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news from St. James's

Sept/Oct 2017

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From the Rector and Associate Rector

Dear Friends,

We have nearly met our ambitious goal of raising \$965,000, which will enable us to improve upon the spaces in which we worship, cultivate friendships, seek healing, and learn to follow Jesus in our daily lives. Thanks be to God, and thanks be to you for this abundance of support! Tremendous effort, prayer, time, and money are and will make possible a brighter future for this corner of the Jesus Movement. Being a “movement,” our joyful work is far from complete.

That means that we vote not only with the goal of enhancing our own lives but with our eyes on those who need the assistance of the government to be fed, to be healthy, and to provide reasonable living conditions for their families. Participating in the life of our community means escaping our bubbles and meeting our neighbors. It means sticking up for those who need advocates, and it means seeing that when we pray “give us this day our daily bread,” we help to make that daily bread happen for everyone.

We live in a state where the top 1 percent of incomes is growing while everyone else’s is dropping. We live in a country where the rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and the middle class is shrinking. In Connecticut, about 130,000 children are food insecure; nationwide that number is 13 million. 42 million Americans live in households that were food insecure in 2015. These are troubling statistics, indeed, and the reality they represent is fostered by the pernicious influences of racism, greed, and spiritual famine.

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It has been suggested that charitable organizations like churches should take responsibility for feeding and caring for the poor from the federal government, never mind that even a church as robust as St. James’s would have to double its budget to do its part. Only one in 20 bags of food assistance comes from a charitable organization in this country; the rest comes from the federal

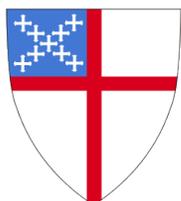
government. We have a role to play in feeding and caring for the poor, and while that role includes the joyful ministries of sandwich making and food collection, our role also includes advocating for the poor and hungry in the public sphere.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to participate fully in the life of our community.

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Highlights in Sept/Oct

- **Sunday, Sept 10** Choir Returns, Potluck Picnic, 11am and Youth Scavenger Hunt, 5:30pm
- **Sunday, Sept 17** Volunteer Fair with first Coffee Hour, 11am
- **Saturday, September 30** FALL FEST from 12noon to 7pm and Church by the Pond, 2pm
- **Sunday, October 1** Blessing of the Animals, 9:30am. Choir to sing at Trinity College, 12:30pm
- **Friday & Saturday, October 19,20** WOSJ Fall Rummage Sale, 6:30pm & 9am
- **Saturday, October 21** Philip Stopford conducts the choir of Christ Church, Bronxville, NY at St. James’s with Vaughn Mauren at 7pm
- **Friday-Sunday, October 20-22** High School Youth Retreat
- **Sunday, October 29** Youth Halloween Party, 5:30pm



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



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has led the charge for the Episcopal Church to partner with the Alliance to End Hunger, Islamic Relief USA, the National African American Clergy Network, Jim Wallis of Sojourners, and many other groups in a call to prayer, fasting, and advocacy that they are calling "For Such a Time as This." Bob and I are calling on all of you to do the same. Here is what is involved:

- Pray that our country can stay on track and do its part to end hunger by 2030. We will do this on Sundays, but we encourage you to consider the hungry every time you eat and to pray for them and this movement to end hunger.
- Develop a spiritual practice of self-deprivation, or fasting, to prepare for and strengthen advocacy efforts with Congress. On the 21st of every month, SNAP benefits run out for most families. Use that day every month during the 115th Congress through the end of 2018 to fast in a way that is appropriate for you. Drink only water between sunrise and sunset, eat simply, or give up coffee or alcohol—something that will be meaningful for you on your journey.
- Advocate by writing letters and emails, making phone calls, and visiting with our members of Congress. We will have a station set up at coffee hour where you may write letters to our representatives along with cards that tell you who our representatives are, how you can reach them, and what you can say.
- Log on to bread.org to inform yourselves and officially join the movement.

Our youth will help to lead us in this endeavor. In June 2018, our high schoolers will go to Washington, D.C. where they will learn how the Episcopal Church shapes national policy, they will sit down with our congressional representatives in private advocacy meetings, they will worship with The Church of the Epiphany and serve their mostly homeless congregation. Don't worry, they will take plenty of time to see the sites and have fun, but this will be a youth trip unlike any before.

When our Christian Formation schedule is released in the coming weeks, you will notice that we are paying particular attention to the issues of poverty and hunger. Beth Bye will speak to local efforts to care for and empower the poor and hungry among us, Francis and Cheryl Sharp will teach us about how arts education in Hartford's North End contributes to the cause, Molly Loudon will lead a course on Celtic Spirituality in unison with a monthly service at St. John's, and many other speakers will contribute to making St. James's a community that empowers you for ministry in your daily lives.

