, 401(k) or other retirement plan, since this approach may minimize heirs' income taxes.

For more information about a "Give It Twice Trust" or for a complimentary custom illustration, contact your Gift Planning Office. We are here to serve you and your parish.

The good news is that you need not choose between remembering family or church in your plans—here is a way that you may benefit both your children and your church.

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Micah Jackson to Lead Summer Series on Anglican Worship

This summer the Rev. Micah Jackson will lead a five-part series on Anglican worship. Each session will give participants a chance to experience the Eucharist celebrated according to an historical prayer book. After the service participants will share an informal meal as they discuss that prayer book and its historical setting, and reflect on what it was like for them to use it in worship.

Sponsored by the Adult Formation Committee, the sessions will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday evenings, June 21 and 28, July 12 and 26, and August 9.

The series will begin with the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*, the first English prayer book. The second session will use the *BCP* of 1552, when Edward VI's religious advisors were very much influenced by the Puritans. Next, participants will worship according to the 1662 edition, still the official *BCP* of the Church of England. The following sessions will move into the American prayer books, beginning with the 1789 version and ending with the *BCP* from 1928, the last edition before our current book. Along the way participants will learn about the social, religious, and political context of each revision and take a look at some of the other issues surrounding Anglican/Episcopal practice throughout history.

Via Media 'Values' Series in August

Another "dinner series" will begin in August with the debut of the Via Media Values program, facilitated by Adult Formation Committee member Mark Koop. Events in the series will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursdays: August 16, 23, and 30.

An earlier Via Media dinner-and-discussion program, also facilitated by Mark, was well attended. The current program will permit attendees to share a simple meal, view professionally-made film clips on topics concerning Christian values, and then discuss them with the guidance of trained facilitators. Two topics will be addressed on each evening. For a list of the topics, please see the "Summer Adult Formation Calendar," below.

Please remember that all after-church forums now begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. during the summer, or on any days that the Choir is not singing, and end promptly at 12:30 p.m. When the Choir is singing, forums begin promptly at 11:45 a.m. and end promptly at 12:45 p.m.

SUMMER ADULT FORMATION CALENDAR

June 21 (Thursday), 6 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (1549 *BCP*) and informal dinner, with the Rev. Micah Jackson. (Chapel and Hodgkin)

June 24 (Sunday), 11:30 a.m., Leonard Johnson conducts a tour of the Williams Hall mosaics. (Patio)

June 28 (Thursday), 6 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (1552 *BCP*) and informal dinner / discussion, with the Rev. Micah Jackson. (Chapel and Hodgkin)

July 12 (Thursday), 6 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (1662 *BCP*) and informal dinner / discussion, with the Rev. Micah Jackson. (Chapel and Hodgkin)

July 26 (Thursday), 6 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (1789 *BCP*) and informal dinner / discussion, with the Rev. Micah Jackson. (Chapel and Hodgkin)

August 9 (Thursday), 6 p.m. Celebration of the Eucharist (1928 *BCP*) and informal dinner, with the Rev. Micah Jackson. (Chapel and Hodgkin)

August 16 (Thursday), 6 p.m. Via Media Values dinner / discussion program with Mark Koop, on "Communion, an Ethical Choice" and "Repentance, an Ethical Journey." (Hodgkin Hall)

August 23 (Thursday), 6 p.m., Via Media Values dinner / discussion program with Mark Koop, on "Witness, an Ethical Example," and "Service, an Ethical Imperative." (Hodgkin Hall)

August 30 (Thursday), 6 p.m., Via Media Values dinner / discussion program with Mark Koop, on "Respect: An Ethical Right" and "Go Forth! Ethics in Action." (Hodgkin Hall)

Art and Architecture Series Continues June 24

Continuing a series on "The Architecture and Decoration of St. Mark's, Leonard Johnson will conduct a tour of the Williams Hall mosaics as an after-church forum at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 24. Participants should gather on the patio near Williams Hall at the ringing of the bell.

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Summer 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 3: Creative Voices Concert
- 4: Women's Clericus Mtg
- 5: Social Justice Concerns Comm. Mtg
- 6: Adult Formation Mtg
- 8: Clerestory Concert
- 9: Healing Prayer Group
- 10: Evensong/Organ Recital
- 12: Family Ministry Mtg
- 13: Choir Board Mtg
Theology Discussion Group
- 14: Alameda Deanery Mtg
- 16: Hot Meals
- 19: Vestry Mtg
- 20: Worship Comm. Mtg
- 21: 1549 Eucharist/Dinner
- 23: Healing Prayer Group
Family Ministry S'mores & Stories
Party

- 24: Tour of Williams Hall Mosaic
- 26: Street Ministry Mtg
- 28: 1552 Eucharist/Dinner

July

- 3: Social Concerns Comm. Mtg
- 4: Fourth of July – Office Closed
- 10: Vestry Mtg
- 11: Theology Discussion Group
- 12: 1662 Eucharist/Dinner
- 13: Choir on European Tour
- 21: Hot Meals
Masellis and Akers Wedding
- 26: 1789 Eucharist/Dinner

August

- 4: Rhee and Yang Wedding
- 9: 1928 Eucharist/Dinner
- 16: Via Media Values
Dinner/Discussion
- 18: Hot Meals
Family Ministry BBQ
- 19: LION Deadline
- 21: Vestry Mtg
- 23: Via Media Values
Dinner/Discussion
- 25: Healing Prayer Group
- 29: LION Mailing
- 30: Via Media Values
Dinner/Discussion