

St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
West Hartford Center

April 2014

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 13

Holy Eucharist 8 and 9:30AM

Holy Tuesday, April 15

Holy Eucharist & Healing Service 11AM

The Way of the Cross 7PM

Holy Wednesday, April 16

Holy Eucharist/Breakfast, 7AM

Bible Study in the Parish Room 12NOON

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Holy Eucharist 12:10 & 7PM

Good Friday, April 18

10AM Children's Liturgy in the Church

12noon Liturgy at St. James's with St. John's

7PM Liturgy at St. John's with St. James's

1PM New Testament Reading & Vigil in the Chapel

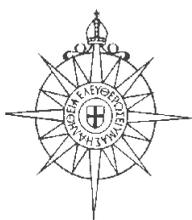
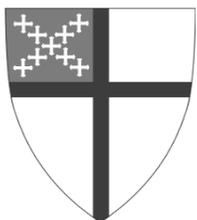
Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30PM Easter Vigil, Christ Church Cathedral



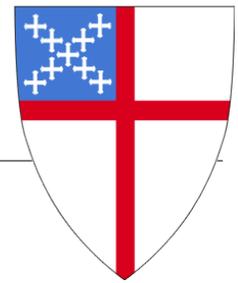
Easter Sunday at St. James's

Festal Eucharist at 10AM



To Learn, Live and Teach the Values of
the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Treasurer's Report



St. James's Treasury Report Reported Results Year to Date through February, 2014

Current Position: After a strong finish in 2013, the church has started 2014 slowly. Although it's difficult to use two months of experience to identify and depend upon trends, the church ended February with almost a \$15,000 deficit relative to budget. Almost all of the shortfall is due to income coming in at a slower pace than expected. Specifically, current year pledges are \$11,330 below where they had been budgeted for the year. Expenses are \$124 less than the budget through the end of February and helped to slightly reduce the overall negative variance to the budget. In the next couple of months, we should gain a better perspective on any emerging trends.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$180,497	195,631	15,134 Below plan	764,300
Expense (-)	131,923	132,047	124 Below plan	764,300
<i>Net</i>	51,467	63,584	15,010 Negative variance to budget	0

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$15,134 below budget (or 7.7% worse than budget).

Expense: YTD expenses are currently \$124, or 0.1%, below budget. Some categories are slightly above budget while others are slightly above budget so specific expense categories will not be discussed in detail this month.

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Important Dates to Remember!

Friday, Apr 4 - First Friday Family Night from 5:30 to 7pm in the dining room!

Sunday, Apr 6 - Final Sunday of Book Study, Soup Supper and Compline!

Palm Sunday, Apr 13 - Intergenerational Easter Basket event after the 9:30 service!

Sunday, Apr 13 - Rhythms of Grace at 4pm and Youth Second Sundays at 5:30pm!

April 13 through April 19 - Holy Week! See inside for more information on services.

April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY! One service at 10:00 in the church.

Saturday, May 3 - Choir Fundraising Dinner, 6pm!

Sunday, May 4 - Walk Against Hunger, 2pm!

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“‘Missionary’ is such an ugly word,” I thought.

I planned to spend twelve months in Quito, Ecuador, teaching English as a second language to 120 students between the ages of four and thirteen. “I am going on mission, to do some good work as I see what God is up to in a different part of the world. I will be changed by this experience, and when I return home I will be sad to go—I’ll want to call Ecuador “home,” and I will be filled with an overwhelming sense of accomplishment and achievement.

I thought I was so in control of this twelve-month mission. I called myself a “missioner” because “missionary” seemed like such an ugly word that drums up connotations of proselytizing Christians seeking only to make others conform to their beliefs. I didn’t want to convert anyone; I wanted to grow.

Growth is painful, as it turns out. All of those feelings of accomplishment and achievement were absent at my departure from Ecuador. Instead I felt guilty for leaving two months early (due to medical circumstances) without doing anything “substantial.” I also felt elated because I wouldn’t have to deal with my stressful work conditions, abusive students, and unhelpful coworkers.

