

St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
West Hartford Center

May 2014

From the Rector's Study

Gracias

WHEN you receive this newsletter, I will hopefully have been walking the Camino de Santiago across Northern Spain for about a week, which means about 160 km or just a little over 90 miles. This will be, by the end of my pilgrimage, a total of 480 miles. The first question that most people ask me when they find out that I am doing this, particularly those who do not know me, is "why?" Hopefully, by the time I get back I will have a coherent answer to the question.

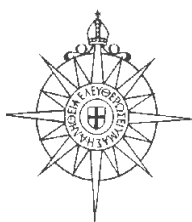
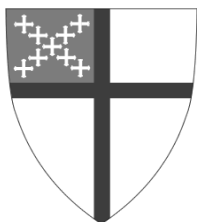
At this point none of that is important. What is important is that I say thank you. If it were not for the good people of St. James's, the wonderful staff and clergy that work with me and my spectacular wife, none of this would be possible. Many of you have given kind and generous gifts to my sabbatical fund while others have wished me well and reminded me that I am in their prayers. So, thank you.

As I will be spending much of my days in silence (bet you would pay to see that) it is my intention to hold this parish and its people in my constant prayer, and hope that you will do the same for me. A pilgrimage is a journey, both spiritual and physical. It is a journey in search of God and self, while paradoxically being very present with God and self at the same time. The privilege of having this time is one more reason why I mostly say thank you.

If you have not seen it by now, I (with Curtis' help) have set up a blog so that I can share some pictures and some thoughts during my Camino with you. It can be found at www.walkingtostjames.com - please sign up for regular posts and join me in prayer and on your own journey to and with God.

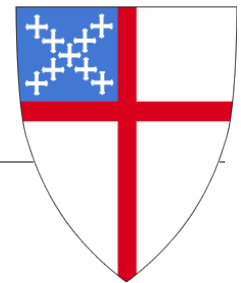
Peace,

P.S. take it easy on Curtis while I am away - I know you will - again, *gracias*.



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 March, 2014

Current Position: With a quarter of the year quickly behind us, the church finds itself in a position similar to last month and what was faced throughout most of 2013. Namely, an overall shortfall (the \$11,001 figure in the box below) that is due in large part to income that trails budget. On the positive side, the \$11,000 shortfall is an improvement from last month's \$15,000 shortfall. Most of the \$8,642 shortfall on the income side is due to pledge income that trails our budget through the end of March. Expenses are also slightly above budget. Most of the expense differential seems to be due to a timing difference in the payment of life and health insurance benefits. At this point in the year, it is still early to put much weight on trends. 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 (+)	\$234,458	243,100	8,642 Below plan	764,300
Expense (-)	196,931	194,571	2,360 Above plan	764,300
<i>Net</i>	37,528	48,529	11,001 Negative variance to budget	0

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$8,642 below budget (or 3.6% worse than budget). This is an improvement from last month when income trailed budget by \$15,134 (7.7 of budget).

Expense: YTD expenses are currently \$2,360, or 1.2%, above budget as compared to \$124 below budget as of the end of February. Most expense categories are either slightly above or below their budgeted amounts through the end of March.

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Important Dates to Remember!

Friday, May 2 - First Friday Family Night from 5:30 to 7pm in the dining room!

Saturday, May 3 - Choir Fundraising Dinner, 6pm in the Parish Hall!

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

Friday & Saturday, May 9 & 10 - WOSJ Spring Rummage Sale! (see inside for details)

Sunday, May 11 - Rhythms of Grace at 4pm and Youth Second Sundays at 5:30pm!

Sunday, May 18 - Jason Roberts' final Sunday at St. James's and Recognition Sunday!

Sunday, May 25 - UTO Sunday Ingathering!

Monday, May 26 - Annual Strawberry Festival beginning at 9:30am!

From the Assistant Rector

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Is there an experience more humbling than caring for a puppy?

