

St. James's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
West Hartford Center

August/September 2014

From the Assistant Rector

DEAR Sisters and Brothers,
During our first full day of work in the Dominican Republic, our group of high schoolers officially became 21st Century Episcopal Missionaries. Let me explain:

There we were, sitting in the nave of Santísima Trinidad after a morning of painting and eating some traditional Dominican cuisine. Children began pouring into the church—eventually about fifty of them. At first though, there were a few little pockets of them, sitting with friends, brothers, and sisters. For a few minutes, our high schoolers remained together on one side of the room.

I remember thinking, “C’mon ya’ll, go introduce yourselves!” I didn’t want to outright tell them to do so. I sat down next to two boys who were in the back of the church.

We started chatting; one of them showed me a game he had on his phone. I speak Spanish, but not as fluently as I once did.

After a few minutes, our high schoolers began, one-by-one leaving the comfort of their group to begin communicating with other children. Keep in mind, our group had a variety of skill levels with Spanish—it was a big deal to try and talk to people who might not understand.

When our wonderful group of high schoolers ventured out into a somewhat vulnerable situation with the goal of learning a culture and language with strangers, they became 21st Century Episcopal Missionaries.

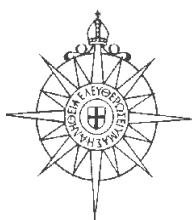
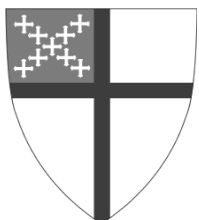
I highlight this seemingly banal example of missionary work because I believe it is a model of the kind of behavior we all are empowered to have when we meet strangers—abroad or at home. If we truly believe that behind all of creation, on this planet and others, is God—a being of order and love—then surely work of God must be being expressed through all people in some way. Whether or not we can totally understand each other is irrelevant.

We don’t have to go on trips to exotic locations; we can seek and utilize moments during every day life to allow vulnerability to open them to new relationships. Participants in God’s mission look for expressions of the Good News with all people and celebrate with them, all the while struggling for the common causes of justice, peace, and reconciliation. I was thrilled to witness this among our high schoolers as well as among those with whom we visited in the Dominican Republic.

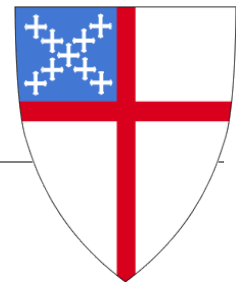
On behalf of our group, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support—whether you supported us in thought and prayer or with a financial gift. We appreciate your support and look forward to each and every moment in which we can proclaim the Good News together.

Your brother in Christ,

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 May, 2014

Current Position: With summer on our doorstep, the church finds itself in a position similar to what has been reported during the first five months of this year. The church continues to face an overall shortfall (the \$11,835 figure in the box below) and a significant portion of that shortfall is due to income that is lower than expected through the end of the month. On the positive side, we are moving in the right direction as the total shortfall reported in last month's report equaled \$15,370. Income improved during the month as we moved from \$15,800 below plan at the end of April to \$10,749 at the end of May. Most of the improvement comes from pledges that are closer to their budgeted amount. Pledges, however, are still \$7,300 less than expected through this point in the year. Overall, expenses continue to track relatively close to budget. The Walden St. stairway had major work done to it during the month. The funds to cover that expense came from the church's Major Maintenance Fund and did not directly impact the figures reported in the table below.

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$347,085	357,834	10,749 Below plan	764,300
Expense (-)	326,351	325,265	1,086 Above plan	764,300
<i>Net</i>	20,734	32,569	11,835 Negative variance to budget	0

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$10,749 below budget (or 3.0% worse than budget). This figure is an improvement from last month's income figure that trailed the budgeted figure by \$15,800 (4.9% of budget).

Expense: YTD expenses continue to track relatively close to budget. As of the end of May, expenses were \$1,086 above budget; this difference represents 0.3% of the budgeted amount. Expenses were \$429 (or 0.2%) below budget at the end of April.

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Important Dates to Remember!

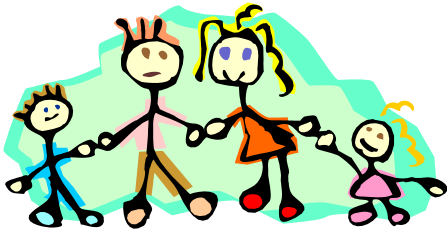
Sunday, August 17 - Annual School Supply Drive Sort & Pack day after the 9am service!

Sunday, September 7 - Regular Service Schedule Resumes, Choir Returns, and Sunday School Registration Day!

Sunday, September 14 - Sunday School Resumes / Annual Mum Sale to benefit HopeWorks!

