

# SJnews

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JAMES'S

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## From the Rector's Desk

FOR a few weeks now, I have been spending lunch once-a-week with a first grade boy at Aiken Elementary School who I will call Mike. Mike is a force of nature—all energy and smiles. He lives with his grandmother, young adult sister and aunt and has little to no adult male influences in his life. Mike is a very smart kid but is extremely impulsive and has difficulty in a classroom setting. He gets frustrated when things don't go his way, probably because little goes his way in his life outside of the classroom. His teacher noticed that once when a male volunteer was in the classroom, Mike responded extremely well to him. That is where I came in. I was asked to come and spend some time with Mike on a regular basis. This is not only time that Mike looks forward to each week but that I do as well.

The typical visit with Mike consists of us sitting in the library eating lunch and playing Battleship—a game that we both enjoy playing and take very “seriously.” While our time together is short, usually lasting about an hour, it is a part of both of our weeks that is time well spent.

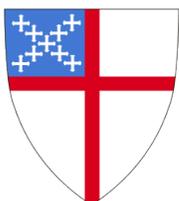
Any of you who have ever heard me preach or have read my writings, know that I believe strongly in the theological construct of community and its power to transform lives. But, before we can get to the power and value of the group, we need to first make individual connections. For me, in many ways, this is what church is about. It is about people coming together as individuals, becoming the collective and being transformed.

The funny thing about my meeting with Mike is that while the purpose was to help him by giving him my undivided attention in a non-judgmental way, in actuality, I am getting as much or more out of this relationship. When we sit together and play a game, for just a moment, he is able to sit still; when he proclaims with great excitement that he has just, “sunk my battleship,” I see glimpses of my seven-year-old self in him.

The similarities and parallels in our personalities are too many to number, but by the luck of genetics, I was born into a family that had the resources (economic, emotional, spiritual) and time to give me what I needed to become the man I am today. It is everything I know about my God that tells me I must reach out and make these connections.

So every Tuesday around lunchtime you will find me at Aiken School by the cafeteria, waiting for my friend, Mike, to come running down the hallway to meet me. We will eat some lunch, play some games, and laugh together. But most importantly we will make a connection. And ever so rarely, I might just win a game.

Faithfully,



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

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## Highlights in April

- Sunday, April 3, Mission Trip Brunch after the 9:30 service
- Second Sunday, April 10, Rhythms of Grace at 4pm followed by High School Youth Group at 5:30pm
- Annual Choir Fundraising Dinner, Saturday, April 30 in the parish hall
- UPCOMING in MAY: Walk Against Hunger, Sunday, May 1 at 2pm

# From the Associate Rector

**D**EAR Sisters and Brothers,

“On why I became a priest” originally appeared on my personal blog, *Episcaerobics*. I share it with you here as you are an integral part to this story.

This is not a spiritual autobiography. I have written enough of those, thank you very much. And I’m resisting this being a listicle. I suppose that is exactly what this is, but out of protest, I present the following vignettes unnumbered.

## **Your gifts, and how you use them, matter.**

Elise, our parish priest, came to my house when I was four or five years old the Friday before my “first communion.” She unpacked her bag of supplies in the kitchen as she chit-chatted with Charlotte, a woman who is like another grandmother to me and used to care for me while my parents worked.

Elise read me a book, *The Runaway Bunny*, which is sort of a gentler telling of the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The baby rabbit tells his mother he wants to run away, and throughout the book the mother assures him that no matter where he goes she will run after him. It’s an important message for children to hear as they think about their parents and about God.

After that, we got our hands dirty and made a loaf of delicious bread, for which I still have the recipe. I don’t remember everything about that day, but I can smell the bread and I can recall Elise telling me that the following Sunday we would use the bread for the Eucharist. “Your gifts and how you use them matter,” she said. “You’ve made this bread with your own two hands, and you are offering it is a gift to our whole community.”

## **God loves you. Full stop.**

Father Tom didn’t know how much I struggled with my sexuality. At that point, near the end of college, I had only come out to two people—my best friends, one of whom is still my best friend and another who no longer speaks to me. Getting to the point of coming out involved a lot of self-hatred, a lot of moaning and groaning and gnashing of teeth about why God would make me gay. I contemplated ending it.