Since Antonio and I adopted our five-(now six)-month-old rat terrier “Sabina,” our dinnertime discussion has consisted more and more of Sabina’s fecal habits, the ups and downs of crate training, and the kind of treats we should put in her hollow chew toy. But the most humbling part of owning a dog in the city/suburbs has to be regarding the little baggies I now carry on my person most of the time.

While I’ve heard of dogs that carry their bags of excrement in their mouths, I don’t imagine Antonio or I have the wherewithal to train Sabina to do so without eating the bag and its contents entirely.

I spoke with a friend of mine recently—a former seminary classmate—and we talked about the ups and downs of being an assistant rector. She shared with me the following analogy: when you are the assistant rector, fresh out of seminary, you’re a bit like a puppy; when you have a little accident, everyone just kind of rolls their eyes and cleans up your mess for you.

Since Easter, I have had the privilege to step a bit beyond the traditional assistant role while Bob is on his sabbatical until mid-August. When I tell people about this situation, there are usually some nods of recognition and a few winks regarding what the mice might do while the cat is away—or is it what the puppy might do while the owner is away?

The question sitting in the air is: what do I want to do while I am “priest in charge” or whatever one may call the temporary position? Well I prefer a different question, one I’ve discussed with several people: How will St. James’s, as a community of (mostly) baptized Christians, use these months to be “Christ’s hands and feet and heart and mind” in the world?

In many ways, the next few months will be business as usual. We won’t begin using a praise band and projected song lyrics during the Eucharist. We won’t scrap the creeds and prayers of our tradition. And we will not be installing a ball pit in the undercroft for the choir members to play in during the sermon. But the next few months will be a period of time during which we continue participating in God’s mission to the world, and we will do so in the absence of Bob and his particular leadership gifts.

I bring a very different set of leadership gifts—many of which are only partially developed—and while the next few months might be a good opportunity for me to build on my gifts, they are also an excellent time for all of us to discern what each of our spiritual gifts might be and how we might best enhance them in order to engage even more fully in God’s mission.

The beautiful thing about the priest’s sabbatical is that it can be a time of renewal for the community as a whole. It is my prayer that this kind of renewal has already begun in our hearts, and if you sense some kind of “calling” building up inside of you, I encourage you to feed that call through prayer and conversation—I’m always available, as are many in our community.

Who knows where that sense of call might lead?

Regarding our role(s) in God’s mission to the world, we are all a bit like puppies: we need a great deal of training, we’re full of a tremendous amount of love, and we ought to treat each other and ourselves with much patience and always a large helping of humility.

As we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection this Easter season, and as we move closer to Pentecost, Jason’s departure, summer vacations, the youth mission trip, the rummage sale, and numerous other events, let us remember to take an inward journey toward discovering what else God might be calling us to do—within or outside of St. James’s events.

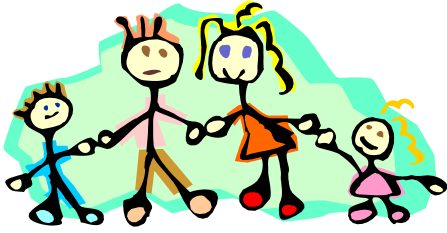
Share the joys of the ministries in which you participate, and don’t be afraid to ask for help or support in those ministries. Let St. James’s be both a resting place and a launching pad from and for your role(s) in God’s mission. And remember that it is not a matter of *becoming* Christ’s hands and feet and heart and mind in the world—because that is what we already are. It is a matter of helping one another to become even better equipped to fulfill those roles in our daily lives.



Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature that reads "Curtis" with a plus sign (+) to the right, enclosed in a partial circular flourish.

St. James's Center for Children



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

MAY is here! It is hard to believe that we are finished with that long cruel winter, but we finally have made it. In this post-Easter time of year, we can all say "Alleluia" to that! Here at St. James's, we will be bringing most of the program year to an end this month, including Sunday school for all ages.

