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news from St. James's

From the Assistant Rector's Desk

Dear Community of St. James's,

As I compose this article in late June, I find myself aware that we are roughly halfway through Bob's sabbatical, and I wanted to take some time to reflect on what has happened in these last couple of months and what will happen in the next couple of months until he returns in August.

Bob left from Easter services to catch his flight to Spain, and so my first day solo in the office was the following Tuesday. Within my first two hours in the office I was contacted about a wedding, a funeral, a baptism, and an ordination, and I worried about the pace of the months ahead! But things slowed down. (Sort of.)

We moved ahead with our fundraising for the mission trip. Our Mission Mountain went up. (And yes, it definitely looks like a Christmas tree.) Our "Small Plates for a Big Mission" Brunch organized by Rita Neal and Loretta Waldman was well-attended and full of incredible food. Our Mission Trip Car Washes (which were greatly aided by the organizational wizardry of Kate Jackson) had fantastic participation from hardworking car washers and from parishioners and neighbors who brought in dirty cars. The three car washes combined made close to \$3000 for our trip to Ecuador. Between all of these efforts as well as online fundraising, letters written to family and friends, and the generosity of this congregation we are almost at our fundraising goal! Thank you to everyone who participated in so many different ways.

Even beyond mission trip preparations, there has been a lot going on! We sold hundreds of strawberry shortcakes on Memorial Day. We've made thousands of sandwiches after church. We sang Evensong. We rededicated our organ as we enjoyed the incredible musical talents of our organist, Vaughn Mauren. We had a couple of very busy Sundays: a parish picnic and confirmation on one Sunday; Pentecost, a baptism, a mission trip car wash AND a mission trip brunch on another Sunday. (Note to self: maybe next time spread things out a little more?)

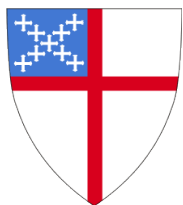
Now we are just a couple of weeks away from the trip to Ecuador, and the final preparations begin. What to pack? What will the weather be like? How many alpacas can I bring home with me? (Eric says none. I disagree.)

Our planning is also underway for the next program year, and my thoughts turn to questions of how we want to learn, grow, and care for one another this year. As part of that process, I'm including some questions that I would love for you to join me in thinking about and praying with in the weeks and months ahead:

What brings you joy? What breaks your heart? Where does God show up in your life? What question do you wrestle with? What are some fundamental truths you believe in?

Our answers may surprise us. I invite you to share them with each other and with me. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us!

With prayers for each and every one of you,



Charlotte +

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

July/August 2019

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Highlights in July/August

- **Saturday, July 6 through July 15**
Youth Mission Trip to Ecuador
- **Friday, July 26** Family Night at Fernridge Park, 5:30 to 7:30pm
- **Sunday, August 18** School Supply Sort & Pack Day, 10:15am
- **Friday, August 23** Family Night at Fernridge Park, 5:30 to 7:30pm

From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,

I highly recommend coming to hear VOCES8 [pronounced voh-ches-eight (eight voices)]. VOCES8 is one of the very few leading choral ensembles in the world. We are truly thrilled to have them come to St James's on Tuesday, October 22 at 7pm. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com.

VOCES8 has performed at many notable venues including Wigmore Hall, Bridgewater Hall, Elbphilharmonie, Cité de la Musique, Vienna Konzerthaus, Tokyo Opera City, NCPA Beijing, Mariinsky Theatre Concert Hall, Victoria Concert Hall Singapore and the Palacio de Bellas Artes Mexico City. This season they will add the Sydney Opera House, Muziekgebouw aan 't IJ and La Seine Musicale Paris to that list. Keen musical collaborators, this season will see concerts with the Academy of Ancient Music, Manchester Camerata, the Edvard Grieg Kor, Hugo Ticciati, the Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo, and with baroque violinist Rachel Podger, with whom the critically acclaimed 'Guardian Angel' project will continue. Touring highlights of the season include concerts throughout the UK and Europe, across USA and Japan, and debut visits to Australia and Lithuania.

With an on-going programme of recordings, videos and live broadcasts, VOCES8 is heard regularly on international television and radio. The ensemble is a Decca Classics artist and has released acclaimed recordings that have all reached the top of the classical charts. A new album is planned for 2019. VOCES8 has premiered commissions from Roxanna Panufnik, Alexander Levine, Alec Roth, Ben Parry, Ola Gjeilo, Philip Stopford, Graham Lack, Thomas Hewitt Jones and Owain Park. 2019 will see the premiere of a commission by Jonathan Dove to mark the culmination of his period as the group's Composer in Residence.

