

# SJnews

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## From the Rector's Desk

IN July of 2012 at the 77th General convention of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry (elected the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church this summer at the 78th General Convention) preached the closing sermon to a few thousand Episcopalians; lay persons, priest, deacons and bishops. The Sermon was entitled "Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus." This sermon later became the basis for his book by the same name. Michael Curry is a rhetorical genius. Through his deep faith, profound understanding of the Bible and Christian history, and Spirit-filled preaching style Curry not only helps us understand how we can become disciples of Jesus, but gets us (at least me) excited about the possibilities.

This is the person of faith that the Episcopal Church has chosen to lead us into the future – and I, for one, can't wait to see where we are headed. Our beloved Episcopal Church, like most faith communities in the United States, has had a hard couple of decades. Many once faithful parishioners have faded away into a culture of "spiritual, but not religious" (whatever that means) and Sunday youth sporting events. Resources for mission—spiritual, human, and financial have become scarce, and I believe that we all are the worse for it.

As Christians we are taught and called to a faith and understanding of new beginnings/ new life. This is the message of the empty tomb. My prayer for the Church of my childhood, the Church in which we have raised our children, and the Church where I serve as priest is a prayer for new life—a reimagining of what it means to follow Jesus, and a reinvigorating of what it means to serve Jesus and the world. Like all journeys, this one must begin at home in our parishes and communities.

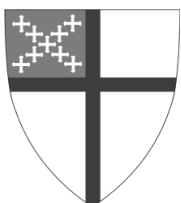
This fall St. James's is rolling out two new and exciting ways to be Church, to engage our hearts' desire to be disciples of the one who calls us by name. We are in the process of developing ways to be a part of God's reconciling mission in the world. For years we have called this "Outreach," but with a renewed and expanded vision, we are now using the language of "mission." St. James's new "Mission Commission" is working hard developing new ways of encouraging all of us to get and be involved.

The lay and ordained leadership of St. James's believes strongly that this is a good time for all of us to gather together and begin a conversation about how we as a faith community can be a part of God's work here and now. As I said earlier "all journeys must begin at home." St. James's 2020 – ENVISION OUR FUTURE is the starting point for this new segment of our journey together. Keep an eye out for much more information and please be a part of this very important conversation.

In his sermon, Bishop Curry's excitement for the future of a Church founded in and following Jesus is not the rhetorical mastery of a great preacher, but the joy of a person of great faith. If you would like to see and hear the Bishop's sermon, it can be found on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/abJMKeyCWoQ>.

With joy and excitement for our future together,

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



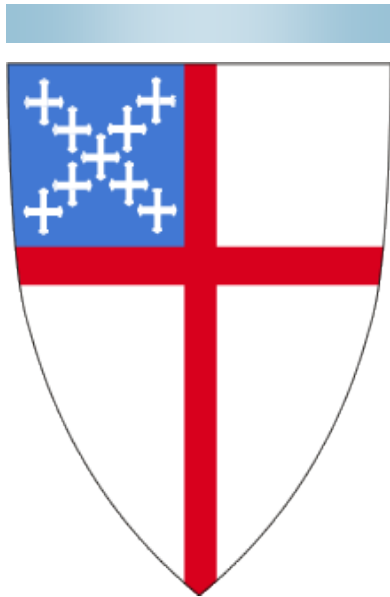
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## Highlights in Aug/Sept

- Doin' Time with Peterson Toscano, August 6
- Annual School Supply Drive Sort and Pack Day, August 16
- Parish wide Book Study, beginning in September
- Fall Harvest Fair, September 12,13
- Regular Service Schedule resumes, choir returns, Sunday School registration, potluck picnic, September 13
- Sunday School and coffee hour resume, Volunteer Fair, Sept 20
- Intro to Discernment, September 27 (more information to come in future bulletins.)



## Vestry Corner

### Treasurer's Report—May 2015

**Current Position:** Overall, the church ended May with a surplus of a little less than \$20,000. This figure represents an improvement from the \$17,000 surplus reported at the end of April and also gets the church to where it was financially at the end of March. As mentioned in previous reports this year, pledge payments made earlier than expected continue to help the surplus position of the church. As the year progresses, we expect the budgeted pledge payments to catch-up to the actual

payments, reducing the positive variance contained in the box below. Year to date expenses remain below budget. However, the financial benefit of lower expenses declined during as expenses moved from \$5,400 less than budget at the end of April to the \$2,726 figure contained in the table below. During the summer, expenses will be monitored.

