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## UNDERSTANDING THE PAST, BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE *A Perspective From The Finance Committee*

By Nancy Mahoney Cohen

Rebirth of the Children's Choir, reconstitution of the Finance Committee, search for an interim – All Saints' moves forward. Sounds easy, but this process requires participation by all members, including those who have been absent recently and hopefully will return. Without a rector, involvement of the laity will be crucial in the restoration of All Saints' to a vibrant, downtown parish in which the members care for each other and others in the community.

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The recent stewardship letter discussed some of the particulars of a preliminary 2009 budget and a preliminary projection of actual totals for 2008. Since then the Finance Committee has reconstituted after not being called to meet for about two years. The members, Charlie Weigle (elected Treasurer on November 11) Joe Baldwin, Nancy Cohen and Dale Tatum, have looked more closely at the 2009 budget and the 2008 projection and some of the underlying assumptions.

The Vestry is clear that All Saints' is now, and for the foreseeable future, a one-clergy parish. Pledge income-wise that should have been the case in several of the last few years. In many years the parish struggled to fund two full-time clergy members to build programs and pastoral care. When Margaret Irwin became rector the vestry told her that the budget would not allow a second clergy person. Some years later the budget situation had improved and Clayton Crawley added a new dimension to the life of the Church followed by the exuberant Kathy McAdams. Operating budget income covered

these and other expenses -- pledge income rose from \$230,000 in 1993 to \$413,000 in 2005 - but expenses also rose and surpluses were slim. However, All Saints had been living within its income, 85% of which was from pledges in 2004.

During the last two years we have been operating under the theory that a curate and a full time director of Christian education paid for through temporary funding would expand the horizons of the parish. Stephen Rhoades brought great administrative and preaching skills but, instead and for a number of reasons, the congregation grew smaller (90 pledging units now down from 149 in 2004) and the spirit has often been antagonistic rather than uplifting.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**DECEMBER 14**

***Parish Family  
Christmas  
Party***

**Parish Hall, 5-9 PM  
details on page 6**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**DECEMBER 6**

***A Venetian  
Christmas***

**California Bach Society  
8 PM in the Church**

**details on page 7**

Total Operating Fund income in 2007 was \$584,500 through use of \$117,000 of Venture, Vision 2007, Rector's Housing and Endowment fund monies. Expected 2008 income will be significantly diminished -- from the planned \$652,500 to a projected \$500,000. The amount from the other funds named above will be about \$56,500; that's down from the \$117,000 in 2007 and down from the budgeted \$158,000 for 2008. This is primarily due to Vision 2007 pledges which were not paid in 2008 as hoped for. Another cause is reduced earnings in the Rector's Housing Fund

Expenses are being cut where possible. The original 2008 budgeted expenses of \$690,500 are now projected to total about \$639,500. The \$139,500 projected 2008 deficit is higher than the \$38,000 originally

budgeted due in part to an incorrect calculation of the fair share amount due the diocese. Currently All Saints is delinquent in its payments but hopes to be in compliance by the end of 2008. Such payment and the overall reduction in the deficit will require expanded efforts of parishioners in completing their payments for annual and Vision 2007 pledges; Vision 2007 monies are used both for operating budget and capital expenses.

The 2009 budget now projects \$434,280 in income (\$20,000 less than the lowest of any year in the last eight years) and expenses in the range of \$479,550 to \$498,550, leaving a deficit of \$45,000 to \$64,000. This budget was prepared using the very conservative assumption that pledge income for 2009 will be the same as

2008. Increased pledges and payment of Vision 2007 pledges will greatly enhance the life of All Saints in 2009.

If all of the 2008 projected deficit occurs, All Saints' will eat further into its Operating Fund accumulated net assets. There would then be only \$23,300 of net assets remaining at the end of 2008. All Saints has long had a policy of maintaining two months of operating expenses in net assets; that would require \$106,500 as we end 2008.

And so as we do end this unprecedented, momentous year in our second century of ministry and service, let us again look forward joyfully to singing together. . .

"I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in."



## 2008 ADVENT FORUMS

By Mary Ripley and  
Emily Warde

During Advent, we hear lessons from the Old and New Testaments about how God's people have waited. Those called by God waited for God's presence and action among the Israelites, for the coming of the Messiah, and following the death and resurrection of Jesus, for His second coming.

As Christians, we too are called to wait and to prepare during Advent. In our Sunday forums, we will listen for these themes of waiting as we hear and examine the lessons of Advent. We will look at the history of the Christian season of Advent, and we

will look at practices, both historic and current that can help us to understand and to enrich our experience during this season of waiting.

Each of the four Sunday Forums examines the season and its meanings and practices through the lens of the lectionary lessons for that week's Sunday service. Together we will explore the lessons for the week, and will share our thoughts and experiences about practices and perspectives that have enriched our own lives during Advent.

