



EDITOR'S NOTE: Editor Don Casella is in his last week in the deep South, returning by train on or about next Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT ED/SOUP/SUPPER:

Embracing Emergence Christianity

Come for the second session of Phyllis Tickle's *Embracing Emergence Christianity*, a six-part DVD series about the "rummage sale" that is going on in the church right now. (Last time we had one it was the Reformation!) It's not too late to jump into the conversation—each of the sessions can be understood on its own.

All are invited to attend the Eucharist at 6pm. At 6:30, we will eat our soup supper while watching the short video and then have small group discussions. We will finish up at 7:45.

All are welcome, even at the last minute! But if you know you want to attend, please RSVP for Session Two by Monday January 16 to helencrowell09@comcast.net or 282.2641, so that she can make the right amount of food. In Church Sunday, pick up a copy of the (very short) essay we're supposed to read ahead of time in church on Sunday.

LUNCH BUNCH: *Growing!*

meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 12 noon. On January 3rd, we had a group of 15, a new record for this learning group.

Lunch Bunch meets again in the *Club House at Harding Golf Course and will be again on February 7th*. At the February meeting we will choose a March-through-May location. All are welcome to enjoy the food and the company for a "dutch" treat lunch where we have discussion, or a speaker. Meet at the restaurant! It is always necessary to make a reservation, so please call Sally, 415-285-9540 in the office to let her know if you plan to come. Hope you can be there!

MEHAS MEETING: *Guest -- Author Peggy Kennedy*

- 1) MEHAS = "Mental and Emotional Health and Support"
- 2) A support group for mental illness-both for the diagnosed person and their family or friends-will have Peggy Kennedy of the book *Approaching Neverland* lead us in exercises writing about our lives. Stay tuned as I will email folks the homework. I also will leave the copies of the book with Sally; if you can pay for the book OK but isn't necessary.
- 3) MEETING: Sunday, 1/29/2012, 12 Noon
- 4) St Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine Dr, San Francisco (park in Safeway lot OK)
- 5) Free
- 6) 415-285-9540 for further information
www.staidan.org

AIDS QUILT MEMORIES:

Recalling Tom Tell And Ron Washburn, With Sister Butch, Peat, And Queenie

The return of the AIDS Quilt for Advent brought back many memories of those members of St. Aidan's, and friends of St. Aidan's, who died of AIDS.

Many of them were VERY involved in our parish, serving on the Vestry, including Kenneth Buckley, Ron Washburn, Peter Hayn who later became ordained, Fr. Jim Markunas, etc. But this remembrance is about Tom and Ron.

In the late 70's, Rev. Lin Knight asked me to be the Bishop's Representative to *The Parsonage*, which was the first official presence of the Episcopal Diocese in the gay and lesbian community. The Parsonage was established by Bishop Swing, at the urging of two gay priests, Bernard Mayes and John Williams. It was located in a small rental home behind Herth Realty, at 555A Castro Street. Soon after I started attending Board meetings there, I met Ron and Tom.

At about the same time, HIV was discovered and AIDS became a death sentence throughout the gay community (and among our St. Aidan's community).

Ron and Tom were very active in publicizing the AIDS epidemic, as well as quelling rumors regarding its transmittal.

When the Episcopal National Convention was held in Anaheim, Ron and Tom enlisted a group from the leadership of the Parsonage to travel there to raise awareness of AIDS within the Episcopal community. They would gather the latest articles and statistics about AIDS, and then each morning

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Marilyn and I, and Ron and Tom, and Bill Lorton and others, would hand out "*The Daily AIDS Update*" to the conventioners as they entered the convention center each morning. Marilyn would especially target those with a purple shirt. Ron and Tom also began handing out small swatches of rainbow ribbons, with straight pins, so you could pin it on your shirt or blouse, to show your support of those with HIV/AIDS.

Finally, Ron and Tom became HIV positive themselves. During their illness, they continued to be active in AIDS awareness, helping to establish the first World AIDS Day, and attending, as I recall, the first three World AIDS Conferences. Ron succumbed first to the disease, and a few months later, Tom.

Before they died, Marilyn and I had planned a trip to Italy, and included Assisi on our itinerary, intending to go for the day. Tom and Ron said, "If you are going to Assisi, you really must stay overnight." We did, and it was a magical, spiritual night to be in the quiet realm of St. Francis after all of the tour buses have taken the masses back to Rome.