In our last session of Sunday school, I will be doing a mixed-age group session, which seems to be working quite well with our end of the year attendance. The elementary and middle school children will be watching the film *Toy Story* and exploring the idea of self-worth from a Christian perspective. This is one of my all-time favorite movies, and I am looking forward to watching it with our kids and seeing what discussions develop.

In youth group, we will have our Second Sundays on May 11. As the kids enjoyed it so much the first time, Curtis and I are planning to do another scavenger hunt with phones in West Hartford Center. It should be a blast!

As many of you may have noticed, our participants in Children's Liturgy on Sunday have gotten a little younger lately. Because of this, I have made a few changes and I am incorporating more play in the liturgy. So far, it is going well, and I am pleased with the numbers in attendance. With Children's Liturgy, the only way to succeed is to be open to change; as the population changes, so must the style of liturgy.

Something else that is new at St. James's is our summer program. This summer, I am collaborating with Vicki Culligan from Poppins Theater to create a Christian music and theater experience called, *Broadway Bible News Channel*. In this program, the children will learn a few songs from popular Christian Broadway shows, i.e., *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Godspell*, etc. and put together a short performance with "commercials" between the songs in a news channel style. The program will run from Sunday, July 6 through Wednesday, July 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 with the performance of the show on Thursday, July 10. Cost for the program will be \$40 and will include a t-shirt. I am very excited about this idea and looking forward to working with Vicki on this program.

Another new thing coming to St. James's is a mural for one of our Sunday school rooms. On Saturday, April 12, Leah Dollar, Nora and Charlotte Willson, and Libby Sadler headed down to the Hartford Catholic Worker for a day of painting. We, with a tremendous amount of support from Jackie Duocot and Dwight Teal, created a mural that illustrates the saying, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that!" by Martin Luther King, Jr. I am looking forward to it gracing the walls of our Sunday school room for many years to come. A special thank you goes to Dwight, Jackie and the girls from our church that participated.

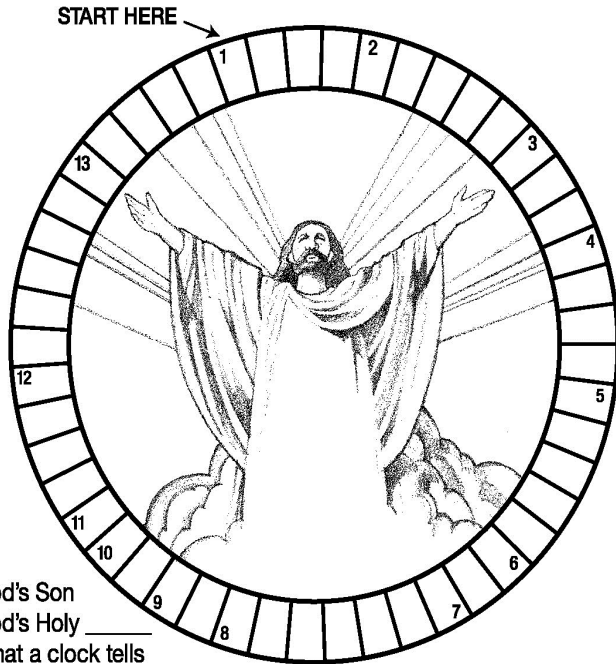
Your Sister in Christ,



Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.



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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. God's Son | 9. Modern word for thee |
| 2. God's Holy _____ | 10. Opposite of down |
| 3. What a clock tells | 11. Authority or strength |
| 4. Our planet | 12. Comes back |
| 5. Where Jesus is now | 13. Searches for |
| 6. Opposite of Old Testament | |
| 7. An onlooker | |
| 8. Place to see clouds | |

Answers: (1) Jesus; (2) Spirit; (3) time; (4) Earth; (5) heaven; (6) new; (7) witness; (8) sky; (9) you; (10) up; (11) power; (12) returns; (13) seeks

YOUTH GROUP Car Washes!

