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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JAMES'S

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From the Rector's Desk

A FEW days ago, I was in the dentist office waiting for my appointment to have my teeth cleaned. While I was waiting, I had the opportunity to indulge myself in a secret and perverse little pleasure of mine; I was reading the latest copy of *Yachting Magazine*. Ok, I admit it: I was looking at the pictures. Contrary to what people say, it's not about the articles, it's about the pictures. So I am flipping pages seeing one larger and more beautiful yacht after another when I come across an ad for *Terranova*, a custom yacht builder in Italy (magnificent stuff). After I got over the beauty of the boat floating before my eyes, the company's slogan/motto/mission statement grabbed me. There it was in the most unlikely of places: the perfect description of a church stewardship program I may ever have seen:

**"Cherish the Past
Believe in the Present
Invest in the Future"**

In my 20 years as a parish priest, I have found that different folks are more attracted to and have a greater appreciation of either the first line of this statement or the second. In broad terms, members of the community either live in the past or the present. When I do meet those who are able to hold this tension in a spiritually healthy way, they almost always follow through with a commitment to the third line—investing in the future. These investments range from a sharing of spiritual, physical and emotional energy to a serious commitment to the financial health of the parish.

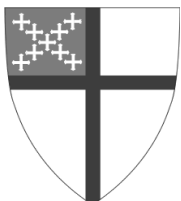
At our last vestry meeting while having a conversation about our upcoming parish wide discussions entitled: **St. James's 2020: Envision our Future**, the question was asked, "in as few words as possible describe what you like about St. James's." Here is some of what was said:

Community (in and outside the church building), Openness, Music, Sense of Belonging, Warm Welcome, Strong Sense of Place, Multi- Dimensional, A Commitment to the Questions, Energy, Useful and Powerful Preaching, We Know How to Celebrate, Fellowship, Not Stagnant, Diversity of Thought, Mission/Outreach - Involvement.

This all happens at a cost. Cost of time, energy and yes, money—in fact a lot of money. Money that does not rain down from above or magically appear, but financial resources that are prayerfully and generously given by members like you.

As we approach the stewardship season this fall, think about what St. James's means to you and your family and how you are going to Invest in the Future of this community and God's Mission.

Your Brother in Christ,



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

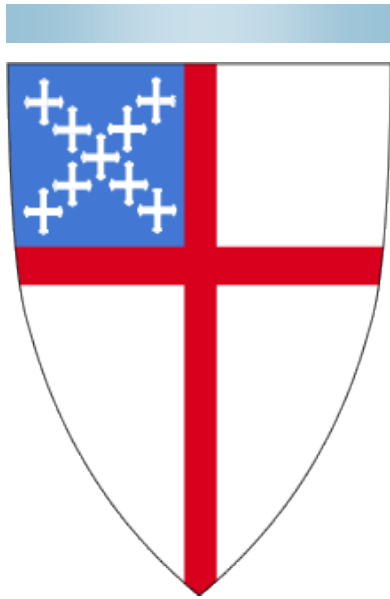
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Highlights in October

- Blessing of the Animals, October 4 at the 9:30 service followed by Lemonade on the Lawn
- Unplug Recharge Connect! Youth Retreat at Camp Washington, October 9-11
- Youth Group will travel to Night Fall in Hartford on October 10
- Rhythms of Grace at 4pm on Sunday, October 18 (third Sunday in October only)
- Women of St. James's Fall Rummage Sale, October 23 & 24



Vestry Corner

Treasurer's Report—August 2015

Current Position: Even though another summer seems to have passed by too quickly, the church finances continue in a surplus position relative to the budget. Overall, the church ended August with a surplus of \$12,501. This figure is less than the \$20,000 surplus reported at the end of May. However, a portion of the surplus reported in prior months was due to pledges that were received earlier than planned for in the budget. We expected the amount by which

actual pledges exceeded budgeted pledges to decrease (causing the surplus to decrease) and that occurred over the summer. Actual pledges should move closer to budgeted pledges over the remaining months of the year. Year to date expenses remain below budget. Expenses are now \$1,987 below budget as compared to \$2,726 below budget as of the end of May. Expenses will continue to be monitored.

