



# the OPEN DOOR

news from St. James's

## From the Rector's Desk

The Sunday prior to my putting this letter together was Palm Sunday, which is always a special time in the liturgical life of the parish. This particular Palm Sunday, the large number of infants and toddlers was notable. Anyone who knows me, knows not only that I love the sound of children in church but that I believe in the ecclesiastical and theological importance of their presence. This is a presence that does not come without a certain degree of noise and mess, but the importance of their presence makes it worth it. This allowed me an opportunity to reflect both personally and publicly on the importance of supporting both children and their parents in the life of the parish, if we are to take the future of the church seriously.

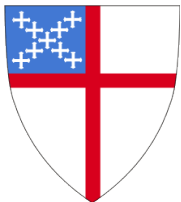
While I have been ordained for some 22 years, it always pleases me that from time to time, I actually have new epiphanies. The epiphany caused by Palm Sunday's service was that almost all the Christian lexicon is made up of words and concepts that look toward and move us into the future. For example, redemption is about correcting old ways so that we may move into the future more closely aligned with God's mission. Hope speaks of a knowledge of the New Creation that is always unfolding before us. Incarnation is the endeavor of finding truth in flesh and resurrection speaks to God's call to all of us to be present in the rising and life-giving Christ. So often local parishes are weighed down by the past, by traditions-misremembered and misunderstood, by a fear of what the future might look like, and that such a future might not include that parish. One of the wonderful things about St. James's is that this "being stuck" is not a powerful reality here.

As we boldly and faithfully discern and plan the future of this community, we find ourselves at the beginning of the pledge phase of our capital campaign, "St. James's 2020: Envision Our Future." Over the next couple of months, you may receive a call or email from a member of the capital campaign team asking you for your time to discuss how you would like to participate in this very important moment in the unfolding of the future of this parish. Please be receptive, faithful, and generous in your response.

A couple members of the 2020 team wrote this prayer in hopes of keeping this process spiritually grounded:

*Gracious and loving God, throughout our long history, we at St. James's have sought to share Christ's love with each other, our neighborhood, and our world. You have guided and created a growing community here where all are truly welcomed and honored. As we enter this capital campaign, we pray that you will ignite in each of us a desire to create a church home that is the outward sign and symbol of our values. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and open our hearts to Your grace. Keep us always focused on Your vision for us, and help us to make our parish a place where all can find and be found by You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Time is a funny thing. It can only do two things, move forward or stop. I hope that you will join us as we move forward into a fuller participation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ through the ministries of St. James's as we strive together to be faithful to the mission of God.




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

May/June 2017

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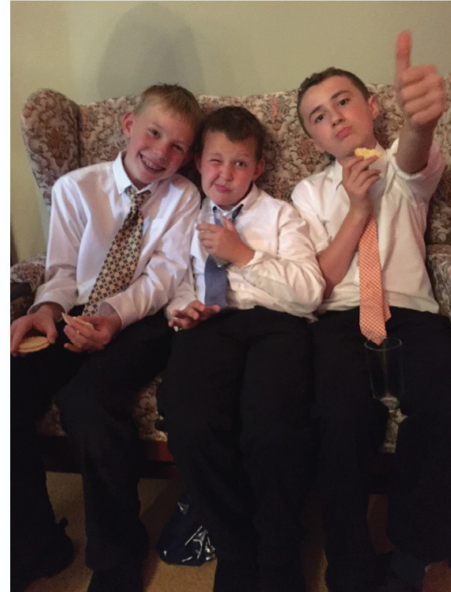
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## Highlights in May/June

- **Saturday, May 6** Choir Fundraising Dinner at 6pm
- **Sunday, May 7** Walk Against Hunger benefiting Foodshare and Loaves and Fishes, 2pm
- **Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13** Women of St. James's spring rummage sale (details inside)
- **Sundays, May 14 & June 11** Rhythms of Grace at 4pm and Youth Group at 5:30pm (2-4pm in June)
- **Sunday, May 28** Recognition Sunday at the 9:30 service
- **Monday, May 29** Memorial Day Strawberry Festival at 9:30
- **Pentecost Sunday, June 4** One service at 10am
- **Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11** West Hartford Days (St. James's will have a booth on 6/10)
- **Trinity Sunday, June 11** Parish Picnic at 10am
- **Sunday, June 18** Summer service schedule begins (9am HE)

# CHORISTER RECRUITMENT DAY

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SATURDAY 13 MAY • 9<sup>AM</sup> TILL 11<sup>AM</sup>



*Do you know a girl or boy who loves to sing?*

We will hold an informal recruitment day here at St. James's on Saturday 13 May from 9-11AM. Interested parents and children will have a chance to meet the choirmaster as well as some of our current choristers and enjoy some delicious treats. If you have a child or know of one who is interested in music and singing, we are looking for motivated boys and girls with a good ear. The choir is open to those entering the third grade or higher in September 2017 and prior musical experience is unnecessary.

The treble section of St. James's Choir is made up of girls in grades three through 12, and boys in grade three through voice change. Treble choristers are full members of the choir, so participation in the program provides these young people with training in vocal technique and music theory, preparing them to learn and perform challenging new pieces each week.