1. Advent (Nov. 30): *What are we waiting for, and how do we wait?* This week we will look at some history of Advent, and explore what it means to

wait, and what we wait for as Christians, particularly during Advent. Come and share in discussion of active and passive practices that might help us to experience periods of waiting as enriching our day-to-day life and our spiritual lives.

2. Advent (Dec. 7): *Prophecies: Warnings and promises to keep us alert.* Today's lessons focus on the messages brought by the prophets, which remind us of God's promises and warn us to be prepared for the coming of Christ. Today's discussions will revolve around *ways to prepare ourselves*. We will look at waiting as both passive and active activities. Our focus will be on actions and activities we might choose to take on in order to practice an active style of waiting.

3. Advent (Dec. 14): *Waiting with hope and joy.* With the story of John the Baptist, and his call to prepare for Christ, we turn toward Christ's Advent, and celebrate with a new sense of Joy as we, with the first followers of John the Baptist, are reminded that promises are soon to be fulfilled.

4. Advent (Dec. 21): *Preparing ourselves for Christ's coming.* Emily Warde will help us to examine the story of the Annunciation as it appears in scripture, and how Mary responds to this extraordinary event. *How does Mary wait for Christ's birth?*

Come and join Mary Ripley and Emily Warde as we examine Biblical lessons of waiting, and as we explore how this Advent time of waiting might prepare us for a richer, more abundant experience of Christ's breaking through into our own lives and the life of our community and the world. Forums will be held each Sunday in Advent (Nov. 30-Dec. 21) from 9:15-10:15AM. Although we hope that you can join us for all four Sundays, please feel welcome to come to any or all of them as your schedules allow. Each week's Forum handouts will be available on the Parish Hall table after the forum, for those who may have to miss a forum and wish to share our exploration of Advent.



## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

By Sigrid Pinsky

The vestry has appointed Sigrid Pinsky, John Sebes and Brian Ford to chair the Vestry Nominating Committee. The process is underway and we encourage all parishioners to consider serving on the Vestry next Year. Vestry Terms are three years; the Vestry meets on the second Tuesday of the month. All vestry must be members in good standing of All Saints'.

As All Saints' embarks on our new adventure, serving on the Vestry offers a wonderful way to participate. Please contact Sigrid Pinsky [sigridkp@yahoo.com](mailto:sigridkp@yahoo.com), John Sebes [john@sebes.com](mailto:john@sebes.com) or Bryan Ford [ford@asaints.org](mailto:ford@asaints.org) for further information.

Watch *Grace Notes* for updates.



## UPDATE: INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH

By Joan Scherer

The Vestry has charged the committee which prepared the job description for the Interim Rector with continuing as the search committee. Those who drafted the job description were Mary Cloutier, Jake Warde, Mimi Dye, Phil Palmer, Dennis Romley, and Joan Scherer. Tom Wootton will serve on the Search Committee in Mimi's stead, and Barbara Sawka has been added to the committee. The Vestry hopes to have an Interim Pastor on board early in the new year.

## Mabel's Corner

### THE HAPPY SEASON

For most people it is the best time of year,  
the time to receive, the time to give, not  
only of gifts, but of brotherhood and love.

May it be all these things for each and  
every one of you, and may your wishes and  
dreams be fulfilled sufficiently to make this  
Christmas a very memorable one.

## ALL SAINTS' DAY INTERVIEW WITH DOROTHY BECKETT

By Diane Holt Frankle

Dorothy Beckett is a fixture at All Saints', and yet many of our newer members do not know Dorothy well. You will find Dorothy most Sundays in her front row pew in the "pie slice" next to the main aisle of All Saints, often sitting with Fran Bickford or Nicci Prentice, her faithful friends who bring her to All Saints on Sunday mornings. Dorothy has failing eyesight and significant



hearing loss, but she is still alert and has wonderful stories! On All Saints' Day 2008 I sat down with Dorothy to find out more about her.

**Diane:** Dorothy, thanks for talking with me today, so we can share your stories with All Saints'. Perhaps we should start with something many of us ask – how old are you?

**Dorothy:** I am 103, and on January 4, 2009 I'll be 104.

**Diane:** I am sure we will have a big party to celebrate that birthday!

**Dorothy:** I am planning to arrange to host Hospitality for the second Sunday in January to celebrate!

**Diane:** You grew up in England, I know. How did you happen to come to the U.S.?

**Dorothy:** My brother and sister-in-law and their son settled here. [Dorothy's maiden name was Dorothy Hannah Crichton.] My brother couldn't find work in Britain, and so moved to the States. They had been

living in Shanghai, and my niece Pat Morcott was born there. They moved to Singapore and their son was born there. My brother's wife was American. They wound up finding work in the States.

