

St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
West Hartford Center

June/July 2014

From the Assistant Rector

DEAR Sisters and Brothers,

I joked a few sermons ago that with all of our feeding ministries and food-centered events, we should be known as “St. James’s’s: The Church that Feed’s’s’s.”

- We collect incredible amounts of non-perishable food items throughout the year for the Hartford Catholic Worker and the West Hartford Food Bank.
- We have a dedicated team of gardeners who bring from the earth delicious vegetables that also go toward our feeding ministries.
- We frequently gather around food to raise awareness and funding for things like the youth mission trip/pilgrimage, the choir, and to celebrate community with events like the Taste of St. James’s and the Strawberry Festival.
- After most Sunday services, we have either coffee hour or lemonade on the lawn, giving us a weekly chance to check in and put names to familiar faces.
- And Ellen even facilitated a book study of *Eat with Joy*, a book about “Redeeming God’s Gift of Food.”

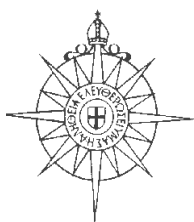
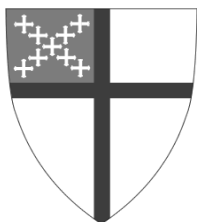
We are “St. James’s’s: The Church that Feed’s’s’s,” yet we are not finished growing. There is no telling who will walk through our doors, and we do not know what gifts they will bring to this community. This makes one wonder: How will we respond to the newcomers? How will St. James’s grow because of their unique personalities and talents? How will we respond to their needs when they arrive—or even before they step foot in the building?

Each Sunday when we “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,” we seek to carry on the commission that Jesus gave to his disciples to be “fishers of people.”

If, for too long, we think that we’ve finished growing, we become like the foolish fisher who places a fish tank next to an ocean hoping that all of the fish will jump in on their own.

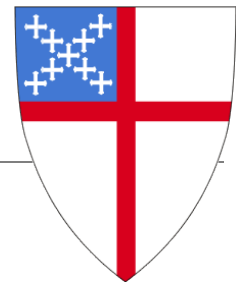
They won’t, and why should they? The point of church isn’t to fill our tank with our kind of fish; the point of church is to dump ourselves back into the ocean every week to swim in the waters of authentic relationship with Christ and then to invite others into that relationship.

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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 April, 2014

Current Position: Even though the seasons are changing, the church finds itself in a position similar to what has been reported during the first few months of this year as well as most of 2013. Specifically, the church faces an overall shortfall of more than \$15,000 and most of that figure is due to income that is lower than expected through this point in the year. At the end of March, we also faced a smaller shortfall of \$11,000. Most of the \$15,797 shortfall on the income side is due to pledge income that trails our budget by \$13,375 through the end of April. Expenses are tracking closely to budget. A full review of pledge payment experience is currently underway.

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$307,809	323,606	15,797 Below plan	764,300
Expense (-)	265,706	266,135	429 Below plan	764,300
<i>Net</i>	42,103	57,471	15,368 Negative variance to budget	0

Income & Expense Summary:

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$15,797 below budget (or 4.9% worse than budget). This figure is worse than last month when income trailed budget by \$8,642 (3.6% of budget).

Expense: YTD expenses are tracking very close to budget, \$429 (or 0.2%) below budget as compared to \$2,360 above budget as of the end of March.

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Important Dates to Remember!
Friday, June 6 - First Friday Family Night from 5:30 to 7pm in the dining room!
Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost Sunday – Jazz Eucharist at 10am sung by the choir!
Sunday, June 22 - Parish Picnic & Eucharist at 10am at Fernridge Park in West Hartford!
Sunday, June 29 - Summer Sunday schedule begins with one service at 9am followed by Lemonade on the Lawn!
Sunday, July 6 through Thursday, July 10 - Children's Summer Program!

A mentor of mine says that authentic relationship with Jesus Christ “is the very water in which the fish live and move and have their being,” and that means that churches accept people as they are and encourage them to express who they are. The acceptance part is getting better and better, especially in mainline churches like ours; the encouragement piece, however, is a growing edge.

