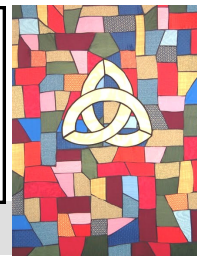




St. James' Notes



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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!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Easter alleluias proclaim the joy we know that Jesus is risen and victorious.

All that Jesus taught us, to love God and one another, to serve the helpless and the outcast, to love our enemies and to be people of peace... all that has been affirmed by God himself in raising Jesus from the dead. All that Jesus taught us has been summed up in his person, the love of God made incarnate among us, the love of God that nothing can defeat.

The world is filled with acts of evil and violence, hatred and death. So much presses upon us that it is tempting to give in, to accept that need and suffering are the way of the world, and we should be making walls, protecting ourselves against what threatens us.

But Jesus empowers us to reach beyond our walls, and to build bridges that draw others into the blessings of life. Jesus went beyond the wall of death and built us a bridge to life without fear. And he left us each with the command—and challenge—to love one another. How do you love others? Who needs your love?

Alleluia! Our Easter joy is not just for Easter, but for our entire lives. Christ is risen, and so are we.

In Christ,

P.S. Did you see the beautiful Easter Crèche displayed on Easter Morning? Thank you Suzanne Synnestvedt for sharing this with us.



Saturday, April 23, is Spring Clean-up and Work Day, 9am to 3pm



Please consider volunteering for an hour or two to help spruce up the church. We have inside and outside work and appreciate all your time and effort. Lunch and childcare! There will be a sign-up poster in the gallery and please contact Dave Lowe or Mike Morgan if you have any questions.

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From the Senior Warden

Hallelujah, The Lord is Risen! Happy Easter to you and your family and friends.

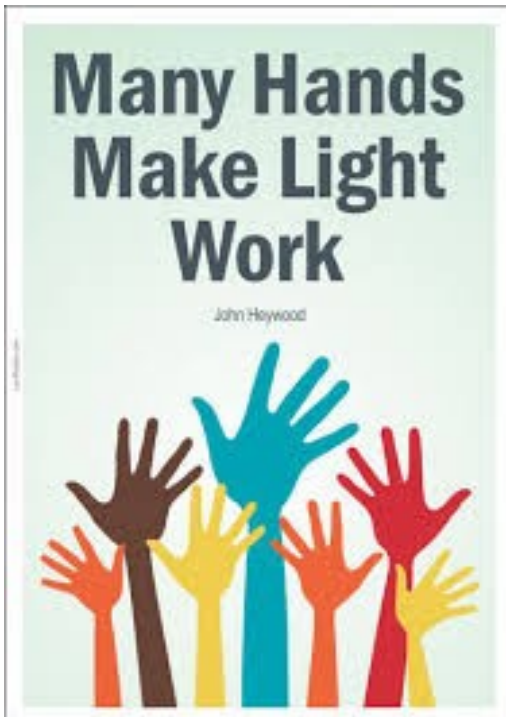
Good bye Winter, hello Spring. With the uplifting promise of our Risen Lord, and longer daylight hours and spring flowers up now for a few weeks, we wake up with a fresh outlook on life and the world with renewed energy. This warmer weather and energy is what motivates us to begin the annual "ritual" of spring cleaning. Well, this spring is no different and this is how we can partner-up. Please put these two dates on your calendar.

April 23 - Saturday Spring Cleaning at the church. Please look for notices in the bulletin and a sign-up poster. Time slots will be from 9am to 3pm and you can work part of the day or the whole day - but please note that **we will serve lunch at noon and child care is provided!** We will work both inside and outside, and work hand in hand with our Ghanaian brothers and sisters. If you know of specific areas that need cleaning please let us know. But worry not, there is plenty to do, and even if you can spare an hour or two, that would be fine. And if you cannot participate and would still like to contribute, we can take cash gifts to offset costs for materials and lunch for the day. **Many Hands Make Light Work!**

April 30 - Saturday Yard Sale at the church. With your spring cleaning at home, please find those items that could now find love in a new home and bring them by the church by April 23 if not sooner, (or as late as April 29, but the sooner the better) Last year was a smashing success led by Marghe Bowker so please consider items that will sell for at least a dollar or more. And of course, we will need a lot of help that day also, so please look for bulletin updates and sign up poster for times and areas that you can help.

Thank in advance for all you do to contribute to St. James' in all the ways that make this our church home.

Mike Morgan, Sr. Warden



Update on Pop Tab Collection

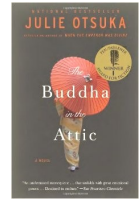
Thank you to everyone for collecting pop tabs. We collected over 12 pounds of tabs! This works out to 60 hours of stay for a child and family to a Ronald McDonald house. We received a thank you note from the Ronald McDonald House Charities and they said that our generosity helped change a child's life. Wow that is amazing!



Book Club

Book Club– Join us!