**Diane:** And then they invited you?

**Dorothy:** My mother had died by that time. I was quite surprised when they invited me to come over.

**Diane:** When was that?

**Dorothy:** I came to the States in 1955. I came on my own, and sailed over in a small cargo ship. After I arrived here, I lived with my brother and sister-in-law. They are both dead now, and I want to talk to the Altar Guild about having flowers in their memory.

**Diane:** Now I understand that before you came over here you had some adventures in England. First tell me about your work during World War II.

**Dorothy:** I worked for the Civil Defense during the war.

**Diane:** What was your job?

**Dorothy:** I was an ambulance attendant, and then I became an ambulance driver. Toward the end of the war, when the younger girls were being called up, I went out and interviewed people who wanted housing, and saw how much room they needed and such.

**Diane:** What did you do after the war?

**Dorothy:** I had a good job. I was still working for the government. I went out collecting rents and seeing that repairs were being made on government housing.

**Diane:** Did you work after you came here?

**Dorothy:** Yes I worked for Clifford Pharmacy as a bookkeeper for several years, over on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park. I didn't make very much. I stopped after I got married.

**Diane:** How did you come to All Saints'?

**Dorothy:** My sister-in-law's mother was coming to All Saints. Her name was Mrs. McGill. She said to me one day, "Dorothy, why don't you come

with me – All Saints’ is a very nice church.” I had an old car, and so I drove Mrs. McGill to church. I used to take her every Sunday until she moved away. I drove for years, and then I bought a scooter and that’s how I got to church for a while.

**Diane:** You are very faithful.

**Dorothy:** In the early days sometimes I would miss a Sunday because I belonged to Sierra Club and the trips were on Sunday. I loved those trips! [Her niece tells me that she has hiked over all the mountains in California!]

**Diane:** And you were living with your family?

**Dorothy:** I lived with my family till I married Dick Beckett. We got married very late in life.

**Diane:** I remember Dick! How did you two meet?

**Dorothy:** Well Dick was also in the Sierra Club and that is how we met. We went on Sierra Club trips together. It turns out he also went to All Saints’ – he was in the choir! He was younger than me. I knew Dick a long time before we decided to get married. I was almost 60 [Dorothy’s niece thinks she was 62 when they got married]. I hesitated when he proposed marriage, because I was older than he was, and thought I’d die first and leave him alone. Dick said that he was often in bad health, and so he thought I would out live him. I doubt he thought I’d live to be 103! He was a very nice man.

**Diane:** Were you married at All Saints?

**Dorothy:** Yes, we were. It was the Rector whose name begins with a “B.” [Dick Byfield]. As I mentioned, we got married very late in life. In

those days we still had the old church and the old parish hall. We had two services, one for children and one for adults, and we had services in the parish hall, which was very old.

**Diane:** I have heard others say that you played tennis at Wimbledon.

**Dorothy:** Yes I did! I played singles there, and I was about 35 years old. They had an elimination system, and I was in that group of 6 and managed to win and so got to play at Wimbledon. Of course it was all amateurs then. They were very careful to make sure you weren’t paid. Some companies would send me rackets, and I could use them but I couldn’t keep them. I had to send them back. I couldn’t sell them or otherwise make money.

**Diane:** That must have been very exciting to play at Wimbledon! Dorothy, where did you live before coming here to Sunset?

**Dorothy:** Dick’s parents had a big house and we lived there together after his parents died, and then I lived there alone after he died. The house is empty now, but perhaps they will rent it.

**Diane:** And how do you like living here at Sunset?

**Dorothy:** They take good care of me. When I first came here I had to take a smaller apartment and it was much further from the dining room. Now I am in this larger apartment and it is quite a bit closer to the dining room. They come with a wheel chair to take me to dinner about 4:30 p.m. each day. Its very inexpensive for what you get here. There are a lot of people living here – all types, some in wheel chairs and some who can walk fine. Unfortunately, I don’t know many residents here. I really can’t see them. I can’t hear well either. I may meet someone at dinner and learn her

name, but then I won’t recognize her again later and will have to ask her name again – I don’t’ think most people like that.

**Diane:** How is your health?

**Dorothy:** I have macular degeneration, and so I have lost most of my sight. I also can’t hear very well at all. Otherwise pretty good! But it makes it hard to talk to people. And I don’t really have any hobbies anymore.

**Diane:** We are so glad we can see you regularly at All Saints!

**Dorothy:** I am very lucky to have such good friends who bring me to church. Of course there is Fran Bickford and Nicci Prentice. And others too. I am glad to come. I do worry as the years go by that it will be hard for me to walk from the parking lot. I hope there will be some way for me to get to the service. I have a very good seat. I really like the choir. I do have a hard time hearing the service, and I wish our sound system was better. But I love coming to the services.

**Diane:** Dorothy, thanks for your time! We are blessed to have you with us and we all wish you good health and happiness!



## PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

By Diane Frankle

If you have a prayer request, please contact Bruce Delagi or Joan Scherer, who will pass your request on to the supply clergy of the week. Please contact Bruce via email at [bruce.delagi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bruce.delagi@sbcglobal.net) or at 650-326-6517 or Joan at 650-796-4141 or via email at [jscherer@pausd.org](mailto:jscherer@pausd.org). Please classify your prayer requests as either prayers of intercession (for others) or petition (for yourself), as thanksgivings, or as prayers for the dead. The clergy will read them during the prayers of the people. Prayer requests will be included at services for a month unless we hear from you to either keep the request or that the need for prayer has ended. Finally, if you desire pastoral follow-up beyond prayers, please give Fran, Bruce or Joan information to allow us to provide pastoral assistance to you! Also know that Joan Scherer is answering the emergency pastoral need line if someone needs something immediately.



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## *All Parish Family Christmas Party*

Please join us on Sunday, December 14th for fun, food, drink, pageantry, and fellowship! We will of course sing carols...

Location: Parish Hall

Time:

5 PM: Appetizers & Hors  
d'oeuvres & assorted drinks  
6PM-9PM Dinner

This year we are putting a different twist on this dinner. Due to the financial situation we are asking that the congregation pitch in and bring everything besides the meat (Men's Group will still be doing the cooking). We will have sign ups on the parish hall table in the weeks prior to the event for the following. Donations will also gladly be accepted to cover the cost of the meat and the clean up crew.

Appetizers: Please bring

enough to serve 10-12

Side dishes...recipes to be provided

Desserts: Please bring enough to serve 10-12

Wine: 2 bottles



*The children  
will present a  
holiday pageant*

## *A Venetian Christmas - California Bach Society*



*Sat, Dec 6, 2008, 8pm*

*Our program features music from Advent to Epiphany composed by the greatest musicians of the Basilica of San Marco, including the Magnificat for four voices (1640) by Claudio Monteverdi.*

*The magnificent architecture inspired spectacular cori spezzati motets by Giovanni Gabrieli, concertato duets by Alessandro Grandi, and late-renaissance music by Adrian Willaert, the first great maestro di cappella of the Basilica. The 30-voice choir will be joined by sackbuts (early trombones), violin, and continuo.*

*Tickets: Advance \$25, \$18, \$10 or at the door: \$30, \$22, \$10.*

*For more information, (415) 252-0262 or <http://calbach.org/>*



Blessings on all our mailing volunteers who get Calling All Saints out of the office and onto your kitchen table: Mabel Herring, Margaret Weil, Nicci Prentice, Dorothy Dewing, Fran Delagi, Barbara Pande, Diane Frankle, and Laurie and Tracy Jarrett. And speaking of mailing, the cost of the last three months' printing and mailing was borne by John Sack, our Mailing Angel for October, November and December. Postage alone runs \$88.50 a month so please consider becoming a Mailing Angel yourself, to keep Calling All Saints coming in hard copy form to all our members. Contact Susan Reaves to make your donation!

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**A MARRIAGE TO CELEBRATE:  
John Sack and Jeff Rensch**

John and Jeff were married at their home on All Saints' Day, Saturday November 1, 2008. Sally Cadigan and Mabel Herring were witnesses, and The Rev. Lori Walton of St. Mark's officiated (Lori also brought her puppy, Olive, as the guest). "We honeymooned at Kepler's", John said, and added, "I can't believe that after 34 years together we have a real anniversary; I wondered if 'marriage' would feel so very different from a 'domestic partnership', and it definitely does". "The acclamation and congratulations of our friends at church when I made the announcement on Sunday, November 2 was very important to us, and all the more so when Proposition 8 passed two days later. The grace of the saints of All Saints buoyed me that day!"



*Sally Cadigan, Jeff Rensch, John Sack, The Rev. Lori Walton & guest, Mabel Herring*

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**



**CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Children and Youth will perform a pageant on December 14th before the Parish Family Christmas dinner. On Christmas Eve, children and youth will sing a carol or two and then help to bless the crèche. Please contact Sigrid Pinsky ([sigridkp@yahoo.com](mailto:sigridkp@yahoo.com)) for more information. All children are most welcome to participate!



**GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTH TO A CHILD IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY**

Malaria kills a child every 30 seconds.

Children and Youth and the Outreach Committee are joining forces to provide at least 50 malaria nets by the end of Advent.

Do your part! Purchase a net for \$12.50.

