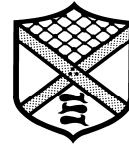


# The Weekly "E" – April 2, 2008

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Saratoga, California



MISSION: As a community in Christ, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church offers a spiritual home for those seeking to celebrate God's love, participate in joyful fellowship, and faithfully serve those in need, near and far.

## THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Please come to the **Parish Financial Update** which will at **9am in the Center**. This financial update forum includes a delicious **breakfast** prepared by our extraordinary Youth Group chefs. There also will be **brunch** served in the Hall after the 10am service.

**THE RESULTS ARE IN  
FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SURVEY!**

**Come and hear about how Saint Andrew's compares to other churches throughout the USA – in terms of spiritual life, programs, outreach and hopes for the future.**

**Share your views on what we should be looking for in our new rector, help us to make the most of who we are and where we are going.**

**There will be four one-hour sessions, all in the Parish Center, each addressing a different element of our parish life:**

- Building Spiritual Connections** — Sun. April 13, 9:00am OR Wed. April 16, 7:00pm
- Building Inside Connections** — Sun. April 20, 9:00am OR Wed. April 23, 7:00pm
- Building Outside Connections** — Sun. April 27, 9:00am OR Wed. April 30, 7:00pm
- Building Identity Connections** — Sun. May 4, 9:00am OR Wed. May 7, 7:00pm

**Please join us and make sure your voice is heard!**

*Dottie and Roger Barney*

*We would be honored if our Church family would join us on Sunday, April 20 for a reception to celebrate our April 12<sup>th</sup> marriage.*

*We will have cake, punch, and goodies in the Center after the 10am service.*

## SARATOGA SYMPHONY & ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR JOINT CONCERT

Sunday, April 20, at 2 pm at St. Andrew's

For more information visit the Saratoga Symphony web site: [www.saratogasympphony.com/](http://www.saratogasympphony.com/)

*Our prayers for healing* are with **Bill Slagle, Jan Seamons, Walter Hulsenberg, David Knapp, Kennedy Cosgrove, Jane Blaisdell, Marge Kundtz, Fran Reynolds, Gary Rubio, and Bob Chartrand.**

**If you have any Pastoral Care information** to report, please call the Church Office at 408-867-3493. **For an after-office-hours EMERGENCY, please call 408-291-8099.**

**KOINON** intercessory prayer contact for April is **Charlene Raisch 408-356-3064.**

**Saratoga Community Emergency Response Team  
Offers Training in Disaster Preparedness in April**

Saratoga will inevitably experience earthquakes and other disasters in the future and recent history provides the lesson that self-sufficiency in the wake of a disaster is indispensable. Learn to protect yourself and your family, your neighborhood, and your community by becoming trained in CERT and joining the Saratoga CERT Program. Through participation in this class you will be trained in disaster preparedness, fire safety, and more. The classes will be at **West Valley College either Wednesday evenings (4/9 to 5/7) or on Saturday mornings (4/12 to 5/10).** The fee is \$25. For more information and to register:

[http://www.saratoga.ca.us/pdf/2008\\_04CERTacademy.pdf](http://www.saratoga.ca.us/pdf/2008_04CERTacademy.pdf)

**The Magnetic Church:**

**equipping your church to help attract, welcome, and retain new members**

A conference presented by Andrew D. Weeks about *practical evangelism* will be

**Friday, May 16 & Saturday, May 17, 2008** at Saint Andrew's, Saratoga.

Complete details and registration forms are posted at

<http://www.edecr.org/magnetic-church.htm>.

Check it out now!

Use the registration form at that web site

or use a registration form available in the narthex of the church.

**Ruth/Rachel Guild** will meet at Belmont Village 1039 East El Camino Real, Sunnyvale 94087, on **Thurs. April 17 at 11:00 (note the earlier start time!)** Please RSVP to Sylvia Chadwick 408-356-5431 or Sylvia Moore 408-356-0807.

**Esther/Leah Guild** will meet at Jean Hankey's home 19126 Vineyard Lane, Saratoga, on **Thurs. April 17 at 11:30.** Please RSVP to P. Kaye Connor at 408-379-6275. Anne Hootman is providing the main dish, Anona Roman the salad, and Bobi Vogel the dessert. We are going to view Helen MacCrea's collection of ancient Egyptian clothing and scarves.

**Are you interested in visiting one of our women's guilds?** The Women's Guilds are open to all women of Saint Andrew's Parish. If you are interested in visiting the Esther-Leah or Ruth-Rachel Guild call P. Kaye Connor 408-379-6275 or Sylvia Moore 408-356-0807.



### SAMA DINNER IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13 AT 5:30PM

This past weekend at the invitation of the Presiding Bishop I had the opportunity to address the special reforming convention for the Diocese of San Joaquin. It was such a humbling experience for me, to be in a church filled with people and the Holy Spirit at this special time in their diocese.

When I was speaking with the presiding Bishop, we talked about her pilgrimage to the Holy Land over Holy Week. She held her hand to her heart describing how moving it was. I invited her to the SAMA dinner but her very busy schedule would not allow it. She gave warm words of encouragement on our ongoing efforts here at Saint Andrew's to help people in need with our SAMA fundraising and our other efforts

So please purchase your tickets for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Land Dinner which is on Sunday, April 13, at 5:30 pm. Donation \$30.00 adults and \$15.00 children 12 and under.