"I give because I want to, not because I ought to. I feel good knowing that my gifts of time and money are making a difference in the community and, hopefully, shaping spiritual moral values." - Robert Barnum (1925-)

Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	\$509,433	498,919	10,514 Above plan	752,400
Expense (-)	501,782	503,769	1,987 Below plan	756,900
<i>Net</i>	7,651	(4,850)	12,501 Positive variance to budget	(4,500)

Income: Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$10,514 above budget (or 2.1% better than budget). As of the end of May, YTD income was \$16,900 above budget (4.8%).

Expense: YTD expenses are currently \$1,987, or 0.4%, below budget. As of the end of May, expenses were \$2,725 (0.8%) below budget. Most of the expense categories are slightly under or over budget.

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Statement from the Vestry *St. James's 2020: Envision Our Future*

THE lay and ordained leadership of St. James's has been in conversation for some time about our future and what part we are being called to play in God's Mission. It has become clear that if our faithful community is to move forward actively and effectively in God's Mission we need to take a moment and look inwardly at ourselves and assess our facilities. We believe that the best way to do this is to broaden our conversation to include the wider parish.

These conversations will be a vital part of what we are calling **St. James's 2020: Envision Our Future**. We are all very excited about this opportunity and pray that the entire St. James's community will be involved as we move forward into the future in God's Mission while respecting our past.

From the Assistant Rector

CONFIRMATION ain't just for teenagers!

My mom and dad, the daughter of an evangelical pastor and the nephew of a Roman Catholic priest, did not become regular members of their local Episcopal church until they were married. Once they decided that it truly was "for them," my mother was confirmed and my father was received (having already been confirmed with the RCs).

All of this is to say that it is never too late to think about confirmation/reception.

Beginning soon, on a day and time yet to be determined, I will guide anyone interested in a relaxed, discussion-based confirmation class. And you, yes you, are invited to join in on the fun.

We'll probably meet once a month or so, and I'll let our discussion go where it needs to, depending on what interests the group and...let's be honest...what interests me.

I'll also suggest some helpful reading, but since we don't need one more chore or assignment, none of it will be required.

Faith is lived, not learned, and my hope is that in meeting together we might all go a little deeper into our beliefs and faith practices as they happen in daily life.

If you are interested, please email me (fatherfarr@gmail.com) and do so in the next few days so that we can set up an initial meeting.

Your brother in Christ,

UNPLUG RECHARGE CONNECT!

A Gathering of the Episcopal Teens of CT!
A weekend of connecting with friends both old and new, joining together with youth from around the state, and celebrating who we are: The Episcopal Teens of CT!

When: October 9-11 2015

Where: Camp Washington, 190 Kenyon Rd, Lakeside, CT

(860) 567-9623. For: Youth Grades 9-12

Cost: \$75 per person (includes all meals and lodging)

What's Happening: Worship, Great Food, Music, Games & Sports, Discussions, Canoeing, Archery, Time to Relax.

More Information: Contact Curtis Farr at fatherfarr@gmail.com



YOUTH
AT ST. JAMES'S

NIGHT FALL

Hartford's magical FREE outdoor community celebration of seasonal change through performance, featuring art, music, dance and Anne Cubberly's legendary giant puppets!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
6-12TH GRADERS

RSVP: FATHERFARR@GMAIL.COM

Youth Update

Youth: Thank you to all who came out for a great scavenger hunt on September 13th!

We'll meet again for youth group on October 10th when we travel to Hartford for "Night Fall!" Hartford's magical FREE outdoor community celebration of seasonal change through performance, featuring art, music, dance and Anne Cubberly's legendary giant puppets! RSVP Curtis at fatherfarr@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for November 28th, when we'll make and serve lunches in Bushnell Park, and every second Sunday of the month for youth group!