I felt pretty hopeless about my prospects of ever finding morally acceptable companionship, and because I was already thinking about the possibility of working a vocation in the priesthood, I was unsure whether or not that would crumble down when and if I ever came out. Then I staffed a youth conference at my home parish, where Father Tom (the current rector) preached passionately about the importance of sticking up for people and reflecting God’s unconditional love. He also said, explicitly, that being gay was not a sin and that God loves gay people.

Maybe I had been sheltered to this point in my life, but I hadn’t heard and indeed had not listened to that type of message. Maybe it had been implied, but my focus always went to people’s disgust with representations of same-sex (and specifically male to male) intimacy. It was an hourly occurrence throughout high school to hear “that’s so gay” or “you’re such a fag.” And when you’re in the closet, those words stick.

It was in the midst of that service of Holy Eucharist that I first really heard and agreed that God loves me—and not in spite of my sexuality. God loves me, full stop.

## **Preach that Good News!**

I visited St. James’s in January, the day of their annual meeting. I preached both services in the hopes that they wouldn’t run me out of town and that I might become their next assistant rector. I felt good about the sermon—there was a laugh or two in there, and I almost always enjoy preaching. Still, this was a job interview in which I was being watched by about two hundred people, so I was understandably nervous.

It was immediately after the service though that a very young parishioner approached me with her mother and handed me a coloring sheet. It was made to look like the front of a newspaper, and the headline read, “Good News.” In the open square, she had drawn me in the pulpit with my diagonal green stole and brownish-red hair.

To this day the drawing hangs in my office. I have some suspicions that she was put up to this by the director of youth and family ministries—perhaps the other candidates received similar drawings from comparably adorable children. Nevertheless, it was a good indication that I was doing what I was supposed to be doing. I have not regretted preaching that good news ever since.

### No, really, how are you doing?

My husband moved out in early February, divorce papers already filed. He is keeping the dog too, which is difficult on so many levels. Anyone who has engaged in dissolving a marriage knows how complex and completely devastating it can be.

There are many aspects of our situation for which I am grateful—there was never any abuse, we are able to work things out peacefully through mediation, and we do not possess any significant assets or children that would complicate matters. It could be worse. Still, there is a sense of failure, feelings of loneliness, and too many Adele songs to name that seem to have been written in my soul.

I've been honest but not overly-revealing with the good people of my congregation about this whole situation. At this point most of them know, though I chose not to make any grand announcements in the parish newsletter or elsewhere. I have received more dinner invitations than ever before, which has been really lovely. I wish I had been proactive about engaging on that level with parishioners upon my arrival almost three years ago.

The other night I ran into a parishioner outside of the grocery store. I am at this store twice a day, and I have never seen this person there. She casually asked, "How are you?" To which I replied, "I'm alright, how are you?" And she said, "No, really." She lightly touched my forearm, which was pushing one of those silly little carts and said, "how are you?"

Moments like those, even now, make me just a bit weepy. I am eternally grateful for the care I have received from people in the parish, from friends near and far, and from family members. Even though I could have had reason to stay in bed many days, the love that grounds communities like St. James's is worth the complaints about this or that, last minute table and chair set-ups, and dirty dishes that were left from someone else's meeting.

### So why did I become a priest?

For all of this and more. The church is where I learned that we *are* the church. We assemble, share our gifts, and point our lives toward the One who is unconditionally loving, eternally merciful, and inexplicably good. By reading stories about God's people attempting to be God's people (and often failing miserably), we learn that our existence is not predicated on getting things right but on always engaging in relationship with the Living God. This frees us up to be honest with ourselves and each other about who we are; our lives are grounded in the love of God shown in Jesus Christ.

This is good news worth exploring, worth experiencing, and worth sharing with others. For me, it also made sense as part of my job description. But exploring, experiencing, and sharing this good news is not only for those who wear funny white collars, it is for everyone who wants to intentionally participate in the life of the Risen Christ.

And there's more good news, we're all as ready as we'll ever be.