As our music programs flourish and our buildings are enhanced, we hope that so will our souls be renewed and spirits ignited to be the church in the world: a Jesus *Movement*, visible and viable, doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

Your brothers in Christ,

Bob⁺ and Curtis⁺

Youth Group Events

September 9 and 10
Camp Washington Youth Festival

Sunday, September 10
Dinner at 5:30 followed by Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, September 30
Church by the Pond, 2pm

October 20-22
Youth Retreat

Sunday, October 29
Halloween Party, 5:30pm

Do your homework early and invite a friend!

HS Christian Formation Sundays at 11am

September 24
The Gospel According to New Orleans

October 15
Is Something Wrong with the "Prosperity Gospel"?

October 29
Honest Conversations about Sexuality (Pt. 1)



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2020 Vision

An Envision Our Future Update

ST. JAMES'S 2020 ENVISION OUR FUTURE UPDATE

As I write this in late summer, we are 85% to our overall goal to raise \$965,000 for our Capital Campaign, with pledges totaling over \$826,000. A HUGE Thank You to all who have pledged. As you read this we are even closer to our goal and projects are moving forward. Look for full updates in the Sunday Bulletin and weekly email updates. Over the summer we signed contracts and prepared the spaces for their transformations. While we watch work begin all over our facility, let's take a moment and revisit the vision that brought us to this point. We undertook this campaign with five goals in mind:

CONNECT TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY

We want St. James's to be known as a place where interesting and meaningful things happen. We want to host a variety of events such as organ & choral recitals, social justice conversations and Christian education offerings. Look for improvements in the Dining Room and Parish Hall as well as the Parish Room, and its Kitchenette that will help us fulfill this goal. Start thinking about events you would like to organize in our renovated space...

ENCOURAGE CONTINUED YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE LIFE OF OUR PARISH

Refreshed youth space on the lower level of the Parish House will give our youth a "home base" and space to organize their own events and activities. What kind of programming would your children like to see at St. James's? Let's start planning.

CONTINUE THE LONG ST. JAMES'S TRADITION OF GLORIFYING GOD THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY MUSIC & LITURGY

Long-postponed work to repair the organ is now underway. The organ was disassembled and delivered to Austin Organ Inc. in August. While we might be missing its presence on Sunday mornings, aren't we lucky to have the accompaniment of our beautiful Steinway grand piano, not to mention all of our talented musicians. Surely the restoration will be worth the wait!

Additional improvements to the Sanctuary include, new paint and new energy efficient lighting, as well as flexible LED lighting to replace the existing cove and soffit lighting. A control system will allow for a variety of lighting options that will make it feasible to host a wide range of events in addition to improving visibility during our varied liturgies.

ENSURE OUR PARISH HOUSE IS WELCOMING AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

St. James's must be welcoming to all, and accessible to people with disabilities, wheelchair users and the elderly. A new fully accessible unisex restroom on the Parish Room level as well as new doors with ADA compliant levers will increase accessibility throughout our facility. Reworking of the parish office space required by the additional restroom, and refreshes to all the existing restrooms will also make the Parish House more welcoming.

EXPAND OUTREACH AND MISSION

We want to partner with local non-profits to create new outreach opportunities and expand our feeding programs. Over the summer, the kitchen was cleared out in preparation for major renovations. The work will include a new five foot gas range, code compliant hood system, freezer, three bay sink, hand sink, microwave, countertops, base and wall cabinets, dishwasher booster and instant hot water tank, as well as new lighting, paint and energy-efficient glass block windows in the West wall. All of these changes will bring the kitchen up to health code standards and enable an expansion of our feeding program and other outreach projects.

Stay tuned throughout the fall as projects move forward and we move closer to our vision for St. James's, and we plan how to best use our updated spaces.

Judith Stahl
Committee Member
St. James's 2020: Envision Our Future

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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 Sundays: November 5 December 3, 2017 and March 4, 2018

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a worship and faith formation experience for children and families here at St. James's. Rhythms of Grace will be held on the above dates in the parish hall and chapel unless otherwise noted.



Bring a Friend to Church 4

AS we all gear up for the beginning of the 2017-2018 Program Year, there is a lot going on at St. James's. First I am pleased that the Sunday school during the service has worked out as well as it did during the last year. I had a good turn out most weeks and the children seemed engaged and learning which is what we want.

Secondly, We had a great year with both our middle school and high school youth groups last year. I am truly excited about the coming program year for youth group. Curtis has put together an amazing calendar of events with some old favorites, like Commando Church and some new favorites. The dates and times for all of these monthly events can be seen on the website, and on posters around the church, as well as coming to you all in your newsletter. Please mark your calendars with these dates and times so that we can all enjoy them together!

Thirdly, I am also excited about the 100th Year Anniversary of Camp Washington. Camp Washington has thrived as a place for exploration, spiritual growth, community and transformation. So many of our parishioners, young and old, have spent time at this beautiful place. The celebration takes place the weekend of September 15-17. The main event is a "Celebration of 100 Years" on Saturday, September 16 at 2:00 with Holy Eucharist and a festive celebratory dinner. To register for this event, please go to www.campwashington.org. It should be a great weekend!