If you'd like to help with this project please contact Gloria VanBree, [gvanbree@pacbell.net](mailto:gvanbree@pacbell.net) of the Outreach Committee or Sigrid Pinsky, [sigridkp@yahoo.com](mailto:sigridkp@yahoo.com), of Children's Ministry

If you want to know more about Episcopal Relief and Development's "Nets for Life", check it out at: <http://www.netsforlifeafrica.org/netsforlifeafrica.htm>



## CHURCH CHAT

By Barbara Foster

It's nice to be wanted!! **Arlene Leslie** reports that Palo Alto High School, where she is the Technology Coordinator, didn't want her to retire last June and called her back for another school year. She did manage to work in a trip this past summer to northern Spain with her sister and a University of the Pacific alumni group before she was summoned back to work.

On the other hand, **Maury Deatrick** is permanently retired on the beautiful island of Maui, Hawaii. Volunteer activities keep him busy: he's vice president of the South Maui AARP chapter, a coordinator for AARP's tax-aide program for seniors, treasurer of the Kihei Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society, and a volunteer at Trinity-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. He plans to visit All Saints' in May.

Planning to spend the Christmas holidays at their home on Denby Island, British Columbia, are **Hap** and **Lucinda Abbott** and their family. This second home is on the waterfront where they kayak and gather clams and oysters on the beach. They enjoy attending services at a small Anglican church on the island, staffed by an itinerant priest.

The **Abbott's** children are **Hannah**, a freshman at Palo Alto High School, and **Katie**, a junior high school student. **Lucinda** is also a student—she is working on a master's degree in library science to supplement her degree in early childhood education. **Hap** is owner of a small business he founded 19 years ago, Power Source, Inc. in Mountain View, which builds battery packs. The family's "matriarch" is Jeanne Abbott,

Hap's mother, who regularly attends the 10:30 service.

Another three-generation family is **Barbara Pande**, her daughter and husband, **Eliza** and **Jake Warde**, and the **Wardes'** daughter, **Emily**, who is in charge of childcare.

**Laura Biche's** son, **JR**, is in his first term at the Art Institute of California in San Francisco. His brother, **Timothy**, is a student at NYU currently studying in Italy. **Laura**, our former hospitality "diva," continues to work in the mortgage field.

**Peter Cady**, son of **Larry Cady** and **Priscilla Hanrahan**, is a junior at Sonoma State University, studying business subjects and journalism. His brother, **Patrick**, is a junior at Palo Alto High School.

For those of you who did NOT vote absentee in last month's elections, you might have seen some of these All Saints' members volunteering at the polls: **Hilbert** and **Betty Morales**, **Sally** and **Peter Keep**, **Joe Baldwin**, and **Sybil Florant**.

**Sheila Baraze**, a co-director of the Altar Guild (along with **Arlene Leslie** and **Mary Cloutier**), is a fan of Elderhostel, the educational and travel organization for seniors. She has been to the Central California coast to study John Steinbeck and his writing, and to Los Angeles to study detectives, police shows, and mystery-writing. She teaches computing at St. Raymond's School in Menlo Park and she gardens and hikes in her spare time.



### *Profiles of Vestry members and their families, continued from last month's Church Chat:*

**John Sebes**, his wife **Barbara Coll** and their son **James** report busy lives. **James**, 14, is a serious soccer player enjoying a great season. **John** and **Barbara** and two other parents are coaching his AYSO team. **John** recently spent two weeks in Japan visiting his cousin, and he and **Barbara** chaired a NARAL event which raised \$321,000 for reproductive rights. **Barbara** describes herself as an expert in the world of online marketing.

**John** is a member of the Vestry as well as the choir. His "day job" is co-director of Open Source Digital Voting Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to studying and improving voting technology.

**Lauren Bonomi** and her husband, **Flavio**, have two children—**Alex**, 11, and **Isabella**, 9, who both attend Walter Hays Elementary School. Thirteen years ago they met realtor **Nicci Prentice** who showed them a rental house at 526 Lowell Avenue, Palo Alto. It was the former home of **Paula** and the late **Don Baldwin!!** The Bonomis rented it, eventually bought it, and recently rebuilt it.

**Lauren**, a member of the Vestry, is an electrical engineer, having worked with Bell Labs/Lucent Technology and AT&T. Now a stay-at-home mom, she volunteers at school, co-leads a Brownie troop, gardens, and cooks "slow food." **Flavio** is a Cisco Distinguished Engineer and is the Head of the Cisco Research Center

Vestry member **Joanne Westendorf** is a former research scientist with a B.S. degree in biological sciences, and an M.S. degree in nutritional biochemistry, both from Cornell, and a Ph.D. in medical sciences/cell and developmental biology from Harvard. She worked at Stanford from 1974 to 2001. She and her husband, **Sandy Wilbourn**, have two children, **Stephen** and **Mary**.

At All Saints **Joanne** has taught Sunday School, is on the Altar Guild, and sings in the choir. She has been very active with the Girl Scout movement in Palo Alto, her children's schools, Boy Scouts, and AYSO.