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH
In support of the 2014 Youth
Mission Trip/Pilgrimage!

SATURDAYS
From 10am to 2pm:

May 3, 10
17, 24 & 31
June 7, 14 & 21



**IN THE ST. JAMES'S
PARKING LOT!**

**Come and get your car washed by
the youth of St. James's and help
raise money for their mission trip
to the Dominican Republic!**

Bishop's 5K for Kids & Kid's Field Day—Saturday, May 10!

THE annual Bishop's 5K for Kids & Kid's Field Day will be held on Saturday morning, **May 10, 2014**. Check-in opens at 8AM with the race beginning at 9:30. The Kid's fun run begins at 9:20 with the Kid's field events at 9:40. Runners as well as walkers are invited to participate.

St. James's is a sponsor for this event. Runners/Walkers—you can help by getting people to sponsor your participation in the race. Nonparticipants—please consider sponsoring someone. Volunteers will also be needed.

Brochures are available, with signup information, on the table in the cloister and also in the narthex of the church as well as on the table outside the entrance to the chapel. Emily McMurray emilymadler@yahoo.com and Jonathan Lewis, jljew@mac.com are the contacts for the St. James's teams.



From the Organist/Choirmaster

RECENTLY I read a book called "How it Ends," by Chris Impey. The book begins by telling us how we are most likely to die, and how long we can generally expect to live. The next chapter is about the end of our species- there are so many different things that could wipe out our species that I had never thought about! After reading about everything from meteors to lethal pandemics, one begins to wonder why we haven't already gone extinct. There follows a chapter about the end of the biosphere, the end of the earth, the end of the solar system and the galaxy. The very last chapter describes how the universe will end. Apparently, eventually the stars will all slowly burn out and leave everything in an absolute, frigid, darkness (after a few trillion years, of course- not to give away the book or anything).

By comparison, the end of my time at St. James's isn't that depressing at all. But I must tell you that it is very sad for me to leave. I have spent seven years here—longer than I've lived anywhere else in my life—and they have been some of my happiest. You have been wonderfully welcoming, and although (in true Episcopalian fashion) you don't walk around talking about Jesus all the time, you are full of Christ's love and generosity. I have enjoyed going through the liturgical year with the choir so much, and they have been exceptionally patient with my shortcomings. One of the greatest joys has been watching the choristers grow—I'm so proud of them! I'm proud of the teenage boys who have stuck around long enough to sing tenor with the choir. I'm proud of Nora Dynowski and her amazing progress on the organ. I love to watch as the choristers slowly become leaders in the choir. The adults are so generous with their time and talents, and it has been a great pleasure to work with Bob Hooper (now that he's thousands of miles away I think I can safely compliment him without it going to his head). Thank you. I will miss you all very much.

According to "How it Ends," we're actually long overdue for a meteor of enormous proportions to hit the earth (I think it happens on average every 500,000 years). We might be able to stop it somehow, but in case we can't I hope that you'll come see me in New York City before the species goes extinct, or at the very least before the Sun swells up and engulfs the earth (apparently that's what dying stars do.)



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
Recognition Sunday & Final
Sunday with Jason Roberts

PLEASE COME TO CHURCH THIS DAY
TO THANK JASON FOR ALL OF HIS
HARD WORK AND BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
AND TO WISH HIM WELL AS HE
HEADS TO

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH
IN NEW YORK CITY
(NO CHORAL EVENSONG)

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

Around the Parish

OUTREACH!

No Sneakers Needed for the Walk Against Hunger ...

YOU can become a “spiritual walker” by sponsoring the St. James’s team of walkers. Each dollar contributed will provide \$10 worth of food to feed the clients of Foodshare-Eligible Agencies.

Please make your check payable to Walk Against Hunger with Loaves and Fishes noted on the memo line. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church in time for the May 4th walk.

Questions? Please call Barbara Schiller, our Walk Captain, at 860-651-7332.

Thank you for your support of this major feeding program fundraiser!