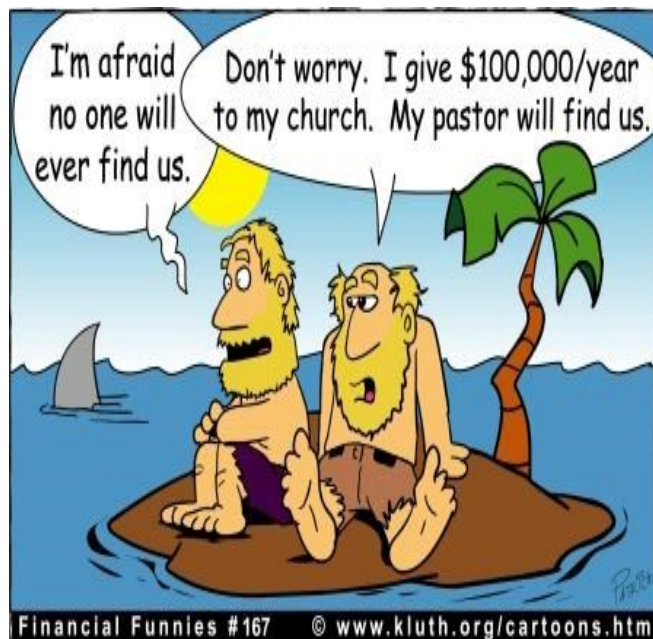
*“Each of you must give as you have made up your own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:7*

### Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$367,787	350,857	16,930 Above plan	752,400
Expense (-)	320,227	322,953	2,726 Below plan	756,900
<i>Net</i>	<b>47,560</b>	<b>27,904</b>	<b>19,656</b> <b>Positive variance to budget</b>	<b>(4,500)</b>

**Income:** Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$17,808 above budget (or 7.6% better than budget). As of the end of February, YTD income was \$13,200 above budget (7.2%).

**Expense:** YTD expenses are currently \$2,112, or 1.1%, below budget. As of the end of February, expenses were \$7,900 (6.1%) below budget. Most of the expense categories are slightly under or over budget.



# From the Assistant Rector

**N**OT so long ago I learned of a breathing exercise practiced by our bishop suffragan, Laura Ahrens. As a typical breathing exercise goes, she breathes in while meditating on one word and then breathes out meditating on another. The words she chose for this particular exercise were “disciple” and “apostle.”

Perhaps these verge on archaic Christianese, words we hear all of the time but never really think about unless forced to explain them to someone for whom they are unfamiliar. Just in case you fall into this category, a disciple is a follower or student of a particular teacher; an apostle is one who is sent to be a messenger. In the case of Christianity, a disciple is a follower of Jesus, while an apostle is someone sent by Jesus to spread his message.

When you think about it, Bishop Laura’s breathing exercise is the meditation of a healthy Christian congregation. Disciples are breathed into the worshipping community every Sunday to listen, learn, and experience the Living God through Christ in the liturgies of the Word and Table. Then at the moment we are dismissed, apostles are breathed out into the rest of the world to be messengers of that experience of the Living God. We are breathed out to be apostles and evangelists.

We talk a lot in the church about how “evangelist” is a dirty word, but we rarely get too specific about what evangelism might look like for us (if it doesn’t look like sidewalk scream-preaching with sandwich boards).

I mentioned in a sermon recently that on Facebook, as well as in many venues, we are evangelists of our own good news. We don’t post the bad stuff, which perpetuates a not-so-subtle myth that it’s not okay to not be okay. In reflecting further on this, I started to ask what keeps people who go to church from sharing with others the goodness that they find in that community and worship.

When someone becomes a grandparent, they hardly go five minutes without whipping out a few photos of the precious little one—and there’s *always* a story to go along with the photo.

That’s evangelism, in a sense. Evangelism is when you can’t help but tell people about some good news. Notice it has nothing to do with coercing anyone else into being more like you in any way; grandparents don’t share pictures of their offspring’s offspring in order to pressure you into becoming a grandparent. They certainly rarely (if ever) imply that not being a grandparent is in any way inferior to being one...well, I can’t speak for the grandparents in your life.