This made me feel even guiltier, because instead of leaving with “proof” that God was up to something special in this little Ecuadorian cathedral school, I had the suspicion that God wasn’t—with a side of “good riddance.” And had it not been for an amazingly wonderful host family, I would struggle to provide any happy memories at all from my time in Ecuador.

As it turned out, my year of mission was more appropriately described as a pilgrimage—one that took me deep within myself and caused me to confront prejudices I never imagined that I could possess. I learned about my limits during conflict. I learned how difficult Jesus’ commission is to bring to fruition. More importantly, I learned that mission is what we *do* while God may be doing something very different within us.

That, I believe, is where mission and pilgrimage intersect. While I might have thought that I was trying to teach English and become a part of a different kind of community, I was really on a journey that has yet to be brought to completion.

Episcopal Priest and Missiologist Titus Presler lays out ten marks of mission for the Anglican Communion in his book *Horizons of Mission*:

1. Proclaim the gospel with baptismal confidence.
2. Serve as sacraments of Christ in relationship.
3. Live as companions in solidarity with the suffering.
4. Receive Christ as pilgrims with others.
5. Nurture human wholeness in grassroots communities.
6. Struggle for jubilee justice, reconciliation, and peace.
7. Collaborate with other churches and Christian groups.
8. Explore gospel expression in diverse cultures.
9. Cooperate with people of other faiths.
10. Celebrate Eucharistic community.

What do you notice about these ten marks? Do you notice how none of them describe physical labor or service projects? Do you see that Presler’s focus is on relationship with others and with God, rather than achievement or accomplishment? And finally, do you realize that #4 places us on the same journey as those whom we meet?

It can be difficult to follow Jesus’ commandment to love one another when the other is so different and opposed to our goals and ideas of how to achieve something. For me, it was difficult to delve deep into relationships characterized by Christ-like love largely because I could not break through my identity as a “missioner.” I was so focused on my role as a missioner that I often forgot to be a fellow pilgrim.

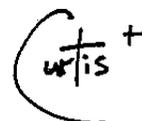
This June, about a dozen youth and a few of us “adults” will fly to the Dominican Republic for what we are calling a “Mission Trip/Pilgrimage.” We will go with the intention of orchestrating a vacation Bible school for 150 children and making repairs to the building and grounds of the parish called Santisima Trinidad, or Holy Trinity. That is our mission, but we will arrive in Santo Domingo as fellow pilgrims with the people of Santisima Trinidad.

What Presler’s ten marks also imply is that we can all “do mission” every day of our lives—in fact, proclaiming, serving, living, receiving, nurturing, struggling, collaborating, exploring, cooperating, and celebrating are not only things for mission trip groups to do. We all have countless opportunities to engage in mission with our neighbors.

So whatever you call it—whatever it is you *do*—do it with these ten marks in mind, and do it with the knowledge that you are on a pilgrimage with those you meet. Do everything with gusto, and take time to notice what God has been doing in your heart all along.

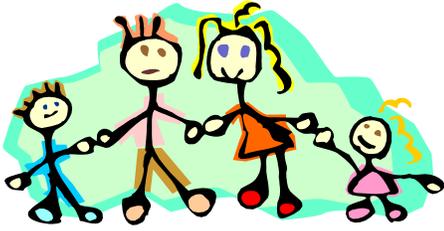
And as John Wayne might’ve said, “see you on the journey, pilgrim.”

Your brother in Christ,



Bring a friend to church, page 3

St. James's Center for Children



*nurturing your children's spiritual life
from birth through high school*

SUNDAY, March 9 was the first Sunday of Lent. It was also a very busy day here at St. James's. There were new offerings for adult formation and new Sunday school units for the elementary and middle school children. It was also the second Sunday of the month which means there was youth group for middle and high school students. In addition we began something new at St. James's. We began Rhythms of Grace, a liturgical experience for children with special needs. It was a fantastic, busy, lively day.