Sunday, September 14 - Rhythms of Grace at 4pm and Youth Second Sundays at 5:30pm.

St. James's Center for Children



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

I AM writing this article a few days after the summer program ended. It was a wonderful program, where the kids involved became more familiar with Jesus's parables of the Prodigal Son, the sower and many more. As most of you probably know, it was called, Broadway Bible News Network. The kids learned skits and sang beautiful songs from the musical, Godspell. It was truly amazing. The children far exceeded my expectations by learning all the lines in the skits and the words in the songs in a mere 4 rehearsals. Thanks to Vickie Culligan who wrote and directed the show and to the wonderful kids that attended. A special thanks also goes to the members of the parish that attended the show who did not have children involved. It means so much to the children of this parish when you take the time out of your busy lives to support them!

Funny enough, after spending so much time working with the Parable of the Sower last week, the Gospel reading this past Sunday was the Parable of the Sower. As I prepare for the coming academic year with the children of this parish, this is a very fitting reading to ponder. As parents, we all want our children to have every opportunity to succeed in this world. We do a lot of work, using the parable to help explain, to prepare our children's soil-- to make sure that they don't fall among the weeds, or on the path, or on the rocks. We fertilize the soil, and till it, by choosing good schools for them and making sure that they have every educational opportunity. We enroll them in extra-curricular activities such as music and art, to help develop their creative side. We drive half way around the country, to see that they compete at the highest level in sports. But what do we do to help them develop their spiritual life?

Hopefully, for us, as Christians, we attend church and Sunday school on a regular basis. This goes far in helping our children to, as the Godspell song we sang at the summer program says, have humble and thankful hearts. The concept of a humble thankful heart is not one that is really popular in today's culture, but I believe it is an important step in living a life of meaning and grace. Being active members of a community of faith also provides our children with the tools needed when they are faced with life's rocky soil or weeds. These tools include being able to forgive and ask for forgiveness, appreciating the gifts God has given you and the responsibility of being a steward of these gifts, taking care of our earth and much much more.

So, as you begin to think about you and your family's busy schedule this fall, please make time for the wonderful programs and worship services provided by this parish. We are blessed with amazing musical, educational and recreational programs for all ages here. There is truly something for everyone. Also consider volunteering as a Sunday school teacher. This can be as short a commitment as 3 weeks and is a wonderful way to show your children that you are serious about nurturing their spiritual lives.

So, let's get started. Let's all commit to making this a great academic year at St. James's. I am going to be spending the next month looking for great curriculum for our Sunday school classes and kids' liturgy. If you are available to help lead a Sunday school class, please email me or call me and let me know. Sunday school for the children begins on September 14 after the 9:30 service. See you then!

Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 7
Church School Registration!

Sunday, September 14
First Day of Church School Classes!

Your sister in Christ,

From the Organist/Choirmaster

A letter from our new organist/choirmaster, Vaughn Mauren

I AM very excited to come to St James's on August 1 and begin what I know will be a wonderful collaboration with the congregation, choirs, and staff. The church's reputation for having both a strong sense of community and appreciation for liturgical music was what drew me most to the parish, and I am very happy to become a part of it.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on my first Sunday, August 3rd. Please make sure to introduce yourself after the service. If you are away for the summer, I look forward to meeting you in September!

Vaughn

St. James's Episcopal Church of West Hartford, Connecticut, is pleased to announce the appointment of Vaughn Mauren as its organist/choirmaster. Currently associate organist at Christ Church Bronxville, he is also Music Director of Young at Arts, the church's outreach performing arts program. There he directs three choirs that both sing in church and also participate in presenting staged theatrical productions. Vaughn has had extensive experience working in and with youth choirs, having begun his choral experience as a treble in the cathedral choir of men and boys in Albany, New York. Since then he has gained experience accompanying choirs and coaching singers, has himself sung with choirs on tour in England and in Argentina, and has held a number of church organist positions.

Vaughn is no stranger to Connecticut. He is a graduate of Trinity College, where he studied organ with John Rose and conducting with Gerald Moshell, and he served as assistant chapel organist from 2004 through his graduation in June of 2007. Following graduation and until 2009 he held the position of organist for the Episcopal Church at Yale, from which he received the Master of Music in Organ Performance in 2009, and was simultaneously music director at the parish of St. Paul and St. James in New Haven; in the summer of 2007, moreover, he was assistant organist at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford.

Not only is Vaughn an experienced church organist and choir director, he has also played recitals in many venues. Among these are the American Cathedral in Paris; the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Fifth Avenue, and St. Mary the Virgin in New York City; and he is scheduled to perform at the National Cathedral in Washington at a date to be determined and at the Organ Historical Society's Berkshire regional convention in 2015.

