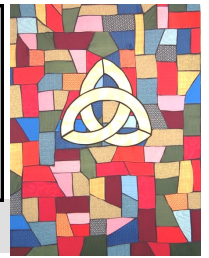




St. James' Notes



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Empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful disciples of Jesus, St. James' serves as a beacon of God's love and as a caring Christian family for the community, the nation and the world by seeking to restore all to unity with God and one another and by proclaiming the Good News through worship, witness, education, fellowship and service.

St. James' Episcopal Church at Mount Vernon
A parish church in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia and member of the worldwide Anglican Communion.



Dear People of St. James',

Alleluia! Christ is risen! And all around us, God's creation responds with all its fruitfulness. After the bare hard winter, the warmth of spring embraces us, the bright flowers and verdant greens wrap us in their arms and welcome us back to life. Life abundant which had been absent for so long, as the ground lay hard and frozen. Life that we always knew would return, sure as the sun rises and sets every day.

As the creation comes to life, so do our spirits, and the Easter message proclaims, Life wins! We live in the assurance that joy and life is what God intends for us, and that assurance is unshaken even when we walk in the valley of the shadow of death. Jesus has risen from the grave so that we may know that nothing can keep us from the love of God. And filled with the power of God's love, there is nothing that we can't do to make his love known to others, and to make the kingdom of God a present reality.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Charles+



St. James' Goes to the Theater: May 7

Everyone is invited to an evening at the Little Theater in Old Town Alexandria on Thursday, May 7. Tickets are \$25 each and include a reception before the show.

Reserve your seat by signing up on the chart in the gallery or call Mary Jane Van den Berg at (561) 309-3987.

And watch for the reception sign-up sheet to be posted the gallery. The play is *The Odd Couple* but with a twist . . . *The Female Version!* Come see this time-honored comedy reinvented from a different perspective as the ladies take over the juicy roles of the famously mismatched couple to give this well-known play a whole new life. Watch and laugh as this "odd couple" learn that friendship may have its ups and downs but in the end it overpowers all.



May 9 Church Spring Clean-up

Please come and help with special clean up projects around the church.



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Yard Sale Fundraiser
May 30, 2015 **8am to 1:00pm**

Spring has arrived and with it the time to clean out your house, simplify your life, and bring donations for the St. James' Yard Sale and Second-Hand Rose Boutique.

We have storage space in the old nursery room, so bring your boxes and smaller items. Very large items like furniture, are wanted, but not until the week before the sale; we'll help arrange pickup, if you need.

Here are items we especially want: Jewelry, scarves, belts, purses, hats, toys, baby items, tools, wallets, household & kitchen items, garage & yard items, games & puzzles, books, sports items, decorations. Thin your perennials and donate the extra roots. Please no clothes or beat-up shoes; baby things OK.

The boutique will repair, clean, and display women's & men's accessories. Ask Laurie DoCarmo (703) 780-8054 or Cheryl Viani (703) 360-8799 if you have questions.

Marghe Bowker (703) 799-1567, Amber Prigmore Prigmore.amber@hotmail.com, and Mike Morgan Mike007morgan@yahoo.com will answer all other questions.

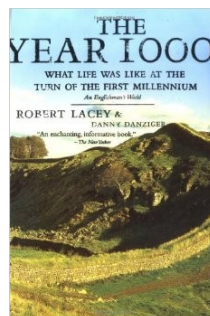
We need everyone in the church to help with donations (ask your friends and relatives). Then volunteer to work and/or bake as the time approaches. We will have tax deduction forms available.



Bulletin Board

Book Club– Join us!

Everyone is invited to join Book Club. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 12:30pm in Braxton Hall. Our April Book is *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak and our May book is *The Year 1000* by Robert Lacey and Danny Danziger.



We Recycle!

Thank you to our team of recyclers for doing a great job. Additional volunteers are welcome. It just takes one hour every 6 weeks to collect the recycling at the church. Contact the church office or Marghe Bowker if you interested.



April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25
May 2

David Batcheller
Mike Morgan
Marghe Bowker
Eric Katz
Janet Fallin

A Note From Your Junior Warden

It is so nice to finally have Spring arrive. *THANKS BE TO GOD!* But...

“Hey Mike, there’s a stain in the bathroom.”

“Hey Mike, there’s a gap in the kitchen wall.”

“Hey Mike, the trees need pruning.”

“Hey Mike, dead light bulbs in Braxton Hall.”

“Hey Mike, no hot water in the Sacristy.”

Sometimes it seems like I am running in place like a TV cartoon character trying to escape the bad guy. It can feel overwhelming at times, especially when there are so many things to get done with so little budget. However, it is truly rewarding when you know the congregation has your back, and that we work as a large family. It also helps to have Dean Sherick, former Plant & Property master who is so knowledgeable about our building and is so willing to help and teach. Also as you may know, the Ghanaian Methodist church members come out in force when called upon, and sometimes even when not called, as when they cleared the ice from our sidewalks before our Sunday services last month.