I began the day with Children's Liturgy. We acted out the story of Jesus being tempted in the desert. We had three different kids play Jesus and three different kids play the devil each time. We also had several children who chose to be the rocks that Jesus didn't turn into bread. It was a great time and many good questions came of our discussion like, "What would have happen if Jesus *had* turned the rocks into bread?" Everyone agreed that we were glad that Jesus was tempted yet did not sin.

Then to Sunday school—the elementary school and middle school children are doing a unit on the Last Supper for this Lenten season. The first lesson was an art lesson, where the children did a color-by-number of DaVinci's *The Last Supper*. This unit included information on the painting as well as the saints depicted in the painting. Thanks to Deb Ross for teaching this lesson. The second is watching a Hanna-Barbera movie called, *The Easter Story*. The short film was amazingly well done. Who would have thought that the same people who brought you, *Yogi Bear* and *Captain Planet* could do such a good job on the story of Holy Week? Thanks to Virginia Kramer for teaching this lesson.

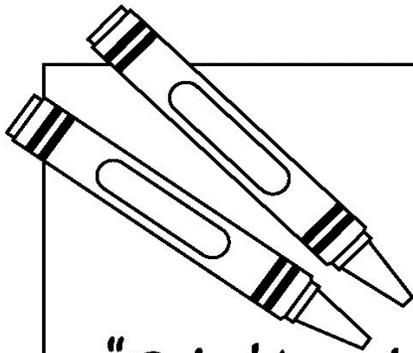
Next came the first Rhythms of Grace service. Although the attendance was low, the children who were there seemed to enjoy it, as did the parents. We played with shaving cream, scooted boats around in a water table, and made tornados in a bottle. The highlight, for me, was all of us receiving communion at a low table on the floor of the chapel. I certainly felt God's presence among us as we did the sign language for The Lord's Prayer.

Lastly came youth group—we had a good turnout for this time of year, 15 in all. We ate a delicious dinner provided by Kimberly Goodrich and Diane Duva, and spent some time playing all types of board games, before we finished with the parish-wide Compline Service. At first there were a few giggles from the kids, but they soon settled into the mystical nature of Compline.

So, like I said, it was a busy day. I can honestly say that at each event, I felt the presence of God. Whether it was when a kindergartener covered his eyes, not to see the crucifixion during the movie, or a boy with sensory issues dug his hands into the shaving cream, or high school and middle schoolers enjoyed a new game together. God was with us, and for that I am truly grateful.

In April, there will be no Sunday school on Palm Sunday, April 13 as we will be doing the Easter basket intergenerational event or Easter, April 20. All are welcome to attend the Good Friday Service for Children on April 18 at 10 a.m.

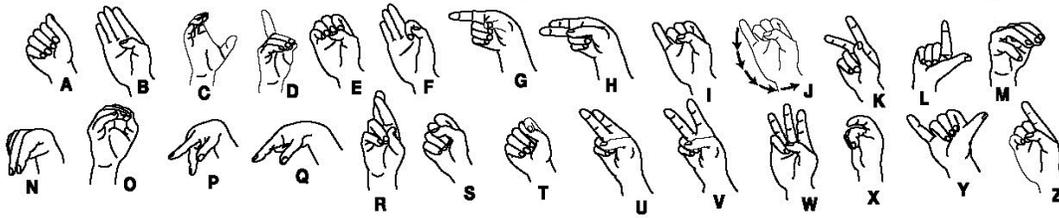
Your Sister in Christ,



Just for **KIDS**

"Behold my hands and my feet ..." Luke 24:39 (KJV)

Hands play an important role in the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Use this hand alphabet to retell the Easter story.



Jesus' _____ were _____ to the tree.

Two criminals were also crucified, one on the _____
_____ and the other on the _____ of Jesus.

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "
_____ ,
into your _____ , I commit my spirit."

The _____ of Jesus' friends _____
_____ Him from the cross to the tomb.

Jesus showed _____ His _____
_____ to prove He was Christ.