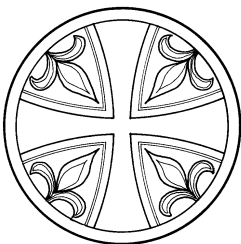
So ask yourself, if you’re coming to church on a somewhat regular basis, why are you coming? How does it feel while you are within this community? Do you ever leave after a service regretting that you went? Is there anything keeping you from sharing this truth with others?

If these questions lead you to the conclusion that being part of the worshipping community is generally a good thing, ask yourself why it’s a good thing and what it is about that good thing that is worth sharing with others.

Note: Evangelism does not have to include an invitation to church, though all are welcome.

What might we gain as individuals, or as a community, if we allowed ourselves to soak in the Word like the first disciples and then to squeeze out every last drop between Monday and Saturday? What if we intentionally lived into our callings to be disciples *and* apostles in deeper ways?

Your brother in Christ,



Curtis +

## Youth Update

**Youth Group will not meet during the summer months of July and August. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and restful summer. Youth Group will resume in September.**

## Youth Group Second Sundays

**September 13**

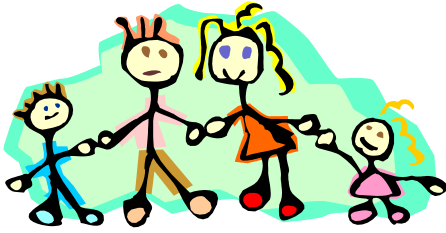
**Dinner at 5:30pm  
Activity at 6:30pm  
Prayer at 7:20pm  
Depart at 7:30pm**

**Do your homework early  
and invite a friend!**



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# St. James's Center for Children



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

## Rhythms of Grace

**Sunday, September 13**

*A worship and faith formation experience for children and families with special needs is held at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford on the second Sunday of each month.*

*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.*



4 Bring a Friend to Church

As we begin the program year, I wanted to fill you all in a few changes that will be happening with the Children's Liturgy and Sunday school here at St. James's. Over the past couple of years, attendance at Sunday school after church has been waning. I think this has happened for many reasons. 1) Families are extremely busy. 2) Our Boys & Girls Choir has grown in the past few years, due to the hard work of Vaughn Mauren and Jason Roberts before him. By the time Sunday after church rolls around, these children have spent a tremendous amount of time at St. James's including arriving at church on Sunday by 8:30 a.m. 3) Many families have younger children who are ready for lunch and naptime after church.

I also felt that the children were bored with the Rotation Model of Sunday school we were using. We had done the really great curriculum multiple times. I decided that to reenergize our Sunday school, it was time for a change.

So, with that in mind, I did some research and after talking to some parents and Bob, came up with a new plan for Christian Formation for children. During the 9:30 service, instead of Children's Liturgy of the Word, the preschool through elementary school children will leave with me and a parent volunteer for a lectionary-based Sunday school lesson. After looking at several curricula, I have chosen *Living the Good News* by Church Publishing. This is a great curriculum available online with many great options. Each Sunday I will be asking for a parent volunteer to come with me and help with the children.

Just as in the past, the children will return at the Passing of the Peace and be with their parents for communion. After a quick snack at coffee hour, the preschool children will go to their room for supervised play, we will need parent volunteers for this as well. The elementary school children will come upstairs for supervised play, led by me. While there, I will go over the Gospel for

the day and open it up for discussion with the children.

Our middle schoolers will still be meeting in their movie room after the 9:30 service. We will still be using the Cokesbury's Reel to Real curriculum with movies. Our middle schoolers love it and it brings about some lively discussion. Volunteers are needed for this as well.

So, if you noticed, I am making some changes. But one thing that hasn't changed is the need for volunteers. We cannot make this program a success without parents and others to lead. I have changed the arrangements of things so that little knowledge of the Bible is necessary to help out. All you need is the desire to help these children in their spiritual journeys. That's all it takes.

As Ann Cooke announced, as a part of these changes, Bob, Ann and I decided that my title at St. James's should change as well. In the past few years, my role here has shifted from Director of Christian Formation to more of a Director of Family Ministries. In this role, I find myself more and more often a resource for parents on helping their families continue on their faith journeys. My plan is to embrace this change and delve further into this role.

In an effort to sign up as many volunteer parents as possible, I am going to have a short meeting with all the parents of Sunday school age children (preschool through middle school) on **Sunday, August 23 after the 9:00 service in the parish hall**. At that time, I will go over the changes that will be made, answer any questions and be asking for parents to sign up to help.

