



Holy Spirit Church
Communities of Courage and Compassion

The Wind and Fire of Pentecost

Can you imagine being in a room filled suddenly with powerful wind and tongues of fire that reached out to touch you. On top of that, I'm sure you'd be amazed to find yourself understanding someone speaking of the power and deeds of God in a language you do not know.

During the joint service of St. George's & St. Alban's on Pentecost we got a small glimpse of what that might feel like. With the colorful flags over our heads from around the world fluttering like tongues of fire in the breeze, members of St. George's read the gospel lesson in 5 different languages, Dutch, Irish Gaelic, French, one of the languages of Nigeria, and Sri Lanka.



St. George's has been enriched by immigrants from Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Liberia, Kenya, the Philippines, and Mexico. Many of the colorful flags that waved over our heads during the service represented those who did not call the USA home when they were born. Other flags represented the heritage of St. George's & St. Alban's members. All through this long liturgical season we will be reminded of our blending together to form one family in worship and love. When a breeze ruffles the flags it is a reminder

of the wind and tongues of colorful fire that filled the room during that first Pentecost.

The pot luck lunch that followed the service also represented the rich diversity of our churches. From Irish soda bread, Liberian rice, Welsh cakes, lumpia from the Philippines, and cookies & chocolate from the Netherlands we feasted on our diversity. Both the service and pot luck felt infused with the Holy Spirit and helped to baptize us with new understanding of that first glorious Pentecost.

Round Up for Relay

Please join us for the 2nd annual Round Up for Relay on Saturday, June 17th. A portion of the proceeds will go to the St. John's Relay team, depending on how many tickets we sell and how many volunteers we provide. You can sign up to volunteer here. Tickets are available from Kelly Tuohey. We will be donating a golf-themed raffle basket to the Round-Up. If you would like to donate golf-related items for the basket, please bring them to St. John's by June 4th.



ROUND-UP FOR RELAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017 ★ 6:00 pm—10:00 pm
Easley Ranch ★ 6995 Marsh Creek Road ★ Clayton

- ★ Bar-B-Que (7-8:00 pm) ★
- ★ No Host Beer & Wine ★
- ★ Great Prizes ★
- ★ Live Music - American Honey ★

Tickets—\$75.00 Each
Go to:
RoundUpForRelay.wix.com

★ ADULTS ONLY (21+ years) ★
NO REFUNDS (rain or shine)

Net proceeds benefit
American Cancer Society & MDES Playfield Project
TID #13-1788491 & #68-0197529
For more information call 925-609-44CS

Limited Special Pre-Party 4-5:30 pm
Tickets Available \$125 Each
Delicious Appetizers and Drinks
Reserved Seating and Collector Wine Glass

RELAY FOR LIFE
MDES Playfield Project

LEM AND LEV Training

Reminder: let's get together, enjoy each other's company, coffee, a snack, and learn to perform our ministries the best we can. Our congregations deserve it. Earn a license too!

Saturday, June 25th - St. John's Parish Hall
9:00 to 10:30 LEM
11:00 to 12:30 LEV

LEM includes altar guild, readers, chalice bearers, intercessors, sub-deacons (2 part training)

LEV includes Pastoral Care teams, those who take communion to the sick (3 part training)

Relay for Life of Clayton

Our 6th annual Relay for Life will be August 12-13 at the Grove in downtown Clayton. We would love to have you join The St. John's Cancer Crusaders team and help us walk to support the American Cancer Society. You can sign-up here: [Relay for Life](#)

Contact Kelly Tuohey at ktuohey@pacbell.net if you have any questions.

Fun & Fellowship

It has come to my attention that many of the folks from around the Holy Spirit Church have missed seeing each other at joint services or for fellowship events. As we thought about this situation Craig and I hatched an idea. We would like to invite you all to join us in for some Holy Spirit Church fun and fellowship!

In Pittsburg we have many opportunities to come together with friends. The first is called, "First Fridays-Wine & Art at the Maria". This event is held on the green at the harbor over looking the delta. A family event, live music plays as people picnic on the lawn. Artists set up tables to sell their unique creations, and beer and wind are available. In fact, food is available just 2 blocks away at the gourmet food trucks that appear every Friday if you don't want to pack a picnic supper.

Join us at 5:30 PM on July 7th for an enjoyable evening. You can visit the Pittsburg website to find additional details at ci.pittsburg.ca.us. Follow the prompts on the lower right of the screen to the calendar of events, then click on 7/7 to learn more.

The second opportunity is to attend a Pittsburg Diamonds baseball game with us. The Diamonds are a professional ball team that plays in the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball league. They have quite a following! You can check them out at diamondsprobball.com Close to home and only \$7.00 for a ticket! Who can pass that up. We will be attending the game on Tuesday, July 25th that begins at 6:30 PM. Meet us at the ticket booth at 6:00 PM if you would like to join in the fun.

Let us know if you plan to attend either event or if you need more information. We hope to see you soon! Jane and Craig Wirth
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Jane E Wirth

SAVE THE DATE

The Oakland A's will hold a Faith and Family day on September 9th at 1:05 (a Saturday). The ticket prices will be \$26.25. More details for sign up coming in June.



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[The Rev. Jill Honodel](#)

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Church Websites

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[St. Alban's](#)

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