Bring your _____ together in _____
_____ and thank God for His Son Jesus.

ANSWER: HANDS, NAILED, RIGHT, HAND, LEFT, FATHER, HANDS, HANDS, CARRIED, THOMAS, HANDS, HANDS, PRAYER.

From the Organist/Choirmaster

THE Mass "ordinary" is made up of the sung texts that appear unchanged in every Eucharist. Can you name them? There are five: Kyrie "Lord, have mercy," Gloria "Glory to God on high," Credo "I believe in God," Sanctus and Benedictus "Holy, Holy, Holy," and Agnus Dei "Lamb of God." How did you do? If you could name all five, congratulations. You win the silver church geek award! In truth, at St. James's our mass ordinary is a bit watered-down: instead of doing a Kyrie and a Gloria we usually choose one or the other. And often our Agnus Dei is replaced with a fraction anthem. But otherwise, our mass ordinary is just as it has been in Christian churches for two millennia.

Now for the difficult part: the texts that change from one service to the next, known as the Mass "proper." "Proper" in this case just means "appropriate to the day." They're not wearing elegant hats or anything like that. To compete for the golden church geek award, you'll have to know a few mass parts that are never done here at St. James's, although most Roman Catholic churches still use them. Are you ready? The mass proper consists of: 1) An introit (at St. James's we do sing an introit, but we use the same one for every service rather than singing the words appropriate for the day), 2) A Gradual (we replace this with a "sequence hymn"), 3) An Alleluia (we don't do this one at all: it would come right before the gospel reading), 4) An offertory (our choir does actually sing an offertory!), and finally 5) a communion anthem (which we also sing). Did you know all five? Then you win the golden church geek award!

These mass parts are important in music history because the first polyphony (that is, more than one note sung at a time) appeared as decoration to chant melodies. Ironically, much of the innovation happened in the "Alleluia," which is one of the ones we never sing. The reading of the gospel was one of the high points of the service and the Alleluia prepared everyone for the occasion. And since "Alleluia" is only one word it was very easy to decorate it! Composers eventually began to make unified settings of all of the texts from the mass ordinary, and this is known as a "mass setting." Most often our mass settings at St. James's are written to be sung by the whole congregation and not just the choir. Next time you find yourself in church, reflect on these texts that have been used in the same order for almost two thousand years.



LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Important Dates to Remember

Saturday, May 3
Choir Fundraising Dinner
"Under the Sea"
BEGINNING AT 6PM IN THE
PARISH HALL

Sunday, May 18
Choral Evensong
SUNG BY THE ST. JAMES'S FULL
CHOIR AT 5PM IN THE CHURCH
(NOTE: DATE CHANGE FROM
MAY 11)

Jubilate Deo!

O be joyful in the
Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with
gladness and come
before his presence
with a song.

Psalm 100:1

UNDER THE SEA



A dinner in
support of the
music program
at St. James's

Saturday, May 3, 2014

6:00 pm

St. James's

Episcopal Church

West Hartford Center

Tickets on sale soon!

Lenten Offerings & Liturgies

OFFERINGS

ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS
after the 9:30 service (Highlights on page 8)

Sunday, April 6

Mark Evans

A Walk Through Holy Week

Sunday, April 13

Intergenerational Event

Let's Make Easter Baskets!

Sunday, April 20

EASTER DAY

No Adult Formation Classes

Sunday, April 27 (date change)

The Rev. Curtis Farr

Moses, The Prince of Egypt

Sunday, April 27, May 4 & 18

Beth Richards

Exploring Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Sunday, April 27, May 4 & 18

Mark Evans

In the Beginning ...