From September through the end of May, choristers sing at the 9.30AM Sunday Eucharist and for all major feast days. Additionally, they sing Evensong throughout the year, Compline on Sunday evenings during Lent, and for special events.

For the 2016-2017 season, some of these special events included performing in Opera Connecticut's production of *Hansel and Gretel*, and here at St. James's for Advent Lessons and Carols and the *German Requiem* of Johannes Brahms. For more information, please contact the Vaughn Mauren, Choirmaster, at [music@stjameswh.org](mailto:music@stjameswh.org).

# From the Organist & Choirmaster

**A**FTER more than a year of waiting, St. James's took delivery of our fully rebuilt Steinway A grand piano. The instrument immediately went to use during rehearsals of the Brahms Requiem and for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

The provenance of this particular piano is very special. Built more than 110 years ago in Astoria, Queens, by the Steinway and Sons Piano Company, our piano was purchased by G. Harold Smith, an Organist and Choirmaster of St. James's in the 1930s and 40s. Harold used it as a rehearsal piano in the church choir room and later bequeathing it to his son-in-law, Richard Knapp, himself a choirboy under Harold Smith at St. James's during the Second World War. Richard grew up to be an MIT-trained physicist and a professional organist, serving First United Methodist Church, Hartford, as music director from 1957-1988.

When Richard was diagnosed with cancer in 2015, he reached out to me and offered St. James's both his Steinway and his home pipe organ. We immediately began installation of the pipe organ but were unable to accept the Steinway as it was in need of a complete restoration.

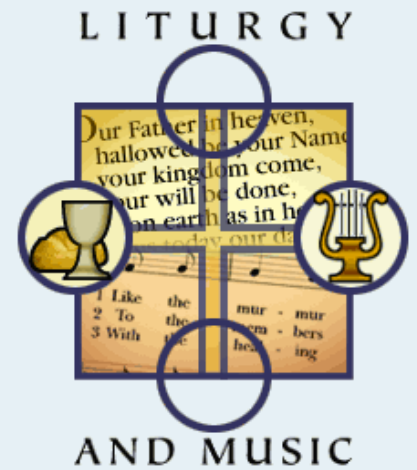
Richard then bequeathed the Steinway to his daughter Charlotte Knapp, who many months later offered it to St. James's. At this point a generous parishioner and I had already begun searching for a Steinway to have rebuilt and installed in the church. We both share a vision for making St. James's into a center of music within Greater Hartford, and this was not possible without a concert-level piano.

The Steinway was shipped to the Faust Harrison Piano Company facility in White Plains, New York, where it underwent a complete restoration: complete refinishing of cabinetry and harp, new hammers, strings, pinblock, keytops, hardware, sound board, and even a brand new bench. The artisans at Faust Harrison also voiced the piano specifically for use in the glorious acoustics at St. James's. The results are spectacular and confirm why Faust Harrison is considered to be the leading rebuilder of Steinway pianos in the United States.

In addition to receiving the organ and piano from Richard Knapp, St. James's was left with a sizeable bequest toward our endowment. That someone like Richard would give so much back to the church is no surprise. It is very common for men and women who grew up in their church choir to form a life-long relationship with the church. Choir kids encounter and live into scripture in a unique and powerful way. And participation in choir means being part of a family who gather together several times a week. It's a home away from home, if you will.

The arrival of our new piano is just the beginning of what will be a huge transformation as part of our capital campaign. Updating our musical instruments, including the organ, is just one component of a comprehensive plan to position St. James's as a center of community life in West Hartford.

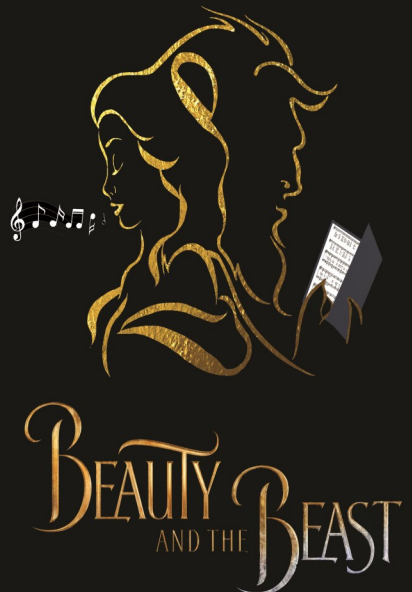
This leads me to my final paragraph, written in support of our upcoming chorister recruitment day, held on Saturday 13 May from 9-11AM at St. James's. Please see the accompanying flyer for details and help us spread the word! Together we can build create the next generation of choristers!



## Important Dates

**Saturday, May 6**  
**Annual Choir Dinner**  
**In the Parish Hall**  
***Tickets on Sale Soon***

THE SAINT JAMES'S CHOIR  
PRESENTS A TALE AS OLD AS TIME



BE OUR GUEST FOR THIS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

MAY 6, 2017  
6 PM

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# From the Associate Rector

**D**EAR Ones,

Two years ago I jumped head-first into the Confirm Not Conform (CNC) curriculum, a collection of twenty 90-minute sessions for teens that cover scripture, church history, theology, liturgy, and the ministry of the baptized. CNC is a robust curriculum, but if I as the instructor felt overwhelmed by the amount of material, I cannot imagine what the ten teenagers felt.