VOCES8 is passionate about music education and is the flagship ensemble of the music charity VCM Foundation. Engaging in a broad range of outreach work that reaches up to 40,000 people a year, the group runs an annual programme of workshops and masterclasses at the Foundation's home in London, the Gresham Centre at St Anne & St Agnes Church. Dedicated to supporting promising young singers, the group awards eight annual choral scholarships through the VOCES8 Scholars initiative. These scholarships are linked to the annual Milton Abbey Summer School at which amateur singers of all ages are invited to work and perform with VOCES8. The ensemble is proud to be the Associate Ensemble for Cambridge University and delivers a Masters programme in choral studies.

As official Ambassadors for Edition Peters, the ensemble publishes educational material including the 'VOCES8 Method'. Developed by Paul Smith, co-founder of VOCES8, this renowned and unique teaching tool is available in four languages and adopts music to enhance development in numeracy, literacy and linguistics. Also available are two anthologies of its arrangements, and an ever-expanding 'VOCES8 Singles' range. This season the ensemble becomes Ambassador for the Tido App, an inspirational resource and learning tool created by Edition Peters. The VOCES8 Method and music arrangements will be made available via Tido during the 2018/19 season.



Important Dates

Sunday, September 8

Choir returns from summer hiatus! Fall picnic in the garden after the 9:30 service.

Concerts at St. James's

Tuesday, October 22 at 7pm
VOCES8

Tickets: \$25-\$55
www.stjameswh.org or
www.eventbrite.com

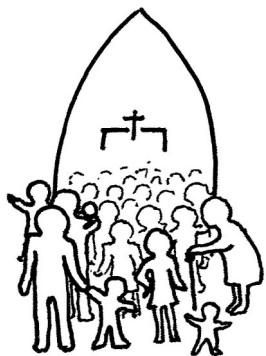
Jubilate Deo!

**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

Bring a Friend to Church 2

St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

KFC (Kids for Christ) Sundays at 9:30

*Young children age 3
through elementary school
are welcome to gather in the
narthex (main foyer) for
Sunday School. They return
during the Peace.*

Rhythms of Grace

*A different kind of worship
for children and families
set in the Anglican
Tradition! Our next
service will be held on
Sunday, November 3 at
4pm with Priscilla Hooper.*



Bring a Friend to Church 3

WELL, it is that time again,
time for me to write my
newsletter article. I decided

to write about the three parts to the
Trinity of Christian Formation of
children: attending church, reinforcing
your faith at home, and taking
responsibility for that faith either
through attending camp or going on a
mission trip.

I began to write about attending church
regularly, and my article got a little
preachy for my taste. I sounded like I
was an expert of raising faithful
children. I feel that I should admit to
you all, I am not.

While I am confessing, I must say, in a
lot of ways I was not always the best
parent. I did not always check my kids'
homework. I made boring lunches with
the same meals day in and day out. I
was never consistent with making them
hang up their coats and put their boots
away. Many times I put away their
backpacks myself or carried their
laundry upstairs because it was just
easier than making them do it
themselves. One thing Bob and I were
consistent on was coming to church.
Because Bob and I both work here,
church was never an option on Sunday
morning. Our kids had to be here and
they were, Sunday in and Sunday out.
We also tried hard to reinforce our faith
at home with prayers before meals and
bedtime.

When my children were younger, I did
my best to help them grow up to be
faithful people. I think the idea of the
Trinity of Christian Formation, is correct,
but I have to say ...

There were influences on them far
greater than my own. When I talk to my
grown-up children about what had the
most influence on their faith
development, the thread that seems to
weave throughout all of their
experiences was being an integral part
of this place. Both Maddy and Henry
sang in the choir. Robby and Henry were
both acolytes. So as they say, by the

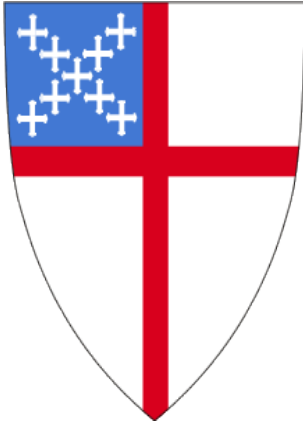
grace of God, my children grew up to be
people of faith, not perfect people, but
people who know God loves them.