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Bible Study with the Rev. Curtis Farr

*In the Parish Room at 12 noon
(bring a bag lunch with you if you'd like)*



SOUP DINNER AND COMPLINE

**Every Sunday
during Lent
through April 6**

*Soup dinner at 7pm in the parish room
Compline begins at 7:30pm in the church*

SPECIAL LITURGIES



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Holy Eucharist at 8am

in the chapel

Holy Eucharist at 9:30am

with the Sacrament of Healing in the church

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Holy Eucharist/Healing Service, 11am

in the chapel

The Way of the Cross

in the church beginning at 7pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Holy Eucharist with Footwashing

In the parish hall at 7pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Good Friday Liturgy for Children

with Priscilla Hooper in the church at 10am

Good Friday Liturgy at St. James's

with St. John's at noon

New Testament Reading in the Chapel

at St. James's from 1pm until finished

Good Friday Liturgy at St. John's

with St. James's at 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Festal Eucharist at 10am

(One service only)

Adult Education Highlights

APRIL 6

A WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK

With Mark Evans

Adult Meeting Room

COME walk with Jesus and his disciples each day of Holy Week, from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the crucifixion. Each week, we have been exploring the events of one day of Holy Week. Even if you have missed past sessions, please come to this final session on April 6. The final session will culminate in a midweek evening Passover Seder meal—Date and time TBD.



APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY

EASTER BASKET OUTREACH EVENT

Dining Room

Join your fellow parishioners for this multi-generational event where we fill baskets with toiletries and other goodies for the homeless men and women in area shelters. All ages are encouraged to attend as many hands are needed and appreciated. There are no Adult Formation classes this day or Christian Education. Refreshment will be served.

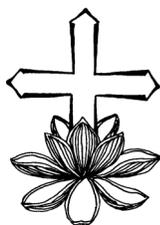


APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY!

No Adult Formation Classes

No Coffee Hour



APRIL 27

MOSES, THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

With The Rev. Curtis Farr

Parish Room

NUMEROUS films have portrayed the Exodus, from Charlton Heston, Mel Brooks, and Val Kilmer to Christian Bale in an upcoming film. Join Curtis as we look at a few clips of these portrayals and compare them to the text in the Book of Exodus.



APRIL 27, MAY 4 & 18

EXPLORING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

With Beth Richards

Library

We've read 1 Corinthians 12 and are at least familiar with the spiritual gifts named there: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, discernment, and so forth. Some we'd probably rather not talk about, like prophecy, speaking in tongues or interpretation thereof. All gifts are important to name and identify, and we'll do that, including the opportunity for participants to take a spiritual gifts inventory. But more than naming and perhaps identifying gifts, we'll also discuss their purpose. What do these gifts have to do with how we live our lives together as the body of Christ? How do we celebrate and demonstrate this wondrous diversity?



APRIL 27, MAY 4 & 18

IN THE BEGINNING ...

With Mark Evans

Adult Meeting Room

IN the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth. In these sessions we will explore the creation story (stories) in the Bible, and how it compares to creation stories in other cultures and religions. We will also look at how the Creation narrative has shaped a large segment of America's view of nature. Come to one session or come to

Outreach

Annual Toiletry Easter Baskets

DURING the season of Lent, the Outreach Committee invites you to help make Easter Baskets for the men and women in area shelters.

Please continue to bring in baskets, and full and small-sized toiletry items and put them in the boxes at one of the entrances to the church. You may wish to fill and donate your own basket. Items needed: **soap, shampoo, deodorant, wash cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, chapstick, lotion, razor, shaving cream, after shave for men (non-alcoholic), conditioner and liquid soap for women.**

Join us on **Palm Sunday, April 13** for this multigenerational event after the 9:30 service to fill, wrap and decorate the baskets; or bring your basket to the church wrapped, decorated and labeled (for a man or woman). All ages are encouraged to attend! Refreshment will be served.



Operation Fuel Update

THANK you to all who contributed to this year's operation fuel outreach project! Your donations totaled \$640 and will greatly help in the ongoing need to help so many stay warm during the winter months.

Food Collection ...

PLEASE remember to bring a non-perishable item with you to St. James's each time you come to church! Look for the large, black bins around the building marked "non-perishable foods." Thank You!