This year I decided to use CNC as a resource in building my own curriculum around three goals. I wanted the teenagers to understand for themselves who it is they know Jesus to be, to have a deeper encounter with the Book of Common Prayer than they get on an average Sunday, and to get to know a story from the Bible well enough to teach it to the rest of us.

## *Understanding Jesus*

We're spoon-fed a lot about Jesus, for better or worse. When a preacher mentions Jesus, usually that mention comes along with a declaration about who Jesus is in a particular Gospel and how that translates to our daily life. Rarely do we all take the opportunity to read from the Gospels and ask ourselves who Jesus reveals himself to be through word and action. If Jesus is our primary way of knowing who God is, we ought to spend more time thinking about who the Jesus of scripture seems to be. You can do this at home by opening your Bible about ¾ of the way through to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Start reading and write down descriptive words of this enigmatic person. Then think about what it might mean for the One behind all of this to share those qualities.

## *Deeply Encountering our Prayer Book*

One of the great things our bulletins do at St. James's is to lay out the service in a way that is easy for someone new to the Episcopal Church to navigate. No one needs to fumble with the prayer book, a hymnal, and a leaflet with page numbers to follow along with the service. The only thing that would be more sensible—though far less in tune with our traditional tastes—would be a projection of the service on a large screen above the altar.

Don't worry, this is not included in the list of Capital Campaign projects. The one thing we lose from our Xerox-enabled hospitality is the opportunity to encounter the Book of Common Prayer, a book containing a wealth of wisdom, prayers, liturgy, theology, and much more. My prayer book, a gift at Confirmation on May 11, 2003, became my very good friend through the end of college and while I served as a missionary in Ecuador. If you do not have your own "BCP," or if you just haven't picked it up in a while, I recommend you do. Scan through it and see what helpful things you might find. Start with the index of prayers on page 810, or look to page 883 to see when Easter will be in the year 2089. Fun, right?

## *Getting to Know a Bible Story*

I assigned the confirmands some of my favorite stories from the Bible: Joseph (of amazing, technicolor dream coat fame), Ruth and Naomi, and the disciples walking the road to Emmaus after the crucifixion. I offered an open-ended assignment: teach us the story. From this project, with the help of mentors, came a stop-action video on Susanna, a colorful poster of Joseph, and an exploration into different ways that illustrated Bibles tell the story of Samson. We are not even half-way done with these stories, and I am excited to see what else they come up with.

I used to find the Bible kind of boring, and to be honest, a lot of it is. There are, however, some incredible stories in there—the kinds of stories that can deeply affect your life. When I preach, I attempt to share some of my enthusiasm for these stories. What might it look like for you if instead of not knowing where to start when you opened your Bible, you assigned yourself one story to sit with for several months. You could read a version of it every couple weeks, see if there is a film-adaptation, and discover how it is told in the Qur'an or adapted for popular literature.

These seem to have been worthwhile goals for a year-long Confirmation class, and they might just be your way into a deeper encounter with our faith tradition. This Spring (and Summer) I invite you to go deeper in these practices, and please join us for a service of Confirmation on Saturday, June 10th at 11 a.m. to support the wonderful young people who are also beginning this journey again.

Your brother in Christ,

Curtis +

## High School Formation

### Sunday Mornings in the Youth Room, 11-11:45

**May 7**

How We Can Help/Charity

**May 12-13**

Retreat at Camp

Washington

Where do we Stand?

**May 21**

Lunch with Mentors

## Youth Group

May/June

**Sunday, May 14**

St. James's Olympic Games

**Sunday, June 11**

Heublein Tower Hike and Picnic. Meet at church for drop off and pick up 2-4.

Youth Group events are from 5:30 to 7:30 and include dinner, unless otherwise noted.



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you are invited to a service of

# CONFIRMATION

Saturday, June 10 | 11 o'clock in the morning

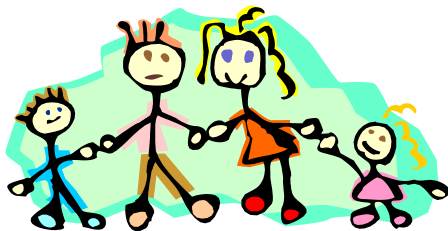
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# St. James's Center for Family Ministries



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

## Rhythms of Grace

**Sundays, May 14 and June 11**

*Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a worship and faith formation experience for children and families here at St. James's. Rhythms of Grace is held every second Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.*

**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.*



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DECIDED I wanted to write about spirituality, children and the summer for the May/June newsletter and so I began by googling, as I do most things I write. I came across a website on spiritual practices by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat, authors that have been writing about contemporary spirituality since the 1970s. I found a listing of some suggestions for spirituality and the summer and have chosen a few to share with you all.