I am, once again, bringing back Rhythms of Grace, designed as a liturgical experience for families with special needs. We have learned in the last few years that this wonderful experience is great for any family with young children. As the attendance has been somewhat sporadic in the last couple of years, we are offering three special Rhythms of

Grace events throughout the liturgical year instead of every month. The first Rhythms of Grace is on All Saints Day, November 5. Families, mark your calendars for a special Advent wreath-making evening on December 3, the first Sunday in Advent! Please take the time to put these dates on your calendar and join us for a fun Christ-centered family event. You will be glad you did.

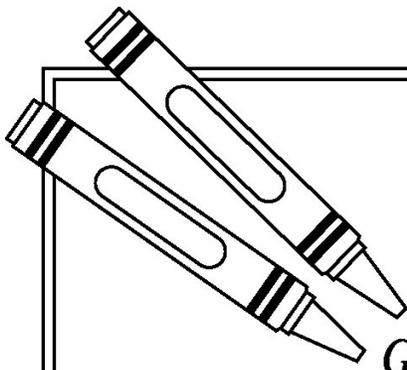
Also, don't forget to join us after church on September 10 for the picnic and registration Sunday. We are going to add some volunteer opportunities to the form, so come ready to volunteer for another great program year at St. James's!

So, that's it. There is so much going on around St. James's this fall! Remember to mark your calendars and plan to be involved!

Your Sister in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priscilla".

NOTE: Register for the year on Sunday, September 10 and stay for the picnic!



Just for **KIDS**

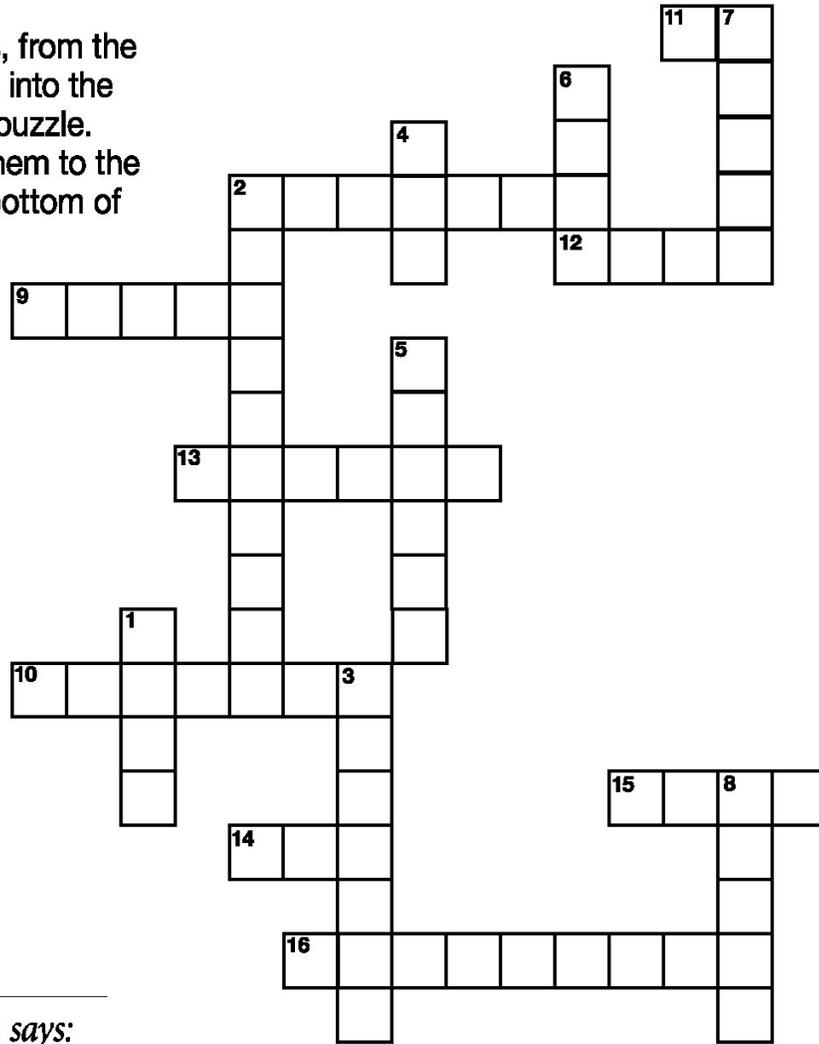
God Does Wonderful Things!

October is a season of change. God causes all things to change for his purpose. Find out some other things God does.

Fit these words, from the Book of Daniel, into the squares of the puzzle. Then transfer them to the blanks on the bottom of the page.