So, with Spring finally in the air, I will call upon the church family to help in some of these endeavors. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 9, for a Spring Clean-up Day. We will have some very specific fix-up tasks mixed in with an over all cleaning. In the meantime, hot water has been restored to the Sacristy, lighting is brighter in Braxton Hall, and the Brotherhood will have spruced up the Stations of the Cross before Good Friday, possibly with help from “Phil’s Crew” and the Ghanaian church members, and the grounds will look lovely for Easter. *THANKS BE TO GOD!*

Mike Morgan

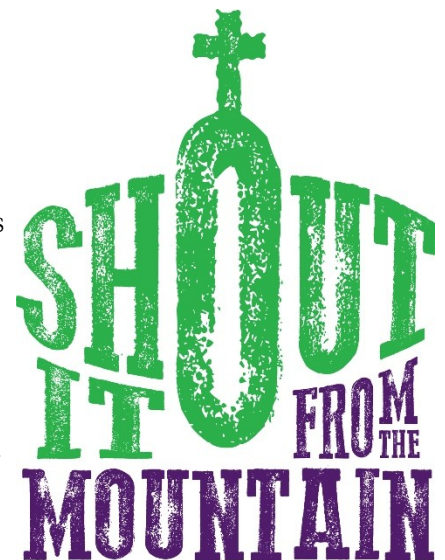
Shout it from the Mountain

Shrine Mont is the Diocesan Camps and Conference Center. Shrine Mont is located in the Shenandoah area of Virginia, one mountain away from West Virginia. The Conference Center is a group of buildings and a historic hotel, that was once called Orkney Springs Resort. St. James’ has a “weekend away” there each summer.

The Camps are several areas set up with cabins and related facilities. Children’s and Youth Camping at Shrine Mont offers many different types of programs--St. George’s Camps (regular camping starting at age 9), Drama Camp, Art Camp, Wilderness Camp, etc.

In July Bishop Shannon launched a capital campaign for Shrine Mont Camps. The goal announced was set at \$2 million dollars. This amount was to build new camps, renovate existing camp sites and establish a Scholarship Fund of \$600,000. This fundraising effort is called “Shout It From the Mountain” Campaign. As of December 2014, the campaign had raised \$1,580,000. If you are interested in learning more and/or pledging to the fund you can use the website; ShoutitfromtheMountain.org.

Peg Iber



From the Director of Music

Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The great acclamation of our Easter faith will soon be resounding as we greet each other on Easter Day and throughout Eastertide. The light has returned to our services and to the world around us. It's time to look for songs of joy and anthems that proclaim Christ's resurrection.



It's also time to acknowledge the hard work and extra effort of your choir as they have prepared for Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Thank you! You have made this the most stress-free Holy Week I can remember as a church musician.

But wait, ... there's more! The choir will turn its attention not just to anthems for Eastertide and Pentecost, but will also be preparing a service of Choral Evensong. We will offer this worship opportunity on Trinity Sunday, May 31, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Please mark your calendar to be there to share in the beauty of the Evensong service.

It's also not too soon to think about planning for the season after Pentecost. I again solicit your input for hymns that you would like to sing at some time during the summer. I will try to incorporate each request – including trying to find hymn settings that might not be in the *Hymnal 1982*. Watch for blue request forms to appear in the gallery.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Soli Deo gloria, Alan

Mission of the Quarter

Update on 1st Quarter Mission

Gifts For Life ended on Easter Sunday. These funds are used to promote the basics for life, economic opportunities, and health to the neediest. We haven't sent in our choices and money yet to Episcopal Relief & Development. You still have time to make a gift to help the world's poor achieve self-support. Send a check to "St. James Episcopal Church," earmarked Gifts for Life. Please do it right away.



Support Rising Hope Mission Church

Rising Hope depends upon gifts and grants from volunteers and non-profit organizations for its funding — it does not receive any Federal financial support. Rising Hope is a worthy and successful way for St. James' parishioners to follow Jesus' teaching.

Fill the Wagon Every Week ~ Food Pantry Donations Always Needed

Thank you for your faithful giving of food each week for the Food Pantry at Rising Hope. A hungry family may fill a bag once each week from the pantry; our donations don't last long. Please, continue to bring a few items every week. to help the homeless & hungry.



Collect Clothes! As the weather gets warmer, the Rising Hope people need everyday spring & summer clothing, work or job interview outfits, linens and bedding. As you sort your clothes and linen closets, save good quality items you don't need. There is a collection box in the gallery.



Thank You!

Prayers

April Birthdays



- 1 Eliot Tucker
- 8 Alyce Heyliger
- 11 Ellen Cleary
- 13 Muriel Sue Kerr
- 16 Gus Braun
- 16 Pat Rowell
- 23 Justin Iber
- 24 Muriel Freeman
- 25 Phil Trott
- 27 Isabel Spann
- 28 Brady doCarmo

PRAYER LIST

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Stephanie, Molly, Gavin, Shawn, Peggy, Rhu, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Esther, Nora, Jenny, Roger, Olivia, Christopher, Christine, John, Jacqui, Richard, Shirley, Amber, Mary, Jeff, Lee, Virginia, Peggy, Ruth, Anne, Leo, Rick, Elizabeth, Dorothea, Bryan, Gina, Porter, Claude, Barbara, Klaus, Chris, Kim, Anne, Beth, Michelle, Wayne, Fred, Raymond, Lindy, Ashley, Nancy, Meghan

We pray for the safety and protection of the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially those who serve in harm's way in Afghanistan & Iraq: Captain Paul Lowman, and all those injured or wounded.