The Brussats write, and I agree, that many of us first come to understand ourselves as spiritual beings in the summer months. Maybe it is the change of pace from the hurried schedule of the academic year, or the opportunity to spend more time with loved ones, or possibly that many children go away to church camp, which all allow us to be more open to sacred moments. Whatever the reason, I encourage you to encourage your children, and yourselves for that matter, to explore your spiritual lives this summer, possibly through some of these practices.

**Go for a Walk.** Go on a family walk out on one of Connecticut's beautiful walking or hiking trails with the intention of celebrating the beautiful creative with which God has blessed us. "Walk slowly, keeping your senses attuned to the wonders that surround you. In appreciation, say this prayer: Glory be to God."

**Go Barefoot.** There is nothing quite like letting your feet touch the earth. It lets the inner child in each of us come out to play. It changes your connection with the world.

**Connect with Your Ancestors.** This for me has been a recent joy. I have found through researching my own family that I have a tremendous in common with some of my ancestors. I come from many generations of educators so it makes sense that I do the job I do. I also found out recently, that my ancestors

on my Dad's' side are from England to Massachusetts. No wonder I love New England so much. By connecting with the saints who came before us, it gives us a better understanding of whom and whose we are.

**Work in a Garden.** In *Creating Eden: The Garden as a Healthy Space*, Marilyn Barrett writes: "Although weeding, cutting back, and transplanting are activities that may seem repetitive and never-ending, when seen as a necessary and integral part of the overall unfolding of the garden scheme, they become purposeful rather than boring. In fact, what may appear on the surface to be tedious physical work may, in the actual doing, be spiritually liberating. In taking time to contemplate the small — in observing the details of our gardens — we can experience life on a manageable scale." Get in touch with the spiritually liberating disciplines of attention, repetition, and humility while working in your garden. Experience your time there as a spiritual workshop.

My last bit of advice for the summer is Waste some Time. From the Brussat's I quote: "It does no good to think moralistically about how much time we waste. Wasted time is usually good soul time," Thomas Moore has observed. Summer is just the right season for idleness and just messing around with things. Quit doing and revel in just being. Enjoy your summer.

Your Sister in Christ,

# VEGETABLE SOUP

*An Exploration of Faith and Life for Children*

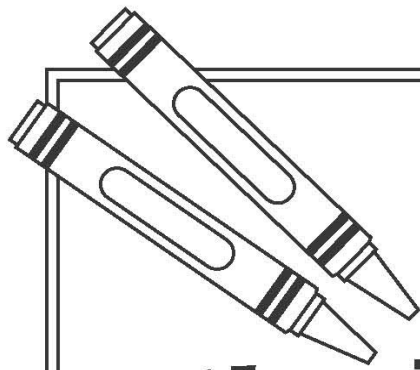


**July 10-13 \ 5:30-7:30pm**

*St. James's Episcopal Church  
West Hartford, Connecticut*



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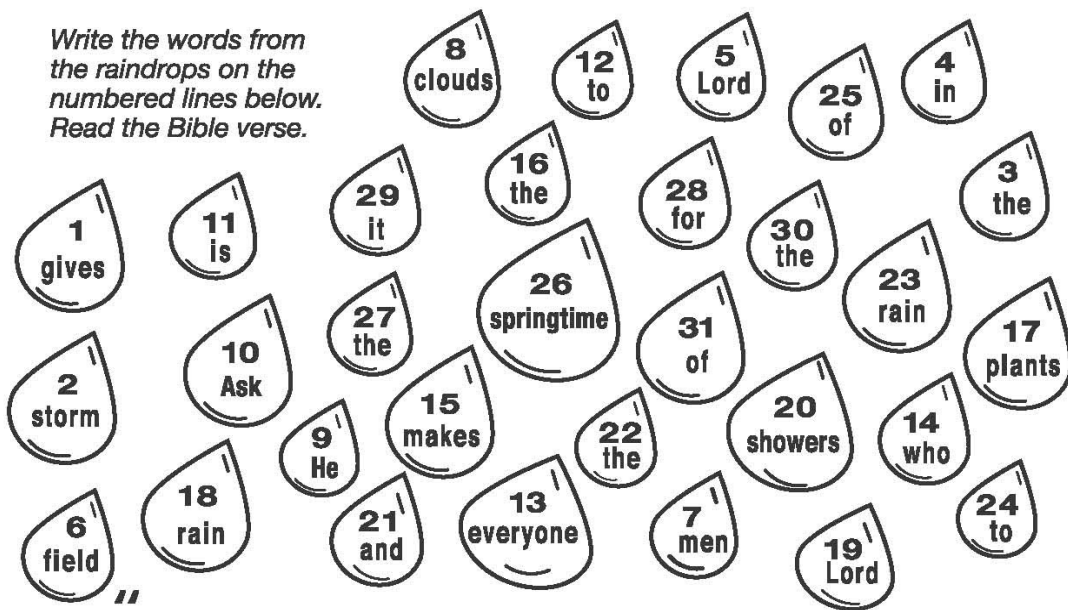


# Just for KIDS

## Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain to nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Read the Bible verse.