Word List

- up
- God
- his
- ever
- sets
- wise
- name
- power
- times
- kings
- praise
- wisdom
- changes
- seasons
- deposes
- knowledge
- discerning



Daniel 2:20-21 says:

“ _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____;
 _____ and _____ are _____. He _____ and _____;
 He _____ _____ and _____ them.
 He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to the _____.”

Answer: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; He sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.”

From the Organist & Choirmaster

Dear Parishioners,
If you've been in town and to church in recent weeks, it's likely that you've noticed missing organ pipes and the ensuing dramatic visual transformation of the choir loft.

On August 10th and 11th, a team of 12 workers from Austin Organs, Inc. removed all but 10 pipes from the organ. These pipes ranged in size from the length of a pencil to pipes taller than an average house.

De-installing an organ takes far less time than installing one, but it's still a long and exhausting process. Much like 18th century townspeople passing buckets of water from a well to a burning building, organ builders form a "pipe-line" whereby pipes are removed from their racks, placed in buckets, handed to a man mid-way down the ladder, then passed to workers on the gallery level who pass them to others who arrange them in pipe trays by size and type.

Large pipes are taken out one-by-one, and I had the quasi-honor of assisting in the removal of the very largest. While I was able to handle a few with the help of another person, the longest of these required the combined brawn of three and a half husky men.

Once the pipes were sorted into trays, they were stacked onto a portable lift and lowered from the gallery to street level. Each tray was carried carefully by two people and placed into a large box truck.

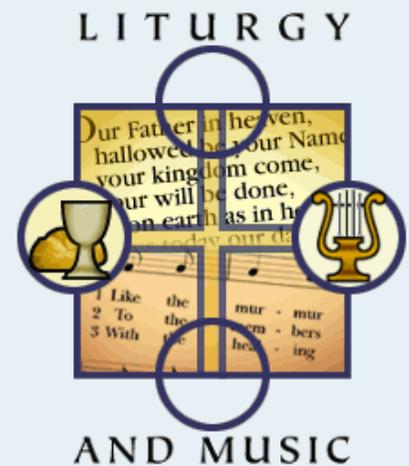
The console – that is, the cabinet containing the keyboards and controls – was deconstructed in its spot since it was too heavy to be moved even one inch. Vintage memory boards (yes, real boards made of wood) and binary switches utilizing hydraulic power were discarded, leaving only cabinetry and keyboards. Eventually, one small digital memory system will replace one hundred pounds of wiring, wooden memory boards and clunky, unreliable switching systems. As another point of comparison between technology from 1962 and 2018, consider that the new control system will be playable from a wireless iPad or keyboard, while the old system required a mass of wires and cables so thick that they wouldn't fit in the palm of your hand.

Watching the folks from Austin work so hard reminded me that this phase of the project is only the beginning of what will be months of work. It also highlighted the significant cost of labor, replacement parts, and the lengthy re-installation process. But, I also realized how lucky we are that we don't need a complete replacement to the tune of one or two million dollars.

The wooden chests have remained in place and will be rebuilt on-site. Typically these major components are removed, driven hundreds of miles, and rebuilt or even scrapped. Since Austin is a local company, there is significant cost savings to the on-site re-actioning and re-leathering.

The work that we as a congregation are undertaking is significant. We are refurbishing and improving our buildings and musical instruments so we may better worship God, serve each other and reach farther into the community. But these projects are not simply done to improve what we already have – they are also critical to blunting the decay of infrastructure. If we had chosen not pursue our capital campaign, over time our kitchens would have fallen apart; our electrical systems and lighting would continue to break down; the paint on the walls of our church would continue to discolor; and our organ would become silent.

In a society with no shortage of ways to spend money, it's difficult to prioritize giving. However, if everyone contributes even a modest sum, we will be in a position to fully fund these critical projects. If you've not done so already, please consider pledging to the capital campaign and help put your stamp on this generation's legacy.



Important Dates

Sunday, September 10
The Choir returns!

Sunday, October 1
St. Francis Sunday
Blessing of the Animals at
9:30am (no choir)
Choir will sing at Trinity
College, 12:30pm

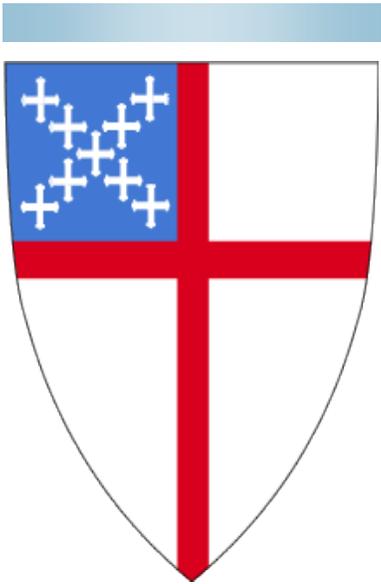
Saturday, October 21
Philip Stopford conducts
the choir of Christ Church,
Bronxville, NY with
Vaughn Mauren, 7pm

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





Vestry Corner

Treasurer’s Report—July 2017

Current Position: At July 31, 2017 the Church’s finances continued to be in the black vis a vis the budget. Total income was \$14,243 ahead of budget and total expenses were \$10,352 less than the budgeted amounts. As a

result, the Church’s Net financial position at the end of July, 2017 was \$24,595 better than the budgeted amounts.