We meet the second Thursday of each month at 1:00pm in the church library. We meet next April 14 and are reading **Buddha in the Attic** by Julie Otsuka. We are not going to meet in May—but will meet in June for our spring celebration lunch. You are invited to join us!



Mission and Outreach

Outreach Committee Meeting

The next outreach Committee Meeting will be April 10 immediately following the 10:15am service. If you are interested in learning more, helping out, or wanting to share new ideas please come out! If you are unable to make it, contact Mary Bramley at maryfbramley@gmail.com or at (703) 629-9158. We meet to discuss activities and programs to support as we reach out to our community both near and far in fulfilling our mission to serve. Mary would be happy to chat with you after worship about getting involved. Mary also wants to know the many and varied ways St. James' members volunteer in our community, so keep track of your volunteer hours and let Mary know.

Fill the Red Wagon!

Thank you all for your continued support of filling the red wagon with food each Sunday. Rising Hope Mission Church is in dire need of food! When you are out grocery shopping this week, grab an extra can or two or some pasta. Your donations are making a difference to area families in need.



St. James' Episcopal Church First Quarter Mission 2016

Please join us in giving to the Episcopal Relief and Development "Gifts for Life" fund. Your donations will help needy families across the world alleviate hunger and be able to grow/sustain their own food. Donations will be used to buy goats, a share of fruit trees, a donkey, plow, and cart for women farmers, and other items as funding permits. Your gifts will make an impact on not just the families, but the whole community. Make your checks payable to St. James' Episcopal Church, noting what gift you would like to give in the memo line, and place your check in the offering plate. Or drop it in the mail to the church office. We'll tabulate all, combine partial gifts, and announce the results of our campaign at the end of April.

- ☐ Nourishment for one child: \$15
- ☐ Water for one person: \$35
- ☐ One share of fruit trees: \$35
- ☐ One share of seeds, tools, and training: \$45
- ☐ One disaster relief kit \$50
- ☐ One goat: \$80
- ☐ Water for a family: \$215
- ☐ One donkey with plow and cart for women farmers: \$450

Total Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Spring Yard Sale ~ Saturday, April 30

Yard Sale again! This year on Saturday, April 30. Please bring your unwanted treasures to church and put them in the large boxes located in the Gallery and Braxton Hall. We will once again have a Second Hand Rose Boutique, but this time we will expand the offerings to gently worn clothes in good condition, as well as jewelry, scarves, belts and purses. The sale will include household goods (just like last time.) Children's toys, clothing and baby items are especially needed. Please bring your donations in as early as possible so we can price them ahead of time. Forms to use donations as a tax deduction are available.

The Yard Sale needs lots of volunteers to be successful. You can help before the sale in sorting, storing, cleaning and pricing; and at the sale itself. If you can help or have questions please contact:

Marghe Bowker (703) 799-1567

Cheryl Viani (703) 360-8799

Laurie doCarmo (703) 780-8054



Congregational Survey

Coming soon to your local email inbox is the 2016 St. James' Survey. The Growth and Evangelism department of St James' wants your input. We will use the answers and comments from this survey to help guide us in formulating a plan to help our church grow! Of course if you don't do email—hard copies will be available. If you have questions, please ask Peggy Rudesheim.

Peggy Rudesheim

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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!



Prayers

PRAYER LIST

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 and all those injured or wounded.

We pray for strength, guidance and healing for: Meghan, Muriel, Muriel Sue, Esther, Nora, Jenny, Roger, Mary, Jeff, George, Barbara, Andy, Ward, Susanne, Glendora, Sara, Helen, Erron, Bob, Brittany and Baby Luke

Birthdays

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



Happy Anniversary to:

Bob & Mary Blair: April 6, 1980

Celso & Antonia Rodriguez: April 27, 2013

Choir Notes

Dear Friends,

Our roots go deep. We have just heard the Easter story – roots from two thousand years ago. But we are people of the Old Testament as well – giving us a heritage thousands of years older still. We also have roots in the “Old World” – our Anglican heritage spanning several centuries. In our liturgy on Sunday mornings, we acknowledge these roots as we read from the Old and New Testaments, the Gospel, and the Psalms.



During Eastertide, we will look to those roots in another way – as we sing the Psalm each Sunday in the form called Anglican chant. Singing the Psalms is not new to St. James': we have just sung the Psalms in plainchant throughout Lent, and we have sung the Psalms to familiar hymn tunes in previous Easter seasons. You may find that Anglican chant falls somewhere between the two: it has the rhythm and flow of plainchant, but tunes that are mindful of modern hymnody. When we have sung canticles at morning prayer, they have often been set in Anglican chant. So when you see the Psalm and its setting in the bulletin in the weeks to come, remember that you are joining with a mighty crowd of saints who have sung their praises to God, and sing lustily.