Where do we go from here? What more can we do “in the tank” to better prepare ourselves for the Monday through Saturday ocean?

This is our chance to dream a little—to think about who we are becoming as St. James’s and as individuals. If this sounds broad, it’s because it is—it has got to start this way because we are in brainstorming mode...

What if we held a monthly brunch after services open to the community, free to newcomers, and put together by different groupings in St. James’s (choir, vestry, “First Friday” families, etc.)? What if we supported the LGBT community by hosting a post-Pride event (if Pride is a thing in Hartford)? What if we turned the youth room into a café for high schoolers to drink coffee and do their homework somewhere besides home?

What would happen if we got even more creative about what we *do* to further our mission of learning, living, and teaching the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? When we get creative and tap into our history, identity, and vision, who knows where authentic relationship with Jesus Christ will take us?

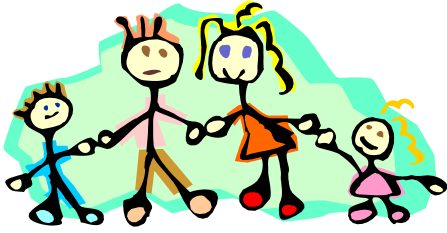
A recent edition of Radio Free Babylon’s “Coffee With Jesus” comic strip has Jesus—java in hand—saying, “Come as you are, but don’t stay as you came.”

Indeed. We are members of the Body of Christ, and we are evolving and deepening our relationship with God.

Your brother in Christ,



St. James's Center for Children



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

WOW! June is a busy time of year. With the weather consistently warm and nice, it seems like every organization is having a barbecue, 5k run, car wash or all three. St. James's is no exception. This month we are choc-full of activities with the last youth group on Sunday June 8, the picnic at Fernridge Park and many, many car washes.

Traditionally, June is also a time to say thank you to all who have made our program year a success. I would like to thank all of my Sunday school teachers, especially those that have taken on the task of leading our youngest members in the Godly Play Room. This is a year-long commitment, and I am extremely grateful to all of you for sharing your time and talent with our children. A thank you also goes out to the volunteers who have helped me to get Rhythms of Grace off the ground this year. As we continue with this wonderful worship opportunity next fall, I am excited to see if we can get more families involved. This worship service, although attended by a small number of people at this point, is amazing. Each time at the Eucharist, the children are so engaged in receiving communion, it is hard to express in words. This last time, when Curtis celebrated, it was like each word had taken on new meaning for me. Like I said, it is hard to express in words how meaningful this service is. Come and experience it for yourself this fall!

Coming this summer is our children's evening program. This year, I am collaborating with Vicki Culligan of Poppin's Children Theater to create a musical drama experience for the children. We are calling it, *BBNN- or the Broadway Bible News Network*. It runs Sunday, July 6 through Wednesday, July 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 with a performance on Thursday, July 10 at 6:30. Cost is \$40 per child and includes a t-shirt. Even if you don't have children who will attend the program, mark your calendar for the performance. It should be great fun!

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of you who inquired about Bob's pilgrimage over the last few weeks. Everyone in the parish has been so encouraging to him and to our family on this journey. It truly feels like the whole parish is on the journey together. Thanks so much for that.

Now—for the mushy stuff. The Hoopers have been members of St. James's for over 11 years now. When we came here, Maddy was in first grade with, as many of you remember, a big bow in her hair. She was just a little girl, like a lot of little girls. She liked American Girl dolls and soccer balls. She was often seen ushering on Sunday mornings.

Today, she is almost 18 years old. She has grown into an amazing young woman. She is strong. She is healthy. She has grown up in this wonderful community, supported by all of you. Many of you have entrusted her with the care of your children, whom she has grown to love. When other clergy talk about the difficulty of being a "clergy family" I am always saddened. Being a part of this parish has been an incredible gift for all of my children. Maddy will be off to college in the fall, thankfully, for me, not too far away, but she will not be away from St. James's. She will take the love and support of this church with her throughout all her days. For that, I am truly thankful.

Your sister in Christ,

Coming this Summer!