**Bryan Ford** is completing his third year on the Vestry. An attorney, he is an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto. He and his wife, **Ellen**, who is a social worker with the VA, have a four-year-old daughter, **Sarah**. They live in Cupertino.



## GREETINGS FROM THE RHOADES FAMILY!

By Stephen Rhoades

Hello from the other side of the continent! It doesn't seem possible that four weeks ago we spent our last Sunday with you at All Saints'. So much has happened since then!

After our farewell reception on Sunday, October 19, the Rhoades family returned to our house in Palo Alto for the final push. With the

gracious and generous help of many All Saints' parishioners, we managed to get the rest of our house packed up, all the Rhoades' packed up for traveling the next day, and we said goodbye to our house on Corina Way. After an impromptu dinner with Joan Scherer and the Bonomis at their home, the Rhoades family and a mass of luggage headed for the Clarion SFO Airport hotel. We said goodbye to our minivan (which was being shipped out the next day) and crashed for the night. At 4:30 am, two adults, five children, four car seats, two pack-n-plays, eight checked suitcases, and fourteen carry-on bags piled on a shuttle heading for the airport. Luckily, the skycaps at SFO saw us struggling to get out of the shuttle and came running to help. After working with the Southwest rep for about thirty minutes, we finally got all our bags checked, with only one overage fee! Steve guarded the pile of carry-on bags at the gate while Anna found food and COFFEE, and we all finally got loaded on the plane.

After two very uneventful flights (we had a brief stop in Chicago) we arrived in Florida about 5:00 PM. The kids could not have been better, and we were all very anxious to get off the plane! The Youth Minister at All Saints Winter Park, his wife, his assistant, and a couple of kids from youth group picked us up in the All Saints' church bus! It seemed a fitting end to a day where we saw the sun rise in the east and set in the west, from opposite sides of the continent.

Our PODS arrived four days later (they wouldn't fit in our driveway, so our very kind neighbors across the street allowed us to put them in their driveway) and we had everything loaded in the house in five hours. Believe it or not, we are almost completely unpacked and set up, with

only a handful of boxes to go.

Our new house is incredible! We have over 3,000 square feet, four bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, a huge four-season porch, a swimming pool, and a view of Lake Martha from our back porch. We absolutely love the house. There are kids in the neighborhood, and the school bus stop is three houses down from ours. It is a great area. And there is one benefit to the house that we were completely unaware of. When the Space Shuttle launched from Cape Canaveral last week, we stood on our front porch and watched the shuttle as it ascended into the night sky. We could clearly see the two flames from the booster rockets, saw them separate, and could follow the shuttle's trajectory for about three minutes, until just before the fuel tank separated. It was an awesome sight which the kids just loved.



The kids have all settled into school very nicely. Ian is in advanced band (trumpet) and is learning to play the guitar. Nate and Sarah go to the same elementary school, and each of them has made new friends quickly. The twins attend All Saints Preschool on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (Anna actually has two mornings a week with no children at home!) The twins love being with kids their own age and are talking up a storm. Caleb especially loves school buses, so every time he sees one he shouts, "School Bus!!!" Edie is following in her sister's "accessorizing" footsteps and has taken to wearing all kinds of flair in her hair. While the kids miss their friends at All Saints', they are thriving in Florida.

The people at All Saints Winter Park have been so gracious and welcoming to our family that it has been truly moving. They have scheduled play

dates for our kids, fed us, brought Halloween decorations to our house, and much more. We feel very welcome and part of the family already. Nate and Sarah are already involved in "Grace Place," All Saints' version of Sunday School, which numbers about 100 children on any given Sunday. Ian is involved in the All Saints Youth Group which meets on Wednesday evenings, and usually numbers about 70 teenagers.

Church life at All Saints Winter Park is keeping me very busy. We have four very different services on Sunday: Rite I at 7:30; Rite II (family service) at 8:45 in the church; Rite II (contemporary service with a praise band and overhead projector) at 8:45 in the Parish Hall; and a Rite II high Anglican service with full choir in the church at 11:00. We also have a healing Eucharist on Tuesday evenings, a Wednesday noon Eucharist, a Thursday 6:30 am Eucharist, and a Saturday noon Eucharist. I am preaching and celebrating at least twice a week, as well as being involved with Choir Club (kids) and the Youth Group, and adult Christian education, all while I am still in orientation mode!

Anna and I would like to thank you, all of the people of All Saints, for all that you did for our family during our fifteen months with you. You were truly welcoming and gracious, and made us feel like family. We miss you all!



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

By Rodney Gehrke

We humans like to mark time by observing anniversaries. Obviously family birthdays and anniversaries are important, but societal anniversaries resonate as well. As I write this, the San Francisco Chronicle is publishing a series of articles around the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of two horrific events in San Francisco history: the mass suicide of People's Temple guru Jim Jones and over 900 of his followers in Guyana, preceded by the shootings at the nearby airport of, among others, Representative Leo Ryan (who died) and his assistant Jackie Speier (who, despite suffering five gunshot wounds, amazingly survived). Just ten days later the city mourned the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk by fellow supervisor Dan White.