Let the Choristers Prayer, another link to our Anglican heritage, be our guide as we set out on a new (but old) path in our worship together:

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Soli Deo gloria,

Alan Moser

News from the Diocese

The 221st Annual Council was held Saturday, March 5 at St. Timothy's in Herndon. The “Annual Council” is now to revert back to the “Annual Convention.”

Resolutions passed:

R-1 - Because women clergy of the Diocese are paid lower and hiring lags behind men clergy, a task force is to be formed to study and recommend changes for both compensation/pension and hiring practices to ensure equity.

R-2 - Commends and recommends growing our ministry effort of Episcopal Migration Ministries to encourage Syrian and other refugee resettlement services, urging appointment of a diocesan liaison to help grow the program through prayer, advocacy and resettlement within the Diocese of Virginia, and financially supporting or partnering with the Episcopal Church in Jordan (part of Diocese of Jerusalem) for resettlements within the Diocese.

R-3 - Recommends that we continue to support strengthening of measures that reduce gun violence and that no guns be brought into the house of worship. After much debate, this resolution was passed, mainly because it was just a recommendation, but also because a VA statute already makes it a 4th class misdemeanor to bring firearms into a house of worship "without good and sufficient reason" and clergy to educate parishioners of this law.

Among “victories” claimed By Bishop Shannon in 2015, despite the 2006-07 break-away movement and nay-sayers; 1) We re-started congregations, 2) We grew in member numbers, 3) All legal fees connected with property suit are fully paid out of asset sales - not the operating budget, 4) We grew our budget for mission and ministry. You can see a full recap of the Annual Council on our Diocesan website - [Council Results](#)



Schedule of Ministry ~ April 3 to May 1

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 25	May 1
	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4	Easter 5	Easter 6
	Baptisms		Earth Day		
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock	The Rev. Charles Brock
Vestry Person	Eric Katz	Mark Braden	Peggy Rudesheim	David Lowe	Peggy Rudesheim
Welcoming Team	Lib Mueller	Laurie doCarmo	Jane Wosoogh	Peggy Rudesheim	Ellen Cleary
Ushers	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Ray Smith Marge Smith	Wayne Johnson Peg Iber	Eric Katz Marge Katz	Bob Blair Mary Blair
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Chalice	Vicky Vivian	Stan Dawson	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson
Lector	David Batcheller	Janet Fallin	Vivky Vivian	Neiyou Tesfaye	Paul Vivian
Psalm	Vicky Vivian	Stan Dawson	Nebiyou Tesfaye	Agnes Chapman	Stan Dawson
Prayers	Eric Katz	Mark Braden	Peggy Rudesheim	David Lowe	Peggy Rudesheim
	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Sunday School	Mary Lowe	Eric Katz Marghe Katz	Andrew Richard Rosemarie Richard	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	Francesca Wallace Mary Lowe
	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am	10:15am
Chalice	Mary Bramley	Sara Thompson	Amber Tussing	Bob Fitz	Pat Rowell
Lesson 1	Nancy Sherick	John Thompson	Mike Morgan	Marghe Bowker	Nancy Sherrick
Lesson 2	Hank Morgan	Mary Lowe	TBD	Sean Wallace	Hank Morgan
Prayers	Francesca Wallace	Ben Justesen	Suzanne Synnestvedt	Cheryl Nostrand	Gordon Grant
Sacraments	Ellen Cleary Nancy Sherick	Mark Braden McKayla Braden	TBD	Wallace Family	Anne Patrick Barbara Riley
Acolyte	Sara Thompson	Pat Rowell	TBD	Sara Thompson	
Nursery Volunteer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Organist	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser	Alan Moser
Counter	Marge Smith	Jane Wosoogh	Wayne Johnson	Marge Smith	Nancy Sherick
Altar Guild	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Iber Team	Viani Team

April 2016

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 6:30p Choir 8:30p AA Mtg			8:30p AA Mtg

THIS MONTH at St. James' Episcopal Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 March Easter Day	28	29 6:30p Cub Scouts	30 6:30p Cub Scouts	31	1 April	2
3 April Easter 2 6:30p Cub Scouts	4 6:30p Cub Scouts	5 6:30p Cub Scouts	6 6:30p Cub Scouts	7 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry	8	9 8am Brotherhood Breakfast
10 April Easter 3 6:30p Cub Scouts	11 6:30p Cub Scouts	12 7:15p Vestry Meeting	13 6:30p Cub Scouts	14 10:30a Rising Hope Lunch Ministry 1:00pm Book Club	15	16
17 April Easter 4 Earth Day Celebration 6:30p Cub Scouts	18	19	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23 9am to 3pm Clean Up & Work Day
24 April Easter 5	25 6:30p Cub Scouts	26 6:30p Cub Scouts	27	28	29	30 8am to 1pm Yard Sale

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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April 17 ~ Earth Day Celebration

We have a special liturgy and service planned for the 10:15am service on April 17 in celebration of Earth Day on April 22.

We invite the youth of St. James' to participate on this special day.

Join us to celebrate “this fragile earth, our island home!”