Significantly for St. James's, Vaughn lists among his special skills "training the young voice, musical pedagogy, and singers' diction."

Vaughn Mauren will begin his duties at St. James's late this summer. The members of the search committee are pleased to present him to the parish. Please accord him an exceedingly warm welcome!



LITURGY

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Today our de...

1 Like the mur - mur
2 To the mem - bers
3 With the hea - ring

AND MUSIC

Important Dates to Remember

Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22
Boys & Girls Choir Camp!
CHOIR CAMP HERE AT ST. JAMES'S
WITH A ONE-DAY OUTING AT
WINDING TRAILS

Sunday, September 7
Choir Returns at the
9:30 Service!

Jubilate Deo!

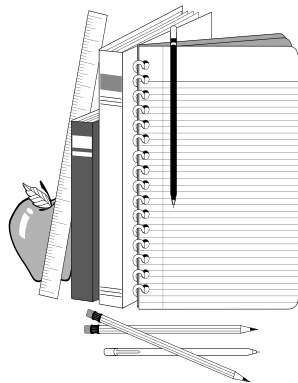
**O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Psalm 100:1

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. During the month of August, please continue to 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 needed and welcome! Thank you!

Toilet Paper and Paper Towel Collection Update ...

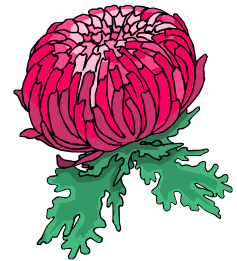
OUR June outreach project, which was the collection of paper towels and toilet paper, was a big success! Approximately 340 rolls of paper products (toilet paper and paper towels) were collected. Your contributions will be distributed to the individuals who come to the soup kitchens and food pantries, and also to Hartford area shelters.

The demand for these paper products continues to rise each year. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Annual Mum Flower Sale

Sunday, September 14

FIELD GROWN hardy mums in 8-inch posts, in three beautiful colors: white, burgundy and yellow! Sale date: **Sunday, September 14**. Price per plant is \$8. All proceeds to benefit HopeWorks, an interfaith community organization providing hope and health to young people and their families for over 40 years through counseling, education and community outreach. Each year over 20 local communities of faith join together to demonstrate their collective support for this worthy organization. If you have questions, please call Barbara Schiller at 860-651-7332.



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

They're Getting Married And You're Invited!

OUR assistant rector, Curtis, and his partner, Antonio, will be married in the church on August 16, 2014 at 4:30 in the afternoon. Following the service will be a cocktail reception in the space just outside of the church. All are welcome.

Mark Your Calendar!

The St. James's AUCTION

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

For more information:

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

Rhythms of Grace

Rhythms of Grace -- a worship and faith formation experience for children and families with special needs will be held on **Sunday, September 14** at 4PM at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford and will meet every second Sunday of the month.

Rhythms of Grace combines a sensitive, mindful celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a wealth of developmentally appropriate, experience-based activities.

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

First Friday Family Night

COME to First Friday Family Night on **September 5 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. We are in need of a volunteer or two to head-up this event. Please phone the parish office if you are interested.

Women's Evening Group

WE invite all women to join us on **Thursday, September 11 at 6PM** in the Parish Room for a social half-hour followed by a potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share—casserole, appetizer, dessert, or a vegetable, and enjoy the company of others. Questions or to RSVP, contact Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157. Invite a friend to join you!

Coffee Hour Begins in September

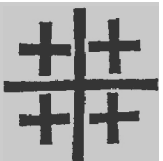
ON September 7 we resume our regular Sunday morning schedule with services at 8 and 9:30 and with that comes the first coffee hour of the season. We could use volunteers! A sign-up sheet will be circulated at Lemonade on the Lawn as we get closer to September. Please sign up for a Sunday, if you are able. Thank you!

Office Closings

**The parish office will be closed on
Labor Day Monday, September 1**

Newsletter deadline

Articles for the October 2014 issue of the *St. James's Newsletter* are due
Monday, September 15



Sunday Lectionary

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 3

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 16
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 10

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 17

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 24

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 31

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 7

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 14

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 21

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 28

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

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, Sue, Natalie & Harry.

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, 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, Kara, Anna, Jinah, Henry & Irene.