I am really excited about the changes to the Sunday morning schedule, and my new title. I think it is going to be great for the kids and get more parents involved in enriching their children's faith.

Your sister in Christ,



## From the Organist & Choirmaster

**D**ESPITE the choir's summer holiday, it has been very busy around St. James's! The weeks since Recognition Sunday have been taken up by a need to clean out and update the undercroft/choir room and lounge, and organize the music library.

The first priority was to apply fresh paint to the choir room floor. It has been seven years since it was last painted, and the over one thousand rehearsals since then had worn down the original coat. Once the floor was partially done, I gathered a team of eight older choristers to move the choral library into the undercroft. This opened a lot of space in the lounge – space that will make it more comfortable to gather before and after rehearsals and services. It took us five hours to individually vacuum, organize, and move the 700 boxes to the undercroft. I would be remiss if I did not thank Miley Cyrus and Luna Pizza for their supporting roles in the effort.

The second phase of the project is a cosmetic renovation of the choir lounge. Once used as the primary rehearsal space, this room still contains the original florescent light fixtures, which are unattractive and unnecessarily eye-popping in their brightness. After much research, I found four inexpensive but nice replacement fixtures, and they will be installed shortly. The room will also be completely repainted and the linoleum floor stripped to reveal its original color.

These projects were a priority because in the next year alone, the typical chorister will spend at least 100 hours inside these spaces. They need to be comfortable, warm and inviting places to work and be together in fellowship. Make sure you come down and take a look!



## From the New Seminarian

**I** AM extremely excited to be joining you as a ministry intern over the course of the next nine months. Through my internship I hope to meet many of you and be involved in many of the ministries that make this parish what it is. As I look forward to getting to know you, I wanted to let you know a little bit about myself.

Born and raised in the mountains of North Carolina, I am a cradle Episcopalian and my faith has been greatly influenced by the place I grew up and all the places I have lived since. I am currently a student at Yale Divinity School, and am pursuing ordination through the Diocese of Western North Carolina. I graduated from Sewanee: The University of the South in 2011 with degrees in Russian, Philosophy, and Environmental Studies. Between then and arriving in New Haven last Fall I spent a year teaching English in the Republic of Georgia and then another couple of years in Sewanee, doing botany research and living in an intentional community with the Community of St. Mary, an Episcopal Convent. In this last role I helped run the sisters' organic garden, served in the sacristy, and helped lead Morning and Evening Prayer. I am currently spending this summer in Tacoma, Washington, doing a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Internship, serving as a hospital Chaplain. I am loving the opportunity to balance the intensity of work in the hospital with enjoying the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

I have an eclectic array of interests. I love Russian literature, am an avid bread-baker and cook, and take every opportunity I can to get outside, hiking, biking, trail running, farming, and learning about native wildflowers. In ministry, I am passionate about contemplative prayer, active contemplation through gardening and wilderness experiences, the power of healing prayer, and the role of worship in building community. I am looking forward to my time at St. James's as an opportunity to learn from all of you as I seek to grow in ministry and I hope that I will be able to use the gifts that I have to contribute to the life of the parish. I am still very much in discernment about what ministries I feel God is calling me to and how I will best be able to serve the church, and hope that in my time at St. James's I will come to find aspects of service in ministry that really resonate.

I will begin my time with you in September. While I am with you, I want to be an active part of the community and get involved in a wide variety of ministries. For me, much of that means getting to know the people who make St. James's what it is. As you see me around, please do not hesitate to introduce yourself and share with me what you find meaningful in the parish, the West Hartford community, your relationship with God, and elsewhere in your own lives. I am deeply grateful to the clergy, staff, and all of you for welcoming me into your community, and am excited for what these next months have in store.

In Christ,

*Nathan Bourne*



**LITURGY**

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

1 Like the mur - mur  
2 To the the - ma - bers  
3 With the hea - ving

**AND MUSIC**

**Important Dates**

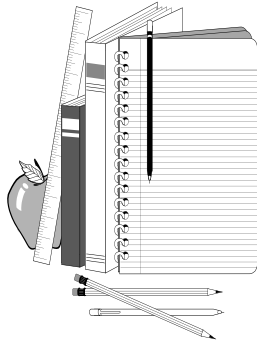
**August 18-23**  
Boys and Girls Choir  
Camp on Fishers Island  
in New York

**Sunday, September 13**  
St. James's Choir Returns

# Outreach and Around the Parish

## 17th Annual School Supply Drive

**D**URING the month of **August**, St. James's is continuing to collect 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.