If you look at the medium size panel in the middle of the bottom of our Quilt panel, you will see "*The Bickersons*" [Bill Lorton's nickname for them] "*Ron Washburn, Tom Tull, Sister Butch and Queenie (their two cats) and Peat*" [their dog].

We miss them all." by *Patrick Hall*

BOOK GROUP: *Two Hot Reads!*"

The group usually gathers at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Bring your favorite finger food and book suggestions for future meetings.

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS at the home of Elaine Mannon, 295 Urbano Drive, San Francisco RSVP: 415-469-9832

Monday, January 30, 2012, 7:00 p.m.,

The Warmth of Other Suns, by

Isabel Wilkerson, The epic story of America's great migration when Black citizens fled the South from 1915 to 1970 and changed the face of America.

Monday, February 27, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Island Beneath The Sea by Isabel

Allende - An elegant and moving novel about throwing off the shackles of slavery in Haiti.

CHILI COOK-OFF: *Results*

Over \$700 was raised at the Chili Cook off Sunday night for the Pantry.

<Pictures later when the TEXT ONLY issues end in late January>

Many thanks to our friends at the Ducal and Imperial Courts of San Francisco for their generosity.

Tommy's report:

"Congrats the Ducal and Imperial families who threw the Chili cook off contest for the Food Pantry at St Aidan's. It was fun and it was a great worthy event. Ten people from the church showed up to support this amazing fundraiser at the Mix bar in the Castro. Great Chili, too!"

2012 ORDO KALENDARS: *Three Left.*

Call Sally to reserve yours at \$5.00 each. They are an excellent source of information regarding the church year, holy days and lessons.

WRITE/REVISE YOUR WILL: *An Invitation*

Create or modify your will by making an appointment with an attorney at an upcoming Will Writing Session. Volunteer attorneys ask only \$75 per person to help cover clerical expenses.

To make an appointment call Shari Gonzales at (415) 869-7813 or email sharig@diocal.org.

Up-coming Will Writing Sessions will be on January 28, 2012. Individual appointments are for 45 minutes. Attorneys will be available from 2:00pm. - 5:00pm.

For the latest schedule and related information, check <http://EpiscopalGift.org> or call (415) 869-7813. St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church. 2097 Turk Street (@Lyon) San Francisco, CA 94115, 415-987-3029

24th Annual All-California Convention - *of Sacred Harp Singing*

. . . will be held on the third Sunday and Saturday before in January (Jan 14-15), 2012 -- this weekend!

Two full days of singing from the 1991 revision of the Sacred Harp, both at the Casa de Flores, 737 Walnut St. in San Carlos, California. Casa de Flores is only three blocks from the San Carlos CalTrain station.

This event is free and open to the public. Beginners are welcome and loaner books will be available. As usual, there will be a pot luck dinner at noon. Bay Area singers: please bring a substantial dish to share.

Check out the website for all the details and to download a pdf of the flyer. <http://fasola.org/sf/convention/>

CHRISTMAS CARDS? Please Save 'em

If you have some Christmas Cards to spare, new or used, please save them.

They can be used next year in decorating the food packages for our parish neighbors participating in the Food Pantry. They add a real personal touch to the gifts.

CONTACT Patricia Brown, 415-753-2345, or patriciasf@earthlink.net

RUMOR: A New Novelist Is Among Us!

Anybody have some reliable information? If so, please contact your editor at donald.casella@gmail.com

ANOTHER NEW YEAR: Starting Anew,

The new year feels refreshing and a starting over again that we repeat often, not just every year, but there are events and times in our lives that point to a refreshment, a starting over that can be restorative and helpful in modern times of busyness and loosing connection to the Sacred.

I love a good soak and a scrub in the New Year, cleaning off the dead skin and allowing the natural glow to become restored. The scrubbing also awakens part of me that may have forgotten that it feels good to be touched and cared for. One year, Kabuki Hot Tubs was the answer, with hot Japanese noodle soup afterward. Yum.

One year, we gathered up all the rocks we had collected over the years, living just 3 blocks from Ocean Beach at the time, and went down to the beach to release them back into the environment they came from. When we got there, someone or ones had made a reclining 8-10 foot woman out of

sand, so we delicately laid the rocks all over her body. The surf came up to her, lapping away at the rocks and carrying them back to sea.