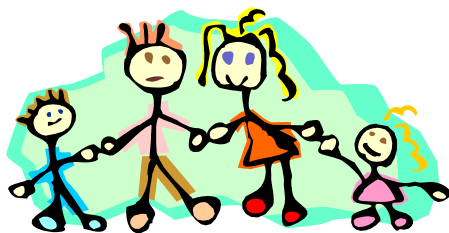
If you haven't filled out a survey for youth events, please do so!

Do your homework early and invite a friend to Night Fall!



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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, October 18

A worship and faith formation experience for children and families is held at St. James's Episcopal Church in West Hartford on the second Sunday of each month at 4pm.

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.



Bring a Friend to Church 4

MY husband, Bob, your rector, is fond of saying, "If you have the right tool, the job is much easier." I am fonder of saying, "make do with what you have..." but in the situation of Sunday school curriculum, I have to admit Bob's saying is definitely true, "when you have the right tool, that makes the job go more smoothly."

At this writing, I have just completed the first Sunday school with our new curriculum, Living the Good News, and this tool has made my job so much easier. With the new curriculum, I am able to lead the mixed-age Sunday school and get the message of the Gospel to the children in a way that they can understand. It is so easy to use, and gives some great ideas for activities to do with the children.

Today, the Gospel was the reading where Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As a part of our curriculum, we began the lesson by each child telling a three things that complete the sentence, "I am..." It was very interesting. I got answers like:

- I am pretty. I am smart.
- I am a good reader.
- I am a good soccer player.
- I am a kindergartener.
- I am a gamer. I am a gymnast.

I also got the answer, a couple of times, "I am a Christian." (That is the answer that makes me, the Sunday school teacher, choke up a little.)

After this activity, we broke into groups of three. Each group got a slip of paper with a type of person—like, teacher, pizza maker, fire fighter, etc... or an animal like, seal, horse, kitten, dog, etc. After each group presented, acted, out their animal or person, the rest of the group called out guesses


of what they might be—like charades. The idea of the lesson was to help the children remember that we are who we are because of our actions, in other words, we as Christians are called to act as Christians. What a great lesson! The children of all ages enjoyed the activities and I think the message sunk in.

So, I hate to admit it, but Bob was right. The right tool does make a difference. Who knows what we will be learning about next week in Sunday school? We will just have to wait and see...I am sure it will be great.

In closing, I would like to thank ALL of the parents who have signed up to help me each Sunday. We have a full slate of helpers until May, which is amazing. You are all such a wonderful group of parents and I am blessed to work with all of you!

Your Sister in Christ,

Pricilla



Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	→ ↓ ↑ ↘
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO	NAZARETH
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	PEREA
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	SAMARIA
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	SIDON
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	TYRE
EGYPT	MOUNT OF OLIVES	WILDERNESS

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
T	U	E	U	E	N	A	R	B	Y	V	I	T	A	L	S
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Why Really, Really Pushing Your Teenagers to Come to Church with You is a Good Thing.

Written by the Rev. Tracy Keenan, Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio—9/4/2014. Used by permission of author.

UNDERSTAND that parenting teenagers is hard. I helped raise two of them, and they survived to tell the tales. Which they do with relish. (Yes, being raised by two pastors has its own collection of horror stories.) I understand that lives are busy and you have to pick and choose your battles wisely and that it's a crazy world out there with a bazillion demands on time and energy. I get that. And I *still* think that it's worth it to lean on your teenagers about the whole church thing. Every year we get questions from parents about whether or not to insist on their kids attending church or confirmation class. Their concerns sound something like these:

I'm afraid if I insist that s/he go to church, it will turn him/her off of Christianity completely.

Hm. Does that same kind of concern extend to other areas of life you think are important? For example, do you think that insisting that they go to school will turn them off of education? That it might sour them on going to college or keep them from a lifelong love of learning? Or do you worry that pushing them to eat healthily will turn them into the kind of adults who eat Oreos for breakfast every day? Probably not. Parents insisting that their kids do things that are good for them is what parents do. Besides, if your child was baptized as an infant, as many of ours are in the Presbyterian Church, then you promised to bring your child up to know the love of God, and the church promised to help you do that. We can't help you much if your child isn't here.