The Broadway Bible News Network

A collaborative summer program
by Vicki Culligan and Priscilla Hooper

Sunday, July 6 through Wednesday, July 9
from 5:30 to 7:30 in the evening at St. James's
with a performance on Thursday, July 10!

Cost: \$40 per child includes t-shirt
Call the parish office to register your child



**St. John's
& St. James's
Summer Kick-off
Middle School Outing**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2014
1PM-6PM**

**SWIMMING, BOATING, MUSIC,
GAMES, BBQ & SNACKS.**

**CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS
AND MEET NEW ONES AT THIS
FUN MIXER!**

**CONTACT PRISCILLA WITH
ANY QUESTIONS**



WINDING TRAILS

Music & Liturgy

Below is the text to a piece written by choir member Dick Wenner and performed by members of the choir for our former organist & choirmaster Jason Roberts at the choir dinner in May. It is in honor of Jason who recently departed for a new position at St. Bartholomew's Church in New York City. We thought you might enjoy it.

Seven Great Years

An Ode to Jason

(Refrain)

Seven great years!

He's always smiling, rarin' to go,

Seven great years!

Our St. James's own maestro,

Seven great years!

Musical talent oh so rare,

That's him, our man extraordinaire!

When he first came to us,

So young, we did enquire,

Was he here to lead – daunting task, indeed –

Or to join our boys' choir? *Refrain*

When the Gospel was done

Great improvs he'd create,

Based on day or song, sometimes ran too long,

Poor Bob just had to wait! *Refrain*

We sang Byrd, Rutter, Brahms –

Great music from the best.

Did not matter who, first thing we would do,

Add those quarter note rests. *Refrain*

Ever since he began

Some things we have done wrong;

“You are flat.” we quote, “Don't slide to the note!”

How'd he stand us so long? *Refrain*

He's been here seven years;

Near record time, perhaps.

Now then comes the day when he's going away.

Guess it's time to sound Taps.

(Final Refrain)

Seven great years!

He's always smiling, rarin' to go, *Seven great years!*

Our St. James's own maestro, *Seven great years!*

Musical talent oh so rare, that's him,

Our man, and he is like wine.

He's aging real fine,

And just like strong vine he'll thrive.



Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 8

**Pentecost Sunday &
Jazz Eucharist**

JAZZ EUCHARIST SUNG BY THE
ST. JAMES'S CHOIR AT THE
10:00 SERVICE

(ONE SERVICE ONLY THIS DAY)

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

Walk Against Hunger Update

THE St. James's Walk Team raised \$1,430 for the 31st annual Foodshare Walk Against Hunger. Together with a \$450 contribution from the Outreach fund, a total of \$1,880 was donated for the benefit of Loaves and Fishes Ministries.

JUNE OUTREACH

Toilet Paper & Paper Towel Collection

RESPONDING to requests from those in need and the agencies that serve them, the outreach focus for June will be the ever-popular toilet paper collection, and we are also now collecting paper towels. With a lack of money for food affecting many of the people in need, donations of other necessities -- such as toilet paper -- have become increasingly valued. Also, the shelters for the homeless must provide toilet paper and paper towels for their clients, thereby spending funds which could be channeled to other services.

Your contribution of rolls of toilet paper and/or towels will be distributed to individuals who come to the soup kitchens and food pantries and to Hartford area shelters. Please place your donations into the boxes located at the entrances to the church. The emphasis is on quantity, not quality. Thank you!

16th Annual School Supply Drive

DURING the months of July and August, St. James's is collecting new school supplies to give to the children who are at the Hartford shelters and food pantries which St. James's supports throughout the year: South Park Inn, Loaves and Fishes, My Sisters' Place, and others.

Many children in the Hartford area suffer from an achievement gap in education, partly due to a lack of the essential tools needed to get an education. Help some of these students start

school on the right foot with a few new school supplies. Children with new school supplies get excited about going back to school. It is as simple as having a new backpack filled with pencils, notebooks and things they need to help them learn. The children in these programs need our help to ensure they are prepared to learn.

Join us in the 16th annual school supply drive. Spread the word and ask others you know to help send a child off to school with a smile and some self-esteem. Beginning in July, place your donations in the boxes labeled "school supplies" at each of the church entrances.