When we are back into our lives, Chinese (or Lunar) New Year sneaks in with a roar of a dragon and special food and celebrations inhabit our fair city. I especially like the red envelopes the elders used to give me with a dollar or two inside, good luck for the new year. My colleague is Chinese and he has two young children, so now I get to give the envelopes to them, which I bought today in Chinatown. The cycle continues...

I was baptized 7 years ago this Easter, so the Lenten journey always feels as if it is a gathering of

energy and intention into such a special time in the church year, the death and resurrection of Christ. The poignancy and weight of Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Day are rejuvenating and so sacred. Yes, another form of new year, rebirth and a recommitment to being Christian in the 21st century.

Spring, Summer and then in the Fall we have the Jewish New Year. I am a September baby, so I feel very connected to the timing of this event for my sisters and brothers, my birth starting a new year, plus respecting and noticing the rituals of others. My birthday has always been important to me and I celebrate it with relish (not the pickled kind, Jack!).

Advent—the start of the liturgical year—has become a magical time for me as I explore the imagery, the story and the symbols of light and dark. I cherished this time and felt a refreshment I have never felt in this season before this year, moving away from the party and shopping frenzy and deepening into the understanding of its sacred meaning.

I know other cultures and religions have their New Years but these are the ones that have affected me. What I notice is I am able to start again in so many ways throughout the calendar year and it gives me an opportunity to rejuvenate (we say re-judith-ate at our house), take stock and begin again. My energy does not need to get stuck (although being stuck might be what I need sometimes, too) but I can be on the journey of newness and deepening into a new understanding of myself and how I can contribute to the world.

What are your New Year points and how do you celebrate and open into the journey of this sacred life? Let's continue this celebration and opening together. *by Judith Lavender Dancer*

SYMPATHY: Extended To Al and Sue McDonald on the death of his mother, Antonina Alonso, who died peacefully in her sleep on New Year's Eve in Miami where she had lived for 51 years.

She was a fascinating woman who brought her family out of Cuba when the Castro government drafted her eldest son at the ripe age of 13 (Maki - Al's older brother) and made a new life for all of them in Miami, making sure her three boys always felt loved. By force of will she ensured that they received good educations and went on to make good lives for themselves.

Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.

Dear Ministry Leaders-

It is that time of year again and you know what that means: **Annual Reports!**

The Annual Meeting is on Sunday the 29th of January (between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. service) with a Pot Luck following the 10 a.m. service. The office needs your report, in Word Document Format, no later than the 23rd, Monday. You may e-mail them to sally@saintaidan.org.

Following are the expected reports, and the Clergy are asked to make a report also. If you have any questions, please call me in the office.

Thank you, Sally

<u>Altar Guild</u>	Jackie Buckley
<u>Archivist</u>	Lois Roach
<u>Book Group</u>	Elaine Mannon
<u>Community Ministries</u>	Patricia Brown
<u>Community of Travelers</u>	Megan Rohrer
<u>Animals/Pet Loss</u>	Betty Carmack and Lois Roach
<u>Disaster Preparedness</u>	Betsy Eddy
<u>Dymphna</u>	Betsy Eddy
<u>Education for Ministry</u>	Doug Barnett
<u>Evangelism</u>	Pam Wong
<u>Food Pantry</u>	Barbara Stevenson
<u>Flame</u>	Don Casella
<u>Godly Plan</u>	Pam Wong
<u>Greeters</u>	Betty Carmack
<u>Hikers</u>	Tippy Irwin
<u>Worship Committee</u>	Tommy Dillon
<u>Lunch Bunch</u>	Sally Young
<u>MEHAS</u>	Angela Hunkler and Jack Pantaleo
<u>Men's Group</u>	David Frangquist
<u>Nursing Home Ministry</u>	Doug Barnett
<u>Parish Nurse</u>	Susan Spencer
<u>Performance Showcase</u>	Doug Baird
<u>Prayer Chain</u>	Lois Roach
<u>Sacred Cocktails</u>	Dan Burner
<u>Stewardship</u>	David Frangquist
<u>Vestry</u>	Grace King and Patricia Brown
<u>Welcome</u>	Barbara Purcell
<u>Women's Group</u>	Barbara Barnard

"FUN"D-RAISING TASK FORCE

Did you know that there are over 2000 scripture references to money? God knows the importance of money...the good it can do, and how it can destroy also.

