



St. John's Chapel Newsletter

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Are You a Sustainer?

sus-tain [suh-steyn]
verb (used with object)

1. To support, hold, or bear up from below; bear the weight of, as a structure.
2. To bear (a burden, charge, etc.).
3. To undergo, experience, or suffer (injury, loss, etc.); endure without giving way or yielding.
4. To keep (a person, the mind, the spirits, etc.) from giving way, as under trial or affliction.
5. To keep up or keep going, as an action or process: to sustain a conversation.

Fall is the time for nearly all financial campaigns – NPR and its assorted stations, our college alumni/ae funds and its athletic programs, various fine arts programs and organizations – and of course, the church. Because stewardship is one of my responsibilities, I have been contemplating the now established trend in money raising campaigns which invite us potential donors to become a “sustainer”. The fundraising idea is simple: put your pledge on a credit card or draft and (1) we will leave you alone for at least a year, (2) you don’t have to write a check, (3) the cause has a guarantee of income for a set period, and most importantly, (4) you qualify for ALL the prizes that are and will be on offer this year – not just the premium being offered at the moment you make your call and offer your support. Honestly, the combination of reasons 1 and 4 makes the idea of sustaining difficult to ignore!

But sustaining is actually a two-way street. It isn’t just an “ask”. I offer you the definitions above as proof. We don’t just sustain St. John’s Chapel; St. John’s Chapel sustains us – the congregational/

parish community. When one of us in the community is in need, St. John’s is there to support and nurture. The church is a safety net for all of us that helps us keep going, to not give way, to maintain purpose and mission in living our faith. It is a place, a community, in which to sustain sustenance for both giving and receiving

When I think of all the benefits of our being part of this community of faith I’m reminded of those beautiful words we hear every Sunday in the Eucharist:

“...we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.” (BCP 1928)

“...that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.” (Ibid)

When we become sustainers, we qualify for all the prizes that St. John’s Chapel has to offer, including things we can’t know we will require. In the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving a mailing asking for your support of St. John’s Chapel and its mission in 2026. Please prayerfully consider your sustaining pledge for the new year to come. And if you are not already a pledger, consider all the benefits St. John’s Chapel gives you, and become a sustainer!

Fr. Rick Miles

(with special thanks to Gayle Ferguson, NC)



St. John's Celebrates its Golden Jubilee: 1891-1941

By Elizabeth and Richard Barratt, St. John's Historians

*Easter is a family affair-
a Thanksgiving of the
Springtime*

with Easter bunnies and yellow
chicks, children and laughter,
Church and family prayers,
a new spirit, new clothes
befitting the glorious
Eastertide.


Mrs. Pierce Parsons
and daughters Jean and Mary.
Clothes worn by Mrs. Parsons and
Jean modeled in Tau Mu Fashion Show
held at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club . . .

46 Departments - Since 1891

Holman's
DEPARTMENT STORE

PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA

WHAT'S DOING



We're ready for Easter . . . are you?

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Illustration: St. John's new, covered front porch, completed in time for its 1941 Golden Jubilee, was featured in a Holman's Department Store ad.

Beginning in 1940, parishioners eagerly began plans for the 1941 celebration of its Golden Jubilee, 1891-1941, when St. John's would observe its 50th anniversary. Congregational attendance at St. John's was further expanded at the time because St. James was without a rector and most of the parishioners from St. James preferred to come to St. John's while they awaited the next call.

Chapel beautification was the major discussion at the January 1941 Annual Meeting. Some adornments had already been installed two years earlier. On Trinity Sunday, June 12, 1939, the venerable Sanctuary Lamp was dedicated, its perpetual glow illuminating the Lalique crystal insert, made by one of France's foremost artistic glass designers. The elegant brass lamp was bestowed by Mrs. Anna Lee Hopkins (1872-1960) in memory of her husband, longtime vestry member and Senior Warden, Erastus Hopkins (1867-1937). The hand-carved mahogany aumbry, with its inlaid iron and brass Celtic cross, had been dedicated on July 23, 1939, in memory of Emily Lydia Tuttle. These fine art works were crafted by the Monterey Guild, established in 1928 by local artist E. Charlton Fortune, whose studio had previously designed St. John's Rood Screen, installed in 1932.