*Bruce Friesen*

P.S. The SAMA Dinner is a middle eastern feast prepared by Nina Amireh and Lucy Asfour. There will be a live auction. Auction items are listed on the SAMA web page: <http://st-andrews-sama.org/> SAMA has provided to those in need in more than ten countries on three continents, giving medical supplies, training for nurses, salaries for medical personnel, food and blankets for those at risk in winter, insecticide treated nets to prevent malaria, clean water to prevent disease, counseling for rape victims, and fuel to run mobile clinics. How much more healing and hope SAMA can supply depends on YOU! Tickets will be available after all services. Questions? Contact: Liz Mulford, 408-252-4548, Nina Amireh, 408-723-9034, John Watson-Williams, 408-625-7858, Lucy Asfour, 408-448-5558, and Katy Dickinson, 408-998-7246. On behalf of those we will serve, THANK YOU!

**The Community Ministries Board (CMB)** will be reviewing agency funding for the coming calendar year. CMB current level of support ranges between \$300 and \$400 per month per supported agency. Any non-profit agency serving clients in Santa Clara County may apply for monetary support for the coming year. Information to be included:

1. Agency's most current Annual Report;
2. A brief statement explaining agency services and a description of clients served (an agency brochure would suffice);
3. An explanation of how Saint Andrew's monetary support would be used;
4. Identification of any St. Andrew's parishioners who volunteer in the agency. Preference will go to those agencies in which one or more St. Andrew's parishioners are actively involved.
5. A Saint Andrew's parishioner must be identified as willing to serve on the CMB as an advocate for that agency.

Please submit the above information to the Saint Andrew's Church Office, c/o Saint Andrew's CMB 13601 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga 95070. **Deadline: April 13, 2008.** Contact Peggy Bryan at [Peg06262@yahoo.com](mailto:Peg06262@yahoo.com) or 408-679-0240 for more information.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Wed. Apr. 2: Bible Study, 6pm, Center

Thurs. Apr. 3: Men's Group at 6:30am in Memorial Chapel

Thurs. Apr. 3: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

Thurs. Apr. 3: Vestry Training Workshop at 6pm in the Center

**Sat. Apr. 5: "Saturday Night Live" — Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm, Memorial Chapel**

**Sun. Apr. 6: 3rd Sunday of Easter — Holy Eucharist – 8 & 10am, Church**

**Sun. Apr. 6: Financial Update Forum with Pancake Breakfast, 9am in the Center**

Sun. Apr. 6: Holy Communion Class, 10am in the Church Portable

Sun. Apr. 6: Gloria Choir at 11:15am, Music Room

Sun. Apr. 6: Brunch in the Hall at 11:15am

Mon. Apr. 7: Prayer Group at 7:30am at the Saratoga Retirement Community's Center

Mon. Apr. 7: ECW Finance Meeting, 10am, Church Portable

Mon. Apr. 7: Bells Angels (Bell Choir) at 7pm in the Church

Mon. Apr. 7: EFM at 7pm in the Church Portable

Tues. Apr. 8: Book Club, Noon, Church Portable

Tues. Apr. 8: Finance (6pm) & Vestry (7:30pm) in the Center

**Wed. Apr. 9: Holy Eucharist, 11:45am in the Chapel**

Wed. Apr. 9: Bible Study, 6pm, Center

Wed. Apr. 9: Rector Search Committee, 7:30pm, the NET

Thurs. Apr. 9: Men's Group at 6:30am in Memorial Chapel

Thurs. Apr. 9: STAR Speaker, Kelly Townsend, 8:30am in the Center

Thurs. Apr. 9: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

**Sat. Apr. 12: "Saturday Night Live" — Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm, Memorial Chapel**

**Sun. Apr. 13: 4th Sunday of Easter — Holy Eucharist – 8 & 10am, Church**

Sun. Apr. 13: Parish Survey Follow-up, 9am in the Center

Sun. Apr. 13: Holy Communion Class, 10am in the Church Portable

Sun. Apr. 13: Bake Sale at 11:15am

Sun. Apr. 13: Gloria Choir at 11:15am, Music Room

Sun. Apr. 13: Youth Group at 11:15am in Room 203

Sun. Apr. 13: SAMA Dinner, 6pm, Hall



**UTO Ingathering Sunday is Sunday, April 27,**

**so it's time to empty out your UTO box and count up your thank offerings and bring them on Sun. the 27th.**

Pick up a box or envelope in the Narthex and be part of the mission "to expand the circle of thankful people." The **United Thanks Offering** is a program of the Episcopal Church founded by and administered by women since 1889. St. Andrew's takes part in the twice a year ingathering. Coins and bills in the UTO boxes and envelopes are combined with others at diocesan celebrations and finally within all of the Episcopal Church. Every penny of the thank offering goes to support grants. Nancy McGuffin is St. Andrew's UTO Chair.



The Saint Andrew's Monthly **Book Group** will meet Tuesday, April 8th, at noon, in the Church Portable, for **very special treat** since **Saint Andrew's own resident author, Glynnis Hayward (Belcher) will be with us to discuss her newest book A Significant Test of Blood!** Her book is available through Amazon or at the British Food Stores. On May 13th, we will discuss Leaving Church by Barbara Brown Taylor. For more information please contact Anne Briggs at 408-379-5635 or [apbriggs@att.net](mailto:apbriggs@att.net).