April Anniversaries



April 6, 1980
Bob & Mary Blair



April 27, 2013
Celso & Antonia Rodriguez



We Want to Include You

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed here, please let us know so that we can include you. You may email to office@stjamesmv.org or call (703) 780-3081. Thanks!

The Nursery Has Changed Location!

We have moved the nursery closer to the Sunday School room. If you take a peek down the hall, right next to the sacristy, a smaller room has been opened. We welcome you to come visit and bring your small ones to see it. A special thanks to Peg Iber, Ellen Cleary and Laurie DoCarmo for volunteering for nursery duty. If you would be willing to volunteer occasionally, please contact Francesca Rusk-Wallace (703) 282-1458 or cescarusk@yahoo.com



Hand-in-Hand Listening Sessions



At the diocesan Annual Council in January, Bishop Shannon Johnston announced the start of a new Racial Reconciliation Initiative. The first step in this initiative is a series of listening sessions to take place across the Diocese, and we want our church to be represented at these important events. These gatherings will be an opportunity for participants to speak their hearts and minds in a safe, non-reactive environment. The nearest session to St. James' is on Thursday, April 23 at The Falls Church, Falls Church, 7:30-9:00pm. Come join Father Charles at this gathering.

Schedule of Ministry ~ April 5 to May 5

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3
	Easter Sunday	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Mike Morgan	MJ Van den Berg	Francesca Wallace	Eric Katz	Mark Braden
Welcoming Team	All Team Members	Laurie doCarmo	Jane Wosoogh	Lib Mueller	Andy DeLaCour
Ushers	Ray & Marge Smith	Doug Cleary	Wayne Johnson	Mike Morgan	Mark Braden
	Bob & Mary Blair	Ellen Cleary	Barbara Riley	Peg Iber	McKayala Braden
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	David Batcheller	Vicky Vivian	Mary Blair	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian
Lector	Janet Fallin	Stan Dawson	Bob Blair	Janet Fallin	Mary Blair
Psalm	David Batcheller	Vicky Vivian	Mary Blair	Stan Dawson	Paul Vivian
Prayers	Mike Morgan	MJ Van den Berg	Francesca Wallace	Eric Katz	Mark Braden
		10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	no Sunday School	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Eric Katz Marge Katz	Mark Braden McKayala Braden	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Amber Tussing Bill Iber	Peg Iber	Marghe Bowker	Bob Fitz	Pat Rowell
Lesson 1	Nancy Sherick	John Thompson	Sean Wallace	Ben Justesen	Sara Thompson
Psalm	Mary Blair	Sung	Sung	Sung	Sung
Lesson 2	Francesca Wallace	Mark Braden	Amber Prigmore	James Eustis	Hank Morgan
Prayers	James Eustis	McKayla Braden	Gordon Grant	S. Synnestvedt	Ann Chadwick
Sacraments	Cleary Family	Anne Patrick Barbara Riley	Wallace Family	Katz Family	Lib Mueller Laurie doCarmo
Acolyte	Sara Thompson	Pat Rowell	Amber Tussing	Ben Justesen	Sara Thompson
Nursery Volunteer	Peg Iber		Francesca Wallace		
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Nancy Sherick	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Viani Team	Iber Team

April 2015

EVERY WEEK at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 Adult Forum 10:00 Sunday School 10:15a Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30a Coffee			11a Bible Study 12p Holy Eucharist with Healing 12:30p Lunch 7p Choir 8:30p AA Mtg	6pm Wounded Warrior Support Group		8:30p AA Mtg

THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 March Palm Sunday	30	31	1 April	2 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 7:30p Maundy Thursday Service	3 Noon Stations of the Cross 7:30p Good Friday Service	4
5 April Easter Day	6 6:30p Cub Scouts	7	8 6:30p Cub Scouts	9 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 12:30p Book Club	10	11 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
12 April Easter 2 6:30p Cub Scouts	13 6:30p Cub Scouts	14 6:30p Cub Scouts 7:15p Vestry	15 6:30p Cub Scouts	16	17	18
19 April Easter 3	20	21	22	23 12:30p Book Club	24	25
26 April Easter 4	27	28	29	30	May 1	2

EVERY WEEK ~ Ghana Resurrection Methodist Church (GRM)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11:30a Class Meeting 12:30p Worship Service 3p Men's Fellowship					8p Choir	12:30p Youth 1p Leaders 7:30p Bible Study & Prayer

Please always check the online calendar for the most up-to-date event information. Go to our website at www.stjamesmv.org and click on Online Calendar. If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please contact the Parish Office.



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Yard Sale Fundraiser

May 30, 2015

8am to 1:00pm



St. James' will hold a Yard Sale, a "Second Hand Rose Boutique," and a Bake Sale. We need parishioners to donate items for the sale. We are collecting now. See inside newsletter on page 2 for more details.