Note: Coordinator(s) and volunteers are needed for the school supplies collection. Very little time and effort are required to make this project a success. If you are interested in helping or want more details, please contact Barbara Schiller at 860-651-7332. Join us on **Sunday, August 17** after the 9:00 service when we sort and pack the school supplies for the children. Many hands are welcome! 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!

Around the Parish

A Thank You! ... from the West Hartford Food Pantry

*The following is a portion of a letter from the
West Hartford Food Pantry thanking St. James's*

DEAR St. James's Episcopal Church staff
and congregation,

I cannot describe our delight when we walk into the office to discover the results of a community food drive. The collective good will of the congregation of St. James's is truly inspiring, and on behalf of the Department of Human and Leisure Services, I want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous donation of food to *The Town That Cares—West Hartford Food Pantry*.

Your contributions have been invaluable in helping us to provide assistance to the West Hartford residents who need it most. Last year, the Food Pantry benefited more than 700 families experiencing economic hardship, an effort made possible entirely by charitable contributions and generous food collections such as yours.

Thank you again for choosing to support the *West Hartford Food Pantry*. Your thoughtfulness and generosity helps the Department of Human and Leisure Services continue to offer assistance to West Hartford residents struggling to provide necessities for themselves and their families. Please know that your congregation's shared compassion is truly an inspiration to your community!

Sincerely,
Amanda C. Moffo
Food Pantry Coordinator

Lemonade on the Lawn

*A great summer tradition at St. James's continues! Join us for refreshment and fellowship Sundays after the 9 a.m. service beginning **Sunday, June 15** and continuing through Labor Day Weekend.*



Mark Your Calendar!

The St. James's AUCTION

Saturday, November 1, 2014
Drinks, Dinner,
Silent Auction, Live Auction

Mark your calendar for an evening of fellowship, food, and great finds all for the benefit of the ministries of St. James's.

Donations - Do you have an item to donate? A special skill? We're looking for all kinds of things—vacation rentals, handcrafted goods, baking services, gift cards, wine, professional services, etc. Part of what makes the auction so special are the unique and interesting contributions from our gifted and thoughtful parishioners.

Volunteers—Are you interested in participating in the planning or helping during the auction? You can help a little or a lot, and have fun doing it!

Contact Deb Ross (dross2631@gmail.com) or Samantha Dynowski (dynowski@comcast.net).

The SJ New Online Directory

OUR new online directory is finally up and running! To access the directory, go to www.stjameswh.org and click the Parish Directory link under the Community tab. Enter our privacy key: walden. To edit your profile, log in with your username (firstname.lastname) and password. We recommend that you change your password upon logging in for the first time.

If you have a smartphone or tablet, you need our mobile app! It's free and works on Apple and Android devices. Go to the App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore and search "online church directory." After you download the app from CTRN, enter our church's privacy code: 908-371.

You choose the information to share in our directory. Please add or update your picture and contact information.

Our directory is a wonderful resource for our church family. We hope you use and enjoy it!

Summer Hours and Service Schedule

SUMMER is right around the corner and with that comes *summer hours* here at St. James's. The summer service schedule will begin on **Sunday, June 29** with one service at 9AM. There will be no 8AM service in the chapel during the summer. The Sacrament of Healing will be offered at the 9AM service the second Sunday of July and August only.

The parish office will be open from 9AM to 3:30/4PM Monday through Thursday, and closed on Friday. The Tuesday Eucharist/Healing service is now on hiatus until after Labor Day. Parish Office summer hours begin on Monday, June 9 and run through Labor Day. Please make a note of it.

The Wednesday morning Eucharist and breakfast will continue as usual.

Newsletter deadline

Articles for the Aug/Sept 2014 issue of the *St. James's Newsletter* are due on **Tuesday, July 15**



Announcing our new Youth Leaders!

BEGINNING in September, the St. James's High School Youth Program will have four new youth leaders: Eddie Jacovino, Kim Hart-Kindelberger, and Ben and Martha Parish. High Schoolers will have a chance to meet them at **Second Sundays on June 8**. High schoolers will meet at Curtis Farr's home: 3 Sycamore LN, West Hartford for Second Sundays. We'll eat dinner at 5:30, play Cranium, and read *Compline*, finishing at 7:30. If you have any questions, call or email Curtis: 203.302.9860 fatherfarr@gmail.com.