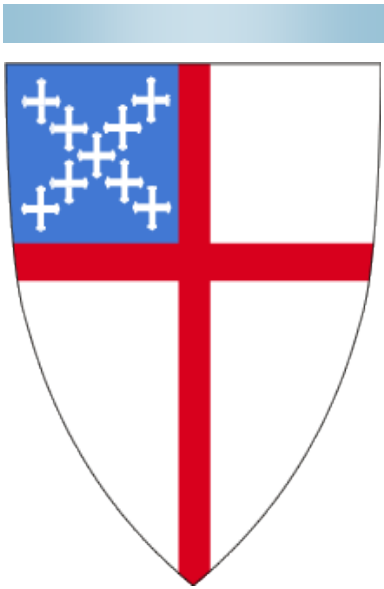


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*Zechariah 10:1 (NIV)*

Answer: "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone." Zechariah 10:1





## Vestry Corner

### Treasurer's Report—March 2017

**Current Position:** At March 31, 2017 the Church's finances were in a positive position vis a vis the budget. Total Income was 21,272 ahead of budget and expenses were \$1,695 greater than the budgeted amounts. As a result, the

Church's Net financial position at the end of March, 2017 was \$18,577 better than the relevant budget amount.

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*"Jesus was radical in his teaching about what is needed to maintain life. He repeatedly called for a simplification in lifestyle that is not driven by materialism. When the disciples responded to Christ's call to follow, they abandoned everything (Luke 5:11)."*  
Luke Gasho in *Creation Care: Keepers of the Earth*

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### Income & Expense Summary:

| Category    | YTD Actual    | YTD Budget    | YTD Variance  | Total Annual Budget |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Income (+)  | 281,244       | 260,972       | 20,272<br>Over Budget   | 790,600             |
| Expense (-) | 201,999       | 200,304       | 1,695<br>Over Budget  | 790,600             |
| <i>Net</i>  | <b>79,245</b> | <b>60,668</b> | <b>18,577</b><br><b>Positive</b><br><b>variance to</b><br><b>budget</b> | <b>0</b>            |

**Income:** Through March 31, 2017, Year To Date Regular Contributions (Current and Prior Year Pledges, Seasonal and Unspecified Offerings) in total were \$19,690 greater than the respective budgeted amounts. Whereas income from the Parish House and Other Facilities was \$987 below budget, General Purpose Special Contributions exceeded the budgeted amount by \$1,755.

**Expense:** Major contributors to the March 31 Expense results were the following:

Year to date Property expenses were \$3,881 under budget due primarily to less than budgeted payments for utilities and general maintenance. With the snow season hopefully behind us, the snow removal costs were \$346 under budget. Personnel expenses through March 31 were a minimal \$198 under budget. Outreach Funding: This expense category, year to date, was \$6,326 over budget because in March the Diocese billed the church for two times its regular monthly Diocese Pledge amount. As a result, through March 31 the church has paid four months of its Diocese Pledge rather than just three. This "overpayment" should reverse itself next month.

# From the Past and Present Seminarians

## On the Emergence from the Tombs

*by Nathan Bourne*

OUT of the darkness of a cocoon woven like a garment,  
A moth clambers her way into the light,  
Stretching out the wings she never knew she could have.  
Cautiously those wings begin to beat.  
First the new and unwieldy body drags against the ground.  
Before long the muscles become familiar, growing in confidence.  
She begins to fly towards the light —  
Higher, higher —  
Spiraling upward in long graceful strokes.  
She is freer than she ever imagined.

## A Thank You

*from Greg Stark*

**D**EAR St. James's,  
What a year it has been! I have enjoyed my time with you all. Thank you for opening up your community and offering such excellent hospitality. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of this parish through the ups and downs of my final year of seminary. I loved worshiping with you all each Sunday, sharing in fellowship, and hearing many of your stories. I will miss the many smiles, the laughing and excited children, your (Bob's?) playful and competitive spirit, and your abundant sharing of food. Thank you for welcoming me, and so many others who come through these doors, into the life of Christ. Thank you for your commitment to the mission of the church, to serving others and opening your hearts to the One who is always at the margins asking us, "Who is missing from this table?" You bring to all your service a profound spirit of joy. It is contagious, and it is life-giving. Without that commitment to joyful service and worship, we could not call ourselves disciples of the Living God.

I look forward to bringing your commitment to the communities where I will serve. I will be back in North-Central Ohio after graduation this May. The exact location is not public yet, but I will be continuing and expanding my work with children, youth, and young adults. I am grateful to have had the experiences of some of that ministry here at St. James's. You are a reminder to the world that God is not done with the Church. Our work in the world is not yet

done. Our to-do list is only growing, and that should make us all the more committed to inviting people into this challenging and beautiful life of following Christ ever deeper into that Easter day.

Know that you all will always be in my prayers, and I trust that I will be in yours. May we remind ourselves to go forth each day rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit. May that joy carry us and sustain us in all the work that God has prepared for us.