“Christian stewards seek the heart of God in faithfully, joyfully and gratefully managing all the gifts God has given.” (Anonymous)

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$402,163	\$386,708	\$15,455 Over Budget	\$790,600
Expense (-)	\$334,524	\$334,488	\$36 Over Budget	\$790,600
<i>Net</i>	\$67,639	\$52,220	\$15,419 Positive variance to budget	0

Income: Through July 31, 2017, Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) totaled \$20,983 more than the respective budgeted amounts. Of these four accounts, only Prior Year Pledges was behind budget, by \$2,665. This same shortfall amount has continued since April, 2017. Income from the Parish House was over budget and that from Other Facilities was under budget for a net shortfall of \$1,675. Special Contributions for General Purposes were \$3,941 less than the budgeted amount.

Expense: Major contributors to the July 31, 2017 Expense results were the following: Property: Year to date **Property** expenses were \$9,716 under budget due primarily to less than budgeted payments for gas, electricity and general maintenance. **Personnel** expenses through July were \$6,021 under budget reflecting less than budgeted amounts paid for Lay and Clergy Pension Plans. **Outreach Funding:** The Diocesan Pledge account, year to date, continues to be over budget by \$6,302 because in March the Diocese billed the church for twice its regular monthly Pledge amount. Of the remaining expense categories, six were over budget and three were under, the net amount being \$917 less than budget.



CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

4:30pm

SEP 17 & 24
OCT 8, 15, 22, & 29

CELTIC WORSHIP

Monthly on the first Sunday, October-June
at St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford

AFTER more than 40 years of searching for a way of talking about God and knowing God that fit with my experience, I have found it in Celtic theology.

Last October the rector of St. John's, Susan Pinkerton, invited anyone at St. James's who was interested to go on a pilgrimage with St. John's to the island of Iona. Iona is off the west coast of Scotland and is historically central to Celtic theology and worship.

To prepare for this pilgrimage we were requested to read the books of John Philip Newell, the leading Celtic theologian at this time. I opened his book, [Listening to the Heartbeat of God](#), and was flabbergasted that someone named Pelagius, an Irish monk, had professed a theology that matched my experience and my understanding of God. Pelagius was excommunicated from Rome around 400 as the result of the political maneuvering of Augustine. The Church leaders chose as their foundational understanding of human nature Augustine's theory of "original sin." Thus, for the next 1,700 years, the Church taught "sinfulness" as the foundation of the relationship between God and humans. The Church that we know would have been a far different organization had it adopted the Celtic teachings of Pelagius.

You won't be surprised that my favorite theologian, Pelagius, is a "heretic" according to the established Church. Consequently, I did not read Pelagius until last October.

So, why Celtic? And why are Celtic books flying off the shelves of libraries and bookstores? Because Celtic theology is so appealing, teaching:

- **All matter is created by God.** If we say we love God, then we also must love God's creation. Of great importance in this teaching is reverencing and consequently saving the Earth, the environment, and all creatures. God is the creator of all that is: the Earth, the sky, the sea, fire, animals and humans.
- **To save Mother Earth we need to reverence and name the Divine Feminine.** For there to be true balance, we will not have the Divine Masculine until we have the Divine Feminine. The model of masculine that we have now is hierarchical and about powering over others. That is not the model of Jesus. And it does not allow men and boys to be fully themselves.
- **Divine Justice.** The Earth, God's creation, and its resources are for everyone, not just the rich.

It is my experience that Celtic theology is consistent with Jewish teaching. Jesus and Jesus' mother and father were Jewish. L'chaim. Life is good. People are good. God is good. All the time. Consequently, Celtic theology is more in keeping with the Gospel, with the story of Jesus' life and his teaching. It is about how we become like Jesus. How we follow Jesus' model of relationship with God and grow into the fullness of life that Jesus promised.

So, please join us for a study and discussion of John Philip Newell's book, [Listening to the Heartbeat of God](#). We will meet at St. James's on the above dates. Then, we will worship the first Sunday of the month at 4:30 at St. John's. This worship is being organized and offered by a team of talented lay people from both churches. It will be predominantly silence in the beginning. We will learn to chant together and chant long enough that the sound resonates in our bodies. There will be a lesson or reading with a brief reflection by a lay person. There will be live music from all over the world. There will be opportunity for communal prayers of intercession and healing. Please come and see what else is possible. Communal silence and chanting are powerful experiences.

I encourage you to see if the Celtic way of knowing God and worshipping together brings you closer to God by inviting you deeper into your self and into your experience of God. It is the most integrating, truth-telling way to know God that I ever have found.