First Friday Family Night

COME to First Friday Family Night on **June 6 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. 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!

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, June 12** 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. To RSVP, please call Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157 or 860-604-2187. All are welcome!

All Parish Picnic and Eucharist

Sunday, June 22 at 10AM

Fernridge Park in West Hartford



In case of rain, service will be at the church & picnic in the dining room. Please bring salads and desserts, chairs, if you need them. There will be an 8am service in the chapel; no regular 9:30 service. Invite a friend to church!

Sunday Lectionary

Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

First Sunday after Pentecost, June 15

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 22

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 29

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 6

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 11-18
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 13

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 20

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 27

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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, Kaitlyn, Marge, Ann, and Kara.

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

JUNE

Ben Carrier, 1
Nolan Leonard, 1
Joseph Shuey, 1
Kristian Sirnes, 4
Abigail Waterman, 4
Olivia LaPointe, 5
Ceili Brown, 6
Sophia Sadler, 6
Ingrid Dynowski, 9
Nik Thomalla, 12
Sophia Lankin, 13
Jennifer Brown, 16
Bowden Swales, 17
Ada Rusconi, 18
Mary Chun Slone, 20
Nicholas Tagliarini, 20
Colby Lytle, 22
Claire O'Donnell, 24
Angel Parks, 26
David Dynowski, 28

JULY

Hunter Swales, 1
Mary Capone, 2
Jackie Keen, 2
Theo Vietzke, 8
Kate McDermott, 9
Madison Hooper, 15
Katja Thomalla, 19
Emma Pinckney, 20
Jack Harwood, 22
Julia McCue, 23
Hannah Sieklucki, 23
Chelsea O'Donnell, 28
Emily McDill, 30



Parish Registry

Baptisms

McAllister Hamid Raissian
Son of Tony and Kerri Raissian
May 11, 2014



WOMEN OF ST. JAMES'S

A Summer Reading Suggestion ...

From WOSJ President

Edwina Bosco

A MONTH or so back, I urged you to see the movie *The Monuments Men*. Now I suggest you read *Saving Italy* by Robert M. Edsel. Learn more of the work of Deane Keller and the others. There may also be an opportunity to hear Dorothy Keller speak on this subject later in the year. Enjoy the book!



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 P. Walberg
The Reverend Terry M. Wysong

Rector
Assistant Rector
Priest Associate
Priest Associate
Priest Associate
Priest Associate
Priest Associate

The Staff

Heidi Cotter, Financial Secretary
Priscilla Hooper, Director of Religious Education

Cheryl C. Batter, Administrator
Randall Martini, Sexton

The Vestry

Ann Cooke, Senior Warden
David Dynowski, Junior Warden
Ollie Bunch, Clerk

Michael Sherrill, Treasurer
Richard M. Wenner, Assistant Treasurer
David Thomas, Facilities Manager

Term Ending 2015

Doug Compton
Ron Coons
Ellen Dollar
Chuck Willson

Term Ending 2016

Michael Fitzsousa
Carol McDermott
Eleanor Michael
Peter Peterson

Term Ending 2017

Kathy Bolt
Ben Parish
Michael Shuey
Judith Stahl

Committees and Organizations

Acolytes:	Ted Newton	Fundraising:	David Dynowski & Sam Paul
Altar Guild:	Cheri Evans, Sue Nelson	Outreach:	Barbara Schiller
Arbor Society/ Planned Giving:	Ted Newton	Parish Life:	
Choir Guild:	Sam Dynowski	Property Committee:	Rachael Desmond David Thomas
Adult Education:	Mark Evans	Readers & Chalice Bearers:	
Education for Ministry:	Ronald Ward	Sound Committee:	Chuck Russo
Endowment & Investments:	Ted Newton	Ushers:	Derrick Kirsch
Finance:	Harry Meyer	The Women of St. James's:	Edwina Bosco

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