When Henry and Maddy were in the
choir, they learned to sing many
different versions of the Nunc dimittis,
otherwise known as, The Song of
Simeon. In this beautiful song, it says,
"For these eyes of mine have seen the
Savior, whom you have prepared for all
the world to see:" How do we help our
children to, as the song says, see the
Savior? One way is by encouraging them
to make the most of all that this
community has to offer: from Sunday
school to youth group to making
sandwiches to singing to worshipping. In
all of these different places and in many
different ways we see Jesus among us.
Once we see Jesus among us in our faith
community, we can take Jesus with us
out into the greater world; and I believe
that is ultimately our most important
mission as Christians. We are called to
be the church in the greater world
which is much easier to do if you have
been raised in a beautiful faith
community like this one. My children
are each on their own faith journey, and
I am thankful to say that they have faith.

So my advice for helping your children
grow up to be faithful adults is this:
Come to church. Come to Sunday school
and youth group and compline. Go on
the youth mission trip. Go to Camp
Washington. Spend a lot of time around
church. It seems to rub off on you if you
do.

Your sister in Christ,

Mark Your Calendar: Regular service
schedule returns on September 8!



Vestry Corner

Treasurer's Report / January-May 2019

Current Position: For the first five months of 2019 the Church's finances were negative vis a vis the budget. Total Income for that period was \$2,428 under the budgeted amount and expenses for the five months were

\$8,222 less than the budgeted amounts. As a result, the Church's net financial position at the end of May, 2019 was a negative variance to budget of \$5,794.

"What I'm trying to do here is get you to relax, not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep yourself in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met...The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being." (Luke 12:29-34 message translation by anonymous author.)

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$373,389	\$375,817	\$2,428 Under Budget	\$819,404
Expense (-)	\$335,546	\$343,769	\$8,222 Under Budget	\$821,396
Net	\$37,843	\$32,048	\$5,794 Negative variance to budget	-\$1,992

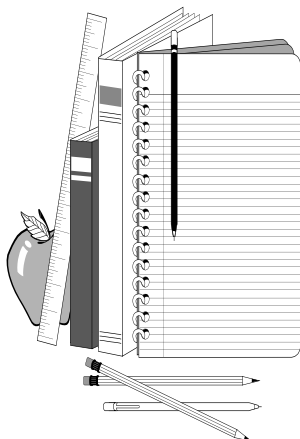
Income: For the first five months of 2019, Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) were \$3,971 less than the total of the four budgeted income sources. Current Year Pledges accounted for \$2596 of this shortfall. Income from outside groups using the Parish Facilities was \$1,185 less than budget. Special Contributions were \$3,400 more than the total budgeted amount.

Expenses: Major contributors to the January – May Expense results were the following: Property: Total Property expenses for the period were \$4,735 less than budget because the categories of Electricity, Gas, Water and General Maintenance were under budget by the aggregate amount of \$4,963. The remaining categories were over budget by \$228. Personnel: Personnel expenses were \$289 under budget for the five month period. Of the remaining expense categories, seven were under budget and three were over, the net amount being \$3,201 under budget.

Mission

21st Annual School Supply Drive *July and August Mission Project*

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 these students begin school on the right foot with a few new school supplies. Children with new school supplies get excited about going back to school. Having a new backpack filled with pencils, notebooks and things they need to help them learn can make a huge difference for a child.

Join us in the 21st 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 at any of the entrances to the church.

Note: Coordinator(s) and volunteers are needed for the school supplies collection. If you are interested in helping or want more details, please contact the parish office. Join us on **Sunday, August 18** after the 9:00 service when we sort and pack the school supplies for the children. Many hands are needed and welcome!

Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

THE WH Food Pantry is in most need of the following items: Canned fruit/applesauce, canned tuna, cold cereal, peanut butter, rice, pasta and sauce. Please bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the building. Remember to check expiration dates!

Around the Parish

St. James's Auction 2019!

Friday, November 16

THE 2019 St. James's Auction, "An Evening in Venice," will be held on **Saturday, November 16!** In addition to individual tickets, you will also have the option to buy a table of 8! If you would like to help with this event, would like to offer a donation, or would like to help secure donations, please contact Kerri Raissian (kerriraissian@gmail.com) or Meredith Willson (meredithwillson@gmail.com). More details to follow!

Fourth Friday Family Night

*July 26 and August 23 at 5:30pm
Fernridge Park in West Hartford*

OUR Family Nights continue every fourth Friday of the month, **July 26 and August 23!** During the summer months, we will meet at Fernridge Park in West Hartford for a pizza dinner and outdoor activity for the kids. Feel free to bring a side dish of your choice. In the event of rain, we will meet at St. James's in the parish hall. It's a great opportunity to get together with church friends and let the kids get to know each other better, too. We ask for a donation of approximately \$5-10 per family to cover the cost of pizza. If you'd like to attend, please email Abby.Williamson@gmail.com or Kerriraissian@gmail.com and we can put you on our Evite list to RSVP.