**JUNE 16-25**  
**NEW ORLEANS**  
YOUTH MISSION TRIP

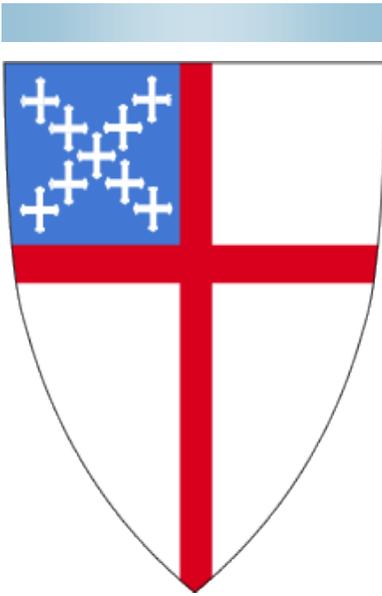
Working with the NOLA Tree Project  
Exploring the food and culture of New Orleans  
Rafting the Nolichucky River, East Tennessee

[stjameswh.org/mission/nola](http://stjameswh.org/mission/nola)

YOUTH MISSION TRIP  
**BRUNCH**  
SUNDAY APRIL 3 | 11AM

\$5 children \$15 adults





## Vestry Corner

### Treasurer's Report—February 2016

**Current Position:** Two months into the year there is an \$816 negative variance to budget. Substantial pledge payments in January were followed by a more normal payment level in February resulting in income exceeding the budgeted level by \$5962. However, expenses during January and February exceeded budget by \$6778.

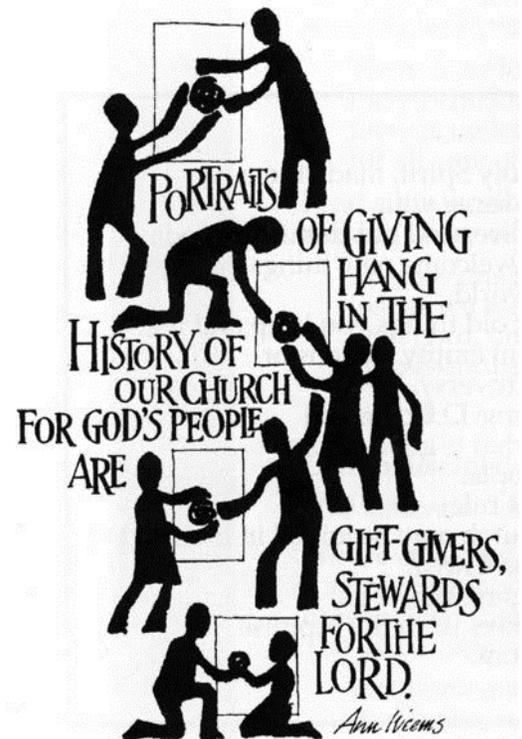
*“Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.” William Arthur Ward (1921-94), American educator*

### Income & Expense Summary:

Category	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance	Total Annual Budget
Income (+)	201,439	195,477	5,962 Above plan	770,500
Expense (-)	138,971	132,193	6,778 Above plan	770,500
<i>Net</i>	<b>62,468</b>	<b>63,284</b>	<b>816 Negative variance to budget</b>	<b>0</b>

**Income:** Year-to-date (YTD) actual income is \$5,962 or 3% above budget.

**Expense:** YTD expenses are \$6,778 or 5% over budget. Most expense categories are tracking close to budget, some above and others below.



# St. James's Center for Children and Families



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

## Rhythms of Grace

**Sunday, April 10**

*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.*



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SIT at my desk this afternoon, the day after the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

Yesterday at St. James's was a busy day for me. It started with Sunday school during the 9:30 service, then to the Coffee Hour Forum by Chris Doucot, later in the afternoon, I had Rhythms of Grace followed by a pizza dinner and then the book discussion on *Bad Boy* by Walter Dean Myers and *Compline*. Like I said, it was a busy day and I am thankful that I get to be involved in all of these activities at St. James's.

At Rhythms of Grace in the afternoon, the entire afternoon was dedication to prayer and praying. We made stained glass votive candleholders (with battery operated candles of course!) We prayed with bubbles, sending our prayers up to heaven—or sometimes down to the carpet) and we went on a simple prayer walk.

For the prayer walk, I had each family walk together. There were stations dedicated to praying for our communities, for our leaders, for our church, for the sick, for those who have died and for forgiveness of our sins.

As each family returned to the parish hall after their prayer walk together, all the parents told me how meaningful it was to them to have this time set aside to pray.

Which got me thinking. We as a community and as individual families need to be proactive in our corporate prayer. We need to make prayer a priority so our children will grow up and have active prayer lives themselves. How do we do that? By praying together as a family.

There are many times that families gather together that are conducive to prayer. One obvious time is before meals. If you gather together for breakfast or lunch or dinner take the time to thank God for your food, the hands that prepared it, and for all the people who are enjoying that meal at your table.