On a much happier note, the horrible memory of the riots in Grant Park, Chicago, during the Democratic National Convention in August 1968, was, according to Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan of San Francisco's Temple Emanu-El, redeemed 40 years later by the totally peaceful gathering on November 4 for Barack Obama's election victory speech. Park workers noted that there was hardly even any trash left after the estimated 100,000 revelers departed.

Church musicians (finally to the point!) enjoy marking anniversaries as well. In 1985, I observed the 300<sup>th</sup> birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach by playing his entire organ oeuvre in twelve recitals.

This year we have observed two significant musical anniversaries: the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the most influential German Lutheran composer of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Hugo Distler (1908-1942), and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the towering Welsh master, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Even Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams urged Anglicans to observe Vaughan Williams' birthday (October 12) by singing one or more of his powerful hymn tunes. Certainly the most famous Vaughan Williams tune is SINE NOMINE, sung to "For All the Saints," and first published in the English Hymnal in 1906. This tune, remarkably, replaced the beloved ENGELBERG (most often sung to "We Know that Christ Has Died" and "When In Our Music God is Glorified"), which had been thought impossible due to ENGELBERG's popularity. This alone shows the power of Vaughan Williams' gifts. There are no fewer than 27 hymns in Hymnal 1982 with either new melodies or harmonizations of existing tunes by Vaughan Williams, and six more harmonizations are published in the accompaniment edition of Hymnal 1982.

This Christmas Eve at Midnight Mass the choir will sing a Vaughan Williams arrangement of a very unusual Christmas carol, "Down in Yon Forest." Author Bruce Cockburn considers this, hands down, the spookiest of carols. The strange text is worth reading in its entirety:

Down in yon forest there stands a hall  
*The bells of Paradise I heard  
 them ring,*

It's covered all over with purple and pall,  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

In that hall there stands a bed  
*The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,*  
 It's covered all over with scarlet so red,  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

In that bed there lies a knight  
*The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,*

The one half runs water, the other runs blood,  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

At the bed's foot there grows a thorn,  
*The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,*  
 Which ever blows blossom since He was born,  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

Over that bed the moon shines bright,  
*The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,*

*Sing all good men for the new-born Baby!*

To see both versions of the carol, go to [www.folkinfo.org](http://www.folkinfo.org). Mr. Cockburn believes the carol to be quite old and relates the text to the Grail legend and to an ancient practice of draining a king's blood onto the ground every few years to ensure its ongoing fertility. Yikes!

A Christian interpretation would assert the connection between the birth of Jesus and his passion and death. While secular society is



Whose wounds do bleed by day and night  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

At the bedside there lies a stone,  
*The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,*  
 Which the sweet Virgin Mary knelt upon,  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

Under that bed there runs a flood,  
*The bells of Paradise I heard them ring,*

Denoting our Saviour was born this night.  
*And I love my Lord Jesus above anything.*

Vaughan Williams was one of the first and most important collectors of folksong and says the carol came from Derbyshire. There is another version of the carol collected by John Jacob Niles in North Carolina (!) early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The tune is quite different, and in that version, the double refrain text in each stanza is:

*Sing May, Queen May, sing Mary!*

satisfied with the image of a sweet baby in a manger, Christians can also rejoice that Jesus came among us for a higher purpose.

Also at Midnight Mass, the choir will also offer several stanzas of Hugo Distler's setting of the beloved carol, "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming." Of course, roses do have thorns....

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

[http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns\\_and\\_Carols/MIDI/diyf-rvw.mid](http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/MIDI/diyf-rvw.mid)