You can 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.

Join us in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Please 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. If you are interested in helping or want more details, please contact Barbara Schiller at 860-651-7332. Join us on **Sunday, August 16** after the 9:00 service when we sort and pack the school supplies for the children.

## Fall Harvest Fair

*Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13*

**O**N **Saturday and Sunday September 12 and 13**, St. James's Church will hold its first Fall Harvest Fair. The fair will run from 10am to 3pm on Saturday and 9am to 2pm on Sunday. We will offer apple cider, mums, apples, summer vegetables (corn, tomatoes, etc.), pumpkins, and pies from local farms. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the feeding programs at St. James's. So mark your calendars! For more information, please contact Jane Good, 4janegood@gmail.com or Doug Compton, nehbrme@gmail.com.

## Food Collection

**P**LEASE 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," or place your items in the wagon located in the cloister. Together, we can do a lot in the effort to stamp out hunger right here in our own community. Thank You!

## June Outreach Update

*Paper Towel and Toilet Paper Collection*

**T**HE toilet paper and paper towel collection was another big success. We collected 590 rolls of toilet paper and 65 rolls of paper towels which were distributed to Hartford area shelters and food pantries. Thank you to all who helped with this much appreciated outreach project!

## Doin' Time with Peterson Toscano

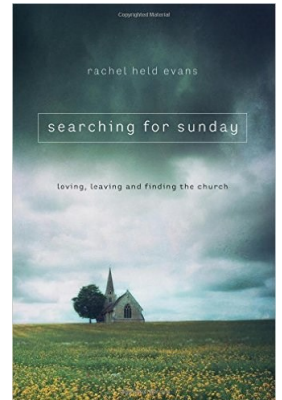
**P**eterson Toscano is a playwright, actor, Bible scholar, blogger, and gay activist. In "Doin' Time" he will bring his unique, insightful and comical voice to issues around gender, orientation, the Bible, and climate change. If one or any of these interest you, be in the parish hall on **Thursday, August 6 at 7:30pm**. With questions, contact Curtis Farr (fatherfarr@gmail.com).

## PARISH WIDE BOOK STUDY

### Searching for Sunday

*By Rachel Held Evans*

**P**ick up your copy of Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans at your favorite bookstore for a parish wide online book study beginning in September. Each week, a guest blogger will post a reflection to the St. James's blog about a different section in the book. You will have the opportunity to discuss this on the blog in the comments section, or in person informally after services. Not online? Each post will appear in the Sunday bulletin for you to read at your leisure. With questions, contact Curtis Farr (fatherfarr@gmail.com).



## Volunteer Fair

*Sunday, September 20*

**T**HE annual volunteer fair will be held after the 9:30 service in the dining room on **Sunday, September 20**. All committee heads and leaders of ministries at St. James's are asked to prepare a table in the dining room with information on your ministry. All are encouraged to attend the fair to see where you can best share your time and talent. Coffee and other refreshments will be provided.

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## Wondering What's New for Kids on Sunday Mornings at St. James's?

**A**LL parents of children preschool through middle school are asked to attend an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 23** after the 9:00 service in the parish hall for an overview of the changes we are making for kids in the fall.

## New Title and Direction for Priscilla Hooper

**O**VER the years, Priscilla's role at St. James's has changed. As a result of these responsibilities, Bob and I have decided her title will be Director of Family Ministries. Priscilla has found she often is a resource for parents who need faith journey guidance for their families. We are embracing this change and heartily endorse Priscilla as she further develops the program. *Ann Cooke, Senior Warden*

## Annual Potluck Picnic *Sunday, September 13 at 11am*

**W**E'LL kick off another program year with a potluck picnic on **Sunday, September 13** after the 9:30 service outdoors in the church garden. Hotdogs, hamburgers, and beverage will be provided. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share with the group. Invite someone to church that day!

## Coffee Hour Resumes in September

**B**EGINNING **Sunday, September 20** we will have our first coffee hour of the season in the dining room after the 9:30 service. 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. The annual Volunteer Fair will also be held this day. All are encouraged to attend.