Another great way to pray together is for everyone at the table to talk about where they saw God in their lives that day. In a recent article I read by Matt Cornish, camp director at Camp Washington, he talked about how one summer the campers shared these moments at the end of the day.

Matt said that all week long at *Compline* the children shared their God sightings. Here are some:

"Today I saw the sun through the trees as it was setting, and I knew God has given us this beautiful day."

"Tonight during the evening program, I made eye contact with a deer and I felt God in that moment."

"I saw a bird today, and just seeing that bird helped me know that God would always be there and care for me."

"Today I ran faster than anyone else in soccer, and I felt God as I ran."

By asking these campers to look out for "God Sightings" they came to understand that we can see God in all things we experience.

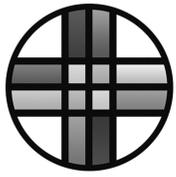
Which brings me to the end of my article. My own prayer life has taken a weird turn lately. Every time I see someone around town that I would have previously sat in judgment of because of their dirty clothes, bad driving skills, self-centered behavior, or general obnoxiousness, I say a prayer for them to myself. This practice has majorly reduced my stress because, I just send my thoughts and prayers to God and LET IT GO.

I have to say, it has been a life-changer for me. So I thought I would share it with you. Please keep the children of St. James's in your prayers .

Your sister in Christ,



## Mission



# ST. JAMES'S MISSION COMMISSION

### March Mission:

A BIG thank you to all who helped with this year's Easter Basket mission event, either by donating toiletries, helping to sort and wrap, or helping in the delivery of the baskets to the men and women at area shelters. We assembled 196 baskets this year! This mission project continues to be one of the most appreciated by those who receive your gifts.

### Ongoing needs:

Food Collection/West Hartford Food Bank: Please continue to bring your food donations to the wagon in the cloister or the bins located around the church. Donations are distributed to the SJ feeding programs and West Hartford Food Bank. Remember to check expiration dates! St. James's and The WH Food Bank will not accept items that have expired dates. Please see our website for specific needs.

### Coming Soon:

With Easter coming so early this year, we will have extra time to collect much-needed toilet paper and paper towels for area soup kitchens and food pantries. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the donations.



**Signups for Walk Against Hunger in April  
for May 1st Walk day! Contact Barbara Schiller: 860-651**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

We have many wonderful volunteer opportunities for everyone in the parish. Possibilities will be listed in weekly emails, Sunday bulletins, on the website, and in monthly newsletters.

We will post sign up sheets at both entrances of the church for you to decide which areas interest you the most. These opportunities list a contact person if you have questions.

**Contact me with your questions at  
860-521.5955 or [dougann@comcast.net](mailto:dougann@comcast.net)**

**ANN COOKE  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**

## Walk Against Hunger

**S**T. JAMES'S is sponsoring a team in The Walk Against Hunger, which will take place on



**Sunday, May 1,**

**2016 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. Barbara Schiller is the contact person for St. James's. This is the 33rd 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. Over 128,000 people, including 50,000 children, are in need of emergency food assistance in greater Hartford each year.

For every \$30 Foodshare receives, it can distribute enough food for one person for a month. This year, Foodshare will distribute enough food for 12 million meals to local programs that serve hungry people in Hartford and Tolland counties. This year's goal is to raise \$630,000.

Come join the other members of St. James's in this year's walk. If you can't walk, please walk with us in spirit and sign up sponsors anyway.

### 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. Or contact Barbara Schiller for more information at 860-651-7332.

## Spring Plant Sale Update

**O**N Palm Sunday a spring plant and flower sale was held with a total of \$176.00 raised in support of the St. James's Feeding programs. Thank you to Doug Compton who ran the sale, and to all who purchased plants in support of this mission project!

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# Around the Parish

## Adult Education in April/May

*Classes and forums at 11am*

**April 17**

### **TRANSFIGURATION: TRANSGRESSING GENDER IN THE BIBLE**

**Peterson Toscano**

*Coffee Hour Forum in the Dining Room*

Biblical Dramatist, Activist, and Quaker Peterson Toscano will present his one-man show called Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible. Peterson joined us this summer for an evening performance, which was attended by more than 50 people from St. James's and the West Hartford community. He uses humor and thoughtful historical/theological analysis to paint vivid pictures of well-known (and lesser-known) biblical characters. Be there!