Bring a Friend to Church 9

Dr. Molly O. Loudon, *Priest Associate*

Mission

Christmas Stocking Stuffers

Collection of men's socks and toiletries

HELP MAKE a difference at Christmas for the men at two area shelters – the Open Hearth and Salvation Army. St. James's Outreach has been collecting warm socks and toiletries for the men at the Open Hearth and the Salvation Army shelters in Hartford since 1989. During the months of October and November we will collect men's socks and toiletries for this mission project. Join us on **Christ the King Sunday, November 26** after the 9:30 service at which time we will stuff the stockings. This mission project is greatly appreciated as your stuffed stockings are often the only holiday gift these men will receive.

Requested stuffer items are: **sample-size (small)** personal care products such as pocket combs, chapsticks, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, skin cream, nail files, nail clippers, shampoo, disposable razors and sample size soaps. **Please NO MOUTHWASH.** We are also collecting **warm, thick men's socks.** We could also use some candy canes to add an additional holiday touch to the socks. It's a bit early to begin thinking about Christmas, however, it will be here before we know it. Please bring your donations to the church beginning in October and place them at any of the entrances to the building.

A "thank you" from Place of Grace

TO the Parishioners of St. James's Episcopal Church, Thank you very much for the huge stack of paper products you collected for our food pantry, *A Place of Grace* at Grace Episcopal Church in Hartford. When they were delivered we were amazed and delighted.

A Place of Grace serves the elderly, the disabled and the working poor. Our clients desperately need these types of products, as they are quite expensive to purchase in a regular grocery store. We try to give these out each week in addition to food, but we are on a limited budget. Your donations really helped relieve the strain.

We are extremely grateful to St. James's parishioners for your generosity. We are more than happy to work with you to help those in need in the Parkville Community in Hartford. Thank you again for your wonderful donation.

Katharine Rovetti, Director

Plastic Grocery Bags

THANK you to all who in the past have donated your empty plastic bags to be used at Loaves and Fishes. However, Loaves and Fishes no longer needs these bags. We suggest that you recycle them at your local grocery store.

Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

PLEASE continue to bring your food donations, which are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Harford Food Bank. **At this time the Food Bank is very low on and in most need of the following items:** applesauce/canned fruit, pasta sauce, spaghetti, pasta, baked beans, canned pasta (Spaghettios), and cold cereal. They have an overabundance of canned vegetables at this time and don't need those items. Please bring your donations to the church at place them at any of the entrances to the building. Thank you!

Church by the Pond

Saturday, September 30 at 2pm

JOIN the youth of the parish in making sandwiches for our friends in need on **Saturday, September 30** beginning at 12:30pm in the St. James's kitchen. Afterwards, we'll head down to Bushnell Park for a service at 2pm and to distribute the sandwiches and other items. A great volunteer opportunity and all are welcome.

Around the Parish

Regular Sunday Service Schedule & Parish Picnic

WE will resume our regular service schedule beginning **Sunday, September 10** with the 8:00 and 9:30 services. The 8:00 service will be held in the chapel and the 9:30 service will (for the time being) be held in the Parish Hall because of renovations being done to our worship space. Our choir also returns this day and the Sacrament of Healing will be offered regularly at the 9:30 service and every second Sunday of the month at the 8:00 service. The annual fall picnic will follow the 9:30 service on September 10 in the courtyard. All are welcome to attend!

Volunteer Fair & Coffee Hour

THE annual Volunteer Fair alongside the first coffee hour of the season will be held on **Sunday, September 17** after the 9:30 service in the dining room. Ministry leaders will be on hand with informational materials on their respective groups and ministries, and available to answer your questions. All are encouraged to come to the dining room on Sunday, September 17 to see where you may like to offer your time and talent to one of the many ministries of St. James's. There is something for everyone...just come and see!

Christian Formation

September and October 2017

SEPTEMBER 17 & 24, OCTOBER 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 4:30pm
CELTIC SPIRITUALITY

Priest Associate Molly Loudon leads this six-part conversation about an ancient way of understanding God and Jesus that is so relevant today. The course will follow J. Philip Newell's *Listening to the Heartbeat of God*. A service of "Celtic Worship" is held at St. John's, West Hartford every first Sunday (October through June) at 4:30pm.

Sundays at 11am

OCTOBER 15
SENATOR BETH BYE

Our representative in the Connecticut Senate visits to discuss state and local efforts to care for the poor.

OCTOBER 22
BORDEN PAINTER

Resident historian and priest associate Borden Painter discusses the history of Christian involvement in poverty relief.

OCTOBER 29
FRANCIS & CHERYL SHARP

Local dramatist Cheryl Sharp demonstrates how she uses art education to lift up students in Hartford.

Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis Sunday, October 1

BRING your beloved pets with you to the 9:30 service on **Sunday, October 1**. The clergy will bless the animals during the service, which will be held outdoors (rain or shine) under a tent on the Walden Street side of the building. Lemonade and other refreshments will be served afterwards. All animals are welcome!