Memorial Garden Upkeep

We Need Your Help



OUR beautiful Memorial Garden needs your help to maintain its appearance. Please consider signing up as a volunteer to help keep the garden beautiful. All new volunteers receive an orientation and instructions. There is a signup form on the table in the cloister entrance. For questions kindly email Claire Burnett, claireburnett@comcast.net.

Vegetable Garden

Help Harvest the Produce

WE have begun harvesting produce from the garden which goes to the Hartford Catholic Worker in the North End of Hartford. We work in the garden every Wednesday, weather permitting, from approximately 8:45 to 10am. Our schedule is flexible and new volunteers are welcome. You can come weekly, every other week, or occasionally, and the work is mostly harvesting and weeding. If interested, please contact: Ann Painter, abpainter1@comast.net or Chuck Russo, cmrusso2118@gmail.com.

Men's Discussion Group

ALL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, May 11 and 25; June 8 and 22** beginning at 8:00am in the parish room. Various religious topics are presented and refreshments are provided.

Registry and Readings

Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

JULY

Hunter Swales, 1
Mary Capone, 2
Theo Vietzke, 8
Gabbriella Collin, 10
Vivienne Long, 15
Willa Horowitz, 18
Emma Pinckney, 20
Aubrey Keough, 21
Jack Harwood, 22
Julia McCue, 23
Hannah Sieklucki, 23
Addison McDonald, 27
Emily McDill, 30

AUGUST

Kassie Hunt, 2
Allison McDill, 3
Charles Collin, 6
Abigail Collin, 9
Ashley Granquist, 12
Logan Kirsch, 12
Samantha Kramer, 15
Emilie Sullivan, 16
Caitlyn Harwood, 19
Graham Woodward, 20
Natalie Lytle, 21
Rowan LaForest, 25
Evelyn LaForest, 25
Stephen Eacobacci, 26
Harper Leichsenring, 27
Lillian Waterman, 31

Baptisms

Ella Ashley Mascolo—May 19

Daughter of Neil and Lauren Mascolo

Ronin Scott Raissian—June 9

Son of Tony and Kerrie Raissian

Deaths

Gwenllian Morgan Ivers

May 30, 2019

Weddings

Molly Bennett to

Tim Chambers

June 29, 2019

Transfers In

Vincent & Margaret Falcetta

June 13, 2019 from

Trinity Episcopal Church

Asheville, NC

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Elsa, Michael, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Stuart, Walter, Frank, Elly, Tom, Betsy, Chuck, David, Sue, Will, Meg, Ed, Tom, David, Nancy, and Chris.

Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Karen, David, Patricia, Quinn, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Carrie, John & Rita, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Mohan, Larry, Barbara, Hudson, Dave, Charlene, Pierre, Guy, Stephen, Clark, Sydney, Lauren, Clare, Leo, Ann, Kayleigh, Cathleen, Denise, Javier, Susan & Gordon.

Those Serving in the Military:

Andrew Clark, Wensley Barker IV, Julian C. Barker, Andrew Huntsman, Ed Vera, and Justin Hagemann.

Sunday Lectionary

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 7

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 21

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 28

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 4

Acts Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 11

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 18

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 25

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

July / August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	2 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	3 NO MEETINGS	4/1 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	5/2 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	6/3 8:00 PM AA Group MISSION TRIP BEGINS
7/4 8:30 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches and Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	8/5 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes	9/6 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR	10/7 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast	11/8 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	12/9 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	13/10 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group—DR
14/11 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Sacrament of Healing—Church 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 10:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches	15/12 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes MISSION TRIP ENDS	16/13 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Samaritans Group—PR	17/14 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	18/15 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 10:00 AM FOODSHARE	19/16 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	20/17 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
21/18 8:15 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 10:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 10:15 AM School Supply Sort & Pack Day	22/19 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	23/20 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Vestry—PR	24/21 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley	25/22 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	26/23 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:30 PM Fourth Friday Family Night—Fernridge Park	27/24 8:00 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
28/25 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Church 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	29/26 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	30/27 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	31/28 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast	29 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	30 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	31 8:00 PM AA Group - DR

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Term Ending 2020

**Bob Burnett, Rob Duncan
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