Faithfully,



## Mission

### Walk Against Hunger

*Sunday, May 7 at 2pm*

**S**T. JAMES'S is sponsoring a team in The Walk Against Hunger, which will take place on **Sunday, May 7, 2017 with registration at 12:30pm** at Liam E. McGee Memorial Park (formerly Hartbeat Park) 140 Garden Street in Hartford. The walk begins promptly at 2pm, and restrooms and water are provided along the way. Barbara Schiller is the contact person for St. James's. This is the 34th Annual Walk Against Hunger, which is sponsored by Foodshare. By participating in the walk, St. James's can benefit both Foodshare and Loaves and Fishes.

In Greater Hartford more than 137,000 people, including 1 in 6 kids, struggle with food insecurity. For every \$30 Foodshare receives, it can distribute enough food for one person for a month. Last year, Foodshare distributed enough food for 11.5 million meals through 300 partner programs because of support from individuals like you.

#### Ways you can help:

**Volunteer** to be on the St. James's team - Contact person is Barbara Schiller.

**Encourage** others to walk.

**Please remember** to check Loaves and Fishes Ministries, Inc. (Hartford) as the agency you would like to support.

**Sponsor** the walk by being a **Virtual Walker!** Make a contribution of any amount. Checks should be payable to Walk Against Hunger with Loaves and Fishes in the memo line.

**Look** for the registration forms in the cloister. Questions? Call Barbara Schiller at 860 651 7332.

## Toilet Paper and Towel Collection

*June 2017*

**R**ESPONDING to requests from those in need and the agencies that serve them, the outreach focus again this year for June will be the ever-popular toilet paper and paper towel collection, as well as an added collection for feminine supplies instituted last year.

Your contribution of rolls of toilet paper, paper towels, and feminine supplies will be distributed to individuals who come to the soup kitchens and food pantries and to Hartford area shelters. Please place your donations at the entrances to the church. Remember, the emphasis is on quantity, not quality. Thank you!

## Spring Flower Sale Update

**T**HE Spring Flower Sale brought in \$370.00 which will benefit the St. James's Feeding Programs. Thank you to Doug Compton and Jane Good for organizing the sale, and all who purchased plants in support of the hungry.

## Easter Basket Update

**O**N Palm Sunday, April 9, 189 Baskets were assembled and wrapped for our friends in need. We were able to deliver 60 baskets to My Sister's Place, 79 baskets to South Park Inn, and 50 baskets went to St. Elizabeth's (Mercy House). Thank you to all who supplied toiletries and helped with the sorting and packing on Palm Sunday. We were extremely successful in collecting larger family-sized items which was a great help for those who needed them. Thank you to all who donated toiletries and worked on the assembly line! The baskets were very much appreciated by those who received them.

## Food Pantry Ongoing Needs

**F**OOD Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations, which are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. Remember to check expiration dates! We cannot accept expired items. **Most needed items:** Pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned tuna, baked beans, canned pasta (Spaghettios), peanut butter, and rice.

## Around the Parish

### Christian Formation

*Classes and Forums on Sundays at 11:00*

April 30, May 7 and 21

#### **NO INNOCENT BYSTANDER**

Chris Doucot of the Hartford Catholic Worker joins us to speak about how Christians can answer the biblical call to act justly, love mercifully, and cross lines of privilege to walk humbly with God and their marginalized neighbors as well. He'll continue his discussion in the parish room on May 7, then conclude with a forum in the dining room on May 21.

## Monthly Group Meetings

*Women's Evening & Men's Discussion Groups*

**J**OIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursdays, May 11 and June 8** 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.

JOIN the men of the parish and guests for a discussion group on **Saturdays, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are provided.

## Women Together Continues

*May 2-30 at St. John's Episcopal Church*

**W**OMEN TOGETHER will meet on Tuesday afternoons, May 2-30 from 3:00-4:15 at St. John's Episcopal Church in West Hartford. The Rev. Helen Moore will facilitate our gathering, as we read and discuss Richard Rohr's book, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. The book may be ordered through Amazon.com. All women are welcome to join with us for an experience of learning, support, and sharing. If you expect to attend, please email or telephone Helen Moore at 860-331-1127 or revhmm@gmail.com.



## 14th Annual Strawberry Festival

*Memorial Day, May 29 at 9:30am*

**W**E KICK OFF the unofficial start to summer with lots of strawberries during the Memorial Day Parade in the town of West Hartford on **Monday, May 29** beginning at 9:30AM. The Festival will be held on the front lawn of St. James's Church, and everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy some delicious strawberries piled high on tasty shortcake bread. Cost is \$5.50. Lemonade and bottled water will be available for \$1. Hotdogs and chips will also be sold.

As always, the Fundraising Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this event. Check the volunteer board in the dining room for the signup sheet to volunteer, or contact Sam Paul at 860-232-2357. Come hungry and tell your friends and neighbors!

## Annual Parish Picnic & Eucharist

*Trinity Sunday, June 11 at 10am*  
*Fernridge Park in West Hartford*

**D**ON'T miss this St. James's annual tradition! We will hold the parish picnic and Eucharist at Fernridge Park in West Hartford on **Trinity Sunday, June 11 at 10am**. If you are able, please bring a salad or dessert to share with the group. Grill foods and beverage will be provided. In the event of rain, Holy Eucharist and picnic will be held in the dining room. There will be an 8am service in the chapel, but no regular 9:30 service.