## Regular Service Schedule and Parish Office Closings

**W**E return to the regular service schedule beginning **September 13** with services at 8:00 in the chapel and 9:30 in the church with the Sacrament of Healing. The Parish Office will be opened Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm. The parish office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 7.

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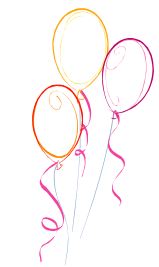
## Women's Evening Group

**A**LL women of the parish and their guests are invited to an evening of relaxation, wine, and good food on **Thursday, September 10** at 6pm in the Parish Room. We begin with a half-hour social followed by a potluck supper. Please bring your choice of an appetizer, main dish or casserole, vegetable, or a dessert to share with the group. Questions or to RSVP, contact Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157. Invite a friend!

## Aug/Sept Parish Birthdays *Children and Youth*

### AUGUST

Kassie Hunt, 2  
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  
Stephen Eacobacci, 26  
Harper Leichsenring, 27  
Timothy Goodrich, 31  
Halle McGarry, 31  
Lillian Waterman, 31



### SEPTEMBER

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

## Parish Registry

### Baptisms

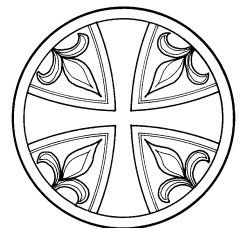
**Jessalyn Eve Kirsch**  
*June 14, 2015*

**Addison Page Leonard**  
*June 14, 2015*

### Deaths

**Henry H. "Jerry" Fisher**  
*May 28, 2015*

**Margaret G. Mair**  
*July 13, 2015*



## Sunday Lectionary

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

### 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 9

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

### 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 16

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

### 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 23

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug 30

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Sep 6

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23;  
Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, (11-13),  
14-17; Mark 7:24-37

### 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Sep 13

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12 ; Mark 8:27-38

### 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Sep 20

Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

### 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Sep 27

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm 124; James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family:

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Joan & Elsa, Ann, Michael, Michelle,  
Audrey, Claire, Nicole, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Donna,  
Brian, Sue, Natalie & Harry, John, Stuart, Olivia, Walter, Frank,  
David, Liz, Jon, and Elly.

### Those in our extended parish family:

Maria, Pam, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol,  
John, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Mario, Jennifer, Leslie, John,  
Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Heather & Bryan, Robert, Sarah,  
Claudia, David, Patricia, Bob, Jessie, Ryan, Lizzy & Taylor, Dick,  
Alice & Vito, Linda, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Rob,  
Teresa, Dave, Alvin, Karen, Bob, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Mary,  
Ted, Olivia, Brent, Kaitlyn, Ann, Kara, Henry & Irene, Patricia,  
Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Josh & Yvette, Syd, Dan, Derrick, Family  
of Nancy, Grace, and Kyle.

### Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Michael P. Clarke, Wensley Barker IV,  
Mark Ulrich, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, and Ed Vera.

*Never dismiss the power of prayers by so many others ...*

## Women Of St. James's



## A Peek at the WOSJ Upcoming Program Year 2015-16

**T**HE executive board of the Women of St. James' will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 10am in the parish room. Our opening WOSJ meeting for the 2015-2016 program year will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 12:15 in the dining room. Our rector, The Rev. Bob Hooper will take us *Trekking in Peru*. Look for the WOSJ booklet in your mailbox in September with a list of upcoming programs and speakers.

## Seamen's Church Institute

**O**N June 21, Curtis preached on St. Mark's gospel, "Jesus said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.'" As he (Curtis, that is, not Jesus) was speaking, it seemed to me that we knitters at St. James's are indeed going to the other side—not literally of course—but the work of our hands and thus a part of us is. The caps, scarves, vests, socks and all go first to Port Newark and then far and wide, wherever merchant ships go—across to the other side, of the world in many instances. And the recipients? Along with their thanks they mention they might be of different faiths and nationalities and that they are unknown to the knitters. That's never made a difference. So let's keep that knitting going by us here to those on the "other side."

*Fran Cobb*

## Mark Your Calendars!

### *WOSJ Fall Rummage Sale in October*

**T**HE WOSJ Fall Rummage Sale will be held on **Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24** in the dining room. Sale runs Friday from 6:30 to 8:30pm and Saturday from 9am to noon. Mark your calendar and spread the word!



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