There will be no Christian Formation this day, but childcare will be available in the nursery.



St. Francis, pray for us

Monthly Group Meetings

Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups

JOIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursdays, September 14 and October 12** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. If you are able (it's not required), bring something to share with the group. Great food, wine, and fellowship for all. For more information, contact Sue Nelson at 860-232-8157.

ALL men of the parish and guests are invited to a discussion group on **Saturdays, September 9 and 23; October 14 and 28** beginning at 8:00am in the parish room. Various religious topics are presented and refreshments are provided.

Casserole Ministry

IS your family expanding? If so, your family here at St. James's would like to help you celebrate your new addition by providing a casserole to your household. Please contact Kerri Raissian at kerriraissian@gmail.com with details regarding timing and any dietary restrictions. Many thanks and congratulations!

Readings and Registry

Deaths

Mr. Jon M. Smalley
August 2, 2017

Mr. Robert R. Kelly
August 3, 2017

Mrs. Penelope Skenderian
August 22, 2017

Baptisms

Andie Aida Mascolo
July 30, 2017
Daughter of
Neil and Lauren Mascolo

fallfest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 12noon-7pm

food & drink | live entertainment
pies, apples, and other seasonal items for sale

St. James's Episcopal Church
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Sunday Lectionary

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 3

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 10

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 17

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 24

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 22

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 29

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

Jeffrey, Greg, Justin, Elsa, Ann, Michael, Michelle, Audrey, Margaret & Richard, Ruth, Anne, Brian, Natalie & Harry, Stuart, Walter, Frank, Liz, Jon, Elly, Justin, Tom, Betsy, Jenine, Melina & Family, Jeanne & Chuck, David, Sue, Hope, and Will.

Those in our extended parish family

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Jennifer, Karen, Bea & David, Robert, Sarah, David, Patricia, Ryan, John, Quinn, Arroll, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Olivia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Kate, Carrie, John & Rita, Betsy, John, Bret & Ginny, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Danielle & Cynthia, Robert, Mohan, Larry, Marilyn, Barbara, Hudson, Kristin Elizabeth, Dave, Charlene, Pierre, Matt & Alyssa.

Those Serving in the Military:

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

Parish Birthdays *Children and Youth*

SEPTEMBER

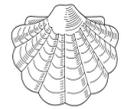
Luke Lemanski, 2
Julia Neal, 7
Winston Toutain, 7
Riley Morriss, 8
Maren Harwood, 10
Gabriella Urso, 10
Nicholas Urso, 25
Raveyn Garrow-Cooke, 29



OCTOBER

Meg Dollar, 3
Lucia Paul, 3
Roman Tagliarini, 3
Leonardo Collin, 4
Katherine Morriss, 7
George McGarry, 8
Charlotte Burns, 11
Ivan Garrow-Cooke, 13
Loic Toutain, 15
Camden Jacobs, 17
Jacob Campbell, 23
Penelope Collin, 25
Carolyn Eacobacci, 25
Lucas Butts, 31

Women Of St. James's October Programs



MARK your calendars! We begin a new program year on **Tuesday, October 3** with our first luncheon and speaker, the Rev'd Curtis A. Farr. There are many interesting speakers lined up this year, some familiar faces and some new to our program. Look for the Women of St. James's booklet in your mailbox coming in September. Below is the schedule for October 2017. As always, all are invited to attend.

Tuesday, October 3

The Rev'd Curtis A. Farr, Associate Rector of St. James's
Travels in Ireland

Tuesday, October 10

The Rev'd Robert C. Hooper, III, Rector of St. James's and Priscilla Hooper, Director of Family Ministries at St. James's
In France and Portugal

Tuesday, October 17

Dr. David Hill, Quinnipiac College and Tudy Hill
Kenya: Building a Partnership

Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21

WOSJ Fall Rummage Sale
Friday, October 20 (Sort: 9-3 / Sale 6:30)
Saturday, October 21 (Sale 9am until noon)

Tuesday, October 24

Spada Bosto, Author
CT Days to the Gallows: A Novel of the Hartford Witch Panic

Tuesday, October 31

Diane Duva, Director of Energy Demand, CT Dept. of Energy
Environmental Stewardship

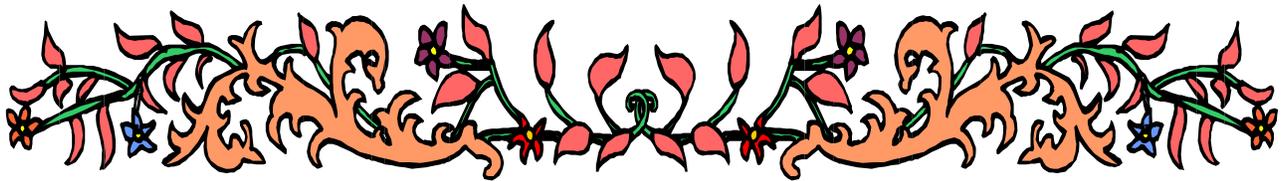
FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, 2017