Palm Sunday Flower Sale and Easter Basket Update ...

THANK you to all who purchased plants on Palm Sunday during the outreach committee’s annual spring flower sale. A variety of flowers were sold and a total of **\$233.76 in profit** was raised. All of the proceeds will benefit the St. James’s Feeding Programs.

The multi-generational Easter Basket event also held on Palm Sunday was another big success. We were able to collect enough toiletries to fill and decorate **190 Easter baskets** for the men and women at area shelters. These gifts are very much anticipated and appreciated by those who receive them. Thank you!

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!

ADULT EDUCATION

MAY 4 & 18

EXPLORING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY

With Beth Richards in the 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?

MAY 4

IN THE BEGINNING ...

With Mark Evans in the 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 all.

MAY 4

“DON’T TELL HIM HE’S DYING. IT WILL KILL HIM”

With Bonnie Lillis in the Parish Room

WHY don’t we talk about sickness, health care decisions, death and dying in our society? Bonnie Lillis, McLean Hospice Spiritual Counselor, will explain the importance of having this difficult conversation, provide education on various advanced directives and describe different options for care. There will be resources and handouts. Note: This is an hour and a half presentation. Participants are asked to go directly to class where coffee and goodies will be provided.

ADULT EDUCATION CONTINUED

MAY 11

MOTHER'S DAY—No Classes

MAY 18

DISPELLING THE MYTHS OF HOSPICE

With Taffy Wilcox in the Parish Room

ALL you wanted to know about hospice care can more. Taffy Wilcox, A McLean Hospice Volunteer, will describe what hospice really is by dispelling ten hospice myths. Fellow parishioners will also share their hospice experience from a family perspective.

MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND—No Classes

JUNE 8

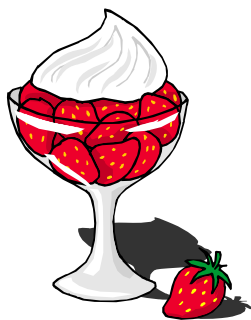
INTRODUCTION TO SPIRITUAL LIFE SURVEY with BRUNCH

In the Dining Room

11th Annual Strawberry Festival

WE KICK OFF the summer with lots of strawberries during the Memorial Day Parade in the town of West Hartford on **Monday, May 26**

beginning at 9:30AM. The Strawberry Festival will be held on the front lawn of the St. James's parish grounds. Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy some delicious strawberries piled high on tasty shortcake bread. Cost is \$5.50. Lemonade and bottled water will be available for \$1. Hotdogs and chips will also be sold.



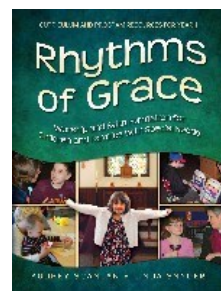
As always, the Fundraising Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Sam Paul at 860-232-2357 or David Dynowski at 860-521-2208 if you would like to volunteer.

Youth Group Second Sundays

ALL middle and high schoolers are invited to youth group on **Sunday, May 11** beginning at 5:30 with dinner as a large group in the dining room. After dinner, we'll do a scavenger hunt with camera phones around West Hartford Center, 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.

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, May 11 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.

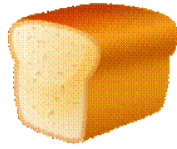
For more information, please contact Priscilla Hooper at (860) 521-9620 or go to the website www.rhythms-of-grace.org.

First Friday Family Night

COME to First Friday Family Night on **May 2 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. 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. Invite your friends!

Seeking Bread Bakers!

WE have welcomed many new families to St. James's this year and consequently have been calling on our wonderful crew of volunteer bread bakers repeatedly to bake loaves of bread to welcome them all! We could certainly use some more help. If you enjoy baking and wouldn't mind preparing a loaf of fruit bread or scones, etc... to welcome a new family, please consider joining the Newcomer Bread Baking Crew. We normally don't call on people more than once or twice a year. If you would like to volunteer kindly call Claire Burnett at 860-677-9641 or email her at claireburnett@comcast.net. Thank you!