As always, volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please contact Ann Cooke, volunteer coordinator, at [dougann@comcast.net](mailto:dougann@comcast.net) to let her know you can help.

## Summer Services, Office Hours & Lemonade on the Lawn

**B**eginning **Sunday, June 18** we will have one service in the church at 9am followed by refreshing lemonade and other refreshments on the front lawn. There is no 8am service in the chapel during the summer. The parish office will be closed on Fridays during the summer beginning on June 16. Office summer hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

We resume regular office hours beginning Tuesday, September 5 and go back to two services on Sunday, September 10.



## Readings and Registry

### Baptism

*Sunday, February 26*

**Wesson Patrick Bowman**

Son of Peter and Melissa Bowman

## Parish Birthdays

### *Children and Youth*

#### **MAY**

Trevor Garrow-Cooke, 3  
Ryan Kirsch, 3  
Evie Messinger, 3  
Alex Vietzke, 3  
Amelia Neal, 4  
Addison Leonard, 5  
Cole Gallagher, 6  
Bridget Marceau, 6  
Jane Waterman, 6  
Faith Messinger, 7  
Owen Wills, 7  
Frances O'Sullivan, 11  
Anyia Fisher, 13  
Lyla Fisher, 13  
Madison Montgomery, 14  
Audrey Forcello, 21  
Connor Montgomery, 22  
Callum Wills, 22  
Addison Stafford, 28  
Cornelia Mozingo, 29



#### **JUNE**

Ben Carrier, 1  
Nolan Leonard, 1  
Joseph Shuey, 1  
Abigail Waterman, 4  
Olivia Lapointe, 5  
Ceili Brown, 6  
Sophia Sadler, 6  
Ingrid Dynowski, 9  
Nik Thomalla, 12  
Sophia Lankin, 13  
Jennifer Brown, 16  
Bowden Swales, 17  
Ada Rusconi, 18  
Wesley Otto, 19  
Nicholas Tagliarini, 20  
Colby Lytle, 22  
David Dynowski, 28

## Sunday Lectionary

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10; Psalm 23

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14

Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21

Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21; Psalm 66:7-18

### Ascension Day, May 25

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Luke 24:44-53; Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

### Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28

Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

### Day of Pentecost, June 4

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39; Psalm 104:25-35, 37

### Trinity Sunday, June 11

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20; Psalm 8 or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

### Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 18

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

### Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

## Parish Prayer List

### Those in our parish family

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

### 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, Chris, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Olivia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita, Betsy, Judy, John, Bret & Ginny, Barbara & Family, Tavern, Danielle & Cynthia, Robert, Mohan, Hudson, Sandra, Larry, Marilyn, Spencer, and Barbara.

### Those Serving in the Military:

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

## Women Of St. James's May Programs



### Tuesday, May 2

Annual Meeting and Salad Buffet

### Thursday, May 4

Episcopal Church Women  
*Diocese of Connecticut, Annual Meeting, Aqua Turf*

### Tuesday, May 9

Mystery Tour 2017  
The New Britain Museum of American Art  
(Meet in St. James's parking lot at 9:45am)  
Cost per person \$33. Please RSVP to Jane Borden or Judy Lawes.

### Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13

Spring Rummage Sale (Rummage may be brought to the church beginning Saturday, May 6. Please see March/April newsletter or Sunday bulletins for items needed.)  
*Friday: 6:30 to 8:30pm / Saturday: 9am to noon*  
Volunteer signup sheets will be available on Sundays and at the WOSJ Tuesday luncheons.

## The United Thank Offering—May 21

### What is the United Thank Offering?

THE United Thank Offering is a ministry of the Episcopal Church. Every coin from every Blue Box and Blue Envelope is given away in grants. Every cent you give, representing your thankful prayers today, is the dream for tomorrow's life and gives hope to people all over the world. Look for the blue boxes and envelopes around the church and chapel and use these to make your donations. Join others on **Sunday, May 21** for our Ingathering service at 9:30 in the church! Let us come together to offer up our prayers of thanksgiving and our monetary gifts for those in need.