Fall Cleaning Time

Fall is almost here and soon we will be planning for the rummage sale in October. As always, here are some guidelines as you begin gathering items for the sale:

- ◆ ***Items may be brought to the church basement beginning SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.*** Please do not bring anything in before that date.
- ◆ Shoes need to be new or nearly brand new.
- ◆ TV's (**made after 2004**), computers and any other electronic equipment ***must be in working condition.***
- ◆ Separate your rummage by category and label your boxes/bags accordingly; i. e. women's, men's, boys, girls, infants, books, shoes, etc. Many of you did this for the sales last year and it really made a difference.
- ◆ Bring hanging clothes (dresses, suits, blouses, shirts, coats) on hangers to be hung on available racks.
- ◆ Please be selective when sorting your rummage. We ask that everything be clean and in good repair.
- ◆ We can not sell cribs. Because of limited space, ***Please, no stuffed toys or large exercise equipment or ski equipment!***
- ◆ Finer items will be sold in the "Boutique".



We also need your help before, during and after the sale. Volunteers are needed for:

Sorting: Friday, October 20 9 AM to 3PM Come for as long as you are able.

Pre-Sale: Friday, October 20 6:30 to 8:30 PM **\$5 Admission.** Public and parish are welcome.

Sale: Saturday, October 21 9 AM to 12 Noon **Free Admission - optional \$5 and \$10 bags.**
Public and parish are welcome.
12-12:30 PM - Cleanup immediately following the sale.

Please call Rachael Desmond at 860-232-1930 to volunteer or if you have questions. Sign-up sheets will be available in the weeks preceding the sale.

The Women of St. James's would like to thank all of you in advance for helping with the sale. So many of you contribute items and volunteer your time to make this sale a success every year. Without all of you, this would not be possible. Thank you very much!

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	2 8:00 PM AA-DR
3 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church 9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	4 Parish Office Closed Labor Day 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	6 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	7 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	8 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	9 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR Camp Washington Youth Festival
10 Choir Returns/Registration Sunday 8:00 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Church 8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing with Baptism—PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Fall Parish Picnic 5:30 PM Youth Group Scavenger Hunt Camp Washington Youth Festival	11 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Samaritans Group - Parish Room	13 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	14 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:00 PM Women's Evening Group—PR	15 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	16 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing with Baptism—PH 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM Volunteer Fair & Coffee Hour—DR 4:30 PM Celtic Spirituality	18 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	20 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - McAuley 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	21 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	22 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	23 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
24 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—DR 11:00 AM High School Formation—Youth RM 4:30 PM Celtic Spirituality	25 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 4:40 PM Junior Choir 5:00 PM Treble Choir 6:30 PM EfM—PR	26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:30 AM WOSJ Board Meeting—PR 12:00 PM WOSJ Informal Lunch—DR	27 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR 5:00 PM Treble Choir 7:00 PM Parish Choir	28 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	29 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	30 12-7 PM FALL FEST— Outdoors 2:00 PM Church by the Pond 8:00 PM AA Group - DR

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Christian Formation 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I—Chapel 8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - 3rd Floor 9:30 AM HE & Blessing of the Animals—Outdoors 11:00 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	2 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	3 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	4 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR	5 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	6 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	7 8:00 PM AA Group
8 8:00 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Chapel 8:35 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Coffee Hour—DR 11:00 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches 4:30 PM Celtic Spirituality	9 Columbus Day Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes 6:30 PM EfM—PR	10 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR 7:00 PM Samaritans Group - Parish Room	11 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR	12 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:00 PM Women's Evening Group—PR	13 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	14 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
15 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Christian Formation with Coffee Hour—DR 11:00 200 Identical Sandwiches 11:00 AM High School Formation—Youth RM 4:30 PM Celtic Spirituality	16 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	17 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	18 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—McAuley 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR	19 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	20 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer HS Youth Retreat	21 7:00 PM Christ Church Bronxville, NY Choir Concert 8:00 PM AA Group - DR HS Youth Retreat
22 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Christian Formation with Coffee Hour—DR 4:30 PM Celtic Spirituality HS Youth Retreat	23 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	24 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR	25 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast 12:00 PM Bible Study—PR	26 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR	27 Parish Office Closed 7:00 AM Morning Prayer	28 7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR 8:00 PM AA Group - DR
29 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II—Chapel 9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH 9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing—Church 11:00 AM Christian Formation with Coffee Hour—DR 11:00 AM High School Formation—Youth RM 4:30 PM Celtic Spirituality 5:30 PM Youth Group Halloween Party	30 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM AA Group - DR 6:30 PM EfM—PR	31 All Hallows Eve 7:00 AM AA Group - DR 7:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:15 PM WOSJ Luncheon—DR				

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