**APRIL 24 and MAY 1**

### **THE PARABLES OF JESUS**

**Mark Evans**

*Class in the Adult Education Room*

Mustard seeds? Vines and branches? Widows and mites? What is going on here? What is Jesus saying in his parables? Join us to explore the depth and wisdom of Jesus' teachings through parables.

**APRIL 24 and MAY 1**

### **BRINGING UP KIDS IN THE CHURCH**

**Deb Ross**

*Class in the Parish Room*

There's a reason we bring our kids to church. We want them to flourish in the choir, learn and grow in Sunday School, and/or know that they are loved and are part of a faith-centered community. Join us to talk a bit more about what it means to bring up kids in the Church.

**MAY 1**

### **FOLLOWING JESUS INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**The Rev'd Canon Tim Hodapp**

*Forum in the Dining Room*

Join the Rev'd Tim Hodapp, our Canon for Mission Collaboration, in a discussion about God's mission in general and our participation in God's mission within St. James's particular context and culture. Together we'll explore what it means to be a part of The Episcopal Church today as "good neighbors" within the global context. We'll also nudge ourselves into naming what it means to be The Episcopal Church on Farmington Avenue in West Hartford and in the many neighborhoods where we live and work.

## Spring Cleanup

**O**N **Saturday, April 9** beginning at 9:00 in the morning, we will be cleaning up the parish grounds after the long winter. We could use some help! Please bring your blowers (if you have them), clippers, rakes, and, of course, wear a pair of gloves. Refreshments will be provided. Remember many hands make for light work. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office with questions.

## Second Sundays at SJ

*Rhythms of Grace and Youth Group*

**R**HYTHMS of Grace will be held on **Sunday, April 10** at 4pm in the parish hall and chapel area. A great way to experience a different kind of worship on a Sunday afternoon. All are invited to attend.

**High School Youth Group** will meet for dinner on **Sunday, April 10** at 5:30pm in the dining room followed by activity and prayer. Pickup is at 7:30. Middle schoolers are encouraged to join in on the fun at a Middle School Retreat at Camp Washington from **Friday, April 22 until Sunday, April 24**. Several youth from St. James's are going, so if you are interested, contact Curtis or Priscilla at the church office.

## Monthly Group Meetings

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

**J**JOIN the women of the parish and guests for a potluck supper on **Thursday, April 14** beginning at 6pm in the parish room. Bring something to share with the group if you decide to attend. Great food, wine, and fellowship for all.

JOIN the men of the parish and guests for a discussion group on **Saturdays, April 9 and 23** beginning at 7:45am in the parish room. Various religious topics are discussed and refreshments are provided.

## A Trip Down Memory Lane

**T**HE Hall High Jazz Band will entertain senior citizens with nostalgic tunes on **Tuesday, April 26** from 3-4:30pm at St.

James's in the parish hall. Event is free, but tickets are required. Tickets available at the Bridge Family Center, 860-521-8035.



# Readings and Registry

## Sunday Lectionary

### Second Sunday of Easter, April 3

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:19-24  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 10

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 17

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 24

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35



## 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, Tom, Betsy, Jenine, Gertrude, and Mary.

### Those in our extended parish family:

Maria, Kevin, Mary Ann, Jenifer, Nancy, Jeff, Ashley, Carol, Christina, Jean, Jeff, Roger, Jennifer, Leslie, John, Justin, Karen, Bea & David, Heather & Bryan, Robert, Sarah, David, Patricia, Bob, Ryan, John, Quinn, Arroll, Chris, Joanie, Teresa, Alvin, Karen, Audra, Parker & Cynthia, Ted, Olivia, Ann, Kara, Patricia, Jonathan, Kate, Carrie, Dan, Derrick, Family of Nancy, Grace, Kyle, John & Rita, Betsy, Judy, John, Bret & Ginny, and Barbara.

### Those Serving in the Military:

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

## April Parish Birthdays

### Children and Youth

Andrew Lemanski, 1	Cate DiGiacomo, 15
Libby Sadler, 4	Nora Willson, 15
David Newman, 5	Grace Slim Coll, 17
Natalie DeLaCruz, 9	Ryder Morton, 26
Maeve Healy, 11	Kate Colburn, 27
Patrick Keough, 12	Kari Flowers, 30
Carter Morton, 13	Arthur Smith, 30



# Women Of St. James's Programs for April 2016



### Tuesday, April 5

Fun and Games  
*To Be Determined*

### Tuesday, April 12

George Corsillo, Art Director,  
Design Monsters Studio, New Haven  
*My Life as a Graphic Designer*