S/he is too busy with sports/homework/lessons, and can't commit to another thing.

I understand busy. I understand pressure, stress, and overload. We all need to prioritize, make room for the things we think are most important, both in terms of long-term investment and in immediate quality of life. Faith is a long-term investment thing, and we do try and make church time meaningful, quality time. We try to make it worth your while to be there.

I want him/her to make her/his own decision about what to believe.

Absolutely. But they need to know what they are choosing or rejecting. If you don't take the lead on helping them understand the faith you claim as your own, they will "learn" about it from some dubious sources. They might learn about it from the movies or TV shows or the internet. Christianity is usually portrayed in movies and media as: simplistic, naïve, bizarre or downright creepy. Christianity only makes it into the news when there's pedophilia or gay-bashing involved. Is THAT what you want them to learn that Jesus is about? Or would you rather your child learn about the Christian faith as part of a mandatory Comparative Religions class in college? Those classes often teach it as a backwater superstition that is full of inconsistencies and hypocrisy. I'd steer clear of Jesus, too, if that's where I "learned" about it. If you leave it up to some of those parachurch organizations or TV/radio preachers, they might just end up thinking that faith is neat and tidy and explains the world – until it doesn't - and then where does your youth go to make sense of the broken pieces?

At an actual church, you have people who are all over the map: some have newly formed faith, some have a faith that has been split wide open, and others have a faith that is rising from the broken pieces, stronger and more alive than ever before. We help one another through the broken places. The way we believe makes sense until it doesn't, and then God allows it to break open so a new chapter of faith and understanding can take shape. It's a kind of death and rebirth, and we may do it a number of times in our lives. Death and resurrection is not just for Jesus, and it's not just about when we die. It's about our own faith and life - You learn that in community. If you outgrow your current understanding of your faith outside of the church, you'll likely just chuck the whole thing and walk away, rather than seeing the new faith God may be fitting you out for. I've seen enough kids drift away from what they THINK is the Christian faith because their concept of it is being formed outside of a loving and varied community that can hang in there with them all life long, if they'll let it.

Then, aren't they too young to make a decision about their faith at their age?

All we ask them to do is to say what they believe at that particular point in their lives. They don't have to get it "right," because God will no doubt keep working in their lives all life long. It's only a starting point, a way in to the journey's path. It's an exciting ride, but learning to see it and appreciate what you see takes some work and some patience...the way it is with anything worth having.

S/he thinks church is boring.

Sometimes it is. Sometimes everything is. Church may be anachronistic, quirky, and not terribly exciting. And sometimes it's deliciously mind-blowing. Life-changing. And often you leave better than when you came in the door. Church is one of the only places where you can participate in intergenerational community that is intentional about learning to practice love, forgiveness, social justice, and generosity. It is one of the few places where people actually try to love their enemies and admit when they are wrong. Who else does that? It doesn't come naturally, and it takes a lot of support to keep trying to love the way we believe we are loved.

Life is hard. It is also astoundingly magnificent. Church is where you learn how to recognize the powerful love of God and to find your place in that love, how to negotiate life's crazy turns, how to do the best you can and leave the rest up to God. It's where you learn people aren't perfect, but they will be there for you if you let them. It's where you learn to accept that you're not perfect either, and you are deeply loved no matter what. Church life can help you do life life better.

If this isn't important stuff to you, then don't sweat it. Let your teenager sleep in on Sundays. But if you really believe that this whole faith thing is the difference between a life that means something and just getting through the years, then go ahead and lean on them.

From the Organist & Choirmaster

FROM August 18-23, the trebles of St. James's Choir were in residence at St. John's Episcopal Church, Fishers Island, NY, for our annual choir camp. The week was a huge success and marked a return to overnight camp, where choristers have the unusual opportunity to spend more time with one another outside of rehearsals and services, strengthening friendships, forming new ones, and building good teamwork.