Walk Against Hunger - May 4

ST. JAMES'S is sponsoring a team in *The Walk Against Hunger*, which will take place on Sunday, May 4, 2014 with registration at **12:30PM at Hartbeat Park, 140 Garden Street in Hartford**. The walk begins promptly at 2PM. **Barbara Schiller is the contact person for St. James's.**

This is the 31st Annual Walk Against Hunger, which is sponsored by Foodshare. By participating in the walk, St. James's can benefit both

Foodshare and Loaves and Fishes.

Over 128,000 people, including 50,000 children, are

in need of emergency food assistance in greater Hartford each year.

For every \$30 Foodshare receives, it can distribute enough food for one person for a month. This year, Foodshare will distribute enough food for 12 million meals to local programs that serve hungry people in Hartford and Tolland counties.

Come join the other members of St. James's in this year's walk. If you can't walk, please walk with us in spirit and sign up sponsors anyway.

Ways you can help:

- ◆ Volunteer to be on the St. James's team - Contact person is Barbara Schiller.
- ◆ Encourage others to walk.
- ◆ Please remember to check **Loaves and Fishes Ministries, Inc. (Hartford)** as the agency you would like to support.
- ◆ Find out from Barbara who is walking and sponsor one of the walkers.

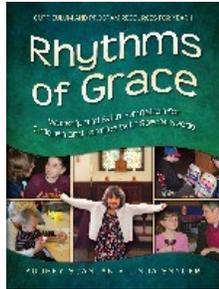
Look for the registration forms in the cloister. Questions? Call Barbara Schiller at 860 651 7332.



Around the Parish

Rhythms of Grace

Rhythms of Grace -- a worship and faith formation experience for children and families with special needs will take place at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford on **Sunday, April 13 at 4PM** and meet every second Sunday of the month with the exception of July and August.



The service, which is between an hour and an hour and half, involves storytelling, therapeutic play and Holy Communion. The roots of Rhythm of Grace are in the Episcopal tradition, but all are welcome.

For more information, please contact Priscilla Hooper at (860) 521-9620 or go to the website www.rhythms-of-grace.org.

First Friday Family Night

COME to First Friday Family Night on **April 4 beginning at 5:30** in the Dining Room for something different to do on a Friday evening. Enjoy pizza, a movie and a craft for the kids, and fellowship with others from the parish. You don't have to be a parishioner to attend, so invite your friends! A \$10 donation is appreciated to help with the pizza, but not required. Beverage and a side will also be provided. Adults may choose to bring their own beverage. Please RSVP to Amy Messinger at ajmick@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Spring Cleanup!

ON **Saturday, April 12** beginning at 9:30 in the morning, we will be cleaning up the parish grounds as well as the main sanctuary. As always, many hands are needed! For the outdoor jobs, please bring your blowers (if you have them), clippers, and rakes. For the inside jobs, cleaners will be provided. Please wear gloves. Your help is very much appreciated. Feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions. Refreshment will be served.

Youth Group Second Sundays

ALL middle and high schoolers are invited to youth group on **Sunday, April 13** beginning at 5:30 with dinner as a large group in the dining room. After dinner, we'll break out for activities and games, and then conclude the evening with a service of Compline. If you have any questions, please direct them to Curtis Farr, fatherfarr@gmail.com or Priscilla Hooper, prishooper@aol.com.

Flower Sale on Palm Sunday

THE spring flower sale will be held again this year on **Palm Sunday, April 13**

after the 8 and 9:30 services.

Plants for sale will be of a spring variety and will include daffodils, Easter lilies, tulips, and hyacinth. Brighten your home and garden with some beautiful spring flowers while supporting outreach here at St. James's. All proceeds will benefit the St. James's Feeding Programs.



Easter Preparations in the Church

MANY hands are needed to help prepare and decorate the church for Easter Sunday! If you are able, please join Mary Ann Haar in the church on **Saturday, April 19 at 10AM** to arrange the flowers and help with other preparations. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

A Trip Down Memory Lane...