### Tuesday, April 19

Marisol Cruz St. Juste, Nutritionist  
*The Benefits of Green Smoothies (rescheduled from Feb)*

### Tuesday, April 26

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton, Rector  
St. John's Church, West Hartford  
*The Jubilee Years*

## Seamen's Church Institute

**O**NCE again, the Christmas-at-Sea numbers are in and as usual, they are great. 5,390 gift packages went to seafarers and 8,971 to mariners along the inland river system. Can you imagine the amount of knitting that involved? As Paige Sato, Director of the Christmas-at-Sea program, wrote "If you tied the yarn used to make all these projects end to end—over 6.08 million yards—it would stretch from New York City all the way to London, England, with a little bit left over to weave in the ends!" Quite an achievement.

But from the large to the small, she also wrote about a crew of seven mariners who were aboard a "dead" ship – one no longer seaworthy, ted up in Bremerhaven, Germany, awaiting the arrival of a salvage group. One of crew, who identified himself as the "unofficial morale officer", knew about SCI's gift program and wrote to see if it was possible to receive packages there. Of course, you know the answer. A box with seven caps, all the same color had just been received in Newark, they were dispatched along with some other goodies and subsequently received by those in Germany – with great delight and thanks. Christmas-at-Sea strikes again! *Fran Cobb*

## Receive Children, Receive Me

**T**HOSE in attendance at the World Day of Prayer service held at St. James's on March 4, 2016 and prepared by the women of Cuba, prayed that the world would 'Receive children as Jesus did, so they may freely dream, laugh, dance, and love without discrimination.' Among those participating were the Rev. Stacy Emerson from First Baptist Church and the Rev. Susan Pinkerton from St. John's Episcopal Church. Thank you to all who participated.

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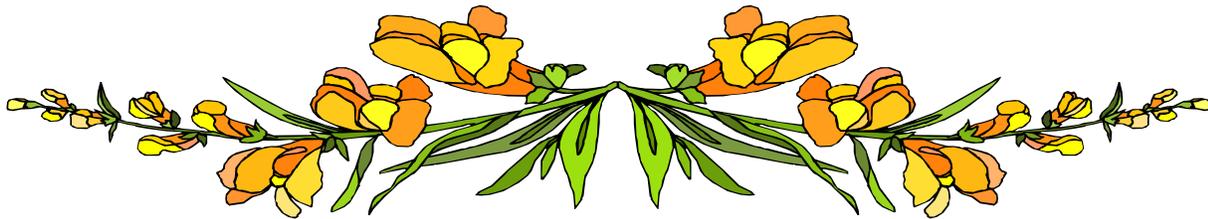
# SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2016

*Spring Cleaning Time*

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

- ◆ ***Items may be brought to the church basement beginning SATURDAY, APRIL 30.*** 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, May 6**      9 AM to 5PM    Come for as long as you are able.
- Pre-Sale: Friday, May 6**      6:30 to 8:30 PM    **\$5 Admission.** Public and parish are welcome.  
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- Sale: Saturday, May 7**      9 AM to 12 Noon    **Free Admission - optional \$5 and \$10 bags.**  
Public and parish are 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!***

## St. James's Episcopal Church

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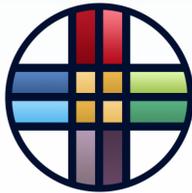
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The Reverend Canon Douglas T. Cooke	Priest Associate
The Reverend Dr. Molly O. Louden	Priest Associate
The Reverend Dr. Borden W. Painter	Priest Associate
The Reverend Elsa P. Walberg	Priest Associate
The Reverend Terry M. Wysong	Priest Associate

### The Staff

Cheryl C. Batter	Administrator
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Heidi Cotter	Financial Secretary
Priscilla Hooper	Director of Family Ministries
Randall Martini	Sexton
Vaughn Mauren	Organist & Choirmaster

### Volunteer Staff

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### The Vestry

Michael Sherrill	Senior Warden
David Dynowski	Junior Warden
Kimberly Lytle	Clerk
Harry Meyer	Treasurer

### Term Ending 2017

Kathy Bolt, Ben Parish  
Michael Shuey, Judith Stahl

### Term Ending 2018

Diane Duva, Barbara Rua  
Carolyn O'Sullivan, Robert Smith

### Term Ending 2019

Sam Paul, Lesley Toutain  
John Walsh, Abby Fisher Williamson