## A Prayer Offering from WOSJ

### Taken from the Book of Common Prayer

**O** LORD our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, world without end. *Amen.*

Bring a Friend to Church 13

# May 2017

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
|  | 1<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>3:45 PM Junior Choir<br>5:00 PM B&G Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Education for Ministry - PR   | 2<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>12:15 PM Women of St. James's Luncheon - DR  | 3<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>12:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Room<br>5:00 PM BGC Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal                                       | 4<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR  | 5<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer  | 6<br>No AA Meeting<br>6:00 PM Annual Choir Dinner - Parish Hall  |
| 7<br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I - Chapel<br>8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes<br>8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches<br>9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Church<br>9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>10:45 AM Coffee Hour - DR<br>11:00 AM Christian Formation - PR<br>11:00 AM Youth Formation - Youth Room<br>2:00 PM Walk Against Hunger | 8<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes<br>3:45 PM Junior Choir<br>5:00 PM B&G Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Education for Ministry - PR | 9<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:30 AM Women of St. James's Mystery Tour<br>7:00 PM Samaritans Group - Parish Room | 10<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>12:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Room<br>5:00 PM BGC Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal                                      | 11<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>6:00 PM Women's Evening Group - PR | 12<br>Youth Retreat at Camp Washington<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:30 PM Spring Rummage Sale - DR | 13<br>Youth Retreat at Camp Washington<br>7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR<br>9:00 AM Spring Rummage Sale - DR<br>8:00 PM AA Group - DR |
| 14<br><b>Mother's Day - No Coffee Hour</b><br>8:00 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Chapel<br>9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Church<br>9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>10:45 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches<br>4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace - PH<br>5:30 PM Youth Group Second Sundays   | 15<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>3:45 PM Junior Choir<br>5:00 PM B&G Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Education for Ministry - PR  | 16<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - Parish Room  | 17<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - McAuley<br>12:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Room<br>5:00 PM BGC Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal | 18<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR                                       | 19<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer   | 20<br>8:00 PM AA Group - DR  |
| 21<br><b>UTO Sunday</b><br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Chapel<br>8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn<br>9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Church<br>9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>10:45 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches<br>11:00 AM Coffee Hour Forum - DR<br>11:00 AM HS Youth Lunch w/Mentors  | 22<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>5:00 PM B&G Choir Rehearsal<br>6:30 PM Education for Ministry - PR  | 23<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer  | 24<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>12:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Room<br>5:00 PM BGC Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal                                      | 25<br><b>Ascension Day</b><br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR               | 26<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer   | 27<br>7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR<br>8:00 PM AA Group - DR   |
| 28<br><b>Recognition Sunday</b><br>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Chapel<br>9:30 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Church<br>9:30 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>10:45 AM Coffee Hour - DR  | 29<br><b>Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed</b><br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>9:30 AM Strawberry Festival - Front Lawn<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR  | 30<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer  | 31<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>12:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Room<br>5:00 PM BGC Rehearsal<br>7:00 PM Parish Choir Rehearsal                                      |   |  |  |



# June 2017

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | 1<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR                                       | 2<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer                                 | 3<br>8:00 PM AA Group   |
| 4<br>No 8am Service<br><b>Pentcost Sunday</b><br>8:35 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches<br>10:00 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Church<br>10:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>11:15 AM Coffee Hour - DR  | 5<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR  | 6<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer  | 7<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>12:00 PM Bible Study - Parish Room | 8<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>6:00 PM Women's Evening Group - PR | 9<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer                                 | 10<br>7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR<br>11:00 AM <b>Confirmation - Church</b><br>8:00 PM AA Group - DR |
| 11<br><b>Trinity Sunday</b><br>8:00 AM HE & Sacrament of Healing - Chapel<br>8:30 AM Prepare for Loaves and Fishes/200 Identical Sandwiches<br>10:00 AM Parish Picnic & Eucharist - Fernridge Park<br>2:00 PM Youth Group Hike to Heublein Tower<br>4:00 PM Rhythms of Grace - PH | 12<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>11:30 AM Serve for Loaves and Fishes | 13<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>7:00 PM Samaritans Group - Parish Room | 14<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast                                      | 15<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR                                      | 16<br><b>Parish Office Closed</b><br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer | 17<br>8:00 PM AA Group - DR   |
| 18<br>8:45 AM Prepare for South Park Inn<br>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church<br>9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>10:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches<br>10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn   | 19<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR   | 20<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - Parish Room   | 21<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast<br>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - McAuley | 22<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR                                      | 23<br>Parish Office Closed<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer        | 24<br>7:45 AM Men's Discussion Group - PR<br>8:00 PM AA Group - DR  |
| 25<br>9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II - Church<br>9:00 AM Kids for Christ (KFC) - PH<br>10:15 AM 200 Identical Sandwiches<br>10:15 AM Lemonade on the Lawn   | 26<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR   | 27<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer   | 28<br>7:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Breakfast                                      | 29<br>7:00 AM AA Group - DR<br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM AA Group - DR                                      | 30<br><b>Parish Office Closed</b><br>7:00 AM Morning Prayer |   |

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The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg  
The Reverend Terry M. Wysong**

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Priest Associate  
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### **The Staff**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Cheryl C. Batter</b> | <b>Administrator</b>                 |
| <b>Darryl Burke</b>     | <b>Diocesan Intern</b>               |
| <b>Heidi Cotter</b>     | <b>Financial Secretary</b>           |
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| <b>Priscilla Hooper</b> | <b>Director of Family Ministries</b> |
| <b>Vaughn Mauren</b>    | <b>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</b>    |
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### **Volunteer Staff**

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Ann Cooke</b>         | <b>Volunteer Coordinator</b> |
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| <b>Richard M. Wenner</b> | <b>Assistant Treasurer</b>   |

### **The Vestry**

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Michael Sherrill</b> | <b>Senior Warden</b> |
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| <b>Harry Meyer</b>      | <b>Treasurer</b>     |

### **Term Ending 2018**

**Diane Duva, Barbara Rua  
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### **Term Ending 2019**

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### **Term Ending 2020**

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