THE Hall High Jazz Band will entertain senior citizens with nostalgic tunes on **Thursday, April 24** from 3-4:30PM at St. James's Episcopal Church in the parish hall. Sing along or dance along! Refreshments will be served. Event is free, but tickets are required. Tickets available at the Bridge Family Center, 860-521-8035.



Parish Registry

Baptisms

Raveyn Ann Garrow-Cooke
Daughter of Brett Garrow and Rebecca Cooke
March 2, 2014

Harper Marie Leichsenring
Daughter of Ryan Leichsenring and
Ann Trevethick
March 2, 2014

Deaths

Dr. Stephen R. King
March 11, 2014

Sunday Lectionary



Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Palm Sunday, April 13

Liturgy of the Palms
Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Word
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1, 10-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 18

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 122
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday, April 19

Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

Easter Sunday, April 20

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31:1-6
Colossians 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 *or* Matthew 28:1-10
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Sunday of Easter, April 27

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan, Ann, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Claire, Nicole, Margaret, Ruth, Mae, Ruth, Anne, Mayrita, John, Donna, Julia, Brian, and Sue.

Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Mike, Pam, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol, John, Margaret, Katherine, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Jean, Mario, Jennifer, Leslie, John, Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Heather, Liz, Bryan, Robert, Sarah, Corey, Claudia, David, Carol, Christine, Patricia, Bob, Jessie, Ryan, Lizzy & Taylor, Richard, Dick, Alice & Vito, Mark, Linda, Ron, John, Quinn, Arroll, Susan & Don & Eliza, Chris, Joanie, Rob, Joyce, Lenore, Teresa, Dave, Alvin, Pat, Betsy, Karen, Bob, Audra, Joelle, Michael, Parker & Cynthia, Mary, Jackie, Tom, Ted, and Olivia.

Those Serving in the Military

Andrew Clark, Michael P. Clarke,
Eric James Burgess, Mark Ulrich,
Julian C. Barker, and Andrew Huntsman.

Parish Birthdays—Children & Youth

APRIL

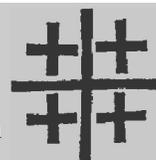
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Libby Sadler, 4	Grace Coll, 17
David Newman, 5	LeeAnna Madera, 19
Andrea Barrows, 7	Jasmine Parks, 23
Natalie DeLaCruz, 9	Ryder Morton, 26
Maeve Healy, 11	Kate Colburn, 27
Patrick Keough, 12	Kari Flowers, 30
Carter Morton, 13	Arthur Smith, 30
Cate DiGiacomo, 15	

Office Closings

The parish office will be closed on
Easter Monday, April 21

Newsletter deadline

Articles for the May 2014 issue of
the *St. James's Newsletter* are due on
Tuesday, April 15



Women of St. James's

April/May 2014 Programs and Events



Tuesday, April 1
Tap Dance Group
“Guys and Dolls”

Tuesday, April 8
The Rev. Dr. Molly O. Loudon
*What Science knows about Modern Creation, and
how the Church Names God*

Tuesday, April 15
The Rev. Dr. Borden Painter
Reflections on 50 Years in the Priesthood

Tuesday, April 22
Annual Meeting
Buffet Luncheon

Tuesday, April 29
**Tour by Dr. Freund of the Museum of Jewish
Civilization, University of Hartford**
*Lunch afterwards at 1877 Club Restaurant
on the University campus*

Thursday, May 1
Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of CT
Annual Meeting
The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry
Bishop of North Carolina

Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10
WOSJ Spring Rummage Sale
Friday Sort (9am-5pm) Sale 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday Sale 9am-noon
Saturday Clean-up immediately following sale

Seamen's Church Institute

THE word is in – for the third consecutive year, SCI collected over 20,000 knitted articles (20,649 to be exact) that got distributed to the Ports of NY & NJ (4,567), Bay Area Ports (yes, we are on the west coast now – 2,309) and on the Inland Waterways (6,877). Quite impressive totals! And thanks to all of you knitters connected with St. James's who helped reach these goals. On to 2014!