Whether or not we like it, money is necessary to meet the needs of our parish. With tough financial times, it gets more challenging every day to make ends meet. But, "The Lord will provide..."

We know that we have many gifted, creative, talented and generous individuals in our midst, and God will show us how to raise the funds we need.

This year St Aidan's is looking for a good core group of creative, fun, and energized people who feel called to help plan and organize fundraisers such as the return of Miss Richfield 1981, Celtic Night Gala, Dymphna, and a few smaller events.

If you feel called to be part of a Fundraising Task Force for only one year in 2012, whose responsibility is to work with your rector for the primary purpose of getting parish members together and raising funds for the operating budget, then please let me know. I promise you will have fun!

In Gratitude and Love,

Tommy+

TommyDillon@mac.com or 415-285-9540 Ext 2

CALENDAR

January 13 to 22

Friday Jan. 13

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous, *Parish Hall*
(Mon>>Fri)

1pm Free Food Pantry, *Church*

Saturday 14

8:15am, Weight Watchers *Parish Hall*

9am Yoga Class, *Church*

Sunday 15

8am Meditative Holy Eucharist

10am Choral Eucharist

5pm Community of Travelers Eucharist

Monday 16

6:45am, Overeaters Anonymous *Parish Hall*,
(Mon>>Fri)

8pm Sacred Cocktails, *Lookout Bar*,
3600 16th St @ Market

8pm AA and AlAnon, *Parish Hall and Church*

Tuesday 17

Wednesday 18

9:30am Yoga Class, *Church*

6pm Holy Eucharist

6:30pm Epiphany Adult Education

7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday 19

Friday 20

1pm Neighborhood Food Pantry, Church

Saturday 21

8:15am, Weight Watchers Parish Hall

9:00am Yoga Class, Church

Sunday 22

8am Meditative Holy Eucharist

10am Choral Eucharist

5pm Community of Travelers Eucharist

PLANNING AHEAD

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 9 to 10 AM

PRAYERS

In Your Prayers, Please Remember . . .

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: pray for the Anglican Church of Australia and the Diocese of Brisbane;

In the Episcopal Church: for Katherine our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie the President of the House of Deputies; for Marc our Bishop; for the clergy of the Diocese; for our Rector Tommy; assisting clergy: Don, Megan and Angela; for our Deacons: David, Mark and Jan and for those in Discernment: Dan and Betty;

For those with Birthdays: Betty Jerez, Ray Wong, Gillian Campbell, Klaudia Herrold and Roger Wolcott;;

In our Parish: for our Pastoral Care and Providers;

For those who are mentally ill and emotionally distressed and for their families and friends;

Those who have asked for our prayers: Gerry, Mark, Gary, and Jack & Mary & their daughter, Margo Grant, Betty, Roger, Peter & family, Jack, Debbie, Jared & his parents, Chuck Nixon, Gabriel Rocco, Frank & his family, Marney, Vic and Milly, Joe Gavrin,

Barbara Buchheit, Don, Joe, Gilbert, Paul, Fred and Georgia;

For those who have died: Donald Jobs, Roberta, Antonina, and for all those who have died

in wars, natural disasters or other violence around the world and for their families.

SERVING

Presiding

8 & 10am The Rev. Angela Guida

5pm The Rev. Megan Rohrer

Preaching

8 & 10am The Rev. Angela Guida

5pm The Rev. Megan Rohrer

Deacon

8am & 5pm The Rev. David Stickley

10am The Rev. Mark Henderson

Lay Assistants

8am Betty Jerez

10am Taylor Wheat

5pm Betty Jerez

Greeter, Tippy Irwin

Welcome, JoEllen Brothers

Readers, David Frangquist and Paul Nocero

Prayers, Jack Pantaleo

Eucharistic Ministers, David Mealy and Helen Crowell

Eucharistic Visitor, Martha Olmstead

Healing, Pam Wong

Altar Guild, Martha Olmstead and Cynthia Clifford

Bread, Judy Bley

Hospitality Sue & Al McDonald

Offering Stewards, JoEllen Brothers and Robert Geesey

Nanny CoCo Lin

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

[1 Samuel 3:1-10\(11-20\)](#)

[Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17](#)

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)

[John 1:43-51](#)

Click on Text above to read the passage.