Sunday Lectionary

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4
Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

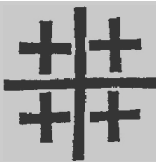
Ascension Day, May 29
Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Office Closings

The parish office will be closed on
Memorial Day, May 26

Newsletter deadline

Articles for the June/July 2014 issue of the *St. James's Newsletter* are due on **Thursday, May 15**



Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan, Ann, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Claire, Nicole, Margaret, Ruth, Mae, Ruth, Anne, 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, 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, Olivia, Brent, and Kaitlyn.

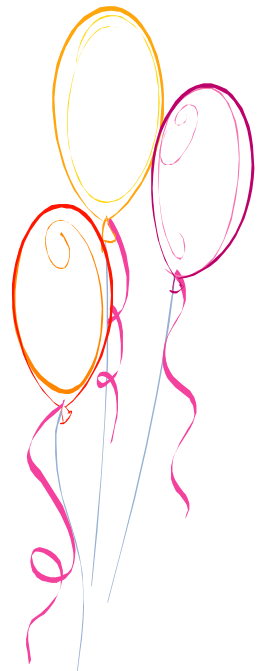
Those Serving in the Military

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

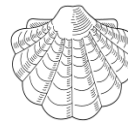
Parish Birthdays—Children & Youth

MAY

Samuel Newton, 1
Trevor Garrow-Cooke, 3
Ryan Kirsch, 3
Alex Vietzke, 3
Amelia Neal, 4
Justin DeVoe, 5
Cole Gallagher, 6
Jane Waterman, 6
Owen Wills, 7
Joshua Parks, 8
Chloe Hart-Kindelberger, 10
Katie Stahl, 12
Anya Fisher, 13
Lyla Fisher, 13
Madison Montgomery, 14
Amanda King, 22
Connor Montgomery, 22
Addison Stafford, 28
Cornelia Mazingo, 29



Women of St. James's



May 2014 Programs and Events

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

Spring Rummage Sale 
May 9 and 10, 2014

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 **\$5 Admission.** Public and parish welcome.

Sale: Saturday, May 10 9 AM to 12 Noon
Free Admission - optional \$5 \$10 bags.
Public and parish are welcomed.
12-12:30 PM - Cleanup after the sale.

Please contact **Cindy Welch, 860-561-5560**, to volunteer or for more information. Thank You!

New Officer Slate 2014-15
This slate of officers was accepted by the WOSJ at their Annual Meeting on April 22, 2014

President:	Edwina Bosco
Honorary Vice President:	Priscilla Hooper
First Vice President:	Judy Lawes
Second Vice President:	Priscilla Thomas
Secretary	Cindy Welch
Treasurer:	Lynne Lumsden
Assistant Treasurer:	Gerry Van Schaack
Past Presidents:	Cindy Welch, Edwina Bosco
Nominating Committee:	Cindy Welch, Chair Edwina Bosco

United Thank Offering— May 25

What is the United Thank Offering?

THE United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Every coin from every Blue Box and Blue Envelope is given away in grants. Every cent you give, representing your thankful prayers today, is the dream for tomorrow's life and gives hope to people all over the world.

SOME THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

Having a healthy and happy family
Spring has arrived!
You know that God loves you
You have good friends to share your life
Taking time to help a friend

- ✦ Offer thanks and prayers as a part of your life in Christ.
- ✦ Take the opportunity to put an offering in your UTO blue box.
- ✦ Bring your offering box, envelope, or check to our *UTO Ingathering on Sunday, May 25 at the 9:30 service.*
- ✦ Join your offering with others to support mission projects at home and worldwide.

Please write checks to the Women of St. James's with UTO in the memo line.



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, May 8** 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!

The Clergy

The Reverend Robert C. Hooper, III
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Committees and Organizations

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