Michael Spencer, Rector of St. John's as well as Dean of Faculty at St. Paul's School, Concord, NH, invited our 20 trebles and three chaperones to stay in his church rectory, a beautiful waterfront home with a large deck and a shallow beach. Despite the relatively large size of the rectory, our group was even bigger! Throughout the week, choristers camped out in the living room, laundry room, office, and in bedrooms. The resulting effect was one of a big, weeklong festival sleepover.

Throughout the camp we rehearsed in the mornings and spent the rest of each day at the beach, playing games, reading, talking, laughing, eating, and swimming behind the house. People summer on Fishers Island in particular to decompress from the fast pace of their off island lives. Like many small islands with very few people around, Fishers runs on "island time" and is far more relaxed and friendly than many other sea-side vacation spots. The island doesn't even have an inn or a restaurant.

Indeed, this culture gradually had its effect on the choristers. For example, on the first day campers had little patience for walking distances short or long, preferring the immediacy and comfort of a minivan we brought on island. But as the week progressed, more and more of the choristers wanted to walk from the house to rehearsal or to the beach (approximately 1 mile each way), until finally, everyone preferred walking around the island. Gone too were questions such as "what are we doing next," which occurred with frightening frequency on the first day, and then not at all by the end of camp.

We live in a society where we are constantly confronted with exciting opportunities and experiences from which we must choose one at a time. Each day after school, most kids in suburbs like West Hartford are ferried from one engagement to the next, and little time is left to recharge in solitude and exercise one's imagination. Perhaps the biggest gift of the choir camp was an opportunity to experience time on another plane, where the pace of life is slowed down to a more human and sustainable pace.

In closing, I need to give a big thank you to Sam Dynowski and Minna Gröndahl. As many of you already know, Sam is our choir mother and a member of St. James's. Minna is the mother of my organ student from New York. The week would not have happened without these two extraordinary women, who made sure that delicious and beautifully prepared meals were always at the ready. But beyond that, they helped chaperone rehearsals, beach time, and so much more. In particular, I want to thank Sam for organizing the menus, procuring and transporting all of the food to camp, and lending us her minivan for the week. *Mille mercis!!!*



LITURGY

AND MUSIC

Important Dates

October 4
Blessing of the Animals
at the 9:30 Liturgy
(no choir)

November 1
All Saints' Sunday
One service at 10am
with special music by the
St. James's Choir

Help Send Choir to England!
To raise funds to send the choir to England next summer, we are selling Stop and Shop gift cards. You can purchase these at face value, and we earn money because Stop & Shop donates a portion of every purchase back to us. So, if you buy a \$100 card, you pay us \$100 for it and then use it to buy \$100 worth of groceries, gas, or gift cards to other retailers at Stop & Shop. Stop & Shop will donate 5% of your purchase to our choir trip. You can also donate cards back to St. James's feeding ministries. Ellen Dollar will be available at coffee hour each week. See her to purchase cards or contact her at 5dollars@comcast.net.

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Mission

Introducing St. James's MISSION COMMISSION

The St. James's community has always strived to make service to others one of its cornerstones. This fall, we are placing a renewed focus on being personally involved in serving God's Mission. Once called "Outreach", we now call our service, "Participating in God's Mission" – or simply "Mission".

The Mission Commission will keep you informed of all the projects going on in the parish and how you can get involved: Pull weeds in the garden, make sandwiches or casseroles on Sundays, spend an afternoon making a delivery for A Hand Up, buy a Christmas tree, sell a Christmas tree! It's all happening soon at St. James's.

Below is our new logo – Look for updated information every week on this page and wherever you see this logo. Scan the QR Code on the next page for direct access to more details on our website, or contact us at mission@stjameswh.org.



Ongoing needs:

Food Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations to the wagon in the cloister or the black bins located around the church. Donations are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. See our website for specific needs.