A highlight of the Golden Jubilee year was the Douglas Morrison Memorial Porch, with its new, covered front foyer and new entrance steps, installed on Maundy

Thursday, April 10, 1941. The new entryway was dedicated in memory of St. John's Vestry member Robert Douglas Morrison (1891-1940) by his widow, Mary Winslow Morrison (1873-1943). New chapel carpeting and improved outdoor landscaping added to the beautification projects as part of the celebrations at St. John's. Other gifts included a little piece of history, a handbill dated July 5, 1890, sent by Mrs. Nettie Fackenthall, widow of St. John's first rector, the Rev. Charles S. Fackenthall. The brochure announced the auction of the Oak Grove Building lots, in which it was stated, "Proceeds of the first Oak Grove lot to be sold at auction will be donated to assist in completing the

Del Monte Chapel."

At the annual Meeting in January 1942, in his remarks on the Jubilee celebration, St. John's Rector, the Rev. Theodore Bell noted, "For fifty years our Chapel of St. John's has been a place of peace and spiritual refreshment in which men and women from every part of the United States and from many foreign lands have gained renewal. There is a need for each you, my brethren of the laity, to remember that it is your duty as baptized Christians to search out those who need that spiritual treasure of which we who worship at St. John's Chapel are the stewards. There are few places on earth where it is easier than it is in our little chapel to realized God's presence. The measure of our privilege is the degree of our responsibility. If you find here at St. John's light in life's meaning and strength for life's journey, it is your bounded duty to share it with those who need what you have found. It is a basic principle of the spiritual life that we can only keep God's light if we are ourselves light-bearers. Go out, my brethren, amongst your relatives and friends and tell them of what the Chapel services have meant in your own life."

He reminded the congregation of the new improvements to the chapel building, the refreshed landscaping, and added, "This helped celebrate the Jubilee year as well as a new heating plant, changes to improve the Rectory, a sprinkling system, and parking and *Continued on p. 3*

Golden Jubilee Continued from p. 2 grounds improvement. We now have a small collection of memorabilia such as the 1941 donation by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hargrave of a Bible printed in 1607.”

By this time, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the United States had entered World War II. In

this spirit, Fr. Bell asked the congregation to remember in its prayers the thirteen parishioners serving in the armed forces: Robert W. Pearson, Edward P. Earle, Michael Purcell Bell, William Fraser Darling, Charles Francis Kiernan, John Stewart Wither, John W. Pearson, Harold Ball, Willets Ware, Henry Ray Krolfifer, Thor Hellum, Wayne Kiger, Charles W. Stickney.

Cranmer's Efforts Toward Reform



Thomas Cranmer courtesy britannica.com

Although a staunch conservative in all matters save those of the power of the Pope and the most glaring abuses of the church, Henry VIII refused to allow Archbishop Cranmer complete freedom in the revision of the Church's services. Cranmer succeeded in persuading the King to order the new English Bible set up in the churches, and to require each parish priest to teach his people the Lord's Prayer the Creed and the Ten Commandments. Further than that Henry would not go, with one exception. In 1544 he yielded to Cranmer's urging and allowed the archbishop to issue for use the magnificent English Litany which is still in the Prayer Book. Translated partly from Latin litanies in use in the medieval Church and partly from a Lutheran litany, it displays Cranmer's masterly touch and an almost uncanny skill in the use of the English language.

With the death of Henry VIII Cranmer's work proceeded more rapidly. The government of the Protector and the Council, ruling in the name of Henry's nine-year-old son Edward VI was far more sympathetic to the aims of the reformers than Henry had been. As a result, the Lessons of Matins and Vespers as well as the Epistles

and gospels of the Mass were ordered read in English. When Parliament enacted that henceforth in the Church of England the elements of the Sacrament should be received in both kinds, Cranmer had ready an Order of the Communion which was issued in 1548. This was a simple service of the Confession, Absolution, Comfortable Words, Prayer of Humble Access, and Sentence of Administration for the Bread and Wine, much as they are in the Prayer Book now, which was to be used in the Latin Mass when the moment for the people's communion came. The restoration of the chalice to the laity was considered by all to be a step towards restoring the original customs of the Early Church. The emphasis on regular communions made frequently by the people was an attempt to end the medieval practice in which a man seldom made his communion more often than once a year.