And these gifts were most gratefully received as you can see from these quotes –

“Thank you for the giving spirit of SCI and all of its ministry volunteers. Before our vessel departed the US East Coast in November, we were presented with the gifts. These helped lift the spirits of the crew while we celebrated Christmas in the Gulf of Aden this season. The knitted caps are sure to keep us warm as we spend the next week crossing the North Atlantic.”

“The crew and myself would like to thank everyone for the box of Christmas goodies and most needed handmade scarves that all the deck crew has used during the cold spell. It's a great feeling to get gifts during that time of year when we are away from home.” This from a vessel on the Inland Waterways.

We could use more knitters – yarn and needles anyone?

Fran Cobb

Women's Evening Group

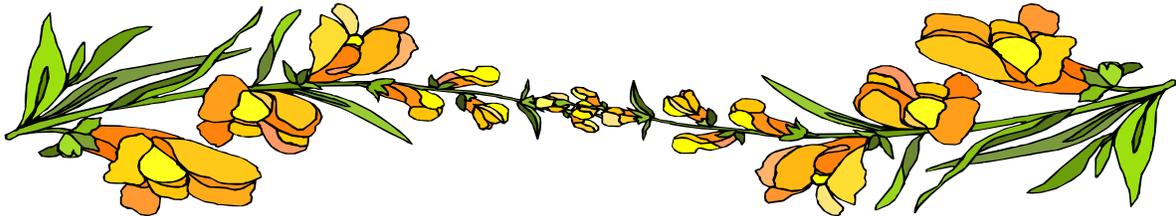
IF you are looking for an evening to unwind with other women from the parish, come to the Women's Evening Group on **Thursday, April 10** beginning at 6PM in the parish room. Join us for a half-hour social followed by a potluck supper with good wine, food, and fellowship. Dress casual and bring your choice of appetizer, main dish, vegetable, or dessert to share with the group. If you have questions, or to RSVP, please call Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157 or 860-604-2187. All are welcome!

Spring Rummage Sale – May 9 and 10, 2014

Spring Cleaning Time

SPRING IS here, and we are planning for the rummage sale in May. Here are some guidelines as you begin gathering items for the sale:

- ◆ ***Items may be brought to the church basement beginning Saturday, May, 3. Please do not bring anything in before that date.***
- ◆ Shoes need to be new or nearly brand new.
- ◆ TV's, computers and any other electronic equipment ***must*** be in working condition.
- ◆ Separate your rummage by category and label your boxes/bags accordingly; i.e. women's, men's, boys, girls, infants, books, shoes, etc. Many of you have done this for sales in the past, and it has really made a difference.
- ◆ Bring hanging clothes (dresses, suits, blouses, shirts, coats) on hangers to be hung on available racks.
- ◆ Please be selective when sorting your rummage. We ask that everything be clean and in good repair. ***Please, no stuffed toys or large exercise equipment!***
- ◆ We can not sell cribs. Because of limited space, we can not take ski equipment.
- ◆ Finer items will be sold in the "Boutique".



We also need your help before, during and after the sale. Volunteers are needed for:

Sorting: Friday, May 9	9 AM to 5PM Come for as long as you are able
Pre-Sale: Friday, May 9	6:30 to 8:30 PM <u>\$5 Admission.</u> Public and parish are welcomed.
Sale: Saturday, May 10	9 AM to 12 Noon <u>Free Admission - optional \$5 and \$10 bags.</u> Public and parish are welcomed.
	12-12:30 PM - Cleanup immediately following the sale.

Please call Cindy Welch at 860-561-5560 to volunteer or if you have questions. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks preceding the sale.

The Women of St. James's would like to thank all of you in advance for helping with the sale. So many of you contribute items and volunteer your time to make this sale a success every year. Without all of you, this would not be possible. Thank you very much!

The Clergy

The Reverend Robert C. Hooper, III
The Reverend Curtis A. Farr
The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke
The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Louden
The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter, Jr.
The Reverend Elsa Walberg
The Reverend Terry M. Wysong

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