Coming in October/November:

Women of SJ Fall Rummage Sale: October 23 & 24.

Christmas Stocking Event: Start collecting sample sized toiletries and warm socks now for this all-age event happening the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Please leave donations in the cloister donation baskets.

In the last Month:

Thank you to all who attended the volunteer fair. We hope you made some new connections to what is happening here at St. James's.

Thank you to everyone who purchased mums, apples, cider and pies at our first St. James's Harvest Fair. We raised \$400 to support our Feeding Programs.



Annual Stocking Stuffing Event!

Sunday, November 29 after the 9:30 service

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. The October and November Outreach project is collecting men's socks and toiletries which we will assemble on the **First Sunday of Advent, November 29**, after the 9:30 service. These stuffed socks are often the only holiday gift these men receive.



Requested stuffer items are:

sample-size (small) personal care products such as pocket combs, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shaving cream, skin cream, nail files, nail clippers, non-alcoholic mouthwash, shampoo, disposable razors and sample size soaps. 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. Please bring your donations to the church and place them at any of the entrances to the church. Thank you!

Update on School Supply Drive

ST. JAMES'S parishioners donated 22 boxes of school supplies which included 52 backpacks to The Hartford Catholic Worker Project, The Place of Grace Food Pantry and The Bridge Family Center. The agencies distributed the learning tools to the children they serve in programs in Hartford and West Hartford. Thanks to your generosity many children started off the school year well prepared.

Around the Parish

Blessing of the Animals—CANCELED!

St. Francis Sunday, October 4 at 9:30am



BRING your pets to church on **Sunday, October 4** for the 9:30 service to be held outdoors in front of the church. The clergy will be blessing the animals in celebration of St. Francis Sunday. There will be no Christian Education or Adult Formation that day. Lemonade and other refreshment will be served outdoors after the service. In the event of rain, service will be in the church without pets. The 8 o'clock service will be held in the chapel.

St. James's Annual Stewardship Brunch

Sunday, November 1 after the 10:00 service

AFTER the 10:00 Liturgy on **All Saints' Sunday, November 1**, we will gather in the dining room for a tasty brunch in celebration for all God has done in our midst. We will also officially kick-off the annual Stewardship Campaign. Bring one of your favorite brunch items or some other favorite dish to share with the group. Beverage and other items will be provided. This is a family event so there will be no Christian Formation for adults or children that day. Come and enjoy a relaxing meal with others from the parish. All are welcome.



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"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."

Women's Evening Group

ALL women of the parish and their guests are invited to an evening of relaxation, wine, and good food on **Thursday, October 8** 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!

Men's Discussion Group

ALL men of the parish and their guests are invited to a men's discussion group on **Saturday, October 10** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are provided. For more information, phone the parish office.

Readings and Registry

Sunday Lectionary

19th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 4

Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

20th Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 18

Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Oct 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

All Saints' Sunday, Nov 1

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Parish Prayer List

Those in our parish family

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

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, Dick, Linda, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Rob, Teresa, Dave, Alvin, Karen, Bob, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ted, Olivia, Brent, Kaitlyn, Ann, Kara, Henry & Irene, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Josh & Yvette, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita.

Those Serving in the Military:

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

Parish Registry

Deaths

Maureen K. Wenner

August 17, 2015

Agnes Adajian

August 18, 2015

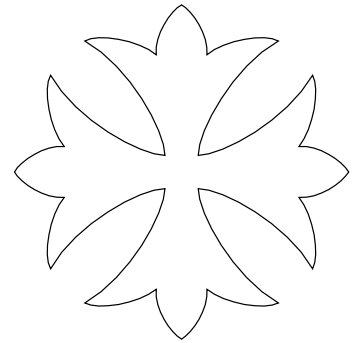
Transfers Out

Ollie and Norita Bunch

to St. James' Church

Hendersonville, NC

September 2, 2015



October Parish Birthdays

Children and Youth

OCTOBER

Meg Dollar, 3

Lucia Paul, 3

Roman Tagliarini, 3

Katherine Morriss, 7

George McGarry, 8

Charlotte Burns, 11

Kyle Hunt, 12

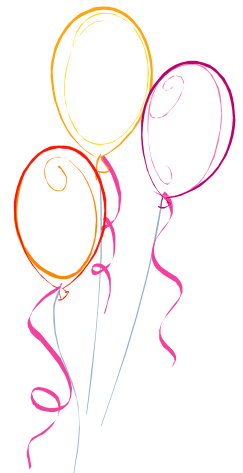
Loic Toutain, 15

Jacob Campbell, 23

Carolyn Eacobacci, 25

Lucas Butts, 31

Nia Fraser, 31



Parish Office Closings

THE parish office will be closed for Columbus Day, **Monday, October 12.**

Daylight Saving Time Ends



DAYLIGHT Saving Time will end on **Sunday, November 1.** Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, October 31.

Fall Rummage Sale

October 23 and 24, 2015

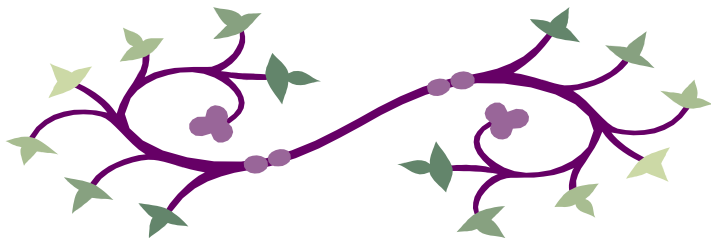
Fall Cleaning Time

FALL is here and we are planning for the rummage sale in October. Here are some guidelines as you begin gathering items for the sale:

Items may be brought to the church basement beginning

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17. 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 continue to do this and it really makes 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 23	9 AM to 5PM	Come for as long as you are able
Pre-Sale: Friday, October 23	6:30 to 8:30 PM	\$5 Admission. Public and parish are welcomed.
Sale: Saturday, October 24	9 am to 12 Noon	Free Admission - Optional \$5 and \$10 bags. Public and parish welcomed.
	12-12:30 PM	Cleanup immediately following the sale.

Please call Cindy Welch at 860-561-5560 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!

Bring a Friend to Church 10

Women Of St. James's



Programs for October 2015

Tuesday, October 6

The Rev. Robert Hooper, III, Rector
Trekking in Peru

Tuesday, October 13

A Conversation
St. James's 2020: Envision Our Future!

Tuesday, October 20

Leigh Cogle, West Hartford Police Department
Duties of the Community Relations Division

Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24

Fall Rummage Sale in the Dining Room
Friday, October 23 6:30-8:30pm
Saturday, October 24 9am—12noon

Tuesday, October 27

Dr. Brandon Nappi, Copper Beach Institute
The Spirit of Mindfulness

Seamen's Church Institute

ONE of the recent notes of thanks from crews of merchant ships came from the Maersk Hartford, a container ship built in 2007 and currently sailing under the USA flag; who knows, it might even be named for our city. To quote –“Our crew received your wonderful gifts this Christmas, and we'd like to tell you that they were deeply appreciated. We know there is a great deal of effort, kindness and goodwill putting these packages together. And while being at sea prevented us from being at home with our loved ones to share this holiday season with, your thoughtfulness and generosity helped make us feel the true Christmas spirit despite being away. Thank you for that and thank you for all that you do for all of us mariners.”

We've already sent in a number of knitted items this year and have another box almost ready to go. Get some yarn and join in this great activity.

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The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Loudon	Priest Associate
The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter	Priest Associate
The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg	Priest Associate
The Reverend Terry M. Wysong	Priest Associate

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Cheryl C. Batter	Administrator
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David Dynowski	Junior Warden
Michael Sherrill	Treasurer

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Term Ending 2017

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Michael Shuey, Judith Stahl

Term Ending 2018

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