## EMBRACING THE NEW ADAM AND EVE

By Peter R. Keep

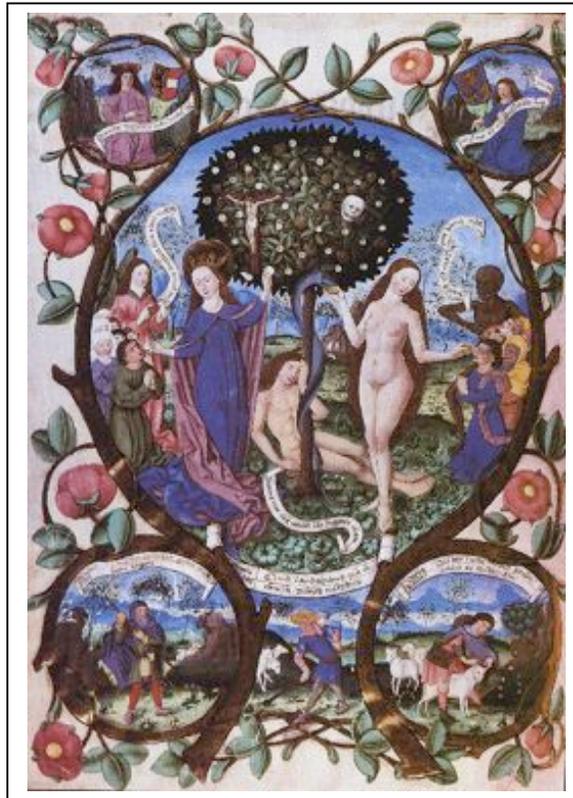
If your upbringing was anything like mine, it featured three basic myths, told to me throughout my early years, and of which I became quite fond. The first myth was that there was a very kindly fairy who always left a coin under my pillow whenever I lost a baby tooth. The second was that Santa Claus came down the chimney every Christmas Eve and brought me toys — if I proved to be good. The last childhood myth was that humankind was started by Adam (who had a liking for apples) and Eve (who had a liking for Adam and also kept a pet snake).

The first of these myths became irrelevant after my adult teeth arrived. The second was looking pretty dubious by the time I was six. But the third myth, regarding Adam and Eve, seemed more or less viable until I was around nine or ten years old, when I started to get heavy doses of Darwinism and evolutionary theory from my elementary schoolteachers.

Of course, my Sunday schoolteachers were profoundly adamant about the existence of Adam and Eve, and continuously defended the bible story as an unassailable truth. As a young teenager, of course, I knew better . . . and came to believe that evolutionism was much more logical.

Just when all these childhood myths had been safely tucked away ready for the next generation, along comes Dr. Spencer Wells to undermine my long-espoused beliefs. In his recently published book, *'The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey'* Dr. Wells

documents how all humankind was indeed begat by Adam and Eve. Not quite the Adam and Eve we might have imagined, but a male and female humanoid that created the human species, as we know it. He has also scientifically determined that this happened somewhere in North-Eastern Africa around 60,000+ years ago.



Dr. Wells, who was former head of the population genetics research group at Oxford University's Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics in England, has ostensibly proved that the whole human race was indeed begat by one set of parents. And that these parents are undoubtedly characterized by being African, short in stature, with (surprise) blue eyes and light brown skin . . . something like a pint-size version of Barack Obama, with baby blues! After six long years of world travel and DNA testing, Wells and his team of over 20 expert geneticists finally located the original site of the 'Garden of Eden'

in what is now known as Ethiopia — a region still occupied by the 'San' tribe to this day.

Once located, Wells and his team spent many weeks befriending the 'San' tribes people, taking DNA samples and analyzing them etc. until they were completely positive. The oldest member of the present San tribe was discovered to be Nyae Nyae Pam.

This makes Nyae the closest descendant of Adam and Eve still living on the face of this earth.

**'RACE' HAS NOW  
BECOME A FICTION.**

The sudden realization that we have a walking, talking, thinking descendent of what I had always assumed was a mythical "Father" in our midst, is bound to have a fundamental effect on our intellectual, cultural and ethnic consciousness. In effect, it actually makes nonsense of all those ethnic terms currently in use. Terms such as *racial prejudice, race relations, ethnic background, multi-racial and African American. We are now american-african, anglo-african, asian-african or spanish-african respectively.* In fact, Dr. Well's remarkable discovery has created an entirely new PC! We

have finally become one race, one nation, one ethnicity! Under our multi-colored skins, we are all indeed *brothers*. Hallelujah!

**MUST READ: The Journey of Man: A Genetic Odyssey** (Paperback) by Spencer Wells (Author) "Creation myths can be found at the core of all religions...". Product Details: Paperback: 240 pages Publisher: Random House Trade Paperbacks (February 17, 2004) Language: English ISBN-10: 0812971469 ISBN-13: 978-0812971460

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<p>7 Second Sunday of Advent AM 8 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Adult Ed:FR 9:15 Library Open 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>8 AM 10 KW** Private Business Mtg: PH PM 6:30 Women's AA: Rm 28</p>	<p>9 AM 9:30 Library Committee:LB PM 7 Debtors Anon: YR 7 Vestry: LB 7:30 Amnesty Intl:Rm 28</p>	<p>10 PM 7 Women's AA: FR</p>	<p>11 AM 11:30 Breaking Bread Meal: PH PM 5:30 Evening Prayer: CPL 7:30 Choir Rehearsal 8 Narc. AnonPH</p>	<p>12 Parish Office Closed AM 11:30 Breaking Bread: PH PM 8TangoPH</p>	<p>13 AM 8 Yoga: PH 9:30 Altar Guild Prep:CH 9:30 Nicotine Anon.: FR 10 Christmas Party Set-up:PH, CH 7 Y Peoples' AA Rm 28</p>
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