Those Serving in the Military

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

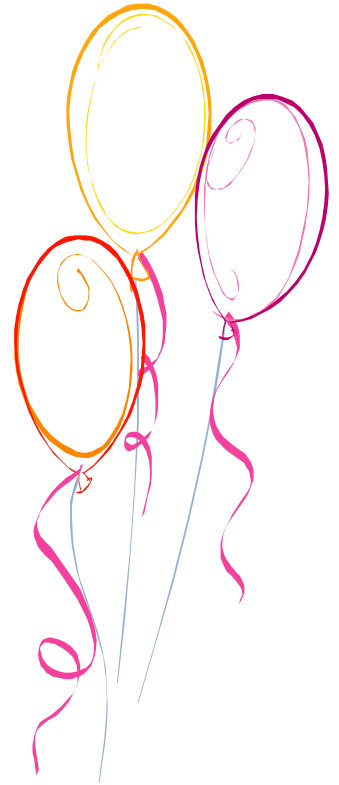
Parish Birthdays Children & Youth

AUGUST

Allison McDill, 3
Marjorie Nelson, 3
Nora Dynowski, 9
Ashley Granquist, 12
Logan Kirsch, 12
Samantha Kramer, 15
Emilie O'Sullivan, 16
Caitlyn Harwood, 19
Graham Woodward, 20
Natalie Lytle, 21
Matthew Wilson, 25
Stephen Eacobacci, 26
Timothy Goodrich, 31
Halle McGarry, 31
Lillian Waterman, 31

SEPTEMBER

Luke Lemanski, 2
Julia Neal, 7
Riley Morriss, 8
Maren Harwood, 10
Gabriella Urso, 10
Daley Whitaker, 12
Avery Schott, 21
Nicholas Urso, 25
Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, 29



Parish Registry

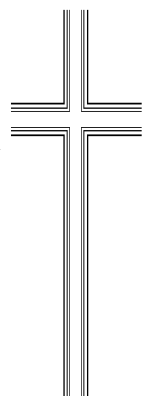
Baptisms

Lauren Victoria Marceau
Daughter of David & Kelly Marceau
June 15, 2014

Deaths

Margherita "Marge" Cunningham
June 2, 2014

R. William "Bill" Reinsmith
July 8, 2014





New Program Year Begins ...

THERE will be an executive board meeting of the Women of St. James's on **Tuesday, September 30 at 10AM** in the parish room. If you like, bring a bag lunch and join in. Our regular programs begin on **Tuesday, October 7** at 12:15 when our rector, Bob Hooper, will share highlights of his pilgrimage in Spain this past spring. Check out the programs for the year in the booklet, which will be forthcoming, or online and plan to join us on Tuesdays from October to May for lunch and a wide variety of topics and entertainment. Tell your friends about our programs and invite them to join us.

Tuesday, September 30
WOSJ Executive Board Meeting at 10am
In the Parish Room
Please bring a bag lunch

Tuesday, October 7
The Rev'd Bob Hooper, Rector
Highlights of his Pilgrimage in Spain

Holiday Tea Meeting

A MEETING to plan this year's Holiday Tea will be held on **Sunday, September 7** after the 9:30 service in the parish room. All who are interested in helping to plan this event should attend the meeting. This year's tea will be held on **Saturday, December 13** from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. Snow date is December 14.

Fall Rummage Sale 2014!

SAVE THE DATE!

THE WOSJ Fall Rummage Sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18**. Please bring your items to the church **no earlier** than Saturday, October 11. On Friday, October 17 we will sort between 9AM and 5PM and have our presale beginning at 6:30PM. Our sale will be held on Saturday, October 18 between 9AM and noon. We hope to see you there!

Seamen's Church Institute

TO quote from a recent issue of the SCI Christmas-at-Sea newsletter "For over 115 years, SCI has delivered gifts to mariners without revealing who created the hand knit items. We told mariners that volunteers knitted, collected and distributed the packages they received, but unless there was a note on the gift, mariners never knew just who had spent all of that time to make their Christmas warmer."

SCI is encouraging knitters to identify themselves, thus making each gift more personal so now seems to be a good time to change our practice. Starting this summer, to each knitted item we are attaching a card with the knitter's first name, the church's name and its email address. In this way, we may get to know where some of our knitting ends up, and the recipient knows a little more about us.

Fran Cobb

Thank You for God's Blessings ...

ON Sunday, May 25 our parish presented their United Thank Offerings in thanksgiving for God's daily love, mercy and blessings. Our tangible offerings of \$656.78 will extend the love of God to others through numerous worthy projects to alleviate human need and expand mission and ministry to others. Thank you for your generous offerings.

*Offer your daily prayers of thanks to God
 by filling your UTO box*

Thank You, St. James's!

TO all the women, men and youth of our parish who participated in the Spring Rummage Sale, thank you for your dedication and energy toward another successful event! So many of you donated your treasures and helped sort, sell and clean up. Over \$1625.00 was earned to support our parish's stewardship and outreach. It was a time of parish fellowship and community outreach. Well done!

The Clergy

The Reverend Robert C. Hooper, III
Thr 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
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The Staff

Heidi Cotter, Financial Secretary
Priscilla Hooper, Director of Religious Education
Vaughn Mauren, Organist & Choirmaster

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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