In 1549 Cranmer's work came to fulfillment. He finished a complete revision of all the old services, and the new Book of Common Prayer was ordered placed in use throughout England on Whitsunday of that year.



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Excerpted from "The Struggle for the Prayer Book", The National Council, 1945

St. John's Chapel, Del Monte October 2025 Schedule

| Date | Activity | Notes |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| OCTOBER 5 Trinity 16 | 10:00 AM - Holy Communion | Fr. Richard Miles Presiding |
| OCTOBER 12 Trinity 17 | 10:00 AM - Holy Communion 11:00 AM – Vestry Meeting | Fr. Richard Miles Presiding Centennial Hall |
| OCTOBER 13 Columbus Day | Federal Holiday | |
| OCTOBER 19 Trinity 18 | 10:00 AM - Holy Communion | Fr. Richard Miles Presiding |
| OCTOBER 26 Trinity 19 | 10:00 AM – Morning Prayer | Licensed Lay Reader Conducting |
| OCTOBER 31 Halloween |  | |



THE BENEFIT SHOP ACCEPTS

Clean, gently used clothing
Clean, working small appliances
Clean Kitchen items
 Chinaware, Glassware
 CDs and DVDs
 Knick knacks and bric-a-brac
 Small furniture items in good condition
 Art and Art objects
 Holiday items
 Jewelry

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

ELECTRONICS: such as MEDICAL EQUIP-
 MENT, PRINTERS, COPIERS, LAPTOPS, CELL
 PHONES, TELEVISIONS, OR COMPUTERS.
 Soiled or worn-out clothing or shoes
 Cassettes or VHS videos
 Non-working small appliances
 Broken, chipped, or cracked items
 Worn kitchen ware
 Broken jewelry or watches

***Please Note: We do not have the woman-power to dispose of unsaleable items.
 Please do not leave items at the gate, it is unlawful.***

**St. John's Chapel, Del Monte
&
Our Military Connection**



David Jones, longtime member of our congregation, is undertaking the daunting task of chronicling the members of St. John's who have served in the military. Our connection to the military goes back even before the US Navy acquired the Del Monte Hotel. David is asking everyone in the congregation to search their memories and provide him with names, photographs in uniform (or partial thereof), any military memorabilia, and any history you might have. He can be reached at davedi-anel1@comcast.net, or you're welcome to chat with him during "coffee hour" after service on Sundays.

HONORING OUR VETERANS



**St John's Chapel Current Financial Encapsulation
2025 Year to Date**

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Income | \$ 169,886.73 |
| Expenses | \$ 168,612.35 |
| Bottom Line (+/-) | \$ +1,274.38 |

Can You Help St. John's Cut Expenses?

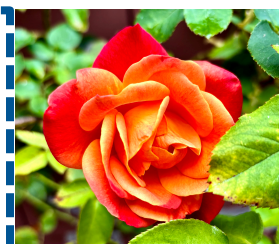
Dear Parishioners,

We are always in need of extra toilet paper and paper towel supplies. If you're shopping at COSTCO or another big box store, would you please pick up a packet of these items and bring them to church on Sunday? These small donations really add up in helping the Chapel defray extra expenses. Thanks so much for your help!

**Volunteers Needed for All Ministry
Areas**

We need help in all ministry areas including acolytes, altar guild, lay readers, and ushers. If you're able to assist even one Sunday a month please contact the Church Office at (831) 375-4463

Altar Flowers: The Flower Chart is in its usual place in the Parish Hall. Reserve those important dates now. Costs are \$30.00 for regular seasonal flowers, greenery and candles, OR \$40.00 for roses.



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